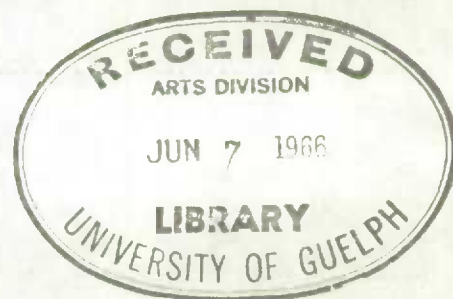


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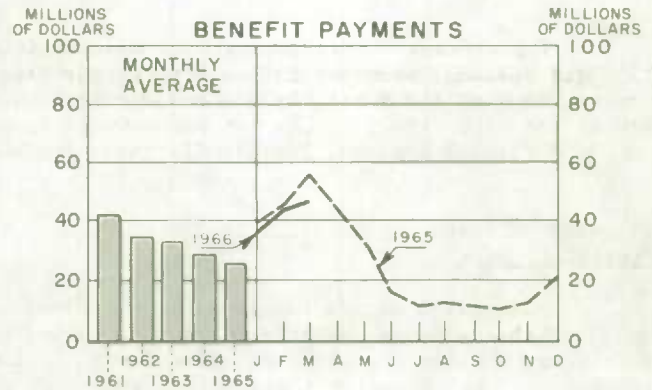
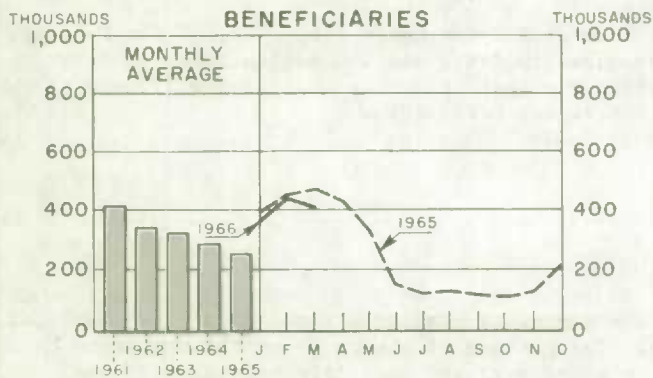
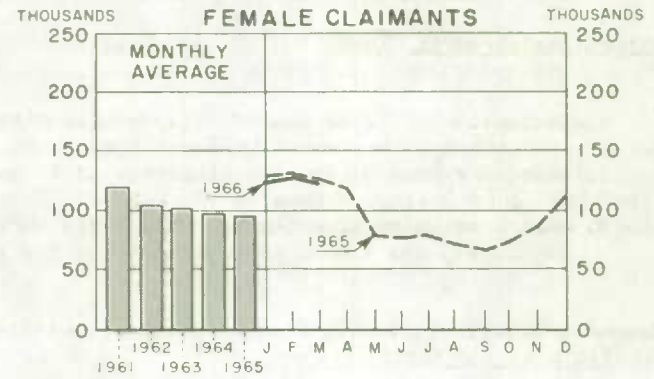
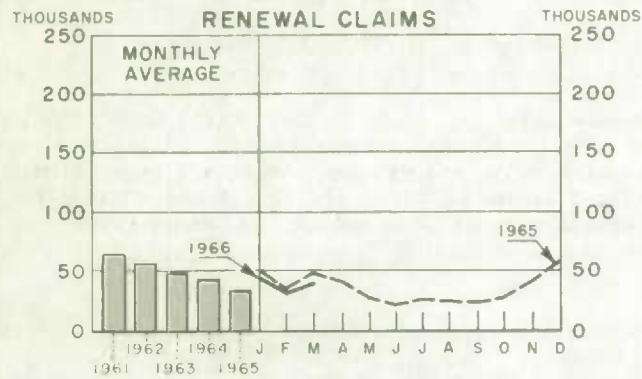
