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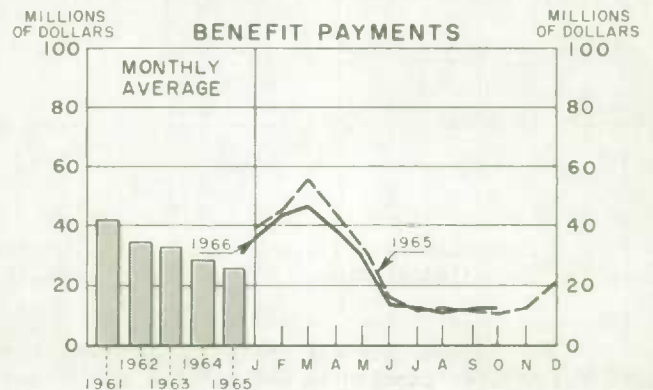
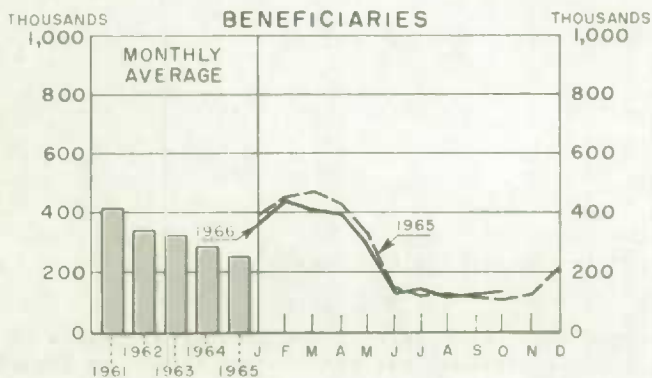
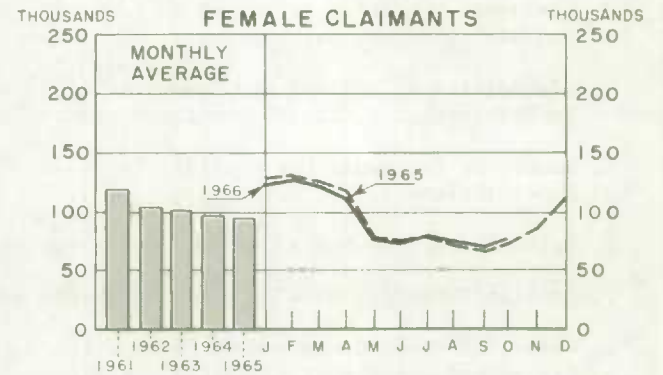
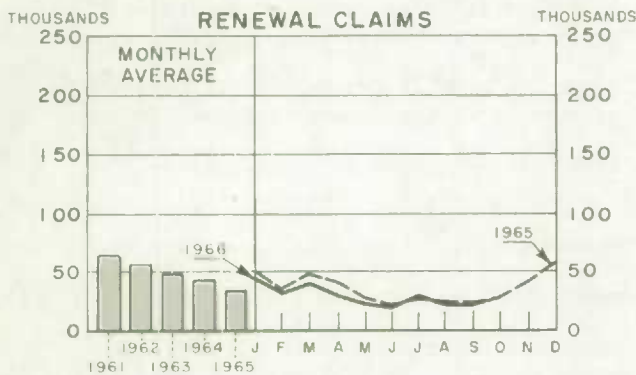
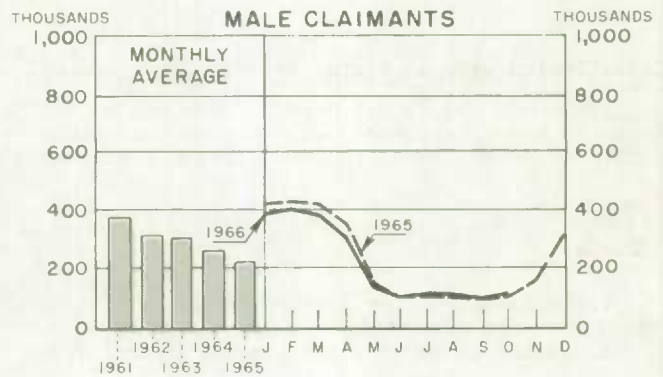
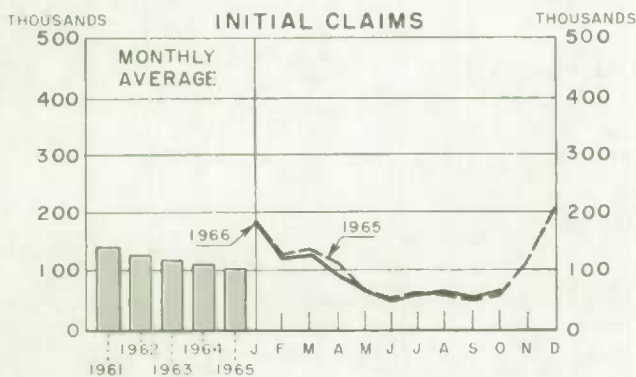
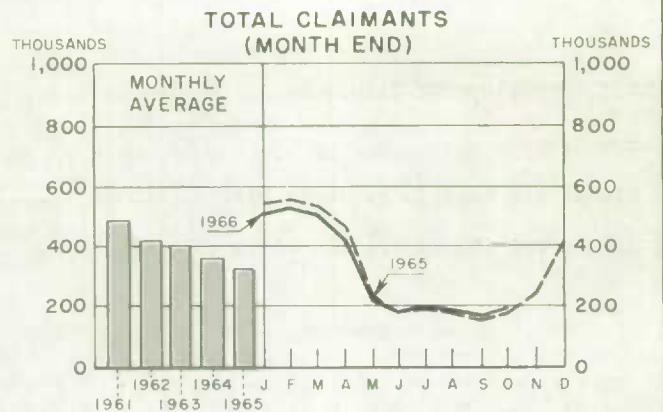
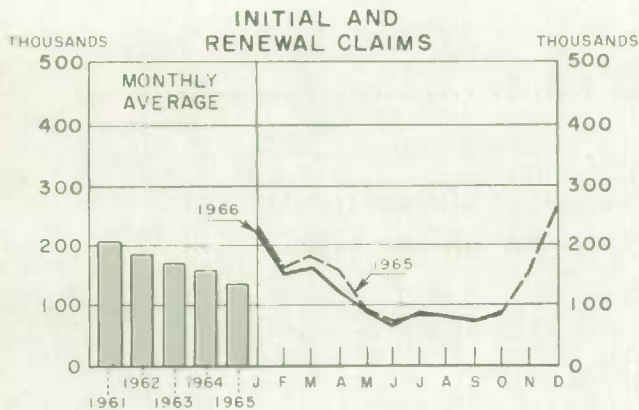
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For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing benefit periods, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act", DBS Catalogue No. 73-201.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

