

Benefit.—The duration of regular benefit is related to the contribution history—one week's benefit for every two weeks' contributions in the past 104 weeks with a maximum of 52 weeks. However, contributions more than one year old cannot be used if they have already been taken into account in computing previous rights. Disqualifications for benefit include: loss of work owing to a labour dispute in which the contributor is participating or directly interested; unwillingness to accept suitable employment; being an inmate of any prison or any institution supported out of public funds; refusal to attend a course of instruction or training if directed to do so; residence outside Canada unless otherwise prescribed. Disqualification of a claimant for a period not exceeding six weeks may be imposed if an employee is discharged by reason of his own misconduct or leaves the employment voluntarily without just cause or refuses suitable employment.*

Table 20 distributes regular benefit periods terminated by province and shows average weeks and average dollar benefit paid on these terminations. A claimant establishes a *regular benefit period* when he submits his claim in the prescribed manner and proves he has fulfilled the minimum contribution requirements. The duration of benefit and the weekly rate authorized, comprising total entitlement, are then calculated and the claimant's benefit may be drawn upon during successive intervals of unemployment. His benefit period terminates either when he has exhausted the amount authorized or when 12 months have elapsed since he established, whichever comes first.

* This list should not be considered exhaustive; more detail may be obtained from the Unemployment Insurance Act and Regulations.

20.—Regular Benefit Periods Terminated, Duration and Average Amount of Benefit Paid, by Province, 1963 and 1964

NOTE.—Based on a 20-p.c. sample.

Province	1963			1964		
	Benefit Periods Terminated	Average Weeks Paid on Termination	Average Amount Paid on Termination	Benefit Periods Terminated	Average Weeks Paid on Termination	Average Amount Paid on Termination
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	25,410	14.8	390	21,835	14.4	380
Prince Edward Island.....	4,670	15.1	329	3,770	14.9	327
Nova Scotia.....	41,815	13.6	325	35,010	13.6	323
New Brunswick.....	36,385	14.4	340	31,090	13.6	325
Quebec.....	291,405	12.8	328	253,340	12.6	323
Ontario.....	313,700	11.8	298	277,595	11.1	282
Manitoba.....	38,470	14.0	346	32,815	13.0	325
Saskatchewan.....	25,000	14.4	361	21,980	12.9	327
Alberta.....	52,675	12.7	331	46,955	11.7	306
British Columbia.....	94,215	12.5	327	88,080	11.8	309
Totals.....	923,745	12.7	322	812,470	12.1	308