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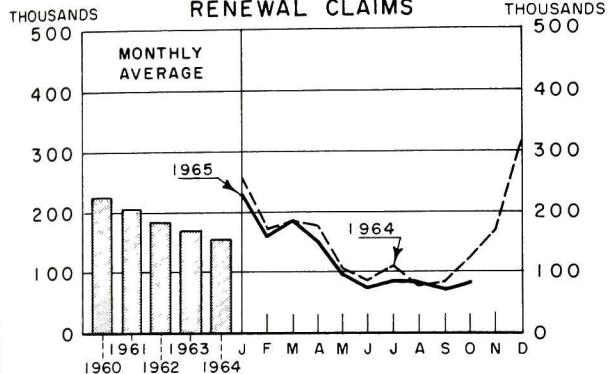
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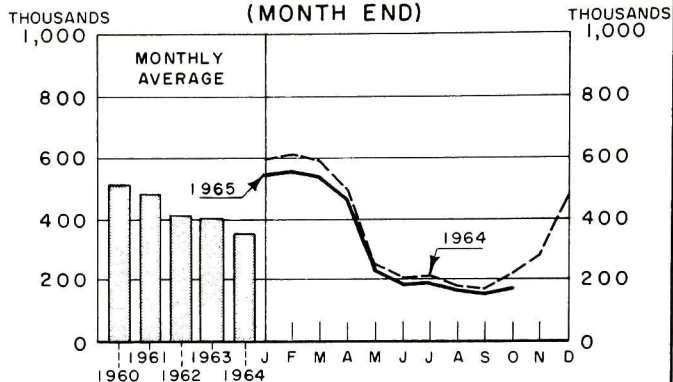
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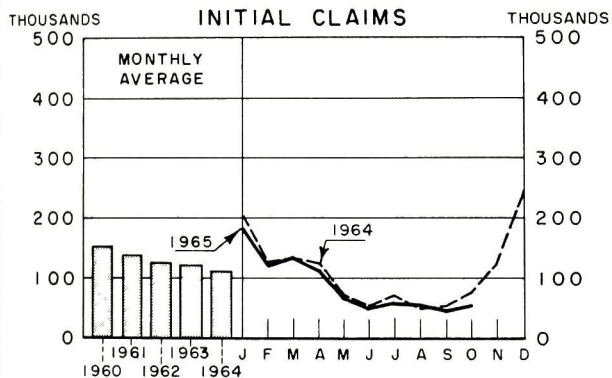
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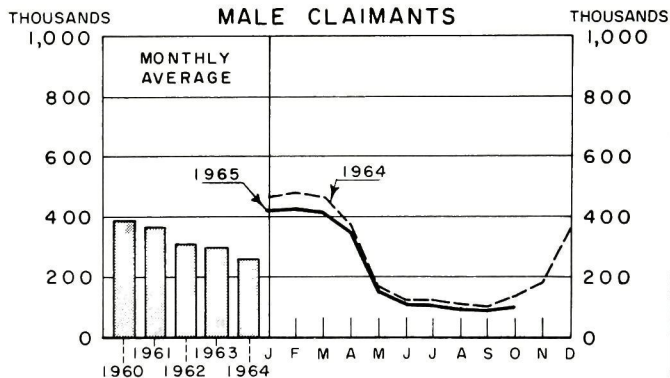
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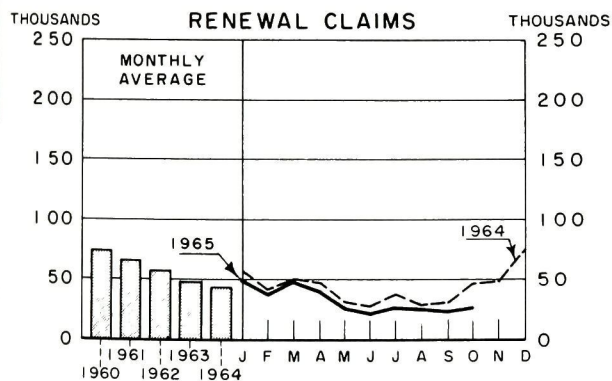
