Allowances normally commence with the month following that in which family allowances cease and continue until the school year terminates. They are paid retroactively for the summer months when the youth returns to school at the commencement of the new school year. Allowances for a disabled child not attending school, however, are payable continuously throughout the year. Should the youth leave school, leave the country permanently, cease to be maintained, take up residence in Quebec, or die, the allowance will cease. Otherwise, the youth allowance continues until the end of the month in which the youth reaches age 18. Youth allowances are considered not to be income for any purpose of the Income Tax Act.

The program is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare. The National Director of the family allowances and old age security programs also administers youth allowances, assisted by regional directors located in each of the provincial capitals other than Quebec City. The costs of youth allowances are met from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

	Youths for Whom Allowance Paid in March			Net Total
Province or Territory	Attending School Full-Time	Having Physical or Mental Infirmity	Total Youths	Allowance Paid during Fiscal Year
	No.	No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island. Nova Scotia. New Brunawick. Ontario. Manitoba. Saskatchewan. Alberta. British Columbia. Yukon Territory. Northwest Territories.	3,553 22,972 19,868 189,923 27,930 29,605 41,877 51,556 258	151 40 176 204 783 148 94 181 214 1	15, 121 3, 593 23, 148 20, 072 190, 706 28, 078 29, 699 42, 058 51, 770 259 290	$\begin{array}{c} 1, 591, 901\\ 395, 465\\ 2, 691, 768\\ 2, 311, 244\\ 21, 978, 399\\ 3, 249, 490\\ 3, 414, 834\\ 4, 836, 771\\ 5, 934, 292\\ 30, 210\\ 34, 176\\ \end{array}$
Canada	402,802	1,992	401,794	46, 468, 550
1965	396, 277	1,756	39 8, 8 33	26, 869, 815

3.—Youth Allowances Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1966 with Totals for 1965 and 1966

¹ Seven months; program became effective Sept. 1, 1964.

Section 2.—Federal-Provincial Programs

Subsection 1.—Canada Assistance Plan

The Canada Assistance Plan, a comprehensive public assistance measure to complement the provisions of the Canada Pension Plan, which received Royal Assent on July 15, 1966 (SC 1966, c. 45), will provide a single administrative framework for federal sharing with the provinces in costs of assistance and of welfare services. It is designed to replace the four existing programs of unemployment assistance, old age assistance, blind persons' allowances and disabled persons' allowances but the provinces will have the option of continuing separate administration of the categorical programs, and the provision for contracting out that now applies to the four programs under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act will extend to the Canada Assistance Plan.