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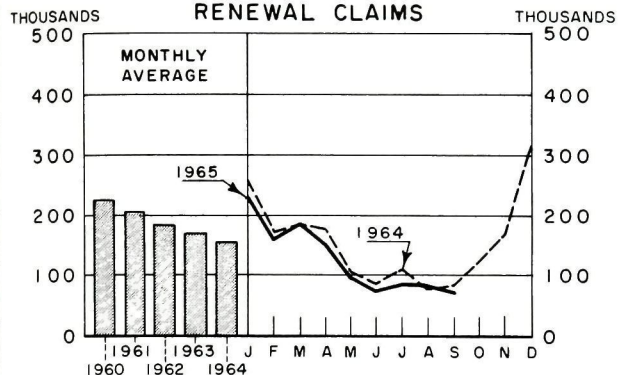
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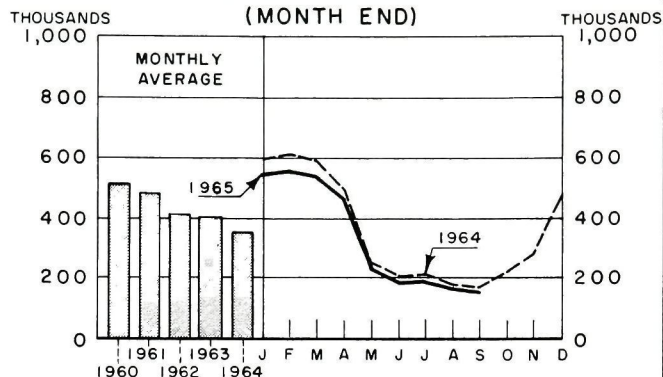
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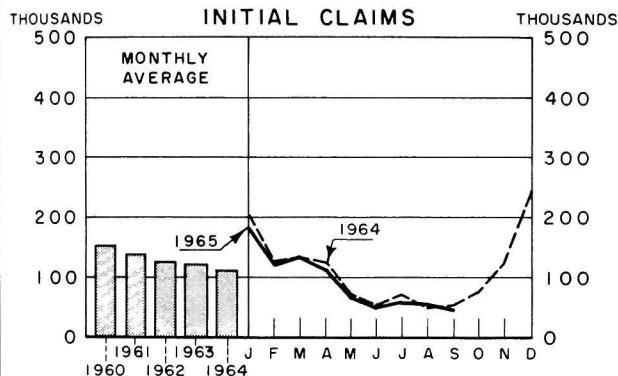
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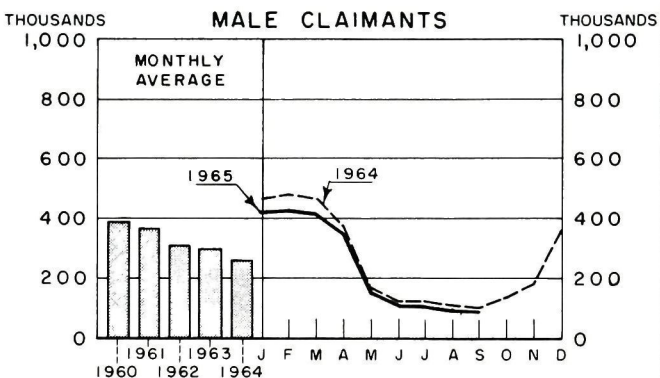
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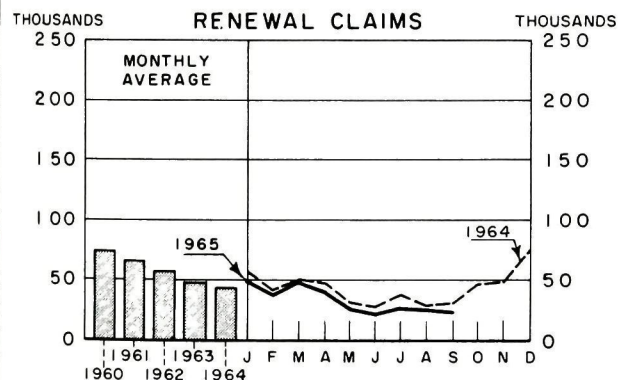
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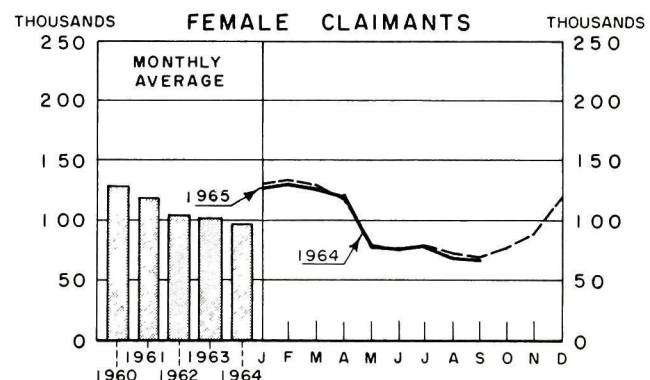
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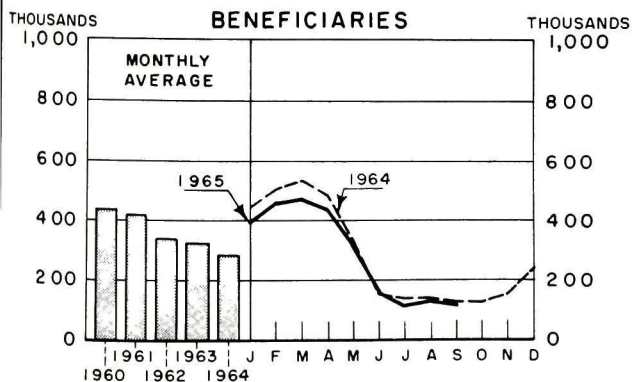
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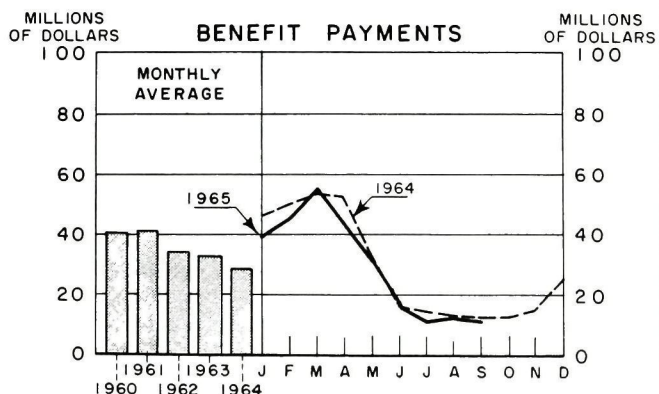
## FEMALE CLAIMANTS