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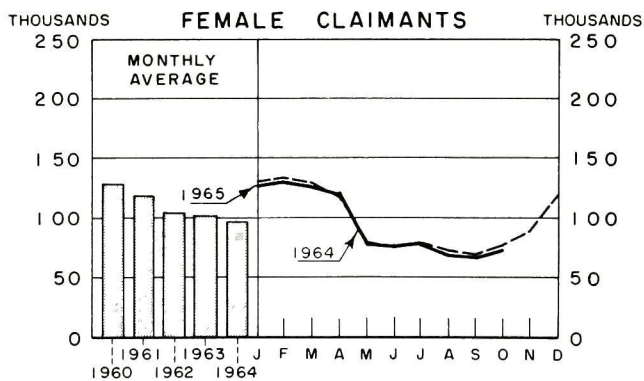
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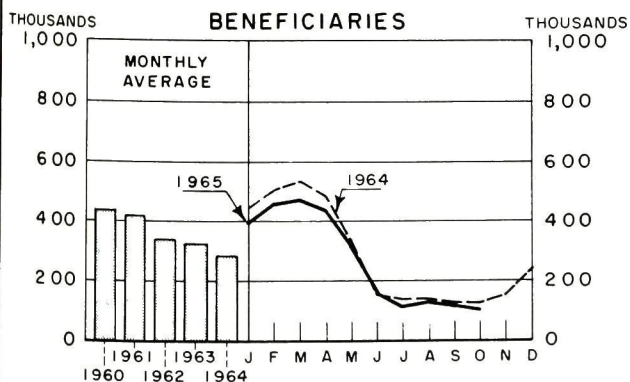
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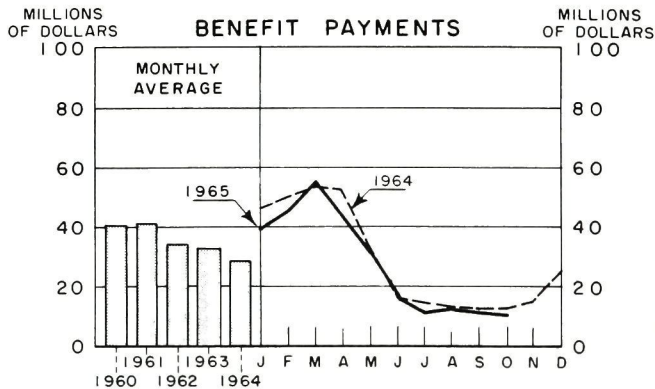
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## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

