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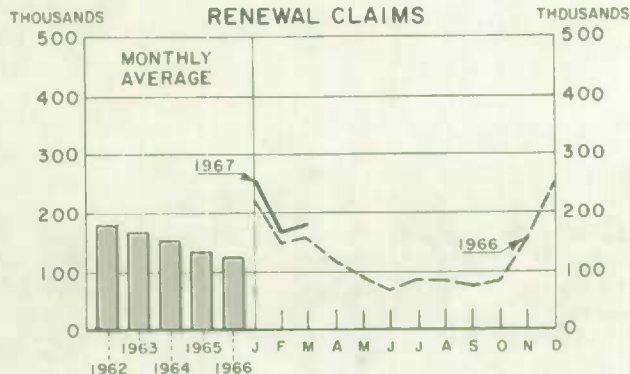
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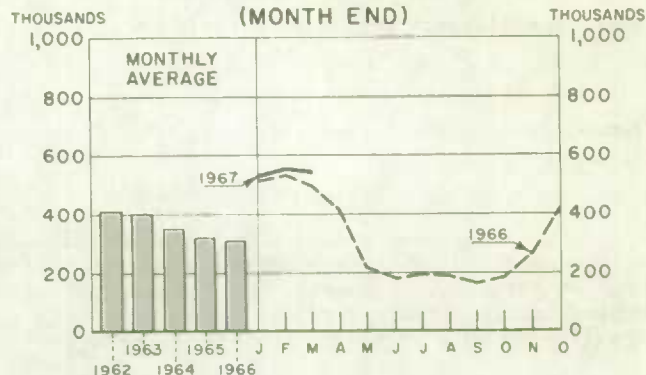
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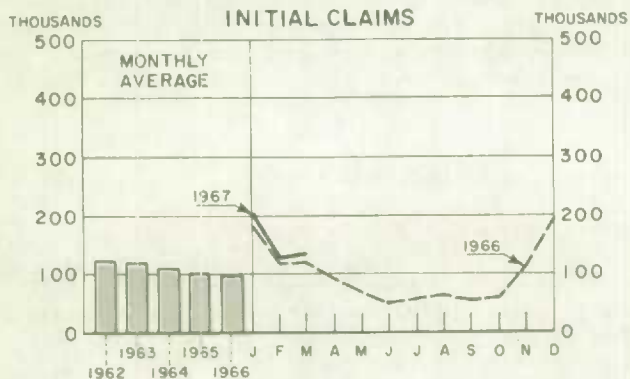
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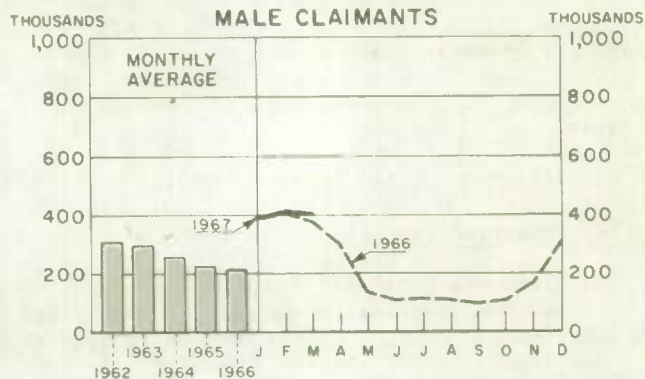
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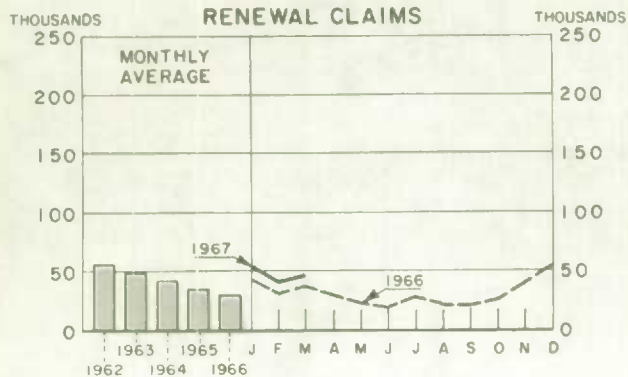
