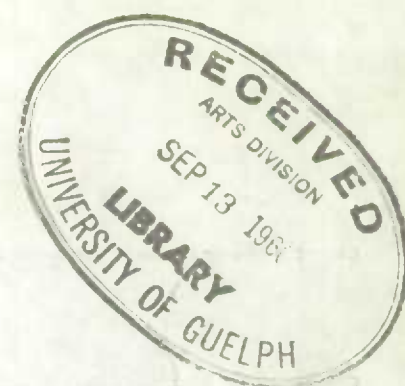


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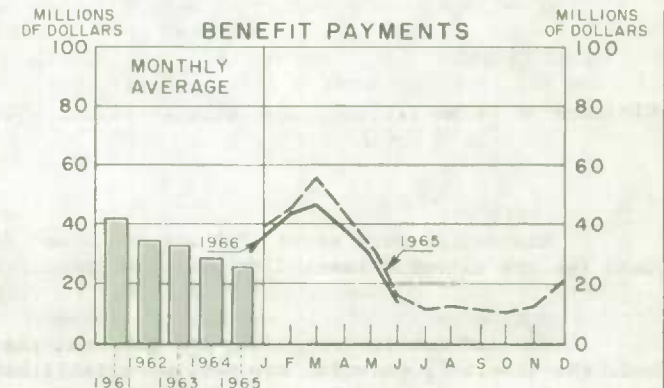
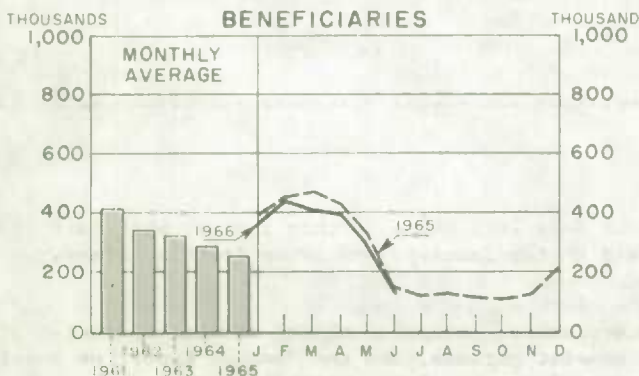
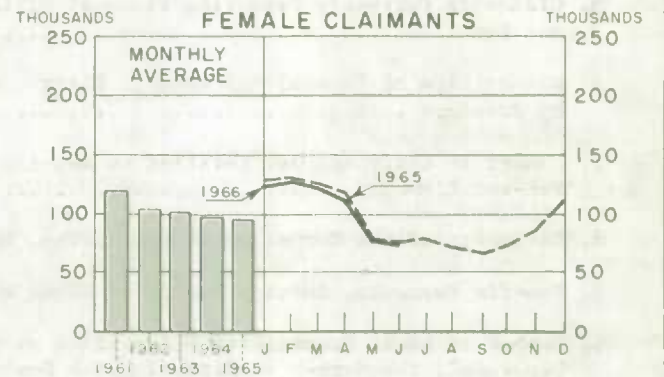
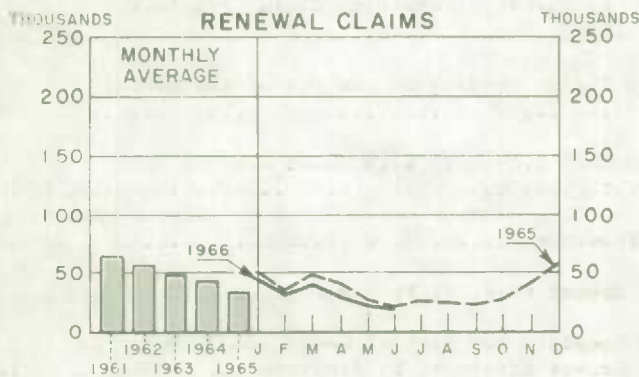
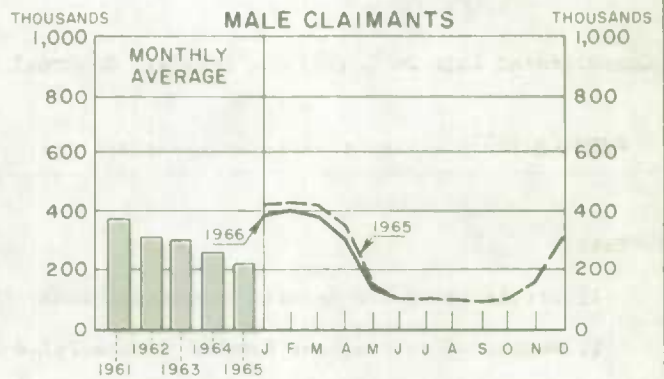
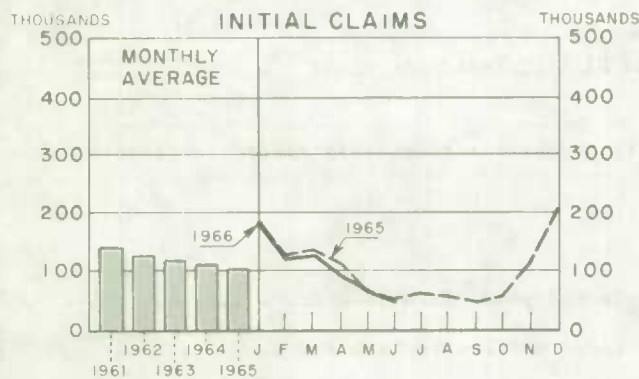
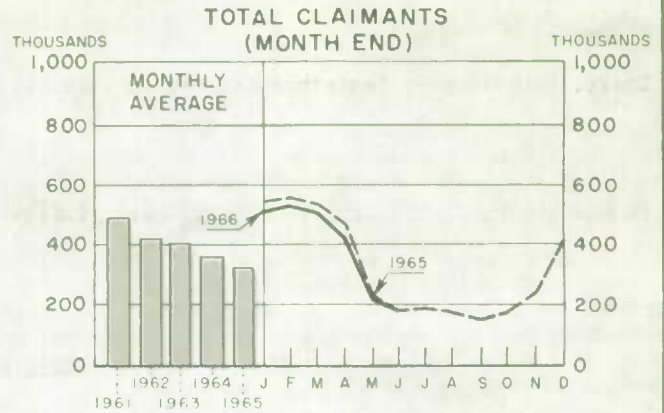
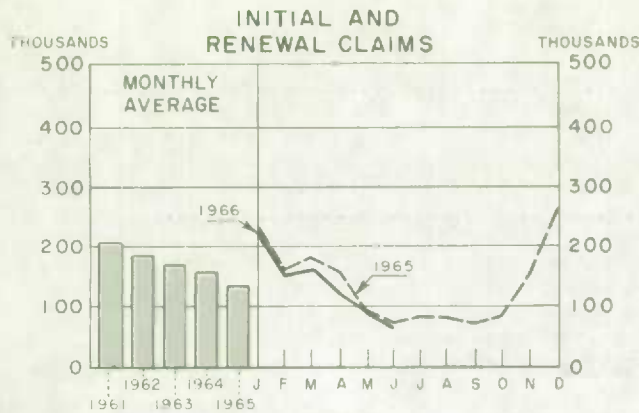
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For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing benefit periods, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act", DBS Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance and Pensions Section.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