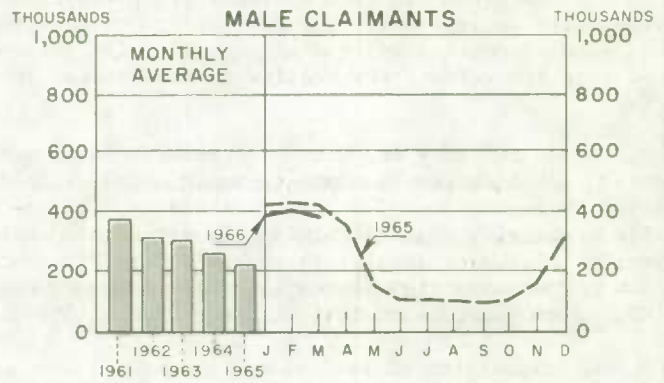
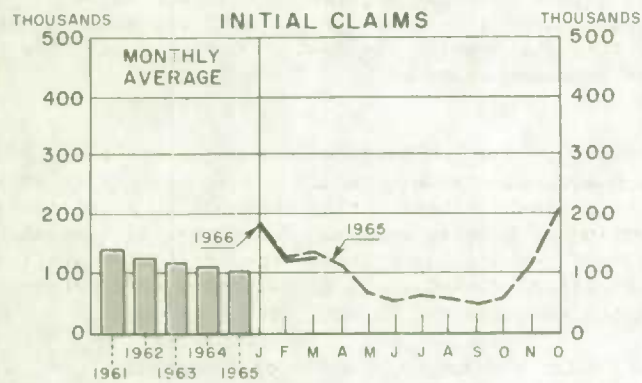
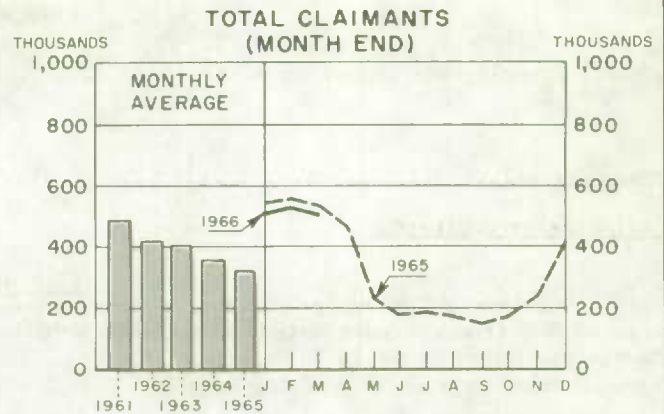
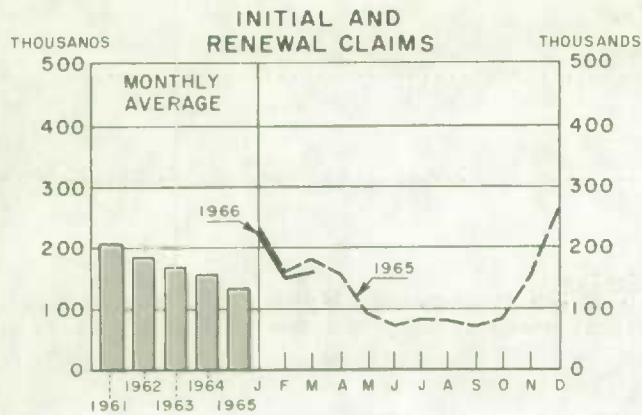
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1965 and 1964 are included in the January 1966 issue in this series.

