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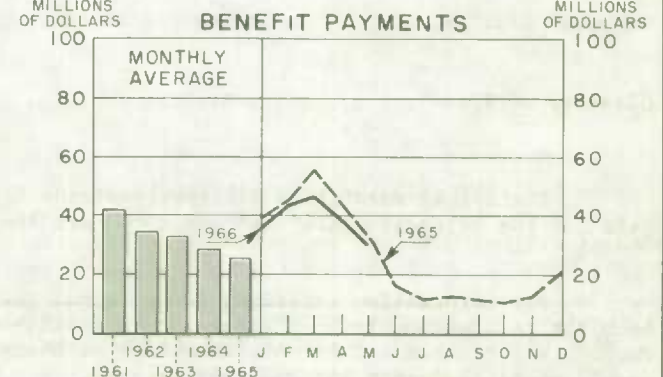
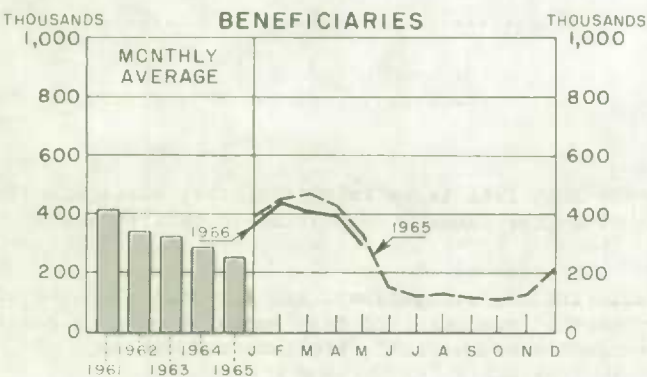
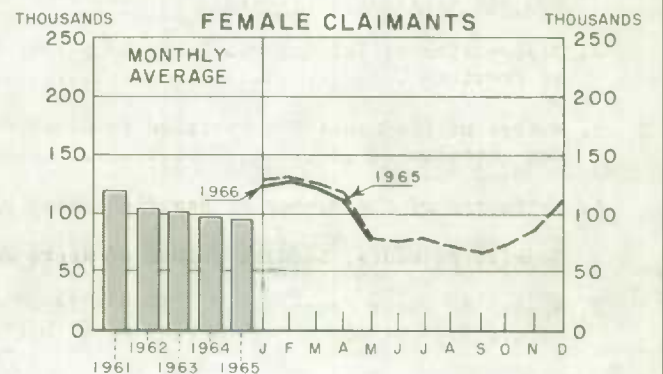
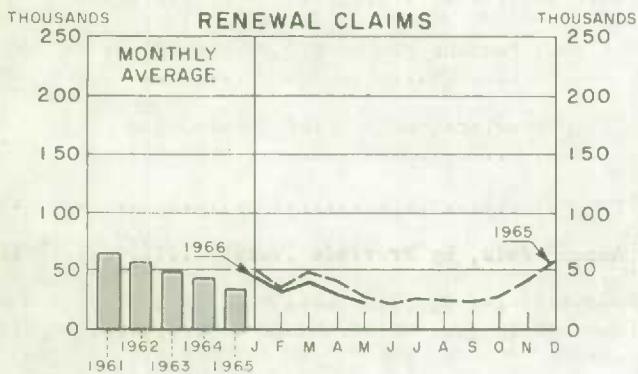
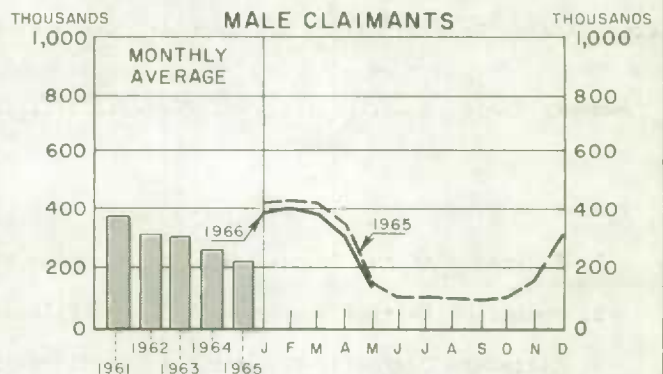
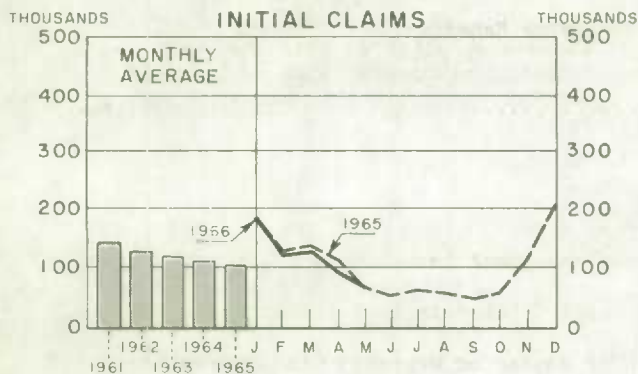
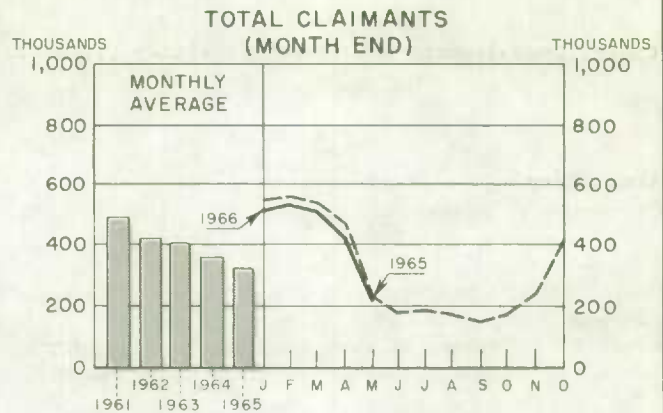
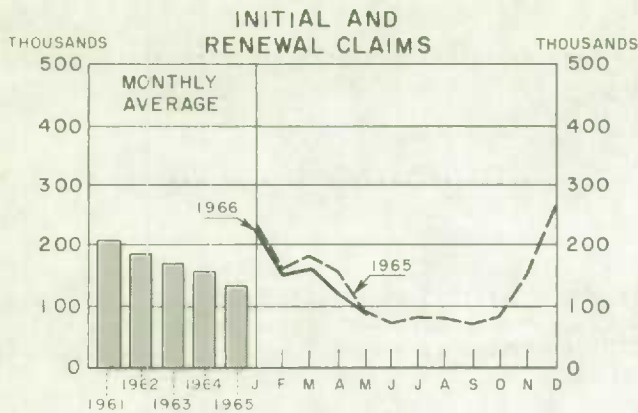
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1965 and 1964 are included in the January 1966 issue in this series.