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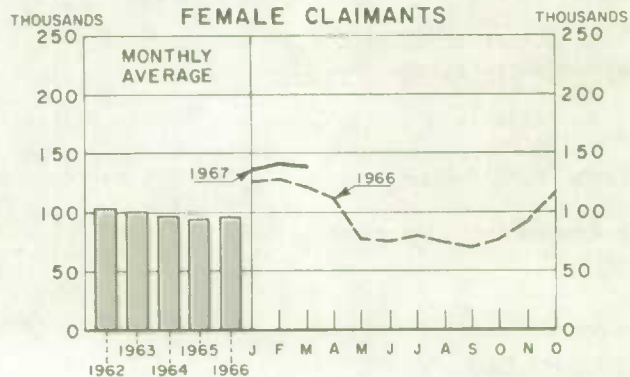
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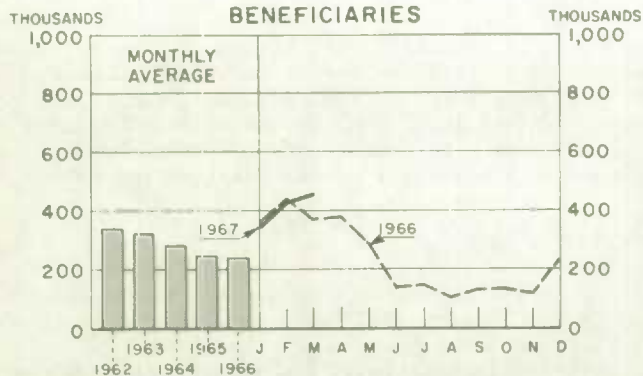
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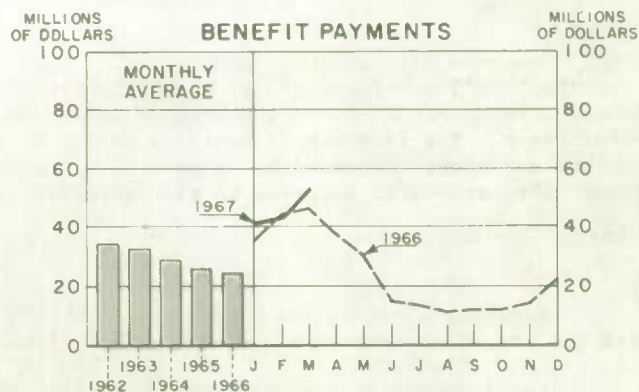
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CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

