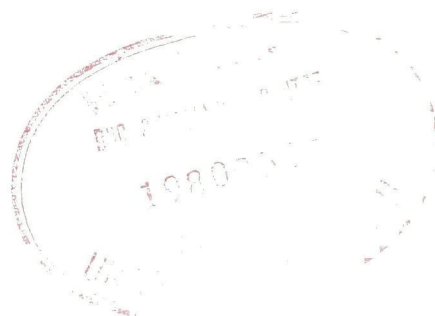


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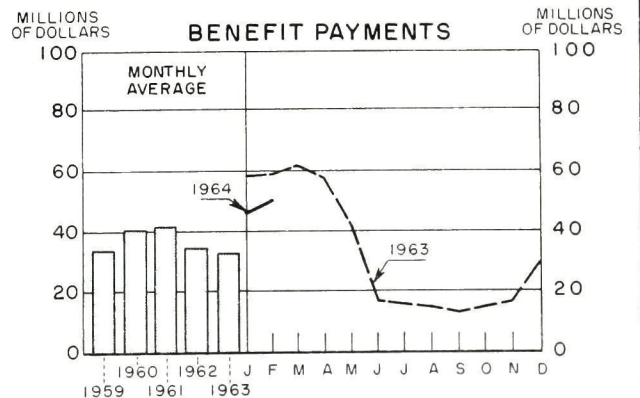
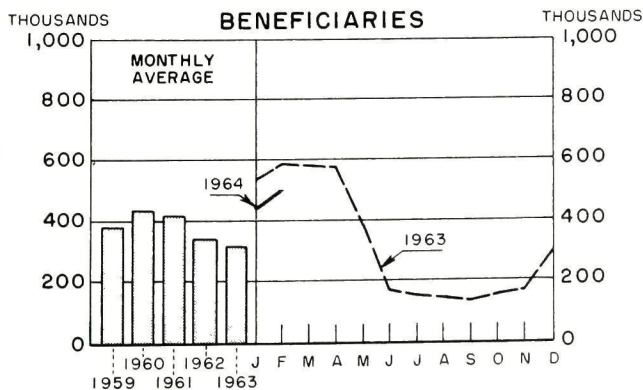
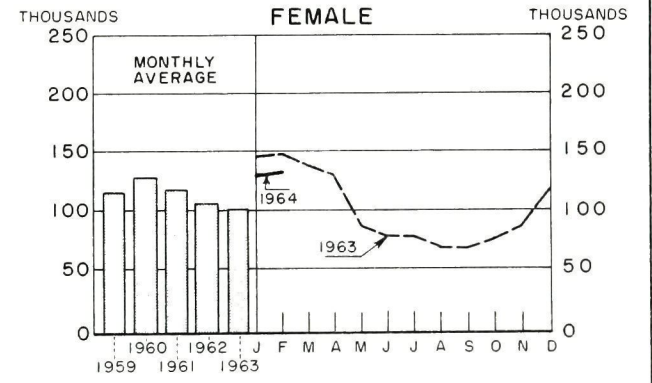
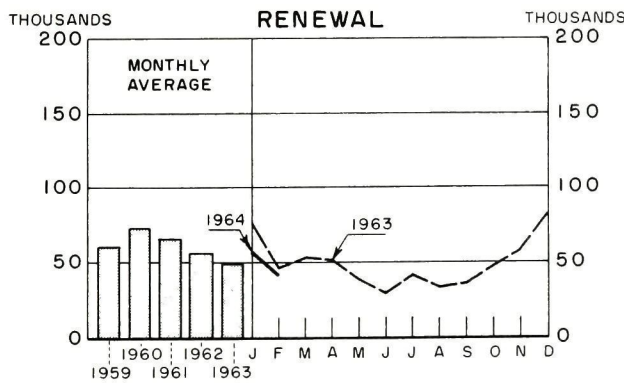
