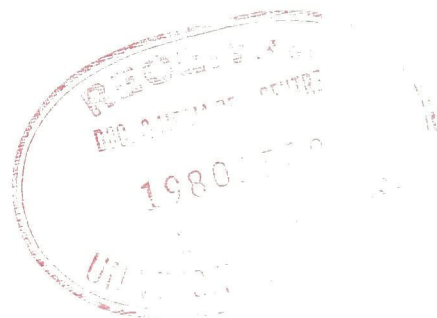


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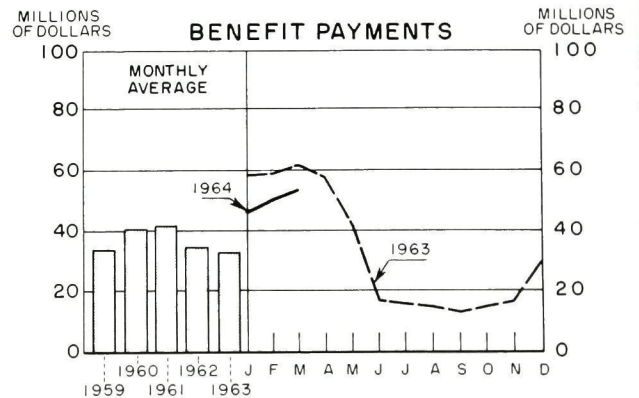
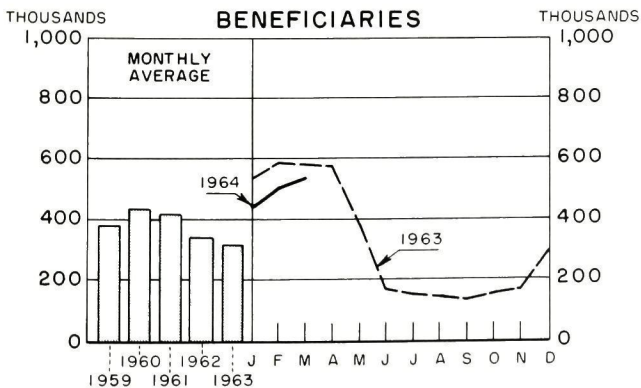
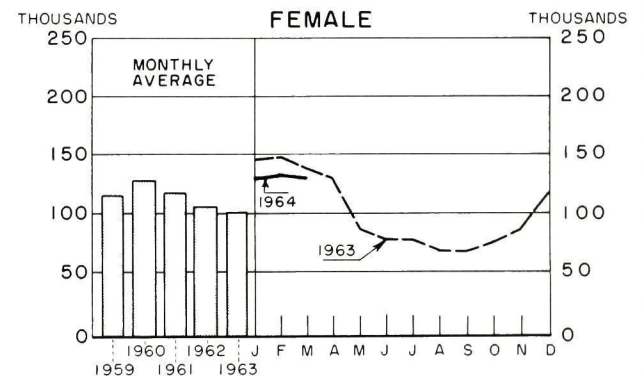
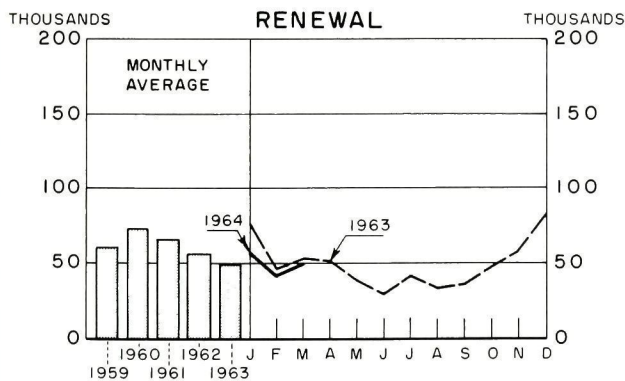