OCTOBER 1966

Claimants at Month-end

At the end of October 1966 there were approximately 184,000 claimants reporting to local offices, some 14,000 or slightly more than 8 per cent higher than at the same time last year, and almost 12 per cent above the 165,000 claimants at the end of September. In comparison both with last month and with the same period one year earlier, males accounted for the greater part of the increases, and as a result males increased fractionally as a proportion of all month-end claimants.

Half of all claimants at the end of October came on claim during the month and of these, roughly two out of every three were males. For the other segment of claimants, i.e., those on claim for more than 4 weeks, there were almost as many women as men. It is of some interest that for both groups of claimants there were more women than men in Ontario and the Prairie provinces.

As was the case last month, most of the year-to-year increase occurred in the province of British Columbia and was concentrated among the males. In large part, this development was attributable to lay-offs in the forest industry because of a drop in the market for wood products. In the Prairie provinces there were some 1,000 claimants fewer than last year with most of the decline attributable to male claimants in Manitoba. All other provinces reflected the increased claimant volume.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	September 30 to October 31, 1966			October 29, 1965 to October 31, 1966			September 30 to October 29, 1965		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	+ 12	+ 13	+ 10	+ 8	+ 9	+ 6	+ 8	+ 9	+ 8
Newfoundland	+ 29	+ 35	+ 9	+ 47	+ 54	+ 24	+ 28	+ 41	+ 2
Prince Edward Island	+ 8	+ 6	+ 11	+ 11	+ 28	- 7	+ 6	+ 4	+ 8
Nova Scotia	+ 9	+ 11	+ 4	+ 11	+ 13	+ 7	- 12	- 19	+ 9
New Brunswick	+ 20	+ 20	+ 22	+ 25	+ 34	+ 11	+ 21	+ 15	+ 31
Quebec	+ 16	+ 17	+ 14	+ 1	- 5	+ 12	+ 18	+ 21	+ 13
Ontario	-	- 4	+ 4	+ 3	+ 4	+ 3	- 3	- 8	+ 3
Manitoba	+ 20	+ 30	+ 12	- 12	- 20	- 4	+ 6	+ 12	-
Saskatchewan	+ 16	+ 32	+ 5	- 7	- 1	- 11	+ 11	+ 21	+ 5
Alberta	+ 16	+ 20	+ 13	- 1	+ 2	- 3	+ 5	-	+ 9
British Columbia	+ 24	+ 27	+ 18	+ 35	+ 52	+ 11	+ 21	+ 29	+ 11

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

Payments during the month of October increased about 20 per cent from a year ago, as a total of \$12,336 thousand was paid out to an estimated 130,000 beneficiaries receiving \$23.82 each week over the course of the month. During October last year, \$10,223 thousands was paid out to some 108,000 recipients at an average weekly rate of \$23.70. Comparable September data show an estimated 122,000 beneficiaries receiving \$12,265 thousands or an average weekly benefit payment of \$23.93.

Initial and Renewal Claims

There were roughly 86,000 initial and renewal claims filed in local offices across Canada during October, compared with 73,000 last month and about 83,000 during October last year. Over 95 per cent of the claims were filed by persons separating from employment during the month; about 4 per cent were on behalf of persons whose benefit rights had terminated and who were seeking extension of those rights.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	September to October 1966			October 1965 to October 1966			September to October 1965		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	+ 18	+ 16	+ 22	+ 4	+ 6	- 2	+ 16	+ 17	+ 12
Newfoundland	+ 56	+ 61	+ 45	+ 21	+ 20	+ 24	+ 74	+ 69	+ 89
Prince Edward Island ...	+ 7	+ 17	- 13	+ 12	+ 6	+ 29	+ 31	+ 47	- 3
Nova Scotia	+ 17	+ 18	+ 14	+ 3	+ 1	+ 8	- 31	- 1	- 59
New Brunswick	+ 24	+ 23	+ 25	+ 22	+ 17	+ 30	+ 39	+ 33	+ 52
Quebec	+ 24	+ 22	+ 27	- 8	- 2	- 17	+ 27	+ 26	+ 29
Ontario	+ 5	+ 1	+ 19	+ 2	+ 1	+ 3	+ 8	+ 8	+ 7
Manitoba	+ 20	+ 19	+ 22	- 17	- 14	- 27	+ 17	+ 14	+ 25
Saskatchewan	+ 33	+ 29	+ 50	- 3	+ 2	- 18	+ 16	+ 14	+ 22
Alberta	+ 13	+ 9	+ 32	+ 3	+ 4	- 1	- 1	+ 4	- 15
British Columbia	+ 25	+ 30	+ 15	+ 33	+ 38	+ 22	+ 22	+ 19	+ 28

Industrial Classification of Persons Separated from Employment and Filing Initial(1) Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefit during September 1966

There were 47.5 thousand new cases of recorded unemployment during September 1966, an increase of about 55 per cent from a year earlier. As was the case last year, two-thirds of the cases were from the manufacturing, trade and service industries, but there was a shift from the latter two to the manufacturing industry where there was an increase from 31 per cent last year to 36 per cent of the new cases this year. The other industries maintained virtually the same proportion of new cases as a year ago.

