

Recipients of blindness allowances who are in need may receive supplementary aid under general assistance programs in the provinces. In certain circumstances, the Federal Government may share in such aid under the Unemployment Assistance Act (see p. 325).

**4.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1965  
with Totals for 1961-65**

Province or Territory	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Allowance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 20-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year <sup>1</sup>	
	No.	\$		\$	
Newfoundland.....	460	73.49	0.211	300,474	
Prince Edward Island.....	71	73.47	0.139	51,020	
Nova Scotia.....	750	73.41	0.197	509,671	
New Brunswick.....	679	74.10	0.232	456,965	
Quebec.....	2,843	73.47	0.098	1,892,813	
Ontario.....	1,906	67.93	0.053	1,179,138	
Manitoba.....	401	72.66	0.079	258,946	
Saskatchewan.....	391	72.02	0.082	256,063	
Alberta.....	475	72.36	0.064	311,992	
British Columbia.....	556	73.15	0.059	372,208	
Yukon Territory.....	5	75.00	0.059	2,666	
Northwest Territories.....	49	74.39	0.412	32,746	
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>8,586</b>	<b>72.10</b>	<b>0.085</b>	<b>5,624,702</b>
	<b>1964</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>68.12</b>	<b>0.085</b>	<b>4,989,897</b>
	<b>1963</b>	<b>8,634</b>	<b>62.50</b>	<b>0.087</b>	<b>4,881,829</b>
	<b>1962</b>	<b>8,573</b>	<b>56.78</b>	<b>0.087</b>	<b>4,129,852</b>
	<b>1961</b>	<b>8,642</b>	<b>52.97</b>	<b>0.089</b>	<b>4,161,833</b>

<sup>1</sup> Maximum allowance 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 4.—Allowances for Disabled Persons**

The Disabled Persons Act of 1954, as amended, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances paid to permanently and totally disabled persons age 18 or over who are in need and who have resided in Canada for at least ten years immediately preceding commencement of allowance or, if absent from Canada during this period, have been present in Canada prior to its commencement for a period equal to double any period of absence. To qualify for an allowance a person must meet the definition of permanent and total disability set out in the Regulations to the Act which requires that a person must be suffering from a major physiological, anatomical or psychological impairment, verified by objective medical findings; the impairment must be one that is likely to continue indefinitely without substantial improvement and that will severely limit activities of normal living. The federal contribution may not exceed 50 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, the maximum income allowed and other conditions of eligibility.