

The duration of benefit is related to the contribution history—one week's benefit for every two weeks' contributions in the past 104 weeks with a maximum of 36 weeks. The rate of benefit is determined by the average of the contributions in the past 30 weeks. No benefit is payable in a benefit period until a claimant has served a waiting period equivalent to one full week's benefit.

Disqualifications for benefit include: loss of work owing to a labour dispute in which the contributor is participating or directly interested; unwillingness to accept suitable employment; being an inmate of any prison or an institution supported out of public funds; refusal to attend a course of instruction or training if directed to do so; residence outside Canada unless otherwise prescribed. Disqualification of a claimant for a period not exceeding six weeks may be made if an employee is discharged by reason of his own misconduct or leaves the employment voluntarily without just cause or refuses suitable employment.

Seasonal benefit is payable in the period Jan. 1 to Apr. 15 to certain claimants whose benefits have been exhausted or who have insufficient contributions to qualify for regular benefit.

22.—Persons Insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act by Industrial Group and Sex 1953 and 1954

NOTE.—These figures include only persons who exchanged an unemployment insurance book or were issued a book for the first time in April. They therefore represent an estimate of the number, based on a 10 p.c. sample, in insurable employment as at Apr. 1.

Industrial Group	1953		1954	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Agriculture	1,590	610	2,030	630
Forestry and Logging	71,470	1,700	53,760	1,430
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping	320	—	70	40
Mining, Quarrying and Oil Wells	88,340	2,570	92,230	3,030
Metal mining.....	50,280	1,130	51,120	1,170
Fuels.....	23,470	720	25,750	930
Non-metal mining.....	8,260	150	8,730	210
Quarrying, clay and sand pits.....	2,490	50	2,540	40
Prospecting.....	3,840	520	4,090	680
Manufacturing	896,490	284,170	875,430	268,020
Food and beverages.....	98,110	33,780	98,170	33,330
Tobacco and tobacco products.....	3,310	4,570	3,240	4,750
Rubber products.....	16,680	5,470	14,770	4,820
Leather products.....	18,490	13,670	16,320	11,860
Textile products (except clothing).....	41,980	25,330	35,780	20,660
Clothing (textile and fur).....	37,460	78,120	32,970	70,120
Wood products.....	87,810	8,710	81,000	8,030
Paper products.....	64,790	11,620	67,680	11,680
Printing, publishing and allied industries.....	35,200	15,440	35,260	15,910
Iron and steel products.....	164,440	19,380	149,600	17,770
Transportation equipment.....	148,180	13,420	152,680	12,610
Non-ferrous metal products.....	42,950	6,950	45,420	7,600
Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	52,040	21,150	52,750	22,590
Non-metallic mineral products.....	25,640	3,270	25,400	3,050
Products of petroleum and coal.....	10,670	960	11,980	930
Chemical products.....	32,490	11,780	36,380	12,340
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....	16,250	10,550	16,030	9,960
Construction	193,070	6,800	175,400	6,580
General contractors.....	132,750	3,980	111,380	3,220
Special trade contractors (subcontractors).....	60,310	2,820	64,020	3,360
Transportation, Storage and Communication	295,570	48,290	276,340	51,970
Transportation.....	297,740	15,880	245,320	16,490
Storage.....	11,120	1,610	12,350	1,690
Communication.....	16,710	30,800	18,670	33,790
Public Utility Operation	30,180	4,130	32,060	4,740