JUNE 1966

Claimants at Month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 181,300 on June 30, more than 36,000 below the May 31 count of 217,600, but virtually unchanged from one year ago. The decline from last month was mainly attributable to fewer male claimants, suggesting a continuation of the seasonal upswing in industries which employ mainly men. For example, males accounted for about 60 per cent of the claimants on June 30, a substantial drop in representation from that prevailing during the winter months when they comprised approximately three-quarters of all claimants.

From the following table it will be seen that the sex composition of the long-term (27 weeks or more) claimant group shows little response to the seasonal increase in economic activity characteristic of spring and early summer. This long term category tends to include a relatively high proportion of workers on their way out of the labour market and therefore not much influenced by improving conditions. The fact that seasonal benefit is not paid after mid-May could also be a contributing factor.

Males as a per cent of month-end claimants

	Number of weeks on claim				
	Total	1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more
December 31, 1965	73	79	66	48	52
January 31, 1966	76	80	78	52	49
February 28, 1966	76	78	80	62	49
March 31, 1966	76	78	77	76	52
April 29, 1966	73	76	74	74	51
May 31, 1966	65	67	69	63	51
June 30, 1966	59	62	61	56	53

Initial and Renewal Claims

A total of 68,400 initial and renewal claims were filed at local offices across Canada during June in comparison with 91,000 in May and 72,000 one year ago. Ninety per cent of the June claims were from persons separated from employment during the month, whereas only three-quarters of the May claims were thus classified.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 140,600 for June, in comparison with 298,100 in May and 152,800 one year ago. Benefit payments amounted to \$14.7 million in June, \$30.0 million during May 1966, and \$16.2 million in June 1965. The sharp May-to-June decline in beneficiaries and benefit payments is associated with the termination of benefit to claimants under the seasonal benefit provisions. The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.78 for June 1966, \$23.93 for May 1966 and \$24.14 one year ago.

Provincial Data

All provinces shared in the May-to-June decline in the number of claimants reporting at month-end, the percentage decreases in the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec and the Prairie Provinces being considerably greater than Ontario and British Columbia. The declines were also substantially greater for males. In comparison with one year ago there was no change at the National level, but the claimant count ranged from 23 per cent lower in Alberta to ten per cent higher in British Columbia.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	May 31 to June 30, 1966			June 30, 1965 to June 30, 1966			May 31 to June 30, 1965		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 17	- 24	- 3	-	+ 1	-	- 21	- 30	- 5
Newfoundland	- 33	- 39	- 3	+ 5	+ 6	+ 1	- 45	- 52	- 2
Prince Edward Island	- 20	- 22	- 17	- 3	- 10	+ 8	- 41	- 47	- 24
Nova Scotia	- 17	- 22	- 4	+ 2	-	+ 9	- 23	- 28	- 9
New Brunswick	- 21	- 27	- 5	+ 9	+ 6	+ 18	- 35	- 38	- 26
Quebec	- 23	- 31	- 3	- 3	- 7	+ 4	- 24	- 31	- 4
Ontario	- 3	- 8	+ 3	+ 5	+ 10	+ 1	- 7	- 15	+ 1
Manitoba	- 29	- 41	- 11	- 17	- 22	- 10	- 28	- 35	- 16
Saskatchewan	- 28	- 41	- 13	- 9	- 17	- 2	- 33	- 48	- 9
Alberta	- 29	- 40	- 10	- 23	- 27	- 17	- 32	- 42	- 11
British Columbia	- 12	- 13	- 10	+ 10	+ 25	- 8	- 21	- 29	- 9

The volume of claims filed in June was substantially lower than in May for all provinces except Ontario where there was no change. However, in comparison with one year ago, the claim volume was somewhat higher in the Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	May to June 1966			June 1965 to June 1966			May to June 1965		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 25	- 27	- 19	- 5	- 3	- 10	- 23	- 25	- 18
Newfoundland	- 47	- 47	- 45	+ 14	+ 18	- 4	- 56	- 57	- 44
Prince Edward Island	- 19	- 30	+ 18	+ 5	+ 8	-	- 27	- 37	+ 7
Nova Scotia	- 12	- 33	+ 57	+ 16	- 5	+ 67	- 34	- 34	- 33
New Brunswick	- 27	- 30	- 16	+ 21	+ 30	- 1	- 40	- 47	- 10
Quebec	- 40	- 38	- 44	- 19	- 13	- 33	- 30	- 31	- 28
Ontario	-	- 6	+ 17	-	- 1	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	+ 9
Manitoba	- 49	- 49	- 47	- 18	- 17	- 23	- 35	- 38	- 26
Saskatchewan	- 42	- 44	- 29	- 10	- 7	- 22	- 39	- 44	- 12
Alberta	- 38	- 40	- 31	- 19	- 15	- 29	- 36	- 40	- 19
British Columbia	- 22	- 21	- 24	+ 12	+ 12	+ 12	- 29	- 30	- 18

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	June 1966	May 1966	June 1965	% change from		Cumulative data			
				May 1966	June 1965	January to June		12 months ending June	
						1966	1965	1966	1965
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,687	4,601	4,589*	..	4,529*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	68	91	72	- 25	- 5	814	890	1,552	1,770
Initial	49	68	51	- 27	- 3	628	669	1,167	1,283
Renewal	19	23	21	- 19	- 10	186	220	385	487
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	181	218	181	- 17	-	392*	420*	308*	337*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	141	298	153	- 53	- 8	340*	373*	238*	263*
Weeks compensated	619	1,252	672	- 51	- 8	8,438	9,359	11,798	13,181
Benefit paid \$	14,712	29,959	16,229	- 51	- 8	208,504	231,967	288,647	324,029
Average weekly benefit \$	23.78	23.93	24.14	- 1	- 1	24.71	24.79	24.47	24.58

* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1966 - May	4,687,000	4,469,400	217,600
April	4,883,000	4,469,100	413,900
March	4,902,000	4,404,000	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

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

Province	1966 - June - 1965					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	68,442	49,378	19,064	72,014	50,944	21,070
Newfoundland	1,575	1,358	217	1,379	1,154	225
Prince Edward Island	304	206	98	289	191	98
Nova Scotia	3,341	1,937	1,404	2,874	2,031	843
New Brunswick	2,935	2,264	671	2,416	1,736	680
Quebec	20,154	14,802	5,352	24,976	16,978	7,998
Ontario	26,072	18,558	7,514	25,977	18,646	7,331
Manitoba	1,640	1,271	369	2,009	1,530	479
Saskatchewan	972	787	185	1,079	842	237
Alberta	2,329	1,780	549	2,863	2,093	770
British Columbia	9,120	6,415	2,705	8,152	5,743	2,409

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 28,174.

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)	
		June 30, 1966				June 30, 1965
CANADA	181,311	69,254	48,617	41,841	21,599	180,690
Male	106,754	42,584	29,591	23,209	11,370	106,056
Female	74,557	26,670	19,026	18,632	10,229	74,634
Newfoundland	5,219	1,860	1,438	1,391	530	4,988
Male	4,045	1,491	1,133	1,086	335	3,825
Female	1,174	369	305	305	195	1,163
Prince Edward Island	694	268	150	201	75	717
Male	413	186	89	83	55	457
Female	281	82	61	118	20	260
Nova Scotia	9,106	2,812	2,345	2,414	1,535	8,888
Male	6,267	1,968	1,698	1,586	1,015	6,287
Female	2,839	844	647	828	520	2,601
New Brunswick	8,143	2,796	2,429	1,789	1,129	7,467
Male	5,658	2,037	1,911	1,137	573	5,362
Female	2,485	759	518	652	556	2,105
Quebec	58,771	23,200	17,154	12,958	5,459	60,699
Male	37,520	15,013	11,375	8,264	2,868	40,237
Female	21,251	8,187	5,779	4,694	2,591	20,462
Ontario	60,975	24,958	14,322	13,449	8,246	57,908
Male	30,826	13,198	7,076	6,335	4,217	28,037
Female	30,149	11,760	7,246	7,114	4,029	29,871
Manitoba	6,062	1,611	1,651	1,851	949	7,264
Male	3,109	830	830	933	516	3,975
Female	2,953	781	821	918	433	3,289
Saskatchewan	3,451	974	929	967	581	3,788
Male	1,470	397	373	432	268	1,765
Female	1,981	577	556	535	313	2,023
Alberta	7,073	2,348	2,182	1,732	811	9,135
Male	3,763	1,245	1,313	878	327	5,140
Female	3,310	1,103	869	854	484	3,995
British Columbia	21,817	8,427	6,017	5,089	2,284	19,836
Male	13,683	6,219	3,793	2,475	1,196	10,971
Female	8,134	2,208	2,224	2,614	1,088	8,865

(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		
	June 1966						
CANADA	70,901	28,140	14,712	23,627	4,422	20,102	6,670
Newfoundland	1,778	757	175	782	64	577	87
Prince Edward Island	271	115	59	89	8	69	42
Nova Scotia	3,435	1,159	625	859	792	662	244
New Brunswick	3,001	1,446	537	908	110	662	204
Quebec	23,385	9,290	4,970	7,895	1,230	6,389	1,838
Ontario	24,052	9,524	5,298	7,842	1,388	8,174	2,876
Manitoba	2,031	925	332	678	96	319	103
Saskatchewan	1,063	477	147	403	36	228	53
Alberta	2,509	956	496	950	107	549	173
British Columbia	9,376	3,491	2,073	3,221	591	2,473	1,050
	June 1965						
CANADA	72,568	28,240	16,526	23,993	3,809	21,761	7,854
Newfoundland	1,845	721	194	864	66	394	71
Prince Edward Island	305	143	71	83	8	73	39
Nova Scotia	3,009	1,276	675	922	136	711	246
New Brunswick	3,070	1,352	608	991	119	530	222
Quebec	25,952	10,091	6,449	8,197	1,215	7,775	3,072
Ontario	22,445	8,462	5,103	7,522	1,358	9,015	3,017
Manitoba	2,276	1,005	454	732	85	402	131
Saskatchewan	1,166	515	181	422	48	260	78
Alberta	3,232	1,221	683	1,183	145	707	275
British Columbia	9,268	3,454	2,108	3,077	629	1,894	703

