

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

Province or Territory	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Assistance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 65-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year ¹
	No.	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....	5,088	72.41	51.39	2,220,908
Prince Edward Island.....	1,229	70.43	35.11	508,587
Nova Scotia.....	5,574	68.53	26.42	2,302,860
New Brunswick.....	5,356	70.28	33.69	2,303,178
Quebec.....	39,239	70.35	31.17	16,589,045
Ontario.....	26,049	67.03	13.78	10,465,257
Manitoba.....	5,520	69.15	19.64	2,329,362
Saskatchewan.....	5,463	69.04	20.01	2,294,105
Alberta.....	6,810	69.00	20.33	2,901,039
British Columbia.....	6,829	71.82	13.50	2,991,013
Yukon Territory.....	31	75.00	10.33	13,880
Northwest Territories.....	166	74.32	55.33	71,721
Canada.....				
.....1965	107,354	69.43	21.24	44,990,955
.....1964	105,241	65.72	20.82	39,208,181
.....1963	103,159	60.68	20.74	38,179,057
.....1962	98,944	53.87	20.14	30,810,585
.....1961	100,184	50.56	20.57	30,657,396

¹ Maximum assistance sharable by the Federal Government was increased from \$55 to \$65 a month as of February 1962 and to \$75 as of December 1963.

Subsection 3.—Allowances for Blind Persons

The Blind Persons Act of 1951, as amended, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances to blind persons age 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 \$75 a month 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.

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 \$1,500 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,980; for a married couple, \$2,580. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple may not exceed \$2,700. Allowances are not payable to a person receiving assistance under the Old Age Assistance Act, an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act or the War Veterans Allowance Act, a pension under the Old Age Security Act or a pension for blindness under the Pensions Act.