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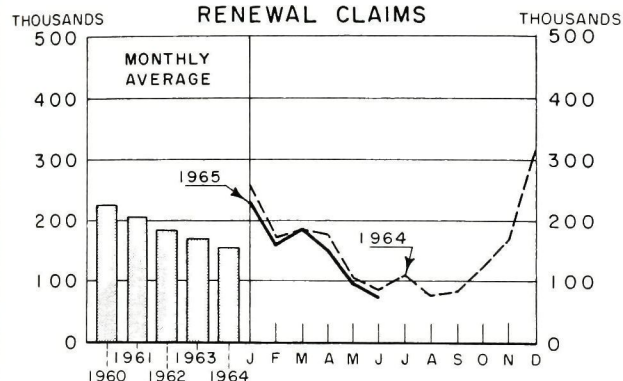
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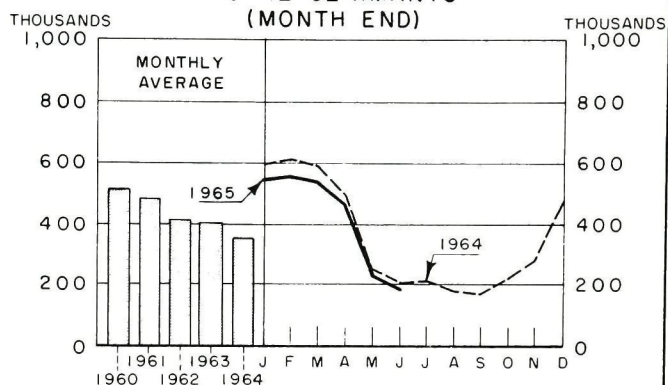
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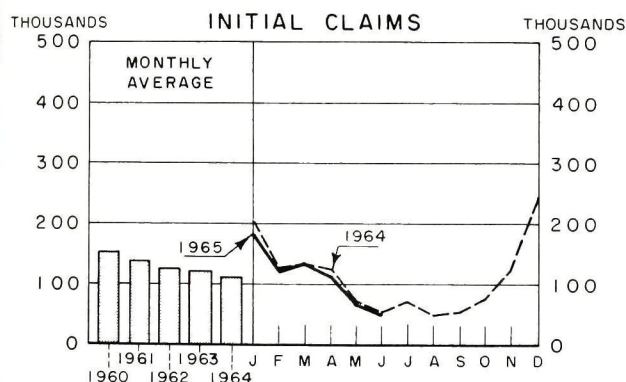
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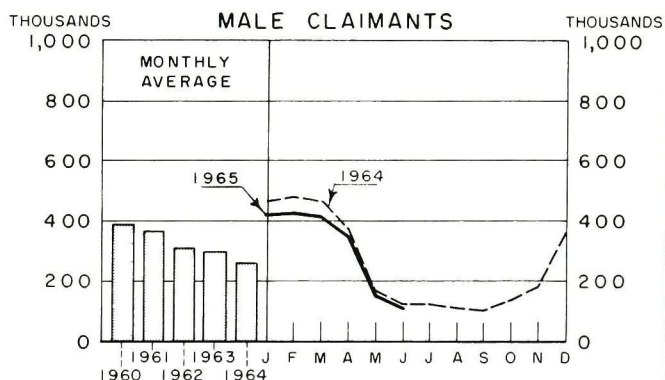
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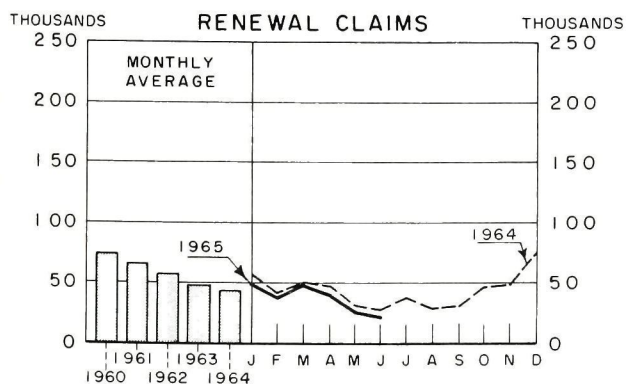