MARCH 1967

Claimants at month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit totalled 544,000 on March 31, 1967 marking a decline of 8,000 or 1 percent from the February 1967 total of 552,000. Compared with the March 1966 total of 498,000 the present count showed a 9 percent increase. The month-to-month decline can be attributed almost entirely to a decrease in male claimants.

The total for regular benefit claimants in March 1967 stood at 407,000 showing a decline of approximately 22,000 compared with February 1967 claimants under the same category. Seasonal benefit claimants, however, showed an increase of almost 15,000 over February figures. Regular benefit claimants were higher by 52,000 over March 1966, while the seasonal benefit claimants showed a decline of approximately 6,000 for the same period.

Initial and Renewal Claims

A total 182,000 initial and renewal claims were filed during March 1967. The figure showed an increase of 23,000 over March 1966, and a rise of 12,000 on month-to-month basis.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries amounted to 458,000 for March 1967 as against 420,000 for February 1967 and 370,000 for March 1966. Benefit payments amounted to \$53.2 million during March 1967 compared with \$43.5 million in February 1967 and \$46.2 million in March 1966. The average weekly payment was \$25.82 for March 1967, \$25.89 for February 1967 and \$24.98 for March 1966.

Provincial Data

Compared with unemployment insurance claimants count in February 1967, the March figures showed a decline in all provinces except New Brunswick and Quebec where small increases occurred. Compared with figures in March 1966 all provinces showed an increase except Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The Province of Manitoba showed a decline of 9 percent. In both Ontario and British Columbia the count increased by 18 percent. A comparison on month-to-month basis in the number of claims filed showed an increase in all provinces except Ontario where a 4 percent decline was marked.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	February 28 to March 31, 1967			March 31, 1966 to March 31, 1967			February 28 to March 31, 1966		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	- 1	- 2	-	+ 9	+ 7	+ 16	- 6	- 6	- 6
Newfoundland	- 3	- 3	- 4	+ 5	+ 4	+ 29	- 12	- 13	+ 13
Prince Edward Island ..	- 7	- 5	- 14	- 3	- 4	+ 1	- 4	- 7	+ 10
Nova Scotia	- 1	- 1	- 3	+ 5	+ 4	+ 8	- 4	- 4	- 4
New Brunswick	+ 1	+ 5	- 10	+ 2	+ 1	+ 8	- 2	-	- 12
Quebec	+ 4	+ 6	- 2	+ 6	+ 3	+ 20	- 1	+ 1	- 10
Ontario	- 5	- 8	+ 1	+ 18	+ 17	+ 19	- 9	- 12	- 4
Manitoba	- 1	- 2	+ 5	- 9	- 11	- 1	- 8	- 8	- 6
Saskatchewan	- 7	- 6	- 9	-	+ 3	- 10	- 13	- 14	- 12
Alberta	- 5	- 4	- 6	+ 8	+ 14	- 5	- 17	- 20	- 7
British Columbia	- 6	- 11	+ 6	+ 18	+ 16	+ 24	- 6	- 7	- 2

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	February to March 1967			March 1966 to March 1967			February to March 1966		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	+ 7	+ 5	+ 16	+ 15	+ 11	+ 27	+ 6	+ 2	+ 19
Newfoundland	+ 32	+ 34	+ 25	+ 8	+ 9	+ 3	+ 34	+ 29	+ 60
Prince Edward Island ..	+ 6	-	+ 31	- 8	- 16	+ 28	+ 10	+ 7	+ 27
Nova Scotia	+ 19	+ 15	+ 36	+ 8	+ 12	- 6	+ 7	+ 1	+ 32
New Brunswick	+ 17	+ 17	+ 19	- 3	-	- 18	+ 27	+ 21	+ 54
Quebec	+ 18	+ 14	+ 34	+ 9	+ 7	+ 15	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3
Ontario	- 4	- 7	+ 1	+ 40	+ 23	+ 94	- 4	- 8	+ 13
Manitoba	+ 16	+ 16	+ 13	- 2	-	- 9	+ 5	+ 6	+ 3
Saskatchewan	+ 5	+ 4	+ 10	+ 3	+ 5	- 5	+ 3	-	+ 29
Alberta	+ 2	- 2	+ 21	- 5	- 3	- 16	+ 7	-	+ 35
British Columbia	+ 2	- 6	+ 33	+ 2	+ 11	- 14	+ 21	+ 6	+ 69

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1967	Mar. 1966	% change from		Cumulative data			
				Feb. 1967	Mar. 1966	January to March		12 months ending March	
						1967	1966	1967	1966
	thousands					thousands			
Insured population as at month-end	4,708	4,498	4,495*	..	4,361*
Initial and renewal claims filed:									
Total	182	170	159	+ 7	+ 15	606	534	1,620	1,589
Initial	134	128	121	+ 5	+ 11	464	421	1,213	1,190
Renewal	48	41	38	+ 16	+ 27	143	114	407	400
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	544	552	498	- 1	+ 9	543*	513*	322*	313*
Regular	407	429	355	- 4	+ 16				
S.B.	137	122	143	+ 12	- 4				
S.B. Fishing	21	24	22	- 12	- 3				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	458	420	370	+ 9	+ 24	411*	390*	239*	242*
Weeks compensated	2,059	1,681	1,847	+ 22	+ 11	5,335	5,055	12,321	12,125
Benefit paid \$	53,167	43,531	46,157	+ 22	+ 15	138,080	126,366	307,016	297,707
Average weekly benefit \$	25.82	25.89	24.98	-	+ 3	25.88	25.00	24.92	24.55