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

MAY 1966

Claimants at Month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 217,600 on May 31, some 12,000 less than one year ago. The April 29 count of 413,900 included 125,700 identified as claimants for "seasonal benefit". The end of May count represents regular claimants only, as seasonal benefit was not payable for recorded unemployment occurring after May 21.

Women accounted for one-third of the end-of-May claimants both this year and one year ago. This is in sharp contrast with the end of April when women made up slightly more than one-quarter of the total. The April-to-May decline in the proportion of men is associated with seasonal pickup in industries such as construction, employing mainly men. Another factor is that males make up a lower proportion of regular benefit than of seasonal benefit claimants.

Initial and Renewal Claims

A total of 91,000 initial and renewal claims were filed across Canada during May, slightly lower than the 93,300 one year ago. The April claim volume was 119,900. The April-to-May decline is partly associated with the cessation of seasonal benefit payments subsequent to May 21.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 298,100 for May 1966, 398,200 for April 1966, and 324,300 one year ago. Benefit payments at \$30.0 million were almost \$8 million below the \$37.5 million paid out in April. One year ago benefit payments amounted to \$31.7 million. Part of the April-to-May decline is associated with the termination of seasonal benefit on May 21(1). The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.93 for May 1966, \$24.76 for April 1966 and \$24.40 for May 1965.

Provincial Data

Variations in the relative importance of seasonal benefit, as between provinces, have their impact on the April-to-May changes in the month-end claimant count. For this reason, April-to-May changes are not provided for claimants, by province. Year-over-year changes apply to regular claimants only. However, a special analysis of seasonal benefit is presented on page 13 of this report.

