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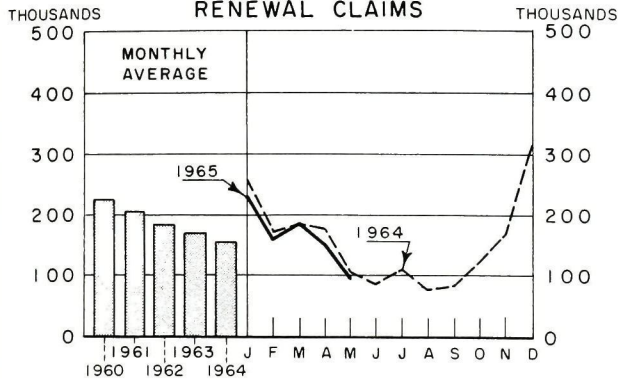
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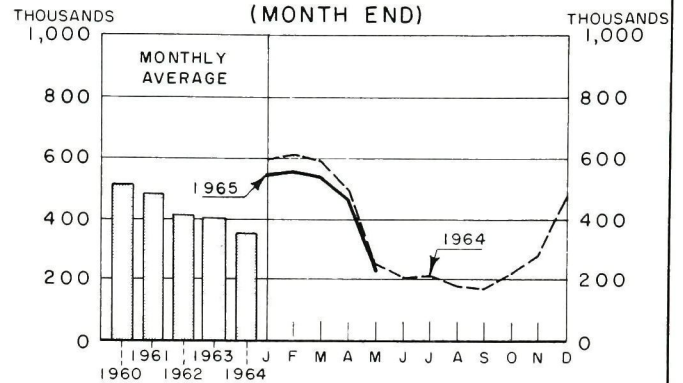
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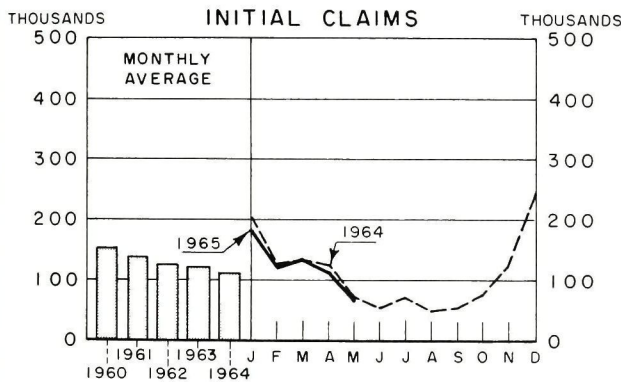
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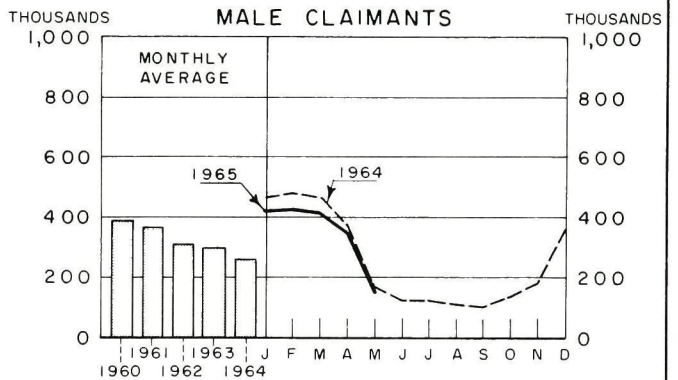
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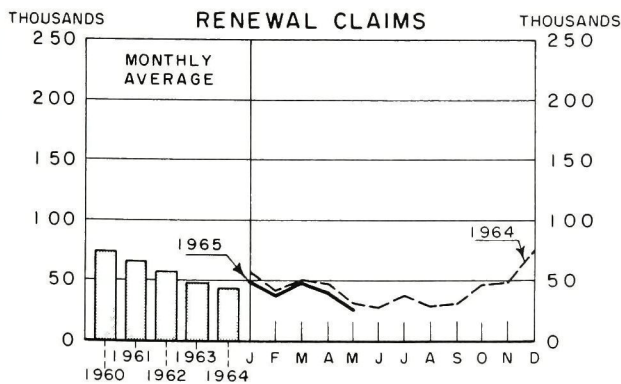
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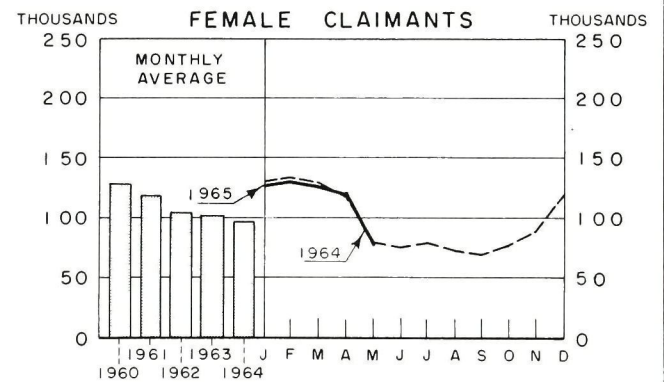
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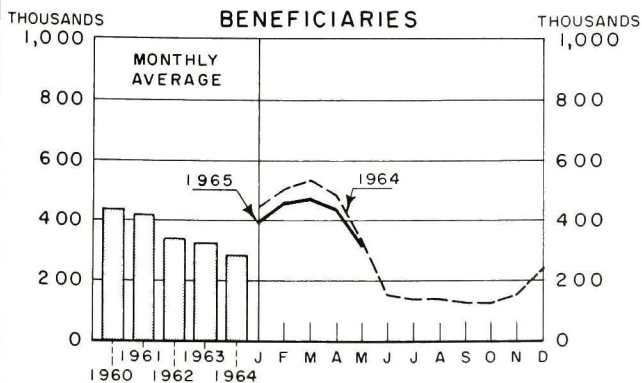
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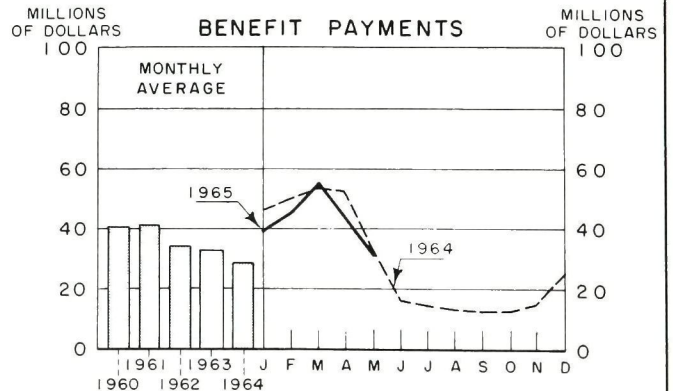
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CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