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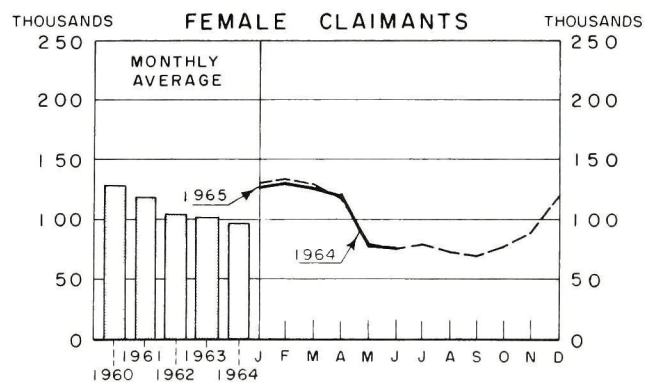
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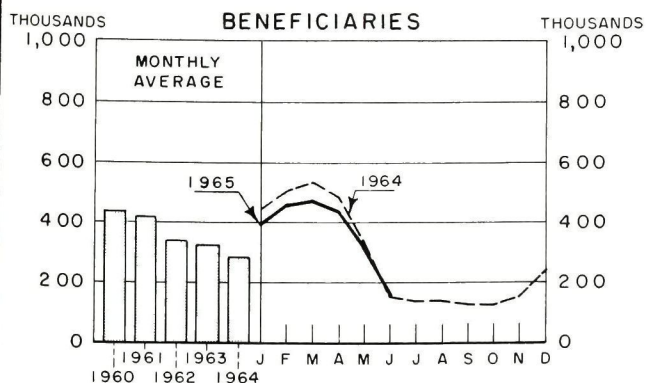
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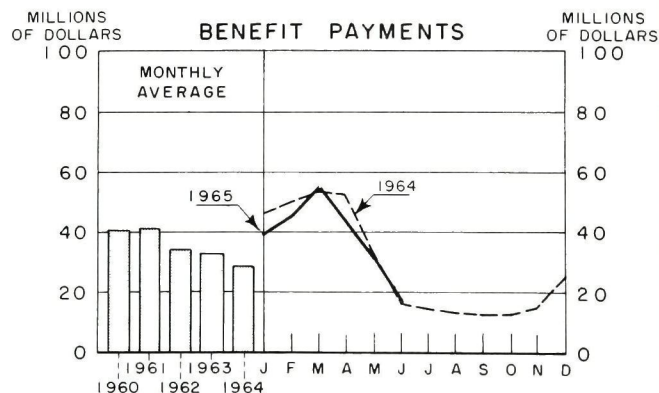
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CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

