

The number of persons insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act, shown in Table 23, was assumed to be those working in insurable employment as at Apr. 1, as indicated at that time from returns on those receiving insurance books and contribution cards.

Table 24 presents information on the persons who established benefit years and those benefit years terminating during the calendar years 1952 and 1953. A benefit year is established under the Unemployment Insurance Act when an insured person, upon becoming unemployed, submits a claim and fulfils the above-mentioned statutory conditions. Because of other provisions of the Act or because he may regain employment before he actually receives benefit, the setting up of a benefit year does not necessarily result in the receipt of benefit payments. When a benefit year is established it means merely that the claimant's right to receive benefit at a certain rate at any time during the succeeding twelve months is determined. Thus, of the 770,684 benefit years that terminated during 1953, 91,180 were paid no benefit.

The benefit year remains in existence either until the authorized benefit rights are exhausted or until 12 months have passed since the date of its establishment, whichever occurs first.

The amount of benefit paid on benefit years terminated, as presented in Table 24, is secured by multiplying each daily rate of benefit by the number of days paid at that rate on the ledger cards representing benefit years upon which benefit was drawn. Benefit years terminated during 1952 and 1953 and benefit days paid on those benefit years are classified, in Table 25, by duration of benefit paid.

Table 26 classifies benefit years terminated by daily rate of benefit authorized. The daily rate of benefit is determined by the amount of the daily average contribution paid on behalf of the claimant during the most recent 180 contribution days and by whether or not he has a dependant within the meaning of the Act.

Table 27 shows benefit years terminated and benefit days paid on them by age of claimant; and benefit years terminated by cause of termination and age of claimant. Benefit years terminated during 1953 and benefit days paid on them are classified by industry and age in Table 28 and by occupation for 1952 and 1953 in Table 29.

23.—Persons Insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act, by Industrial Group and Sex, 1952 and 1953

NOTE.—These figures include only persons who exchanged an unemployment insurance book or were issued a book for the first time in April. They, therefore, represent an estimate of the number, based on a 10-p.c. sample, in insurable employment as at Apr. 1.

Industrial Group	1952		1953	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Agriculture.....	1,550	550	1,590	610
Forestry and logging.....	94,680	2,400	71,470	1,700
Fishing, hunting and trapping.....	330	40	320	—
Mining, Quarrying and Oil Wells—				
Metal mining.....	55,350	1,140	50,280	1,130
Fuels.....	30,410	740	23,470	720
Non-metal mining.....	7,070	130	8,260	150
Quarrying, clay and sand pits.....	2,540	40	2,490	50
Prospecting.....	3,270	520	3,840	520
Totals, Mining, Quarrying and Oil Wells.....	98,640	2,570	88,340	2,570