MAY 1965

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 229,500 on May 31, about 20,000 fewer than one year ago. The April 30 count was 462,900, of whom 145,100 were identified as "seasonal benefit". The end of May count represents regular claimants only, as seasonal benefit was not payable for recorded unemployment occurring after May 15.

Women accounted for one-third of the May 31 total, both this year and one year ago. This is in sharp contrast with the end of April when one-quarter of the claimants were women. The April-to-May decline in the proportion of men is associated with the seasonal upturn in sectors of the economy, such as construction, where the job opportunities are almost exclusively for men.

Initial and Renewal claims

A total of 93,300 initial and renewal claims were filed across Canada during May. One year ago the total was 105,200. The April claim volume was 150,800. The April-to-May decline is partly associated with the cessation of seasonal benefit payments in mid-May. About 75 per cent of the current month's claim intake was on behalf of separations from employment during the month, as against 70 per cent in April.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 324,300 for May, 435,300 for April and 340,300 for May 1964. Benefit payments, at \$31.7 million, were almost \$12 million below the \$43.3 million paid out in April. One year ago benefit payments amounted to \$33.1 million. Part of the April-to-May decline is associated with the termination of seasonal benefit on May 15(1). The average weekly benefit payment was \$24.40 for May, \$24.87 for April and \$24.33 for May 1964.

Provincial data

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, April-to-May changes are not provided, for claimants, by province. Year-over-year changes apply to regular claimants only.

- (1) However, in order to compensate for recorded unemployment occurring prior to and including the week of May 9-15, seasonal benefit payments would have been made, as usual, during the week of May 16-22 and residual payments will continue to be made until all cases are cleared.

