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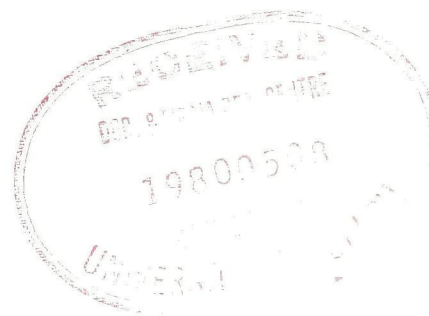
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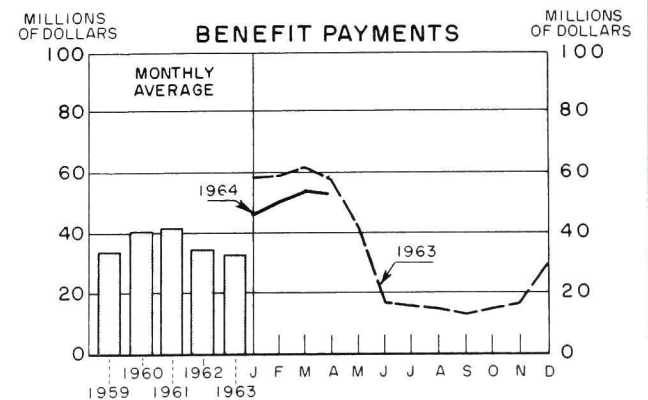
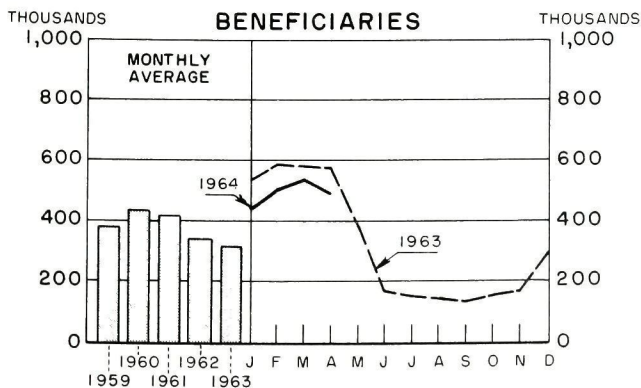
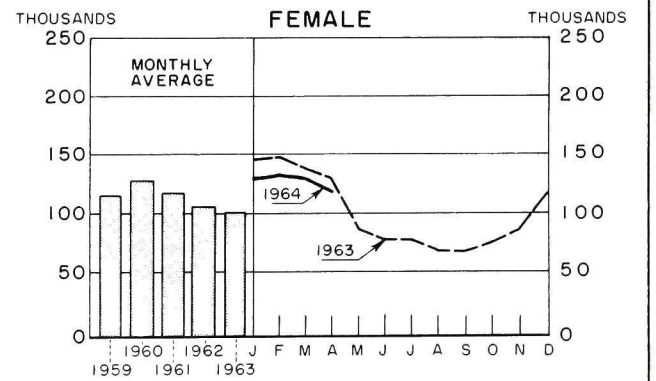
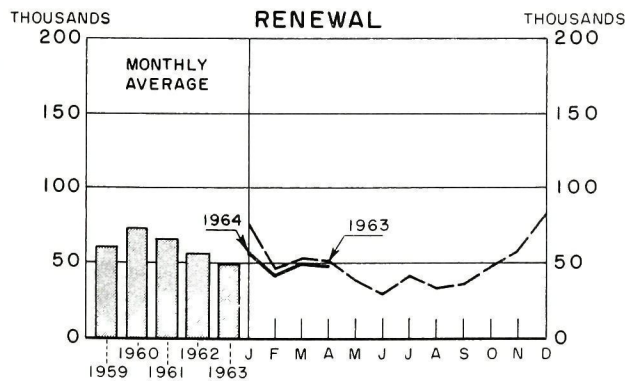