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 Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance and Pensions Section.

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

MARCH 1966

### Claimants at Month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on March 31 numbered 498,000, a decline of more than 40,000 from the same date one year ago when the total stood at 539,000. The current figure is the lowest for March since 1953.

The March 31, 1966 claimant group comprised 355,400 classed as regular benefit and 142,600 identified as seasonal. The decline from March 1965 was shared almost equally by both segments, hence the rate of decline was somewhat heavier for seasonal than for regular claimants. Lower totals from one year ago reflect the continuing improvement in the economic climate.

On February 28, 1966 the claimant count was 530,500, of which 396,000 were regular and 135,000 seasonal. Despite the month-to-month increase in the number of seasonal benefit claimants, it is estimated that some 30,000 of these claimants withdrew from claimant status during the month. A considerable proportion of those would have represented exhaustion of benefit rights. The number of seasonal benefit claimants usually increases during March as persons exhausting regular benefit(1) make application for an extension of benefit under the seasonal benefit provisions. It is estimated that between 100,000 and 125,000 persons withdrew from claimant status and returned to work during March.

### Initial and Renewal Claims

A total of 159,000 initial and renewal claims were filed in local offices across Canada during March, constituting the lowest volume for March since 1952. Moreover, some 40,000 of the 121,400 initial claims were from persons seeking re-establishment of credits and did not constitute separations from employment during the month. In February 1966, total claims numbered 150,300 of which close to 30,000 were transitional, while for March 1965 these totals were 183,200 and 45,000, respectively.

### Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 401,600 for March 1966, 440,600 for February 1966 and 470,700 for March 1965. Benefit payments amounted to \$46.2 million during March 1966 in comparison with \$44.3 million in February 1966 and \$55.6 one year ago. The average weekly payment was \$24.98 for March 1966, \$25.14 for February 1966 and \$24.86 for March 1965.

### Provincial Data

All provinces contributed to the decline in the number of claimants recorded at the month-end, both from February 28, 1966, and from March 31, 1965. The pattern of change from February 28 to March 31 this year is virtually identical with that which obtained over the same interval one year ago.

(1) Approximately 40,000.



## Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	February 28 to March 31, 1966			March 31, 1965 to March 31, 1966			February 26 to March 31, 1965		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA .....	- 6	- 6	- 6	- 8	- 9	- 4	- 4	- 4	- 3
Newfoundland .....	- 12	- 13	+ 13	- 2	- 3	+ 17	- 11	- 11	- 17
Prince Edward Island ....	- 4	- 7	+ 10	- 1	-	- 1	- 7	- 7	- 5
Nova Scotia .....	- 4	- 4	- 4	- 2	- 2	- 3	- 4	- 5	- 2
New Brunswick .....	- 2	-	- 12	- 2	- 3	-	- 3	- 2	- 11
Quebec .....	- 1	+ 1	- 10	- 9	- 10	- 7	+ 3	+ 3	- 1
Ontario .....	- 9	- 12	- 4	- 4	- 6	+ 1	- 6	- 7	- 4
Manitoba .....	- 8	- 8	- 6	- 23	- 25	- 16	+ 7	+ 8	+ 4
Saskatchewan .....	- 13	- 14	- 12	- 17	- 21	- 6	- 6	- 7	- 4
Alberta .....	- 17	- 20	- 7	- 29	- 34	- 15	- 3	- 5	+ 1
British Columbia .....	- 6	- 7	- 2	-	+ 4	- 7	- 16	- 20	- 5

Small increases occurred in the claim volume during March in all provinces except Ontario where the reverse occurred. In comparison with March 1965, only British Columbia reported a higher claim load.

## Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	February to March 1966			March 1965 to March 1966			February to March 1965		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA .....	+ 6	+ 2	+ 19	- 13	- 10	- 21	+ 14	+ 10	+ 28
Newfoundland .....	+ 34	+ 29	+ 60	- 4	- 2	- 15	+ 21	+ 19	+ 32
Prince Edward Island ....	+ 10	+ 7	+ 27	- 9	- 6	- 21	+ 40	+ 32	+ 89
Nova Scotia .....	+ 7	+ 1	+ 32	- 10	- 9	- 15	+ 11	+ 12	+ 8
New Brunswick .....	+ 27	+ 21	+ 54	- 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 25	+ 24	+ 27
Quebec .....	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	- 15	- 11	- 26	+ 19	+ 17	+ 27
Ontario .....	- 4	- 8	+ 13	- 16	- 12	- 24	+ 9	+ 4	+ 28
Manitoba .....	+ 5	+ 6	+ 3	- 25	- 22	- 37	+ 15	+ 15	+ 15
Saskatchewan .....	+ 3	-	+ 29	- 20	- 19	- 21	+ 13	+ 12	+ 23
Alberta .....	+ 7	-	+ 35	- 27	- 21	- 42	+ 18	+ 10	+ 46
British Columbia .....	+ 21	+ 6	+ 69	+ 3	+ 3	+ 4	+ 4	- 7	+ 37