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- (1) However, in order to compensate for recorded unemployment occurring prior to and including the week of May 15-21, seasonal benefit payments would have been made, as usual, during the week of May 22-28, and residual payments will continue to be made until all cases are cleared.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Count of Regular Claimants

	May 31, 1965 to May 31, 1966			May 29, 1964 to May 31, 1965		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	- 5	- 7	- 2	- 8	- 12	- 1
Newfoundland	- 14	- 17	+ 2	+ 7	+ 9	- 7
Prince Edward Island	- 28	- 38	- 1	+ 32	+ 35	+ 24
Nova Scotia	- 5	- 8	+ 4	- 15	- 17	- 7
New Brunswick	- 10	- 11	- 7	- 2	- 6	+ 11
Quebec	- 3	- 6	+ 3	- 2	- 1	- 4
Ontario	+ 1	+ 2	-	- 12	- 20	-
Manitoba	- 15	- 14	- 15	- 12	- 20	+ 4
Saskatchewan	- 15	- 26	+ 2	+ 3	- 4	+ 15
Alberta	- 25	- 29	- 18	- 22	- 31	+ 2
British Columbia	- 2	+ 2	- 7	- 15	- 22	- 1

The April-to-May decline in claims filed, while substantial in all provinces, was relatively smaller in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	April to May 1966			May 1965 to May 1966			April to May 1965		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	- 24	- 25	- 20	- 2	-	- 8	- 38	- 39	- 35
Newfoundland	- 38	- 35	- 49	- 5	- 6	- 2	- 37	- 38	- 37
Prince Edward Island	- 57	- 60	- 37	- 5	- 3	- 10	- 59	- 63	- 37
Nova Scotia	- 37	- 37	- 36	- 13	- 7	- 29	- 37	- 39	- 30
New Brunswick	- 42	- 40	- 47	-	- 1	+ 6	- 53	- 49	- 65
Quebec	- 20	- 24	- 9	- 6	- 3	- 14	- 30	- 33	- 22
Ontario	- 21	- 21	- 20	+ 5	+ 8	- 5	- 41	- 41	- 40
Manitoba	- 28	- 26	- 36	+ 3	+ 2	+ 8	- 53	- 52	- 54
Saskatchewan	- 43	- 42	- 46	- 5	- 5	- 3	- 59	- 57	- 65
Alberta	- 41	- 40	- 44	- 15	- 15	- 17	- 52	- 51	- 56
British Columbia	- 10	- 10	- 10	+ 1	- 1	+ 6	- 28	- 26	- 33

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	May 1966	Apr. 1966	May 1965	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Apr. 1966	May 1965	January to May		12 months ending May	
						1966	1965	1966	1965
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,893	4,514	4,586*	..	4,481*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	91	120	93	- 24	- 2	745	818	1,556	1,784
Initial	68	91	68	- 25	-	579	618	1,169	1,290
Renewal	23	29	26	- 20	- 8	166	199	387	494
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	218	414	229	**	- 5	434*	468*	308*	339*
Regular	218	288	229	- 24	- 5				
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Beneficiaries (weekly average)	298	398	324	- 25	- 8	380*	417*	239*	263*
Weeks compensated	1,252	1,513	1,297	- 17	- 3	7,820	8,686	11,851	13,193
Benefit paid \$	29,959	37,467	31,660	- 20	- 5	193,792	215,737	290,164	324,338

Average weekly
benefit \$ 23.93 24.76 24.40 - 3 - 2 24.78 24.84 24.48 24.58

* Monthly average.

** Seasonal benefit is not payable in respect of unemployment occurring after May 21, hence, totals are not comparable.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1966 - April	4,893,000	4,479,100	413,900
March	4,912,000	4,414,000	498,000
February	4,911,000	4,380,500	530,500
January	4,889,000	4,377,200	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

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

Province	1966 - May - 1965					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	91,021	67,541	23,480	93,342	67,760	25,582
Newfoundland	2,948	2,551	397	3,111	2,707	404
Prince Edward Island	377	294	83	396	304	92
Nova Scotia	3,778	2,881	897	4,358	3,097	1,261
New Brunswick	4,040	3,243	797	4,042	3,289	753
Quebec	33,447	23,854	9,593	35,648	24,517	11,131
Ontario	26,125	19,704	6,421	24,970	18,244	6,726
Manitoba	3,208	2,510	698	3,100	2,456	644
Saskatchewan	1,673	1,412	261	1,762	1,492	270
Alberta	3,764	2,970	794	4,442	3,488	954
British Columbia	11,661	8,122	3,539	11,513	8,166	3,347

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 35,399.

