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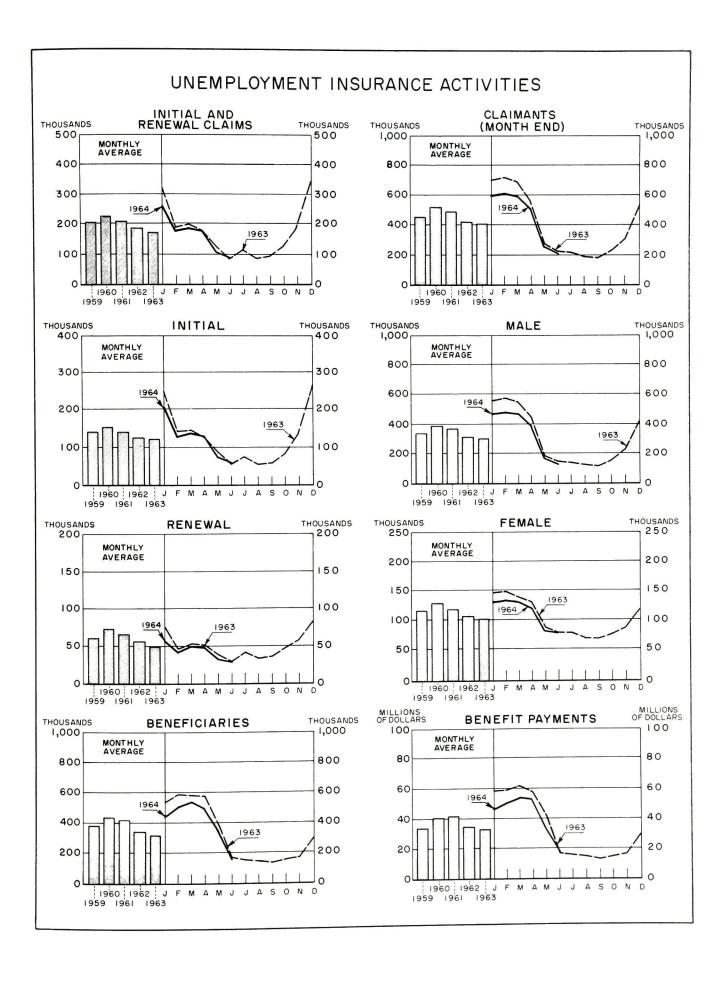


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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1963 and 1962 are included in the January 1964 issue in this series.

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.



## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

JUNE 1964

## Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 201,919 on June 30, approximately 50,000 fewer than on May 29 and 18,000 below the total of 220,260 on June 28, 1963. The bulk of the decline occurred among men.

Males accounted for less than two-thirds of the June 30 total, substantially less than during the winter months when, from December to March, they made up 78 per cent of the total. This reflects the increased seasonal activity in industries employing mostly males.

In the table which follows, it will be seen that, despite the sharp variation in the proportion of new claimants (1 - 4 weeks on claim) who are male, as of December 31 and June 30, the sex composition of the long-term claimant group (27 weeks or more) shows little change. The heavy impact of winter unemployment is not reflected in this category, as the men affected by climatic conditions have resumed work prior to May and hence are unemployed less than 26 weeks. The fact that seasonal benefit is not paid after mid-May could also be a contributing factor.

#### Males as a per cent of Month-end Claimants

Number of weeks on Claim

	<u>Total</u>	1-4	<u>5-13</u>	14-26	27 or more
Dec. 31, 1963	78	83	74	57	60
Jan. 31, 1964	78	79	82	62	57
Feb. 28, 1964	78	79	82	68	57
Mar. 31, 1964	78	80	79	79	59
April 30, 1964	77	79	78	77	60
May 29, 1964	69	71	72	67	56
June 30, 1964	63	66	66	58	56

#### Initial and renewal claims

A total of 86,827 initial and renewal claims were filed during June, in comparison with 105,182 during May and 82,802 during June 1963. About 90 per cent of the June claims were from persons separated from employment during the month, whereas only three-quarters of the May claims are thus classified.

#### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 155,500 for June, in comparison with 340,300 for May and 168,800 for June one year ago. Benefit payments amounted to \$16.5 million during June, \$33.1 million during May, and \$16.0 million during June 1963. The sharp May-to-June decline in beneficiaries and payments is associated with the termination of benefit to claimants under the seasonal benefit provisions.