Summary Table

Activity	March 1966	Feb. 1966	March 1965	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Feb. 1966	March 1965	January to March		12 months ending March	
						1966	1965	1966	1965
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end .....	..	4,831	4,626	..	..	..	4,608*	..	4,455*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total .....	159	150	183	+ 6	- 13	534	573	1,589	1,821
Initial .....	121	119	135	+ 2	- 10	421	439	1,190	1,311
Renewal .....	38	32	48	+ 19	- 21	114	134	400	509
Claimants currently reporting to local offices .....	498	530	539	- 6	- 8	513*	549*	313*	344*
Regular .....	355	396	378	- 10	- 6				
S.B. ....	143	135	161	+ 6	- 11				
S.B. Fishing .....	22	26	24	- 16	- 10				
Beneficiaries (weekly average) .....	402	441	471	- 9	- 15	401	441*	244	269*
Weeks compensated .....	1,847	1,762	2,236	+ 5	- 17	5,055	5,648	12,125	13,648
Benefit paid ..... \$	46,157	44,299	55,589	+ 4	- 17	126,366	140,768	297,707	335,068

Average weekly  
benefit ..... \$   24.98   25.14   24.86   - 1       -   25.00   24.92   24.55   24.55

\* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1966 - February .....	4,831,000	4,300,500	530,500
January .....	4,794,000	4,282,200	511,800
1965 - December .....	4,821,000	4,403,000	418,000
November .....	4,754,000	4,509,400	244,600
October .....	4,680,000	4,509,600	170,400
September .....	4,678,000	4,520,700	157,300
August .....	4,696,000	4,523,500	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

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

Province	1966 - March - 1965					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA .....	159,025	121,416	37,609	183,166	135,353	47,813
Newfoundland .....	6,267	5,145	1,122	6,555	5,238	1,317
Prince Edward Island .....	1,158	964	194	1,268	1,021	247
Nova Scotia .....	7,457	5,767	1,690	8,319	6,324	1,995
New Brunswick .....	8,976	7,221	1,755	9,056	7,354	1,702
Quebec .....	56,890	43,555	13,335	66,722	48,744	17,978
Ontario .....	44,056	33,550	10,506	52,086	38,217	13,869
Manitoba .....	5,641	4,688	953	7,499	5,984	1,515
Saskatchewan .....	3,983	3,358	625	4,949	4,155	794
Alberta .....	7,279	5,659	1,620	9,948	7,157	2,791
British Columbia .....	17,318	11,509	5,809	16,764	11,159	5,605

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 45,609.

