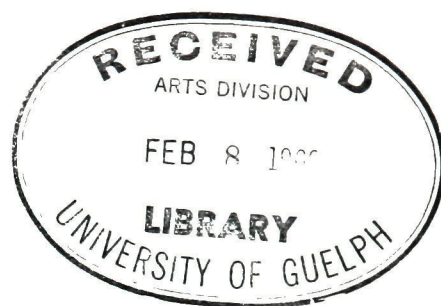


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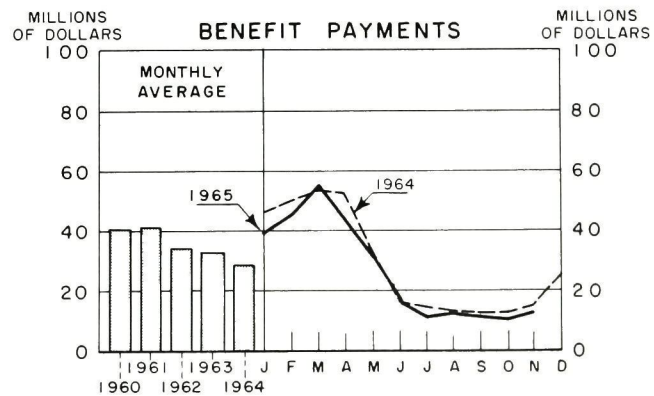
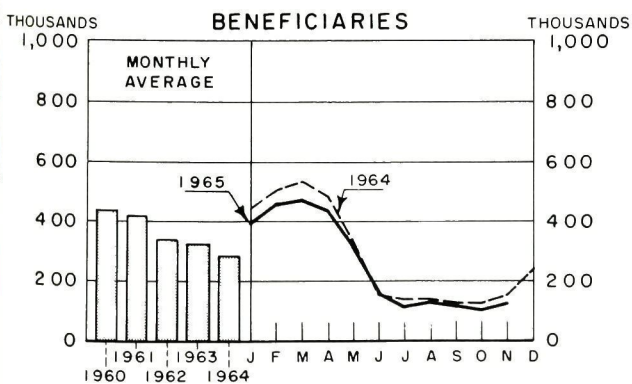
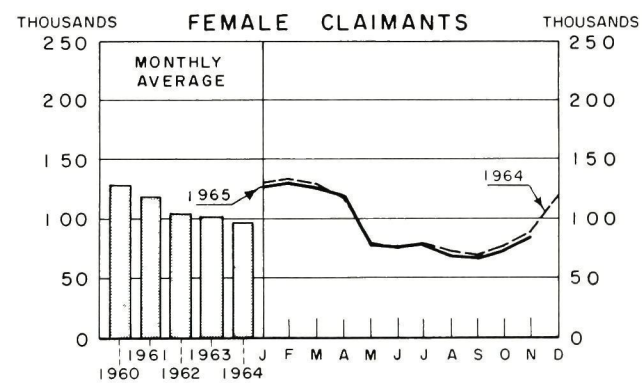
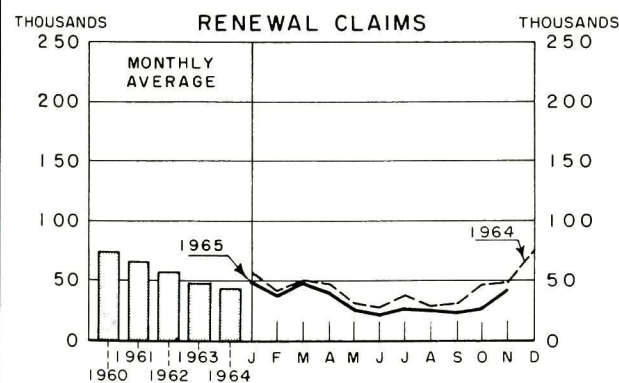
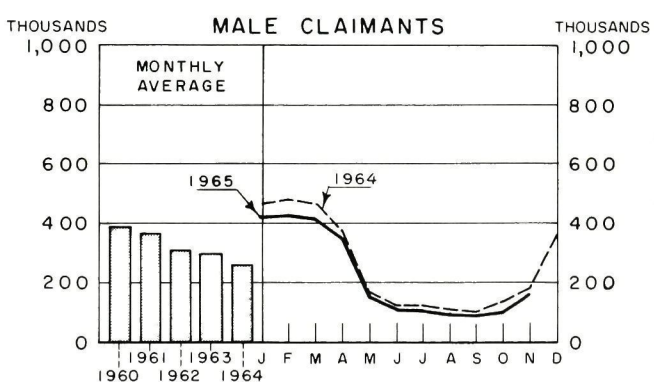
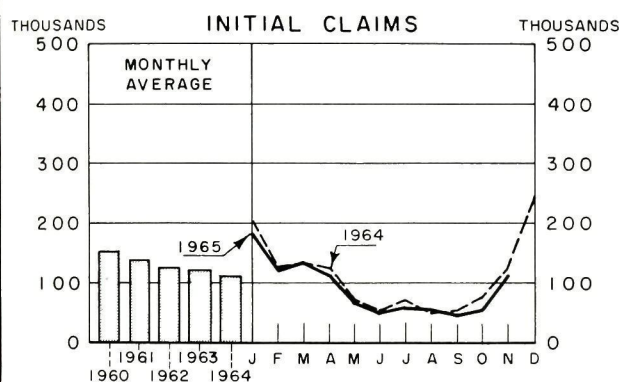
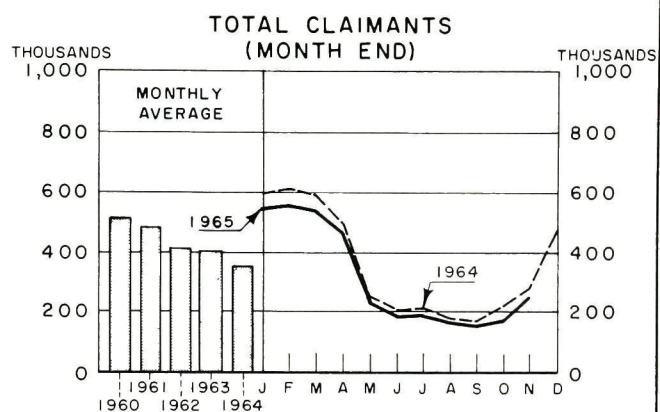
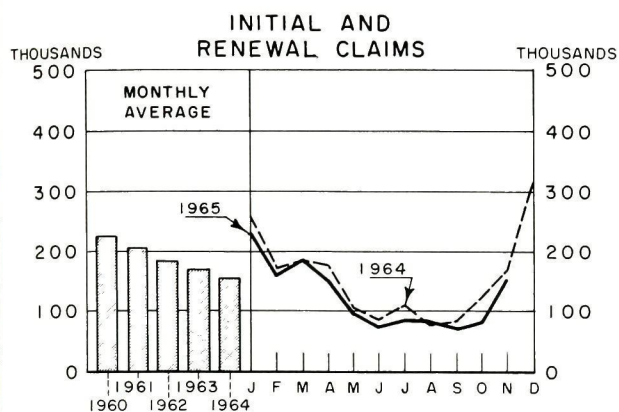
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For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing benefit periods, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act", DBS Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance and Pensions Section.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

