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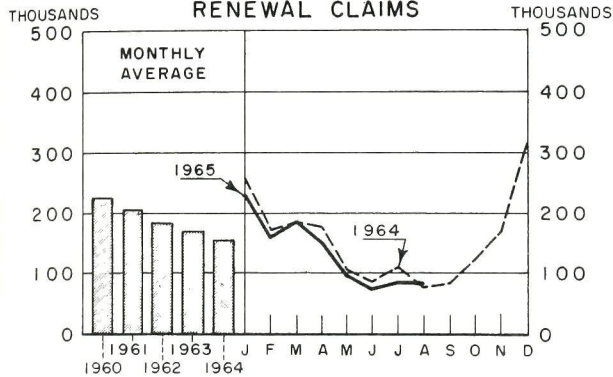
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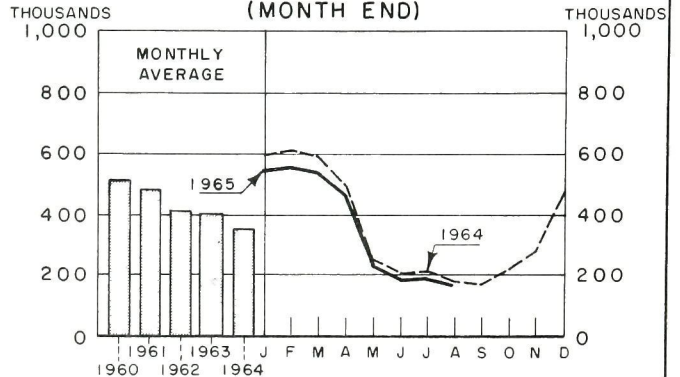
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# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

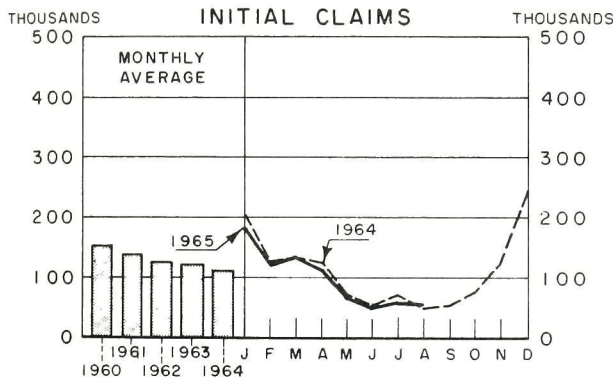
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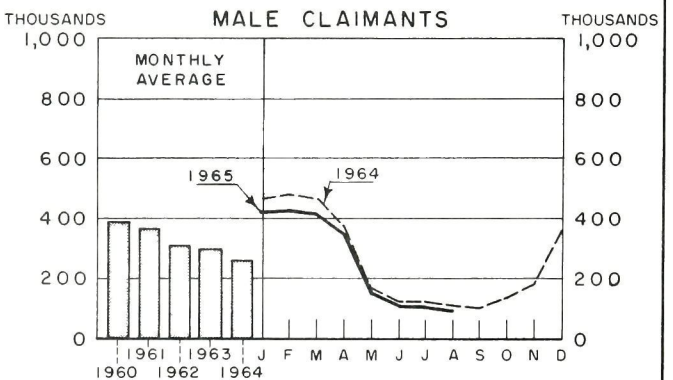
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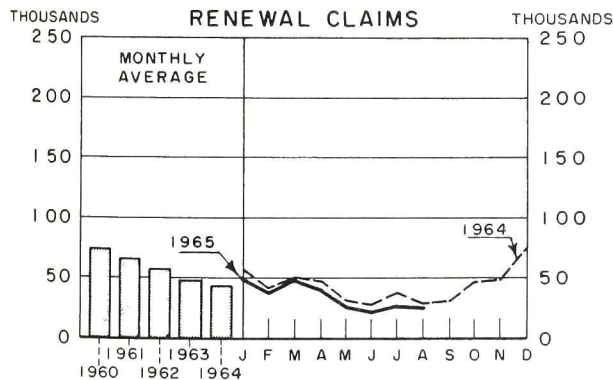
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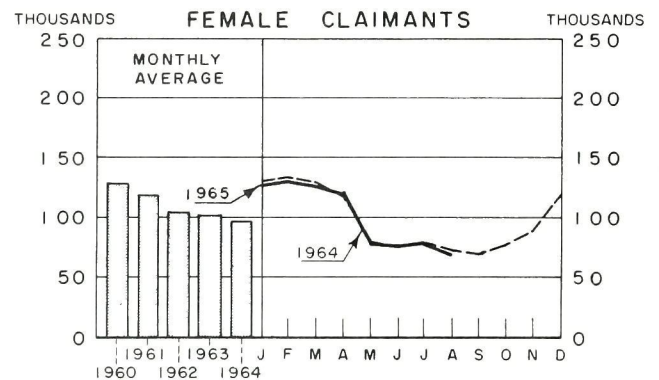
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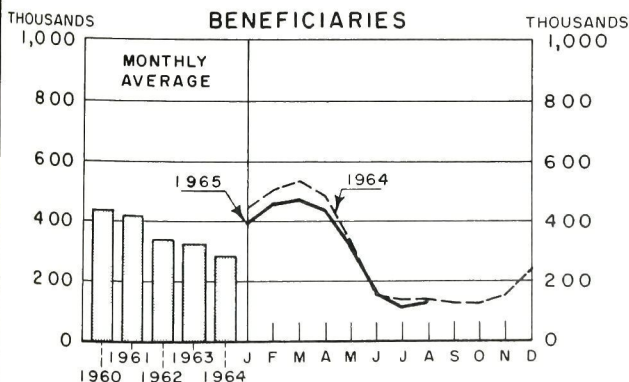
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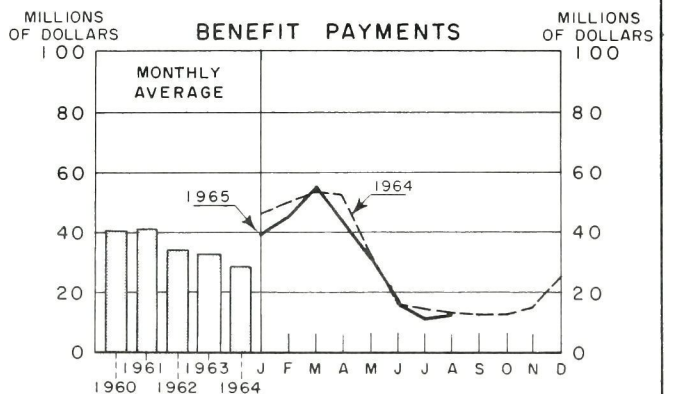
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## BENEFICIARIES