OCTOBER 1965

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

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 170,400 on October 29, 44,000 or 20 per cent fewer than on the same date in 1964. On September 30 the count was 157,300. Ninety per cent of the year-over-year decline occurred among males, whereas the September-to-October increase was shared almost equally by males and females.

Males numbered 98,400 and accounted for 58 per cent of the total claimants reporting on October 29. One year ago, males numbered 138,800 and comprised 65 per cent of the total. This sharp decline in the representation of males, from one year ago, is evident both in the group recently coming on claim as well as others, as the following table will illustrate:

### Per cent distribution of claimants

	<u>October 29, 1965</u>			<u>September 30, 1965</u>			<u>October 30, 1964</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total claimants	100	58	42	100	58	42	100	65	35
1-4 weeks on claim	100	64	36	100	64	36	100	72	28
5 weeks or more on claim	100	51	49	100	53	47	100	56	44

The decline in the proportion of male claimants from one year ago represents continuation of a trend in evidence since 1961 when, on October 31, male claimants numbered 185,500, comprising 69 per cent of all claimants. This trend is associated with recent developments which have created a tight labour market for certain occupational skills.

### Initial and renewal claims

A total of 83,100 claims were filed for unemployment insurance benefit during October, approximately 12,000 or 15 per cent above the September total of 71,800 but almost 40,000 or 30 per cent below that for October 1964. Lower totals for October from one year ago reflect the improved levels of employment prevailing during 1965.

### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 107,800 for October 1965, 116,300 for September 1965 and 127,300 for October 1964. Benefit payments amounted to \$10 million in October 1965, as against \$11.5 million in September 1965 and \$12.8 million in October 1964. The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.70 for October 1965, \$23.55 for September 1965 and \$24.03 for October 1964. Lower average weekly payments from one year ago are undoubtedly associated with lower proportions of male claimants.

### Provincial data

All provinces shared in the September 30 to October 29 increase in claimants reporting except Nova Scotia and Ontario where there were declines. The number of claimants in each province was substantially lower than last year in all provinces, the largest percentage decreases occurring in Ontario (29 per cent), Alberta (28 per cent) and Newfoundland (25 per cent).



Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	<u>September 30 to October 29, 1965</u>			<u>October 30, 1964 to October 29, 1965</u>			<u>September 30 to October 30, 1964</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8	- 21	29	5	+ 24	+ 32	+ 10
Nfld.	+ 28	+ 41	+ 2	25	- 30	8	+ 36	+ 43	+ 15
P.E.I.	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8	- 2	20	+ 29	+ 10	+ 7	+ 15
N.S.	- 12	19	+ 9	- 14	19	-	+ 12	+ 12	+ 11
N.B.	+ 21	+ 15	+ 31	12	- 15	7	+ 17	+ 19	+ 13
Que.	+ 18	+ 21	+ 13	- 14	- 19	5	+ 18	+ 23	+ 9
Ont.	- 3	8	+ 3	29	44	- 4	+ 35	+ 55	+ 10
Man.	+ 6	+ 12	-	22	30	10	+ 16	+ 25	+ 5
Sask.	+ 11	+ 21	+ 5	- 18	- 36	+ 1	+ 20	+ 40	+ 4
Alta.	+ 5		+ 9	28	42	10	+ 1		+ 3
B.C.	+ 21	+ 29	+ 11	11	16	- 4	+ 26	+ 33	+ 16

The number and proportion of males on October 29 were lower than for one year ago in all provinces. The following figures indicate that lower proportions of male claimants obtained both for new claimants (i.e., those 1-4 weeks on claim) and others:

	<u>October 29, 1965</u>			<u>October 30, 1964</u>		
	All claimants	1-4 weeks on claim	5 weeks or more	All claimants	1-4 weeks on claim	5 weeks or more
	Per cent male					
Canada	58	64	51	65	72	56
Nfld.	74	82	64	79	86	73
P.E.I.	51	55	47	62	74	53
N.S.	69	73	66	73	77	70
N.B.	64	64	63	66	69	62
Que.	64	72	54	68	75	59
Ont.	50	55	45	63	72	51
Man.	53	56	51	59	66	55
Sask.	42	44	39	53	62	44
Alta.	46	48	44	57	61	52
B.C.	59	67	50	62	70	53

Claim volumes were generally higher during October reflecting the seasonal rise usually in evidence for this month. Exceptions were Nova Scotia\* where they were down by a third and Alberta where there was virtually no change. Comparison of columns (1) and (7) in the following table illustrates substantial variations in the rate of increase from September to October this year compared with one year ago. Claims increased at a higher rate this year in the Atlantic provinces (excluding Nova Scotia) but elsewhere the reverse was true.

Declines from October 1964 were relatively larger for Ontario and all provinces to the west than for the Atlantic provinces and Quebec.