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## BENEFIT PAYMENTS



## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1965

### Claimants at month-end

Claimants for Unemployment Insurance benefit numbered 157,300 on September 30, a decline of about 10 per cent from both the August 31 total of 172,500 and the 173,600 recorded on September 30, 1964. The decline in both cases was predominantly among men.

### Initial and renewal claims

A total of 71,800 claims were filed during September, some 12,000 fewer than in August and 14,000 below the total for September 1964. Declines in the September total of claims filed represent a reversal in the usual pattern of an increase in claims for this month. Part of the explanation lies in the level of the August claims which, while slightly lower than July, exceeded the year earlier level. The September decline implies that the circumstances giving rise to some of the August claim volume were of a temporary nature and limited in scope.

### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 116,300 for September, in comparison with 130,200 in August and 128,200 in September 1964. Benefit payments amounted to \$11.5 million in September, \$12.8 million in August and \$12.8 million in September 1964. The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.55 for September, \$23.39 for August and \$23.75 for September 1964.

### Provincial data

A large part of the August to September decline in the month-end claimant count occurred among male claimants in Ontario who numbered about 30,000 on September 30 in comparison with 40,000 on August 31. Information on the industrial composition of the month-end claimant group is not available; however, it is probable that lower totals on September 30 in Ontario reflect, in part, a return to work of employees in the automotive industry. Offsetting the Ontario decline was a significant rise of 1,700 in the number of male claimants in Nova Scotia. This is undoubtedly associated with temporary dislocation of workers in the mining industry, referred to in the August issue in this series. All provinces indicated lower claimant totals from a year ago except Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

### Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	August 31 to September 30, 1965			September 30, 1964 to September 30, 1965			August 31 to September 30, 1964		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 9	- 12	- 4	- 9	- 14	- 3	- 5	- 6	- 2
Nfld.	+ 1	- 1	+ 4	- 21	- 29	+ 4	+ 4	- 1	+ 21
P.E.I.	- 16	- 29	+ 6	+ 2	- 18	+ 37	- 14	- 21	-
N.S.	+ 22	+ 31	-	+ 9	+ 11	+ 2	- 4	- 4	- 4
N.B.	- 5	- 6	- 4	- 15	- 12	- 20	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8
Que.	- 6	- 7	- 4	- 14	- 17	- 8	- 1	- 2	- 1
Ont.	- 19	- 28	- 6	- 2	- 6	+ 3	- 13	- 17	- 8
Man.	- 11	- 9	- 12	- 14	- 21	- 5	- 8	- 10	- 5
Sask.	+ 3	-	+ 4	- 12	- 26	-	+ 2	+ 3	+ 2
Alta.	+ 3	+ 4	+ 1	- 31	- 42	- 15	+ 8	+ 6	+ 11
B.C.	-	+ 1	- 1	- 8	- 14	+ 1	+ 3	+ 5	-