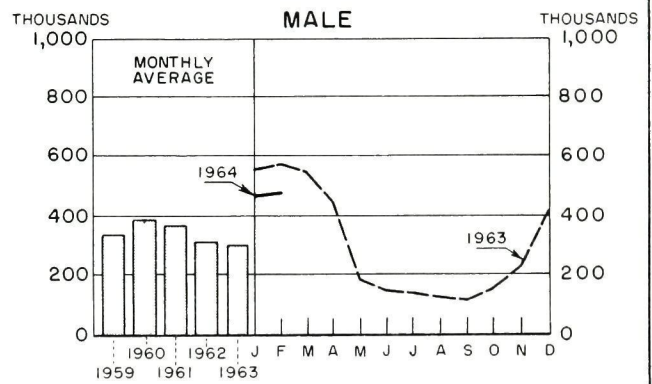
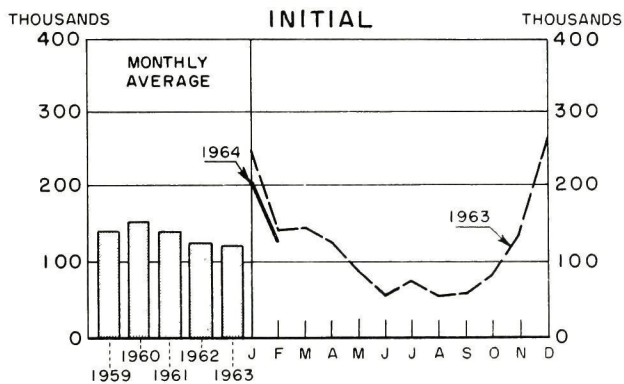
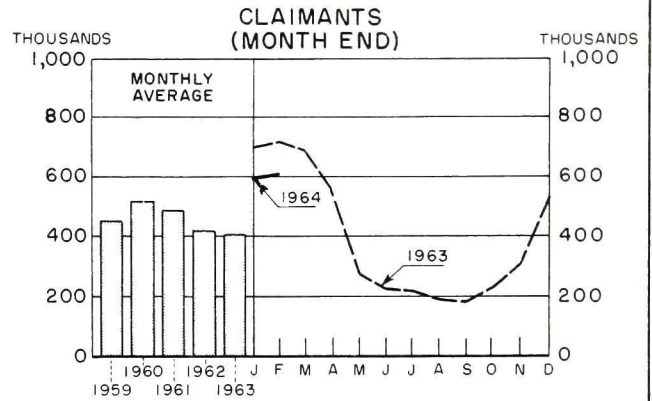
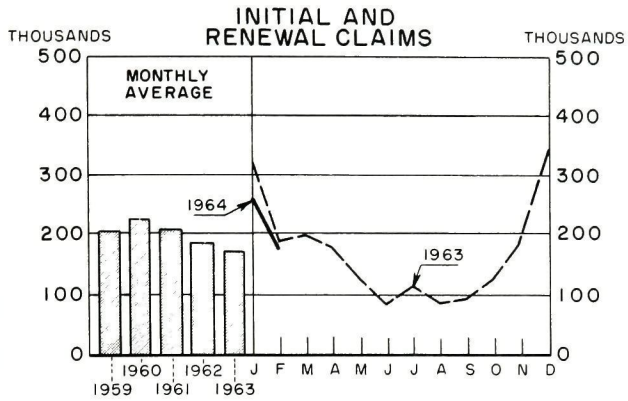
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1963 and 1962 are included in the January 1964 issue in this series.