JUNE 1965

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 180,700 on June 30, almost 50,000 fewer than on May 31 and approximately 20,000 below the total for one year ago. The decline, both from May 31 this year and from June 30, 1964, was accounted for chiefly by a decrease in the volume and proportion of males. This is illustrated by the following comparisons:

	Month-end claimant count			
	1965		1964	
	June 30	May 31	June 30	May 29
	000's			
Both sexes	181	229	202	250
Male	106	151	127	171
Female	75	78	75	79
Per cent male	59	66	63	69

The number of male claimants on June 30, at 106,000, was 65,000 fewer than on May 29, 1964. However, the number of female claimants declined by only 4,000 in that same interval. This trend has become more marked during the past 18 months and reflects greater demand for male rather than female labour. Thus, for example, the durable goods segment of manufacturing(1) has expanded at a more rapid rate than the non-durable segment. Female employment has always been less affected by the winter reduction in jobs, and the gap between the winter high and the summer low is substantially less than that for males. With the current trend towards lower totals of male claimants the lack of significant change in the number of females becomes more noticeable.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 72,000 initial and renewal claims were received in local offices across Canada during June. This is compared with 93,300 for May and 86,800 for June 1964.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 152,800 for June, in comparison with 324,300 for May and 155,500 for June one year ago. Benefit payments amounted to \$16.2 million during June, versus \$31.7 million in May and \$16.5 million in June 1964. The sharp May-to-June decline in beneficiaries and payments is associated with the termination of benefit to claimants under the seasonal benefit provisions. The average weekly benefit payment was \$24.14 for June, \$24.40 for May, and \$24.17 for June, 1964.

Provincial data

All provinces shared in the May-to-June decline in the claimant count. Comparison of the percentages shown in columns 2 and 3 indicate the predominance of males in these declines. In Ontario, for example, the count of male claimants on June 30 was 15 per cent below that for May 31, but the number of female claimants was slightly higher.

In relation to one year ago, small increases in claimant totals were recorded for Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. Column 5 indicates lower male claimants in all provinces. However, column 6 shows that higher totals of female claimants obtained in Prince Edward Island, Ontario and the Prairie Provinces.

(1) Employment and Payrolls, (72-002), Labour Division, D.B.S.

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	May 31 to June 30, 1965			June 30, 1964 to June 30, 1965			May 29 to June 30, 1964		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 21	- 30	- 5	11	- 17	-	- 19	- 26	- 5
Nfld.	- 45	- 52	- 2	- 24	- 28	- 2	- 24	- 27	- 7
P.E.I.	- 41	- 47	- 24	+ 3	- 2	+ 14	- 24	- 27	- 18
N.S.	- 23	- 28	- 9	- 6	8	1	- 31	- 36	- 14
N.B.	- 35	- 38	- 26	10	- 8	- 15	30	- 37	- 3
Que.	- 24	- 31	- 4	7	- 8	- 6	- 19	- 26	- 1
Ont.	- 7	- 15	+ 1	- 9	- 20	+ 5	- 10	- 15	3
Man.	- 28	- 35	- 16	6	- 13	+ 3	32	- 41	- 16
Sask.	33	- 48	- 9	+ 6	5	+ 17	- 34	- 47	11
Alta.	- 32	- 42	- 11	- 15	- 24	+ 3	- 38	- 47	- 12
B.C.	- 21	- 29	- 9	- 23	- 35	- 1	- 12	- 14	- 9

Substantial percentage declines occurred in the June claim volume in all provinces except Ontario where a small increase occurred. Totals in all provinces were below those for one year ago.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	May to June 1965			June 1964 to June 1965			May to June 1964		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 23	- 25	18	- 17	- 13	- 26	- 17	- 20	- 10
Nfld.	- 56	- 57	- 44	- 15	- 13	- 26	- 48	- 51	- 24
P.E.I.	27	- 37	+ 7	1	- 6	+ 11	- 34	- 42	+ 2
N.S.	- 34	- 34	- 33	- 12	- 12	- 11	- 33	- 30	- 40
N.B.	- 40	- 47	10	13	9	- 20	35	- 44	+ 2
Que.	- 30	31	- 28	14	- 12	- 20	- 22	- 22	- 21
Ont.	+ 4	+ 2	+ 9	16	- 9	- 31	+ 2	- 2	+ 10
Man.	35	- 38	- 26	21	- 16	33	- 34	39	15
Sask.	- 39	44	- 12	3	2	- 5	- 39	- 41	- 27
Alta.	36	- 40	- 19	20	- 17	- 27	- 35	- 40	- 22
B.C.	- 29	- 30	- 28	29	- 25	- 37	15	- 18	- 9

.. Not available.
Nil.

