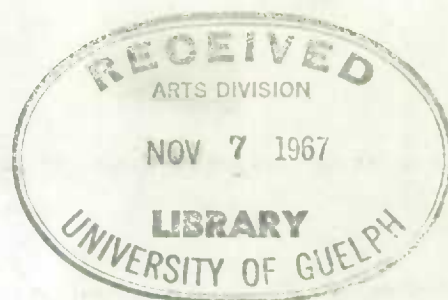


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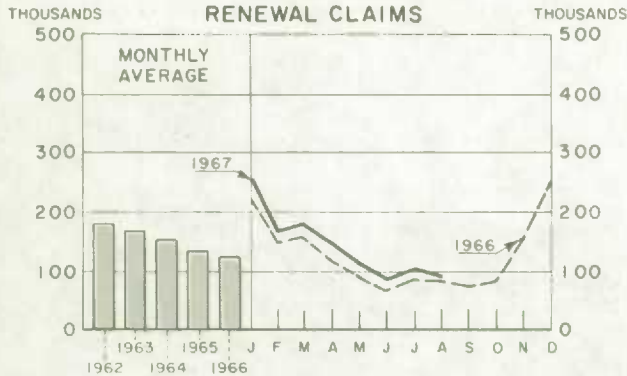
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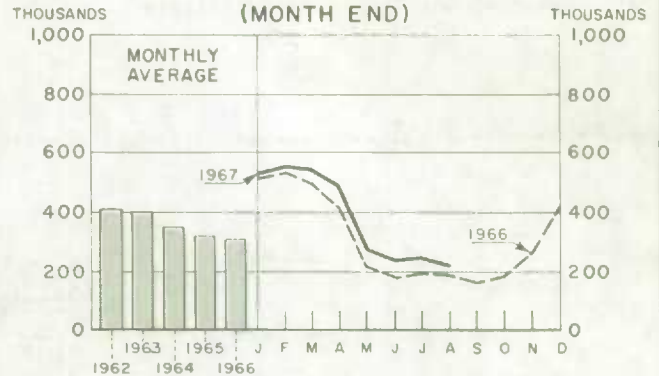
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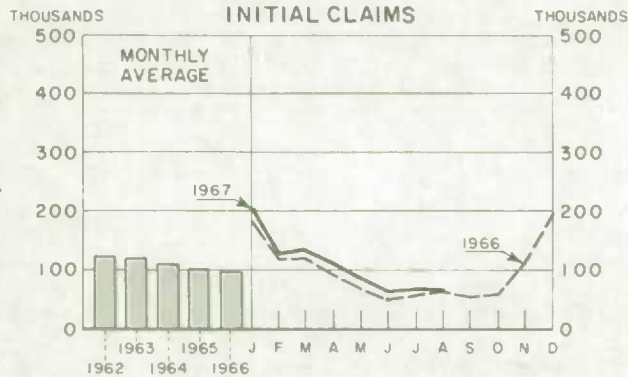
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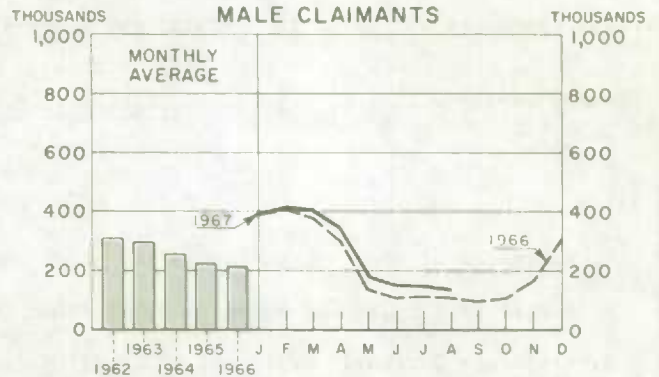
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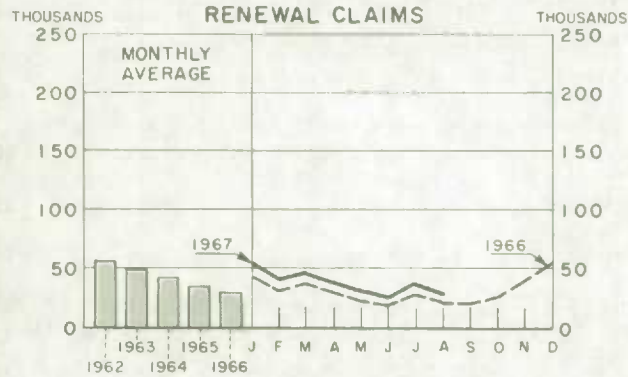
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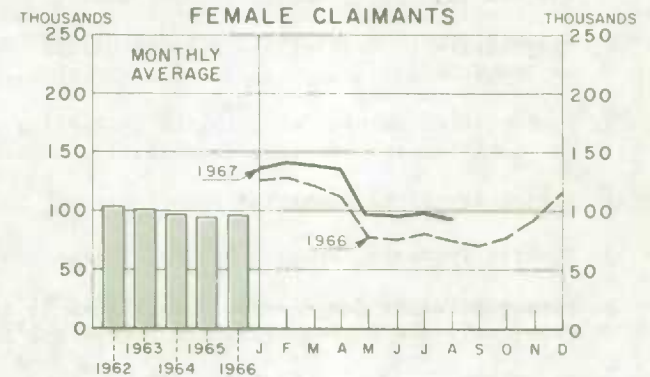
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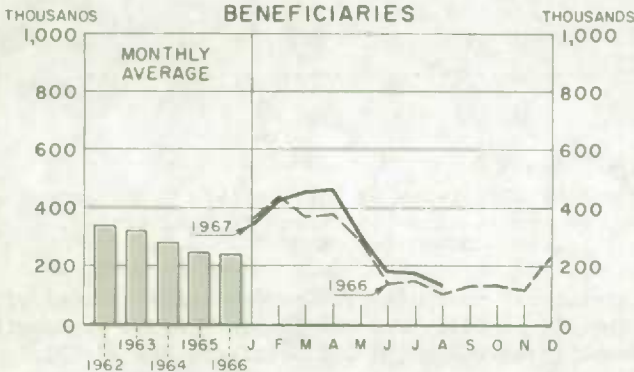
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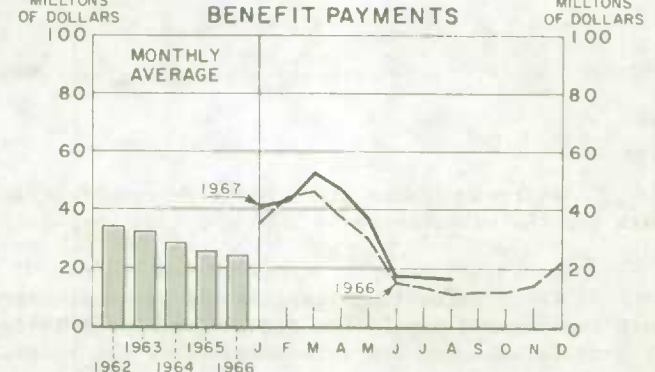
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Claims and Benefit Payments