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)	
	March 31, 1966					March 31, 1965
CANADA .....	498,013	149,181	186,294	137,242	25,296	538,978
Male .....	377,441	116,023	144,209	104,081	13,128	413,131
Female .....	120,572	33,158	42,085	33,161	12,168	125,847
Newfoundland .....	31,283	6,805	11,495	12,452	531	31,825
Male .....	29,095	6,274	10,698	11,839	284	29,952
Female .....	2,188	531	797	613	247	1,873
Prince Edward Island .....	6,364	874	2,317	3,108	65	6,402
Male .....	5,202	690	1,953	2,532	27	5,223
Female .....	1,162	184	364	576	38	1,179
Nova Scotia .....	32,900	7,329	13,690	10,241	1,640	33,606
Male .....	27,507	5,795	11,732	8,798	1,182	28,048
Female .....	5,393	1,534	1,958	1,443	458	5,558
New Brunswick .....	33,448	7,056	12,435	12,627	1,330	34,143
Male .....	27,624	6,196	10,711	9,952	765	28,337
Female .....	5,824	860	1,724	2,675	565	5,806
Quebec .....	162,185	54,677	62,129	38,111	7,268	178,791
Male .....	132,100	45,819	52,751	29,758	3,772	146,304
Female .....	30,085	8,858	9,378	8,353	3,496	32,487
Ontario .....	129,320	41,665	46,147	31,571	9,937	134,385
Male .....	82,666	27,658	30,031	20,058	4,919	88,012
Female .....	46,654	14,007	16,116	11,513	5,018	46,373
Manitoba .....	20,323	5,030	8,157	6,166	970	26,512
Male .....	15,299	3,813	6,062	4,871	553	20,516
Female .....	5,024	1,217	2,095	1,295	417	5,996
Saskatchewan .....	15,507	3,183	5,934	5,791	599	18,779
Male .....	11,646	2,445	4,569	4,388	244	14,662
Female .....	3,861	738	1,365	1,403	355	4,117
Alberta .....	19,190	6,201	7,414	4,716	859	27,185
Male .....	13,514	4,675	5,154	3,355	330	20,495
Female .....	5,676	1,526	2,260	1,361	529	6,690
British Columbia .....	47,493	16,361	16,576	12,459	2,097	47,350
Male .....	32,788	12,658	10,548	8,530	1,052	31,582
Female .....	14,705	3,703	6,028	3,929	1,045	15,768

(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		
	March 1966						
CANADA .....	164,548	97,987	32,378	28,745	5,438	37,974	10,329
Newfoundland .....	5,813	4,035	756	879	143	1,527	460
Prince Edward Island .....	1,141	817	167	139	18	302	63
Nova Scotia .....	7,328	4,659	1,416	992	261	1,646	389
New Brunswick .....	8,495	5,871	1,475	978	171	2,160	468
Quebec .....	60,342	36,652	12,308	9,630	1,752	14,205	3,645
Ontario .....	47,542	26,786	9,223	9,805	1,728	10,736	2,788
Manitoba .....	6,008	3,946	870	1,016	176	993	201
Saskatchewan .....	4,064	2,775	485	722	82	959	198
Alberta .....	7,195	4,211	1,247	1,484	253	1,727	495
British Columbia .....	16,620	8,235	4,431	3,100	854	3,719	1,622
	March 1965						
CANADA .....	180,583	108,315	40,700	26,361	5,207	46,699	14,215
Newfoundland .....	6,727	4,481	1,333	769	144	1,795	288
Prince Edward Island .....	1,117	789	221	90	17	344	45
Nova Scotia .....	8,006	5,268	1,655	883	200	1,848	490
New Brunswick .....	9,135	6,479	1,497	974	185	2,062	455
Quebec .....	65,555	39,111	16,081	8,822	1,541	18,021	5,269
Ontario .....	51,810	29,847	11,504	8,639	1,820	13,538	4,210
Manitoba .....	7,520	4,990	1,303	1,066	161	1,677	497
Saskatchewan .....	4,780	3,285	664	757	74	1,246	230
Alberta .....	8,852	5,179	1,981	1,417	275	2,639	1,045
British Columbia .....	17,081	8,886	4,461	2,944	790	3,529	1,686