## BENEFIT PAYMENTS



## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

AUGUST 1965

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

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 172,500 on August 31, down from the 184,400 recorded on July 30. One year ago, the total was 182,000. Females accounted for almost two-thirds of the July 30 to August 31 decline; however, 90 per cent of the year-over-year decrease reflected lower totals for males.

### Initial and renewal claims

A total of 83,900 initial and renewal claims were filed during August, in comparison with 86,100 in July and 79,000 in August one year ago.

### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 130,200 for August, in comparison with 118,200 for July and 139,400 for August 1964. Benefit payments amounted to \$12.8 million in August, \$11.8 million in July and \$13.2 million one year ago. The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.39 for August, \$23.83 for July and \$23.66 for August 1964.

### Provincial data

All provinces shared in the July 30 to August 31 decline in the claimant count. In comparison with one year ago, lower totals were recorded this year in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Ontario where small increases occurred.

### Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	July 30 to August 31, 1965			August 31, 1964 to August 31, 1965			July 31 to August 31, 1964		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 6	- 3	11	5	- 8	1	- 11	- 12	- 10
Nfld.	14	- 17	- 7	19	- 29	+ 20	- 8	10	- 1
P.E.I.	5	- 12	+ 7	+ 4	- 8	+ 29	- 12	- 12	11
N.S.	3	2	- 7	- 14	18	2		+ 2	- 5
N.B.	- 7	- 7	- 6	5	- 3	10	- 15	17	10
Que.	- 11	- 11	12	10	- 13	- 5	- 10	- 9	- 12
Ont.	- 2	+ 8	14	+ 5	+ 8	+ 1	18	22	- 13
Man.	- 9	11	- 7	- 11	22	+ 3	+ 5	+ 8	+ 1
Sask.	9	- 16	3	12	- 24	2	+ 2	- 5	+ 9
Alta.	12	- 17	- 7	- 27	- 41	8	- 4	- 6	- 2
B.C.	4	2	6	- 5	10	+ 2	4	4	- 3