* Monthly average.

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

End of	Total	Employed	Claimants
1967 - February	4,708,000	4,156,200	551,800
January	4,684,000	4,152,100	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

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

Province	1967 - March - 1966					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	182,361	134,423	47,938	159,025	121,416	37,609
Newfoundland	6,778	5,627	1,151	6,267	5,145	1,122
Prince Edward Island	1,060	811	249	1,158	964	194
Nova Scotia	8,017	6,435	1,582	7,457	5,767	1,690
New Brunswick	8,682	7,243	1,439	8,976	7,221	1,755
Quebec	62,061	46,704	15,357	56,890	43,555	13,335
Ontario	61,512	41,147	20,365	44,056	33,550	10,506
Manitoba	5,554	4,690	864	5,641	4,688	953
Saskatchewan	4,110	3,514	596	3,983	3,358	625
Alberta	6,882	5,516	1,366	7,279	5,659	1,620
British Columbia	17,705	12,736	4,969	17,318	11,509	5,809

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 40,305.

TABLE 3. Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices by Number of Weeks on Claim, Province and Sex
(Counted on last working day of the month)

Province and sex	Total claimants	Number of weeks on claim (based on 20 per cent sample)				Total claimants
		1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more(1)	
		March 31, 1967				March 31, 1966
CANADA	543,770	167,409	200,090	147,685	28,586	498,013
Male	403,820	129,682	150,732	108,607	14,799	377,441
Female	139,950	37,727	49,358	39,078	13,787	120,572
Newfoundland	32,992	7,517	12,117	12,293	1,065	31,283
Male	30,161	6,978	11,074	11,305	804	29,095
Female	2,831	539	1,043	988	261	2,188
Prince Edward Island	6,181	980	2,361	2,691	149	6,364
Male	5,008	843	1,934	2,181	50	5,202
Female	1,173	137	427	510	99	1,162
Nova Scotia	34,409	7,464	14,513	10,775	1,657	32,900
Male	28,582	6,190	12,304	9,028	1,060	27,507
Female	5,827	1,274	2,209	1,747	597	5,393
New Brunswick	34,172	7,157	13,635	11,735	1,645	33,448
Male	27,886	6,287	11,457	9,169	973	27,624
Female	6,286	870	2,178	2,566	672	5,824
Quebec	172,386	61,217	62,368	40,117	8,684	162,185
Male	136,353	50,985	51,179	30,153	4,036	132,100
Female	36,033	10,232	11,189	9,964	4,648	30,085
Ontario	152,613	50,322	55,979	36,902	9,410	129,320
Male	96,901	33,681	36,103	22,412	4,705	82,666
Female	55,712	16,641	19,876	14,490	4,705	46,654
Manitoba	18,568	5,706	6,964	5,144	754	20,323
Male	13,606	4,327	4,877	3,992	410	15,299
Female	4,962	1,379	2,087	1,152	344	5,024
Saskatchewan	15,477	3,169	5,775	5,809	724	15,507
Male	11,999	2,481	4,350	4,832	336	11,646
Female	3,478	688	1,425	977	388	3,861
Alberta	20,761	6,489	7,228	5,982	1,062	19,190
Male	15,379	4,974	5,284	4,634	487	13,514
Female	5,382	1,515	1,944	1,348	575	5,676
British Columbia	56,211	17,388	19,150	16,237	3,436	47,493
Male	37,945	12,936	12,170	10,901	1,938	32,788
Female	18,266	4,452	6,980	5,336	1,498	14,705

(1) The bulk of the cases in this group were on claim from 27-39 weeks.