For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing benefit periods, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act", D.B.S. Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance and Pensions Section.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

FEBRUARY 1964

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 607,100 on February 28, about 8,000 higher than on January 31 but 113,500 below the 720,500 recorded on February 28, 1963. The generally improved employment conditions over one year ago were reflected in lower totals of regular and seasonal claimants for both men and women. Between 25 and 30 per cent of the February 28 claimant total was identified as seasonal benefit, unchanged from one year ago.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 171,600 initial and renewal claims were filed across Canada during February. This is compared with 258,600 for January and 188,500 for February one year ago.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 503,500 for February, in comparison with 440,900 for January and 591,900 for February 1963. Payments amounted to \$50.1 million in February, up slightly from \$46.4 million in January but almost \$9 million below the total of \$58.7 million paid during February 1963. The average weekly payment was \$24.89 for February, versus \$25.07 for January and \$24.81 for February 1963.

Claims by province

The year-over-year percentage declines in the month-end claimant count were relatively smaller in the Atlantic provinces than elsewhere, due, in part at least, to the importance of seasonal benefit in that area. Examination of Table 3a, in comparison with Table 3, bears this out.

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	January 31 to February 28, 1964			February 28, 1963 to February 28, 1964			January 31 to February 28, 1963		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2	16	- 17	- 19	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1
Nfld.	+ 3	+ 3	+ 5	7	9	+ 27	+ 2	+ 1	+ 4
P.E.I.	2	3	2	- 11	- 12	- 9	+ 3	+ 2	+ 5
N.S.	+ 1		+ 3	8	- 8	- 9	+ 2	+ 1	+ 12
N.B.	+ 9	+ 11	+ 2	- 7	- 8	-	+ 5	+ 6	
Que.	+ 4	+ 5	-	16	- 17	- 10	+ 6	+ 8	3
Ont.	-	- 1	+ 1	18	- 21	- 9	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2
Man.	+ 4	-	+ 16	25	- 26	- 21	- 2	2	- 1
Sask.	+ 3	+ 1	+ 12	21	- 22	- 19	+ 1	-	+ 5
Alta.	+ 3	+ 3	+ 2	15	- 18	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 8
B.C.	- 8	- 12	+ 4	- 18	- 20	- 13	5	- 8	+ 3

Percentage changes in claims filed, by province

	January to February, 1964			February 1963 to February, 1964			January to February, 1963		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	34	36	26	9	9	8	41	42	37
Nfld.	- 52	52	52	- 5	6	+ 6	55	55	57
P.E.I.	60	61	58	10	9	- 18	61	62	52
N.S.	55	- 56	- 47	12	- 13	5	55	55	53
N.B.	40	- 42	28	- 4	2	12	45	46	- 41
Que.	26	28	20	- 5	4	7	36	38	30
Ont.	32	- 34	- 23	11	- 11	- 9	- 40	42	- 37
Man.	36	- 36	34	16	- 17	10	38	36	- 45
Sask.	- 40	42	- 34	12	15	+ 5	49	47	57
Alta.	27	- 29	21	- 11	13	- 4	39	36	47
B.C.	38	- 40	32	14	15	13	42	44	- 36

Summary table

Activity	Feb. 1964	Jan. 1964	Feb. 1963	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Jan. 1964	Feb. 1963	January to February		12 months ending February	
						1964	1963	1964	1963
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,317	4,264	4,262*	..	4,096*
Initial and renewal claims filed	172	259	189	34	- 9	430	508	1,960	2,174
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	607	599	720	+ 1	- 16	603*	712*	383*	414*
Regular	443	460	524	4	- 15				
S.B.	164	139	196	+ 18	16				
S.B. Fishing	29	28	30	+ 1	5				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	504	441	592	+ 14	15	472*	564*	309*	338*
Weeks compensated	2,014	1,852	2,368	+ 9	15	3,865	4,730	15,258	16,944
Benefit paid	\$ 50,127	46,412	58,742	+ 8	15	96,539	117,302	373,401	410,722
Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.89	25.07	24.81	1		24.97	24.80	24.47	24.24

* Monthly average.

Table 1. - Estimates of the Insured Population under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1964 - January	4,317,000	3,718,400	598,600
1963 - December	4,331,000	3,798,700	532,300
November	4,191,000	3,887,600	303,400
October	4,120,000	3,901,100	218,900
September	4,114,000	3,927,700	186,300
August	4,125,000	3,932,500	192,500
July	4,078,000	3,859,000	219,000
June	4,068,000	3,847,700	220,300
May	3,996,000	3,725,100	270,900
April	4,173,000	3,607,100	565,900
March	4,242,000	3,556,700	685,300
February	4,264,000	3,543,500	720,500
January	4,259,000	3,555,900	703,100

Table 2. - Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed in Local Offices in each Province.(1)

