

1.—Family Allowances Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1958-60—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 ¹		Net Total Allowances Paid during Fiscal Year
				Per Family	Per Child	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
Quebec.....1958	664,852	1,786,800	2.69	18.02	6.70	136,080,634
.....1959	686,872	1,848,138	2.69	18.01	6.69	146,278,435
.....1960	704,831	1,894,276	2.69	18.00	6.70	150,462,531
Ontario.....1958	833,495	1,825,274	2.19	14.59	6.66	136,706,314
.....1959	870,582	1,922,653	2.21	14.69	6.65	150,186,253
.....1960	894,046	1,997,413	2.23	14.87	6.65	156,681,500
Manitoba.....1958	124,257	283,863	2.28	15.22	6.66	21,520,778
.....1959	126,989	292,697	2.30	15.34	6.66	23,091,594
.....1960	128,923	300,305	2.33	15.51	6.66	23,730,765
Saskatchewan.....1958	127,904	306,045	2.39	15.89	6.64	23,241,829
.....1959	130,210	313,926	2.41	16.03	6.65	24,789,278
.....1960	131,320	319,788	2.43	16.23	6.66	25,363,936
Alberta.....1958	179,237	414,550	2.31	15.36	6.64	31,029,720
.....1959	187,561	437,883	2.33	15.51	6.64	34,122,637
.....1960	193,721	457,672	2.36	15.69	6.64	35,765,854
British Columbia.....1958	217,009	466,169	2.15	14.35	6.68	34,969,036
.....1959	225,492	488,891	2.17	14.49	6.68	38,409,308
.....1960	230,549	506,895	2.20	14.72	6.69	39,984,176
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....1958	5,033	12,045	2.39	15.87	6.63	907,321
.....1959	5,267	13,423	2.55	17.21	6.75	990,349
.....1960	5,568	14,408	2.59	16.44	6.35	1,074,944
Canada.....1958	2,406,734	5,796,350	2.41	16.06	6.68	437,886,560
.....1959	2,492,531	6,035,256	2.42	16.15	6.67	474,787,068
.....1960	2,551,264	6,219,989	2.44	16.27	6.67	491,214,359

¹ Based on gross payment for March.

Subsection 2.—Old Age Security

The Old Age Security Act of 1952, as amended, 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. A 1960 amendment to the Act provides that payment of pension may be continued for any period of residence outside Canada if the pensioner has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21 or, if he has not, it may be continued for six consecutive months exclusive of the month of departure from Canada.

Until 1959, the pension was financed on a pay-as-you-go method through a 2-p.c. sales tax, a 2-p.c. tax on corporation income and, subject to a limit of \$60 a year, a 2-p.c. tax on personal income. Effective Jan. 1, 1959, the tax on corporation income and from Apr. 9, 1959, the sales tax, were raised to 3 p.c.; the rate on taxable personal income was raised to 3 p.c., with a maximum of \$75 for 1959. Beginning with 1960, the maximum tax on taxable personal income rose to \$90 a year. Taxes are paid into the Old Age Security Fund. If they are insufficient to meet the pension payments, temporary loans or grants are made from the Consolidated Revenue 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.