

In the first two years of the program, over half the persons granted an allowance had primary disabilities which were in two medical classes: mental, psychoneurotic and personality disorders, or diseases of the nervous system and sense organs. However, this proportion fell to 41 p.c. in the fiscal year 1957-58. Mental deficiency, the most frequently occurring primary disability, which accounted for over 25 p.c. of all applicants granted an allowance in the first two years of the program, declined to about one-sixth in 1957-58 while there was a marked increase in the relative importance of diseases of the circulatory system.

British Columbia makes supplementary payments of \$20 per month to recipients of disability allowances who qualify under a residence test. In Ontario, the government shares to the extent of 80 p.c. in the first \$20 per month paid by a municipality to a needy recipient. In Manitoba, the province is empowered to reimburse a municipality for 80 p.c. of the supplementary assistance it pays to needy recipients of disability allowances. In some provinces and in Yukon Territory recipients in special need may also be eligible for relief.

**9.—Statistics of Allowances for Disabled Persons, by Province, Years Ended
Mar. 31, 1956-58**

Province or Territory and Year	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Allowance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 20-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year
	No.	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....	1956	606	0.305	119,326
	1957	720	0.363	163,167
	1958	822	54.78 ¹	205,845
Prince Edward Island.....	1956	292	0.552	56,703 ²
	1957	345	0.652	65,690
	1958	460	52.12 ¹	113,222
Nova Scotia.....	1956	1,172	0.319	254,326
	1957	1,465	0.309	290,339
	1958	1,790	52.56 ¹	456,948
New Brunswick.....	1956	947	0.330	218,644
	1957	1,262	0.440	281,859
	1958	1,474	54.62 ¹	404,650
Quebec.....	1956	12,128	0.491	2,561,941 ²
	1957	15,856	0.642	3,593,395
	1958	22,929	53.75 ¹	6,048,901
Ontario.....	1956	7,501	0.244	1,712,426
	1957	8,065	0.262	1,853,110
	1958	9,412	54.24 ¹	2,523,956
Manitoba.....	1956	738	0.153	172,350
	1957	819	0.169	192,867
	1958	1,028	54.36 ¹	273,555
Saskatchewan.....	1956	788	0.160	162,884
	1957	988	0.200	221,966
	1958	1,146	54.20 ¹	317,011
Alberta.....	1956	1,150	0.193	290,947 ²
	1957	1,245	0.209	276,593
	1958	1,492	53.59 ¹	396,826
British Columbia.....	1956	705	0.091	115,521 ²
	1957	1,067	0.138	227,926
	1958	1,281	54.18 ¹	349,100
Northwest Territories.....	1956
	1957	3	40.00	440
	1958	6	55.00 ¹	1,651
Canada³.....	1956	26,027	38.66	5,665,068
	1957	31,835	38.84	7,167,352
	1958	41,840	53.88	11,091,664

¹ During fiscal year maximum payment increased from \$40 to \$55 a month.
retroactive to Jan. 1, 1955, when program became effective.

² Includes certain amounts

³ Excluding Yukon Territory.