

7.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1956-58—concluded

Province or Territory and Year	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Assistance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 65-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year
	No.	\$		\$
Quebec.....	1956 32,227	37.51	31.17	7,357,373
	1957 31,031	37.47	30.01	7,107,138
	1958 32,318	52.45 ²	30.84	8,702,893
Ontario.....	1956 21,731	36.90	13.19	4,918,978
	1957 20,744	36.93	12.59	4,659,319
	1958 21,077	51.76 ²	12.56	5,650,281
Manitoba.....	1956 4,652	37.84	16.50	1,111,604
	1957 4,560	37.88	16.17	1,053,780
	1958 4,474	53.37 ²	15.48	1,297,115
Saskatchewan.....	1956 4,925	37.05	17.22	1,150,402
	1957 4,963	37.11	17.35	1,154,375
	1958 5,129	52.52 ²	17.45	1,435,188
Alberta.....	1956 5,521	36.16	18.28	1,240,452
	1957 5,400	36.14	17.88	1,211,188
	1958 5,715	51.33 ²	18.26	1,533,751
British Columbia.....	1956 7,441	37.68	14.53	1,788,308
	1957 7,029	37.67	13.73	1,665,347
	1958 6,906	52.91 ²	12.86	1,979,058
Yukon Territory.....	1956 20	40.00	10.00	3,080
	1957 31	40.00	15.50	6,640
	1958 41	46.00 ²	21.47	9,726
Northwest Territories.....	1956 86	37.93	43.00	21,000
	1957 102	37.96	51.00	22,597
	1958 103	53.99 ²	48.58	29,355
Canada.....	1956 93,023	36.56	20.49	20,918,186
	1957 89,907	37.03	19.81	20,290,795
	1958 92,484	52.19	19.94	24,961,383

¹ During fiscal year maximum assistance raised from \$30 to \$40 per month. ² During fiscal year maximum raised from \$40 to \$55 a month. ³ During fiscal year monthly maximum raised from \$40 to \$46, then to \$55 in May 1958, retroactive to Nov. 1, 1957.

Subsection 2.—Allowances for Blind Persons

The Blind Persons Act of 1952, as amended November 1957, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances to blind persons aged 18 or over who are in need and who have resided in Canada for at least ten years. The federal contribution may not exceed 75 p.c. of \$55 per month or of the allowance paid, whichever is less. The province administers the program and, within the limits of the federal Act, may fix the amount of allowance payable and the maximum income allowed. All provinces pay \$55 per month.

To qualify for an allowance a person must meet the required definition of blindness and have resided in Canada for ten years immediately preceding commencement of allowance or, if absent from Canada during this period, must have been present in Canada prior to its commencement for a period equal to double any period of absence.

For an unmarried person, total income including the allowance may not exceed \$1,200 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,680; for a married couple, \$1,980. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple