

The program is administered by the National Director of Old Age Security of the Department of National Health and Welfare through the ten regional offices established in connection with the payment of family allowances. The two programs are administered largely by the same personnel.

Persons in receipt of old age assistance who reach age 70 are transferred to the universal pension rolls without further action on their part. Other persons make application to the Regional Director located at their provincial capital. The Regional Director for the Yukon and Northwest Territories is located at Ottawa.

In Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan, the provincial governments make supplementary payments to recipients of old age security who qualify under a means and residence test. In Alberta and British Columbia the allowance cannot exceed \$15 per month; in Saskatchewan, it is a flat \$2.50 per month. In some provinces and in the Yukon, recipients of the pension who are in special need may also receive relief.

3.—Old Age Security Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1952,¹ 1953 and 1954

Province and Year	Pensioners in March	Pensions Paid (net)	Province or Territory and Year	Pensioners in March	Pensions Paid (net)
	No.	\$		No.	\$
Newfoundland—			Manitoba—		
1952 ¹	14,177	1,697,080	1952 ¹	37,826	4,457,480
1953.....	14,792	6,995,760	1953.....	40,489	19,019,960
1954.....	15,343	7,242,820	1954.....	42,592	20,052,895
Prince Edward Island—			Saskatchewan—		
1952 ¹	6,338	754,720	1952 ¹	37,153	4,399,120
1953.....	6,553	3,155,700	1953.....	40,553	19,037,305
1954.....	6,669	3,203,780	1954.....	42,505	20,111,120
Nova Scotia—			Alberta—		
1952 ¹	34,832	4,124,080	1952 ¹	36,637	4,333,120
1953.....	36,150	17,259,287	1953.....	40,203	18,745,260
1954.....	36,961	17,702,477	1954.....	42,868	20,137,730
New Brunswick—			British Columbia—		
1952 ¹	24,540	2,935,240	1952 ¹	72,225	8,543,040
1953.....	25,689	12,254,680	1953.....	79,464	36,802,800
1954.....	26,288	12,606,600	1954.....	85,191	39,880,100
Quebec—			Yukon and N.W.T.—		
1952 ¹	139,954	16,579,994	1952 ¹	406	48,040
1953.....	147,833	69,570,127	1953.....	447	217,720
1954.....	152,682	72,032,527	1954.....	469	225,520
Ontario—			Canada—		
1952 ¹	238,925	28,194,920	1952 ¹	643,013	76,066,834
1953.....	253,954	120,083,015	1953.....	686,127	323,141,614
1954.....	264,831	125,775,222	1954.....	716,399	338,970,791

¹ Program in effect for last three months only of the fiscal year.

Subsection 3.—Government Annuities*

Under the Government Annuities Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 132) passed in 1908, the Federal Government carries on a service to assist Canadians to make provision for old age. The Act is administered by the Minister of Labour.

* Revised in the Government Annuities Branch, Department of Labour, Ottawa.