(1) In addition 48,243 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,575 were special requests not granted and 2,549 were appeals by claimants. There were 9,743 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during March 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)	9,676	441	78	329	404	3,636	2,757	358	208	432	1,033
	1965	9,779	370	37	296	447	3,885	2,777	336	224	413	994
Claimants disqualified .....	1966	40,925	1,078	213	1,606	1,343	13,482	13,827	1,526	1,099	2,025	4,726
	1965	37,527	989	143	1,601	1,327	11,798	12,567	1,571	1,018	2,006	4,507
Not unemployed .....	1966	1,388	63	6	89	38	748	219	73	61	37	54
	1965	1,399	74	6	55	46	616	310	84	73	51	84
Not capable of and not available for work .....	1966	10,506	206	51	366	319	2,984	3,984	503	368	594	1,131
	1965	10,408	218	39	378	345	2,743	4,091	511	354	598	1,131
Loss of work due to a labour dispute .....	1966	1,112	35	2	4	56	99	869	18	20	7	2
	1965	253	1	-	6	5	5	70	-	1	15	150
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work .....	1966	2,022	92	38	153	37	655	595	97	109	95	151
	1965	2,383	52	13	178	87	770	851	100	58	102	172
Discharged for misconduct ...	1966	2,194	49	6	46	98	793	763	56	32	132	219
	1965	2,015	26	8	73	105	736	681	57	49	100	180
Voluntarily left employment without just cause .....	1966	10,819	277	46	467	367	3,339	3,553	341	275	637	1,517
	1965	9,908	223	33	313	277	3,099	3,278	359	263	654	1,409
Other reasons .....	1966	12,884	356	64	481	428	4,864	3,844	438	234	523	1,652
	1965	11,161	395	44	598	462	3,829	3,286	460	220	486	1,381
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during March .....	1966	4,439	251	25	176	303	1,773	1,132	109	99	164	407

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

Province	Average per week	
	1966 - March - 1965	
	thousands	
CANADA .....	401.6	470.7
Newfoundland .....	30.0	38.2
Prince Edward Island .....	6.3	7.3
Nova Scotia .....	26.3	32.1
New Brunswick .....	26.0	31.6
Quebec .....	125.6	143.1
Ontario .....	99.9	118.3
Manitoba .....	17.6	19.4
Saskatchewan .....	14.1	15.8
Alberta .....	16.7	21.5
British Columbia .....	39.0	43.3

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1966 - March - 1965			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA .....	1,847,439	46,156,729	2,235,905	55,589,404
Newfoundland .....	138,154	3,447,922	181,664	4,508,246
Prince Edward Island .....	29,057	687,161	34,785	795,942
Nova Scotia .....	121,041	2,871,821	152,674	3,549,703
New Brunswick .....	119,796	2,857,962	149,997	3,528,164
Quebec .....	577,889	14,792,324	679,843	17,474,148
Ontario .....	459,359	11,362,082	561,817	13,747,293
Manitoba .....	80,889	2,008,959	91,992	2,390,510
Saskatchewan .....	64,845	1,593,113	75,186	1,869,682
Alberta .....	76,785	1,907,710	102,192	2,490,942
British Columbia .....	179,624	4,627,675	205,755	5,234,774

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	March 1966		
CANADA .....	1,738,322	109,117	83,387
Newfoundland .....	132,382	5,772	4,249
Prince Edward Island .....	27,578	1,479	1,240
Nova Scotia .....	112,347	8,694	7,162
New Brunswick .....	113,978	5,818	4,163
Quebec .....	546,447	31,442	23,025
Ontario .....	431,995	27,364	20,718
Manitoba .....	75,413	5,476	4,400
Saskatchewan .....	60,853	3,992	3,314
Alberta .....	71,680	5,105	3,965
British Columbia .....	165,649	13,975	11,151
	March 1965		
CANADA .....	2,106,003	129,902	99,363
Newfoundland .....	174,528	7,136	5,447
Prince Edward Island .....	33,367	1,418	1,113
Nova Scotia .....	140,935	11,739	9,944
New Brunswick .....	142,253	7,744	5,840
Quebec .....	640,308	39,535	27,912
Ontario .....	530,457	31,360	24,334
Manitoba .....	86,162	5,830	4,714
Saskatchewan .....	70,962	4,224	3,389
Alberta .....	95,419	6,773	5,089
British Columbia .....	191,612	14,143	11,581



### Seasonal Benefit, 1965-66 period

Provisions governing the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 21, 1965 to mid-May 1966, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 5(1). Only one seasonal benefit period may be established by a claimant during this period. The minimum duration is for 12 weeks,(2) hence exhaustion of seasonal benefit will not occur before February 19.