\* The August and September issues in this series contain references to circumstances surrounding higher claim volumes in Nova Scotia.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	<u>September to October 1965</u>			<u>October 1964 to October 1965</u>			<u>September to October 1964</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 16	+ 17	+ 12	- 31	- 25	42	+ 41	+ 35	+ 51
Nfld.	+ 74	+ 69	+ 89	7	- 7	7	+ 37	+ 47	+ 16
P.E.I.	+ 31	+ 47	3	- 18	7	42	+ 20	+ 15	+ 33
N.S.	31	- 1	59	- 18	- 11	- 30	+ 19	+ 14	+ 28
N.B.	+ 39	+ 33	+ 52	17	- 17	- 17	+ 25	+ 30	+ 16
Que.	+ 27	26	+ 29	- 18	16	21	+ 28	+ 29	+ 28
Ont.	+ 8	+ 8	+ 7	- 49	- 37	- 66	+ 68	+ 49	+ 103
Man.	+ 17	+ 14	+ 25	- 37	33	47	+ 45	+ 37	+ 68
Sask.	+ 16	+ 14	+ 22	- 37	37	40	+ 44	+ 42	+ 52
Alta.	- 1	+ 4	- 15	- 38	35	- 48	+ 4	+ 9	- 6
B.C.	+ 22	+ 19	+ 28	12	- 11	- 14	+ 29	+ 35	+ 20

Industrial Classification of Persons Separated from Employment and Filing Initial(1)  
Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefit during September 1965

Initial claims filed by persons separated from employment during September numbered approximately 31,000, a decline of about 15 per cent from the same period last year. Reductions in new cases were fairly widespread throughout the provinces; however, Ontario and Quebec, comprising about two-thirds of the total, accounted for roughly 80 per cent of the decline in new cases recorded.

At the national level, employees from the manufacturing industry formed almost one-third of all cases, while the trade and service industries each accounted for 17 per cent. The bulk of the remainder was concentrated in construction.

In Nova Scotia, although the total number of new cases remained unchanged from September 1964, there was a notable shift between the manufacturing and mining industries. Claims from manufacturing showed a sharp decline whereas the reverse occurred in mining. Increases in claims from the mining industry are associated with reduced employment, partly as a result of an industrial dispute.

(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.

Table 1. Percentage distribution of claims(1) by Industry and Province  
September 1965 and 1964

<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)	1965	30.8	0.6	(2)	1.7	1.1	10.4	9.8	0.9	0.5	1.4	4.3
	1964	36.0	0.7	(2)	1.7	1.2	12.6	11.7	1.1	0.7	1.9	4.3
Per cent distribution												
Forestry (mainly logging)	1965	3	2		2	15	5	1	1		1	2
	1964	2	9		2	11	2	1	1	(3)	1	4
Fishing(4) and trapping	1965	1	2		7	1	(3)	-	(3)		(3)	1
	1964	(3)	1		3	(3)	-	-	(3)	-	(3)	2
Mining	1965	3	7		28	2	1	1	3	2	7	2
	1964	2	4		2	2	2	2	1	2	7	1
Manufacturing	1965	31	19		14	22	31	42	31	16	17	22
	1964	35	20		41	38	34	44	28	12	21	28
Construction	1965	13	16		8	14	19	9	5	8	11	10
	1964	13	16		12	8	16	11	11	14	9	10
Transportation, communication and other utilities	1965	7	17		12	13	6	4	9	9	6	8
	1964	6	11		12	8	5	4	5	6	9	12
Trade	1965	17	22		13	15	15	18	21	24	22	14
	1964	17	21		12	15	18	15	22	26	20	15
Service	1965	17	8		8	12	13	16	20	24	23	32
	1964	16	9		8	10	15	15	19	24	23	20
Public administration and defence	1965	5	6		4	4	5	4	5	9	8	5
	1964	4	7		4	4	4	3	8	9	6	5
Other	1965	5	2		3	4	5	5	6	9	6	5
	1964	4	2		5	3	4	4	6	7	5	5
All cases	1965	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1964	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 500.

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

(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.

