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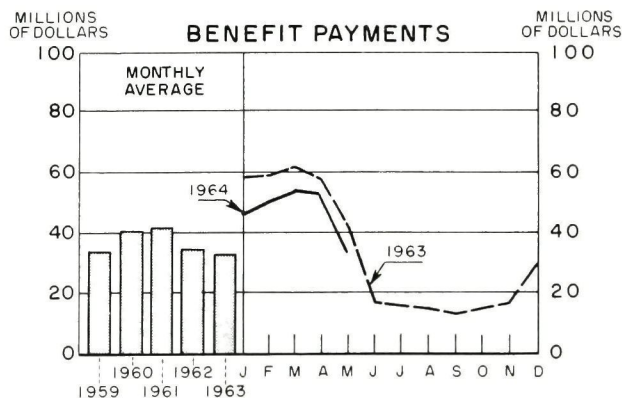
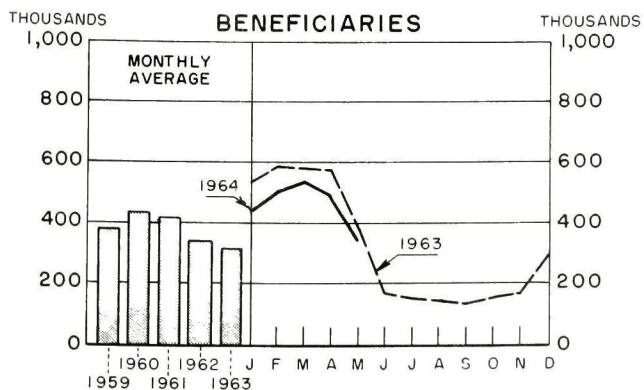
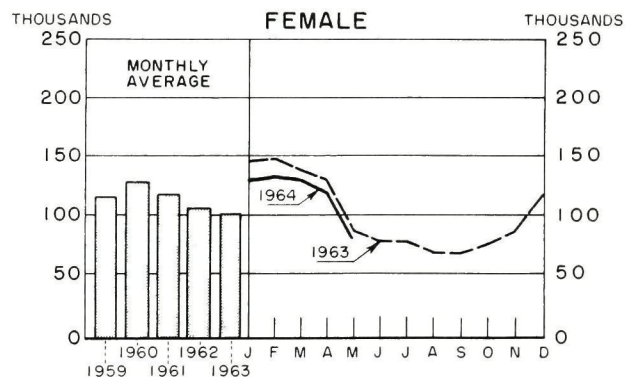
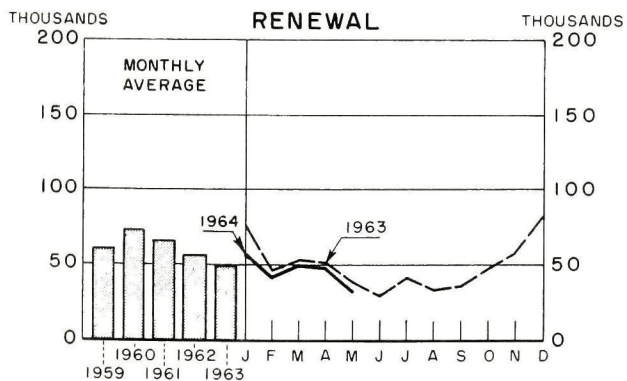
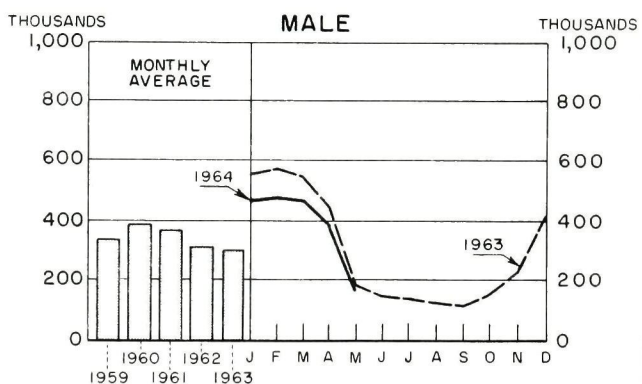
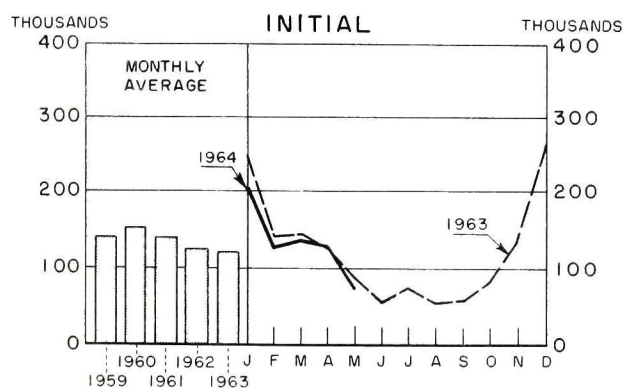
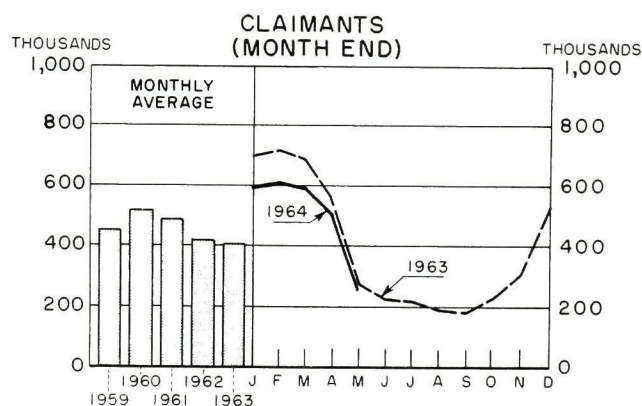
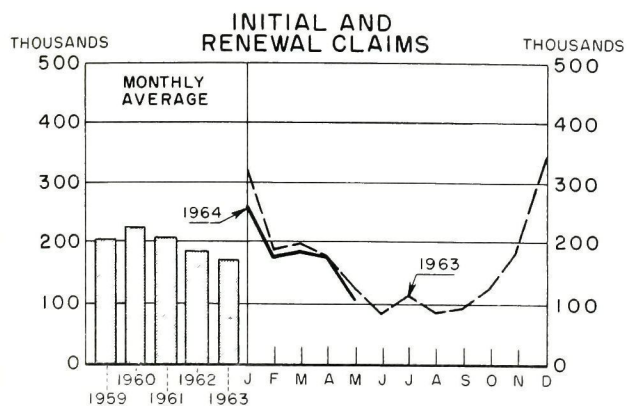
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1963 and 1962 are included in the January 1964 issue in this series.

