

**28.—Claims Filed, Active Claimants, Beneficiaries and Amount Paid, by Month,
1956 and 1957**

Month	1956				1957			
	Initial and Renewal Claims Filed	Active Claimants, End of Month	Beneficiaries, Weekly Average	Amount Paid	Initial and Renewal Claims Filed	Active Claimants, End of Month	Beneficiaries, Weekly Average	Amount Paid
	No.	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	No.	\$
January.....	263,807	476,946	313,300	24,632,203	361,055	545,981	365,000	33,439,112
February.....	188,612	510,963	416,100	32,188,102	192,665	572,387	457,800	38,603,408
March.....	176,453	511,073	451,500	38,167,352	195,224	558,811	498,300	44,125,523
April.....	139,140	292,063	415,200	33,201,609	163,519	373,609	477,900	40,392,557
May.....	84,099	188,927	228,500	19,154,627	104,326	250,233	313,300	26,269,582
June.....	55,212	136,032	128,100	9,930,855	86,419	204,516	177,300	14,356,036
July.....	73,547	138,467	104,000	7,927,559	114,107	205,779	155,800	13,799,832
August.....	74,992	132,276	102,700	8,170,554	115,287	208,708	155,100	13,033,311
September.....	65,007	128,440	99,100	7,087,703	124,949	226,530	166,000	13,809,589
October.....	87,929	130,377	95,500	8,066,504	167,363	268,005	177,500	16,331,548
November.....	151,356	215,378	108,600	9,275,471	249,108	403,273	227,400	18,989,040
December.....	265,230	398,244	155,000	12,528,015	499,213	744,248	369,000	31,926,951
Totals.....	1,625,384	272,349	218,133	210,330,165	2,373,235	380,178	295,033	305,076,489

In addition to the monthly data published on the operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, annual tabulations are published of the persons employed in insurable employment and of benefit periods established and terminated. The data on the insured population in Table 29 were obtained from returns from the renewal of insurance books and contribution cards at June 1, 1956 and May 1, 1957. Included are persons contributing in insurable employment on those dates and persons on claim. The number insured at May 1, 1957, increased by 2.2 p.c. from the previous book renewal to 3,807,320. Unemployment insurance was extended to fishermen on Apr. 1, 1957. This coverage change is interesting since the majority of commercial fishermen in Canada are not wage-earners but sharesmen or lone workers. It was decided to treat as the 'employer' the person who first acquires the catch from the person who does the actual fishing. In some instances this is his actual employer, in others it is the buyer of the catch, and in still others it is the person or organization that markets the catch for the fisherman or makes contributions to the Fund. Fishermen were not considered for benefit until the 1957-58 seasonal benefit period.

**29.—Persons Insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act, by Industrial Group
and Sex, 1956 and 1957**

NOTE.—Based on a 10-p.c. sample of contributors and claimants at June 1, 1956 and May 1, 1957.

Industry	1956		1957	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Agriculture.....	5,750	650	6,080	1,380
Forestry and Logging.....	122,450	3,020	78,750	2,210
Fishing, Hunting and Trapping.....	670	30	10,620	200
Mining, Quarrying and Oil Wells.....	100,840	3,970	98,750	3,870
Metal mining.....	58,500	1,720	57,090	1,570
Fuels.....	24,480	860	25,760	1,360
Non-metal mining.....	8,320	260	8,900	180
Quarrying, clay and sand pits.....	4,620	110	3,800	50
Prospecting.....	4,920	1,020	3,200	710