

4.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1958-60

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.	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....1958	5,119	53.63 ¹	57.52	1,298,770
.....1959	5,378	53.20	61.11	1,715,386
.....1960	5,377	53.15	61.10	1,736,291
Prince Edward Island.....1958	659	45.55 ¹	19.97	142,258
.....1959	756	44.45	22.24	191,759
.....1960	750	45.69	22.06	204,935
Nova Scotia.....1958	5,219	50.15 ¹	26.10	1,318,055
.....1959	5,485	49.40	27.29	1,611,693
.....1960	5,477	48.82	27.11	1,619,495
New Brunswick.....1958	5,724	52.46 ¹	37.17	1,559,905
.....1959	5,795	51.62	37.63	1,829,266
.....1960	5,682	51.33	36.90	1,788,696
Quebec.....1958	32,318	52.45 ¹	30.84	8,702,893
.....1959	34,134	51.88	32.23	10,593,250
.....1960	34,312	51.69	31.65	10,688,586
Ontario.....1958	21,077	51.76 ¹	12.56	5,650,281
.....1959	22,381	48.96	13.28	6,707,318
.....1960	22,544	48.79	13.15	6,608,363
Manitoba.....1958	4,474	53.37 ¹	15.48	1,297,115
.....1959	4,836	51.98	17.27	1,572,890
.....1960	4,998	51.55	17.79	1,580,928
Saskatchewan.....1958	5,129	52.52 ¹	17.45	1,435,188
.....1959	5,537	51.35	19.50	1,763,549
.....1960	5,726	50.64	20.30	1,757,281
Alberta.....1958	5,715	51.33 ¹	18.26	1,538,751
.....1959	6,096	50.62	19.54	1,877,243
.....1960	6,336	50.52	20.05	1,955,780
British Columbia.....1958	6,906	52.91 ¹	12.86	1,979,058
.....1959	7,276	51.96	13.73	2,291,662
.....1960	7,391	51.67	14.21	2,353,789
Yukon Territory.....1958	41	46.00 ²	21.47	9,726
.....1959	38	55.00	19.90	13,280
.....1960	52	54.90	27.23	14,982
Northwest Territories.....1958	103	53.99 ¹	48.58	29,355
.....1959	124	51.20	58.49	39,989
.....1960	128	52.39	60.38	40,267
Canada.....1958	92,484	52.19	19.94	24,961,383
.....1959	97,836	50.97	20.91	30,207,284
.....1960	98,773	50.74	21.11	30,349,393

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

Subsection 2.—Allowances for Blind Persons

The Blind Persons Act of 1952, as amended, 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 a 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 use a maximum payment of \$55 a 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.