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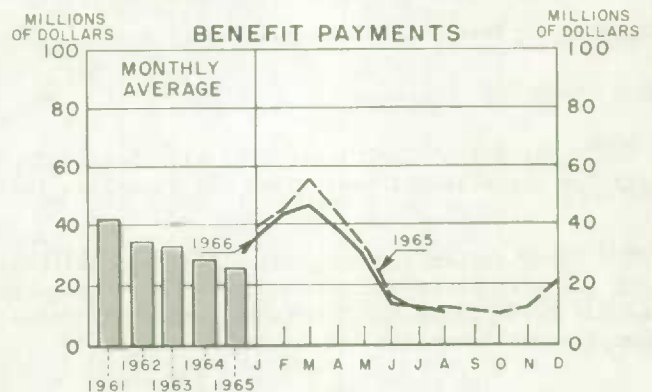
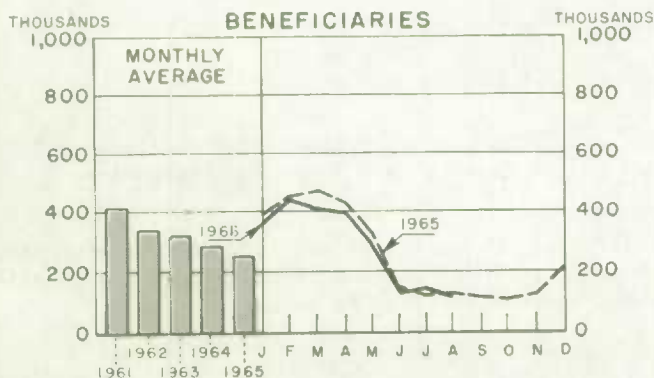
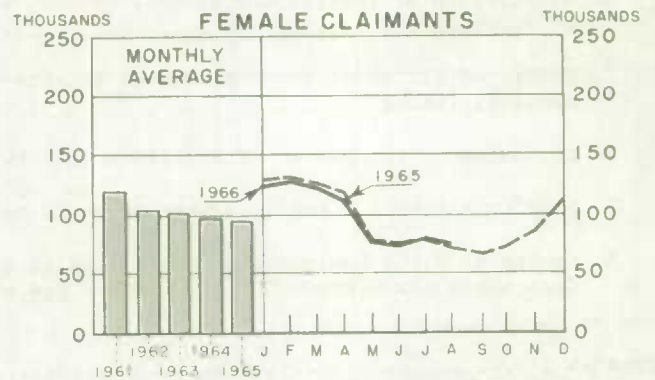
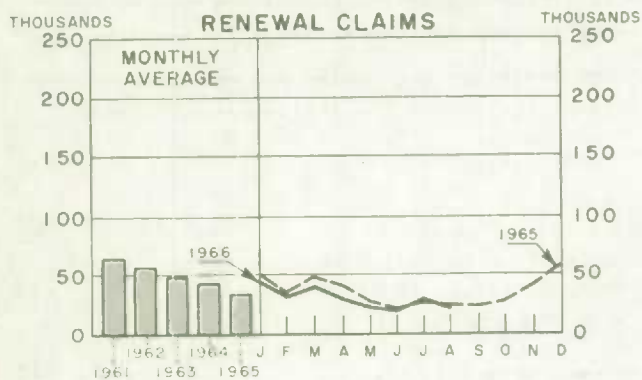
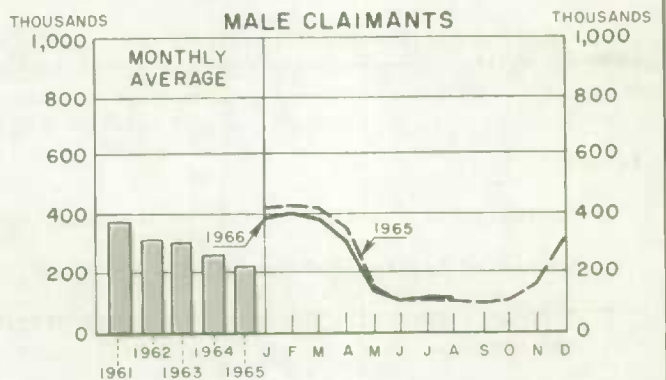
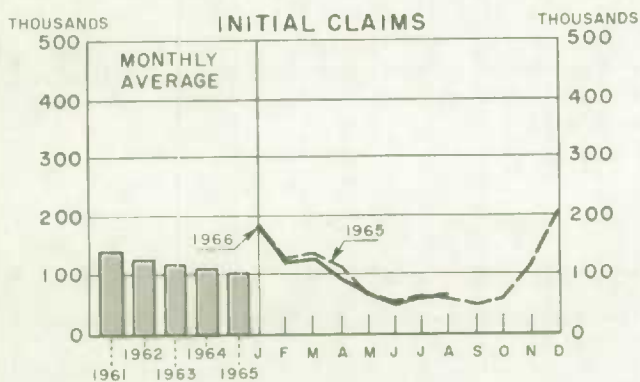