Percentage changes in month-end count of regular claimants

	May 29, 1964 to May 31, 1965			May 31, 1963 to May 29, 1964		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	8	12	1	8	8	7
Nfld.	+ 7	+ 9	7	+ 1	4	+ 41
P.E.I.	+ 32	+ 35	+ 24	17	14	23
N.S.	15	17	7	4	5	2
N.B.	2	6	+ 11	13	13	13
Que.	2	1	4	6	6	9
Ont.	12	20		13	18	6
Man.	12	20	+ 4	11	10	11
Sask.	+ 3	4	+ 15	11	8	16
Alta.	22	31	+ 2		6	15
B.C.	15	22	1	1	+ 2	5

The May volume of claims filed was substantially below that for April in all provinces, the smallest percentage declines showing for Quebec and British Columbia.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	April to May 1965			May 1964 to May 1965			April to May 1964		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 38	- 39	35	11	- 7	20	40	42	34
Nfld.	37	38	37		-		51	49	60
P.E.I.	- 59	63	37	- 10	14	+ 7	63	66	- 48
N.S.	37	39	- 30	10	5	20	48	53	32
N.B.	- 53	49	65	5	4	10	- 56	53	64
Que.	30	- 33	22	5	1	- 12	- 35	39	25
Ont.	- 41	- 41	40	- 18	12	30	- 38	40	32
Man.	- 53	52	54	19	18	24	- 50	48	56
Sask.	- 59	57	65	- 2	+ 2	21	61	63	- 54
Alta.	- 52	- 51	56	20	17	29	- 52	52	51
B.C.	- 28	- 26	33	- 15	13	20	29	30	29

.. Figures not available.

Nil.

Summary table

Activity	May 1965	Apr. 1965	May 1964	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Apr. 1965	May 1964	January to May		12 months ending May	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,476	4,173	4,295*	..	4,211*
Initial and renewal claims filed	93	151	105	38	11	818	893	1,784	1,929
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	229	463	250	**	8	468*	510*	339*	369*
Regular	229	318	250	28	8				
S.B.	**	145	**	**	**				
S.B. Fishing	**	13	**	**	**				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	324	435	340	- 25	5	417*	461*	263*	292*
Weeks compensated	1,297	1,741	1,361	25	5	8,686	9,510	13,193	14,392
Benefit paid	\$ 31,660	43,309	33,117	27	4	215,737	235,790	324,338	352,635
Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.40	24.87	24.33	2		24.84	24.79	24.58	24.50

* Monthly average.

** Seasonal benefit is not payable in respect of unemployment occurring after May 15, hence, totals are not comparable.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1965 - April	4,476,000	4,013,100	462,900
March	4,521,000	3,982,000	539,000
February	4,499,000	3,939,800	559,200
January	4,487,000	3,939,200	547,800
1964 - December	4,475,000	3,996,800	478,200
November	4,369,000	4,094,500	274,500
October	4,298,000	4,083,500	214,500
September	4,304,000	4,130,400	173,600
August	4,330,000	4,148,000	182,000
July	4,271,000	4,065,700	205,300
June	4,241,000	4,039,100	201,900
May	4,173,000	3,922,900	250,100
April	4,280,000	3,782,300	497,700

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

Province	1965 - May - 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	93,342	67,760	25,582	105,182	73,249	31,933
Nfld.	3,111	2,707	404	3,106	2,702	404
P.E.I.	396	304	92	438	352	86
N.S.	4,358	3,097	1,261	4,846	3,272	1,574
N.B.	4,042	3,289	753	4,251	3,413	838
Que.	35,648	24,517	11,131	37,421	24,709	12,712
Ont.	24,970	18,244	6,726	30,379	20,767	9,612
Man.	3,100	2,456	644	3,826	2,982	844
Sask.	1,762	1,492	270	1,802	1,460	342
Alta.	4,442	3,488	954	5,543	4,193	1,350
B.C.	11,513	8,166	3,347	13,570	9,399	4,171

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 31,992.