The monthly claim volume was generally lower in August, the exceptions being Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The substantial increase in Nova Scotia was associated chiefly with reduced production in mining, due partly to annual vacation. The bulk of the year-over-year increase occurred in Nova Scotia and Ontario. In Ontario, in the automotive and parts industries, heavy demand for 1965 models resulted in an extension of the production runs with consequent delay in certain plant shut downs for holiday and re-tooling. However, there was also some cut back in production as the result of an industrial dispute.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	July to August 1965			August 1964 to August 1965			July to August 1964		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	3	- 2	- 4	+ 6	+ 16	- 12	27	- 29	25
Nfld.	1	- 7	+ 23	- 16	11	- 29	11	14	1
P.E.I.	21	- 23	- 14	+ 11	+ 40	31	42	- 49	30
N.S.	+ 54	+ 48	+ 72	+ 70	+ 106	+ 15	14	14	- 15
N.B.	12	17	- 1	- 11	6	21	- 27	34	- 11
Que.	12	11	- 14	10	- 2	22	19	23	13
Ont.	3	1	10	+ 19	+ 32	6	41	- 40	43
Man.	23	25	12	- 20	- 18	- 25	8	6	14
Sask.	+ 4	+ 7	7	21	- 13	42		1	+ 3
Alta.	18	- 17	18	- 33	- 26	47	4	11	+ 11
B.C.	+ 25	+ 18	+ 37	+ 22	+ 22	+ 22	5	- 9	+ 2

There was a substantial increase in the incidence of disqualifications imposed on claims adjudicated during August, most of which occurred in Ontario. This is probably due to the circumstance where benefit was claimed for a week in which the earnings were such as to preclude eligibility for benefit that particular week. For example, a claimant unemployed during a week by virtue of a plant holiday may claim benefit, but holiday pay is considered earnings and is taken into account in determining the amount of benefit payable. If the amount of excess earnings is equal to or greater than a claimant's weekly benefit rate, the claimant is not entitled to benefit for that week.

.. Not available.

- Nil.



Summary Table

Activity	Aug. 1965	July 1965	Aug. 1964	% change from		Cumulative data			
				July 1965	Aug. 1964	January to August		12 months ending August	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end .....	..	4,715	4,463	..	..	..	4,339*	..	4,290*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total .....	84	86	79	- 3	+ 6	1,059	1,168	1,752	1,922
Initial .....	59	60	50	2	+ 16	788	844	1,280	1,376
Renewal .....	25	26	29	- 4	+ 12	272	324	472	546
Claimants currently reporting to local offices .....	172	184	182	- 6	- 5	360*	393*	335*	365*
Beneficiaries (weekly average) .....	130	118	139	+ 10	- 7	311*	342*	261*	290*
Weeks compensated .....	547	496	558	+ 10	- 2	10,402	11,347	13,072	14,294
Benefit paid ..... \$	12,791	11,829	13,199	+ 8	- 3	256,586	279,612	321,365	350,957
Average weekly benefit ..... \$	23.39	23.83	23.66	2	1	24.67	24.64	24.58	24.55

\* Monthly average.

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

End of		Total	Employed	Claimants
1965	July	4,715,000	4,530,600	184,400
	June	4,601,000	4,420,300	180,700
	May	4,514,000	4,284,500	229,500
	April	4,594,000	4,131,100	462,900
	March	4,626,000	4,087,000	539,000
	February	4,605,000	4,045,800	559,200
	January	4,592,000	4,044,200	547,800
1964	December	4,582,000	4,103,800	478,200
	November	4,491,000	4,216,500	274,500
	October	4,432,000	4,217,500	214,500
	September	4,437,000	4,263,400	173,600
	August	4,463,000	4,281,000	182,000
	July	4,406,000	4,200,700	205,300

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

Province	1965 - August 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA .....	83,866	58,592	25,274	79,016	50,458	28,558
Newfoundland .....	1,042	770	272	1,246	865	381
Prince Edward Island .....	249	187	62	224	134	90
Nova Scotia .....	5,366	3,927	1,439	3,164	1,910	1,254
New Brunswick .....	2,230	1,535	695	2,505	1,630	875
Quebec .....	23,904	15,619	8,285	26,587	15,917	10,670
Ontario .....	36,257	26,687	9,570	30,463	20,273	10,190
Manitoba .....	1,770	1,338	432	2,202	1,623	579
Saskatchewan .....	975	779	196	1,232	892	340
Alberta .....	2,275	1,679	596	3,386	2,256	1,130
British Columbia .....	9,798	6,071	3,727	8,007	4,958	3,049

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 27,366.