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

MAY 1964

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Seasonal benefit was not payable for unemployment occurring after May 16. The claimant count for May, therefore, represents claimants for regular benefit only.

Claimants numbered 250,054 on May 29, in comparison with 270,892 on the same date one year ago. On April 30 this year, the total was 497,745, comprising 338,779 regular and 158,966 seasonal benefit.

Close to one-third of the end-of-May claimants, both this year and one year ago, were women; this is in sharp contrast with the end of April when women made up less than one-quarter of the total. The sharp decline in the proportion of male claimants in May is associated with the seasonal pickup in industries, such as construction, employing mainly men.

Initial and Renewal claims

A total of 105,182 initial and renewal claims were filed during May, as against 175,430 during April and 122,911 during May 1963. More than a third of the initial claims were on behalf of persons exhausting regular benefit and requesting additional credits under the seasonal benefit provisions. Persons failing to fulfil the requirements for regular benefit would not have their claim considered for seasonal benefit if the claim were filed subsequent to May 16.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 340,300 for May, 484,600 for April and 387,600 for May 1963. Benefit payments, at \$33.1 million, were almost \$20 million less than for April and \$8 million lower than May 1963. Part of the April to May decline is associated with the termination of seasonal benefit on May 16.(1)

Claims by province

Variations in the relative importance of seasonal benefit, as between provinces, have their impact on the April-to-May changes in the month-end claimant count. For this reason, month-to-month percentage changes are not provided, for claimants. Year-over-year changes apply to regular claimants, only.