Summary table

Summary Table

Activity	June 1965	May 1965	June 1964	% change from		Cumulative data			
				May 1965	June 1964	January to June		12 months ending June	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,373	4,241	4,286*	..	4,225*
Initial and renewal claims filed	72	93	87	- 23	- 17	890	980	1,770	1,933
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	181	229	202	21	- 11	420*	459*	337*	367*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	153	324	156	- 53	- 2	373*	410*	263*	291*
Weeks compensated	672	1,297	684	- 48	- 2	9,359	10,194	13,181	14,401
Benefit paid	\$ 16,229	31,660	16,538	49	- 2	231,967	252,327	324,029	353,186

Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.14	24.40	24.17	- 1	-	24.79	24.75	24.58	24.53
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* Monthly average

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1965 - May	4,373,000	4,143,500	229,500
April	4,487,000	4,024,100	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

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

Province	1965 - June - 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	72,014	50,944	21,070	86,827	58,236	28,591
Nfld.	1,379	1,154	225	1,625	1,319	306
P.E.I.	289	191	98	291	203	88
N.S.	2,874	2,031	843	3,248	2,306	942
N.B.	2,416	1,736	680	2,767	1,912	855
Que.	24,976	16,978	7,998	29,205	19,214	9,991
Ont.	25,977	18,646	7,331	30,966	20,383	10,583
Man.	2,009	1,530	479	2,539	1,824	715
Sask.	1,079	842	237	1,107	857	250
Alta.	2,863	2,093	770	3,578	2,529	1,049
B.C.	8,152	5,743	2,409	11,501	7,689	3,812

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 29,313

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>June 30, 1965</u>				<u>June 30, 1964</u>
CANADA	180,690	64,325	52,846	40,598	22,921	201,919
MALE	106,056	39,641	32,087	21,933	12,395	127,241
FEMALE	74,634	24,684	20,759	18,665	10,526	74,678
Nfld.	4,988	1,453	1,616	1,352	567	6,528
Male	3,825	1,131	1,330	1,061	303	5,342
Female	1,163	322	286	291	264	1,186
P.E.I.	717	281	185	153	98	694
Male	457	168	125	106	58	466
Female	260	113	60	47	40	228
N.S.	8,888	2,676	2,884	2,129	1,199	9,467
Male	6,287	1,888	2,298	1,342	759	6,837
Female	2,601	788	586	787	440	2,630
N.B.	7,467	2,253	2,149	1,988	1,077	8,303
Male	5,362	1,714	1,621	1,412	615	5,834
Female	2,105	539	528	576	462	2,469
Que.	60,699	22,446	19,014	12,795	6,444	65,459
Male	40,237	15,192	13,179	8,280	3,586	43,605
Female	20,462	7,254	5,835	4,515	2,858	21,854
Ont.	57,908	22,833	14,998	12,483	7,594	63,598
Male	28,037	11,972	6,719	5,374	3,972	35,038
Female	29,871	10,861	8,279	7,109	3,622	28,560
Man.	7,264	1,716	2,052	2,252	1,244	7,726
Male	3,975	1,080	1,148	1,065	682	4,547
Female	3,289	636	904	1,187	562	3,179
Sask.	3,788	1,198	1,027	933	630	3,586
Male	1,765	570	491	412	292	1,850
Female	2,023	628	536	521	338	1,736
Alta.	9,135	2,651	3,124	2,156	1,204	10,691
Male	5,140	1,538	1,936	1,021	645	6,807
Female	3,995	1,113	1,188	1,135	559	3,884
B.C.	19,836	6,818	5,797	4,357	2,864	25,867
Male	10,971	4,388	3,240	1,860	1,483	16,915
Female	8,865	2,430	2,557	2,497	1,381	8,952