Province	1964 - February - 1963					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	171,591	129,237	42,354	188,523	142,392	46,131
Nfld.	5,190	4,382	808	5,446	4,681	765
P.E.I.	879	754	125	981	828	153
N.S.	6,875	5,604	1,271	7,805	6,462	1,343
N.B.	8,267	6,736	1,531	8,615	6,877	1,738
Que.	59,623	44,514	15,109	62,810	46,489	16,321
Ont.	53,750	38,764	14,986	60,165	43,671	16,494
Man.	7,166	5,802	1,364	8,516	6,998	1,518
Sask.	4,577	3,773	804	5,193	4,429	764
Alta.	9,794	7,473	2,321	10,986	8,564	2,422
B.C.	15,470	11,435	4,035	18,006	13,393	4,613

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 47,431.

Table 3. - Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices by Number of Weeks on Claim, Province and Sex.

(Counted on last working day of the month)

Province and sex	Total claimants	Number of weeks on claim (based on 20 per cent sample)				Total claimants
		1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more(1)	
		<u>February 28, 1964</u>				<u>February 28, 1963</u>
CANADA	607,144	175,331	329,288	76,476	26,049	720,461
MALE	473,781	137,820	268,818	52,198	14,945	573,127
FEMALE	133,363	37,511	60,470	24,278	11,104	147,334
Nfld.	37,058	7,098	26,359	3,091	510	40,016
Male	34,545	6,477	25,119	2,585	364	38,043
Female	2,513	621	1,240	506	146	1,973
P.E.I.	7,105	877	5,659	441	128	8,014
Male	5,941	729	4,836	328	48	6,733
Female	1,164	148	823	113	80	1,281
N.S.	37,611	7,368	24,363	4,567	1,313	40,947
Male	32,148	6,112	21,589	3,592	855	34,916
Female	5,463	1,256	2,774	975	458	6,031
N.B.	36,990	8,587	23,238	4,143	1,022	39,592
Male	30,301	7,456	19,615	2,626	604	32,902
Female	6,689	1,131	3,623	1,517	418	6,690
Que.	186,445	60,532	95,272	22,307	8,334	221,247
Male	151,747	50,382	80,700	15,705	4,960	182,792
Female	34,698	10,150	14,572	6,602	3,374	38,455
Ont.	165,567	51,131	83,818	21,848	8,770	201,519
Male	117,309	36,970	61,960	13,465	4,914	148,662
Female	48,258	14,161	21,858	8,383	3,856	52,857
Man.	26,859	7,351	14,684	3,537	1,287	35,626
Male	20,398	5,324	11,920	2,495	659	27,448
Female	6,461	2,027	2,764	1,042	628	8,178
Sask.	20,361	5,126	11,944	2,723	568	25,931
Male	16,353	4,010	10,059	2,042	242	20,977
Female	4,008	1,116	1,885	681	326	4,954
Alta.	33,122	11,770	15,438	4,697	1,217	39,079
Male	25,886	9,424	12,297	3,406	759	31,591
Female	7,236	2,346	3,141	1,291	458	7,488
B.C.	56,026	15,491	28,513	9,122	2,900	68,490
Male	39,153	10,936	20,723	5,954	1,540	49,063
Female	16,873	4,555	7,790	3,168	1,360	19,427

(1) The bulk of the cases in this group were on claim from 27-39 weeks.

Note: Values less than 50 subject to relatively large sampling variability.

Table 4. - Disposition of Initial and Renewal Claims and Claims Pending at the End of the Month, by Province.(1)

Province	A d j u d i c a t e d					P e n d i n g	
	Total	Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		

February - 1964

Canada -	183,784	111,965	37,734	29,130	4,955	44,140	13,719
Nfld.	5,853	4,193	678	881	101	1,574	333
P.E.I.	945	676	118	136	15	308	47
N.S.	7,416	5,113	1,139	1,009	155	1,626	369
N.B.	8,581	5,908	1,390	1,128	155	2,109	471
Que.	62,460	37,751	13,406	9,846	1,457	16,290	5,158
Ont.	56,797	32,479	13,264	9,274	1,780	13,504	4,667
Man.	8,004	5,325	1,317	1,198	164	1,644	433
Sask.	5,227	3,477	736	899	115	1,249	268
Alta.	10,734	6,424	2,100	1,842	368	2,480	747
B.C.	17,767	10,619	3,586	2,917	645	3,356	1,226