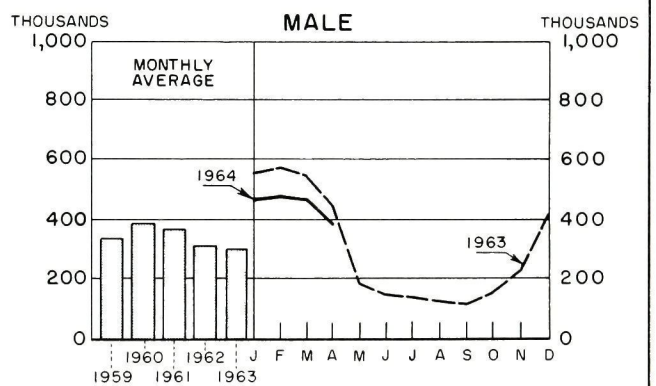
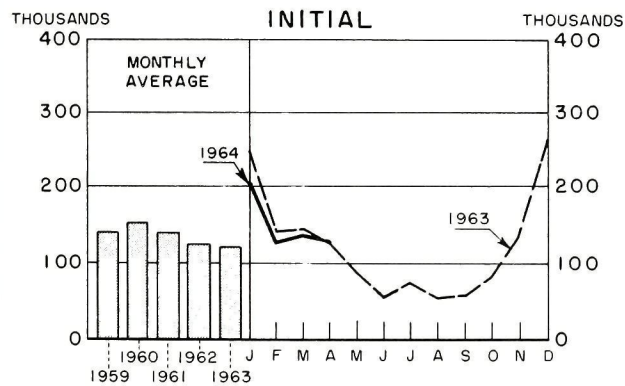
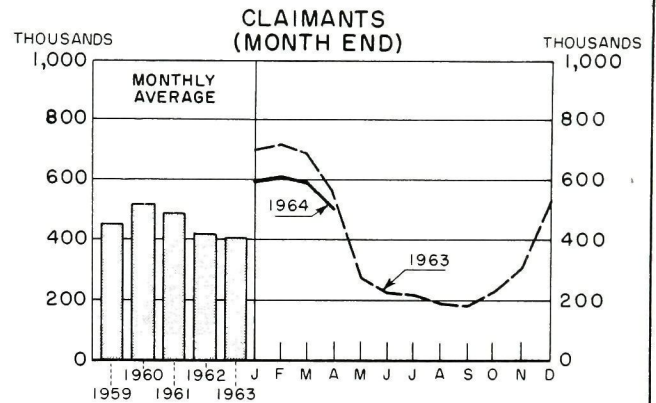
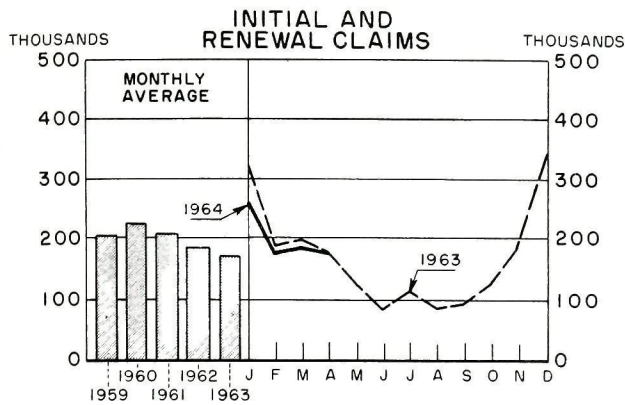
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1963 and 1962 are included in the January 1964 issue in this series.