August 1967

Claimants at month-end

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 227,100 on August 31, some 20,000 fewer than the July 31 count of 246,300, but approximately 40,000 more than the 187,200 shown for August 31, 1966. Males accounted for two-thirds of the month-to-month decline. While more than half of the year-over-year increase was also attributed to males, the rate of increase over one year ago was less for males (20 per cent) than for females (25 per cent).

The sex composition of those coming on claim during the month, as indicated by the count of claimants on continuous claim 1-4 weeks at the month-end, was virtually unchanged for the three periods under review i.e., two-thirds were men. Claimants 1-4 weeks on claim constituted a slightly smaller proportion of the total on August 31 (41 per cent) than on July 31, (46 per cent) when the claimant group normally reflects lay-offs associated with annual holiday and plant shut-downs.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 92,500 initial and renewal claims were filed at local offices across Canada during August, in comparison with 102,100 in July and 83,600 in August 1966. More than three-quarters of the month-to-month decrease and year-over-year increase were in respect of renewal claims.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 138,200 for August, in comparison with 180,000 for July and 100,200 for August 1966. Benefit payments amounted to \$16.8 million during August, \$17.7 million in July and \$11.8 million one year ago. The average weekly payment was \$24.38 in August, \$24.64 in July and \$23.60 in August 1966.

