

Canada. A pensioner may absent himself from Canada and continue to receive pension payments. If he has lived in Canada for 25 years since his 21st birthday, payment outside of Canada may continue indefinitely; if he has not so resided, payment is continued for six months, in addition to the month of departure, and is then suspended, to be resumed only with the month in which he returns to Canada.

The program is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare through regional offices located in each provincial capital to which application is made for pension. It is financed on the pay-as-you-go method through a 3-p.c. sales tax, a 3-p.c. tax on corporation income and, subject to a limit of \$120 a year, a 4-p.c. tax on taxable personal income.

1.—Old Age Security Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1965 with Totals for 1961-65

Province	Pensioners in March	Net Pensions Paid during Fiscal Year	Province or Territory	Pensioners in March	Net Pensions Paid during Fiscal Year
	No.	\$		No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	18,886	16,811,166	British Columbia.....	124,262	111,327,361
Prince Edward Island.....	7,949	7,118,615	Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	707	633,415
Nova Scotia.....	45,014	40,399,804			
New Brunswick.....	33,262	29,780,719	Canada..... 1965	993,582	885,294,468
Quebec.....	214,294	189,682,327		971,801	808,391,300
Ontario.....	360,888	321,064,620		1964	950,766
Manitoba.....	59,818	53,360,235		1963	927,590
Saskatchewan.....	61,257	55,063,268		1962	904,906
Alberta.....	67,245	60,052,938		1961	592,413,238

Subsection 3.—Family Allowances

The Family Allowances Act of 1944 is designed to assist in providing equal opportunity for all Canadian children. The allowances do not involve a means test and are paid from the federal Consolidated Revenue Fund. They do not constitute taxable income but there is a smaller income tax exemption for children eligible for allowances.

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 Edmonton.

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.