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

APRIL 1964

### Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 497,745 on April 30, 100,000 fewer than on March 31 and about 70,000 below the 565,928 recorded for April 30, 1963. Over the month, males declined by 87,000, compared with 13,000 for females. Exhaustion of seasonal benefit accounted for some of the decrease in the April count but seasonal improvement in the demand for labour was also a factor.

### Numerical and percentage changes in the month-end claimant count

	<u>Change from March 31, 1964</u>		<u>Change from April 30, 1963</u>	
	<u>Numerical</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Numerical</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
All claimants	- 99,505	- 17	- 68,183	- 12
Males	- 86,988	- 19	- 57,695	- 13
Females	12,517	- 10	- 10,488	- 8
Regular benefit	- 81,687	- 19	- 40,071	- 11
Males	- 71,835	- 22	- 34,115	- 12
Females	- 9,852	- 10	- 5,956	- 7
Seasonal benefit	- 17,818	- 10	- 28,112	- 15
Males	- 15,153	- 11	23,580	- 16
Females	- 2,665	- 8	- 4,532	- 12
Fishing S.B.	- 11,077	- 44	- 685	- 5

The marked rate of decline in fishing seasonal benefit is associated with exhaustion of benefit rights.

The average claimant reporting on April 30 had been on continuous claim for 13 weeks. For males, the average was 13 weeks, for females, 15 weeks.

It is estimated that about 150,000 persons eligible to receive benefit ceased to claim and returned to work during the month. Examination of the summary table, page 7, reveals that the volume of claimants, averaged for the period January to April, and total payments over the same interval, are running 15 per cent below that for the same period in 1963. This is contrasted with a somewhat smaller decline in claims filed (10 per cent) and reflects the generally improved employment opportunities in the current year.

### Initial and renewal claims

Claims in April, at 175,430, were down slightly from March (182,291) but unchanged from one year ago. A substantial portion of the initial claims (52,000 or over 40 per cent) were taken on behalf of persons terminating regular benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits. The great majority of these persons would be eligible only for seasonal benefit.

### Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 484,600 for April, 537,800 for March and 582,000 for April 1963. Benefit payments amounted to \$52.6 million during April, in comparison with \$53.6 million in March and \$57.6 million during April 1963. The average weekly payment was \$24.66 for April, \$24.90 for March and \$24.73 for April 1963.

### Claims by province

The rate of decline, from March 1964 and from April 1963, in the claimant count, varied as between the provinces, due partly to differing employment opportunities and partly to the relative importance of seasonal benefit claimants.



Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	<u>March 31 to April 30, 1964</u>			<u>April 30, 1963 to April 30, 1964</u>			<u>March 29 to April 30, 1963</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 17	- 19	- 10	- 12	- 13	- 8	- 17	- 20	- 7
Nfld.	- 18	- 19	- 5	- 8	- 10	+ 41	- 18	18	- 10
P.E.I.	- 30	- 31	- 25	- 7	- 6	- 10	- 30	- 32	- 17
N.S.	- 20	- 22	- 7	7	7	- 6	- 14	- 15	8
N.B.	- 12	- 11	- 17	- 8	- 9	- 5	- 10	- 9	- 12
Que.	- 15	- 18	5	- 12	- 13	- 7	- 16	- 19	5
Ont.	- 19	- 23	- 10	- 14	- 16	- 8	- 23	27	- 8
Man.	- 8	- 5	- 16	- 14	- 13	- 19	- 14	- 15	- 12
Sask.	- 28	32	- 11	- 18	- 19	- 15	- 28	- 30	- 16
Alta.	- 12	10	- 17	8	8	- 8	- 10	- 15	+ 16
B.C.	- 15	- 17	- 10	- 16	- 17	- 13	- 13	15	7

The movement of the claim volume in April was uneven, as between the provinces, as the following table illustrates:

Percentage changes in claims filed, by province

	<u>March to April 1964</u>			<u>April 1963 to April 1964</u>			<u>March to April 1963</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 4	4	- 3	-	+ 2	- 5	10	13	- 3
Nfld.	+ 17	+ 15	+ 29	+ 9	+ 9	+ 12	11	9	18
P.E.I.	+ 20	+ 21	+ 12	-	+ 6	25	+ 21	+ 16	+ 79
N.S.	- 12	18	+ 12	+ 6	+ 7	+ 1	- 2	- 2	
N.B.	+ 4	-	+ 18	- 7	+ 2	- 26	+ 9	- 4	+ 59
Que.	- 6	- 9	+ 1	+ 5	+ 2	+ 13	15	- 18	7
Ont.	- 11	- 9	- 14	- 6	- 3	- 13	- 14	- 15	- 12
Man.	-	- 5	+ 16	+ 5	+ 4	+ 9	- 18	- 24	+ 7
Sask.	- 4	-	- 18	- 3	- 1	- 12	- 10	- 12	4
Alta.	+ 9	+ 13	+ 1	- 4	+ 3	21	+ 1	- 1	+ 8
B.C.	+ 8	+ 16	- 5	+ 1	+ 9	- 12	- 3	- 5	+ 2

Industrial Classification of Persons Separated from Employment and  
Filing Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance during  
March 1964

New cases of recorded unemployment stood at 69,600 in March, about 110,000 fewer than in December but unchanged from one year ago. Significant declines occurred in all industries except logging and mining where the volume of claims was equal to that of December. The bulk of the March new cases (almost two-thirds) were concentrated in logging, manufacturing and construction.

Table 1. Percentage distribution of claims(1) by Industry and Province  
March 1964 and 1963

<u>Industry group</u>		<u>Canada</u>	<u>Nfld.</u>	<u>P.E.I.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Que.</u>	<u>Ont.</u>	<u>Man.</u>	<u>Sask.</u>	<u>Alta.</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total new cases (000's)	1964	69.6	1.3	(3)	5.3	3.5	24.3	20.3	2.9	1.8	4.0	6.0
	1963	69.4	1.9	(3)	3.1	2.7	24.6	21.8	3.0	1.5	4.2	6.5
Per cent distribution												
Forestry (mainly logging)	1964	20	30		7	38	29	17	8	4	5	11
	1963	15	14		15	31	22	9	9	1	4	11
Fishing(4) and trapping	1964	1	5		1	1	(2)	(2)	11	-	(2)	5
	1963	1	3		3	3	-	-	10	-	(2)	6
Mining	1964	5	-		54	(2)	1	1	1	8	9	2
	1963	3	4		17	1	1	1	1	8	10	2
Manufacturing	1964	23	6		9	17	21	32	18	9	16	28
	1963	29	25		24	14	29	38	19	10	16	30
Construction	1964	18	22		8	16	15	20	24	31	29	13
	1963	16	17		15	16	14	17	17	22	25	9
Transportation, communication and other utilities	1964	7	8		9	9	7	6	7	10	6	5
	1963	7	12		7	13	6	6	11	14	7	7
Trade	1964	11	16		7	9	10	10	14	18	17	18
	1963	14	16		9	11	11	14	16	22	25	15
Service	1964	9	8		4	3	10	10	9	11	10	13
	1963	10	5		5	4	10	11	11	14	7	16
Public administration and defence	1964	4	6		1	4	5	2	4	6	6	3
	1963	3	3		2	4	5	2	3	4	3	2
Other	1964	2	1		1	3	3	2	4	2	2	2
	1963	2	1		3	3	2	2	3	5	3	2
All cases	1964	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1963	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(1) Initial claims taken on behalf of persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits are excluded. Excluded also are persons separating from employment and filing renewal claims.

(2) Less than 1/2 of 1 per cent.

(3) Less than 500.

(4) Persons whose reported occupation under covered employment was "fisherman" were coded to the fishing industry even though the nature of business of the most recent employer was other than fishing. This differs from the general coding practice of assigning a single code on the basis of the principal activity of the employer. However, fishermen report themselves usually as self-employed.

At the provincial level, there was no marked deviation from last year except in Nova Scotia where there was a heavy concentration of claims from persons indirectly affected by a labour dispute in the mining industry.