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)	
	May 31, 1966					May 31, 1965
CANADA	217,610	74,894	62,191	58,029	22,496	229,467
Male	140,888	49,866	42,908	36,725	11,389	151,162
Female	76,722	25,028	19,283	21,304	11,107	78,305
Newfoundland	7,843	1,827	2,652	2,849	515	9,140
Male	6,632	1,522	2,342	2,467	301	7,953
Female	1,211	305	310	382	214	1,187
Prince Edward Island	872	261	262	294	55	1,206
Male	532	156	203	150	23	862
Female	340	105	59	144	32	344
Nova Scotia	11,032	2,897	3,163	3,505	1,467	11,598
Male	8,070	2,198	2,357	2,537	978	8,750
Female	2,962	699	806	968	489	2,848
New Brunswick	10,342	2,370	3,124	3,341	1,507	11,541
Male	7,716	1,903	2,623	2,584	606	8,715
Female	2,626	467	501	757	901	2,826
Quebec	76,628	28,770	22,950	18,921	5,987	79,378
Male	54,660	20,234	17,487	13,858	3,081	58,118
Female	21,968	8,536	5,463	5,063	2,906	21,260
Ontario	62,871	22,154	16,713	15,691	8,313	62,432
Male	33,545	12,262	9,284	7,815	4,184	32,960
Female	29,326	9,892	7,429	7,876	4,129	29,472
Manitoba	8,594	2,230	2,470	3,003	891	10,068
Male	5,261	1,400	1,562	1,841	458	6,140
Female	3,333	830	908	1,162	433	3,928
Saskatchewan	4,780	1,253	1,175	1,777	575	5,619
Male	2,512	619	645	1,023	225	3,389
Female	2,268	634	530	754	350	2,230
Alberta	9,983	3,447	3,269	2,552	715	13,386
Male	6,294	2,337	2,184	1,472	301	8,892
Female	3,689	1,110	1,085	1,080	414	4,494
British Columbia	24,665	9,685	6,413	6,096	2,471	25,099
Male	15,666	7,235	4,221	2,978	1,232	15,383
Female	8,999	2,450	2,192	3,118	1,239	9,716

(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		
	May 1966						
CANADA	98,694	52,575	20,748	21,105	4,266	22,491	6,740
Newfoundland	3,472	2,291	394	698	89	758	109
Prince Edward Island	530	338	83	78	31	67	11
Nova Scotia	3,957	2,295	752	749	161	743	257
New Brunswick	4,596	2,920	763	792	121	752	180
Quebec	36,018	19,047	8,719	6,880	1,372	8,772	2,686
Ontario	27,066	13,847	5,259	6,626	1,334	6,982	2,048
Manitoba	3,652	2,074	738	710	130	651	162
Saskatchewan	2,161	1,294	295	504	68	321	51
Alberta	5,253	2,885	912	1,297	159	675	227
British Columbia	11,989	5,584	2,833	2,771	801	2,770	1,009
	May 1965						
CANADA	110,312	57,123	25,052	23,898	4,239	23,050	7,119
Newfoundland	3,900	2,653	452	734	61	825	106
Prince Edward Island	545	375	85	65	20	108	20
Nova Scotia	4,818	2,446	1,254	939	179	878	214
New Brunswick	4,972	3,211	739	864	158	1,137	269
Quebec	40,275	20,108	11,102	7,755	1,310	9,085	2,738
Ontario	29,321	14,709	6,352	6,884	1,376	6,353	2,147
Manitoba	4,072	2,488	654	808	122	609	191
Saskatchewan	2,636	1,642	344	575	75	355	70
Alberta	6,441	3,493	1,039	1,700	209	1,018	333
British Columbia	13,332	5,998	3,031	3,574	729	2,682	1,031