(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		

June 1965

Canada	72,568	28,240	16,526	23,993	3,809	21,761	7,854
Nfld.	1,845	721	194	864	66	394	71
P.E.I.	305	143	71	83	8	73	39
N.S.	3,009	1,276	675	922	136	711	246
N.B.	3,070	1,352	608	991	119	530	222
Que.	25,952	10,091	6,449	8,197	1,215	7,775	3,072
Ont.	22,445	8,462	5,103	7,522	1,358	9,015	3,017
Man.	2,276	1,005	454	732	85	402	131
Sask.	1,166	515	181	422	48	260	78
Alta.	3,232	1,221	683	1,183	145	707	275
B.C.	9,268	3,454	2,108	3,077	629	1,894	703

June 1964

Canada	84,723	32,856	22,584	25,073	4,210	24,493	10,342
Nfld.	2,123	936	262	869	56	417	93
P.E.I.	274	105	77	79	13	93	33
N.S.	3,270	1,458	784	874	154	853	343
N.B.	2,811	1,274	585	822	130	812	407
Que.	28,496	10,912	8,119	8,190	1,275	8,820	3,781
Ont.	27,475	10,380	8,197	7,558	1,340	9,393	3,765
Man.	2,708	1,247	576	768	117	565	245
Sask.	1,169	514	191	417	47	243	85
Alta.	3,815	1,628	814	1,174	199	902	417
B.C.	12,582	4,402	2,979	4,322	879	2,395	1,173

(1) In addition 30,801 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,658 were special requests not granted and 1,470 were appeals by claimants. There were 6,505 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during June 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) 1964	13,319 14,020	649 616	42 39	546 494	679 535	4,897 5,157	3,704 4,230	353 426	214 216	563 610	1,672 1,697
Claimants disqualified	1965 1964	27,051 27,054	591 1,073	120 109	965 1,042	895 827	9,120 8,456	8,988 7,998	1,009 1,006	539 551	1,418 1,416	3,406 4,576
Not unemployed	1965 1964	704 626	36 66	3 6	69 91	42 48	219 170	176 127	35 20	19 11	54 35	51 52
Not capable of and not available for work	1965 1964	8,244 7,446	125 117	39 26	206 241	213 196	2,451 2,370	3,147 2,629	450 419	214 256	516 492	883 700
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1965 1964	175 2,314	- 480	- -	3 1	- 18	63 40	107 85	- 2	- -	- 2	2 1,686
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1965 1964	1,746 1,970	9 17	9 10	76 81	56 59	653 797	558 639	69 64	60 70	89 79	167 154
Discharged for misconduct	1965 1964	1,133 1,194	16 26	5 11	36 42	42 34	507 471	325 362	23 40	8 18	43 43	128 147
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1965 1964	6,496 6,384	150 104	22 19	253 228	221 188	2,013 1,975	2,069 2,138	178 199	116 94	369 401	1,105 1,038
Other reasons	1965 1964	8,553 7,120	255 263	42 37	322 358	321 284	3,214 2,633	2,606 2,018	254 262	122 102	347 364	1,070 799
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during June	1965 1964	2,310	106	11	112	131	877	555	62	32	106	318

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

Province	Average per week	
	1965 - June - 1964	
	(in thousands)	
Canada	152.8	155.5
Newfoundland	7.6	5.3
Prince Edward Island	0.9	0.6
Nova Scotia	8.3	7.6
New Brunswick	7.3	6.5
Quebec	50.9	51.8
Ontario	44.6	47.6
Manitoba	6.5	6.3
Saskatchewan	3.6	3.3
Alberta	8.1	8.7
British Columbia	15.0	17.7

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1965 - June - 1964			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada	672,303	16,229,491	684,182	16,537,735
Nfld.	33,335	821,427	23,400	610,952
P.E.I.	3,772	79,788	2,699	56,176
N.S.	36,591	819,652	33,606	741,896
N.B.	32,137	759,027	28,720	659,116
Que.	223,910	5,585,707	227,993	5,569,379
Ont.	196,161	4,634,189	209,393	4,974,001
Man.	28,576	662,494	27,703	636,928
Sask.	15,983	366,286	14,342	331,064
Alta.	35,784	893,472	38,230	962,747
B.C.	66,054	1,607,449	78,096	1,995,476