(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
September 1966 and 1965

Industry group		Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total new cases(000's)	1966	47.5	1.2	(2)	1.8	1.8	14.4	16.3	1.2	0.8	2.2	7.9
	1965	30.8	0.6	(2)	1.7	1.1	10.4	9.8	0.9	0.5	1.4	4.3
Per cent distribution												
Forestry (mainly logging)	1966	2	4		2	4	2	1	-	-	1	4
	1965	3	2		2	15	5	1	1	-	1	2
Fishing(4) and trapping	1966	1	1		4	2	(3)	-	(3)	-	-	2
	1965	1	2		7	1	(3)	-	(3)	-	(3)	1
Mining	1966	1	2		4	2	1	1	2	3	3	3
	1965	3	7		28	2	1	1	3	2	7	2
Manufacturing	1966	36	15		29	28	39	42	29	13	22	32
	1965	31	19		14	22	31	42	31	16	17	22
Construction	1966	13	19		13	27	17	10	5	7	7	13
	1965	13	16		8	14	19	9	5	8	11	10
Transportation, communication and other utilities	1966	9	28		11	8	6	5	12	17	13	15
	1965	7	17		12	13	6	4	9	9	6	8
Trade	1966	14	14		17	13	13	16	22	25	19	10
	1965	17	22		13	15	15	18	21	24	22	14
Service	1966	14	9		12	10	12	16	18	25	25	14
	1965	17	8		8	12	13	16	20	24	23	32
Public administration and defence	1966	5	7		6	4	6	4	8	3	7	4
	1965	5	6		4	4	5	4	5	9	8	5
Other	1966	5	2		3	3	5	6	5	8	4	4
	1965	5	2		3	4	5	5	6	9	6	5
All cases	1966	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1965	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

	1966			1965	
	September	June	March	December	September
Total new cases (000's)	47.5	30.7	60.8	140.3	30.8
Per cent distribution					
Forestry (mainly logging)	2	1	15	7	3
Fishing and trapping	1	(1)	1	5	1
Mining	1	1	2	1	3
Manufacturing	36	38	25	26	31
Construction	13	12	21	25	13
Transportation, communication and other utilities	9	6	8	10	7
Trade	14	17	12	9	17
Service	14	17	9	7	17
Public administration and defence	5	4	6	7	5
Other	5	3	2	3	5
All cases	100	100	100	100	100

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

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Oct. 1966	Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Sept. 1966	Oct. 1965	January to October		12 months ending October	
						1966	1965	1966	1965
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,405	4,286	4,325*	..	4,327*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	86	73	83	+ 18	+ 4	1,144	1,214	1,557	1,700
Initial	60	52	57	+ 16	+ 6	862	893	1,177	1,254
Renewal	26	21	26	+ 22	- 2	282	322	380	446
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	184	165	170	+ 12	+ 8	309*	320*	312*	330*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	130	122	108	+ 6	+ 20	255*	271*	241*	258*
Weeks compensated	518	513	431	+ 1	+ 20	10,547	11,321	11,943	12,918
Benefit paid \$	12,336	12,265	10,223	+ 1	+ 21	258,588	278,311	292,386	317,456

Average weekly benefit \$	23.82	23.93	23.70	-	+ 1	24.52	24.58	24.48	24.57
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* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1966 - September	4,405,000	4,240,100	164,900
August	4,577,000	4,389,800	187,200
July	4,512,000	4,316,000	196,000
June	4,500,000	4,318,700	181,300
May	4,404,000	4,186,400	217,600
April	4,465,000	4,051,100	413,900
March	4,498,000	4,000,000	498,000
February	4,506,000	3,975,500	530,500
January	4,482,000	3,970,200	511,800
1965 - December	4,444,000	4,026,000	418,000
November	4,365,000	4,120,400	244,600
October	4,286,000	4,115,600	170,400
September	4,287,000	4,129,700	157,300

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

Province	1966 - October - 1965					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	86,164	60,133	26,031	83,126	56,692	26,434
Newfoundland	2,871	2,049	822	2,375	1,713	662
Prince Edward Island	290	210	80	260	198	62
Nova Scotia	3,682	2,479	1,203	3,571	2,461	1,110
New Brunswick	4,098	2,624	1,474	3,369	2,236	1,133
Quebec	28,109	18,934	9,175	30,415	19,398	11,017
Ontario	25,067	17,888	7,179	24,599	17,641	6,958
Manitoba	1,907	1,462	445	2,300	1,692	608
Saskatchewan	1,341	1,073	268	1,381	1,055	326
Alberta	3,249	2,481	768	3,148	2,376	772
British Columbia	15,550	10,933	4,617	11,708	7,922	3,786

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 23,227.