(1) In addition 35,710 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,791 were special requests not granted and 1,516 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,749 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during May 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) 1965	8,652 11,913	314 475	31 29	296 537	390 572	3,035 4,164	2,445 2,960	279 358	190 242	545 861	1,127 1,715
Claimants disqualified 1966 1965	30,273 29,345	796 606	179 133	1,089 1,124	1,051 905	10,177 9,712	9,739 9,247	1,071 1,137	850 833	1,642 1,731	3,679 3,917
Not unemployed 1966 1965	667 728	23 8	5 3	30 52	38 34	248 225	126 171	42 42	49 39	67 81	39 73
Not capable of and not available for work 1966 1965	8,260 8,426	162 113	32 28	265 255	207 197	2,502 2,424	3,021 3,178	405 417	280 299	528 523	858 992
Loss of work due to a labour dispute 1966 1965	547 840	3 39	9 -	- 4	8 -	218 394	201 49	- 6	3 -	- -	105 348
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work 1966 1965	1,763 2,015	17 9	44 18	83 94	111 54	516 803	550 646	58 75	118 91	95 71	171 154
Discharged for misconduct 1966 1965	1,294 1,242	36 23	3 6	42 39	58 29	474 468	434 383	27 33	11 31	48 101	161 129
Voluntarily left employment without just cause 1966 1965	7,291 7,082	198 163	42 30	280 262	292 209	2,063 2,023	2,357 2,292	230 260	170 189	468 501	1,191 1,153
Other reasons 1966 1965	10,451 9,012	357 251	44 48	389 418	337 382	4,156 3,375	3,050 2,528	309 304	219 184	436 454	1,154 1,068
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during May 1966	2,267	67	19	62	97	973	554	65	28	118	284

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

Province	Average per week	
	1966 - May - 1965	
	thousands	
CANADA	298.1	324.3
Newfoundland	17.9	20.9
Prince Edward Island	2.4	3.5
Nova Scotia	16.9	19.4
New Brunswick	17.3	21.1
Quebec	102.3	108.2
Ontario	79.0	82.9
Manitoba	13.1	14.1
Saskatchewan	7.9	8.9
Alberta	12.7	15.8
British Columbia	28.6	29.7

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1966 - May - 1965			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	1,252,011	29,958,606	1,297,398	31,660,269
Newfoundland	75,001	1,815,189	83,416	2,101,273
Prince Edward Island	10,003	224,781	13,814	306,507
Nova Scotia	70,780	1,608,373	77,756	1,723,444
New Brunswick	72,837	1,736,305	84,492	1,989,051
Quebec	429,561	10,561,610	432,700	10,903,768
Ontario	331,888	7,904,969	331,454	7,884,235
Manitoba	55,118	1,233,039	56,261	1,366,408
Saskatchewan	33,204	743,439	35,693	862,293
Alberta	53,363	1,240,005	63,115	1,583,391
British Columbia	120,256	2,890,896	118,697	2,939,899

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	May 1966		
CANADA	1,172,119	79,892	62,444
Newfoundland	70,834	4,167	3,292
Prince Edward Island	9,071	932	734
Nova Scotia	62,587	8,193	6,912
New Brunswick	65,563	7,274	5,943
Quebec	402,741	26,820	20,726
Ontario	312,471	19,417	14,629
Manitoba	52,881	2,237	1,773
Saskatchewan	31,918	1,286	1,056
Alberta	51,391	1,972	1,531
British Columbia	112,662	7,594	5,848
	May 1965		
CANADA	1,199,232	98,166	75,499
Newfoundland	78,080	5,336	3,903
Prince Edward Island	12,670	1,144	855
Nova Scotia	69,199	8,557	7,024
New Brunswick	77,453	7,039	5,362
Quebec	400,900	31,800	23,854
Ontario	308,517	22,937	17,711
Manitoba	51,519	4,742	3,842
Saskatchewan	33,152	2,541	2,011
Alberta	58,630	4,485	3,595
British Columbia	109,112	9,585	7,342

Seasonal Benefit

Claims considered under the seasonal benefit provisions accounted for more than 40 per cent of the initial claims processed during the 1965-66 seasonal benefit period. From Table I it will be seen that the proportions ranged from a high of 65 per cent in Prince Edward Island to 35 per cent in Ontario and Alberta.