In testing for seasonal benefit, claims failing the regular requirements are considered first under class A, for which the minimum requirement is 15 contribution weeks subsequent to the week containing March 31, 1965. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class is based entirely on contributions since that date. The benefit formula provides 5 full weeks of benefit for every 6 weeks of contribution(2).

Cases failing the contribution requirement for class A are then examined for possible qualification under class B which represents an extension of benefit for those for whom a regular benefit period terminated during the interval since May 15, 1965. The authorization will be that shown on the preceding regular benefit period, or the number of weeks which remain in the seasonal benefit period, whichever is the lesser. The weekly rate(3) will be that of the preceding claim, adjusted, if necessary, for any change in dependency status. Claims established subsequent to April 2, 1966 are exclusively class B.

Claimants for seasonal benefit (except fishermen)(4) must comply with all the provisions of the Act and Regulations, except where mentioned above.

### Fishing Claimants

Table 3b, Fishing Seasonal Benefit Claimants, includes those seasonal benefit claimants whose claim documents carry the identification F, for fishing. This indicates that the person is eligible for seasonal benefit by virtue of fishing contributions, i.e. his countable contributions for the 15 weeks included at least one week of fishing contributions (or his preceding regular benefit period was also designated as F).

- (1) A claimant eligible to have the waiting period waived could draw seasonal benefit for the week commencing November 28.
- (2) While the minimum entitlement on SBA claims is 13 weeks (SBB, 12 weeks), claims established subsequent to the week ending February 26, 1966 provide entitlement only for the number of weeks remaining between the date of establishment and the end of the seasonal benefit period.
- (3) Section 47 (2a) of the Act is not applicable to seasonal benefit claims. This section was added in September 1959 in order to minimize the impact of short-term employment on the weekly rate for subsequent regular claims filed within a two-year period.
- (4) During the seasonal benefit period, claimants classed as fishermen will be considered available and unemployed in respect to any activity in commercial fishing or in the repair of fishing gear, equipment or boat. However, income from fishing or any other activity during a week is taken into consideration in determining the amount of benefit payable.

TABLE 3a. Seasonal Benefit Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Sex and Province

Province	1966 - March - 1965					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA .....	142,642	109,272	33,370	161,097	126,284	34,813
Newfoundland .....	16,027	15,266	761	17,205	16,599	606
Prince Edward Island .....	3,454	2,944	510	3,512	2,978	534
Nova Scotia .....	12,629	10,892	1,737	13,615	11,766	1,849
New Brunswick .....	13,726	11,505	2,221	15,058	12,746	2,312
Quebec .....	38,912	30,997	7,915	45,704	37,299	8,405
Ontario .....	29,823	17,867	11,956	33,149	20,325	12,824
Manitoba .....	5,493	4,445	1,048	6,774	5,564	1,210
Saskatchewan .....	4,384	3,374	1,010	5,245	4,089	1,156
Alberta .....	5,285	2,999	2,286	6,630	5,172	1,458
British Columbia .....	12,909	8,983	3,926	14,205	9,746	4,459

TABLE 3b. Fishing Seasonal Benefit Claimants included in Table 3a

Province	1966 - March - 1965					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA .....	21,570	21,474	96	23,913	23,821	92
Newfoundland .....	7,678	7,659	19	9,221	9,220	1
Prince Edward Island .....	1,548	1,530	18	1,516	1,495	21
Nova Scotia .....	5,010	5,005	5	5,374	5,370	4
New Brunswick .....	3,005	2,991	14	3,359	3,343	16
Quebec .....	682	674	8	757	731	26
Ontario .....	421	413	8	480	473	7
Manitoba .....	417	417	-	338	335	3
Saskatchewan .....	2	2	-	-	-	-
Alberta .....	27	26	1	37	37	-
British Columbia .....	2,780	2,757	23	2,831	2,817	14



## 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.