Administrative responsibility for the program is vested in the province; the provincial plan for such administration must be approved by, and cannot be changed except with the consent of, the Governor in Council. Assistance is paid by the province with federal reimbursement made through the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Old Age Assistance Division of that Department administers the federal aspects of the program.

In Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon Territory, the provincial or territorial governments make supplementary payments to recipients of old age assistance who qualify under a means and residence test. The supplementary allowance cannot exceed \$10 monthly.

7.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 19521 and 1953

Province or Territory and Year	Recipients in March	Average Amount of Assistance Monthly	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 65-69 ²	Federal Contribution During Year
	No.	\$	p.c.	\$
Newfoundland1953 ³	5,037	29 · 14	55.35	833,898
Prince Edward Island	305	21·72	8·97	6,532
	551	24·07	16·21	66,313
Nova Scotia	2,271	34·09	11 · 53	95,673
	4,789	33·49	24 · 56	893,059
New Brunswick	3,237	36·91	22·64	165,638
	5,371	36·83	37·30	1,113,921
Quebec	12,267	38·61	12·80	690,081
	30,490	37·59	31·18	6,927,593
Ontario	12,697	37·28	8·04	672,512
	20,401	36·95	12·75	4,586,572
Manitoba	1,239	38·45	4·47	106,690
	4,400	38·03	15·71	1,036,021
Saskatchewan	2,497	36-93	8·55	133,393
	4,206	36-65	14·35	997,396
Alberta	2,954	37·36	9·88	144,051
	4,688	36·96	15·68	967,948
British Columbia	4,134	38·28	7·80	262,668
	7,685	37·56	14·55	1,701,854
Yukon and N.W.T1953 ³	57	38-68	15.92	4,257
Canada	41,601	37 · 47	9·46	2,277,238
	87,675	36 · 57	19·74 ⁵	19,128,837

¹ Program in effect only for the last three months of the fiscal year.
2 Estimated population as at June 1 of each year.
3 Program became effective on Apr. 1, 1952.
4 Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.
5 Exclusive of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.