Initial claims established under the seasonal benefit provisions totalled 250,000 this year, approximately 34,000 fewer than for one year ago. In about 10 per cent of the cases, eligibility was achieved by virtue of contributions in fishing, and for this group the number was only slightly lower than one year ago, with the decline from last year occurring mainly among persons eligible for non-fishing seasonal benefit.

Since seasonal benefit becomes operative at the time of year when climatic conditions bring about a reduction in employment, the December claim load tends to be the heaviest. Table I shows that 50 per cent of the December initial claims processed were considered under the seasonal benefit provisions. Table II indicates that 68,400 of the 250,000 seasonal benefit claims were set up in December and 51,300(1) in January.

It will be observed from Table II that the volume of cases of seasonal benefit are considerably lower during each month of the 1965-66 period than the preceding year (particularly in April). However, the relative importance of seasonal benefit claims to all benefit claims has remained virtually unchanged as Table I indicates. Over the seasonal period, the increase in the number of cases in March and April compared to February (see Table II) is attributable to persons who exhaust regular benefit and seek re-establishment(2) under the seasonal provisions. The decline in May is due in large part to the termination of the right to seasonal benefit around the middle of the month.

The number of claimants reporting for seasonal benefit at the end of each month reached a peak of 142,600 in March. On April 29 close to one-third of reporting claimants were classified as seasonal benefit (Table V). This proportion is somewhat greater than in March and reflects a relative decline in regular claimants either as they exhaust their benefit and transfer to seasonal or as they withdraw from claimant status and return to work.

Tables II, III and VI provide information separately for those qualifying by virtue of fishing contributions. It will be seen that 90 per cent of fishing claims were established before February, in comparison with slightly over 40 per cent for non-fishing seasonal benefit.

Some 10,000 or over 35 per cent of the 27,200 fishing claims were in Newfoundland.

Fishing seasonal benefit claimants reached a peak at the end of February, when the count was 25,600. The declines in March and April were due partly to exhaustion of benefit.

During the season just terminated preliminary estimates indicate that approximately \$55.2 million were paid under the seasonal benefit provisions. For the same period one year ago, the total was \$68.2 million. This decline is associated with the substantial reduction of claimants for seasonal benefit as noted above.

- (1) A substantial proportion of this total would have been filed in December and would be retroactive to the date filed.
- (2) This statement is based upon the close relationship between the number of seasonal claims established and the number of continuing initials.

Table I - (S.B.) Initial Claims Considered under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions as a Percentage of Initial Claims Processed, 1965-66 and 1964-65 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period and Month	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	per cent										
<u>1965-66 Period</u>	40.7	63.4	64.6	48.8	53.3	39.1	35.2	38.7	40.1	34.8	37.9
December	49.5	73.7	71.6	58.2	61.0	44.0	43.5	39.6	41.3	39.1	51.4
January	36.1	55.3	57.6	52.0	51.1	33.2	32.0	30.8	32.3	28.9	30.1
February	36.1	52.1	52.1	40.7	46.2	39.0	29.8	32.9	35.3	32.4	36.5
March	40.7	60.5	64.3	42.2	52.6	39.8	34.9	48.6	48.3	39.0	39.5
April	43.0	62.6	73.3	43.5	54.1	41.5	39.7	48.9	51.2	39.7	36.3
May	37.0	61.6	64.2	38.7	45.0	38.5	31.2	38.2	44.8	32.4	32.2
<u>1964-65 Period</u>	41.1	64.5	64.3	50.4	55.0	39.7	35.6	38.7	39.8	35.9	38.1
December	47.7	76.7	70.5	60.3	61.2	43.1	40.7	38.3	37.7	39.7	50.8
January	36.9	60.4	55.7	52.8	52.2	34.5	32.7	31.7	31.4	31.5	29.3
February	38.6	52.0	49.9	44.5	49.6	39.8	34.1	32.6	34.6	36.5	38.5
March	41.7	55.0	66.4	43.1	54.3	41.7	35.9	45.1	48.6	37.9	41.6
April	44.6	67.6	74.2	51.3	59.7	43.5	38.9	49.5	55.7	39.8	39.1
May	33.8	55.3	69.5	31.3	45.8	35.1	27.4	38.4	44.2	28.8	29.9