Table 2. Percentage distribution of claims, by industry, quarterly intervals

	1965			1964	
	September	June	March	December	September
Total new cases (000's)	30.8	32.8	72.4	166.7	36.0
Per cent distribution					
Forestry (mainly logging)	3	1	17	7	2
Fishing and trapping	1	(1)	1	5	(1)
Mining	3	1	1	1	2
Manufacturing	31	38	26	27	35
Construction	13	13	19	26	13
Transportation, communication and other utilities	7	6	6	10	6
Trade	17	17	11	10	17
Service	17	17	10	7	16
Public administration and defence	5	4	7	6	4
Other	5	4	2	2	4
All cases	100	100	100	100	100

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

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.



Summary Table

Activity	Oct. 1965	Sept. 1965	Oct. 1964	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Sept. 1965	Oct. 1964	January to October		12 months ending October	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end .....	..	4,531	4,432	..	..	..	4,358*	..	4,342*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total .....	83	72	121	+ 16	- 31	1,214	1,375	1,700	1,909
Initial .....	57	48	75	+ 17	- 25	893	974	1,254	1,369
Renewal .....	26	24	46	+ 12	- 42	322	400	446	541
Claimants currently reporting to local offices .....	170	157	215	+ 8	- 21	320*	353*	330*	364*
Beneficiaries (weekly average) .....	108	116	127	- 7	- 15	271*	299*	258*	287*
Weeks compensated .....	431	488	534	- 12	- 19	11,321	12,420	12,918	14,240
Benefit paid ..... \$	10,223	11,501	12,841	11	20	278,311	305,245	317,456	350,073

Average weekly  
benefit ..... \$ 23.70 23.55 24.03 + 1 - 1 24.58 24.58 24.57 24.58

\* Monthly average.

TABLE 1. Estimates of the Insured Population under the Unemployment Insurance Act

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1965 - September .....	4,531,000	4,373,700	157,300
August .....	4,696,000	4,523,500	172,500
July .....	4,650,000	4,465,600	184,400
June .....	4,601,000	4,420,300	180,700
May .....	4,514,000	4,284,500	229,500
April .....	4,594,000	4,131,100	462,900
March .....	4,626,000	4,087,000	539,000
February .....	4,605,000	4,045,800	559,200
January .....	4,592,000	4,044,200	547,800
1964 - December .....	4,582,000	4,103,800	478,200
November .....	4,491,000	4,216,500	274,500
October .....	4,432,000	4,217,500	214,500
September .....	4,437,000	4,263,400	173,600

TABLE 2. Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed in Local Offices in Each Province(1)

Province	1965 - October - 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA .....	83,126	56,692	26,434	120,886	75,121	45,765
Newfoundland .....	2,375	1,713	662	2,560	1,851	709
Prince Edward Island .....	260	198	62	318	212	106
Nova Scotia .....	3,571	2,461	1,110	4,363	2,767	1,596
New Brunswick .....	3,369	2,236	1,133	4,057	2,698	1,359
Quebec .....	30,415	19,398	11,017	37,008	23,028	13,980
Ontario .....	24,599	17,641	6,958	48,316	27,880	20,436
Manitoba .....	2,300	1,692	608	3,667	2,528	1,139
Saskatchewan .....	1,381	1,055	326	2,208	1,664	544
Alberta .....	3,148	2,376	772	5,112	3,628	1,484
British Columbia .....	11,708	7,922	3,786	13,277	8,865	4,412

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 24,983.