Percentage changes in month-end count of regular claimants

	<u>May 31, 1963 to May 29, 1964</u>			<u>May 31, 1962 to May 31, 1963</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 8	8	- 7	+ 3	+ 3	+ 3
Nfld.	+ 1	4	+ 41	14	13	- 18
P.E.I.	17	14	23	+ 20	+ 22	+ 16
N.S.	4	5	2	3	6	+ 9
N.B.	13	13	13	+ 9	+ 10	+ 9
Que.	6	6	- 9	+ 7	+ 8	+ 5
Ont.	- 13	18	- 6	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1
Man.	11	10	11	+ 2		+ 6
Sask.	11	- 8	16	8	8	- 8
Alta.		+ 6	15	+ 8	+ 7	+ 9
B.C.	1	+ 2	5	2	4	+ 1

The April-to-May decline in claims filed, while substantial in all provinces, was relatively smaller in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario.

(1) However, in order to compensate for unemployment occurring prior to and including the week of May 10-16, seasonal benefit payments would have been made, as usual, during the week of May 17-23 and residual payments will continue to be made until all cases are cleared.

Percentage changes in claims filed

	<u>April to May 1964</u>			<u>May 1963 to May 1964</u>			<u>April to May 1963</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 40	42	34	14	15	14	30	31	26
Nfld.	- 51	49	60	- 15	14	19	37	36	44
P.E.I.	63	66	48	17	21		55	54	61
N.S.	- 48	53	32	+ 2	12	+ 53	47	43	55
N.B.	56	53	64	25	25	25	45	37	64
Que.	- 35	39	25	7	11	+ 1	26	30	16
Ont.	38	40	32	25	22	31	- 22	26	13
Man.	50	48	56	20	18	27	34	34	35
Sask.	61	63	54	26	25	- 29	- 49	51	42
Alta.	52	52	51	15	9	29	45	45	46
B.C.	29	- 30	- 29	1		4	28	24	35

.. Figures not available.

Nil.

Summary table

Activity	May 1964	April 1964	May 1963	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				April 1964	May 1963	January to May		12 months ending May	
						1964	1963	1964	1963
		(Thousands)				(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,272	3,996	4,187*	..	4,106*
Initial and renewal claims filed	105	175	123	40	14	893	1,002	1,929	2,123
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	250	498	271	**	8	510*	589*	369*	415*
Regular	250	339	271	26	8				
S.B.	**	159	**	**	**				
S.B. Fishing	**	14	**	**	**				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	340	485	388	30	12	461*	538*	292*	332*
Weeks compensated	1,361	2,132	1,706	36	20	9,510	11,240	14,392	16,636
Benefit paid	\$ 33,117	52,583	41,147	37	20	235,790	277,318	352,635	404,855
Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.33	24.66	24.12	1	+ 1	24.79	24.67	24.50	24.34

* Monthly average.

** Seasonal benefit is not payable in respect of unemployment occurring after May 16, hence, totals are not comparable.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1964 - April	4,272,000	3,774,300	497,700
March	4,349,000	3,751,700	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

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

Province	1964 - May - 1963					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	105,182	73,249	31,933	122,911	85,696	37,215
Nfld.	3,106	2,702	404	3,650	3,152	498
P.E.I.	438	352	86	530	444	86
N.S.	4,846	3,272	1,574	4,735	3,706	1,029
N.B.	4,251	3,413	838	5,643	4,522	1,121
Que.	37,421	24,709	12,712	40,288	27,725	12,563
Ont.	30,379	20,767	9,612	40,572	26,550	14,022
Man.	3,826	2,982	844	4,793	3,644	1,149
Sask.	1,802	1,460	342	2,428	1,944	484
Alta.	5,543	4,193	1,350	6,539	4,629	1,910
B.C.	13,570	9,399	4,171	13,733	9,380	4,353

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 33,086.