Table II - (S.B.) Number of Claims Established(1) under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions, by Month or by Province, 1965-66 and 1964-65 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period and Type of Benefit	Total for the Period(2)	Month											
		December(3)		January		February		March		April		May(3)	
in thousands													
1965-66 Period													
Total	250.0	68.4		51.3		34.5		41.9		33.7		20.1	
Non-fishing	222.8	51.8		43.3		33.0		41.1		33.5		20.1	
Fishing	27.2	16.6		8.0		1.4		0.8		0.2		-	
1964-65 Period													
Total	284.3	74.4		59.5		40.2		46.3		43.4		20.5	
Non-fishing	254.8	58.0		49.7		38.3		45.4		43.0		20.5	
Fishing	29.4	16.4		9.8		1.9		1.0		0.3		-	
Province													
Nfld. P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C.													
1965-66 Period													
Total	250.0	24.3	4.9	18.5	21.3	73.0	56.4	9.5	7.8	9.4	24.9		
Non-fishing	222.8	14.4	3.1	12.5	17.9	72.2	55.8	9.0	7.8	9.3	20.9		
Fishing	27.2	9.9	1.8	6.0	3.4	0.8	0.6	0.6	-	0.1	4.0		
1964-65 Period													
Total	284.3	25.8	5.2	20.3	23.3	84.5	64.6	11.6	9.3	12.2	27.6		
Non-fishing	254.8	14.6	3.3	14.0	19.6	83.6	64.0	11.0	9.3	12.1	23.3		
Fishing	29.4	11.1	1.8	6.3	3.8	0.9	0.6	0.6	-	0.1	4.3		

- (1) The contribution requirement of 15 weeks since the preceding March 31 was proven or a regular benefit period had terminated since the Saturday following the week in which May 15 occurred.
- (2) In each of those intervals, approximately 10,000 additional seasonal benefit periods were established on a re-computation. However, in an undetermined number of cases, re-computation would result in conversion of seasonal benefit to regular. Thus net additions to seasonal benefit would be somewhat under 10,000.
- (3) Includes cases processed during November but excludes residual cases processed after May 31.

Table III - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, 1965-66 and 1964-65 Periods.

Type of Benefit and Sex	Average for the period	December	January	February	March	April
in thousands						
<u>1965-66 Period:</u>						
Total claimants	115.9	66.8	109.9	134.6	142.6	125.7
Male	88.8	51.2	85.8	102.5	109.3	95.3
Female	27.1	15.6	24.2	32.1	33.4	30.4
Non-fishing	96.2	51.9	85.3	109.0	121.1	113.7
Male	69.2	36.3	61.3	77.1	87.8	83.3
Female	27.0	15.5	24.0	31.9	33.3	30.4
Fishing	19.7	14.9	24.7	25.6	21.6	12.0
Male	19.6	14.8	24.5	25.4	21.5	12.0
Female	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	-
<u>1964-65 Period:</u>						
Total claimants	129.5	71.2	122.0	148.1	161.1	145.1
Male	101.5	55.6	96.2	116.3	126.3	113.0
Female	28.0	15.6	25.8	31.8	34.8	32.2
Non-fishing	108.2	55.1	96.4	120.6	137.2	131.7
Male	80.2	39.6	70.7	88.8	102.5	99.5
Female	27.9	15.4	25.7	31.7	34.7	32.1
Fishing	21.3	16.1	25.6	27.6	23.9	13.5
Male	21.2	16.0	25.5	27.4	23.8	13.4
Female	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

