

Allowances are payable in respect of every child under the age of 16 years* who was born in Canada, or who has been a resident of the country for one year, or whose father or mother was domiciled in Canada for three years immediately prior to the birth of the child. Payment is made by cheque each month, normally to the mother, although any person who substantially maintains the child may be paid the allowance on his behalf. Allowances are paid at the monthly rate of \$6 for each child under 10 years of age and \$8 for each child age 10 or over but under 16 years. If the allowances are not spent for the purposes outlined in the Act, payment may be discontinued or made to some other person or agency on behalf of the child. Allowances are not payable for any child who fails to comply with provincial school regulations or on behalf of a girl who is married and under 16 years of age. The program is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare through regional offices located in each provincial capital. A Regional Director for the Yukon and Northwest Territories is located at Ottawa.

The Federal Government pays family assistance, at the rates applicable for family allowances, for each child under 16 years of age resident in Canada and supported by an immigrant who has landed for permanent residence in Canada, or by a Canadian returned to Canada to reside permanently. The assistance, which is payable monthly and for a maximum period of one year, is not payable for a child eligible for family allowances.

* In his 1964 Budget Speech, the Minister of Finance announced that the government would propose that family allowances be paid in respect of children aged 16 and 17 who are attending full-time educational or training courses. These allowances would be in the amount of \$10 a month and would be payable 12 months a year.

1.—Family Allowances Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1963 with Totals for 1959-63

NOTE.—Provincial figures for each year from the inception of the Act to 1962 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books, beginning with the 1947 edition.

Province or Territory	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.	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	66,657	207,120	3.11	20.80	6.70	16,562,083
Prince Edward Island.....	14,344	40,423	2.82	18.99	6.74	3,259,952
Nova Scotia.....	106,018	271,476	2.56	17.14	6.69	21,838,772
New Brunswick.....	83,272	239,507	2.87	19.33	6.72	19,340,514
Quebec.....	752,413	1,999,894	2.66	17.87	6.72	160,299,079
Ontario.....	939,314	2,172,643	2.31	15.44	6.68	172,711,354
Manitoba.....	132,937	319,564	2.40	16.07	6.69	25,523,719
Saskatchewan.....	131,066	331,394	2.53	16.89	6.68	26,539,801
Alberta.....	208,646	509,805	2.44	16.29	6.67	40,315,733
British Columbia.....	239,496	550,380	2.30	15.40	6.70	43,834,184
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	6,582	17,674	2.68	17.03	6.34	1,341,158
Canada						
..... 1963	2,680,745	6,659,890	2.48	16.63	6.69	531,566,349
..... 1962	2,649,317	6,562,287	2.48	16.58	6.69	520,781,193
..... 1961	2,602,930	6,397,134	2.46	16.42	6.68	506,191,647
..... 1960	2,551,264	6,219,989	2.44	16.27	6.67	491,214,359
..... 1959	2,492,581	6,035,256	2.42	16.15	6.67	474,787,068

¹ Based on gross payment for March.