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>May 29, 1964</u>				<u>May 31, 1963</u>
CANADA	250,054	83,474	80,434	61,330	24,816	270,892
MALE	171,311	58,821	57,880	40,775	13,835	185,998
FEMALE	78,743	24,653	22,554	20,555	10,981	84,894
Nfld.	8,568	2,054	2,930	2,827	757	8,518
Male	7,289	1,735	2,627	2,403	524	7,611
Female	1,279	319	303	424	233	907
P.E.I.	916	201	280	301	134	1,101
Male	639	131	216	205	87	740
Female	277	70	64	96	47	361
N.S.	13,660	3,677	4,475	4,117	1,391	14,277
Male	10,600	2,958	3,503	3,212	927	11,157
Female	3,060	719	972	905	464	3,120
N.B.	11,790	2,869	4,560	3,192	1,169	13,558
Male	9,247	2,270	3,909	2,422	646	10,640
Female	2,543	599	651	770	523	2,918
Que.	80,794	28,579	26,531	18,354	7,330	86,284
Male	58,640	21,129	20,065	13,302	4,144	62,054
Female	22,154	7,450	6,466	5,052	3,186	24,230
Ont.	70,727	24,630	20,973	17,410	7,714	81,248
Male	41,287	14,632	12,661	9,838	4,156	50,045
Female	29,440	9,998	8,312	7,572	3,558	31,203
Man.	11,434	2,840	3,975	3,371	1,248	12,820
Male	7,650	1,924	2,791	2,187	748	8,546
Female	3,784	916	1,184	1,184	500	4,274
Sask.	5,468	1,311	1,589	1,605	963	6,138
Male	3,522	962	1,157	1,100	303	3,835
Female	1,946	349	432	505	660	2,303
Alta.	17,197	5,466	5,803	4,472	1,456	17,231
Male	12,797	4,210	4,708	3,038	841	12,037
Female	4,400	1,256	1,095	1,434	615	5,194
B.C.	29,500	11,847	9,318	5,681	2,654	29,717
Male	19,640	8,870	6,243	3,068	1,459	19,333
Female	9,860	2,977	3,075	2,613	1,195	10,384

(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		

May 1964

Canada -	116,078	57,979	30,479	22,855	4,765	24,186	8,545
Nfld.	4,006	2,670	501	716	119	903	105
P.E.I.	516	372	63	65	16	74	35
N.S.	5,363	2,904	1,491	850	118	879	339
N.B.	4,880	3,259	875	637	109	996	267
Que.	40,672	19,092	12,582	7,536	1,462	8,708	3,184
Ont.	32,884	15,383	8,736	7,117	1,648	6,948	2,719
Man.	4,219	2,447	787	819	166	756	223
Sask.	2,336	1,425	322	498	91	317	73
Alta.	7,318	3,988	1,416	1,592	322	1,175	381
B.C.	13,884	6,439	3,706	3,025	714	3,430	1,219

May 1963

Canada -	137,289	71,687	35,158	25,187	5,257	22,099	9,490
Nfld.	4,865	3,396	553	793	123	784	127
P.E.I.	780	539	107	116	18	62	20
N.S.	5,576	3,491	1,063	841	181	715	194
N.B.	6,873	4,395	1,332	987	159	798	237
Que.	43,794	23,282	11,508	7,330	1,674	7,929	3,453
Ont.	43,226	20,353	12,851	8,126	1,896	7,200	3,440
Man.	5,535	2,885	1,136	1,374	140	777	357
Sask.	3,248	2,101	493	558	96	411	129
Alta.	8,349	4,388	2,077	1,616	268	1,362	511
B.C.	15,043	6,857	4,038	3,446	702	2,061	1,022