Table IV - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province, 1965-66 and 1964-65 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	in thousands										
<u>1965-66 Period</u>											
Average for the Period	115.9	14.4	3.0	10.3	11.3	30.4	23.9	4.3	3.4	4.0	11.1
December 31, 1965	66.8	10.2	2.1	5.5	6.6	14.4	14.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	7.6
January 31, 1966	109.9	15.7	3.2	11.1	11.5	25.3	21.1	4.3	3.0	3.0	11.9
February 28, 1966	134.6	17.8	3.5	12.5	13.3	33.7	26.9	4.6	4.1	5.5	12.7
March 31, 1966	142.6	16.0	3.5	12.6	13.7	38.9	29.8	5.5	4.4	5.3	12.9
April 29, 1966	125.7	12.3	2.6	9.6	11.2	39.6	26.9	5.0	3.7	4.2	10.7
<u>1964-65 Period</u>											
Average for the Period	129.5	15.1	3.2	11.2	12.3	34.7	26.6	5.3	4.1	5.1	12.1
December 31, 1964	71.2	10.4	2.1	5.8	6.7	15.6	14.5	2.8	2.1	2.6	8.4
January 29, 1965	122.0	16.3	3.2	11.8	12.0	28.6	24.5	5.2	3.7	4.2	12.6
February 26, 1965	148.1	19.2	3.6	13.6	14.2	38.8	29.4	5.3	4.4	5.5	14.2
March 31, 1965	161.1	17.2	3.5	13.6	15.1	45.7	33.1	6.8	5.2	6.6	14.2
April 30, 1965	145.1	12.4	2.7	11.3	13.7	44.6	31.5	6.3	4.9	6.4	11.4

Table V - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants as a Percentage of Total Claimants, by Province 1965-66 and 1964-65 Periods.

Seasonal Benefit Period	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	per cent										
<u>1965-66 Period</u>	24.4	47.5	51.3	34.1	36.9	20.2	19.2	22.5	22.5	19.8	22.9
December 31, 1965	16.0	38.5	40.7	21.8	25.5	10.9	13.7	13.0	13.8	10.8	15.6
January 31, 1966	21.5	45.5	47.8	33.8	35.6	16.7	15.6	20.6	17.2	13.0	20.6
February 28, 1966	25.4	50.2	52.7	36.3	38.9	20.6	18.9	21.0	22.7	23.9	25.2
March 31, 1966	28.6	51.2	54.3	38.4	41.0	24.0	23.1	27.0	28.3	27.5	27.2
April 29, 1966	30.4	51.2	63.1	37.9	41.9	27.9	25.1	31.7	32.0	23.7	26.8
<u>1964-65 Period</u>	25.0	49.3	50.4	35.6	38.1	21.2	20.1	21.9	22.9	19.2	22.8
December 31, 1964	14.9	37.9	38.6	21.0	23.8	10.8	11.4	13.5	13.4	11.1	14.6
January 29, 1965	22.3	48.1	47.8	34.9	35.4	17.4	17.8	19.6	19.0	15.2	19.5
February 26, 1965	26.5	53.6	52.3	38.8	40.1	22.2	20.6	21.4	22.1	19.4	25.3
March 31, 1965	29.9	54.1	54.9	40.5	44.1	25.6	24.7	25.6	27.9	24.4	30.0
April 30, 1965	31.4	51.2	58.9	41.4	45.7	28.9	26.4	29.1	32.8	25.4	27.5

Table VI - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants, Non-fishing and Fishing, Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province, 1965-66 Period.

Type of Seasonal Benefit Claimant and Month	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	in thousands										
1965-66 period (average):											
Non-fishing	96.2	7.0	1.5	6.0	8.6	29.8	23.5	4.1	3.4	3.9	8.4
Fishing	19.7	7.4	1.4	4.3	2.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	-	-	2.7
December:											
Non-fishing	51.9	4.6	0.9	3.2	4.3	13.9	14.4	2.2	1.7	1.9	4.9
Fishing	14.9	5.6	1.2	2.3	2.2	0.5	0.3	-	-	-	2.7
January:											
Non-fishing	85.3	6.4	1.4	5.7	8.2	24.6	20.5	4.1	3.0	3.0	8.3
Fishing	24.7	9.3	1.8	5.5	3.2	0.7	0.5	0.1	-	-	3.6
February:											
Non-fishing	109.0	7.8	1.7	6.8	9.9	33.0	26.4	4.4	4.1	5.5	9.6
Fishing	25.6	9.9	1.8	5.7	3.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	-	-	3.1
March:											
Non-fishing	121.1	8.3	1.9	7.6	10.7	38.2	29.4	5.1	4.4	5.3	10.1
Fishing	21.6	7.7	1.5	5.0	3.0	0.7	0.4	0.4	-	-	2.8
April:											
Non-fishing	113.7	7.9	1.8	6.7	9.8	39.1	26.7	4.6	3.7	4.2	9.3
Fishing	12.0	4.5	0.8	2.9	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	-	-	1.4

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.

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