#### Provincial data

All provinces shared in the May-to-June decline in the number of claimants reporting at the month-end, the percentage decreases in the Atlantic and Prairie Provinces being considerably greater than those in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The declines were also substantially greater for males. In comparison with one year ago, Newfoundland and British Columbia reported higher claimant totals this year, in contrast with lower totals elsewhere; females in Newfoundland and males in British Columbia accounted for the increases.

## Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	Ju	May 29 to ine 30, 19			28, 1963 ine 30, 19		Jı	May 31 to	
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 19	- 26	- 5	- 8	- 10	- 4	- 19	- 24	- 8
Nfld. P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C.	- 24 - 24 - 31 - 30 - 19 - 10 - 32 - 34 - 38 - 12	- 27 - 27 - 36 - 37 - 26 - 15 - 41 - 47 - 47	- 7 - 18 - 14 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 16 - 11 - 12	+ 5 - 14 - 16 - 11 - 6 - 10 - 28 - 21 - 12	- 5 - 20 - 14 - 8 - 15 - 35 - 25 - 17	+ 29 - 27 - 4 - 2 - 3 5 - 16 - 16 - 1	27 - 27 - 21 31 - 19 - 13 - 16 - 26 30	- 30 - 34 23 - 36 - 24 - 18 - 18 - 36 32	+ 1 - 13 - 13 - 14 - 7 - 4 - 11 - 10 - 24

The volume of claims filed was substantially lower in June, except in Ontario where an increase occurred. The relatively heavier decline in the initial claims is associated with the termination of seasonal benefit in May. Renewal claims in June were either lower or virtually unchanged from May in all provinces except Ontario where they were 10 per cent higher. In the main, this increase is associated with lay-offs in the parts and accessories segment of the automotive industry in preparation for model changes. Claims were higher than last year in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, but lower elsewhere.

#### Percentage changes in claims filed, by province

		May to June 196	4		une 1963 t June 1964	0		May to June 1963	3
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 17	- 20	- 10	+ 5	+ 9	- 2	- 33	37	- 22
	.,	20							
Nfld.	- 48	- 51	- 24	- 19	- 11	- 42	45	- 53	+ 6
P.E.I.	- 34	- 42	+ 2	- 4	+ 3	17	43	55	+ 23
N.S.	- 33	- 30	- 40	- 8	- 14	+ 7	25	- 28	- 15
N.B.	- 35	- 44	+ 2	+ 6	+ 8	+ 1	- 54	61	25
Que.	- 22	- 22	- 21	+ 8	+ 11	+ 1	- 33	38	22
Ont.	+ 2	- 2	+ 10	+ 4	+ 9	4	- 27	29	21
Man.	- 34	- 39	- 15	- 9	- 8	- 12	- 41	45	29
Sask.	- 39	- 41	- 27	- 14	- 7	- 32	- 47	- 53	- 24
Alta.	- 35	- 40	- 22	- 9	- 4	- 19	- 40	- 43	- 32
B.C.	- 35 - 15	- 18	9	+ 22	+ 29	+ 9	- 31	- 36	20

<sup>..</sup> Figures not available.

<sup>-</sup> Nil.

Summary table

				% Chang	ge from		Cumulati	ve data	
Activity	June 1964	May 1964	June 1963	May 1964	June 1963	January	to June	12 momending	
				1904	1903	1964	1963	1964	1963
	(	Thousands	)			(Thous	ands)	(Thous	ands)
Insured population as at month-end		4 <b>,</b> 152	4,077				4 <b>,</b> 167*		4,113*
Initial and renewal claims filed	87	105	83	- 17	+ 5	980	1,085	1,933	2,112
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	202	250	220	- 19	- 8	<b>4</b> 59*	528*	367*	415*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	156	340	169	- 54	- 8	410*	476*	291*	331*
Weeks compensated	684	1,361	675	- 50	+ 1	10,194	11,916	14,401	16,514
Benefit paid \$	16,538	33,117	15,987	- 50	+ 3	252,327	293,305	353,186	402,133

Average weekly benefit

\$ 24.17 24.33 23.68 - 1 + 2 24.75

24.61 24.53 24.35

<sup>\*</sup> Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1964 - May April March February January	4,152,000 4,280,000 4,348,000 4,339,000 4,334,000	3,901,900 3,782,300 3,750,700 3,731,900 3,735,400	250,100 497,700 597,300 607,100 598,600
1963 - December November October September August July June May	4,326,000 4,192,000 4,125,000 4,122,000 4,132,000 4,086,000 4,077,000 4,113,370	3,793,700 3,888,600 3,906,100 3,935,700 3,939,500 3,867,000 3,856,700 3,728,780	532,300 303,400 218,900 186,300 192,500 219,000 220,300 384,590(2)

<sup>(1)</sup> May 1963 to April 1964 revised on the basis of book renewal at June 1, 1963.