The sex composition of the claimant group varies significantly by province. Whereas on September 30, at the national level, men accounted for 58 per cent of the total claimants, the proportion was substantially higher than this in the Atlantic region and Quebec, while the reverse obtained in Ontario and the Provinces to the West. In addition there has been a declining trend in these percentages, since 1962, characteristic of all provinces, as indicated below:

Male claimants as a per cent of total, at the end of September, 1962-1965

<u>End of September</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>
	per cent male										
1962 .....	64	83	60	78	75	67	59	59	48	60	63
1963 .....	63	76	59	71	70	67	59	53	45	60	63
1964 .....	60	75	64	73	64	65	55	55	45	58	59
1965 .....	58	68	52	75	66	63	52	50	38	48	55

The lower claim volume in September was completely accounted for by Ontario where the total, at 23,000, constituted a decline of 13,000. The significance of the percentage increases in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and the three Prairie Provinces should be viewed in the light of the relatively small numbers involved. The overall decline in Nova Scotia from August is a combination of a sizeable decrease in initial claims almost completely offset by a substantial rise in renewals. This has been commented on in paragraph 4.

Percentage changes in claims filed, by Province

	<u>August to</u> <u>September 1965</u>			<u>September 1964 to</u> <u>September 1965</u>			<u>August to</u> <u>September 1964</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
Canada	- 14	- 18	- 7	- 16	13	- 22	+ 9	+ 10	+ 6
Nfld.	+ 31	+ 31	+ 29	- 27	- 20	- 42	+ 50	+ 45	+ 60
P.E.I.	- 20	- 28	+ 3	- 25	- 27	- 20	+ 18	+ 38	- 11
N.S.	- 3	- 37	+ 89	+ 42	+ 2	+ 117	+ 16	+ 27	-
N.B.	+ 9	+ 10	+ 7	- 25	- 19	- 36	+ 29	+ 27	+ 33
Que.		- 2	+ 3	- 17	- 14	- 22	+ 8	+ 12	+ 2
Ont.	- 37	- 39	- 32	- 21	13	- 35	- 6	- 8	- 1
Man.	+ 11	+ 11	+ 13	- 22	- 20	- 29	+ 15	+ 14	+ 17
Sask.	+ 23	+ 19	+ 37	- 22	- 21	- 25	+ 24	+ 32	+ 5
Alta.	+ 40	+ 36	+ 52	- 35	- 31	- 42	+ 45	+ 47	+ 39
B.C.	- 2	+ 9	- 21	- 7	+ 1	- 20	+ 28	+ 33	+ 20

.. Not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Sept. 1965	Aug. 1965	Sept. 1964	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Aug. 1965	Sept. 1964	January to September		12 months ending September	
						1965	1964	1965	1964
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end .....	..	4,639	4,437	..	..	..	4,350*	..	4,316*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total .....	72	84	86	14	16	1,131	1,254	1,738	1,915
Initial .....	48	59	55	18	13	836	899	1,272	1,373
Renewal .....	24	25	30	7	22	295	355	465	541
Claimants currently reporting to local offices .....	157	172	174	9	9	337*	368*	333*	364*
Beneficiaries (weekly average) .....	116	130	128	11	9	289*	318*	260*	289*
Weeks compensated .....	488	547	539	11	9	10,890	11,885	13,021	14,300
Benefit paid ..... \$	11,501	12,791	12,792	10	10	268,088	292,404	320,074	351,221

Average weekly  
benefit ..... \$   23.55   23.39   23.75   + 1       1       24.62   24.60   24.58   24.56

\* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1965 - August .....	4,639,000	4,466,500	172,500
July .....	4,650,000	4,465,600	184,400
June .....	4,601,000	4,420,300	180,700
May .....	4,514,000	4,284,500	229,500
April .....	4,594,000	4,131,100	462,900
March .....	4,626,000	4,087,000	539,000
February .....	4,605,000	4,045,800	559,200
January .....	4,592,000	4,044,200	547,800
1964 - December .....	4,582,000	4,103,800	478,200
November .....	4,491,000	4,216,500	274,500
October .....	4,432,000	4,217,500	214,500
September .....	4,437,000	4,263,400	173,600
August .....	4,463,000	4,281,000	182,000