Table 2 presents summary data for December 1962 and 1963 and for March 1963 and 1964.

Table 2. Percentage distribution of Claims by Industry

Industry group	March		December	
	1964	1963	1963	1962
Total new cases (000's)	69.6	69.4	178.7	162.1
per cent distribution				
Forestry (mainly logging)	20	15	7	7
Fishing and trapping	1	1	7	6
Mining	5	3	2	2
Manufacturing	23	29	24	28
Construction	18	16	27	24
Transportation, communication and other utilities	7	7	9	10
Trade	11	14	9	9
Service	9	10	7	7
Public administration and defence	4	3	5	5
Other	2	2	3	3
All cases	100	100	100	100

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	April 1964	March 1964	April 1963	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				March 1964	April 1963	January to April		12 months ending April	
						1964	1963	1964	1963
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,372	4,173	..	..	..	4,235*	..	4,113*
Initial and renewal claims filed	175	182	176	4		788	879	1,946	2,139
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	498	597	566	17	12	575*	669*	370*	414*
Regular	339	420	379	- 19	11				
S.B.	159	177	187	- 10	15				
S.B. Fishing	14	25	15	44	- 5				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	485	538	582	- 10	17	492*	575*	296*	336*
Weeks compensated	2,132	2,151	2,328	- 1	- 8	8,149	9,535	14,736	16,824
Benefit paid	\$ 52,583	53,551	57,583	2	9	202,672	236,172	360,664	409,118
Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.66	24.90	24.73	- 1	-	24.87	24.77	24.47	24.32

\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1964 - March	4,373,000	3,775,700	597,300
February	4,340,000	3,732,900	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

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

Province	1964 - April - 1963					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	175,430	127,282	48,148	175,594	125,017	50,577
Nfld.	6,316	5,315	1,001	5,783	4,892	891
P.E.I.	1,192	1,026	166	1,187	967	220
N.S.	9,308	6,981	2,327	8,821	6,510	2,311
N.B.	9,619	7,318	2,301	10,319	7,196	3,123
Que.	57,233	40,243	16,990	54,597	39,596	15,001
Ont.	48,783	34,730	14,053	51,868	35,663	16,205
Man.	7,636	5,727	1,909	7,258	5,503	1,755
Sask.	4,641	3,905	736	4,772	3,933	839
Alta.	11,467	8,705	2,762	11,980	8,475	3,505
B.C.	19,235	13,332	5,903	19,009	12,282	6,727

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 40,279.



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>April 30, 1964</u>				<u>April 30, 1963</u>
CANADA	497,745	140,020	158,649	161,846	37,230	565,928
MALE	380,643	109,879	123,637	124,770	22,357	438,338
FEMALE	117,102	30,141	35,012	37,076	14,873	127,590
Nfld.	27,229	5,885	8,546	11,654	1,144	29,504
Male	25,120	5,591	7,853	10,880	796	28,006
Female	2,109	294	693	774	348	1,498
P.E.I.	4,624	767	1,015	2,702	140	4,948
Male	3,863	640	814	2,318	91	4,103
Female	761	127	201	384	49	845
N.S.	32,109	7,230	8,936	13,997	1,946	34,394
Male	27,105	6,052	7,551	12,179	1,323	29,074
Female	5,004	1,178	1,385	1,818	623	5,320
N.B.	32,197	6,715	9,583	13,976	1,923	35,011
Male	27,073	6,000	8,491	11,438	1,144	29,636
Female	5,124	715	1,092	2,538	779	5,375
Que.	158,861	43,338	56,275	46,854	12,394	180,591
Male	126,956	34,703	47,442	37,358	7,453	146,398
Female	31,905	8,635	8,833	9,496	4,941	34,193
Ont.	129,831	38,703	40,503	38,939	11,686	150,333
Male	87,131	27,108	27,295	26,010	6,718	104,079
Female	42,700	11,595	13,208	12,929	4,968	46,254
Man.	23,533	6,683	7,369	8,191	1,290	27,516
Male	18,226	5,101	5,600	6,672	853	20,982
Female	5,307	1,582	1,769	1,519	437	6,534
Sask.	14,178	3,721	4,186	5,424	847	17,328
Male	10,884	2,980	3,130	4,334	440	13,460
Female	3,294	741	1,056	1,090	407	3,868
Alta.	29,502	11,148	8,681	7,956	1,717	32,009
Male	23,428	9,556	6,758	6,049	1,065	25,433
Female	6,074	1,592	1,923	1,907	652	6,576
B.C.	45,681	15,830	13,555	12,153	4,143	54,294
Male	30,857	12,148	8,703	7,532	2,474	37,167
Female	14,824	3,682	4,852	4,621	1,669	17,127

