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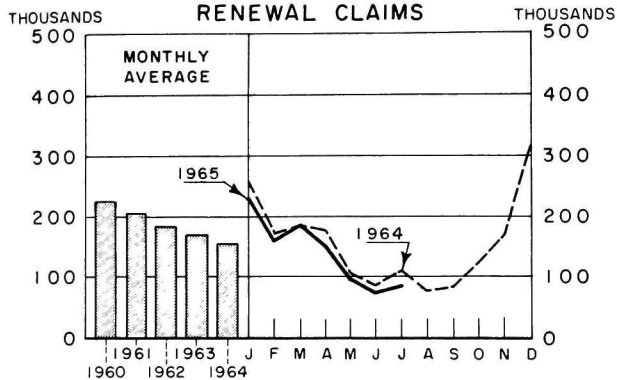
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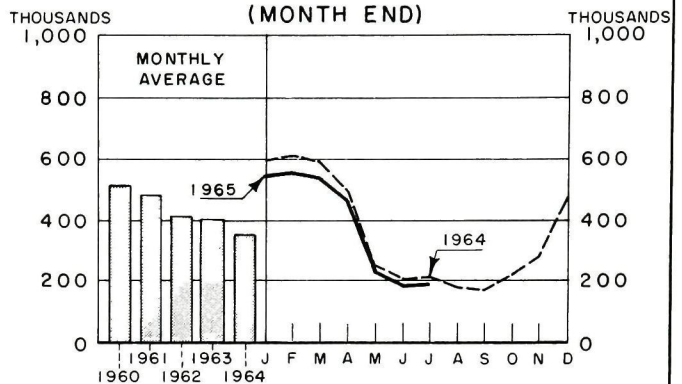
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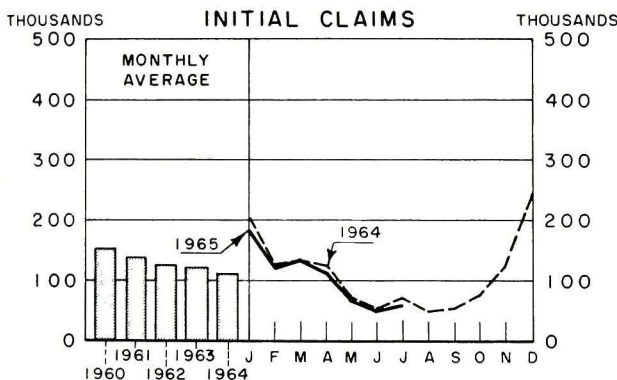
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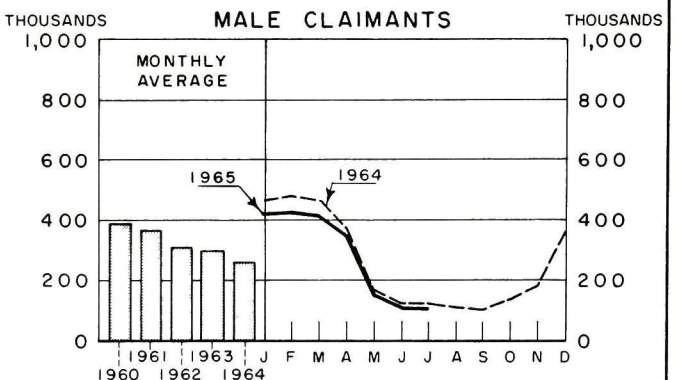
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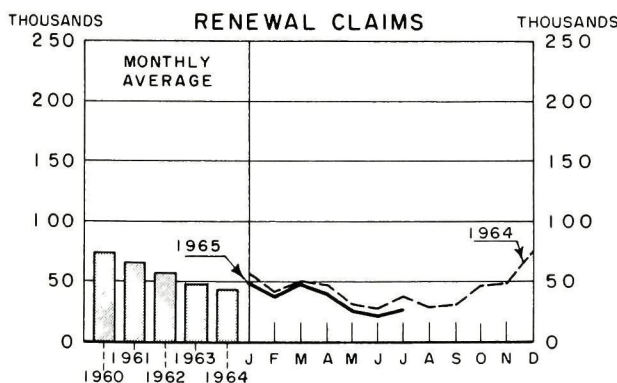
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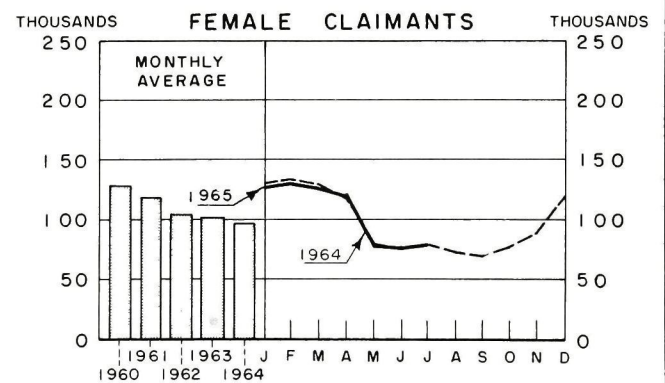
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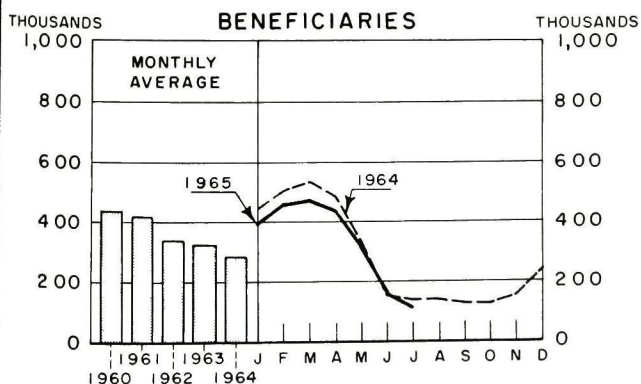
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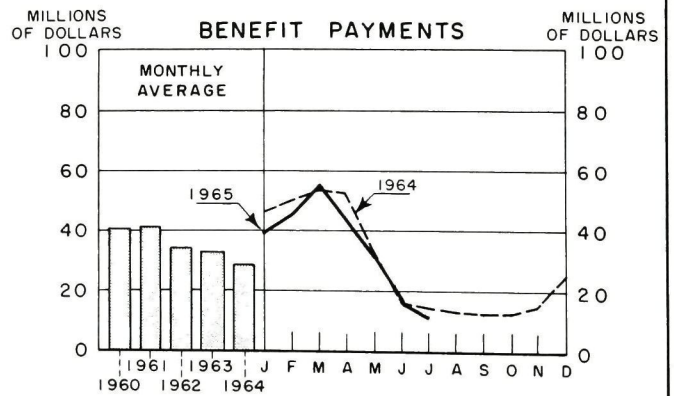
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## BENEFIT PAYMENTS



## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

JULY 1965

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

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 184,400 on July 30, slightly higher than the 180,700 recorded on June 30, but approximately 20,000 fewer than on July 31, 1964. The June to July increment occurred among females while the reduction from one year ago was accounted for by males. Thus, males account for a substantially smaller proportion on July 30, 58 per cent, as against 63 per cent on the same date last year.

### Initial and renewal claims

A total of 86,100 initial and renewal claims were filed at local offices across Canada during July, in comparison with 72,000 in June and 108,900 in July 1964.

### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 118,200 for July, in comparison with 152,800 for June and 135,200 for July one year ago. Benefit payments amounted to \$11.8 million during July, versus \$16.2 million in June and \$14.1 million in July 1964. The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.83 for July, \$24.14 for June and \$23.67 for July 1964.

### Provincial data

An increase of approximately 12,000 claimants recorded on July 30 over June 30 in Ontario was partially offset by declines elsewhere in Canada. The Ontario increase was associated, in part, with lay-offs in manufacturing, either for annual vacation or model changeover. In comparison with one year ago, claimant totals are lower this year in all provinces except Manitoba where there was a slight increase.

### Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	June 30 to July 30, 1965			July 31, 1964 to July 30, 1965			June 30 to July 31, 1964		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 2	-	+ 5	- 10	- 17	-	+ 2	-	+ 5
Nfld.	- 18	- 24	+ 1	- 13	- 23	+ 27	- 28	- 30	- 22
P.E.I.	+ 3	+ 7	- 3	- 3	- 8	+ 8	+ 10	+ 14	+ 3
N.S.	- 8	- 11	-	- 11	- 16	-	- 3	- 3	- 1
N.B.	- 7	- 13	+ 9	- 13	- 13	- 14	- 3	- 7	+ 7
Que.	- 3	- 8	+ 6	- 9	- 11	- 5	- 2	- 5	+ 5
Ont.	+ 21	+ 33	+ 10	- 12	- 22	+ 2	+ 26	+ 36	+ 13
Man.	- 7	14	+ 1	+ 2	- 6	+ 11	- 14	- 20	- 6
Sask.	- 11	- 19	- 4	- 1	- 13	+ 10	- 5	- 11	+ 1
Alta.	19	- 27	- 8	- 21	- 33	- 3	- 13	- 18	- 3
B.C.	- 9	- 12	- 6	- 5	- 12	+ 5	- 27	- 35	- 12