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)	
	August 31, 1965					August 31, 1964
CANADA .....	172,451	73,976	46,406	30,927	21,142	182,029
Male .....	102,756	50,354	25,244	16,338	10,820	111,497
Female .....	69,695	23,622	21,162	14,589	10,322	70,532
Newfoundland .....	3,500	1,163	1,015	866	456	4,298
Male .....	2,407	812	713	604	278	3,388
Female .....	1,093	351	302	262	178	910
Prince Edward Island .....	700	278	237	92	93	676
Male .....	430	168	143	59	60	467
Female .....	270	110	94	33	33	209
Nova Scotia .....	7,903	2,588	2,364	1,854	1,097	9,192
Male .....	5,483	1,885	1,610	1,305	683	6,726
Female .....	2,420	703	754	549	414	2,466
New Brunswick .....	6,516	2,441	1,660	1,506	909	6,874
Male .....	4,365	1,763	1,104	1,012	486	4,488
Female .....	2,151	678	556	494	423	2,386
Quebec .....	51,900	21,237	15,082	9,799	5,782	57,826
Male .....	32,846	14,804	8,966	5,902	3,174	37,710
Female .....	19,054	6,433	6,116	3,897	2,608	20,116
Ontario .....	68,883	34,024	17,351	10,168	7,340	65,573
Male .....	40,379	23,697	8,723	4,394	3,565	37,424
Female .....	28,504	10,327	8,628	5,774	3,775	28,149
Manitoba .....	6,158	1,868	1,473	1,531	1,286	6,942
Male .....	3,042	958	675	745	664	3,923
Female .....	3,116	910	798	786	622	3,019
Saskatchewan .....	3,070	905	889	701	575	3,486
Male .....	1,197	344	355	257	241	1,568
Female .....	1,873	561	534	444	334	1,918
Alberta .....	6,515	2,177	1,673	1,486	1,179	8,915
Male .....	3,097	1,051	699	715	632	5,213
Female .....	3,418	1,126	974	771	547	3,702
British Columbia .....	17,306	7,295	4,662	2,924	2,425	18,247
Male .....	9,510	4,872	2,256	1,345	1,037	10,590
Female .....	7,796	2,423	2,406	1,579	1,388	7,657

(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		
	August 1965						
CANADA .....	97,993	29,547	21,070	38,938	8,438	21,853	7,481
Newfoundland .....	1,124	426	224	432	42	319	96
Prince Edward Island .....	244	103	53	77	11	80	19
Nova Scotia .....	4,280	1,905	1,195	976	204	1,882	307
New Brunswick .....	2,229	817	559	748	105	626	269
Quebec .....	29,499	9,893	7,801	9,281	2,524	6,681	2,801
Ontario .....	45,523	11,000	7,176	22,804	4,543	8,509	2,602
Manitoba .....	1,955	824	353	671	107	478	158
Saskatchewan .....	948	456	141	309	42	285	80
Alberta .....	2,523	999	507	866	151	623	217
British Columbia .....	9,668	3,124	3,061	2,774	709	2,370	932
	August 1964						
CANADA .....	89,451	37,817	25,347	22,162	4,125	20,852	9,992
Newfoundland .....	1,248	444	306	424	74	505	205
Prince Edward Island .....	252	94	81	62	15	49	31
Nova Scotia .....	3,085	1,223	971	728	163	757	430
New Brunswick .....	2,776	1,079	771	817	109	668	303
Quebec .....	28,659	10,603	9,762	6,954	1,340	7,406	3,686
Ontario .....	38,986	19,240	9,399	8,807	1,540	7,667	3,536
Manitoba .....	2,115	872	480	667	96	615	201
Saskatchewan .....	1,182	470	245	404	63	325	137
Alberta .....	3,231	1,200	847	1,014	170	960	484
British Columbia .....	7,917	2,592	2,485	2,285	555	1,900	979