Provincial data

All provinces except Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia reported declines in the July-to-August claimant count. Numerically the bulk of the decline occurred in Ontario and Quebec. This was partially off-set by a substantial increase in British Columbia. The 1-4 week category of male claimants in British Columbia on August 31 increased from 6,000 on July 31 to 10,000 on August 31.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count, by Province

	July 31 to August 31, 1967			August 31, 1966 to August 31, 1967			July 29 to August 31, 1966		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
CANADA	- 8	- 9	- 7	+ 21	+ 19	+ 25	- 5	- 2	- 8
Newfoundland	- 4	- 9	+ 12	+ 18	+ 19	+ 17	+ 3	+ 2	+ 3
Prince Edward Island ..	- 12	- 16	- 6	+ 2	- 14	+ 33	- 2	- 1	- 5
Nova Scotia	+ 2	+ 3	-	+ 8	+ 8	+ 9	+ 2	+ 3	- 3
New Brunswick	- 8	- 6	- 10	- 9	- 14	+ 5	- 3	- 3	- 4
Quebec	- 7	- 5	- 10	+ 36	+ 46	+ 21	- 9	- 10	- 9
Ontario	- 15	- 20	- 8	+ 14	+ 5	+ 28	- 5	- 2	- 10
Manitoba	- 4	- 4	- 3	+ 11	+ 14	+ 9	- 9	- 15	- 4
Saskatchewan	- 3	- 9	+ 1	+ 8	-	+ 14	- 3	+ 1	- 6
Alberta	+ 3	- 10	+ 15	+ 30	+ 8	+ 53	- 11	- 10	- 11
British Columbia	+ 11	+ 23	- 4	+ 30	+ 29	+ 32	+ 11	+ 23	- 5

The month-to-month claim volume was lower during August, except in British Columbia and Nova Scotia where claims increased by 50 and 40 per cent respectively. Small increases also occurred in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Alberta. In contrast with the other provinces Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta recorded a lower year-over-year claim volume. The largest per cent increases were shown in Quebec (23 per cent) and British Columbia (18 per cent).

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed, by Province

	July to August 1967			August 1966 to August 1967			July to August 1966		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	- 9	- 3	- 21	+ 11	+ 2	+ 37	- 4	+ 7	- 26
Newfoundland	+ 8	+ 2	+ 24	+ 12	+ 9	+ 19	- 16	- 28	+ 44
Prince Edward Island ..	- 20	- 18	- 26	- 30	- 30	- 31	+ 13	+ 6	+ 35
Nova Scotia	+ 42	+ 38	+ 49	+ 16	+ 18	+ 13	+ 23	+ 21	+ 28
New Brunswick	+ 7	+ 1	+ 24	- 9	- 14	+ 2	- 2	+ 1	- 10
Quebec	- 8	- 10	- 4	+ 23	+ 17	+ 37	- 9	- 7	- 14
Ontario	- 26	- 10	- 50	+ 5	- 7	+ 61	- 14	+ 8	- 57
Manitoba	- 4	- 11	+ 23	+ 10	+ 3	+ 37	- 4	- 3	- 7
Saskatchewan	- 12	- 12	- 10	- 11	- 16	+ 10	+ 22	+ 26	+ 6
Alberta	+ 4	+ 3	+ 7	- 14	- 12	- 18	+ 32	+ 35	+ 26
British Columbia	+ 53	+ 41	+ 77	+ 18	+ 14	+ 26	+ 53	+ 42	+ 77

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Détail	Août 1967	Juillet 1967	Août 1966	Variation procentuelle		Données cumulatives			
				Juillet 1967	Août 1966	Janvier à août		12 mois terminés en août	
						1967	1966	1967	1966
	milliers					milliers			
Population assurée à la fin du mois	4,902	4,577	4,493*	..	4,444*
Réclamations initiales et renouvelées déposées:									
Total	93	102	84	- 9	+ 11	1,155	984	1,719	1,553
Initiales	64	66	63	- 3	+ 2	854	750	1,274	1,170
Renouvelées	29	36	21	- 21	+ 37	302	235	445	383
Réclamants se présentant aux bureaux locaux ...	227	246	187	- 8	+ 21	390*	342*	346*	311*
Bénéficiaires (moyenne hebdomadaire)	138	180	100	- 23	+ 38	311*	276*	257*	231*
Semaines compensées	691	720	501	- 4	+ 38	10,785	9,516	13,310	11,832
Prestations versées .. \$	16,849	17,743	11,821	- 5	+ 43	274,913	233,987	336,228	289,510

Prestations hebdo- madaires moyennes .. \$	24.38	24.64	23.60	- 1	+ 3	25.49	24.59	25.26	24.47
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* Moyenne mensuelle.