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 31, 1965</u>				<u>May 29, 1964</u>
CANADA	229,467	75,265	73,823	56,140	24,239	250,054
MALE	151,162	50,854	52,043	35,261	13,004	171,311
FEMALE	78,305	24,411	21,780	20,879	11,235	78,743
Nfld.	9,140	2,542	2,949	2,993	656	8,568
Male	7,953	2,221	2,714	2,597	421	7,289
Female	1,187	321	235	396	235	1,279
P.E.I.	1,206	266	345	478	117	916
Male	862	201	270	328	63	639
Female	344	65	75	150	54	277
N.S.	11,598	3,531	3,474	3,284	1,309	13,660
Male	8,750	2,870	2,652	2,415	813	10,600
Female	2,848	661	822	869	496	3,060
N.B.	11,541	2,759	4,091	3,307	1,384	11,790
Male	8,715	2,133	3,437	2,415	730	9,247
Female	2,826	626	654	892	654	2,543
Que.	79,378	27,622	27,420	17,504	6,832	80,794
Male	58,118	20,208	21,582	12,593	3,735	58,640
Female	21,260	7,414	5,838	4,911	3,097	22,154
Ont.	62,432	20,381	18,966	15,134	7,951	70,727
Male	32,960	10,836	10,434	7,518	4,172	41,287
Female	29,472	9,545	8,532	7,616	3,779	29,440
Man.	10,068	2,169	3,153	3,432	1,314	11,434
Male	6,140	1,549	1,877	2,043	671	7,650
Female	3,928	620	1,276	1,389	643	3,784
Sask.	5,619	1,503	1,418	1,948	750	5,468
Male	3,389	867	933	1,193	396	3,522
Female	2,230	636	485	755	354	1,946
Alta.	13,386	4,467	4,835	2,856	1,228	17,197
Male	8,892	3,054	3,566	1,630	642	12,797
Female	4,494	1,413	1,269	1,226	586	4,400
B.C.	25,099	10,025	7,172	5,204	2,698	29,500
Male	15,383	6,915	4,578	2,529	1,361	19,640
Female	9,716	3,110	2,594	2,675	1,337	9,860

(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 1965

Canada	110,312	57,123	25,052	23,898	4,239	23,050	7,119
Nfld.	3,900	2,653	452	734	61	825	106
P.E.I.	545	375	85	65	20	108	20
N.S.	4,818	2,446	1,254	939	179	878	214
N.B.	4,972	3,211	739	864	158	1,137	269
Que.	40,275	20,108	11,102	7,755	1,310	9,085	2,738
Ont.	29,321	14,709	6,352	6,884	1,376	6,353	2,147
Man.	4,072	2,488	654	808	122	609	191
Sask.	2,636	1,642	344	575	75	355	70
Alta.	6,441	3,493	1,039	1,700	209	1,018	333
B.C.	13,332	5,998	3,031	3,574	729	2,682	1,031

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

(1) In addition 32,709 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,675 were special requests not granted and 1,608 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,993 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during May 1965 and 1964 with Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement.

Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement	Year	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Benefit period not established	1965(1)	11,913	475	29	537	572	4,164	2,960	358	242	861	1,715
	1964	12,189	411	31	481	381	4,475	3,418	455	189	786	1,562
Claimants disqualified	1965	29,345	606	133	1,124	905	9,712	9,247	1,137	833	1,731	3,917
	1964	29,620	754	146	1,067	830	9,724	9,823	1,162	795	1,910	3,409
Not unemployed	1965	728	8	3	52	34	225	171	42	39	81	73
	1964	572	14	4	39	28	190	149	25	25	48	50
Not capable of and not available for work	1965	8,426	113	28	255	197	2,424	3,178	417	299	523	992
	1964	8,520	126	37	258	192	2,659	3,115	419	314	580	820
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1965	840	39	-	4	-	394	49	6	-	-	348
	1964	258	10	-	3	-	29	27	-	-	1	188
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1965	2,015	9	18	94	54	803	646	75	91	71	154
	1964	2,141	25	25	139	45	723	800	63	76	79	166
Discharged for misconduct	1965	1,242	23	6	39	29	468	383	33	31	101	129
	1964	1,292	15	4	42	34	503	419	45	20	85	125
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1965	7,082	163	30	262	209	2,023	2,292	260	189	501	1,153
	1964	6,843	148	16	196	166	2,018	2,273	244	162	525	1,095
Other reasons	1965	9,012	251	48	418	382	3,375	2,528	304	184	454	1,068
	1964	9,994	415	60	390	365	3,602	3,040	366	198	592	965
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during May		1965	2,228	90	15	88	750	570	60	49	180	303

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

Province	Average per week	
	1965 - May - 1964	
	(in thousands)	
Canada	324.3	340.3
Newfoundland	20.9	19.8
Prince Edward Island	3.5	2.8
Nova Scotia	19.4	19.1
New Brunswick	21.1	20.4
Quebec	108.2	110.2
Ontario	82.9	87.2
Manitoba	14.1	16.6
Saskatchewan	8.9	8.8
Alberta	15.8	19.8
British Columbia	29.7	35.6