NOVEMBER 1965

Claimants at month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 244,600 on November 30, approximately 75,000 more than the 170,400 recorded on October 29. On November 30, 1964, the count was 274,500. More than 80 per cent of the October 29 to November 30 increment was accounted for by men. Despite this, the decline from one year earlier was predominantly male.

The end of November count includes some 4,000 claimants identified as having qualified for seasonal benefit. On November 30, 1964, this total was approximately 3,000.

Males as a percentage of all claimants, increased significantly from October 29 when it was 58 per cent to 66 per cent on November 30, reflecting the usually heavy male content of the November claims. However, their proportion declined, in comparison with the same date in 1964, continuing a trend in evidence since 1960, as the following table illustrates:

TABLE I. Sex composition of month-end claimants, November

	<u>1965</u>		<u>1964</u>		<u>1963</u>		<u>1962</u>		<u>1961</u>		<u>1960</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
	per cent											
Total claims	66	34	68	32	72	28	74	26	74	26	75	25
1-4 weeks on claim	74	26	76	24	79	21	79	21	80	20	81	19
5 or more weeks on claim	53	47	58	42	61	39	65	35	65	35	67	33

Examination of the data, separately for new cases (those 1-4 weeks on claim at the month-end) and others, indicate similar trends, though the decline is relatively greater for those on claim 5 weeks or more. Whereas men accounted for two-thirds of the latter group on November 30, 1960, the proportion was only slightly more than half on November 30, 1965. These phenomena are undoubtedly associated with the somewhat tight labour situation characteristic of certain areas and in certain trades at the present time. Within that 5-year interval, labour force participation rates for men (mainly those under 25) have declined whereas the reverse has occurred for women.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 151,500 initial and renewal claims for benefit were received in local offices across Canada during November, an increase of more than 80 per cent over the October volume of 83,100. For November 1964 the claim load was 169,000. In assessing the increase in claims filed as between October and November 1965 it should be noted that the October 1965 claim volume was only 83,000 compared with 121,000 in October 1964.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 126,300 for November 1965, 107,800 for October 1965 and 150,500 for November 1964. Benefit payments at \$12.6 million were 14 per cent lower than one year ago (\$14.6 million) but were up 23 per cent from the \$10.2 million paid out in October 1965. The average weekly payment was \$23.77 for November 1965, \$23.70 for October 1965 and \$24.33 for November 1964. Lower average weekly payments from one year ago undoubtedly reflect lower proportions of male claimants.

Provincial data

All provinces shared in the October to November increase in the claimant count. The three provinces with the lowest percentage increases, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, accounted for almost two-thirds of the seasonal rise. In comparison with one year ago, the claimant count was lower this year in all provinces except Prince Edward Island where a slight decline in the number of males was more than offset by an increase in the number of women claimants.

TABLE II. Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	October 29 to November 30, 1965			November 30, 1964, to November 30, 1965			October 30 to November 30, 1964		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	+ 44	+ 63	+ 17	- 11	- 14	- 4	+ 28	+ 35	+ 16
Nfld.	+ 115	+ 147	+ 25	- 5	- 6	+ 3	+ 69	+ 84	+ 12
P.E.I.	+ 220(1)	+ 336(1)	+ 100(1)	+ 2	- 3	+ 14	+ 208(1)	+ 259(1)	+ 125(1)
N.S.	+ 50	+ 62	+ 23	- 6	- 11	+ 12	+ 37	+ 46	+ 10
N.B.	+ 67	+ 82	+ 41	- 7	- 8	- 2	+ 58	+ 70	+ 34
Que.	+ 42	+ 53	+ 23	- 6	- 10	+ 1	+ 30	+ 38	+ 15
Ont.	+ 26	+ 40	+ 12	- 16	- 23	- 6	+ 6	+ 1	+ 13
Man.	+ 47	+ 85	+ 3	25	- 22	- 28	+ 52	+ 67	+ 29
Sask.	+ 92	+ 202	+ 13	- 20	- 25	- 9	+ 96	+ 159	+ 25
Alta.	+ 73	+ 147	+ 10	- 19	24	- 7	+ 53	+ 89	+ 6
B.C.	+ 42	+ 62	+ 13	- 6	- 6	- 6	+ 34	+ 44	+ 16

(1) Numbers involved are relatively small.

The trend to declining proportions of male claimants stands out more sharply in certain areas than others.

TABLE III. Percent male claimants
End of November

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
1965 ...	66	85	69	75	69	69	55	67	66	66	67
1960 ...	75	91	78	85	80	72	71	78	78	77	78

Compared with 1960, the widest gap occurred in Ontario, where the decline was 16 percentage points. Differences in the percentages reflect variations in the demand for labour as between the provinces.