(1) In addition 30,618 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,760 were special requests not granted and 1,275 were appeals by claimants. There were 6,305 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during June 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	12,607 13,319	482 649	53 42	392 546	578 679	4,515 4,897	3,847 3,704	298 353	164 214	482 563	1,796 1,672
Claimants disqualified 1966 1965	27,595 27,051	714 591	97 120	1,737 965	833 895	9,235 9,120	9,024 8,988	907 1,009	702 539	1,211 1,418	3,135 3,406
Not unemployed 1966 1965	641 704	62 36	7 3	76 69	39 42	198 219	116 176	43 35	27 19	32 54	41 51
Not capable of and not available for work 1966 1965	7,670 8,244	150 125	24 39	250 206	194 213	2,346 2,451	2,844 3,147	367 450	289 214	460 516	746 883
Loss of work due to a labour dispute 1966 1965	1,205 175	38 -	4 -	668 3	4 -	386 63	89 107	1 -	- -	- -	15 2
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work 1966 1965	1,446 1,746	11 9	10 9	67 76	37 56	516 653	453 558	56 69	84 60	68 89	144 167
Discharged for misconduct 1966 1965	1,050 1,133	25 16	5 5	39 36	34 42	387 507	346 325	21 23	14 8	39 43	140 128
Voluntarily left employment without just cause 1966 1965	6,397 6,496	170 150	25 22	293 253	232 221	1,853 2,013	2,113 2,069	172 178	132 116	325 369	1,082 1,105
Other reasons 1966 1965	9,186 8,553	258 255	22 42	344 322	293 321	3,549 3,214	3,063 2,606	247 254	156 122	287 347	967 1,070
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during June 1966	1,900	51	16	76	101	772	481	44	23	110	226

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

Province	Average per week	
	1966 - June - 1965	
	thousands	
CANADA	140.6	152.8
Newfoundland	4.2	7.6
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.9
Nova Scotia	6.7	8.3
New Brunswick	5.8	7.3
Quebec	47.7	50.9
Ontario	44.1	44.6
Manitoba	5.2	6.5
Saskatchewan	3.1	3.6
Alberta	7.0	8.1
British Columbia	16.1	15.0

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1966 - June - 1965			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	618,594	14,712,301	672,303	16,229,491
Newfoundland	18,503	450,549	33,335	821,427
Prince Edward Island	2,789	59,189	3,772	79,788
Nova Scotia	29,417	656,572	36,591	819,652
New Brunswick	25,456	592,980	32,137	759,027
Quebec	210,001	5,164,498	223,910	5,585,707
Ontario	193,857	4,514,234	196,161	4,634,189
Manitoba	22,991	513,542	28,576	662,494
Saskatchewan	13,580	309,232	15,983	366,286
Alberta	31,000	721,512	35,784	893,472
British Columbia	71,000	1,729,993	66,054	1,607,449

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	June 1966		
CANADA	581,168	37,426	29,071
Newfoundland	18,003	500	406
Prince Edward Island	2,482	307	241
Nova Scotia	25,426	3,991	3,222
New Brunswick	22,427	3,029	2,405
Quebec	200,105	9,896	8,004
Ontario	182,806	11,051	7,976
Manitoba	20,983	2,008	1,496
Saskatchewan	12,037	1,543	1,387
Alberta	29,001	1,999	1,659
British Columbia	67,898	3,102	2,275
	June 1965		
CANADA	614,346	57,957	45,287
Newfoundland	29,932	3,403	2,654
Prince Edward Island	3,319	453	378
Nova Scotia	31,538	5,053	4,213
New Brunswick	28,308	3,829	3,131
Quebec	205,992	17,918	13,280
Ontario	182,104	14,057	10,579
Manitoba	25,503	3,073	2,557
Saskatchewan	14,517	1,466	1,209
Alberta	32,455	3,329	2,759
British Columbia	60,678	5,376	4,527

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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