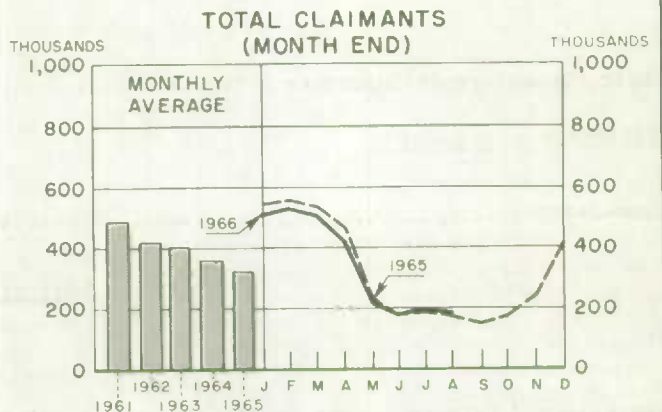
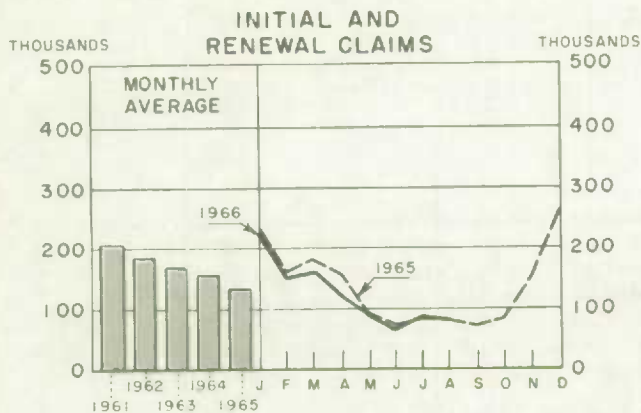
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1966 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1965 and 1964 are included in the January 1966 issue in this series.