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)	
	October 31, 1966					October 29, 1965
CANADA	184,302	92,178	42,056	31,326	18,742	170,408
Male	107,716	59,274	22,908	15,598	9,936	98,384
Female	76,586	32,904	19,148	15,728	8,806	72,024
Newfoundland	6,645	3,215	1,335	1,539	556	4,533
Male	5,200	2,695	1,039	1,144	322	3,366
Female	1,445	520	296	395	234	1,167
Prince Edward Island	695	313	231	104	47	627
Male	407	201	146	45	15	318
Female	288	112	85	59	32	309
Nova Scotia	9,427	4,165	2,059	1,728	1,475	8,475
Male	6,598	3,127	1,372	1,111	988	5,841
Female	2,829	1,038	687	617	487	2,634
New Brunswick	9,339	4,483	2,394	1,610	852	7,449
Male	6,334	3,069	1,632	1,131	502	4,735
Female	3,005	1,414	762	479	350	2,714
Quebec	58,506	30,480	13,198	9,694	5,134	57,705
Male	35,228	20,481	7,328	4,624	2,795	36,963
Female	23,278	9,999	5,870	5,070	2,339	20,742
Ontario	56,201	25,783	13,255	10,423	6,740	54,441
Male	28,054	13,717	6,274	4,701	3,362	27,059
Female	28,147	12,066	6,981	5,722	3,378	27,382
Manitoba	5,094	2,438	1,177	866	613	5,813
Male	2,481	1,230	508	394	349	3,099
Female	2,613	1,208	669	472	264	2,714
Saskatchewan	3,244	1,470	704	606	464	3,489
Male	1,436	808	250	202	176	1,450
Female	1,808	662	454	404	288	2,039
Alberta	6,970	3,459	1,682	1,076	753	7,015
Male	3,274	1,797	675	432	370	3,218
Female	3,696	1,662	1,007	644	383	3,797
British Columbia	28,181	16,372	6,021	3,680	2,108	20,861
Male	18,704	12,149	3,684	1,814	1,057	12,335
Female	9,477	4,223	2,337	1,866	1,051	8,526

(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		
	October 1966						
CANADA	77,335	31,289	19,832	22,594	3,620	23,224	9,034
Newfoundland	2,532	1,145	647	643	97	797	290
Prince Edward Island	294	145	67	72	10	54	21
Nova Scotia	3,302	1,325	898	903	176	889	424
New Brunswick	3,767	1,436	1,315	864	152	964	410
Quebec	24,600	9,554	6,822	7,039	1,185	7,629	3,204
Ontario	23,298	9,541	5,585	7,124	1,048	6,741	2,367
Manitoba	1,662	704	310	580	68	499	164
Saskatchewan	1,164	481	190	448	45	360	88
Alberta	2,864	1,165	528	1,053	118	865	271
British Columbia	13,852	5,793	3,470	3,868	721	4,426	1,795
	October 1965						
CANADA	79,874	29,822	21,621	24,048	4,383	22,079	8,310
Newfoundland	2,075	761	502	716	96	687	198
Prince Edward Island	244	115	48	74	7	62	22
Nova Scotia	4,062	1,799	1,017	1,055	191	753	312
New Brunswick	2,950	1,107	899	827	117	919	396
Quebec	28,372	10,207	9,016	7,495	1,654	8,130	3,375
Ontario	24,788	9,309	5,897	8,177	1,405	6,901	2,200
Manitoba	2,094	815	506	697	76	581	169
Saskatchewan	1,365	551	253	497	64	313	105
Alberta	3,201	1,272	647	1,130	152	838	267
British Columbia	10,723	3,886	2,836	3,380	621	2,895	1,266