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

End of	Total(1)	Employed	Claimants
1967 - July	4,902,000	4,655,700	246,300
June	4,736,000	4,493,200	242,800
May	4,655,000	4,373,900	281,100
April	4,746,000	4,253,700	492,300
March	4,750,000	4,206,200	543,800
February	4,681,000	4,129,200	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

(1) Commencing March 31, 1967, agricultural workers are included, as coverage was extended to certain workers in this industry April 1, 1967.

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

Province	1967 - August - 1966					
	Total(1)	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
CANADA	92,535	64,025	28,510	83,637	62,793	20,844
Newfoundland	1,641	1,159	482	1,464	1,060	404
Prince Edward Island	229	165	64	328	235	93
Nova Scotia	3,925	2,707	1,218	3,374	2,299	1,075
New Brunswick	2,576	1,797	779	2,846	2,080	766
Quebec	27,807	18,351	9,456	22,666	15,740	6,926
Ontario	37,886	27,702	10,184	36,149	29,820	6,329
Manitoba	1,791	1,341	450	1,635	1,306	329
Saskatchewan	946	741	205	1,064	878	186
Alberta	2,524	1,959	565	2,924	2,236	688
British Columbia	13,210	8,103	5,107	11,187	7,139	4,048

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 30,482

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, 1967				August 31, 1966
CANADA	227,098	94,047	60,674	44,935	27,442	187,172
Male	134,875	63,528	33,993	23,426	13,928	113,175
Female	92,223	30,519	26,681	21,509	13,514	73,997
Newfoundland	5,767	2,053	1,602	1,340	772	4,875
Male	4,201	1,572	1,193	951	485	3,535
Female	1,566	481	409	389	287	1,340
Prince Edward Island	757	248	251	186	72	739
Male	416	153	139	91	33	483
Female	341	95	112	95	39	256
Nova Scotia	9,695	3,329	2,709	1,839	1,818	8,940
Male	6,678	2,543	1,761	1,205	1,169	6,176
Female	3,017	786	948	634	649	2,764
New Brunswick	7,145	2,540	1,804	1,686	1,115	7,810
Male	4,662	1,767	1,124	1,171	600	5,436
Female	2,483	773	680	515	515	2,374
Quebec	72,284	29,645	19,705	15,303	7,631	53,132
Male	46,790	20,977	12,501	9,139	4,173	32,040
Female	25,494	8,668	7,204	6,164	3,458	21,092
Ontario	87,350	37,401	23,955	16,120	9,874	76,561
Male	47,791	23,885	12,189	7,093	4,624	45,649
Female	39,559	13,516	11,766	9,027	5,250	30,912
Manitoba	5,719	1,911	1,535	1,244	1,029	5,138
Male	2,635	1,017	687	492	439	2,316
Female	3,084	894	848	752	590	2,822
Saskatchewan	3,275	965	944	708	658	3,024
Male	1,266	424	286	254	302	1,267
Female	2,009	541	658	454	356	1,757
Alberta	7,353	2,610	1,805	1,795	1,143	5,652
Male	3,137	1,168	645	790	534	2,894
Female	4,216	1,442	1,160	1,005	609	2,758
British Columbia	27,753	13,345	6,364	4,714	3,330	21,301
Male	17,299	10,022	3,468	2,240	1,569	13,379
Female	10,454	3,323	2,896	2,474	1,761	7,922