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

AUGUST 1966

Claimants at month-end

At the end of August, there were 187,000 claimants for unemployment insurance benefit, some 9,000 fewer than the previous month, but almost 15,000 more than at the same time one year ago. Of the July-August decline, roughly 75 per cent was accounted for by female claimants. The decrease in female claimants was reflected in every province except Newfoundland where there was a marginal increase. On the other hand, although there was an overall decline in male claimants, four provinces registered increases, including a 25 per cent increase in male claimants in British Columbia. This latter development was partly the result of workers temporarily affected by a series of strikes in industries other than their own.

Of the year-to-year increase, male claimants accounted for approximately 70 per cent, and this was reflected in higher totals for men in most of the provinces. Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta were exceptions. In comparison with a year ago, provincial data exhibited higher female claimant totals with the exception of the Prairie provinces and Prince Edward Island.

Percentage Changes in Month-End Claimant Count

	July 29 to August 31, 1966			August 31, 1965 to August 31, 1966			July 30 to August 31, 1965		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	- 5	- 2	- 8	+ 9	+ 10	+ 6	- 6	- 3	- 11
Newfoundland	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3	+ 39	+ 47	+ 23	- 14	- 17	- 7
Prince Edward Island	- 2	- 1	- 5	+ 6	+ 12	- 5	- 5	- 12	+ 7
Nova Scotia	+ 2	+ 3	- 3	+ 13	+ 13	+ 14	- 3	- 2	- 7
New Brunswick	- 3	- 3	- 4	+ 20	+ 25	+ 10	- 7	- 7	- 6
Quebec	- 9	- 10	- 9	+ 2	- 2	+ 11	- 11	- 11	- 12
Ontario	- 5	- 2	- 10	+ 11	+ 13	+ 8	- 2	+ 8	- 14
Manitoba	- 9	- 15	- 4	- 17	- 24	- 9	- 9	- 11	- 7
Saskatchewan	- 3	+ 1	- 6	- 1	+ 6	- 6	- 9	- 16	- 3
Alberta	- 11	- 10	- 11	- 13	- 7	- 19	- 12	- 17	- 7
British Columbia	+ 11	+ 23	- 5	+ 23	+ 41	+ 2	- 4	- 2	- 6

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

It is estimated that the average number of beneficiaries each week during August was 113,800 compared with 144,200 for July and 130,200 for August 1965. Benefit payments amounted to \$11.8 million in August, \$13.7 million in July and \$12.8 million one year ago. The average weekly benefit payment was - August 1966, \$23.60; July 1966, \$23.68 and August 1965, \$23.39.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 83,600 initial and renewal claims were filed in local offices across Canada during August, a figure somewhat below the July total of 87,100, but virtually unchanged from one year ago. More than 85 per cent of the cases were on behalf of persons separating from employment during the month; the balance of the claims were from persons whose benefit rights terminated and who were seeking re-establishment of credits.

The following table illustrates changes in the claim series, as between provinces and between the months under review.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	July to August 1966			August 1965 to August 1966			July to August 1965		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	- 4	+ 7	- 26	-	+ 7	- 18	- 3	- 2	- 4
Newfoundland	- 16	- 28	+ 44	+ 40	+ 38	+ 49	- 1	- 7	+ 23
Prince Edward Island	+ 13	+ 6	+ 35	+ 32	+ 26	+ 50	- 21	- 23	- 14
Nova Scotia	+ 23	+ 21	+ 28	- 37	- 41	- 25	+ 54	+ 48	+ 72
New Brunswick	- 2	+ 1	- 10	+ 28	+ 36	+ 10	- 12	- 17	- 1
Quebec	- 9	- 7	- 14	- 5	+ 1	- 16	- 12	- 11	- 14
Ontario	- 14	+ 8	- 57	-	+ 12	- 34	- 3	- 1	- 10
Manitoba	- 4	- 3	- 7	- 8	- 2	- 24	- 23	- 25	- 12
Saskatchewan	+ 22	+ 26	+ 6	+ 9	+ 13	- 5	+ 4	+ 7	- 7
Alberta	+ 32	+ 35	+ 26	+ 29	+ 33	+ 15	- 18	- 17	- 18
British Columbia	+ 53	+ 42	+ 77	+ 14	+ 18	+ 9	+ 25	+ 18	+ 37

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Aug. 1966	July 1966	Aug. 1965	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Julv 1966	Aug. 1965	January to August		12 months ending August	
						1966	1965	1966	1965
		thousands				thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,630	4,268	4,338*	..	4,314*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	84	87	84	- 4	-	984	1,059	1,553	1,752
Initial	63	59	59	+ 7	+ 7	750	788	1,170	1,280
Renewal	21	28	25	- 26	- 18	235	272	383	472
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	187	196	172	- 5	+ 9	342*	360*	311*	335*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	114	144	130	- 21	- 13	287*	311*	239*	261*
Weeks compensated	501	577	547	- 13	- 8	9,516	10,402	11,832	13,072
Benefit paid \$	11,821	13,661	12,791	- 13	- 8	233,987	256,586	289,510	321,365
Average weekly benefit \$	23.60	23.68	23.39	-	+ 1	24.59	24.67	24.47	24.58

* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1966 - July	4,630,000	4,434,000	196,000
June	4,500,000	4,318,700	181,300
May	4,404,000	4,186,400	217,600
April	4,465,000	4,051,100	413,900
March	4,498,000	4,000,000	498,000
February	4,506,000	3,975,500	530,500
January	4,482,000	3,970,200	511,800
1965 - December	4,444,000	4,026,000	418,000
November	4,365,000	4,120,400	244,600
October	4,286,000	4,115,600	170,400
September	4,287,000	4,129,700	157,300
August	4,313,000	4,140,500	172,500
July	4,268,000	4,083,600	184,400

(1) Revised - See Appendix I page 13.

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

Province	1966 - August - 1965					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	83,637	62,793	20,844	83,866	58,592	25,274
Newfoundland	1,464	1,060	404	1,042	770	272
Prince Edward Island	328	235	93	249	187	62
Nova Scotia	3,374	2,299	1,075	5,366	3,927	1,439
New Brunswick	2,846	2,080	766	2,230	1,535	695
Quebec	22,666	15,740	6,926	23,904	15,619	8,285
Ontario	36,149	29,820	6,329	36,257	26,687	9,570
Manitoba	1,635	1,306	329	1,770	1,338	432
Saskatchewan	1,064	878	186	975	779	196
Alberta	2,924	2,236	688	2,275	1,679	596
British Columbia	11,187	7,139	4,048	9,798	6,071	3,727

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 30,593.

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)		
		August 31, 1966					August 31, 1965
CANADA	187,172	76,076	58,716	31,872	20,508	172,451	
Male	113,175	50,537	35,622	16,099	10,917	102,756	
Female	73,997	25,539	23,094	15,773	9,591	69,695	
Newfoundland	4,875	1,675	1,787	857	556	3,500	
Male	3,535	1,299	1,346	537	353	2,407	
Female	1,340	376	441	320	203	1,093	
Prince Edward Island	739	355	224	89	71	700	
Male	483	261	170	20	32	430	
Female	256	94	54	69	39	270	
Nova Scotia	8,940	3,063	2,446	1,848	1,583	7,903	
Male	6,176	2,290	1,683	1,210	993	5,483	
Female	2,764	773	763	638	590	2,420	
New Brunswick	7,810	3,118	2,324	1,429	939	6,516	
Male	5,436	2,316	1,599	993	528	4,365	
Female	2,374	802	725	436	411	2,151	
Quebec	53,132	21,370	15,732	10,298	5,732	51,900	
Male	32,040	14,176	9,084	5,516	3,264	32,846	
Female	21,092	7,194	6,648	4,782	2,468	19,054	
Ontario	76,561	30,937	27,411	10,700	7,513	68,883	
Male	45,649	19,671	17,490	4,715	3,773	40,379	
Female	30,912	11,266	9,921	5,985	3,740	28,504	
Manitoba	5,138	1,894	1,443	1,098	703	6,158	
Male	2,316	890	624	429	373	3,042	
Female	2,822	1,004	819	669	330	3,116	
Saskatchewan	3,024	1,126	749	672	477	3,070	
Male	1,267	536	238	265	228	1,197	
Female	1,757	590	511	407	249	1,873	
Alberta	5,652	2,347	1,438	1,200	667	6,515	
Male	2,894	1,319	648	594	333	3,097	
Female	2,758	1,028	790	606	334	3,418	
British Columbia	21,301	10,191	5,162	3,681	2,267	17,306	
Male	13,379	7,779	2,740	1,820	1,040	9,510	
Female	7,922	2,412	2,422	1,861	1,227	7,796	

