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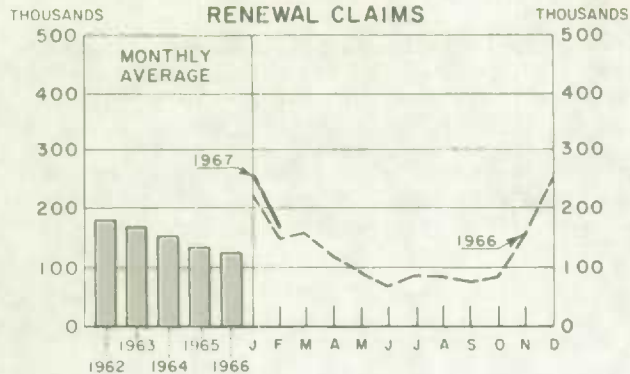
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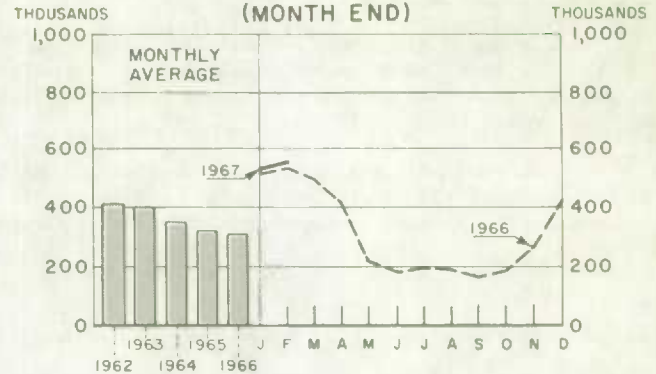
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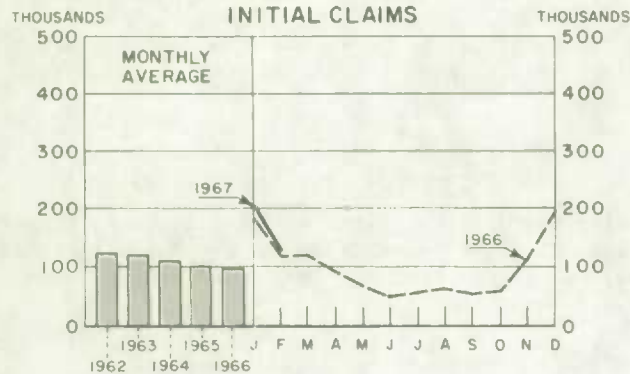
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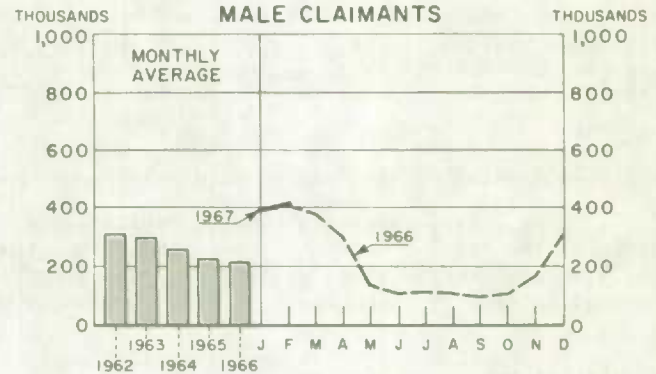
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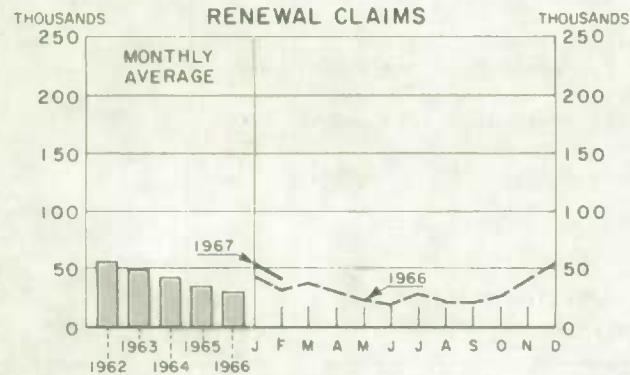
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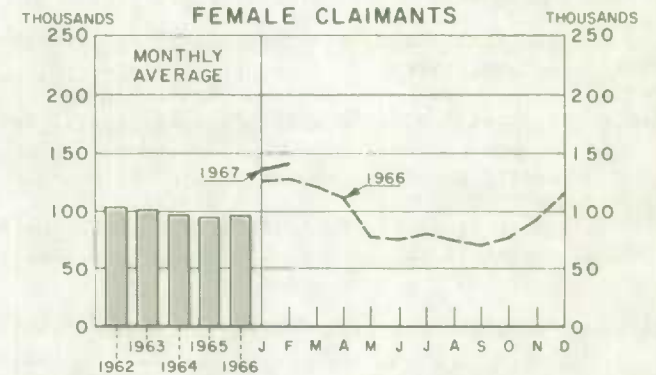
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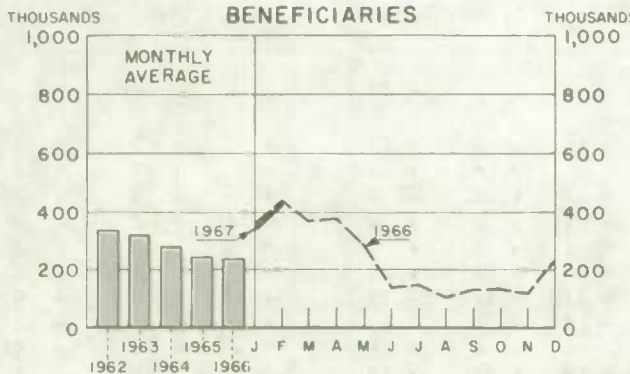
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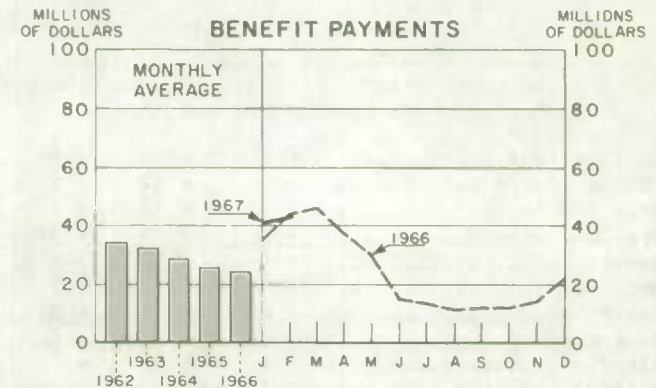
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CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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Claimants at Month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit, both regular and seasonal, numbered 551,800 on February 28, in comparison with 531,900 on January 31 and 530,500 one year ago. The current claimant count represents an increase of approximately 20,000 or 4 per cent over both the previous month and the previous year.