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

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

June 1965

Canada	614,346	57,957	45,287
Newfoundland	29,932	3,403	2,654
Prince Edward Island	3,319	453	378
Nova Scotia	31,538	5,053	4,213
New Brunswick	28,308	3,829	3,131
Quebec	205,992	17,918	13,280
Ontario	182,104	14,057	10,579
Manitoba	25,503	3,073	2,557
Saskatchewan	14,517	1,466	1,209
Alberta	32,455	3,329	2,759
British Columbia	60,678	5,376	4,527

June 1964

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

Glossary of Terms

Insured population: For purposes of this report, the insured population is defined as the number of persons estimated as currently in contact with the Unemployment Insurance Commission either as contributors or as claimants. The estimates are revised once a year when data from the book renewal are available.

Employed population: The number of persons estimated as currently contributing under the scheme. Estimates are based on a 10 per cent sample and hence are subject to sampling variability.

Claimant population: The count of persons currently reporting to the local offices as at the end of the month. An exception occurs in the month which serves as a benchmark, i.e., May or June, when the claimant count represents the number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal.

Initial claim: An application for benefit from a person for whom there is no benefit period in existence. This category includes both regular and seasonal claims, since it is impossible to determine, at the time of filing a claim, the type of benefit for which the claimant will subsequently qualify. On an initial claim the contribution history for the two years preceding the claim is examined. This is required in order to test attachment to insured employment and thus determine the type of benefit for which the claimant is eligible, if at all. In cases of eligibility, the record of the qualifying period is used to calculate the weekly rate of benefit and maximum entitlement for the benefit period. Only one initial claim is required for each benefit period.

Benefit period: A period commencing with the week in which the initial claim is made, provided the qualifying conditions are fulfilled. The maximum length of the benefit period is 52 weeks, in the case of claimants qualifying under the regular terms of the Act. Seasonal benefit periods may be established only from December 1 to mid-May, with a maximum length of 24 weeks. In either case, however, the benefit period terminates with exhaustion of benefit.

Renewal claim: An application for benefit from an insured person during the currency of a benefit period. As in the case of initial claims, this category includes renewal claims from all classes of claimants, i.e., regular, seasonal and fishing.

Initial and renewal claims filed: An approximation of the number of new cases of recorded unemployment among insured persons during a period. However, an initial claim representing a request for re-establishment of a benefit period with no actual interruption in the period on claim would not constitute a new case of unemployment. To the extent that such claims are filed in any month, the total overstates the number of new cases.

Revised claims: Those, other than initial or renewal, which must be considered by an insurance officer, e.g., involving dependency, extension of qualifying period, etc. A revised claim is thus an administrative device to initiate action for reconsideration of an existing initial or renewal claim.

Claimants currently reporting to local offices: All persons currently reporting to local offices to claim unemployment insurance benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing. Under the Unemployment Insurance Act a person may claim benefit for any week during which he did not work a full working week.

Number of weeks on claim: The cumulative number of weeks during which a claimant has reported to prove unemployment during the current period on claim. The count commences with the week in which the initial (or renewal) claim is filed and continues unbroken so long as the claimant continues to report as directed. Cases occur in which a spell of unemployment extends beyond the termination of a benefit period and a new benefit period is immediately established with no actual interruption of the period on claim. In such cases the cumulative number of weeks is transferred from the previous claim document to that covering the subsequent benefit period and the count continued. This procedure applies also for contiguous periods on regular and seasonal benefit. Excluded from the count are any weeks for which a claimant reported "non-availability" during a complete week.

Entitled to benefit: For purposes of this report, this category comprises those adjudications arising from initial claims on which a benefit period (regular, seasonal or fishing) is shown as established **and no disqualification imposed** and adjudications indicating "approval" on renewal claims, either regular, seasonal or fishing.