(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		
	August 1966						
CANADA	85,980	29,911	15,420	34,773	5,876	23,597	7,045
Newfoundland	1,397	532	277	502	86	469	166
Prince Edward Island	284	114	65	91	14	98	31
Nova Scotia	3,152	1,125	777	997	253	829	302
New Brunswick	2,730	1,083	637	863	147	792	236
Quebec	25,307	9,180	5,621	8,559	1,947	5,871	2,282
Ontario	39,160	12,594	4,722	19,366	2,478	10,486	2,019
Manitoba	1,618	714	265	566	73	475	103
Saskatchewan	929	393	139	354	43	365	60
Alberta	2,557	1,036	525	845	151	972	182
British Columbia	8,846	3,140	2,392	2,630	684	3,240	1,664
	August 1965						
CANADA	97,993	29,547	21,070	38,938	8,438	21,853	7,481
Newfoundland	1,124	426	224	432	42	319	96
Prince Edward Island	244	103	53	77	11	80	19
Nova Scotia	4,280	1,905	1,195	976	204	1,882	307
New Brunswick	2,229	817	559	748	105	626	269
Quebec	29,499	9,893	7,801	9,281	2,524	6,681	2,801
Ontario	45,523	11,000	7,176	22,804	4,543	8,509	2,602
Manitoba	1,955	824	353	671	107	478	158
Saskatchewan	948	456	141	309	42	285	80
Alberta	2,523	999	507	866	151	623	217
British Columbia	9,668	3,124	3,061	2,774	709	2,370	932

(1) In addition 30,324 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,693 were special requests not granted and 1,216 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,853 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during August 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)	10,230	196	42	400	457	3,499	3,786	213	134	334	1,169
	1965	11,342	219	37	436	434	4,109	4,207	241	101	316	1,242
Claimants disqualified	1966	44,427	666	134	1,381	1,020	11,574	22,967	974	675	1,458	3,578
	1965	47,327	458	100	1,104	754	11,482	26,903	991	541	1,289	3,705
Not unemployed	1966	856	35	7	31	14	178	493	28	17	21	32
	1965	1,072	15	1	55	20	168	723	29	15	14	32
Not capable of and not available for work	1966	7,773	150	32	285	198	2,462	2,904	364	264	376	738
	1965	8,226	104	23	229	189	2,386	3,296	372	254	448	925
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1966	1,430	4	3	6	4	398	768	1	-	3	243
	1965	753	-	-	1	-	130	527	-	-	-	95
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1966	783	6	9	49	43	265	257	29	29	32	64
	1965	1,144	11	11	53	35	396	373	42	20	52	151
Discharged for misconduct	1966	1,043	23	2	49	48	421	327	15	7	34	117
	1965	1,169	24	8	44	30	476	388	26	14	39	120
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1966	6,435	211	34	313	267	1,898	2,184	143	115	365	905
	1965	6,717	125	19	273	180	2,136	2,268	176	104	348	1,088
Other reasons	1966	26,107	237	47	648	446	5,952	16,034	394	243	627	1,479
	1965	28,246	179	38	449	300	5,790	19,328	346	134	388	1,294
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during August	1966	2,080	47	8	70	69	923	698	32	18	43	172

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

Province	Average per week	
	1966 - August - 1965	
	thousands	
CANADA	113.8	130.2
Newfoundland	2.9	2.8
Prince Edward Island	0.4	0.5
Nova Scotia	5.4	6.0
New Brunswick	4.7	4.3
Quebec	35.1	43.3
Ontario	42.8	49.3
Manitoba	3.9	4.6
Saskatchewan	2.2	2.5
Alberta	4.1	5.2
British Columbia	12.2	11.7

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1966 - August - 1965			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	500,900	11,821,420	546,764	12,790,935
Newfoundland	12,963	314,020	11,655	245,966
Prince Edward Island	1,903	42,185	2,210	46,742
Nova Scotia	23,621	539,643	25,221	554,179
New Brunswick	20,897	484,218	18,030	400,702
Quebec	154,370	3,591,716	181,918	4,221,436
Ontario	188,560	4,553,395	207,056	4,942,360
Manitoba	17,314	376,658	19,190	440,812
Saskatchewan	9,593	206,542	10,303	236,123
Alberta	18,043	412,226	21,847	511,724
British Columbia	53,636	1,300,817	49,334	1,190,891