The month-to-month increase was accounted for by seasonal benefit claimants, the number of regular benefit claimants remaining unchanged. In comparison with 1966, the number of regular benefit claimants increased by approximately 34,000, whereas claimants for seasonal benefit declined by some 12,000.

Initial and Renewal Claims

A total of 169,700 initial and renewal claims were filed in local offices across Canada during February, almost 85,000 fewer than the January total of 254,400. During February 1966 the total was 150,300. Claims arising out of separations from employment during the month accounted for 140,000 of the total, the residual of 29,000 being requests for re-establishment of credits, most of which are transitional from regular to seasonal benefit.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries during February was estimated at 420,400 in comparison with 354,200 in January and 440,600 one year ago. Benefit payments during the month totalled \$43.5 million versus \$41.4 million in January and \$44.3 million in February 1966. The average weekly payment was \$25.89 in February, \$25.96 in January and \$25.14 in February 1966.

Provincial Data

The February 28 claimant count was slightly higher than on January 31 in all provinces except British Columbia where a small decline occurred. The increment over one year ago was mainly concentrated in Ontario (17,000) and British Columbia (10,000) partially offset by declines in most of the other provinces. The Manitoba total was 15 per cent lower than last year.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	January 31 to February 28, 1967			February 28, 1966 to February 28, 1967			January 31 to February 28, 1966		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	+ 4	+ 4	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2	+ 10	+ 4	+ 4	+ 2
Newfoundland	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6	- 4	- 7	+ 52	+ 3	+ 3	- 4
Prince Edward Island	+ 2	+ 2	+ 2	-	- 6	+ 29	-	+ 4	- 14
Nova Scotia	+ 1	+ 1	+ 4	+ 2	+ 1	+ 6	+ 4	+ 4	+ 7
New Brunswick	+ 8	+ 8	+ 7	- 1	- 3	+ 6	+ 6	+ 7	+ 2
Quebec	+ 7	+ 12	- 6	+ 1	- 1	+ 9	+ 8	+ 11	- 1
Ontario	+ 4	+ 2	+ 7	+ 12	+ 11	+ 14	+ 5	+ 6	+ 4
Manitoba	+ 4	+ 2	+ 8	- 15	- 17	- 11	+ 7	+ 6	+ 9
Saskatchewan	+ 3	+ 2	+ 6	- 7	- 6	- 13	+ 3	-	+ 11
Alberta	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7	- 6	- 6	- 5	-	- 2	+ 5
British Columbia	- 4	- 7	+ 2	+ 19	+ 21	+ 15	- 12	- 17	- 1

Initial and renewal claims were down substantially, as expected, in all provinces, from January. In comparison with one year ago large increases were reported in Ontario and British Columbia, as reflected in the claimant totals, referred to above.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	January to February 1967			February 1966 to February 1967			January to February 1966		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	- 33	- 36	- 23	+ 13	+ 8	+ 31	- 33	- 34	- 29
Newfoundland	- 46	- 48	- 27	+ 9	+ 6	+ 31	- 53	- 55	- 42
Prince Edward Island ..	- 53	- 57	- 24	- 5	- 11	+ 24	- 46	- 46	- 44
Nova Scotia	- 56	- 56	- 53	- 3	- 2	- 9	- 47	- 48	- 41
New Brunswick	- 42	- 43	- 39	+ 4	+ 4	+ 6	- 36	- 35	- 38
Quebec	- 28	- 28	- 29	- 3	-	- 11	- 17	- 18	- 14
Ontario	- 27	- 33	- 8	+ 40	+ 20	+ 116	- 29	- 29	- 30
Manitoba	- 44	- 43	- 46	- 10	- 9	- 17	- 41	- 40	- 42
Saskatchewan	- 46	- 46	- 46	+ 1	-	+ 12	- 49	- 47	- 57
Alberta	- 35	- 34	- 36	- 1	- 1	- 6	- 43	- 43	- 44
British Columbia	- 38	- 40	- 32	+ 21	+ 25	+ 9	- 53	- 55	- 42

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Feb. 1967	Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Jan. 1967	Feb. 1966	January to February		12 months ending February	
						1967	1966	1967	1966
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,638	4,506	4,494*	..	4,355*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	170	254	150	- 33	+ 13	424	375	1,596	1,613
Initial	128	201	119	- 36	+ 8	329	299	1,200	1,204
Renewal	41	54	32	- 23	+ 31	95	76	397	410
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	552	532	530	+ 4	+ 4	542*	521*	318*	317*
Regular	429	429	396	-	+ 8				
S.B.	122	102	135	+ 20	- 9				
S.B. Fishing	24	23	26	+ 4	- 7				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	420	354	441	+ 19	- 5	387*	401*	232*	250*
Weeks compensated	1,681	1,594	1,762	+ 5	- 5	3,276	3,207	12,110	12,513
Benefit paid \$	43,531	41,383	44,299	+ 5	- 2	84,913	80,209	300,006	307,140
Average weekly benefit \$	25.89	25.96	25.14	-	+ 3	25.92	25.01	24.77	24.55

* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1967 - January	4,638,000	4,106,100	531,900
1966 - December	4,633,000	4,209,600	423,400
November	4,591,000	4,324,700	266,300
October	4,521,000	4,336,700	184,300
September	4,528,000	4,363,100	164,900
August	4,577,000	4,389,800	187,200
July	4,512,000	4,316,000	196,000
June	4,500,000	4,318,700	181,300
May	4,404,000	4,186,400	217,600
April	4,465,000	4,051,100	413,900
March	4,498,000	4,000,000	498,000
February	4,506,000	3,975,500	530,500
January	4,482,000	3,970,200	511,800