While the higher claim volume in July was mainly concentrated in Ontario, significant percentage increases were shown in the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Manitoba. Elsewhere, the July claim load was below that for June. All provinces shared in the decline from one year ago.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	<u>June to July 1965</u>			<u>July 1964 to July 1965</u>			<u>June to July 1964</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 20	+ 17	+ 25	- 21	- 16	- 31	+ 25	+ 22	+ 33
Nfld.	- 24	- 28	- 2	- 25	- 18	- 43	- 14	- 23	+ 26
P.E.I.	+ 9	+ 28	- 27	- 19	- 7	- 44	+ 34	+ 29	+ 45
N.S.	+ 22	+ 31	-	- 5	+ 20	- 43	+ 14	- 4	+ 57
N.B.	+ 5	+ 6	+ 3	- 26	- 25	- 29	+ 24	+ 28	+ 15
Que.	+ 9	+ 4	+ 21	- 17	- 14	- 21	+ 12	+ 7	+ 22
Ont.	+ 45	+ 45	+ 45	- 27	- 20	- 40	+ 67	+ 66	+ 68
Man.	+ 14	+ 17	+ 3	- 5	+ 4	- 27	- 6	- 6	- 5
Sask.	- 13	- 14	- 11	- 24	- 19	- 36	+ 11	+ 5	+ 32
Alta.	- 4	- 3	- 6	- 24	- 20	- 28	- 1	-	- 3
B.C.	- 3	- 10	+ 13	- 7	- 6	- 9	- 26	- 29	- 21

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

Some 32,800 persons separated from employment and filed initial claims for benefit during June, in comparison with 37,800 during the same month one year ago. In the main, the industrial composition is virtually unchanged from one year ago. Three-quarters of the current cases were concentrated in Quebec and Ontario, where claims from persons separated from manufacturing accounted for approximately a third of the national claim total.

Table 1, following, presents information on the industrial composition of new claims by province, while quarterly data at the national level are shown in Table 2.

- (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  
June 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	32.8	0.5	(2)	1.1	0.9	11.0	13.1	0.9	0.5	1.2	3.5
	1964	37.8	0.6	(2)	1.3	1.2	12.8	13.7	1.0	0.5	1.4	5.2
Per cent distribution												
Forestry (mainly logging)	1965	1	3		1	2	2	(3)	1	(3)	1	3
	1964	3	5		1	2	2	1	-	(3)	(3)	14
Fishing(4) and trapping	1965	(3)	3		2	1	-	-	-	-	-	(3)
	1964	(3)	1		2	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	(3)
Mining	1965	1	5		2	4	(3)	1	1	3	7	1
	1964	2	1		1	3	1	2	1	1	7	2
Manufacturing	1965	38	13		19	28	38	48	24	8	18	24
	1964	41	18		21	31	40	54	30	17	19	31
Construction	1965	13	17		9	11	16	11	8	16	13	15
	1964	12	23		14	14	15	9	13	9	12	11
Transportation, communication and other utilities	1965	6	12		18	10	5	4	6	6	5	8
	1964	5	6		11	10	5	3	6	6	6	7
Trade	1965	17	18		19	21	16	14	28	28	24	19
	1964	15	20		17	16	15	12	23	31	22	14
Service	1965	17	19		21	15	15	16	17	29	22	17
	1964	15	12		18	14	15	15	16	20	20	15
Public administration - and defence	1965	4	9		8	5	4	3	8	4	4	8
	1964	4	10		12	7	2	3	6	9	6	3
Other	1965	4	3		2	4	3	3	9	5	6	5
	1964	4	4		3	3	5	3	5	8	7	3
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		
	June	March	December	September	June
Total new cases (000's)	32.8	72.4	166.7	36.0	37.8
Per cent distribution					
Forestry (mainly logging)	1	17	7	2	3
Fishing and trapping	(1)	1	5	(1)	(1)
Mining	1	1	1	2	2
Manufacturing	38	26	27	35	41
Construction	13	19	26	13	12
Transportation, communication and other utilities	6	6	10	6	5
Trade	17	11	10	17	15
Service	17	10	7	16	15
Public administration and defence	4	7	6	4	4
Other	4	2	2	4	4
All cases	100	100	100	100	100