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	August 1966		
CANADA	466,119	34,781	24,027
Newfoundland	12,113	850	650
Prince Edward Island	1,768	135	105
Nova Scotia	20,930	2,691	2,156
New Brunswick	18,714	2,183	1,640
Quebec	144,636	9,734	6,732
Ontario	176,669	11,891	7,699
Manitoba	16,050	1,264	845
Saskatchewan	8,980	613	434
Alberta	16,875	1,168	764
British Columbia	49,384	4,252	3,002
	August 1965		
CANADA	503,447	43,317	28,922
Newfoundland	10,535	1,120	925
Prince Edward Island	2,033	177	137
Nova Scotia	22,166	3,055	2,519
New Brunswick	16,150	1,880	1,455
Quebec	168,394	13,524	8,678
Ontario	191,274	15,782	9,327
Manitoba	17,716	1,474	1,078
Saskatchewan	9,576	727	492
Alberta	20,218	1,629	1,193
British Columbia	45,385	3,949	3,118

Appendix IRevision of Monthly Insured Population Estimates

Employers are required to keep records for persons covered by the Unemployment Insurance Act, and once each year, must renew contribution records for persons in their employ. At that time a ten per cent sample is selected from which estimates are prepared of the number and characteristics of insured persons. The count derived from the sample forms the annual benchmarks for deriving monthly estimates of the insured population between book-renewal dates.

The practice involves projecting the employed segment of the insured population on the trend of monthly employment indexes(1) and adding the number of month-end claimants(2).

Recently, the employment indexes have been revised from a 1949 to a 1961 time base. In addition, the new indexes reflect the classification of employment in accordance with the 1960 Standard Industrial Classification which replaced the 1948 Manual. Accordingly, estimates of the insured population have been revised back to 1961. Furthermore, a change in collection procedure in 1964 necessitated a revision to the 1964 benchmark.

Commencing in 1965, information is no longer available on the number and characteristics of new entrants(3). Accordingly the count of the insured population for 1965 and subsequent years is not exactly comparable with estimates for earlier years.

(1) See Employment and Payrolls, D.B.S. Catalogue No. 72-002.

(2) See Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, D.B.S. Catalogue No. 73-001.

(3) New entrants are defined as persons entering insured employment during the book renewal period, i.e. May and June.

Revised Estimates of Insured Population, 1961-66

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
000's												
<u>Total insured</u>												
1961					4,021.4	3,892.0	3,912.0	3,926.0	3,902.0	3,925.0	4,002.0	4,109.0
1962	4,113.0	4,114.0	4,101.0	4,019.0	4,084.1	3,984.0	4,002.0	4,033.0	3,998.0	4,003.0	4,097.0	4,196.0
1963	4,226.0	4,228.0	4,210.0	4,142.0	4,113.4	4,071.0	4,075.0	4,128.0	4,110.0	4,112.0	4,167.0	4,299.0
1964	4,299.0	4,301.0	4,309.0	4,249.0	4,169.8	4,170.0	4,213.0	4,262.0	4,238.0	4,237.0	4,294.0	4,379.0
1965	4,389.0	4,402.0	4,423.0	4,395.0	4,256.6	4,229.0	4,268.0	4,313.0	4,287.0	4,286.0	4,365.0	4,444.0
1966	4,482.0	4,506.0	4,498.0	4,465.0	4,404.0							
<u>Employed</u>												
1961					3,505.8	3,625.1	3,656.7	3,696.7	3,672.8	3,656.3	3,616.0	3,507.8
1962	3,414.5	3,395.3	3,413.5	3,454.5	3,653.3	3,769.7	3,790.0	3,834.3	3,800.2	3,758.9	3,722.8	3,604.0
1963	3,522.9	3,507.5	3,524.7	3,576.1	3,728.8	3,850.7	3,856.0	3,935.5	3,923.7	3,893.1	3,863.6	3,766.7
1964	3,700.4	3,693.9	3,711.7	3,751.3	3,836.2	3,968.1	4,007.7	4,080.0	4,064.4	4,022.5	4,019.5	3,900.8
1965	3,841.2	3,842.8	3,884.0	3,932.1	3,921.2	4,048.3	4,083.6	4,140.5	4,129.7	4,115.6	4,120.4	4,026.0
1966	3,970.2	3,975.5	4,000.0	4,051.1	4,186.4							
<u>Claimants</u>												
1961					515.6*	266.9	255.3	229.3	229.2	268.7	386.0	601.2
1962	698.5	718.7	687.5	564.5	430.8*	214.3	212.0	198.7	197.8	244.1	374.2	592.0
1963	703.1	720.5	685.3	565.9	384.6*	220.3	219.0	192.5	186.3	218.9	303.4	532.3
1964	598.6	607.1	597.3	497.7	333.6*	201.9	205.3	182.0	173.6	214.5	274.5	478.2
1965	547.8	559.2	539.0	462.9	335.4*	180.7	184.4	172.5	157.3	170.4	244.6	418.0
1966	511.8	530.5	498.0	413.9	217.6							

