

4.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1959-61—concluded

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.	\$		\$	
Nova Scotia.....	1959	5,485	49.40	27.29	1,611,693
	1960	5,477	48.82	27.11	1,619,495
	1961	5,395	48.72	26.71	1,608,129
New Brunswick.....	1959	5,795	51.62	37.63	1,829,266
	1960	5,682	51.33	36.90	1,788,696
	1961	5,555	51.14	35.84	1,746,572
Quebec.....	1959	34,134	51.88	32.23	10,593,250
	1960	34,312	51.69	31.65	10,688,586
	1961	35,441	51.43	32.07	10,977,319
Ontario.....	1959	22,381	48.96	13.28	6,707,318
	1960	22,544	48.79	13.15	6,608,363
	1961	22,736	48.92	13.09	6,629,557
Manitoba.....	1959	4,836	51.98	17.27	1,572,890
	1960	4,998	51.55	17.79	1,580,928
	1961	5,098	51.40	18.21	1,600,650
Saskatchewan.....	1959	5,537	51.35	19.50	1,763,549
	1960	5,726	50.64	20.30	1,757,281
	1961	5,727	50.06	20.53	1,769,635
Alberta.....	1959	6,096	50.62	19.54	1,877,243
	1960	6,336	50.52	20.05	1,955,780
	1961	6,584	49.90	20.77	2,008,821
British Columbia.....	1959	7,276	51.96	13.73	2,291,662
	1960	7,391	51.67	14.21	2,353,789
	1961	7,322	51.42	14.33	2,332,521
Yukon Territory.....	1959	38	55.00	19.90	13,280
	1960	52	54.90	27.23	14,882
	1961	48	54.42	25.13	15,957
Northwest Territories.....	1959	124	51.20	58.49	39,989
	1960	128	52.39	60.38	40,267
	1961	135	52.22	63.68	43,482
Canada.....	1959	97,836	50.97	20.91	30,207,284
	1960	98,773	50.74	21.11	30,349,393
	1961	100,184	50.56	21.25	30,657,396

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 \$65 a month (increased from \$55 and effective Feb. 1, 1962) 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 \$65 a month and the income limits set out below.

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. For an unmarried person, total income including the allowance may not exceed \$1,380 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,860; for a married couple, \$2,340. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple may not exceed \$2,460.