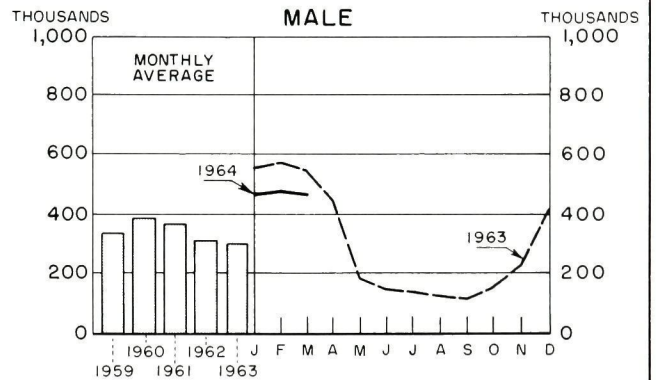
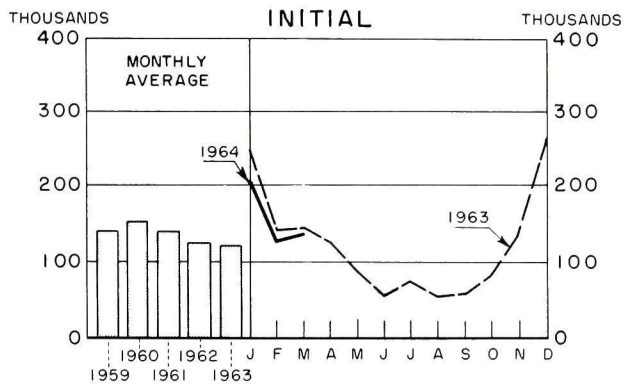
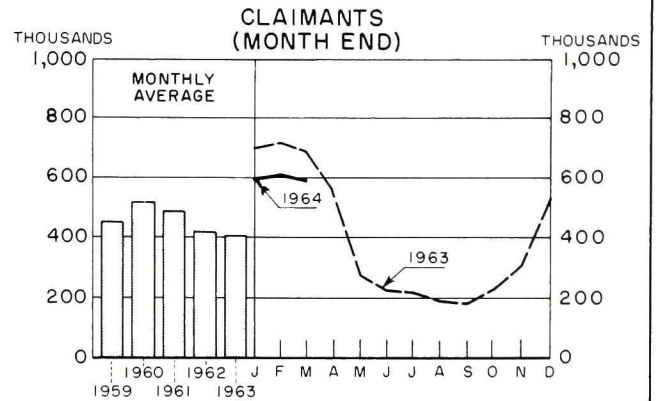
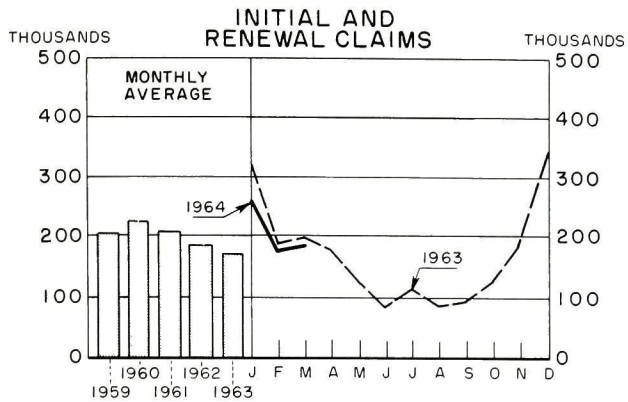
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1963 and 1962 are included in the January 1964 issue in this series.