* The number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during book renewal. For other months the claimants are as shown in Table 3.

Glossary of Terms

Insured population: For purposes of this report, the insured population is defined as the number of persons estimated as currently in contact with the Unemployment Insurance Commission either as contributors or as claimants. The estimates are revised once a year when data from the book renewal are available.

Employed population: The number of persons estimated as currently contributing under the scheme. Estimates are based on a 10 per cent sample and hence are subject to sampling variability.

Claimant population: The count of persons currently reporting to the local offices as at the end of the month. An exception occurs in the month which serves as a benchmark, i.e., May or June, when the claimant count represents the number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal.

Initial claim: An application for benefit from a person for whom there is no benefit period in existence. This category includes both regular and seasonal claims, since it is impossible to determine, at the time of filing a claim, the type of benefit for which the claimant will subsequently qualify. On an initial claim the contribution history for the two years preceding the claim is examined. This is required in order to test attachment to insured employment and thus determine the type of benefit for which the claimant is eligible, if at all. In cases of eligibility, the record of the qualifying period is used to calculate the weekly rate of benefit and maximum entitlement for the benefit period. Only one initial claim is required for each benefit period.

Benefit period: A period commencing with the week in which the initial claim is made, provided the qualifying conditions are fulfilled. The maximum length of the benefit period is 52 weeks, in the case of claimants qualifying under the regular terms of the Act. Seasonal benefit periods may be established only from December 1 to mid-May, with a maximum length of 24 weeks. In either case, however, the benefit period terminates with exhaustion of benefit.

Renewal claim: An application for benefit from an insured person during the currency of a benefit period. As in the case of initial claims, this category includes renewal claims from all classes of claimants, i.e., regular, seasonal and fishing.

Initial and renewal claims filed: An approximation of the number of new cases of recorded unemployment among insured persons during a period. However, an initial claim representing a request for re-establishment of a benefit period with no actual interruption in the period on claim would not constitute a new case of unemployment. To the extent that such claims are filed in any month, the total overstates the number of new cases.

Revised claims: Those, other than initial or renewal, which must be considered by an insurance officer, e.g., involving dependency, extension of qualifying period, etc. A revised claim is thus an administrative device to initiate action for reconsideration of an existing initial or renewal claim.

Claimants currently reporting to local offices: All persons currently reporting to local offices to claim unemployment insurance benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing. Under the Unemployment Insurance Act a person may claim benefit for any week during which he did not work a full working week.

Number of weeks on claim: The cumulative number of weeks during which a claimant has reported to prove unemployment during the current period on claim. The count commences with the week in which the initial (or renewal) claim is filed and continues unbroken so long as the claimant continues to report as directed. Cases occur in which a spell of unemployment extends beyond the termination of a benefit period and a new benefit period is immediately established with no actual interruption of the period on claim. In such cases the cumulative number of weeks is transferred from the previous claim document to that covering the subsequent benefit period and the count continued. This procedure applies also for contiguous periods on regular and seasonal benefit. Excluded from the count are any weeks for which a claimant reported "non-availability" during a complete week.

Entitled to benefit: For purposes of this report, this category comprises those adjudications arising from initial claims on which a benefit period (regular, seasonal or fishing) is shown as established **and no disqualification imposed** and adjudications indicating "approval" on renewal claims, either regular, seasonal or fishing.