Note: Values less than 50 subject to relatively large sampling variability.

TABLE 4. Disposition of Initial and Renewal Claims and Claims Pending
at the End of the Month, by Province(1)

Province	Adjudicated					Pending	
	Total	Entitled to benefit		Not entitled to benefit		Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		
	March 1967						
CANADA	181,940	107,648	41,883	27,443	4,966	47,959	12,093
Newfoundland	6,219	4,332	1,058	665	164	2,192	334
Prince Edward Island	1,162	773	238	115	36	258	49
Nova Scotia	7,131	4,794	1,197	980	160	2,587	579
New Brunswick	8,729	6,277	1,248	1,022	182	2,358	488
Quebec	61,658	37,543	13,528	8,939	1,648	18,229	4,328
Ontario	62,889	33,451	18,395	9,479	1,564	13,818	3,827
Manitoba	5,572	3,785	689	971	127	1,160	295
Saskatchewan	4,000	2,718	515	692	75	1,162	198
Alberta	6,688	3,967	1,092	1,410	219	1,882	419
British Columbia	17,892	10,008	3,923	3,170	791	4,313	1,576
	March 1966						
CANADA	164,548	97,987	32,378	28,745	5,438	37,974	10,329
Newfoundland	5,813	4,035	756	879	143	1,527	460
Prince Edward Island	1,141	817	167	139	18	302	63
Nova Scotia	7,328	4,659	1,416	992	261	1,646	389
New Brunswick	8,495	5,871	1,475	978	171	2,160	468
Quebec	60,342	36,652	12,308	9,630	1,752	14,205	3,645
Ontario	47,542	26,786	9,223	9,805	1,728	10,736	2,788
Manitoba	6,008	3,946	870	1,016	176	993	201
Saskatchewan	4,064	2,775	485	722	82	959	198
Alberta	7,195	4,211	1,247	1,484	253	1,727	495
British Columbia	16,620	8,235	4,431	3,100	854	3,719	1,622

(1) In addition 42,418 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,062 were special requests not granted and 1,627 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,875 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during March 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) 1966	8,766 9,676	210 441	45 78	311 329	449 404	3,174 3,636	2,864 2,757	260 358	186 208	365 432	902 1,033
Claimants disqualified 1967 1966	36,648 40,925	945 1,078	178 213	1,312 1,606	1,378 1,343	12,345 13,482	11,939 13,827	1,271 1,526	1,039 1,099	1,909 2,025	4,332 4,726
Not unemployed 1967 1966	1,190 1,388	82 63	8 6	36 89	38 38	494 748	230 219	79 73	75 61	65 37	83 54
Not capable of and not available for work 1967 1966	8,825 10,506	184 206	34 51	308 366	313 319	2,376 2,984	3,290 3,984	423 503	346 368	539 594	1,012 1,131
Loss of work due to a labour dispute 1967 1966	621 1,112	- 35	- 2	1 4	17 56	204 99	394 869	- 18	- 20	- 7	5 2
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work 1967 1966	342 2,022	8 92	8 38	16 153	30 37	68 655	159 595	7 97	8 109	2 95	36 151
Discharged for misconduct 1967 1966	1,788 2,194	38 49	8 6	62 46	55 98	567 793	679 763	59 56	32 32	93 132	195 219
Voluntarily left employment without just cause 1967 1966	8,921 10,819	247 277	29 46	353 467	336 367	2,918 3,339	2,639 3,553	278 341	223 275	610 637	1,288 1,517
Other reasons 1967 1966	14,961 12,884	386 356	91 64	536 481	589 428	5,718 4,864	4,548 3,844	425 438	355 234	600 523	1,713 1,652
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during March 1967	3,985	108	68	115	151	1,540	1,356	98	70	120	359

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

Province	Average per week	
	1967 - March - 1966	
	thousands	
CANADA	457.6	369.5
Newfoundland	31.0	27.6
Prince Edward Island	6.1	5.8
Nova Scotia	29.9	24.2
New Brunswick	27.9	24.0
Quebec	134.9	115.6
Ontario	129.4	91.9
Manitoba	17.2	16.2
Saskatchewan	14.4	13.0
Alberta	17.0	15.4
British Columbia	49.7	35.9

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1967 - March - 1966			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	2,058,979	53,166,725	1,847,439	46,156,729
Newfoundland	139,642	3,666,908	138,154	3,447,922
Prince Edward Island	27,586	667,822	29,057	687,161
Nova Scotia	134,338	3,310,837	121,041	2,871,821
New Brunswick	125,590	3,119,940	119,796	2,857,962
Quebec	607,177	16,004,150	577,889	14,792,324
Ontario	582,392	14,952,995	459,359	11,362,082
Manitoba	77,364	1,978,857	80,889	2,008,959
Saskatchewan	64,981	1,665,720	64,845	1,593,113
Alberta	76,477	1,977,043	76,785	1,907,710
British Columbia	223,432	5,822,453	179,624	4,627,675

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	March 1967		
CANADA	1,947,131	111,848	84,958
Newfoundland	134,000	5,642	4,275
Prince Edward Island	26,436	1,150	938
Nova Scotia	125,611	8,727	7,279
New Brunswick	118,828	6,762	5,082
Quebec	576,221	30,956	22,614
Ontario	551,923	30,469	22,708
Manitoba	72,830	4,534	3,622
Saskatchewan	61,381	3,600	2,787
Alberta	71,692	4,785	3,573
British Columbia	208,209	15,223	12,080
	March 1966		
CANADA	1,738,322	109,117	83,387
Newfoundland	132,382	5,772	4,249
Prince Edward Island	27,578	1,479	1,240
Nova Scotia	112,347	8,694	7,162
New Brunswick	113,978	5,818	4,163
Quebec	546,447	31,442	23,025
Ontario	431,995	27,364	20,718
Manitoba	75,413	5,476	4,400
Saskatchewan	60,853	3,992	3,314
Alberta	71,680	5,105	3,965
British Columbia	165,649	13,975	11,151

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 - March - 1966					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	136,519	101,443	35,076	142,642	109,272	33,370
Newfoundland	14,629	13,721	908	16,027	15,266	761
Prince Edward Island	3,134	2,640	494	3,454	2,944	510
Nova Scotia	12,828	10,980	1,848	12,629	10,892	1,737
New Brunswick	12,878	10,614	2,264	13,726	11,505	2,221
Quebec	34,934	25,981	8,953	38,912	30,997	7,915
Ontario	30,782	17,511	13,271	29,823	17,867	11,956
Manitoba	4,848	3,829	1,019	5,493	4,445	1,048
Saskatchewan	3,824	2,977	847	4,384	3,374	1,010
Alberta	3,989	3,000	989	5,285	2,999	2,286
British Columbia	14,673	10,190	4,483	12,909	8,983	3,926

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

Province	1967 - March - 1966					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	20,901	20,489	412	21,570	21,474	96
Newfoundland	7,334	7,328	6	7,678	7,659	19
Prince Edward Island	1,466	1,422	44	1,548	1,530	18
Nova Scotia	5,087	5,084	3	5,010	5,005	5
New Brunswick	2,860	2,847	13	3,005	2,991	14
Quebec	503	498	5	682	674	8
Ontario	448	442	6	421	413	8
Manitoba	350	350	-	417	417	-
Saskatchewan	2	2	-	2	2	-
Alberta	24	24	-	27	26	1
British Columbia	2,827	2,492	335	2,780	2,757	23

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.