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

			1964 <b>-</b> Ju	ne - 1963		
Province	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	86,827	58,236	28,591	82,802	53,618	29,184
Nfld. P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C.	1,625 291 3,248 2,767 29,205 30,966 2,539 1,107 3,578 11,501	1,319 203 2,306 1,912 19,214 20,383 1,824 857 2,529 7,689	306 88 942 855 9,991 10,583 715 250 1,049 3,812	2,008 304 3,544 2,607 27,136 29,729 2,804 1,290 3,925 9,455	1,480 198 2,666 1,764 17,283 18,721 1,993 923 2,631 5,959	528 106 878 843 9,853 11,008 811 367 1,294 3,496

<sup>(1)</sup> In addition, revised claims received numbered 29,367.

<sup>(2)</sup> The number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal. For other months, the claimants are as shown in Table 3.

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	Total		Number of wo	eeks on claim per cent samp	100 (21	Total
and Sex	claimants	1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more(1)	claimants
		Ju	une 30, 1964			<u>June 28, 1963</u>
CANADA -	201,919	77,499	58,602	42,361	23,457	220,260
MALE	127,241	51,096	38,363	24,732	13,050	142,117
FEMALE	74,678	26,403	20,239	17,629	10,407	78,143
Nfld.	6,528	1,859	1,910	1,938	821	6,235
Male	5,342	1,576	1,607	1,580	579	5,319
Female	1,186	283	303	358	242	916
P.E.I.	694	288	183	134	89	805
Male	466	199	116	90	61	491
Female	228	89	67	44	28	314
N.S.	9,467	3,128	3,108	1,978	1,253	11,307
Male	6,837	2,238	2,421	1,305	873	8,578
Female	2,630	890	687	673	380	2,729
N.B.	8,303	2,769	3,088	1,683	763	9,295
Male	5,834	1,900	2,356	1,129	449	6,786
Female	2,469	869	732	554	314	2,509
Que.	65,459	24,554	20,752	12,915	7,238	69,712
Male	43,605	16,920	14,320	8,425	3,940	47,239
Female	21,854	7,634	6,432	4,490	3,298	22,473
Ont.	63,598	26,600	16,126	12,832	8,040	71,046
Male	35,038	15,384	8,842	6,491	4,321	41,055
Female	28,560	11,216	7,284	6,341	3,719	29,991
Man.	7,726	2,626	2,157	2,072	871	10,803
Male	4,547	1,538	1,411	1,116	482	7,002
Female	3,179	1,088	746	956	389	3,801
Sask.	3,586	925	962	1,024	675	4,535
Male	1,850	510	542	495	303	2,457
Female	1,736	415	420	529	372	2,078
Alta.	10,691	3,238	3,497	2,773	1,183	12,089
Male	6,807	2,069	2,348	1,707	683	8,162
Female	3,884	1,169	1,149	1,066	500	3,927
B.C.	25,867	11,512	6,819	5,012	2,524	24,433
Male	16,915	8,762	4,400	2,394	1,359	15,028
Female	8,952	2,750	2,419	2,618	1,165	9,405

(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)

		Adj	udica	ted		Pen	d <b>i</b> n g
Province	Total		led to	1	itled to	Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		
			June	1964			
			30	1701			
Canada -	84,723	32,856	22,584	25,073	4,210	24,493	10,342
Nfld.	2,123	936	262	869	56	417	93
P.E.I.	274	105	77	79	13	93	33
N.S.	3,270	1,458	784	874	154	853	343
N.B.	2,811	1,274	585	822	130	812	407
Que.	28,496	10,912	8,119	8,190	1,275	8,820	3,781
Ont.	27,475	10,380	8,197	7,558	1,340	9,393 565	3,765 245
Man.	2,708	1,247 5 <b>1</b> 4	576 <b>191</b>	768 4 <b>1</b> 7	117 47	243	85
Sask. Alta.	1,169 3,815	1,628	814	1,174	199	902	417
B.C.	12,582	4,402	2,979	4,322	879	2,395	1,173
			June	1963			
Canada -	84,302	31,800	24,801	23,409	4,292	20,508	9,581
Nfld.	1 050	670	250	822	217	772	188
P.E.I.	1,959 273	109	83	72	9	79	34
N.S.	3,028	1,371	686	852	119	1,158	267
N.B.	2,875	1,225	756	79 <b>1</b>	103	546	221
Que.	28,015	10,664	8,650	7,370	1,331	7,178	3,325
Ont.	29,850	10,976	9,182	8,066	1,626	6,879	3,640
Man.	2,948	1,193	773	856 434	126	721	269 130
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Sask.