(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

Province	Adjudicated					Pending	
	Total	Entitled to benefit		Not entitled to benefit		Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		
	August 1967						
CANADA	100,702(1)	34,616	21,078	36,624	8,384	20,401	8,512
Newfoundland	1,693	661	376	568	88	391	137
Prince Edward Island	234	92	45	80	17	60	24
Nova Scotia	3,953	1,729	920	1,006	298	673	281
New Brunswick	2,831	1,074	592	989	176	494	259
Quebec	30,909	10,426	7,309	10,477	2,697	6,719	3,076
Ontario	43,351	14,169	6,947	18,192	4,043	8,319	3,221
Manitoba	2,166	861	402	800	103	278	97
Saskatchewan	962	422	154	346	40	248	77
Alberta	2,660	1,124	461	968	107	488	139
British Columbia	11,943	4,058	3,872	3,198	815	2,731	1,201
	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

(1) In addition 30,482 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,329 were special requests not granted and 1,397 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,006 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

TABLE 5. Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during August 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)	12,811	229	29	426	436	4,582	4,903	291	116	342	1,457
..... 1966	10,230	196	42	400	457	3,499	3,786	213	134	334	1,169
Claimants disqualified 1967	44,357	805	128	1,357	1,155	12,263	21,538	1,126	648	1,449	3,888
..... 1966	44,427	666	134	1,381	1,020	11,574	22,967	974	675	1,458	3,578
Not unemployed 1967	702	38	9	33	26	197	286	30	14	21	48
..... 1966	856	35	7	31	14	178	493	28	17	21	32
Not capable of and not available for work 1967	8,460	162	32	276	239	2,501	3,349	335	243	433	890
..... 1966	7,773	150	32	285	198	2,462	2,904	364	264	376	738
Loss of work due to a labour dispute 1967	464	2	-	18	-	196	218	-	-	-	30
..... 1966	1,430	4	3	6	4	398	768	1	-	3	243
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work 1967	218	-	-	26	6	52	111	4	-	6	13
..... 1966	783	6	9	49	43	265	257	29	29	32	64
Discharged for misconduct 1967	1,243	31	1	36	30	494	400	21	48	39	143
..... 1966	1,043	23	2	49	48	421	327	15	7	34	117
Voluntarily left employment without just cause 1967	6,442	207	26	277	268	1,883	2,182	184	60	320	1,035
..... 1966	6,435	211	34	313	267	1,898	2,184	143	115	365	905
Other reasons 1967	26,828	365	60	691	586	6,940	14,992	552	283	630	1,729
..... 1966	26,107	237	47	648	446	5,952	16,034	394	243	627	1,479
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during August 1967	2,891	55	5	86	72	1,282	1,103	49	14	38	187

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

Province	Average per week	
	1967 - August - 1966	
	thousands	
CANADA	138.2	100.2
Newfoundland	3.4	2.6
Prince Edward Island	0.5	0.4
Nova Scotia	5.8	4.7
New Brunswick	4.2	4.2
Quebec	44.5	30.9
Ontario	53.1	37.7
Manitoba	4.2	3.5
Saskatchewan	2.4	1.9
Alberta	4.7	3.6
British Columbia	15.5	10.7

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments, by Province

Province	1967 - August - 1966			
	Weeks	Amount	Weeks	Amount
	number	dollars	number	dollars
CANADA	691,198	16,848,719	500,900	11,821,420
Newfoundland	17,184	416,945	12,963	314,020
Prince Edward Island	2,658	58,238	1,903	42,185
Nova Scotia	28,963	691,365	23,621	539,643
New Brunswick	20,754	480,460	20,897	484,218
Quebec	222,254	5,475,145	154,370	3,591,716
Ontario	265,342	6,499,994	188,560	4,553,395
Manitoba	21,181	480,265	17,314	376,658
Saskatchewan	11,908	266,732	9,593	206,542
Alberta	23,474	557,094	18,043	412,226
British Columbia	77,480	1,922,481	53,636	1,300,817

TABLE 8. Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province

Province	Complete weeks	Partial weeks	
		Total	Due to excess earnings
	August 1967		
CANADA	645,708	45,490	31,177
Newfoundland	15,999	1,185	885
Prince Edward Island	2,470	188	147
Nova Scotia	26,014	2,949	2,326
New Brunswick	18,862	1,892	1,393
Quebec	209,604	12,650	8,187
Ontario	249,040	16,302	11,175
Manitoba	19,598	1,583	1,133
Saskatchewan	11,106	802	511
Alberta	21,787	1,687	1,081
British Columbia	71,228	6,252	4,339
	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

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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