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

MARCH 1964

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on March 31 numbered 597,300, 10,000 fewer than on February 28 and 88,000 below the March 29, 1963 figure of 685,300. The February to March decline occurred among regular claimants, the number of seasonal benefit claimants having increased. This is normal at this season of the year. Exhaustion of seasonal benefit, from the end of February on, would reduce the number of such claimants but for the fact that as claimants exhaust regular benefit they are automatically eligible for seasonal. With employment opportunities opening up in March, the number going off regular benefit to return to work usually offsets the influx of new cases. It is estimated that about 100,000 regular claimants ceased to claim during March and returned to work; however, a large portion of the 30,000 seasonal benefit claimants who withdrew from claimant status did so because they had used up their benefit.

Males accounted for approximately 80 per cent of the total, at each of the dates under review. It is worth noting that this ratio is true only for those who came on claim within the last 6 months, the ratio for others being substantially lower. These ratios are associated with the highly seasonal pattern of claims from males, many of whom have come on claim in the interval since December 1. The progression through the duration pattern and the proportion of males in each group, commencing December 31, is as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number of weeks on claim</u>			
		1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more
December 31, 1963					
Per cent distribution	100	65	24	7	4
Per cent male	78	83	74	57	60
January 31, 1964					
Per cent distribution	100	41	46	9	4
Per cent male	78	79	82	62	57
February 28, 1964					
Per cent distribution	100	29	54	13	4
Per cent male	78	79	82	68	57
March 31, 1964					
Per cent distribution	100	28	39	28	5
Per cent male	78	80	79	79	59

The proportion of claimants identified as seasonal benefit, at approximately 30 per cent, was up slightly over February 28, but unchanged from one year ago.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 182,300 initial and renewal claims were filed in local offices across Canada during March, as against 171,600 during February and 195,900 in March 1963. Refinement of these data to exclude claims on behalf of persons seeking re-establishment of credit reduces the total of new cases in each of these months to approximately 136,000.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 537,800 for March, 503,500 for February and 589,700 for March 1963. Benefit payments amounted to \$53.6 million during March in comparison with \$50.1 million in February and \$61.3 million in March 1963. The average weekly payment was \$24.90 for March, \$24.89 for February and \$24.75 for March 1963.

Claims by province

The February-to-March changes, at the provincial level, were relatively small, March totals being somewhat lower in all provinces except Nova Scotia, Quebec and Alberta where small increases occurred. In comparison with one year ago, declines in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were relatively larger than elsewhere.

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	<u>February 28 to March 31, 1964</u>			<u>March 29, 1963 to March 31, 1964</u>			<u>February 28 to March 29, 1963</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 2	- 1	- 3	13	- 15	- 5	- 5	- 4	- 7
Nfld.	- 11	- 11	- 12	7	- 9	+ 34	- 11	- 10	- 16
P.E.I.	- 7	- 5	- 12	- 6	- 7		12	- 11	- 20
N.S.	+ 7	+ 9	- 1	+ 1	+ 2	- 6	- 2	- 2	4
N.B.	- 1	-	- 8	- 6	- 7	+ 1	- 2	- 1	9
Que.	+ 1	+ 1	- 4	- 13	- 14	- 7	2	- 2	- 7
Ont.	- 3	- 3	- 1	- 17	- 21	- 6	- 4	- 3	- 4
Man.	- 5	- 6	- 2	- 20	- 22	- 15	- 10	- 10	9
Sask.	- 3	- 2	- 8	- 17	- 17	- 20	8	- 8	7
Alta.	+ 1	+ 1	+ 1	6	13	+ 29	- 9	- 5	24
B.C.	5	- 6	- 2	- 14	15	- 11	- 9	- 11	- 5

The largest percentage change in claims filed, either from February or from March 1963, occurred in Nova Scotia and was associated with claims arising out of a labour dispute affecting miners.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by province

	<u>February to March 1964</u>			<u>March 1963 to March 1964</u>			<u>February to March 1963</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 6	+ 3	+ 17	- 7	8	5	+ 4	+ 1	+ 13
Nfld.	+ 4	+ 6	- 4	17	14	29	+ 19	+ 15	+ 43
P.E.I.	+ 13	+ 12	+ 18	+ 1	1	+ 20		+ 4	- 20
N.S.	+ 54	+ 52	+ 64	+ 17	+ 26	10	+ 16	+ 4	+ 73
N.B.	+ 12	+ 8	+ 28	- 2	- 3	1	+ 10	+ 9	+ 13
Que.	+ 2	- 1	+ 11	- 5	- 9	+ 5	+ 2	+ 4	2
Ont.	+ 2	- 1	+ 9	- 9	- 9	- 11		- 4	+ 11
Man.	+ 7	+ 3	+ 20	- 14	17		+ 4	+ 4	+ 8
Sask.	+ 5	+ 4	+ 12	9	- 12	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1	+ 14
Alta.	+ 7	+ 4	+ 18	11	- 10	15	+ 8	-	+ 34
B.C.	+ 15	+ 1	+ 55	- 9	- 11	- 6	+ 8	- 4	+ 43