Not entitled to benefit: Claimants disqualified on initial and renewal claims, and those for whom the adjudication on an initial claim was to the effect that the claimant was ineligible to establish either a regular, seasonal or fishing benefit period.

Benefit period not established: The minimum contribution requirements for any type of benefit have not been met. This figure thus represents the net total of persons with insufficient contributions to establish a benefit period under either the regular, seasonal or fishing benefit provisions, based on decisions arising from initial claims only. Subsequent decisions arising from a revised claim and constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

Disqualification: A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues.

Where it is established that loss of employment was voluntary and without just cause on the part of the claimant, i.e., he left employment of his own volition or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum disqualification is six weeks; claimants participating in a labour dispute in which they are directly interested are disqualified for the duration of the work stoppage. In assessing the number of cases of disqualification, no distinction is made as to the type of claim, hence disqualifications arising from revised claims are included. The cases mentioned here serve as examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which a disqualification may be imposed. Sections 59-66 of the Act contain a description of these conditions.

Weeks compensated: Calendar weeks in respect of which some benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing, was paid. A compensated week is counted in the month in which the copy of the payment voucher is received in the District Treasury Office, which is not necessarily the month in which the week of unemployment occurred.

Amount of benefit: The sum of all benefit payments made during the month. This comprises regular, seasonal or fishing benefit.

Complete week: A week in respect of which a claimant received the full weekly rate of benefit authorized on that benefit period.

Partial week: A week for which a claimant received less than the full weekly rate authorized. A partial week may be due to excess earnings resulting in a reduced payment in direct proportion to the amount of such earnings. If a claimant was "not available for work" on any day or days during a week, a reduction will be made in the weekly rate proportionate to the number of days of "non-availability". A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

Excess earnings: Earnings during a week in excess of the allowable earnings for a claimant's weekly benefit rate. As an example, a claimant whose weekly rate is \$30.00 may earn up to \$15.00 in a week without suffering a reduction in benefit; however, in a week where he earns \$17.00 his benefit will be reduced to \$28.00.

Beneficiaries: Persons who received one or more benefit payments. The estimate, based on the number of payment documents, represents the average weekly number of beneficiaries.

Seasonal benefit: Benefit payable during the period commencing with the Sunday prior to December 1 and ending with the Saturday after May 15, to

certain classes of claimants unable to fulfil the requirements under the regular benefit provisions of the Act. Claimants in Class A must prove 15 contributions since the Saturday preceding the 31st day of March immediately prior to the date of claim, while qualification under class B is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

Fishermen: For purposes of regular benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks. For purposes of seasonal benefit, however, any claimant whose qualifying contributions include even one fishing contribution week is classed as a fishing claimant.

Fishing contribution week: Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's fishing contributions separately from those relating to other insurable employment.

Industrial Classification of persons filing new claims for Unemployment Insurance: This information is based on a sample of documents in respect of initial claims filed in local offices during a month. To ensure that all such claims have an equal chance of being included in the study, the documents are accumulated until the end of the third week following the month in which the claim was filed.

The sampling ratio varies from one hundred per cent in the Atlantic provinces (during the period of low claim) to five per cent in Ontario. The sample embraces all new initial claims without regard to benefit status, i.e. failures as well as disqualifications are included. However, it excludes initial claims classed as transitional, i.e., those taken on behalf of persons terminating one benefit period and seeking re-establishment of credits, since such claims are not new cases of separation from employment.

At the present time only the new separations requiring an **initial** claim are included in this study, as these are the only documents forwarded to the Bureau for analysis. The ratio of initial to renewal claims fluctuates with the claim load, so that during the months of heavy claim, it is approximately 3:1.

Geographical classification: The provinces as defined in this bulletin are administrative entities. Hence, Ontario excludes Sioux Lookout for which data are included with Manitoba; British Columbia includes Whitehorse; Quebec excludes Magdalen Islands for which data are included in New Brunswick.