(1) In addition 34,197 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,039 were special requests not granted and 2,018 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,376 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during May 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 1964(1) not established 1963		12,189 12,951	411 437	31 75	481 381	381 577	4,475 3,675	3,418 3,755	455 903	189 232	786 894	1,562 2,022
Claimants disqualified	1964 1963	29,620 35,860	754 780	146 156	1,067 1,241	830 1,260	9,724 12,490	9,823 12,121	1,162 1,315	795 830	1,910 1,946	3,409 3,721
Not unemployed	1964 1963	572 791	14 40	4 9	39 43	28 55	190 221	149 198	25 28	25 42	48 60	50 95
Not capable of and not available for work	1964 1963	8,520 11,792	126 153	37 32	258 324	192 331	2,659 3,598	3,115 4,441	419 618	314 338	580 761	820 1,196
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1964 1963	258 138	10 -	- -	3 -	- -	29 99	27 30	- -	- -	1 -	188 9
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1964 1963	2,141 2,833	25 41	25 45	139 86	45 87	723 964	800 1,116	63 104	76 92	79 109	166 189
Discharged for misconduct	1964 1963	1,292 1,554	15 38	4 3	42 60	34 49	503 573	419 517	45 58	20 22	85 85	125 149
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1964 1963	6,843 7,836	148 153	16 28	196 292	166 225	2,018 2,327	2,273 2,702	244 300	162 190	525 507	1,095 1,112
Other reasons	1964 1963	9,994 10,916	416 355	60 39	390 436	365 513	3,602 4,708	3,040 3,117	366 207	198 146	592 424	965 971
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during May	1964	2,154	86	7	74	103	720	611	78	45	122	308

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

Province	Average per week	
	1964 - May - 1963	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	340.3	387.6
Newfoundland	19.8	21.0
Prince Edward Island	2.8	3.2
Nova Scotia	19.1	23.3
New Brunswick	20.4	25.1
Quebec	110.2	124.4
Ontario	87.2	101.9
Manitoba	16.6	19.3
Saskatchewan	8.8	11.1
Alberta	19.8	22.1
British Columbia	35.6	36.3

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1964 - May - 1963			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	1,361,151	33,117,274	1,705,628	41,146,612
Nfld.	79,240	1,994,406	92,198	2,267,884
P.E.I.	11,260	244,859	14,226	308,389
N.S.	76,205	1,672,432	102,673	2,288,579
N.B.	81,574	1,891,493	110,382	2,528,299
Que.	440,973	10,870,868	547,370	13,455,837
Ont.	348,843	8,423,407	448,214	10,647,621
Man.	66,296	1,601,977	84,729	2,016,537
Sask.	35,326	848,430	48,967	1,153,007
Alta.	79,159	2,021,084	97,117	2,499,771
B.C.	142,275	3,548,318	159,752	3,980,688

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

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

May 1964

Canada -	1,253,356	107,795	84,032
Newfoundland	73,894	5,346	4,198
Prince Edward Island	10,228	1,032	839
Nova Scotia	67,174	9,031	7,396
New Brunswick	74,261	7,313	5,699
Quebec	406,409	34,564	26,227
Ontario	323,285	25,558	19,944
Manitoba	60,834	5,462	4,390
Saskatchewan	32,417	2,909	2,297
Alberta	72,899	6,260	4,963
British Columbia	131,955	10,320	8,079

May 1963

Canada -	1,563,475	142,153	107,403
Newfoundland	85,031	7,167	5,946
Prince Edward Island	13,125	1,101	839
Nova Scotia	90,839	11,834	9,772
New Brunswick	100,391	9,991	7,459
Quebec	506,212	41,158	29,015
Ontario	411,050	37,164	28,432
Manitoba	77,446	7,283	5,770
Saskatchewan	44,657	4,310	3,272
Alberta	88,641	8,476	6,421
British Columbia	146,083	13,669	10,477

Seasonal Benefit

Claims considered under the seasonal benefit provisions accounted for more than 40 per cent of the initial claims processed during the 1963-64 seasonal benefit period. This proportion ranged from a high of 65 per cent in Newfoundland to about 37 per cent in Ontario and Alberta.

Initial claims identified as seasonal benefit totalled 318,200 this year, approximately 45,000 fewer than for one year ago. In about 10 per cent of the cases, eligibility was achieved by virtue of contributions in fishing, and for this group the number was unchanged from one year ago. The 45,000 decline from last year occurs among persons eligible for non-fishing seasonal benefit.

