

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. The Regional Director located at Edmonton also administers the accounts of residents in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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 for the first year of the child's residence in Canada, is intended to bridge the gap until the child becomes eligible for family allowances.

2.—Family Allowances Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1966 with Totals for 1964-66

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.....	69,346	210,512	3.04	20.40	6.71	16,945,059
Prince Edward Island.....	14,054	39,632	2.82	19.03	6.75	3,231,716
Nova Scotia.....	104,856	287,689	2.55	17.18	6.74	21,636,528
New Brunswick.....	82,851	233,724	2.82	19.05	6.76	18,982,908
Quebec.....	792,955	2,043,428	2.57	17.38	6.76	164,972,052
Ontario.....	983,502	2,294,059	2.32	15.61	6.73	182,377,587
Manitoba.....	132,148	321,747	2.43	16.30	6.71	25,925,991
Saskatchewan.....	131,266	332,952	2.54	17.11	6.74	26,988,369
Alberta.....	213,489	525,359	2.46	16.58	6.74	42,345,742
British Columbia.....	254,871	589,041	2.31	15.60	6.75	47,006,572
Yukon Territory.....	2,153	5,295	2.46	16.15	6.57	424,673
Northwest Territories.....	4,145	11,119	2.68	17.76	6.63	897,627
Canada.....						
1966	2,785,636	6,865,057	2.46	16.59	6.74	551,734,824
1965	2,746,549	6,817,013	2.48	16.69	6.72	545,775,231
1964	2,711,272	6,736,157	2.48	16.67	6.71	538,312,234

¹ Based on gross payment for March.

Subsection 4.—Youth Allowances

Legislation providing for a program of youth allowances became effective Sept. 1, 1964. The Federal Government does not provide youth allowances in Quebec, which has its own program, but that province is compensated by a tax abatement adjusted to equal the amount that the Federal Government would otherwise have paid in allowances to Quebec residents.

Under the federal program, monthly allowances of \$10 are payable in respect of all dependent youths age 16 and 17 who are receiving full-time educational training or are precluded from doing so by reason of physical or mental infirmity. Both the parent or guardian and the youth must normally be physically present and living in a province other than Quebec. The allowance is not payable to a parent who resides in Quebec or outside Canada, regardless of where his child may be attending school. However, a dependent youth may attend school in Quebec or outside Canada, or, if disabled, receive care or training in Quebec or outside Canada and still be considered eligible, on the basis that he is a resident of a province other than Quebec but is temporarily absent.