The November claim volume was significantly higher in all provinces. The three provinces of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, accounting for 70 per cent of the national claim load, reported percentage increases considerably lower than elsewhere, and thus accounted for only 60 per cent of the October-to-November increase. Only Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island reported heavier claim loads than November 1964.

Comparison of columns (1) and (7) in Table IV indicates that increases for the month of November are relatively heavier this year in all provinces. For example, the monthly claim load for Ontario in November constituted about a 60 per cent rise over October (column 1), whereas one year ago, there was virtually no change (column 7). This variation is largely associated with the lower level of claims in October 1965 where the total of claims filed, at 25,000 was only half that for one year ago(1), and constituted a larger decline than elsewhere.

(1) An automotive workers' strike in the United States affecting plants manufacturing automobiles and parts in Canada gave rise to a significant volume of claims in Ontario, October 1964.

TABLE IV. Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	October to November 1965			November 1964 to November 1965			October to November 1964		
	Total (1)	Initial (2)	Renewal (3)	Total (4)	Initial (5)	Renewal (6)	Total (7)	Initial (8)	Renewal (9)
CANADA	+ 82	+ 95	+ 54	- 10	7	- 18	+ 40	+ 59	+ 8
Nfld.	+ 203	+ 258	+ 59	+ 5	+ 9	- 14	+ 168	+ 205	+ 71
P.E.I.	+ 529(1)	+ 613(1)	+ 261(1)	+ 6	+ 9	- 13	+ 387(1)	+ 510(1)	+ 142
N.S.	+ 102	+ 119	+ 65	- 5	- 5	- 7	+ 75	+ 105	+ 23
N.B.	+ 135	+ 175	+ 54	-	-	+ 1	+ 94	+ 128	+ 27
Que.	+ 63	+ 78	+ 38	- 8	6	- 10	+ 45	+ 60	+ 21
Ont.	+ 59	+ 63	+ 50	- 20	- 13	33	+ 1	+ 19	- 23
Man.	+ 190	+ 196	+ 172	- 14	- 12	- 17	+ 110	+ 126	+ 76
Sask.	+ 250	+ 254	+ 235	- 15	- 13	- 20	+ 156	+ 158	+ 151
Alta.	+ 171	+ 168	+ 183	- 15	- 12	- 23	+ 96	+ 98	+ 92
B.C.	+ 60	+ 68	+ 41	- 2	- 2	- 2	+ 44	+ 53	+ 24

(1) Numbers involved are relatively small.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Nov. 1965	Oct. 1965	Nov. 1964	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Oct. 1965	Nov. 1964	January to November		12 months ending November	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,703	4,491	4,370*	..	4,367*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	152	83	169	+ 82	- 10	1,366	1,544	1,682	1,889
Initial	111	57	120	+ 95	- 8	1,003	1,094	1,245	1,356
Renewal	41	26	49	+ 54	- 18	363	450	437	533
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	245	170	275	+ 44	- 11	313*	346*	327*	361*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	126	108	151	+ 17	- 16	258*	286*	256*	286*
Weeks compensated	531	431	602	+ 23	- 12	11,852	13,022	12,847	14,197
Benefit paid \$	12,615	10,223	14,647	+ 23	- 14	290,926	319,892	315,424	349,253
Average weekly benefit \$	23.77	23.70	24.33	-	- 2	24.55	24.57	24.55	24.60

* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1965 - October	4,703,000	4,532,600	170,400
September	4,678,000	4,520,700	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

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

Province	1965 - November - 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	151,540	110,792	40,748	168,958	119,545	49,413
Newfoundland	7,186	6,136	1,050	6,854	5,640	1,214
Prince Edward Island	1,636	1,412	224	1,550	1,293	257
Nova Scotia	7,218	5,384	1,834	7,635	5,670	1,965
New Brunswick	7,905	6,155	1,750	7,888	6,160	1,728
Quebec	49,673	34,522	15,151	53,734	36,876	16,858
Ontario	39,208	28,742	10,466	48,823	33,123	15,700
Manitoba	6,662	5,008	1,654	7,704	5,701	2,003
Saskatchewan	4,827	3,736	1,091	5,659	4,294	1,365
Alberta	8,544	6,356	2,188	10,043	7,191	2,852
British Columbia	18,681	13,341	5,340	19,068	13,597	5,471

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 29,143.