Alta.

B.C.

1,353

4,016

9,985

1,623

3,416

553

<sup>(1)</sup> In addition 29,780 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,814 were special requests not granted and 1,756 were appeals by claimants. There were 6,963 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

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

Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement	Year	Canada	Nf 1d.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Benefit period not established	1964(1) 1963	14,020 13,699	616 513	39 31	667 767	535 516	5,157	4,230	426	216 225	610 664	1,697
Claimants disqualified	1964 1963	27,054 27,841	1,073	109	1,042	827 842	8,456 9,036	7,998	1,006	551 576	1,416	4,576 3,129
Not unemployed	1964 1963	626 720	66 204	98	91 68	87 87	170 132	127 145	20 19	11 22	35 19	52 55
Not capable of and not available for work	1964 1963	7,446	117	26 21	241 298	196 217	2,370	2,629 3,496	419 586	256 262	492 565	700
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1964 1963	2,314	480			18	40 97	85	1	1 10	- 5	1,686
Refused offer of work and neglected opportu- nity to work	1964 1963	1,970	17	10	81 69	59	797 625	639	79 79	70 52	79	154
Discharged for misconduct	1964 1963	1,194	26 32	11 2	42 38	34 53	471	362 457	24 07	18 20	43	147
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1964 1963	6,384 6,362	104 145	19 24	228 186	188 136	1,975	2,138 2,388	199 248	94 108	401 371	1,038
Other reasons	1964 1963	7,120 8,341	263 263	37 31	358 337	284 323	2,633 3,306	2,018 2,697	262 160	102	364 264	799 851
(1) Previously failed on initial during June 1964		claim but 2,394	subsequently 121	l .	established on revised claim 9 93 104 873	n revised 104	claim 873	629	51	23	95	366

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

Province	Average	per week				
	1964 <b>-</b> Ju	1964 - June - 1963				
	(in the	ousands)				
Canada -	155.5	168.8				
Newfoundland	5.3	5.1				
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.7				
Nova Scotia	7.6	8.8				
New Brunswick	6.5	7.7				
Quebec	51.8	54.3				
Ontario	47.6	53.4				
Manitoba	6.3	7.7				
Saskatchewan	3.3	3.9				
Alberta	8.7	9.5				
British Columbia	17.7	17.7				

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province		1964 <b>-</b> Ju	1964 - June - 1963					
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)				
Canada -	684,182	16,537,735	675,263	15,986,894				
Nfld. P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C.	23,400 2,699 33,606 28,720 227,993 209,393 27,703 14,342 38,230 78,096	610,952 56,176 741,896 659,116 5,569,379 4,974,001 636,928 331,064 962,747 1,995,476	20,527 2,772 35,135 30,902 217,013 213,626 30,855 15,702 37,968 70,763	472,494 55,286 775,591 699,580 5,254,471 5,000,344 718,058 357,779 939,939 1,713,352				

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings

## June 1964

Canada -	625,620	58,562	42,566
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	22,575	825	249
	2,411	288	233
	28,996	4,610	3,786
	25,390	3,330	2,686
	209,338	18,655	13,588
	193,173	16,220	12,559
	24,860	2,843	2,390
	13,009	1,333	1,044
	35,046	3,184	2,558
	70,822	7,274	3,473

# June 1963

Canada -	608,971	66,292	49,798
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	18,133	2,394	2,086
	2,499	273	217
	30,010	5,125	4,280
	26,957	3,945	3,064
	197,582	19,431	13,369
	194,334	19,292	14,274
	27,717	3,138	2,509
	14,145	1,557	1,185
	34,112	3,856	2,917
	63,482	7,281	5,897

#### 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.