(1) In addition 23,536 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,227 were special requests not granted and 1,259 were appeals by claimants. There were 5,436 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during October 1966 and 1965
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											
1966(1)	11,980	387	34	484	565	3,960	3,449	270	224	503	2,104
1965	12,751	449	43	608	526	4,347	3,876	320	249	503	1,830
Claimants disqualified											
1966	22,526	668	79	965	684	6,916	7,646	666	502	1,091	3,309
1965	24,789	591	95	977	695	7,813	9,126	824	507	1,181	2,980
Not unemployed											
1966	530	9	1	22	21	249	122	20	23	19	44
1965	440	17	2	22	22	131	156	22	13	19	36
Not capable of and not available for work											
1966	6,896	155	22	258	174	2,089	2,494	274	238	389	803
1965	8,012	201	32	282	237	2,160	3,156	391	249	466	838
Loss of work due to a labour dispute											
1966	471	5	-	3	2	131	185	-	1	2	142
1965	463	-	-	11	8	82	350	-	3	1	8
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work											
1966	400	5	1	31	14	115	171	5	16	20	22
1965	1,150	9	25	71	44	317	430	38	31	64	121
Discharged for misconduct											
1966	805	24	1	38	37	293	247	13	9	31	112
1965	1,027	27	3	33	35	458	297	11	9	43	111
Voluntarily left employment without just cause											
1966	5,835	189	24	278	216	1,504	1,879	159	106	345	1,135
1965	6,523	141	13	289	197	2,051	2,129	175	108	343	1,077
Other reasons											
1966	7,589	281	30	335	220	2,535	2,548	195	109	285	1,051
1965	7,174	196	20	269	152	2,614	2,608	187	94	245	789

(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during October

1966	1,624	60	12	83	95	554	435	34	25	59	267
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TABLE 6. Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province

Province	Average per week	
	1966 - October - 1965	
	thousands	
CANADA	129.5	107.8
Newfoundland	4.4	2.8
Prince Edward Island	0.5	0.5
Nova Scotia	6.9	5.6
New Brunswick	6.4	4.0
Quebec	40.5	35.6
Ontario	43.2	36.2
Manitoba	3.2	3.7
Saskatchewan	2.1	2.2
Alberta	4.8	4.5
British Columbia	17.5	12.8

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1966 - October - 1965			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	517,852	12,336,003	431,282	10,223,036
Newfoundland	17,655	438,988	11,172	245,579
Prince Edward Island	2,185	47,802	1,803	37,675
Nova Scotia	27,502	616,660	22,486	516,265
New Brunswick	25,590	593,766	16,044	358,201
Quebec	161,900	3,793,380	142,252	3,330,058
Ontario	172,701	4,176,729	144,970	3,493,038
Manitoba	12,802	284,118	14,735	350,781
Saskatchewan	8,315	180,865	8,821	195,899
Alberta	19,358	432,154	17,804	421,453
British Columbia	69,844	1,771,541	51,195	1,274,087

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	October 1966		
CANADA	478,919	38,933	28,823
Newfoundland	16,254	1,401	1,084
Prince Edward Island	1,966	219	178
Nova Scotia	24,239	3,263	2,751
New Brunswick	22,511	3,079	2,293
Quebec	150,475	11,425	8,211
Ontario	161,951	10,750	7,801
Manitoba	11,735	1,067	810
Saskatchewan	8,001	314	251
Alberta	18,031	1,327	974
British Columbia	63,756	6,088	4,470
	October 1965		
CANADA	395,052	36,230	26,929
Newfoundland	9,889	1,283	1,002
Prince Edward Island	1,648	155	125
Nova Scotia	18,934	3,552	2,673
New Brunswick	13,811	2,233	1,792
Quebec	130,665	11,587	8,144
Ontario	134,798	10,172	7,310
Manitoba	13,452	1,283	985
Saskatchewan	8,174	647	497
Alberta	16,320	1,484	1,091
British Columbia	47,361	3,834	3,310

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.



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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.