Since seasonal benefit becomes operative at the time of year when climatic conditions bring about a reduction in employment, it follows that the December claim load is the heaviest. Table 1 shows that 50 per cent of the December initial claims processed were identified as seasonal benefit. Of the 318,200 seasonal claims established, 87,200 were set up in December and 68,100(1) in January.

It will be observed that in March and April the number of cases of seasonal benefit is on the increase (Table 11). Their relative importance in those months also rises (see Table 1). In the main, these claims are from persons who, having exhausted regular benefit, are being re-considered(2) under the seasonal provisions. The bulk of such claims do not constitute separations from employment during March and April.

The number of claimants reporting for seasonal benefit at the end of each month reached a peak at the end of March, 176,800. However, on April 30 close to one-third of claimants reporting on that date were classified as seasonal benefit. This proportion is somewhat greater than in March and reflects a relatively larger decline in regular claimants either as they exhaust their benefit and transfer to seasonal or as they withdraw from claimant status and return to work.

Tables II, III and VI provide information separately for those qualifying by virtue of fishing contributions. It will be seen that 90 per cent of fishing claims were established before February, but only 45 per cent of others occurred in that interval.

Close to 12,000 of the 31,200 fishing claims were in Newfoundland where they accounted for 40 per cent of the seasonal benefit claims in that province.

Fishing seasonal benefit claimants reached a peak at the end of February, when the count was 28,500. The declines in March and April were due chiefly to exhaustion of benefit; there is virtually no transfer from regular to fishing seasonal benefit.

During the season just terminated the preliminary estimate indicates that approximately \$72.5 million were paid under the seasonal benefit provisions. For the same period one year ago, the total was \$86.9 million.

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- (1) A substantial proportion of this total would have been filed in December and would be retroactive to the date filed.
 - (2) This statement is based upon the close relationship between the number of seasonal claims established and the number of continuing initials.

Table I - (S.B.) Initial Claims Considered under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions as a Percentage of Initial Claims Processed, 1963-64 and 1962-63 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period and Month	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	per cent										
<u>1963-64 Period</u>											
December	42.3	65.2	64.2	48.2	56.1	40.8	36.7	41.5	40.5	37.1	41.9
January	49.5	77.7	70.5	60.5	64.0	43.3	43.6	43.5	39.6	40.2	54.1
February	38.0	55.5	54.4	52.4	54.3	36.1	31.7	35.2	31.8	35.2	37.2
March	38.9	49.4	49.4	41.3	50.1	40.6	34.8	35.6	34.1	35.4	39.8
April	41.6	59.7	63.1	45.2	54.7	41.4	35.3	47.1	48.8	39.3	40.8
May	44.8	67.5	75.0	36.1	55.7	46.0	40.9	50.8	55.5	39.8	38.2
	37.1	60.6	66.8	38.7	50.2	39.9	31.5	37.0	45.1	29.6	29.9
<u>1962-63 Period</u>											
December	43.6	64.7	66.5	51.9	58.1	42.3	36.9	42.8	44.0	38.0	45.6
January	53.1	78.1	74.7	64.9	67.3	49.1	46.5	46.5	45.4	42.9	60.6
February	37.6	59.5	57.2	51.4	54.6	35.4	30.6	33.5	32.7	33.7	39.0
March	38.4	47.6	51.0	43.2	52.7	39.5	33.0	38.1	37.1	35.0	41.2
April	44.4	58.7	68.8	46.6	59.9	43.8	37.4	53.3	54.1	42.4	45.9
May	47.8	65.6	78.3	48.3	58.1	47.8	43.0	55.4	60.9	41.9	42.1
	38.4	67.4	67.9	46.1	49.1	41.6	31.6	29.1	51.1	30.3	31.0