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

Province	1967 - February - 1966					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	169,709	128,472	41,237	150,272	118,674	31,598
Newfoundland	5,126	4,208	918	4,682	3,979	703
Prince Edward Island	999	809	190	1,057	904	153
Nova Scotia	6,740	5,581	1,159	6,964	5,686	1,278
New Brunswick	7,405	6,195	1,210	7,093	5,956	1,137
Quebec	52,600	41,105	11,495	54,253	41,287	12,966
Ontario	64,108	44,021	20,087	45,897	36,578	9,319
Manitoba	4,804	4,036	768	5,359	4,438	921
Saskatchewan	3,908	3,366	542	3,852	3,368	484
Alberta	6,732	5,602	1,130	6,831	5,633	1,198
British Columbia	17,287	13,549	3,738	14,284	10,845	3,439

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 45,353.

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)	
	February 28, 1967					February 28, 1966
CANADA	551,837	200,904	256,601	70,711	23,621	530,450
Male	411,248	154,108	200,602	44,434	12,104	402,315
Female	140,589	46,796	55,999	26,277	11,517	128,135
Newfoundland	34,039	7,731	22,247	3,068	993	35,401
Male	31,094	6,932	20,917	2,504	741	33,464
Female	2,945	799	1,330	564	252	1,937
Prince Edward Island	6,625	1,271	4,804	492	58	6,631
Male	5,263	979	3,927	330	27	5,579
Female	1,362	292	877	162	31	1,052
Nova Scotia	34,884	8,554	20,861	4,021	1,448	34,345
Male	28,894	6,985	18,029	2,885	995	28,698
Female	5,990	1,569	2,832	1,136	453	5,647
New Brunswick	33,697	8,393	18,864	5,232	1,208	34,176
Male	26,682	7,121	15,437	3,336	788	27,558
Female	7,015	1,272	3,427	1,896	420	6,618
Quebec	165,435	65,358	71,207	21,350	7,520	163,891
Male	128,830	54,014	57,546	13,847	3,423	130,284
Female	36,605	11,344	13,661	7,503	4,097	33,607
Ontario	160,101	69,364	64,242	18,594	7,901	142,709
Male	104,999	49,017	42,856	9,325	3,801	94,283
Female	55,102	20,347	21,386	9,269	4,100	48,426
Manitoba	18,666	6,183	9,324	2,510	649	22,053
Male	13,940	4,397	7,312	1,843	388	16,714
Female	4,726	1,786	2,012	667	261	5,339
Saskatchewan	16,554	4,651	8,784	2,475	644	17,857
Male	12,719	3,508	7,086	1,856	269	13,474
Female	3,835	1,143	1,698	619	375	4,383
Alberta	21,789	8,350	9,188	3,421	830	23,073
Male	16,034	6,289	7,153	2,160	432	16,998
Female	5,755	2,061	2,035	1,261	398	6,075
British Columbia	60,047	21,049	27,080	9,548	2,370	50,314
Male	42,793	14,866	20,339	6,348	1,240	35,263
Female	17,254	6,183	6,741	3,200	1,130	15,051

(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		
	February 1967						
CANADA	183,667	108,784	38,771	31,570	4,542	48,627	11,004
Newfoundland	4,851	3,334	628	773	116	1,562	405
Prince Edward Island	1,025	719	132	148	26	335	74
Nova Scotia	8,176	5,714	1,139	1,170	153	1,926	354
New Brunswick	7,343	5,109	1,092	982	160	2,414	479
Quebec	54,726	33,152	10,179	9,831	1,564	18,007	4,147
Ontario	69,303	36,759	19,789	11,175	1,580	15,601	3,421
Manitoba	6,035	3,920	844	1,150	121	1,226	247
Saskatchewan	4,837	3,236	555	974	72	1,058	192
Alberta	8,065	5,009	1,089	1,767	200	1,743	364
British Columbia	19,306	11,832	3,324	3,600	550	4,755	1,321
	February 1966						
CANADA	169,972	99,736	28,416	36,726	5,094	43,290	10,536
Newfoundland	5,742	3,747	678	1,208	109	1,296	237
Prince Edward Island	1,146	786	146	198	16	294	54
Nova Scotia	7,966	5,261	1,194	1,306	205	1,530	376
New Brunswick	7,755	5,214	1,127	1,256	158	1,788	359
Quebec	56,200	32,334	11,311	10,863	1,692	16,932	4,370
Ontario	53,974	29,746	8,421	14,006	1,801	13,777	3,233
Manitoba	6,429	4,096	904	1,269	160	1,267	294
Saskatchewan	5,253	3,470	599	1,098	86	1,098	140
Alberta	8,048	4,871	1,130	1,841	206	1,763	375
British Columbia	17,459	10,211	2,906	3,681	661	3,545	1,098