February - 1963

Canada -	207,218	130,151	43,143	29,188	4,736	44,344	14,060
Nfld.	6,437	4,549	762	1,044	82	1,464	257
P.E.I.	1,149	849	149	137	14	299	40
N.S.	9,159	6,644	1,319	1,037	159	1,705	335
N.B.	9,041	6,196	1,555	1,109	181	1,935	605
Que.	67,307	41,398	15,118	9,287	1,504	16,447	5,244
Ont.	66,024	39,407	15,266	9,496	1,855	12,814	4,772
Man.	9,585	6,595	1,579	1,276	135	2,088	488
Sask.	6,142	4,374	798	873	97	1,530	257
Alta.	12,755	8,181	2,404	1,902	268	2,535	739
B.C.	19,619	11,958	4,193	3,027	441	3,527	1,323

(1) In addition 49,606 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 5,085 were special requests not granted and 2,978 were appeals by claimants. There were 11,608 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during February 1964 and 1963 with Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement.

Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement	Year	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Benefit period not established	1964(1)	12,454	422	72	426	532	4,708	3,680	462	316	668	1,168
	1963	13,203	517	53	466	651	4,426	3,812	590	379	770	1,539
Claimants disqualified	1964	38,017	1,116	195	1,426	1,447	12,502	12,253	1,607	1,245	2,408	3,818
	1963	35,518	959	180	1,295	1,177	11,686	12,645	1,434	927	2,100	3,115
Not unemployed	1964	1,325	46	13	40	29	641	229	74	81	99	73
	1963	1,467	44	14	84	77	538	345	62	120	94	89
Not capable of and not available for work	1964	10,340	239	30	326	370	2,848	3,861	553	485	654	974
	1963	11,317	249	58	380	362	3,002	4,438	636	382	741	1,069
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1964	246	1	-	-	-	28	95	-	-	-	122
	1963	407	-	-	1	1	130	275	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1964	2,112	43	13	154	190	783	556	44	77	76	176
	1963	2,138	31	10	152	44	802	710	81	41	121	146
Discharged for misconduct	1964	1,926	28	8	67	51	766	636	69	40	115	146
	1963	1,895	30	8	59	44	672	687	73	40	136	146
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1964	9,528	252	41	285	311	3,131	3,097	382	232	692	1,105
	1963	8,298	213	40	279	238	2,748	2,748	378	199	573	882
Other reasons	1964	12,540	507	90	554	496	4,305	3,779	485	330	772	1,222
	1963	9,996	392	50	340	411	3,794	3,442	204	145	435	783
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim												
during February		1964	5,686	364	65	239	366	2,102	1,547	195	209	480

Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1964 - February - 1963	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	503.5	591.9
Newfoundland	38.5	39.1
Prince Edward Island	6.6	7.5
Nova Scotia	33.9	33.7
New Brunswick	28.6	31.4
Quebec	149.5	176.6
Ontario	134.1	165.1
Manitoba	23.1	29.1
Saskatchewan	16.7	22.9
Alberta	25.9	31.9
British Columbia	46.5	54.6

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1964 - February - 1963			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	2,013,817	50,127,417	2,367,753	58,741,717
Nfld.	153,880	3,753,322	156,267	3,757,557
P.E.I.	26,449	598,668	29,907	664,155
N.S.	135,769	3,152,740	134,630	3,081,694
N.B.	114,448	2,601,779	125,814	2,812,541
Que.	598,106	15,174,880	706,385	17,798,027
Ont.	536,449	13,338,247	660,537	16,323,862
Man.	92,263	2,304,282	116,546	2,900,714
Sask.	66,825	1,690,760	91,613	2,314,540
Alta.	103,604	2,652,352	127,550	3,350,091
B.C.	186,024	4,860,387	218,504	5,738,536

Table 8. - Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province.

