

## Subsection 4.—Unemployment Assistance

Under the Unemployment Assistance Act of 1956, the Federal Government may share with a province and its municipalities 50 p.c. of the cost of financial assistance to unemployed persons. A 1957 amendment deleted a provision under which federal reimbursement is made only in respect of recipients in excess of 0.45 p.c. of the provincial population. No distinction is made in the legislation between the employable and the unemployable.

Reimbursement is made to the province for payments within the existing provincial framework of general assistance. The scale and conditions of relief payments to recipients continue to be determined by the provinces and municipalities, except that the province agrees not to make length of residence a condition for the receipt of assistance when an applicant comes from another province which has signed a similar agreement.

The Act excludes federal reimbursement for payments for persons receiving mothers' allowances or persons who would normally be considered eligible for mothers' allowances. While it also generally excludes inmates of public and charitable institutions, it provides for federal sharing of provincial and municipal payments for those in certain types of homes for special care. Those receiving various types of social security payments under other programs are also excluded but the Federal Government shares with the provinces any additional relief payments, other than cost-of-living bonus or across-the-board pension supplements, made to such persons who are unemployed and in need. Health care and administration costs are also excluded from Federal Government reimbursement.

Agreements for the payment of federal assistance, effective July 1, 1955, were made with five provinces—Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. New Brunswick and Ontario entered the scheme, effective Jan. 1, 1956, and Dec. 1, 1956, respectively; and Nova Scotia and Alberta, effective from Jan. 1, 1958.

## 10.—Unemployment Assistance, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1956-58

Province and Year	Federal Share of Unemployment Assistance Costs	Recipients in March	Province and Year	Federal Share of Unemployment Assistance Costs	Recipients in March
	\$	No.		\$	No.
Newfoundland.....1956 <sup>1</sup>	1,174,735	38,641	Manitoba.....1956 <sup>1</sup>	492,692	10,905
1957	1,562,058	39,489	1957	668,652	9,836
1958	1,787,626	45,799	1958	549,842 <sup>2</sup>	..
Prince Edward Island....1956 <sup>1</sup>	55,033	1,596	Saskatchewan.....1956 <sup>1</sup>	369,519	10,464
1957	54,036	1,532	1957	512,678	10,123
1958	73,010	1,724	1958	813,080	12,873
Nova Scotia.....1958 <sup>2</sup>	76,179	5,083	Alberta.....1958 <sup>2</sup>	..	..
New Brunswick.....1956 <sup>3</sup>	18,854	3,843	British Columbia.....1956 <sup>1</sup>	1,721,339	20,785
1957	32,887	3,797	1957	2,299,894	21,289
1958	94,217	5,800	1958	2,828,668	24,341
Ontario.....1957 <sup>4</sup>	640,103	37,512	<b>Totals.....1956</b>	<b>3,632,173</b>	<b>86,234</b>
1958	3,617,332	61,623	1957	5,770,310	123,578
			1958	9,839,854	157,243

<sup>1</sup> Agreement effective from July 1, 1955.  
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<sup>2</sup> Agreement effective from Jan. 1, 1958.

<sup>3</sup> Agreement effective from Dec. 1, 1956.

<sup>4</sup> Agreement effective from Jan. 1, 1956.  
<sup>5</sup> Eight months only.