(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		

April - 1964

Canada -	197,150	118,568	46,323	26,308	5,951	31,771	11,856
Nfld.	6,447	4,850	820	646	131	1,587	321
P.E.I.	1,366	1,068	171	116	11	159	28
N.S.	13,175	9,282	2,490	1,188	215	1,361	374
N.B.	10,997	7,383	2,456	988	170	1,479	413
Que.	63,338	37,394	15,966	8,139	1,839	10,627	4,516
Ont.	56,117	31,926	13,698	8,441	2,052	8,681	3,491
Man.	7,854	4,924	1,766	982	182	1,040	332
Sask.	5,589	3,895	818	764	112	780	144
Alta.	12,043	7,078	2,604	1,913	448	2,562	769
B.C.	20,224	10,768	5,534	3,131	791	3,495	1,468

April - 1963

Canada -	190,717	115,275	47,837	22,423	5,182	33,277	12,690
Nfld.	6,244	4,565	882	682	115	1,821	305
P.E.I.	1,177	885	195	74	23	273	59
N.S.	9,952	6,734	2,238	776	204	1,341	409
N.B.	10,963	7,058	2,935	805	165	1,658	607
Que.	60,098	37,950	14,003	6,630	1,515	10,816	4,072
Ont.	56,285	31,806	15,268	7,354	1,857	9,129	4,165
Man.	8,165	5,384	1,717	926	138	1,392	484
Sask.	5,201	3,701	848	572	80	1,126	234
Alta.	12,474	7,196	3,412	1,593	273	2,737	946
B.C.	20,158	9,996	6,339	3,011	812	2,984	1,409

(1) In addition 42,178 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,908 were special requests not granted and 2,749 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,487 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during April 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)	11,556	291	65	534	552	3,956	3,162	462	311	823	1,400
	1963	9,657	262	33	317	445	2,922	2,763	421	228	689	1,577
Claimants disqualified	1964	37,217	1,021	140	1,480	1,272	11,992	12,588	1,419	1,020	2,375	3,910
	1963	34,312	836	151	1,225	1,055	11,769	11,614	1,296	851	1,885	3,630
Not unemployed	1964	935	34	6	29	29	376	178	62	57	99	65
	1963	1,112	132	4	49	72	312	239	45	62	86	111
Not capable of and not available for work	1964	10,558	206	24	346	302	3,180	4,037	452	355	648	1,008
	1963	10,784	165	31	317	294	3,240	4,077	595	365	637	1,063
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1964	335	-	1	110	17	32	159	6	-	1	9
	1963	164	-	-	6	-	126	30	-	-	-	2
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1964	2,251	92	24	93	66	750	790	68	90	71	207
	1963	2,225	36	29	111	52	699	936	67	57	79	159
Discharged for misconduct	1964	1,872	33	6	38	65	748	632	53	33	100	164
	1963	1,639	39	2	58	39	557	577	56	33	120	158
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1964	9,113	183	27	290	248	2,691	3,187	305	209	626	1,347
	1963	7,494	154	31	229	177	2,252	2,610	306	181	517	1,037
Other reasons	1964	12,153	473	52	574	545	4,215	3,605	473	276	830	1,110
	1963	10,894	310	54	455	421	4,583	3,145	227	153	446	1,100
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during April												
		1964	2,726	132	14	141	193	679	96	67	124	349