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		T o t a l	Due to Excess Earnings

February - 1964

Canada -	1,893,630	120,187	88,518
Newfoundland	147,087	6,793	5,653
Prince Edward Island	25,417	1,032	857
Nova Scotia	126,406	9,363	7,550
New Brunswick	108,126	6,322	4,743
Quebec	563,227	34,879	23,612
Ontario	503,918	32,531	24,180
Manitoba	86,137	6,126	4,366
Saskatchewan	62,605	4,220	2,979
Alberta	96,654	6,950	5,232
British Columbia	174,053	11,971	9,346

February 1963

Canada -	2,225,107	142,646	102,407
Newfoundland	149,455	6,812	5,759
Prince Edward Island	28,894	1,013	781
Nova Scotia	124,904	9,726	7,787
New Brunswick	118,611	7,203	5,063
Quebec	665,613	40,772	25,783
Ontario	618,931	41,606	30,280
Manitoba	109,768	6,778	5,254
Saskatchewan	86,321	5,292	3,822
Alberta	119,506	8,044	5,565
British Columbia	203,104	15,400	12,313

Seasonal Benefit, 1963-64 period

Provisions regulating the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 25, 1963 to mid-May 1964, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 9(1). Only one seasonal benefit period may be established by a claimant during this period. As a result, claimants exhausting their rights to seasonal benefit and wishing to be re-considered for benefit during this interval would be tested under the regular provisions. However, since the minimum establishment is 12 weeks,(2) exhaustion will not occur before February 22.

In testing for seasonal benefit, claims failing the regular requirements are considered first under class A, i.e. a minimum of 15 contribution weeks since March 30, 1963. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class is based entirely on contributions during this period, i.e. since March 30, 1963. The authorization will be 5 full weeks of benefit for every 6 weeks of contribution(2).

Cases failing under class A are then examined for possible qualification under class B which represents an extension of benefit for those for whom a regular benefit period terminated during the interval since May 18, 1963. The authorization will be that shown on the preceding regular benefit, or the number of weeks which remain in the seasonal benefit period, whichever is the lesser. The weekly rate(3) will be that of the preceding claim, adjusted, if necessary, for any change in dependency status.

Claimants for seasonal benefit (except fishermen)(4) must comply with all the provisions of the Act and Regulations, except where mentioned above.

Fishing Claimants

Table 3b, Fishing Seasonal Benefit Claimants, includes those seasonal benefit claimants whose claim documents carry the identification F, for fishing. This indicates that the person is eligible for seasonal benefit by virtue of fishing contributions, i.e. his countable contributions for the 15 weeks included at least one week of fishing contributions (or his preceding regular benefit period was also designated as F.).

- (1) A claimant eligible to have the waiting period waived could draw seasonal benefit for the week commencing December 2.
- (2) While the minimum entitlement on SBA claims is 13 weeks (SBB, 12 weeks) claims established subsequent to the week ending February 29, 1964 provide entitlement only for the number of weeks remaining between the date of establishment and May 16.
- (3) Section 47 (2a) of the Act is not applicable to seasonal benefit claims. This section was added in September 1959 in order to minimize the impact of short-term employment on the weekly rate for subsequent regular claims filed within a two-year period.
- (4) During the seasonal benefit period, claimants classed as fishermen will be considered available and unemployed in respect to any activity in commercial fishing or in the repair of fishing gear, equipment or boat. However, income from fishing is taken into consideration in determining the amount of benefit payable.

Table 3a. - Seasonal Benefit Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Sex and Province.

Province	1964 - February - 1963					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	164,043	130,785	33,258	196,292	158,665	37,627
Nfld.	19,305	18,549	756	20,430	19,921	509
P.E.I.	3,653	3,129	524	4,285	3,664	621
N.S.	14,426	12,839	1,587	15,426	13,490	1,936
N.B.	15,652	12,973	2,679	16,190	13,667	2,523
Que.	43,950	35,690	8,260	56,489	47,014	9,475
Ont.	34,068	22,709	11,359	41,510	28,730	12,780
Man.	6,309	4,948	1,361	8,703	6,825	1,878
Sask.	4,452	3,449	1,003	5,975	4,812	1,163
Alta.	6,644	5,197	1,447	7,884	6,468	1,416
B.C.	15,584	11,302	4,282	19,400	14,074	5,326

Table 3b. - Fishing Seasonal Benefit Claimants included in Table 3a.