Not entitled to benefit: Claimants disqualified on initial and renewal claims, and those for whom the adjudication on an initial claim was to the effect that the claimant was ineligible to establish either a regular, seasonal or fishing benefit period.

Benefit period not established: The minimum contribution requirements for any type of benefit have not been met. This figure thus represents the net total of persons with insufficient contributions to establish a benefit period under either the regular, seasonal or fishing benefit provisions, based on decisions arising from initial claims only. Subsequent decisions arising from a revised claim and constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

Disqualification: A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues.



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Where it is established that loss of employment was voluntary and without just cause on the part of the claimant, i.e., he left employment of his own volition or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum disqualification is six weeks; claimants participating in a labour dispute in which they are directly interested are disqualified for the duration of the work stoppage. In assessing the number of cases of disqualification, no distinction is made as to the type of claim, hence disqualifications arising from revised claims are included. The cases mentioned here serve as examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which a disqualification may be imposed. Sections 59-66 of the Act contain a description of these conditions.

Weeks compensated: Calendar weeks in respect of which some benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing, was paid. A compensated week is counted in the month in which the copy of the payment voucher is received in the District Treasury Office, which is not necessarily the month in which the week of unemployment occurred.

Amount of benefit: The sum of all benefit payments made during the month. This comprises regular, seasonal or fishing benefit.

Complete week: A week in respect of which a claimant received the full weekly rate of benefit authorized on that benefit period.

Partial week: A week for which a claimant received less than the full weekly rate authorized. A partial week may be due to excess earnings resulting in a reduced payment in direct proportion to the amount of such earnings. If a claimant was "not available for work" on any day or days during a week, a reduction will be made in the weekly rate proportionate to the number of days of "non-availability". A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

Excess earnings: Earnings during a week in excess of the allowable earnings for a claimant's weekly benefit rate. As an example, a claimant whose weekly rate is \$30.00 may earn up to \$15.00 in a week without suffering a reduction in benefit; however, in a week where he earns \$17.00 his benefit will be reduced to \$28.00.

Beneficiaries: Persons who received one or more benefit payments. The estimate, based on the total number of payment documents for the month, represents the average weekly number of beneficiaries.

Seasonal benefit: Benefit payable during the period commencing with the Sunday prior to December 1 and ending with the Saturday after May 15, to

certain classes of claimants unable to fulfil the requirements under the regular benefit provisions of the Act. Claimants in Class A must prove 15 contributions since the Saturday preceding the 31st day of March immediately prior to the date of claim, while qualification under class B is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

Fishermen: For purposes of regular benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks. For purposes of seasonal benefit, however, any claimant whose qualifying contributions include even one fishing contribution week is classed as a fishing claimant.

Fishing contribution week: Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's fishing contributions separately from those relating to other insurable employment.

Industrial Classification of persons filing new claims for Unemployment Insurance: This information is based on a sample of documents in respect of initial claims filed in local offices during a month. To ensure that all such claims have an equal chance of being included in the study, the documents are accumulated until the end of the third week following the month in which the claim was filed.

The sampling ratio varies from one hundred per cent in the Atlantic provinces (during the period of low claim) to five per cent in Ontario. The sample embraces all new initial claims without regard to benefit status, i.e. failures as well as disqualifications are included. However, it excludes initial claims classed as transitional, i.e., those taken on behalf of persons terminating one benefit period and seeking re-establishment of credits, since such claims are not new cases of separation from employment.

At the present time only the new separations requiring an **initial** claim are included in this study, as these are the only documents forwarded to the Bureau for analysis. The ratio of initial to renewal claims fluctuates with the claim load, so that during the months of heavy claim, it is approximately 3:1.

Geographical classification: The provinces as defined in this bulletin are administrative entities. Hence, Ontario excludes Sioux Lookout for which data are included with Manitoba; British Columbia includes Whitehorse; Quebec excludes Magdalen Islands for which data are included in New Brunswick.