

1.—Family Allowances Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1956-58—concluded

Province or Territory and Year	Families Receiving Allowance in March	Children for Whom Allowance Paid in March	Average Number of Children per Family in March	Average Allowance <sup>1</sup>		Net Total Allowances Paid during Fiscal Year
				Per Family	Per Child	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
New Brunswick.....1956	77,079	214,966	2.79	16.88	6.05	15,451,544
.....1957	77,833	218,703	2.81	17.05	6.07	15,779,360
.....1958	79,237	224,047	2.83	18.89	6.68	17,074,970
Quebec.....1956	623,961	1,675,840	2.68	16.36	6.09	120,389,838
.....1957	642,573	1,729,386	2.69	16.39	6.09	124,368,344
.....1958	664,852	1,786,800	2.69	18.02	6.70	136,080,634
Ontario.....1956	773,535	1,657,561	2.14	12.87	6.00	116,604,314
.....1957	800,279	1,734,813	2.17	13.05	6.02	122,539,123
.....1958	833,495	1,825,274	2.19	14.59	6.66	136,706,314
Manitoba.....1956	122,018	272,916	2.24	13.46	6.02	19,418,713
.....1957	122,386	276,912	2.26	13.65	6.03	19,888,717
.....1958	124,257	283,863	2.28	15.22	6.66	21,520,778
Saskatchewan.....1956	127,175	296,027	2.33	14.10	6.06	21,401,114
.....1957	126,271	298,085	2.36	14.31	6.06	21,644,971
.....1958	127,904	306,045	2.39	15.89	6.64	23,241,829
Alberta.....1956	167,705	380,095	2.27	13.57	5.99	26,752,793
.....1957	172,533	395,234	2.29	13.76	6.00	27,953,311
.....1958	179,237	414,550	2.31	15.36	6.64	31,029,720
British Columbia.....1956	196,955	412,819	2.10	12.67	6.04	29,097,077
.....1957	207,626	440,749	2.12	12.86	6.06	31,029,472
.....1958	217,009	466,169	2.15	14.35	6.68	34,969,036
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....1956	4,745	11,043	2.33	14.04	6.03	786,437
.....1957	4,794	11,317	2.36	14.00	5.93	819,150
.....1958	5,033	12,045	2.39	15.87	6.63	907,321
<b>Canada.....1956</b>	<b>2,263,618</b>	<b>5,377,436</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>14.35</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>382,535,026</b>
.....1957	<b>2,326,891</b>	<b>5,571,436</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>14.49</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>397,517,540</b>
.....1958	<b>2,406,734</b>	<b>5,796,380</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>16.08</b>	<b>6.68</b>	<b>437,586,560</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on gross payment for March.

Subsection 2.—Old Age Security

The Old Age Security Act of 1952, as amended November 1957, provides a universal pension of \$55 a month, payable by the Federal Government to all persons aged 70 or over, subject to a residence qualification. To qualify for pension a person must have resided in Canada for ten years immediately preceding its commencement or, if absent during that period, must have been actually present in Canada prior to it for double any period of absence and must have resided in Canada at least one year immediately preceding commencement of pension. The pension is suspended when a pensioner leaves Canada but on his return may be resumed and, if absence has not exceeded six months, may be paid retroactively for as many as six months of absence in any calendar year.

The pension is financed on a pay-as-you-go method through a 2-p.c. sales tax, a 2-p.c. tax on taxable corporation income and, subject to a limit of \$60 a year, a 2-p.c. tax on taxable personal income, which are paid into the Old Age Security Fund. The pension is paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and charged to the Old Age Security Fund. The program is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare, through regional offices located in each provincial capital.

Persons in receipt of old age assistance (see p. 268) who reach age 70 are automatically transferred to old age security. Others make application to the regional office.