(1) In addition 26,324 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,270 were special requests not granted and 1,052 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,026 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during August 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	11,342 11,600	219 224	37 31	436 365	434 525	4,109 4,096	4,207 4,208	241 323	101 176	316 459	1,242 1,193
Claimants disqualified ..... 1965 1964	47,327 24,548	458 576	100 85	1,104 1,108	754 714	11,482 7,315	26,903 9,224	991 863	541 552	1,289 1,400	3,705 2,711
Not unemployed ..... 1965 1964	1,072 596	15 28	1 3	55 25	20 14	168 104	723 328	29 13	15 23	14 15	32 43
Not capable of and not available for work ..... 1965 1964	8,226 7,742	104 107	23 28	229 267	189 238	2,386 2,214	3,296 3,023	372 359	254 230	448 503	925 773
Loss of work due to a labour dispute ..... 1965 1964	753 754	- 1	- -	1 14	- 5	130 95	527 633	- -	- -	- -	95 6
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work ..... 1965 1964	1,144 1,259	11 11	11 10	53 46	35 36	396 486	373 385	42 54	20 47	52 70	151 114
Discharged for misconduct .... 1965 1964	1,169 1,118	24 14	8 4	44 33	30 35	476 429	388 415	26 30	14 5	39 45	120 108
Voluntarily left employment without just cause ..... 1965 1964	6,717 6,317	125 118	19 21	273 246	180 200	2,136 1,924	2,268 2,243	176 188	104 136	348 351	1,088 890
Other reasons ..... 1965 1964	28,246 6,762	179 297	38 19	449 477	300 186	5,790 2,063	19,328 2,197	346 219	134 111	388 416	1,294 777
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during August	2,288	56	15	96	100	916	838	33	18	35	181

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

Province	Average per week	
	1965	August - 1964
	thousands	
CANADA .....	130.2	139.4
Newfoundland .....	2.8	3.3
Prince Edward Island .....	0.5	0.6
Nova Scotia .....	6.0	6.4
New Brunswick .....	4.3	5.7
Quebec .....	43.3	44.2
Ontario .....	49.3	51.6
Manitoba .....	4.6	5.5
Saskatchewan .....	2.5	2.6
Alberta .....	5.2	6.2
British Columbia .....	11.7	13.5

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1965 - August - 1964			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA .....	546,764	12,790,935	557,793	13,198,559
Newfoundland .....	11,655	245,966	13,020	283,520
Prince Edward Island .....	2,210	46,742	2,251	46,952
Nova Scotia .....	25,221	554,179	25,694	569,608
New Brunswick .....	18,030	400,702	22,732	497,601
Quebec .....	181,918	4,221,436	176,645	4,175,753
Ontario .....	207,056	4,942,360	206,569	4,970,220
Manitoba .....	19,190	440,812	22,076	507,366
Saskatchewan .....	10,303	236,123	10,239	231,987
Alberta .....	21,847	511,724	24,602	611,774
British Columbia .....	49,334	1,190,891	53,965	1,303,778

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	August 1965		
CANADA .....	503,447	43,317	28,922
Newfoundland .....	10,535	1,120	925
Prince Edward Island .....	2,033	177	137
Nova Scotia .....	22,166	3,055	2,519
New Brunswick .....	16,150	1,880	1,455
Quebec .....	168,394	13,524	8,678
Ontario .....	191,274	15,782	9,327
Manitoba .....	17,716	1,474	1,078
Saskatchewan .....	9,576	727	492
Alberta .....	20,218	1,629	1,193
British Columbia .....	45,385	3,949	3,118
	August 1964		
CANADA .....	510,865	46,928	32,024
Newfoundland .....	11,267	1,753	1,463
Prince Edward Island .....	2,077	174	135
Nova Scotia .....	22,618	3,076	2,494
New Brunswick .....	20,375	2,357	1,801
Quebec .....	162,980	13,665	8,648
Ontario .....	190,362	16,207	10,638
Manitoba .....	20,252	1,824	1,378
Saskatchewan .....	9,487	752	515
Alberta .....	22,690	1,912	1,327
British Columbia .....	48,757	5,208	3,625



## 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.