Table II - (S.B.) Number of Claims Established(1) under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions, by Month or by Province, 1963-64 and 1962-63 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period and Type of Benefit	Total for the Period(2)	Month										
		December(3)	January	February	March	April	May(3)					
		in thousands										
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1963-64 Period												
Total	318.2	87.2	68.1	42.5	44.9	53.4	22.1					
Non-fishing	287.1	68.1	58.7	41.0	44.1	53.1	22.1					
Fishing	31.2	19.1	9.4	1.4	0.8	0.3	-					
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1962-63 Period												
Total	362.9	95.3	79.7	48.0	53.9	56.2	29.9					
Non-fishing	331.4	78.5	68.1	46.1	53.0	55.8	29.9					
Fishing	31.5	16.8	11.6	1.8	0.9	0.4	-					
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Province												
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		Nfld.	P. E. I.	N. S.	N. B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.	
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1963-64 Period												
Total	318.2	27.5	5.5	22.4	25.0	95.1	74.7	13.8	10.1	14.4	29.8	
Non-fishing	287.1	15.6	3.6	16.1	21.0	93.7	74.0	13.2	10.1	14.3	25.5	
Fishing	31.2	11.9	1.9	6.3	4.0	1.4	0.7	0.6	-	0.1	4.2	
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1962-63 Period												
Total	362.9	28.2	6.0	24.3	27.6	108.6	86.4	17.1	12.7	16.8	35.3	
Non-fishing	331.4	17.0	3.9	18.0	23.3	107.2	85.6	16.5	12.7	16.8	30.4	
Fishing	31.5	11.2	2.1	6.3	4.2	1.3	0.8	0.6	-	-	4.9	

(1) The contribution requirement of 15 weeks since the preceding March 31 was proven or a regular benefit period had terminated since the Saturday following the week in which May 15 occurred.

(2) In each of those intervals, approximately 10,000 additional seasonal benefit periods were established on a re-computation. However, in an undetermined number of cases, re-computation would result in con-version of seasonal benefit to regular. Thus net additions to seasonal benefit would be somewhat under 10,000.

(3) Includes cases processed during November but excludes residual cases processed after May 31.

Table III - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, 1963-64 and 1962-63 Periods.

Type of Benefit and Sex	Average for the period	December	January	February	March	April
in thousands						
<u>1963-64 Period</u>						
Total - Claimants	143.9	80.9	138.8	164.0	176.8	159.0
Male	115.2	64.6	111.9	130.8	141.9	126.8
Female	28.7	16.3	26.9	33.3	34.9	32.2
Non-fishing	120.9	62.4	110.6	135.5	151.3	144.6
Male	92.3	46.2	83.8	102.4	116.5	112.4
Female	28.6	16.2	26.8	33.2	34.8	32.2
Fishing	23.0	18.5	28.2	28.5	25.5	14.4
Male	22.9	18.4	28.1	28.4	25.4	14.4
Female	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
<u>1962-63 Period</u>						
Total - Claimants	168.4	95.3	159.3	196.3	203.9	187.1
Male	136.1	76.4	128.8	158.7	166.1	150.3
Female	32.3	19.0	30.4	37.6	37.8	36.7
Non-fishing	144.9	75.9	131.5	166.4	178.7	172.0
Male	112.7	57.0	101.2	128.9	141.0	135.3
Female	32.2	18.9	30.3	37.5	37.7	36.7
Fishing	23.5	19.4	27.7	29.9	25.2	15.1
Male	23.4	19.3	27.6	29.8	25.1	15.0
Female	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1

Table IV - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province, 1963-64 and 1962-63 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
in thousands											
<u>1963-64 Period</u>											
Average for the Period	143.9	16.6	3.2	12.5	13.1	39.4	29.3	6.0	4.2	6.2	13.3
December 31, 1963	80.9	11.8	2.4	6.7	7.0	18.5	16.7	3.0	2.2	3.1	9.5
January 31, 1964	138.8	18.5	3.7	13.2	12.7	34.6	27.4	5.4	4.3	5.4	13.5
February 28, 1964	164.0	19.3	3.7	14.4	15.7	44.0	34.1	6.3	4.5	6.6	15.6
March 31, 1964	176.8	18.5	3.6	14.9	16.1	51.0	35.9	7.8	5.3	8.3	15.4
April 30, 1964	159.0	14.9	2.7	13.0	14.3	49.1	32.5	7.7	4.8	7.4	12.6
<u>1962-63 Period</u>											
Average for the Period	168.4	16.7	3.4	12.9	14.1	49.0	36.2	7.7	5.2	6.8	16.5
December 31, 1962	95.3	12.0	2.2	6.7	8.0	25.1	19.9	4.5	2.5	3.0	11.4
January 31, 1963	159.3	16.6	3.8	13.3	13.6	45.3	32.7	6.7	4.3	6.2	16.7
February 28, 1963	196.3	20.4	4.3	15.4	16.2	56.5	41.5	8.7	6.0	7.9	19.4
March 29, 1963	203.9	18.7	3.9	15.6	17.1	60.4	45.4	8.9	6.9	8.0	19.1
April 30, 1963	187.1	15.5	2.7	13.4	15.4	57.9	41.7	9.6	6.1	8.9	15.8