Province	1964 - February - 1963					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	28,507	28,405	102	29,938	29,773	165
Nfld.	11,519	11,517	2	11,927	11,901	26
P.E.I.	1,744	1,712	32	2,080	2,020	60
N.S.	5,871	5,865	6	5,820	5,806	14
N.B.	4,069	4,043	26	3,881	3,863	18
Que.	1,115	1,104	11	1,349	1,340	9
Ont.	657	649	8	675	666	9
Man.	204	204	-	146	146	-
Sask.	2	2	-	-	-	-
Alta.	46	45	1	34	34	-
B.C.	3,280	3,264	16	4,026	3,997	29

Glossary of Terms

Insured population: For purposes of this report, the insured population is defined as the number of persons estimated as currently in contact with the Unemployment Insurance Commission either as contributors or as claimants. The estimates are revised once a year when data from the book renewal are available.

Employed population: The number of persons estimated as currently contributing under the scheme. Estimates are based on a 10 per cent sample and hence are subject to sampling variability.

Claimant population: The count of persons currently reporting to the local offices as at the end of the month. An exception occurs in the month which serves as a benchmark, i.e., May or June, when the claimant count represents the number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal.

Initial claim: An application for benefit from a person for whom there is no benefit period in existence. This category includes both regular and seasonal claims, since it is impossible to determine, at the time of filing a claim, the type of benefit for which the claimant will subsequently qualify. On an initial claim the contribution history for the two years preceding the claim is examined. This is required in order to test attachment to insured employment and thus determine the type of benefit for which the claimant is eligible, if at all. In cases of eligibility, the record of the qualifying period is used to calculate the weekly rate of benefit and maximum entitlement for the benefit period. Only one initial claim is required for each benefit period.

Benefit period: A period commencing with the week in which the initial claim is made, provided the qualifying conditions are fulfilled. The maximum length of the benefit period is 52 weeks, in the case of claimants qualifying under the regular terms of the Act. Seasonal benefit periods may be established only from December 1 to mid-May, with a maximum length of 24 weeks. In either case, however, the benefit period terminates with exhaustion of benefit.

Renewal claim: An application for benefit from an insured person during the currency of a benefit period. As in the case of initial claims, this category includes renewal claims from all classes of claimants, i.e., regular, seasonal and fishing.

Initial and renewal claims filed: An approximation of the number of new cases of recorded unemployment among insured persons during a period. However, an initial claim representing a request for re-establishment of a benefit period with no actual interruption in the period on claim would not constitute a new case of unemployment. To the extent that such claims are filed in any month, the total overstates the number of new cases.

Revised claims: Those, other than initial or renewal, which must be considered by an insurance officer, e.g., involving dependency, extension of qualifying period, etc. A revised claim is thus an administrative device to initiate action for reconsideration of an existing initial or renewal claim.

Claimants currently reporting to local offices: All persons currently reporting to local offices to claim unemployment insurance benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing. Under the Unemployment Insurance Act a person may claim benefit for any week during which he did not work a full working week.

Number of weeks on claim: The cumulative number of weeks during which a claimant has reported to prove unemployment during the current period on claim. The count commences with the week in which the initial (or renewal) claim is filed and continues unbroken so long as the claimant continues to report as directed. Cases occur in which a spell of unemployment extends beyond the termination of a benefit period and a new benefit period is immediately established with no actual interruption of the period on claim. In such cases the cumulative number of weeks is transferred from the previous claim document to that covering the subsequent benefit period and the count continued. This procedure applies also for contiguous periods on regular and seasonal benefit. Excluded from the count are any weeks for which a claimant reported "non-availability" during a complete week.