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)	
	October 29, 1965					October 30, 1964
CANADA .....	170,408	85,644	39,290	26,967	18,507	214,544
Male .....	98,384	55,146	21,101	12,525	9,612	138,803
Female .....	72,024	30,498	18,189	14,442	8,895	75,741
Newfoundland .....	4,533	2,544	954	645	390	6,074
Male .....	3,366	2,094	663	379	230	4,812
Female .....	1,167	450	291	266	160	1,262
Prince Edward Island .....	627	322	170	77	58	637
Male .....	318	176	73	35	34	397
Female .....	309	146	97	42	24	240
Nova Scotia .....	8,475	3,741	1,878	1,724	1,132	9,858
Male .....	5,841	2,729	1,216	1,173	723	7,224
Female .....	2,634	1,012	662	551	409	2,634
New Brunswick .....	7,449	3,979	1,493	1,046	931	8,465
Male .....	4,735	2,551	928	633	623	5,549
Female .....	2,714	1,428	565	413	308	2,916
Quebec .....	57,705	31,089	13,161	8,273	5,182	67,335
Male .....	36,963	22,487	7,758	3,898	2,820	45,463
Female .....	20,742	8,602	5,403	4,375	2,362	21,872
Ontario .....	54,441	25,207	12,978	9,580	6,676	77,136
Male .....	27,059	13,780	6,191	3,931	3,157	48,475
Female .....	27,382	11,427	6,787	5,649	3,519	28,661
Manitoba .....	5,813	2,559	1,448	923	883	7,445
Male .....	3,099	1,433	685	467	514	4,414
Female .....	2,714	1,126	763	456	369	3,031
Saskatchewan .....	3,489	1,503	915	679	392	4,280
Male .....	1,450	667	354	261	168	2,260
Female .....	2,039	836	561	418	224	2,020
Alberta .....	7,015	3,329	1,680	1,195	811	9,746
Male .....	3,218	1,612	716	426	464	5,526
Female .....	3,797	1,717	964	769	347	4,220
British Columbia .....	20,861	11,371	4,613	2,825	2,052	23,568
Male .....	12,335	7,617	2,517	1,322	879	14,683
Female .....	8,526	3,754	2,096	1,503	1,173	8,885

(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	Adjudicated					Pending	
	Total	Entitled to benefit		Not entitled to benefit		Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		
	October 1965						
CANADA .....	79,874	29,822	21,621	24,048	4,383	22,079	8,310
Newfoundland .....	2,075	761	502	716	96	687	198
Prince Edward Island .....	244	115	48	74	7	62	22
Nova Scotia .....	4,062	1,799	1,017	1,055	191	753	312
New Brunswick .....	2,950	1,107	899	827	117	919	396
Quebec .....	28,372	10,207	9,016	7,495	1,654	8,130	3,375
Ontario .....	24,788	9,309	5,897	8,177	1,405	6,901	2,200
Manitoba .....	2,094	815	506	697	76	581	169
Saskatchewan .....	1,365	551	253	497	64	313	105
Alberta .....	3,201	1,272	647	1,130	152	838	267
British Columbia .....	10,723	3,886	2,836	3,380	621	2,895	1,266
	October 1964						
CANADA .....	112,226	38,549	37,894	29,831	5,952	29,311	12,272
Newfoundland .....	2,176	808	562	707	99	930	291
Prince Edward Island .....	291	113	82	79	17	93	33
Nova Scotia .....	4,262	1,577	1,375	1,095	215	908	427
New Brunswick .....	3,773	1,446	1,075	1,072	180	1,078	491
Quebec .....	34,513	12,191	11,640	9,000	1,682	9,723	4,455
Ontario .....	45,569	14,389	17,464	11,119	2,597	10,016	3,811
Manitoba .....	2,918	1,196	687	908	127	924	490
Saskatchewan .....	1,933	779	381	703	70	574	197
Alberta .....	4,823	1,813	1,132	1,617	261	1,503	614
British Columbia .....	11,968	4,237	3,496	3,531	704	3,562	1,463

(1) In addition 24,664 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,271 were special requests not granted and 1,324 were appeals by claimants. There were 6,164 revised claims pending at the end of the month.



TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during October 1965 and 1964  
with Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement

Chief reasons for non-entitlement	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Benefit period not established 1965(1) 1964	12,751 16,735	449 451	43 36	608 670	526 735	4,347 5,773	3,876 5,214	320 493	249 371	503 833	1,830 2,159
Claimants disqualified ... 1965 1964	24,789 28,892	591 555	95 121	977 1,014	695 828	7,813 8,347	9,126 11,776	824 905	507 677	1,181 1,635	2,980 3,034
Not unemployed ..... 1965 1964	440 516	17 12	2 2	22 25	22 23	131 139	156 175	22 36	13 36	19 30	36 38
Not capable of and not available for work ..... 1965 1964	8,012 8,206	201 195	32 33	282 257	237 262	2,160 2,350	3,156 3,014	391 381	249 295	466 562	838 857
Loss of work due to a labour dispute ..... 1965 1964	463 108	- -	- -	11 1	8 -	82 32	350 69	- -	3 -	1 -	8 6
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work ..... 1965 1964	1,150 1,397	9 14	25 27	71 51	44 50	317 443	430 538	38 41	31 43	64 89	121 101
Discharged for misconduct .... 1965 1964	1,027 1,280	27 21	3 3	33 46	35 54	458 545	297 395	11 28	9 13	43 54	111 121
Voluntarily left employment without just cause ..... 1965 1964	6,523 7,080	141 135	13 23	289 285	197 211	2,051 2,139	2,129 2,397	175 196	108 141	343 478	1,077 1,075
Other reasons ..... 1965 1964	7,174 10,305	196 178	20 33	269 349	152 228	2,614 2,699	2,608 5,188	187 223	94 149	245 422	789 836
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during October ..... 1965	1,647	65	2	91	103	618	471	38	19	67	173

TABLE 6. Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province

Province	Average per week	
	1965 - October - 1964	
	thousands	
CANADA .....	107.8	127.3
Newfoundland .....	2.8	3.3
Prince Edward Island .....	0.5	0.4
Nova Scotia .....	5.6	6.3
New Brunswick .....	4.0	4.9
Quebec .....	35.6	41.0
Ontario .....	36.2	44.8
Manitoba .....	3.7	4.4
Saskatchewan .....	2.2	2.5
Alberta .....	4.5	6.2
British Columbia .....	12.8	13.5

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1965 - October - 1964			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA .....	431,282	10,223,036	534,485	12,841,420
Newfoundland .....	11,172	245,579	13,752	302,347
Prince Edward Island .....	1,803	37,675	1,676	34,743
Nova Scotia .....	22,486	516,265	26,417	601,656
New Brunswick .....	16,044	358,201	20,608	443,513
Quebec .....	142,252	3,330,058	172,098	4,136,281
Ontario .....	144,970	3,493,038	188,091	4,631,096
Manitoba .....	14,735	350,781	18,481	434,562
Saskatchewan .....	8,821	195,899	10,637	239,766
Alberta .....	17,804	421,453	26,169	637,037
British Columbia .....	51,195	1,274,087	56,556	1,380,419

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	October 1965		
CANADA .....	395,052	36,230	26,929
Newfoundland .....	9,889	1,283	1,002
Prince Edward Island .....	1,648	155	125
Nova Scotia .....	18,934	3,552	2,673
New Brunswick .....	13,811	2,233	1,792
Quebec .....	130,665	11,587	8,144
Ontario .....	134,798	10,172	7,310
Manitoba .....	13,452	1,283	985
Saskatchewan .....	8,174	647	497
Alberta .....	16,320	1,484	1,091
British Columbia .....	47,361	3,834	3,310
	October 1964		
CANADA .....	479,732	54,753	41,699
Newfoundland .....	11,758	1,994	1,638
Prince Edward Island .....	1,521	155	122
Nova Scotia .....	22,653	3,764	3,060
New Brunswick .....	17,815	2,793	2,182
Quebec .....	156,921	15,177	10,705
Ontario .....	166,849	21,242	16,804
Manitoba .....	16,938	1,543	1,179
Saskatchewan .....	9,774	863	633
Alberta .....	24,008	2,161	1,629
British Columbia .....	51,495	5,061	3,747



## 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 total number of payment documents for the month, 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.