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

Province	1965 - September 1964					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA .....	71,837	48,294	23,543	85,842	55,467	30,375
Newfoundland .....	1,362	1,011	351	1,867	1,257	610
Prince Edward Island .....	199	135	64	265	185	80
Nova Scotia .....	5,189	2,475	2,714	3,665	2,417	1,248
New Brunswick .....	2,426	1,682	744	3,238	2,070	1,168
Quebec .....	23,873	15,342	8,531	28,817	17,896	10,921
Ontario .....	22,837	16,312	6,525	28,773	18,707	10,066
Manitoba .....	1,968	1,482	486	2,528	1,848	680
Saskatchewan .....	1,195	927	268	1,531	1,174	357
Alberta .....	3,193	2,285	908	4,893	3,322	1,571
British Columbia .....	9,595	6,643	2,952	10,265	6,591	3,674

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 26,096.

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)	
	September 30, 1965					September 30, 1964
CANADA .....	157,323	70,888	39,666	28,099	18,670	173,645
Male .....	90,556	45,029	21,699	14,307	9,521	104,858
Female .....	66,767	25,859	17,967	13,792	9,149	68,787
Newfoundland .....	3,536	1,345	1,028	762	401	4,458
Male .....	2,394	997	691	471	235	3,356
Female .....	1,142	348	337	291	166	1,102
Prince Edward Island .....	590	244	206	84	56	579
Male .....	305	120	120	30	35	371
Female .....	285	124	86	54	21	208
Nova Scotia .....	9,619	4,925	1,781	1,848	1,065	8,835
Male .....	7,196	4,111	1,202	1,272	611	6,468
Female .....	2,423	814	579	576	454	2,367
New Brunswick .....	6,178	2,653	1,481	1,338	706	7,260
Male .....	4,105	1,828	958	954	365	4,674
Female .....	2,073	825	523	384	341	2,586
Quebec .....	48,846	22,615	12,621	8,414	5,196	56,980
Male .....	30,540	15,954	7,248	4,506	2,832	36,985
Female .....	18,306	6,661	5,373	3,908	2,364	19,995
Ontario .....	55,953	23,559	15,483	9,993	6,918	57,185
Male .....	29,269	13,096	8,321	4,507	3,345	31,238
Female .....	26,684	10,463	7,162	5,486	3,573	25,947
Manitoba .....	5,491	2,113	1,266	1,073	1,039	6,394
Male .....	2,764	1,087	561	601	515	3,519
Female .....	2,727	1,026	705	472	524	2,875
Saskatchewan .....	3,148	1,274	754	643	477	3,567
Male .....	1,202	478	268	228	228	1,620
Female .....	1,946	796	486	415	249	1,947
Alberta .....	6,683	3,129	1,431	1,275	848	9,647
Male .....	3,215	1,618	549	527	521	5,546
Female .....	3,468	1,511	882	748	327	4,101
British Columbia .....	17,279	9,031	3,615	2,669	1,964	18,740
Male .....	9,566	5,740	1,781	1,211	834	11,081
Female .....	7,713	3,291	1,834	1,458	1,130	7,659

(1) The bulk of the cases in this group were on claim from 27-39 weeks.

Note: Values less than 50 subject to relatively large sampling variability.



TABLE 4. Disposition of Initial and Renewal Claims and Claims Pending  
at the End of the Month, by Province(1)

Province	Adjudicated					Pending	
	Total	Entitled to benefit		Not entitled to benefit		Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		
CANADA .....	September 1965						
	74,034	27,770	19,110	23,120	4,034	19,257	7,880
	1,192	385	240	494	73	451	134
	230	92	54	70	14	53	15
	5,822	2,253	2,437	958	174	1,146	410
	2,425	846	606	845	128	617	279
	23,893	8,809	7,007	6,780	1,297	6,434	3,028
	24,658	9,197	5,117	8,878	1,466	6,746	2,544
	2,060	870	391	689	110	401	143
	1,158	463	202	443	50	306	96
	2,875	1,098	697	946	134	864	294
	9,721	3,757	2,359	3,017	588	2,239	937
	September 1964						
	83,763	30,249	25,510	23,500	4,504	22,570	10,353
	1,740	574	472	594	100	594	243
	246	93	71	68	14	73	26
	3,618	1,404	1,050	957	207	813	421
	2,924	1,060	921	780	163	898	387
	28,226	9,992	9,422	7,424	1,388	7,886	3,797
	28,896	10,692	8,623	8,038	1,543	7,644	3,436
	2,679	1,084	569	879	147	500	165
	1,497	560	332	547	58	392	104
	4,509	1,676	1,266	1,301	266	1,305	523
	9,428	3,114	2,784	2,912	618	2,465	1,251