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1965 - May - 1964			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada	1,297,398	31,660,269	1,361,151	33,117,274
Nfld.	83,416	2,101,273	79,240	1,994,406
P.E.I.	13,814	306,507	11,260	244,859
N.S.	77,756	1,723,444	76,205	1,672,432
N.B.	84,492	1,989,051	81,574	1,891,493
Que.	432,700	10,903,768	440,973	10,870,868
Ont.	331,454	7,884,235	348,843	8,423,407
Man.	56,261	1,366,408	66,296	1,601,977
Sask.	35,693	862,293	35,326	848,430
Alta.	63,115	1,583,391	79,159	2,021,084
B.C.	118,697	2,939,899	142,275	3,548,318

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

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

May 1965

Canada	1,199,232	98,166	75,499
Newfoundland	78,080	5,336	3,903
Prince Edward Island	12,670	1,144	855
Nova Scotia	69,199	8,557	7,024
New Brunswick	77,453	7,039	5,362
Quebec	400,900	31,800	23,854
Ontario	308,517	22,937	17,711
Manitoba	51,519	4,742	3,842
Saskatchewan	33,152	2,541	2,011
Alberta	58,630	4,485	3,595
British Columbia	109,112	9,585	7,342

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

Seasonal Benefit

Claims considered under the seasonal benefit provisions accounted for more than 40 per cent of the initial claims processed during the 1964-65 seasonal benefit period. From Table 1 it will be seen that the proportions ranged from a high of 65 per cent in Newfoundland to about 35 per cent in Ontario and Alberta.

Initial claims established under the seasonal benefit provisions totalled 284,300 this year, approximately 34,000 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 virtually unchanged from one year ago, the decline from last year occurring mainly 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, the December claim load tends to be the heaviest. Table 1 shows that almost 50 per cent of the December initial claims processed were considered under the seasonal benefit provisions. Table 11 indicates that 74,400 of the 284,300 seasonal benefit claims were set up in December and 59,500(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. Lower percentages in May (Table 1) are partly due to the termination of the seasonal benefit period in the middle of the month.

The number of claimants reporting for seasonal benefit at the end of each month reached a peak of 161,100 in March. On April 30 close to one-third of reporting claimants were classified as seasonal benefit (Table V). 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 11, 111 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, in comparison with slightly over 40 per cent for non-fishing seasonal benefit.

Some 11,000 or almost 40 per cent of the 29,400 fishing claims were in Newfoundland.

Fishing seasonal benefit claimants reached a peak at the end of February, when the count was 27,600. The declines in March and April were due partly to exhaustion of benefit.

During the season just terminated preliminary estimates indicate that approximately \$64.6 million were paid under the seasonal benefit provisions. For the same period one year ago, the total was \$75.1 million.

(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, 1964-65 and 1963-64 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>1964-65 Period</u>											
December	41.1	64.5	64.3	50.4	55.0	39.7	35.6	38.7	39.8	35.9	38.1
January	47.7	76.7	70.5	60.3	61.2	43.1	40.7	38.3	37.7	39.7	50.8
February	36.9	60.4	55.7	52.8	52.2	34.5	32.7	31.7	31.4	31.5	29.3
March	38.6	52.0	49.9	44.5	49.6	39.8	34.1	32.6	34.6	36.5	38.5
April	41.7	55.0	66.4	43.1	54.3	41.7	35.9	45.1	48.6	37.9	41.6
May	44.6	67.6	74.2	51.3	59.7	43.5	38.9	49.5	55.7	39.8	39.1
	33.8	55.3	69.5	31.3	45.8	35.1	27.4	38.4	44.2	28.8	29.9
<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	29.5	29.9

Table II - (S.B.) Number of Claims Established(1) under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions, by Month or by Province, 1964-65 and 1963-64 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period and Type of Benefit	Total for the Period(2)	Month									
		December(3)	January	February	March	April	May(3)				
		in thousands									
<u>1964-65 Period</u>											
Total	284.3	74.4	59.5	40.2	46.3	43.4	20.5				
Non-fishing	254.8	58.0	49.7	38.3	45.4	43.0	20.5				
Fishing	29.4	16.4	9.8	1.9	1.0	0.3	-				
<u>1963-64 Period</u>											
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	-				
Province											
		Nfld.	P. E. I.	N. S.	N. B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.
<u>1964-65 Period</u>											
Total	284.3	25.8	5.2	20.3	23.3	84.5	64.6	11.6	9.3	12.2	27.6
Non-fishing	254.8	14.6	3.3	14.0	19.6	83.6	64.0	11.0	9.3	12.1	23.3
Fishing	29.4	11.1	1.8	6.3	3.8	0.9	0.6	0.6	-	0.1	4.3
<u>1963-64 Period</u>											
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

- (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, 1964-65 and 1963-64 Periods.