Entitled to benefit: For purposes of this report, this category comprises those adjudications arising from initial claims on which a benefit period (regular, seasonal or fishing) is shown as established **and no disqualification imposed** and adjudications indicating "approval" on renewal claims, either regular, seasonal or fishing.

Not entitled to benefit: Claimants disqualified on initial and renewal claims, and those for whom the adjudication on an initial claim was to the effect that the claimant was ineligible to establish either a regular, seasonal or fishing benefit period.

Benefit period not established: The minimum contribution requirements for any type of benefit have not been met. This figure thus represents the net total of persons with insufficient contributions to establish a benefit period under either the regular, seasonal or fishing benefit provisions, based on decisions arising from initial claims only. Subsequent decisions arising from a revised claim and constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

Disqualification: A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues.

Where it is established that loss of employment was voluntary and without just cause on the part of the claimant, i.e., he left employment of his own volition or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum disqualification is six weeks; claimants participating in a labour dispute in which they are directly interested are disqualified for the duration of the work stoppage. In assessing the number of cases of disqualification, no distinction is made as to the type of claim, hence disqualifications arising from revised claims are included. The cases mentioned here serve as examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which a disqualification may be imposed. Sections 59-66 of the Act contain a description of these conditions.

Weeks compensated: Calendar weeks in respect of which some benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing, was paid. A compensated week is counted in the month in which the copy of the payment voucher is received in the District Treasury Office, which is not necessarily the month in which the week of unemployment occurred.

Amount of benefit: The sum of all benefit payments made during the month. This comprises regular, seasonal or fishing benefit.

Complete week: A week in respect of which a claimant received the full weekly rate of benefit authorized on that benefit period.

Partial week: A week for which a claimant received less than the full weekly rate authorized. A partial week may be due to excess earnings resulting in a reduced payment in direct proportion to the amount of such earnings. If a claimant was "not available for work" on any day or days during a week, a reduction will be made in the weekly rate proportionate to the number of days of "non-availability". A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

Excess earnings: Earnings during a week in excess of the allowable earnings for a claimant's weekly benefit rate. As an example, a claimant whose weekly rate is \$30.00 may earn up to \$15.00 in a week without suffering a reduction in benefit; however, in a week where he earns \$17.00 his benefit will be reduced to \$28.00.

Beneficiaries: Persons who received one or more benefit payments. The estimate, based on the number of payment documents, represents the average weekly number of beneficiaries.

Seasonal benefit: Benefit payable during the period commencing with the Sunday prior to December 1 and ending with the Saturday after May 15, to

certain classes of claimants unable to fulfil the requirements under the regular benefit provisions of the Act. Claimants in Class A must prove 15 contributions since the Saturday preceding the 31st day of March immediately prior to the date of claim, while qualification under class B is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

Fishermen: For purposes of regular benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks. For purposes of seasonal benefit, however, any claimant whose qualifying contributions include even one fishing contribution week is classed as a fishing claimant.

Fishing contribution week: Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's fishing contributions separately from those relating to other insurable employment.

Industrial Classification of persons filing new claims for Unemployment Insurance: This information is based on a sample of documents in respect of initial claims filed in local offices during a month. To ensure that all such claims have an equal chance of being included in the study, the documents are accumulated until the end of the third week following the month in which the claim was filed.

The sampling ratio varies from one hundred per cent in the Atlantic provinces (during the period of low claim) to five per cent in Ontario. The sample embraces all new initial claims without regard to benefit status, i.e. failures as well as disqualifications are included. However, it excludes initial claims classed as transitional, i.e., those taken on behalf of persons terminating one benefit period and seeking re-establishment of credits, since such claims are not new cases of separation from employment.

At the present time only the new separations requiring an **initial** claim are included in this study, as these are the only documents forwarded to the Bureau for analysis. The ratio of initial to renewal claims fluctuates with the claim load, so that during the months of heavy claim, it is approximately 3:1.

Geographical classification: The provinces as defined in this bulletin are administrative entities. Hence, Ontario excludes Sioux Lookout for which data are included with Manitoba; British Columbia includes Whitehorse; Quebec excludes Magdalen Islands for which data are included in New Brunswick.