(1) In addition 46,095 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,407 were special requests not granted and 1,689 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,988 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during February 1967 and 1966
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 1967(1)	12,644	318	51	453	468	4,325	4,410	329	353	597	1,340
..... 1966	14,807	660	95	629	691	5,455	4,303	453	410	672	1,439
Claimants disqualified 1967	36,545	1,035	179	1,347	1,375	11,641	12,246	1,445	1,172	2,080	4,025
..... 1966	40,222	1,024	188	1,481	1,265	11,540	15,490	1,602	1,169	2,082	4,381
Not unemployed 1967	1,311	41	8	43	39	484	322	90	84	113	87
..... 1966	1,305	38	18	61	42	635	219	95	78	57	62
Not capable of and not available for work 1967	9,316	243	40	336	281	2,476	3,588	419	383	616	934
..... 1966	9,953	235	66	400	336	2,708	3,569	514	367	619	1,139
Loss of work due to a labour dispute 1967	527	1	-	1	1	289	231	-	-	-	4
..... 1966	4,530	2	2	2	1	52	4,445	-	6	-	20
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work 1967	510	17	-	20	100	103	191	6	27	19	27
..... 1966	1,522	51	8	132	76	486	420	83	58	66	142
Discharged for misconduct 1967	1,674	29	2	63	39	593	597	54	30	100	167
..... 1966	1,870	36	6	44	53	605	679	54	49	105	239
Voluntarily left employment without just cause 1967	8,557	346	52	344	356	2,603	2,555	303	282	610	1,106
..... 1966	9,791	376	48	374	377	2,889	2,921	373	335	695	1,403
Other reasons 1967	14,650	358	77	540	559	5,093	4,762	573	366	622	1,700
..... 1966	11,251	286	40	468	380	4,165	3,237	483	276	540	1,376
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during February 1967	6,869	396	56	368	475	2,242	2,169	140	140	226	657

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

Province	Average per week	
	1967 - February - 1966	
	thousands	
CANADA	420.4	440.6
Newfoundland	29.7	29.4
Prince Edward Island	5.3	5.9
Nova Scotia	27.7	29.3
New Brunswick	24.6	27.7
Quebec	121.3	138.9
Ontario	118.4	115.4
Manitoba	15.0	17.8
Saskatchewan	13.4	15.4
Alberta	15.7	19.4
British Columbia	49.2	41.3

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1967 - February - 1966			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	1,681,483	43,530,943	1,762,440	44,299,219
Newfoundland	118,902	3,099,964	117,562	2,928,468
Prince Edward Island	21,159	512,671	23,606	560,243
Nova Scotia	110,908	2,747,476	117,364	2,823,365
New Brunswick	98,435	2,420,095	110,788	2,629,774
Quebec	485,371	12,713,173	555,614	14,215,237
Ontario	473,742	12,225,087	461,758	11,542,581
Manitoba	59,838	1,538,922	71,367	1,800,435
Saskatchewan	53,581	1,378,220	61,496	1,529,286
Alberta	62,634	1,615,573	77,617	1,957,102
British Columbia	196,913	5,279,762	165,268	4,312,728