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)	
	November 30, 1965					November 30, 1964
CANADA	244,617	149,112	49,416	27,356	18,733	274,532
Male	160,353	109,698	27,945	12,820	9,890	186,853
Female	84,264	39,414	21,471	14,536	8,843	87,679
Newfoundland	9,757	6,960	1,590	781	426	10,253
Male	8,300	6,351	1,209	468	272	8,835
Female	1,457	609	381	313	154	1,418
Prince Edward Island	2,004	1,659	196	110	39	1,965
Male	1,386	1,176	135	50	25	1,425
Female	618	483	61	60	14	540
Nova Scotia	12,698	7,059	2,654	1,618	1,367	13,465
Male	9,460	5,619	1,870	1,065	906	10,570
Female	3,238	1,440	784	553	461	2,895
New Brunswick	12,458	7,997	2,440	1,033	988	13,342
Male	8,635	5,944	1,364	651	676	9,425
Female	3,823	2,053	1,076	382	312	3,917
Quebec	82,095	51,218	17,064	8,733	5,080	87,782
Male	56,605	39,128	10,588	4,159	2,730	62,590
Female	25,490	12,090	6,476	4,574	2,350	25,192
Ontario	68,630	37,999	14,316	9,715	6,600	81,586
Male	37,960	24,041	6,740	4,095	3,084	49,123
Female	30,670	13,958	7,576	5,620	3,516	32,463
Manitoba	8,530	5,291	1,491	886	862	11,301
Male	5,730	3,918	829	419	564	7,388
Female	2,800	1,373	662	467	298	3,913
Saskatchewan	6,686	4,506	1,200	612	368	8,383
Male	4,377	3,504	508	205	160	5,852
Female	2,309	1,002	692	407	208	2,531
Alberta	12,132	8,276	2,059	1,102	695	14,921
Male	7,941	6,186	945	391	419	10,436
Female	4,191	2,090	1,114	711	276	4,485
British Columbia	29,627	18,147	6,406	2,766	2,308	31,534
Male	19,959	13,831	3,757	1,317	1,054	21,209
Female	9,668	4,316	2,649	1,449	1,254	10,325

(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		
CANADA	November 1965						
	116,672	51,982	30,718	29,142	4,830	51,747	13,510
	4,602	2,818	781	915	88	3,090	379
	964	619	164	164	17	691	65
	5,387	2,525	1,406	1,256	200	2,356	540
	5,616	2,862	1,403	1,205	146	3,007	597
	39,748	16,915	12,026	9,073	1,734	16,664	4,766
	31,909	14,001	7,782	8,713	1,413	12,929	3,471
	4,690	2,181	1,077	1,273	159	2,135	587
	2,760	1,351	558	777	74	1,921	564
	5,946	2,717	1,435	1,585	209	2,892	811
	15,050	5,993	4,086	4,181	790	6,062	1,730
	November 1964						
	133,306	57,445	39,108	31,694	5,059	59,717	17,518
	4,413	2,394	907	984	128	3,192	470
	767	424	188	138	17	824	85
	5,656	2,563	1,579	1,324	190	2,691	623
	5,733	2,822	1,420	1,320	171	3,096	628
	42,671	17,866	13,808	9,471	1,526	19,262	5,979
	41,640	17,680	12,663	9,588	1,709	15,871	5,139
	5,893	2,755	1,465	1,479	194	2,391	834
	3,367	1,579	787	896	105	2,393	670
	7,662	3,341	2,075	1,988	258	3,365	1,133
	15,504	6,021	4,216	4,506	761	6,632	1,957