Type of Benefit and Sex	Average for the period	December	January	February	March	April
in thousands						
<u>1964-65 Period:</u>						
Total claimants	129.5	71.2	122.0	148.1	161.1	145.1
Male	101.5	55.6	96.2	116.3	126.3	113.0
Female	28.0	15.6	25.8	31.8	34.8	32.2
Non-fishing	108.2	55.1	96.4	120.6	137.2	131.7
Male	80.2	39.6	70.7	88.8	102.5	99.5
Female	27.9	15.4	25.7	31.7	34.7	32.1
Fishing	21.3	16.1	25.6	27.6	23.9	13.5
Male	21.2	16.0	25.5	27.4	23.8	13.4
Female	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<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	-

Table IV - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province, 1964-65 and 1963-64 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
in thousands											
<u>1964-65 Period</u>											
Average for the Period	129.5	15.1	3.2	11.2	12.3	34.7	26.6	5.3	4.1	5.1	12.1
December 31, 1964	71.2	10.4	2.1	5.8	6.7	15.6	14.5	2.8	2.1	2.6	8.4
January 29, 1965	122.0	16.3	3.2	11.8	12.0	28.6	24.5	5.2	3.7	4.2	12.6
February 26, 1965	148.1	19.2	3.6	13.6	14.2	38.8	29.4	5.3	4.4	5.5	14.2
March 31, 1965	161.1	17.2	3.5	13.6	15.1	45.7	33.1	6.8	5.2	6.6	14.2
April 30, 1965	145.1	12.4	2.7	11.3	13.7	44.6	31.5	6.3	4.9	6.4	11.4
<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

Table V - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants as a Percentage of Total Claimants, by Province 1964-65 and 1963-64 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	per cent										
<u>1964-65 Period</u>											
December 31, 1964	25.0	49.3	50.4	35.6	38.1	21.2	20.1	21.9	22.9	19.2	22.8
January 29, 1965	14.9	37.9	38.6	21.0	23.8	10.8	11.4	13.5	13.4	11.1	14.6
February 26, 1965	22.3	48.1	47.8	34.9	35.4	17.4	17.8	19.6	19.0	15.2	19.5
March 31, 1965	26.5	53.6	52.3	38.8	40.1	22.2	20.6	21.4	22.1	19.4	25.3
April 30, 1965	29.9	54.1	54.9	40.5	44.1	25.6	24.7	25.6	27.9	24.4	30.0
	31.4	51.2	58.9	41.4	45.7	28.9	26.4	29.1	32.8	25.4	27.5
<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

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, 1964-65 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										
1964-65 period (average):											
Non-fishing	108.2	6.6	1.6	6.8	9.3	34.0	26.2	5.1	4.1	5.0	9.4
Fishing	21.3	8.5	1.4	4.4	3.0	0.7	0.4	0.2	-	-	2.8
December:											
Non-fishing	55.1	3.6	0.9	3.6	4.6	15.1	14.2	2.8	2.1	2.6	5.5
Fishing	16.1	6.8	1.1	2.2	2.1	0.5	0.3	-	-	-	2.9
January:											
Non-fishing	96.4	5.8	1.5	6.5	8.5	27.9	24.0	5.1	3.7	4.2	9.3
Fishing	25.6	10.4	1.7	5.3	3.5	0.8	0.5	0.1	-	-	3.3
February:											
Non-fishing	120.6	8.0	1.8	7.8	10.4	37.9	28.8	5.1	4.4	5.4	10.8
Fishing	27.6	11.2	1.8	5.9	3.8	0.8	0.6	0.2	-	-	3.3
March:											
Non-fishing	137.2	8.0	2.0	8.2	11.7	44.9	32.7	6.4	5.2	6.6	11.4
Fishing	23.9	9.2	1.5	5.4	3.4	0.8	0.5	0.3	-	-	2.8
April:											
Non-fishing	131.7	7.5	1.9	8.1	11.5	44.1	31.3	6.0	4.9	6.4	10.0
Fishing	13.5	4.9	0.8	3.1	2.2	0.5	0.2	0.3	-	-	1.4

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.