

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 27 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.

27.—Regular Benefit Periods Terminated, Duration and Average Amount of Benefit Paid, by Province, 1965 and 1966

NOTE.—Based on a 20-p.c. sample.

Province	1965			1966		
	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.....	20,500	15.1	393	21,810	14.1	374
Prince Edward Island.....	4,000	14.5	337	4,165	13.6	325
Nova Scotia.....	32,305	13.2	321	35,725	11.8	289
New Brunswick.....	30,320	14.0	345	31,480	13.1	328
Quebec.....	221,730	12.8	333	243,550	11.6	304
Ontario.....	229,940	12.1	305	243,640	10.6	272
Manitoba.....	25,105	14.2	358	28,535	11.9	304
Saskatchewan.....	16,960	14.4	369	19,605	12.4	314
Alberta.....	33,775	12.5	324	37,910	10.2	266
British Columbia.....	80,100	11.7	310	82,530	10.6	281
Totals.....	694,735	12.7	324	748,950	11.3	292

Table 28 gives regular benefit periods terminated and average weeks paid, classified by age group of claimant.

28.—Regular Benefit Periods Terminated and Duration of Benefit Paid, classified by Age Group of Claimant, 1965 and 1966

NOTE.—Based on a 20-p.c. sample.

Age Group	1965		1966	
	Benefit Periods Terminated	Average Weeks Paid on Termination	Benefit Periods Terminated	Average Weeks Paid on Termination
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 20 years.....	23,745	10.6	34,825	9.4
20 — 24 ".....	127,575	11.1	139,160	9.6
25 — 34 ".....	174,330	11.4	178,050	9.7
35 — 44 ".....	144,950	11.4	148,555	10.1
45 — 54 ".....	109,015	12.6	116,475	11.3
55 — 64 ".....	77,330	15.0	79,625	13.7
65 years or over.....	37,790	25.7	38,325	25.2
Unspecified.....	—	—	13,935	12.1
Totals.....	694,735	12.7	748,950	11.3