Summary table

Activity	Mar. 1964	Feb. 1964	Mar. 1963	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Feb. 1964	Mar. 1963	January to March		12 months ending March	
						1964	1963	1964	1963
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,335	4,242	4,255*	..	4,104*
Initial and renewal claims filed	182	172	196	+ 6	- 7	612	704	1,947	2,144
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	597	607	685	- 2	13	601*	703*	376*	414*
Regular	420	443	481	- 5	- 13				
S.B.	177	164	204	+ 8	- 13				
S.B. Fishing	25	29	25	- 11	+ 1				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	538	504	590	+ 7	- 9	494*	573*	304*	334*
Weeks compensated	2,151	2,014	2,477	+ 7	- 13	6,016	7,207	14,932	16,610
Benefit paid	\$ 53,551	50,127	61,287	+ 7	- 13	150,090	178,589	365,664	403,182

Average weekly benefit	\$	24.90	24.89	24.75	-	+ 1	24.95	24.78	24.49	24.27
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* Monthly average.

.. Not available.

Nil.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1964 - February	4,335,000	3,727,900	607,100
January	4,337,000	3,738,400	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

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

Province	1964 - March - 1963					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	182,291	132,686	49,605	195,918	143,626	52,292
Nfld.	5,402	4,629	773	6,483	5,390	1,093
P.E.I.	996	848	148	983	860	123
N.S.	10,576	8,497	2,079	9,039	6,720	2,319
N.B.	9,257	7,300	1,957	9,460	7,491	1,969
Que.	60,810	44,010	16,800	64,269	48,196	16,073
Ont.	54,561	38,240	16,321	60,150	41,796	18,354
Man.	7,646	6,003	1,643	8,887	7,244	1,643
Sask.	4,823	3,922	901	5,323	4,452	871
Alta.	10,473	7,735	2,738	11,822	8,586	3,236
B.C.	17,747	11,502	6,245	19,502	12,891	6,611

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 41,138.

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>March 31, 1964</u>				<u>March 29, 1963</u>
CANADA	597,250	165,325	231,152	168,791	31,982	685,292
MALE	467,631	132,726	182,900	133,054	18,951	548,207
FEMALE	129,619	32,599	48,252	35,737	13,031	137,085
Nfld.	33,108	5,595	12,136	14,726	651	35,771
Male	30,893	5,194	11,276	13,942	481	34,112
Female	2,215	401	860	784	170	1,659
P.E.I.	6,640	629	2,693	3,198	120	7,046
Male	5,620	535	2,313	2,692	80	6,024
Female	1,020	94	380	506	40	1,022
N.S.	40,324	9,884	17,043	11,753	1,644	40,059
Male	34,923	8,939	15,060	9,820	1,104	34,283
Female	5,401	945	1,983	1,933	540	5,776
N.B.	36,551	8,007	15,043	12,075	1,426	38,780
Male	30,384	7,048	12,934	9,543	859	32,674
Female	6,167	959	2,109	2,532	567	6,106
Que.	187,461	53,783	74,809	47,796	11,073	215,779
Male	153,994	45,730	63,275	38,189	6,800	179,905
Female	33,467	8,053	11,534	9,607	4,273	35,874
Ont.	160,973	48,144	59,817	42,733	10,279	193,995
Male	113,417	34,651	42,249	30,777	5,740	143,492
Female	47,556	13,493	17,568	11,956	4,539	50,503
Man.	25,595	7,609	10,452	6,658	876	32,130
Male	19,272	5,907	7,743	5,078	544	24,719
Female	6,323	1,702	2,709	1,580	332	7,411
Sask.	19,796	4,494	7,842	6,685	775	23,934
Male	16,092	3,310	6,443	5,850	489	19,332
Female	3,704	1,184	1,399	835	286	4,602
Alta.	33,344	10,742	12,349	8,536	1,717	35,593
Male	26,049	9,010	9,238	6,799	1,002	29,923
Female	7,295	1,732	3,111	1,737	715	5,670
B.C.	53,458	16,438	18,968	14,631	3,421	62,205
Male	36,987	12,402	12,369	10,364	1,852	43,743
Female	16,471	4,036	6,599	4,267	1,569	18,462