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

Province	Average per week	
	1964 - April - 1963	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	484.6	582.0
Newfoundland	28.1	31.5
Prince Edward Island	5.9	6.4
Nova Scotia	31.8	35.1
New Brunswick	31.3	34.9
Quebec	155.8	189.7
Ontario	127.6	158.5
Manitoba	24.0	28.3
Saskatchewan	15.4	19.0
Alberta	27.0	31.4
British Columbia	37.7	47.3

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1964 - April - 1963			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	2,132,051	52,582,772	2,328,024	57,583,100
Nfld.	123,809	3,085,011	126,010	3,100,132
P.E.I.	25,742	578,609	25,535	565,375
N.S.	140,040	3,157,407	140,073	3,158,262
N.B.	137,514	3,196,757	139,511	3,198,481
Que.	685,639	17,204,815	758,895	19,051,271
Ont.	561,638	13,783,123	634,130	15,524,017
Man.	105,444	2,671,589	113,276	2,760,174
Sask.	67,703	1,694,262	75,827	1,875,046
Alta.	118,682	3,023,085	125,569	3,233,844
B.C.	165,840	4,188,114	189,198	5,116,498



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

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

April - 1964

Canada -	1,987,026	145,025	106,200
Newfoundland	117,396	6,413	4,813
Prince Edward Island	24,318	1,424	921
Nova Scotia	126,220	13,820	9,286
New Brunswick	129,194	8,320	5,666
Quebec	640,858	44,781	32,086
Ontario	523,583	38,055	28,882
Manitoba	98,336	7,108	5,483
Saskatchewan	63,194	4,509	3,282
Alberta	109,887	8,795	6,635
British Columbia	154,040	11,800	9,146

April - 1963

Canada -	2,165,391	162,633	117,084
Newfoundland	118,990	7,020	5,471
Prince Edward Island	24,111	1,424	947
Nova Scotia	127,820	12,253	9,672
New Brunswick	130,530	8,981	6,030
Quebec	711,708	47,187	30,304
Ontario	587,618	46,512	34,773
Manitoba	104,892	8,384	6,609
Saskatchewan	70,345	5,482	4,009
Alberta	116,093	9,476	7,079
British Columbia	173,284	15,914	12,190

### 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 - April - 1963					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	158,966	126,752	32,214	187,078	150,332	36,746
Nfld.	14,881	14,001	880	15,489	15,016	473
P.E.I.	2,682	2,290	392	2,740	2,332	408
N.S.	13,002	11,435	1,567	13,414	11,640	1,774
N.B.	14,317	12,037	2,280	15,387	13,318	2,069
Que.	49,100	40,675	8,425	57,906	48,894	9,012
Ont.	32,476	21,584	10,892	41,727	29,091	12,636
Man.	7,659	6,305	1,354	9,630	7,857	1,773
Sask.	4,847	3,878	969	6,093	4,987	1,106
Alta.	7,358	6,140	1,218	8,918	6,634	2,284
B.C.	12,644	8,407	4,237	15,774	10,563	5,211

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

Province	1964 - April - 1963					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	14,384	14,361	23	15,069	15,016	53
Nfld.	5,527	5,527	-	6,574	6,563	11
P.E.I.	774	768	6	665	647	18
N.S.	3,658	3,653	5	3,299	3,298	1
N.B.	1,904	1,898	6	1,692	1,689	3
Que.	627	626	1	709	704	5
Ont.	225	222	3	249	245	4
Man.	369	369	-	329	329	-
Sask.	3	3	-	1	1	-
Alta.	32	31	1	30	30	-
B.C.	1,265	1,264	1	1,521	1,510	11



## 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.

