

1.—Family Allowances Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1959-61—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.	\$	\$	\$
New Brunswick.....1959	80,857	229,505	2.84	19.00	6.69	18,201,518
1960	81,541	232,891	2.86	19.15	6.70	18,588,795
1961	82,440	236,379	2.87	19.25	6.71	18,877,745
Quebec.....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
1961	722,592	1,937,918	2.68	17.99	6.71	154,185,288
Ontario.....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
1961	913,025	2,065,618	2.26	15.08	6.67	162,610,724
Manitoba.....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	23,730,766
1961	130,743	308,447	2.36	15.71	6.66	24,384,595
Saskatchewan.....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
1961	131,830	325,020	2.46	16.46	6.68	25,848,509
Alberta.....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
1961	199,278	477,417	2.39	15.89	6.63	37,365,329
British Columbia.....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
1961	233,801	523,637	2.24	14.99	6.69	41,433,470
Yukon and Northwest Territories. 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
1961	5,908	15,619	2.64	16.82	6.36	1,159,725
Canada.....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
1961	2,602,930	6,397,134	2.46	16.42	6.68	506,191,647

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 \$65 a month, (increased from \$55 and effective from Feb. 1, 1962) 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. 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 taxable 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