(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		

March - 1964

Canada -	174,803	105,165	42,393	22,296	4,949	49,365	15,982
Nfld.	5,270	3,896	759	539	76	1,768	271
P.E.I.	990	749	131	90	20	317	44
N.S.	6,969	4,556	1,549	717	147	4,850	752
N.B.	8,567	5,976	1,559	901	131	2,532	738
Que.	61,010	36,840	15,135	7,543	1,492	15,917	5,331
Ont.	53,226	30,052	13,984	7,374	1,816	14,318	5,188
Man.	8,133	5,470	1,519	958	186	1,219	371
Sask.	4,468	3,082	732	555	99	1,534	338
Alta.	9,793	5,958	2,096	1,409	330	2,848	1,059
B.C.	16,377	8,586	4,929	2,210	652	4,062	1,890

March - 1963

Canada -	193,232	119,038	46,390	22,974	4,830	45,958	15,132
Nfld.	5,617	4,088	836	590	103	2,176	411
P.E.I.	1,000	807	90	87	16	265	57
N.S.	8,198	5,337	1,940	747	174	2,341	540
N.B.	9,091	6,196	1,835	905	155	2,325	584
Que.	65,571	41,166	15,237	7,677	1,491	15,800	4,589
Ont.	60,025	34,706	16,205	7,278	1,836	12,626	5,085
Man.	8,680	6,094	1,413	1,039	134	2,199	584
Sask.	5,321	3,898	721	618	84	1,466	323
Alta.	10,919	6,649	2,605	1,421	244	3,051	1,126
B.C.	18,810	10,097	5,508	2,612	593	3,709	1,833

(1) In addition 42,360 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,085 were special requests not granted and 2,969 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,386 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during March 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)	8,075	229	35	251	471	3,106	2,306	347	181	407	742
	1963	9,129	250	33	285	499	3,363	2,304	468	195	553	1,179
Claimants disqualified	1964	34,780	808	152	1,231	1,117	11,312	12,048	1,428	959	2,172	3,553
	1963	34,913	819	168	1,168	1,205	11,981	11,902	1,453	930	1,855	3,432
Not unemployed	1964	1,132	38	7	48	31	529	222	56	62	67	72
	1963	1,321	46	12	43	42	564	323	53	75	72	91
Not capable of and not available for work	1964	9,583	173	46	251	275	2,743	3,796	470	351	594	884
	1963	11,032	170	42	341	349	3,183	4,144	680	412	685	1,026
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1964	175	-	-	7	-	70	63	5	-	1	29
	1963	377	-	-	3	132	105	131	-	1	-	5
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1964	1,905	45	15	112	79	681	601	41	62	84	185
	1963	2,149	36	16	114	43	716	851	64	48	88	173
Discharged for misconduct	1964	1,892	25	6	62	39	682	654	78	42	119	185
	1963	1,868	40	5	51	48	649	668	73	48	101	185
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1964	8,807	184	28	259	236	2,810	2,882	382	175	671	1,180
	1963	8,039	172	30	251	214	2,537	2,676	350	218	559	1,032
Other reasons	1964	11,286	343	50	492	457	3,797	3,830	396	267	636	1,018
	1963	10,127	355	63	365	377	4,227	3,109	233	128	350	920
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim												
	1964	3,083	188	23	123	199	1,169	779	84	49	142	327