Table V - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants as a Percentage of Total Claimants, by Province 1963-64 and 1962-63 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	per cent										
<u>1963-64 Period</u>											
December 31, 1963	25.4	51.3	51.6	35.3	39.5	22.4	18.9	24.5	23.3	19.7	24.4
January 31, 1964	15.2	41.5	43.0	23.3	26.0	11.1	10.9	14.0	13.5	11.1	16.6
February 28, 1964	23.2	51.4	51.3	35.3	37.5	19.2	16.5	21.0	21.5	16.9	22.3
March 31, 1964	27.0	52.1	51.4	38.4	42.3	23.6	20.6	23.5	21.9	20.1	27.8
April 30, 1964	29.6	55.9	54.7	37.0	44.0	27.2	22.3	30.5	26.8	24.9	28.8
	31.9	54.7	58.0	40.5	44.5	30.9	25.0	32.5	34.2	24.9	27.7
<u>1962-63 Period</u>											
December 31, 1962	25.8	46.9	49.9	34.6	38.6	24.4	19.9	23.9	22.9	19.5	25.5
January 31, 1963	16.1	36.5	36.0	21.7	25.9	14.0	11.9	15.5	12.6	10.2	17.1
February 28, 1963	22.7	42.2	49.3	33.4	36.0	21.7	16.5	18.5	16.8	16.2	23.3
March 29, 1963	27.2	51.1	53.5	37.7	40.9	25.5	20.6	24.4	23.0	20.2	28.3
April 30, 1963	29.8	52.3	54.7	39.0	44.0	28.0	23.4	27.6	28.9	22.5	30.7
	33.1	52.5	55.4	39.0	43.9	32.1	27.8	35.0	35.2	27.9	29.1

Table VI - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants, Non-fishing and Fishing, Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province, 1963-64 Period.

Type of Seasonal Benefit Claimant and Month	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
in thousands											
1963-64 period (average):											
Non-fishing	120.9	7.2	1.8	7.8	10.0	38.5	28.8	5.8	4.2	6.1	10.6
Fishing	23.0	9.4	1.5	4.7	3.1	0.9	0.5	0.3	-	-	2.7
December:											
Non-fishing	62.4	3.7	1.1	4.2	4.7	17.7	16.2	2.9	2.2	3.1	6.5
Fishing	18.5	8.1	1.3	2.5	2.2	0.8	0.4	0.1	-	-	3.1
January:											
Non-fishing	110.6	7.1	1.9	7.2	8.8	33.5	26.8	5.3	4.3	5.4	10.3
Fishing	28.2	11.3	1.8	6.0	3.9	1.1	0.7	0.1	-	-	3.3
February:											
Non-fishing	135.5	7.8	1.9	8.6	11.6	42.8	33.4	6.1	4.4	6.6	12.3
Fishing	28.5	11.5	1.7	5.9	4.1	1.1	0.7	0.2	-	-	3.3
March:											
Non-fishing	151.3	8.2	2.0	9.6	12.6	50.0	35.4	7.3	5.3	8.3	12.7
Fishing	25.5	10.3	1.6	5.3	3.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	-	-	2.7
April:											
Non-fishing	144.6	9.4	1.9	9.3	12.4	48.5	32.3	7.3	4.8	7.3	11.4
Fishing	14.4	5.5	0.8	3.7	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.4	-	-	1.3

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.