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	February 1967		
CANADA	1,585,780	95,703	68,676
Newfoundland	114,000	4,902	3,786
Prince Edward Island	20,200	959	789
Nova Scotia	103,518	7,390	5,874
New Brunswick	92,545	5,890	4,511
Quebec	459,629	25,742	18,624
Ontario	446,075	27,667	18,387
Manitoba	56,639	3,199	2,409
Saskatchewan	50,722	2,859	2,036
Alberta	58,847	3,787	2,664
British Columbia	183,605	13,308	9,596
	February 1966		
CANADA	1,661,131	101,309	76,385
Newfoundland	112,775	4,787	3,554
Prince Edward Island	22,519	1,087	908
Nova Scotia	109,199	8,165	6,579
New Brunswick	105,418	5,370	4,040
Quebec	524,547	31,067	22,626
Ontario	434,853	26,905	20,012
Manitoba	67,372	3,995	3,056
Saskatchewan	57,953	3,543	2,824
Alberta	72,690	4,927	3,846
British Columbia	153,805	11,463	8,940

Seasonal Benefit, 1966-67 period

Provisions governing the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 20, 1966 to mid-May 1967, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 4(1). Only one seasonal benefit period may be established by a claimant during this period. The minimum duration is for 12 weeks, (2) hence exhaustion of seasonal benefit will not occur before February 18.

In testing for seasonal benefit, claims failing the regular requirements are considered first under class A, for which the minimum requirement is 15 contribution weeks subsequent to the week containing March 31, 1966. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class is based entirely on contributions since that date. The benefit formula provides 5 full weeks of benefit for every 6 weeks of contribution(2).

Cases failing the contribution requirement for class A are then examined for possible qualification under class B which represents an extension of benefit for those for whom a regular benefit period terminated during the interval since May 21, 1966. The authorization will be that shown on the preceding regular benefit period, or the number of weeks which remain in the seasonal benefit period, whichever is the lesser. The weekly rate(3) will be that of the preceding claim, adjusted, if necessary, for any change in dependency status. Claims established subsequent to April 1, 1967 are exclusively class B.

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

Fishing Claimants

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

- (1) A claimant eligible to have the waiting period waived could draw seasonal benefit for the week commencing November 27.
- (2) While the minimum entitlement on SBA claims is 13 weeks (SBB, 12 weeks), claims established subsequent to the week ending February 25, 1967 provide entitlement only for the number of weeks remaining between the date of establishment and the end of the seasonal benefit period.
- (3) Section 47 (2a) of the Act is not applicable to seasonal benefit claims. This section was added in September 1959 in order to minimize the impact of short-term employment on the weekly rate for subsequent regular claims filed within a two-year period.
- (4) During the seasonal benefit period, claimants classed as fishermen will be considered available and unemployed in respect to any activity in commercial fishing or in the repair of fishing gear, equipment or boat. However, income from fishing or any other activity during a week is taken into consideration in determining the amount of benefit payable.

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

Province	1967 - February - 1966					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	122,365	91,147	31,218	134,598	102,507	32,091
Newfoundland	15,374	14,419	955	17,769	16,979	790
Prince Edward Island	3,179	2,593	586	3,495	2,932	563
Nova Scotia	12,037	10,321	1,716	12,463	10,871	1,592
New Brunswick	11,666	9,345	2,321	13,311	10,808	2,503
Quebec	28,843	21,112	7,731	33,712	25,762	7,950
Ontario	26,949	15,229	11,720	26,945	16,305	10,640
Manitoba	3,581	2,786	795	4,632	3,686	946
Saskatchewan	3,259	2,456	803	4,053	2,968	1,085
Alberta	3,179	2,288	891	5,521	3,014	2,507
British Columbia	14,298	10,598	3,700	12,697	9,182	3,515

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

Province	1967 - February - 1966					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	23,669	23,294	375	25,557	25,391	166
Newfoundland	9,079	8,878	201	9,926	9,910	16
Prince Edward Island	1,581	1,488	93	1,812	1,760	52
Nova Scotia	5,295	5,284	11	5,710	5,703	7
New Brunswick	3,131	3,107	24	3,377	3,344	33
Quebec	520	508	12	748	733	15
Ontario	488	481	7	580	569	11
Manitoba	170	170	-	232	231	1
Saskatchewan	2	2	-	1	1	-
Alberta	22	22	-	40	38	2
British Columbia	3,381	3,354	27	3,131	3,102	29

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.