

For an unmarried person, total income including the allowance may not exceed \$1,200 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,680; for a married couple, \$1,980. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple may not exceed \$2,100. Allowances are not payable to a person receiving assistance under the Old Age Assistance Act, an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act or the War Veterans Allowance Act, a pension under the Old Age Security Act or a pension for blindness under the Pensions Act.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory make supplementary payments to recipients of blindness allowances who qualify under income and residence tests. In British Columbia a flat rate allowance of \$24 a month is payable, in Alberta the supplement may not exceed \$15 a month, and in the Yukon \$10 a month. In Saskatchewan, a minimum of \$2.50 a month is payable, rising to \$10 a month. In Ontario, the government shares to the extent of 80 p.c. in the first \$20 a month paid by a municipality to a needy recipient. In Manitoba, the province may pay a social allowance to a recipient of a blindness allowance unable to provide the basic necessities of life.

5.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1958-60

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.....	1958	376	0.190	152,688
	1959	407	0.201	199,975
	1960	418	0.203	200,644
Prince Edward Island.....	1958	96	0.198	37,568
	1959	87	0.178	43,338
	1960	85	0.170	41,587
Nova Scotia.....	1958	745	0.204	312,969
	1959	787	0.215	376,544
	1960	773	0.210	378,592
New Brunswick.....	1958	715	0.258	310,481
	1959	724	0.256	357,742
	1960	706	0.246	348,797
Quebec.....	1958	2,956	0.117	1,264,975
	1959	3,056	0.118	1,500,856
	1960	3,012	0.114	1,493,920
Ontario.....	1958	1,720	0.053	735,344
	1959	1,833	0.055	867,247
	1960	1,847	0.055	839,340
Manitoba.....	1958	392	0.082	170,031
	1959	409	0.086	198,649
	1960	396	0.082	195,336
Saskatchewan.....	1958	412	0.088	176,095
	1959	417	0.089	203,034
	1960	397	0.084	195,614
Alberta.....	1958	451	0.071	188,604
	1959	464	0.072	223,721
	1960	459	0.069	223,443
British Columbia.....	1958	505	0.059	213,809
	1959	530	0.060	248,774
	1960	541	0.061	263,063
Yukon Territory.....	1958	5	0.068	2,300
	1959	5	0.069	2,506
	1960	3	0.041	1,815
Northwest Territories.....	1958	27	0.260	10,861
	1959	28	0.270	12,746
	1960	34	0.328	14,936
Canada.....	1958	8,400	0.092	3,575,724
	1959	8,747	0.094	4,235,131
	1960	8,671	0.092	4,197,987

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