

The same seasonality has been evident in these figures as in those of claims filed but the live register supplies a measure of recorded unemployment at a given time whereas claims filed indicate the number of cases of recorded unemployment in a period.

In addition to the monthly material on the operation of the Act, annual tabulations of the persons employed in insurable employment are prepared from returns covering the book exchange at Apr. 1, and annual data are published on benefit years established and benefit years terminated.

The number of persons insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act, shown in Table 9, was assumed to be those working in insurable employment as at Apr. 1, as indicated from returns on those receiving insurance books and contribution cards at that time.

Table 10 presents information on the persons for whom current benefit years were in existence during 1946. A benefit year is established under the Unemployment Insurance Act when an insured person, upon becoming unemployed, submits a claim and proves that at least 180 daily contributions have been made on his behalf during the preceding two years. Because of other provisions of the Act or because he may regain employment before he actually receives benefit, the setting up of a benefit year does not necessarily result in the receipt of benefit payments. When a benefit year is established it means, merely, that the claimant's right to receive benefit at a certain rate at any time during the succeeding twelve months is determined. Thus, although 486,600 persons held benefit years current in 1946, only 351,476 actually drew benefit in that year.

In almost all cases (excluding death, etc.), a benefit year remains in existence either until the authorized benefit rights are exhausted or until twelve months have passed since the date of its establishment, whichever occurs first. Some benefit years established in 1945 were carried over into 1946 so that, although 304,743 persons established benefit years in 1946, a total of 486,600 persons held benefit years currently available in 1946.

The amount of benefit paid, as presented in Table 10, is secured by multiplying each daily rate of benefit by the number of days paid at that rate on the cards representing benefit years upon which benefit was drawn in 1946.

In Table 11, the persons with current benefit years in 1946 are classified according to the number of benefit days paid. Table 12 classifies those who drew benefit by the daily rate at which they were paid. The daily rate of benefit is determined by the amount of the daily average contribution paid on behalf of the claimant during the past two years and by whether or not he has a dependent within the meaning of the Act.

The persons who established benefit years in 1946, those whose benefit years terminated in 1946, with those whose benefit years terminated by exhaustion of rights, shown separately, are classified by age groups in Table 13. In Table 14 the persons who established benefit years in 1946 and the benefit days paid on those benefit years are presented by industrial group and age.

Table 15 classifies those who established benefit years in 1946 and the days paid on those benefit years by occupation groups.

A more detailed analysis of these data, by sex and province, is available in the publication "Annual Report on Current Benefit Years Under the Unemployment Insurance Act" issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.