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

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	July 1965	June 1965	July 1964	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				June 1965	July 1964	January to July		12 months ending July	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,606	4,406	..	..	..	4,321*	..	4,262*
Initial and renewal claims filed	86	72	109	+ 20	- 21	976	1,089	1,747	1,929
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	184	181	205	+ 2	- 10	386*	423*	336*	366*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	118	153	135	- 23	- 13	336*	371*	261*	290*
Weeks compensated	496	672	595	- 26	- 17	9,855	10,789	13,083	14,332
Benefit paid	\$ 11,829	16,229	14,086	- 27	- 16	243,796	266,413	321,772	351,765
Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.83	24.14	23.67	- 1	+ 1	24.74	24.69	24.60	24.54

\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1965 - June	4,606,000	4,425,300	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
August	4,463,000	4,281,000	182,000
July	4,406,000	4,200,700	205,300
June	4,373,000	4,171,100	201,900
May	4,169,840	4,025,140	144,700 (2)

(1) May 1964 to April 1965 revised on the basis of book renewal at June 1, 1964.

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

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

Province	1965 - July - 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	86,109	59,840	26,269	108,939	70,922	38,017
Nfld.	1,050	829	221	1,397	1,011	386
P.E.I.	316	244	72	389	261	128
N.S.	3,495	2,656	839	3,695	2,215	1,480
N.B.	2,543	1,843	700	3,434	2,452	982
Que.	27,285	17,600	9,685	32,779	20,562	12,217
Ont.	37,570	26,970	10,600	51,601	33,792	17,809
Man.	2,284	1,792	492	2,399	1,722	677
Sask.	938	727	211	1,233	903	330
Alta.	2,760	2,033	727	3,545	2,531	1,014
B.C.	7,868	5,146	2,722	8,467	5,473	2,994

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 24,698



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>July 30, 1965</u>				<u>July 31, 1964</u>
CANADA	184,426	84,153	45,754	32,681	21,838	205,326
MALE	106,205	52,887	24,747	17,082	11,489	127,243
FEMALE	78,221	31,266	21,007	15,599	10,349	78,083
Nfld.	4,073	1,304	1,043	1,138	588	4,687
Male	2,901	942	768	798	393	3,764
Female	1,172	362	275	340	195	923
P.E.I.	740	323	185	113	119	766
Male	487	223	109	78	77	531
Female	253	100	76	35	42	235
N.S.	8,171	2,828	2,438	1,759	1,146	9,227
Male	5,571	2,016	1,671	1,149	735	6,619
Female	2,600	812	767	610	411	2,608
N.B.	6,970	2,713	1,669	1,690	898	8,054
Male	4,682	1,949	1,067	1,142	524	5,401
Female	2,288	764	602	548	374	2,653
Que.	58,643	25,988	16,526	9,917	6,212	64,252
Male	36,981	16,988	10,517	6,014	3,462	41,346
Female	21,662	9,000	6,009	3,903	2,750	22,906
Ont.	70,320	37,614	14,575	10,708	7,423	80,062
Male	37,320	23,028	6,042	4,477	3,773	47,751
Female	33,000	14,586	8,533	6,231	3,650	32,311
Man.	6,759	2,097	1,700	1,735	1,227	6,628
Male	3,423	1,218	809	751	645	3,628
Female	3,336	879	891	984	582	3,000
Sask.	3,357	1,049	974	678	656	3,401
Male	1,425	421	432	281	291	1,643
Female	1,932	628	542	397	365	1,758
Alta.	7,419	2,471	2,087	1,854	1,007	9,334
Male	3,749	1,367	957	1,005	420	5,561
Female	3,670	1,104	1,130	849	587	3,773
B.C.	17,974	7,766	4,557	3,089	2,562	18,915
Male	9,666	4,735	2,375	1,387	1,169	10,999
Female	8,308	3,031	2,182	1,702	1,393	7,916

(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		

July 1965

Canada	72,263	24,597	16,174	25,258	6,234	31,746	11,715
Nfld.	1,018	380	151	436	51	407	90
P.E.I.	334	147	79	97	11	73	21
N.S.	3,349	1,640	639	891	179	836	267
N.B.	2,401	941	603	776	81	656	238
Que.	23,055	7,592	5,594	7,547	2,322	10,236	4,841
Ont.	29,225	8,994	6,084	11,365	2,782	15,626	4,751
Man.	1,996	898	313	661	124	635	186
Sask.	938	422	179	294	43	271	67
Alta.	2,654	1,027	584	904	139	809	279
B.C.	7,293	2,556	1,948	2,287	502	2,197	975