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

Province	Average per week	
	1964 - March - 1963	
Canada -	537.8	589.7
Newfoundland	38.8	35.9
Prince Edward Island	7.2	7.1
Nova Scotia	33.9	34.3
New Brunswick	31.9	33.2
Quebec	169.0	185.4
Ontario	140.2	163.9
Manitoba	22.8	28.7
Saskatchewan	18.1	21.0
Alberta	27.4	30.5
British Columbia	48.4	49.5

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1964 - March - 1963			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	2,151,052	53,550,598	2,476,641	61,287,118
Nfld.	155,069	3,788,111	150,971	3,657,285
P.E.I.	28,936	652,675	29,891	661,337
N.S.	135,489	3,110,284	143,915	3,286,444
N.B.	127,599	2,883,334	139,450	3,139,406
Que.	676,042	17,134,482	778,526	19,686,131
Ont.	560,977	14,146,734	688,492	16,976,348
Man.	91,308	2,264,976	120,727	2,985,360
Sask.	72,549	1,818,907	88,397	2,213,837
Alta.	109,429	2,798,903	128,199	3,318,499
B.C.	193,654	4,952,192	208,073	5,362,471

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

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

March - 1964

Canada -	2,035,024	116,028	83,287
Newfoundland	148,487	6,582	5,235
Prince Edward Island	27,745	1,191	926
Nova Scotia	126,253	9,236	7,416
New Brunswick	120,121	7,478	5,558
Quebec	638,105	37,937	25,735
Ontario	536,858	24,119	15,753
Manitoba	85,554	5,754	4,218
Saskatchewan	68,056	4,493	3,302
Alberta	102,455	6,974	5,326
British Columbia	181,390	12,264	9,818

March - 1963

Canada -	2,324,813	151,828	110,293
Newfoundland	143,725	7,246	6,144
Prince Edward Island	28,741	1,150	861
Nova Scotia	133,947	9,968	8,073
New Brunswick	131,900	7,550	5,175
Quebec	735,195	43,331	27,560
Ontario	642,911	45,581	34,466
Manitoba	113,116	7,611	5,686
Saskatchewan	82,791	5,606	4,097
Alberta	119,637	8,562	6,167
British Columbia	192,850	15,223	12,064

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 - March - 1963					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	176,784	141,905	34,879	203,911	166,110	37,801
Nfld.	18,498	17,499	999	18,691	18,135	556
P.E.I.	3,634	3,168	466	3,857	3,382	475
N.S.	14,914	13,229	1,685	15,610	13,709	1,901
N.B.	16,077	13,526	2,551	17,061	14,717	2,344
Que.	51,016	42,300	8,716	60,390	51,047	9,343
Ont.	35,857	24,505	11,352	45,364	31,870	13,494
Man.	7,795	6,147	1,648	8,869	7,276	1,593
Sask.	5,303	4,300	1,003	6,925	5,656	1,269
Alta.	8,300	6,546	1,754	8,018	6,766	1,252
B.C.	15,390	10,685	4,705	19,126	13,552	5,574

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

Province	1964 - March - 1963					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	25,461	25,391	70	25,211	25,104	107
Nfld.	10,336	10,336	-	9,487	9,467	20
P.E.I.	1,625	1,605	20	1,589	1,562	27
N.S.	5,278	5,273	5	5,422	5,421	1
N.B.	3,522	3,505	17	3,418	3,403	15
Que.	1,003	991	12	1,189	1,182	7
Ont.	469	462	7	589	580	9
Man.	504	504	-	287	287	-
Sask.	3	3	-	1	1	-
Alta.	47	47	-	16	16	-
B.C.	2,674	2,665	9	3,213	3,185	28

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.