(1) In addition 28,226 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,883 were special requests not granted and 1,709 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,081 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during November 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	17,116 20,354	572 695	112 92	772 907	877 970	5,658 6,346	4,518 5,636	725 944	463 570	939 1,188	2,480 3,006
Claimants disqualified 1965 1964	26,106 26,041	637 939	130 100	1,030 980	778 810	8,209 7,693	8,889 8,924	1,086 1,124	604 647	1,331 1,613	3,412 3,211
Not unemployed 1965 1964	611 666	19 22	5 6	31 43	29 32	190 162	141 187	53 55	40 38	42 55	61 66
Not capable of and not available for work 1965 1964	7,837 7,655	163 155	39 31	298 247	249 247	2,050 1,949	2,955 2,950	443 438	278 258	482 535	880 845
Loss of work due to a labour dispute 1965 1964	380 470	1 342	1 -	4 -	5 -	175 76	118 43	43 -	4 -	2 -	27 9
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work 1965 1964	1,074 1,234	8 11	17 7	73 53	44 36	328 413	392 477	37 46	19 35	60 67	96 89
Discharged for misconduct 1965 1964	1,183 1,309	33 11	3 7	56 43	30 36	460 552	373 397	24 31	16 23	39 49	149 160
Voluntarily left employment without just cause 1965 1964	7,183 7,160	220 179	27 27	338 259	225 247	2,116 2,102	2,179 2,231	263 276	152 168	408 506	1,255 1,165
Other reasons 1965 1964	7,838 7,547	193 219	38 22	230 335	196 212	2,890 2,439	2,731 2,639	223 278	95 125	298 401	944 877
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during November 1965	2,798	117	13	117	170	1,106	682	98	52	106	337

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

Province	Average per week	
	1965	November - 1964
	thousands	
CANADA	126.3	150.5
Newfoundland	3.8	3.8
Prince Edward Island	0.5	0.6
Nova Scotia	6.4	7.3
New Brunswick	5.8	6.4
Quebec	42.1	49.7
Ontario	41.3	51.2
Manitoba	4.6	5.3
Saskatchewan	2.7	3.2
Alberta	5.2	6.9
British Columbia	14.0	16.2

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1965 November 1964			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	530,607	12,614,802	602,005	14,646,798
Newfoundland	15,813	366,204	15,352	354,724
Prince Edward Island	2,247	48,520	2,202	46,826
Nova Scotia	26,776	594,041	29,233	658,116
New Brunswick	24,560	540,739	25,470	560,184
Quebec	176,695	4,150,375	198,611	4,824,076
Ontario	173,436	4,196,258	204,774	5,092,602
Manitoba	19,251	468,282	21,034	506,203
Saskatchewan	11,136	253,122	12,972	299,308
Alberta	21,769	525,970	27,583	685,185
British Columbia	58,924	1,471,291	64,774	1,619,574

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	November 1965		
CANADA	485,871	44,736	33,783
Newfoundland	14,075	1,738	1,363
Prince Edward Island	2,055	192	146
Nova Scotia	22,855	3,921	3,294
New Brunswick	21,232	3,328	2,673
Quebec	161,543	15,152	11,142
Ontario	161,979	11,457	8,278
Manitoba	17,773	1,478	1,106
Saskatchewan	10,304	832	595
Alberta	19,945	1,824	1,257
British Columbia	54,110	4,814	3,929
	November 1964		
CANADA	547,857	54,148	39,629
Newfoundland	13,511	1,841	1,477
Prince Edward Island	1,981	221	177
Nova Scotia	25,091	4,142	3,424
New Brunswick	22,201	3,269	2,610
Quebec	180,821	17,790	12,552
Ontario	188,092	16,682	11,581
Manitoba	19,279	1,755	1,363
Saskatchewan	11,997	975	711
Alberta	25,526	2,057	1,570
British Columbia	59,358	5,416	4,164

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.