(1) In addition 28,277 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,425 were special requests not granted and 1,470 were appeals by claimants. There were 5,845 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during September 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	9,874 12,375	235 350	24 38	467 496	467 455	3,442 4,344	2,995 3,954	263 359	184 255	385 579	1,412 1,545
Claimants disqualified ..... 1965 1964	28,892 26,530	537 598	117 109	1,058 1,115	842 899	8,570 8,176	11,620 9,303	962 1,164	562 613	1,251 1,593	3,373 2,960
Not unemployed ..... 1965 1964	755 540	20 17	1 5	25 102	27 13	153 132	447 169	20 20	11 15	20 28	31 39
Not capable of and not available for work ..... 1965 1964	9,043 8,881	183 182	29 28	328 312	315 318	2,434 2,559	3,422 3,196	497 506	284 284	495 551	1,056 945
Loss of work due to a labour dispute ..... 1965 1964	710 244	- 1	- -	11 2	1 -	74 105	589 90	3 26	12 2	- 5	20 13
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work ..... 1965 1964	1,364 1,585	3 9	21 25	54 63	54 81	423 559	525 548	51 51	43 39	55 62	135 148
Discharged for misconduct .... 1965 1964	1,164 1,296	21 33	1 3	31 47	33 37	485 564	440 418	10 30	8 14	26 47	109 103
Voluntarily left employment without just cause ..... 1965 1964	6,659 6,924	138 130	27 17	312 283	215 205	2,110 2,047	2,109 2,392	190 232	115 131	311 451	1,132 1,036
Other reasons ..... 1965 1964	9,197 7,060	172 226	38 31	297 306	197 245	2,891 2,210	4,088 2,490	191 299	89 128	344 449	890 676
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during September ..... 1965	1,769	48	10	98	117	737	490	30	17	58	164

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

Province	Average per week	
	1965 - September	1964
	thousands	
CANADA .....	116.3	128.2
Newfoundland .....	2.2	3.0
Prince Edward Island .....	0.5	0.5
Nova Scotia .....	5.9	6.6
New Brunswick .....	4.3	5.4
Quebec .....	37.2	42.4
Ontario .....	43.3	44.8
Manitoba .....	3.9	4.5
Saskatchewan .....	2.2	2.4
Alberta .....	4.7	5.9
British Columbia .....	12.0	12.6

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1965      September      1964			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA .....	488,365	11,501,411	538,557	12,791,963
Newfoundland .....	9,334	204,125	12,626	281,507
Prince Edward Island .....	2,192	45,121	2,122	44,197
Nova Scotia .....	24,699	549,187	27,839	634,439
New Brunswick .....	17,863	391,240	22,632	492,868
Quebec .....	156,416	3,643,017	178,108	4,280,292
Ontario .....	181,891	4,401,141	188,300	4,497,126
Manitoba .....	16,315	374,601	19,041	440,954
Saskatchewan .....	9,228	202,577	10,129	228,319
Alberta .....	19,878	464,269	24,684	603,206
British Columbia .....	50,549	1,226,133	53,076	1,289,055

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
		September 1965	
CANADA .....	446,735	41,630	31,014
Newfoundland .....	8,408	926	783
Prince Edward Island .....	1,972	220	176
Nova Scotia .....	20,534	4,165	3,249
New Brunswick .....	15,469	2,394	1,895
Quebec .....	144,212	12,204	8,453
Ontario .....	167,901	13,990	10,398
Manitoba .....	14,826	1,489	1,158
Saskatchewan .....	8,505	723	523
Alberta .....	18,311	1,567	1,146
British Columbia .....	46,597	3,952	3,233
		September - 1964	
CANADA .....	490,785	47,772	34,520
Newfoundland .....	10,953	1,673	1,401
Prince Edward Island .....	1,897	225	179
Nova Scotia .....	24,333	3,506	2,784
New Brunswick .....	19,873	2,759	2,179
Quebec .....	163,593	14,515	10,044
Ontario .....	172,175	16,125	11,249
Manitoba .....	17,425	1,616	1,215
Saskatchewan .....	9,504	625	460
Alberta .....	22,768	1,916	1,445
British Columbia .....	48,264	4,812	3,564



## 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.



