

**Statistics on the Operation of the Act.**—In order to assess the impact of changing economic conditions on the insurance program, provision is made for collection of current operational data, such as claims filed and processed and payments made. This information is published monthly in the *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (Catalogue No. 73-001). Current claims and payment data are useful for administrative purposes and are also a source of information to the public regarding financial and other aspects of the program.

Persons wishing to draw benefit must file either an initial or a renewal claim. Where it is necessary to compute entitlement to benefit, an initial claim is taken, otherwise a renewal. In the main, initial and renewal claims combined are an approximation of recorded separations from employment during a month. However, if a claimant exhausts his benefit and wishes to be reconsidered for further benefit, an initial claim is required. Such claims, accounting for 15 p.c. of the monthly volume in 1962, are not new cases of disemployment. The count of claimants at the month-end indicates the extent to which claimants maintain contact with local offices of the Commission.

**18.—Claims Filed, Claimants and Amount Paid, by Month, 1961 and 1962**

Month	1961			1962		
	Initial and Renewal Claims Filed	Claimants at End of Month	Amount Paid	Initial and Renewal Claims Filed	Claimants at End of Month	Amount Paid
	'000	'000	\$'000	'000	'000	\$'000
January.....	344	847	67,660	320	699	57,799
February.....	235	873	70,989	206	719	57,988
March.....	259	838	85,188	226	687	68,827
April.....	210	713	64,540	181	564	51,647
May.....	162	341	58,704	138	264	45,409
June.....	113	267	25,890	93	214	18,709
July.....	126	255	18,551	112	212	14,511
August.....	121	229	18,866	99	199	15,878
September.....	122	229	16,082	98	198	12,664
October.....	158	269	17,115	150	244	15,754
November.....	253	386	20,938	244	374	18,934
December.....	358	601	29,447	324	592	31,087
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>487<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>493,971</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>409,208</b>

<sup>1</sup> Average of month-end data.

In addition to the monthly data published on the operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, annual tabulations are compiled regarding persons employed in insurable employment and benefit periods established and terminated. These data are published in the annual report *Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act* (Catalogue No. 73-201). The data on the insured population in Table 19 were obtained from returns from the renewal of insurance books and contribution cards at June 1, 1960 and June 1, 1961. Included are persons contributing in insurable employment on those dates and persons on claim.