July 1964

Canada	102,495	40,990	32,864	24,052	4,589	30,373	10,906
Nfld.	1,195	459	213	461	62	508	204
P.E.I.	407	172	115	111	9	71	37
N.S.	3,783	1,421	1,357	849	156	798	310
N.B.	3,411	1,427	929	903	152	934	308
Que.	32,216	11,775	10,294	8,561	1,586	9,046	4,118
Ont.	45,033	19,372	15,672	8,372	1,617	15,441	4,285
Man.	2,480	1,060	612	696	112	531	198
Sask.	1,149	477	254	362	56	307	105
Alta.	3,575	1,409	852	1,106	208	918	371
B.C.	9,246	3,418	2,566	2,631	631	1,819	970

(1) In addition 24,219 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,078 were special requests not granted and 1,268 were appeals by claimants. There were 6,984 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during July 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)	10,244	253	46	429	367	3,664	3,669	271	124	398	1,023
	1964	13,005	282	63	439	561	4,777	4,502	344	151	513	1,373
Claimants disqualified	1965	31,429	495	126	1,074	791	9,572	13,873	918	464	1,106	3,010
	1964	25,707	446	108	1,027	863	8,959	8,462	994	558	1,468	2,822
Not unemployed	1965	602	31	6	61	40	198	165	20	12	24	45
	1964	591	58	7	37	16	127	260	25	14	18	29
Not capable of and not available for work	1965	7,311	131	43	275	198	1,945	2,971	333	205	388	822
	1964	7,560	108	27	252	261	2,373	2,652	385	236	518	748
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1965	1,106	-	-	2	3	34	1,064	-	-	-	3
	1964	1,032	5	-	1	12	748	199	-	1	25	41
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1965	1,052	6	13	59	27	383	302	35	27	67	133
	1964	1,480	6	14	61	46	598	489	35	30	67	134
Discharged for misconduct	1965	1,120	16	4	42	33	453	420	21	18	32	81
	1964	1,253	23	4	48	40	528	423	25	8	44	110
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1965	5,736	120	29	238	164	1,673	2,060	157	82	326	887
	1964	6,678	87	26	266	207	2,145	2,239	206	106	384	1,012
Other reasons	1965	14,502	191	31	397	326	4,886	6,891	352	120	269	1,039
	1964	7,113	159	30	362	281	2,440	2,200	318	163	412	748
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during July		1965	1,850	50	6	82	69	797	530	57	19	67
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1965 - July - 1964	
	(in thousands)	
Canada	118.2	135.2
Newfoundland	2.6	3.6
Prince Edward Island	0.5	0.5
Nova Scotia	5.6	6.8
New Brunswick	4.7	5.6
Quebec	38.5	43.0
Ontario	39.7	45.8
Manitoba	4.5	4.2
Saskatchewan	2.5	2.5
Alberta	5.8	7.3
British Columbia	13.8	15.9

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1965 - July - 1964			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada	496,284	11,828,778	595,007	14,085,931
Nfld.	10,826	264,418	15,771	353,951
P.E.I.	2,307	47,366	2,376	49,590
N.S.	23,677	535,229	29,946	665,228
N.B.	19,600	446,087	24,627	557,781
Que.	161,664	3,922,928	189,065	4,512,695
Ont.	166,645	3,996,350	201,501	4,740,166
Man.	18,772	427,854	18,564	410,834
Sask.	10,479	222,776	11,114	250,140
Alta.	24,174	573,845	32,228	805,043
B.C.	58,140	1,391,925	69,815	1,740,503



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

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

July 1965

Canada	457,196	39,088	28,032
Newfoundland	9,827	999	743
Prince Edward Island	2,087	220	175
Nova Scotia	20,739	2,938	2,411
New Brunswick	17,438	2,162	1,730
Quebec	149,260	12,404	8,354
Ontario	155,924	10,721	7,174
Manitoba	16,971	1,801	1,386
Saskatchewan	9,688	791	599
Alberta	22,185	1,989	1,523
British Columbia	53,077	5,063	3,937

July 1964

Canada	540,231	54,776	39,267
Newfoundland	13,717	2,054	1,713
Prince Edward Island	2,153	223	178
Nova Scotia	25,676	4,270	3,520
New Brunswick	21,959	2,668	2,056
Quebec	173,569	15,496	10,321
Ontario	184,420	17,081	11,792
Manitoba	16,623	1,941	1,571
Saskatchewan	10,225	889	656
Alberta	29,475	2,753	2,120
British Columbia	62,414	7,401	5,340

## 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.

