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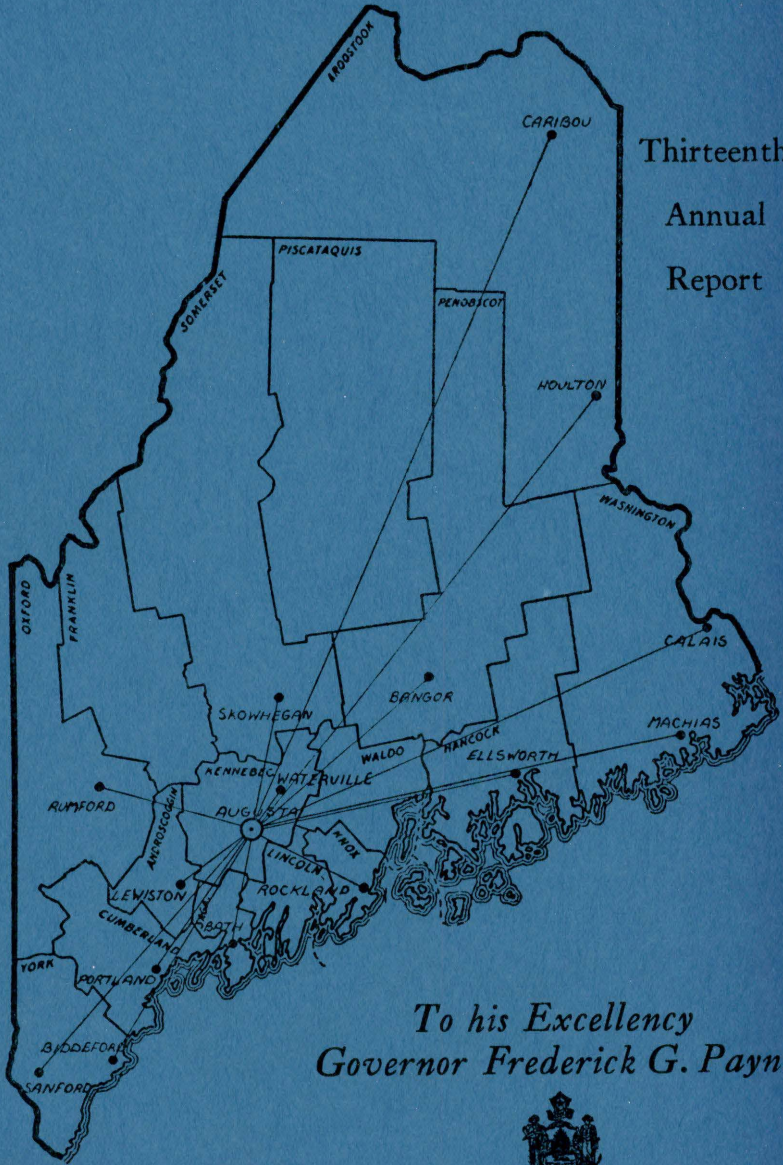
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*To his Excellency  
Governor Frederick G. Payne*



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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

**Maine Employment  
Security Commission**

*to*

*His Excellency*

*Governor Frederick G. Payne*



MAY 1, 1950



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**Employment Security Commission**  
331 Water Street  
Augusta, Maine

May 1, 1950

Honorable Frederick G. Payne  
Governor of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Governor Payne:

In accordance with the provisions of the Maine Employment Security Law there is respectfully submitted herewith a report covering the administration and operation of this Law during the preceding calendar year, together with a statement showing the financial status of the Maine Unemployment Trust Fund at the close of 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

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## INTRODUCTION

Effective August 6, 1949, the name of the Commission was changed to the Maine Employment Security Commission. There were several other amendments to the Employment Security Law enacted by the 94th Legislature in 1949. The benefit schedule was revised effective September 1, 1949, changing the minimum weekly benefit amount from \$6.75 to \$6.00 and the maximum weekly benefit amount from \$22.50 to \$25.00, which made it necessary for a re-determination to be made for every claimant who had filed for benefits since April 1, 1949, and continued to file subsequent to September 1, 1949. During the year 27,709 redeterminations were issued.

An amendment was enacted whereby an individual in order to be eligible for benefits must make reasonable efforts on his own behalf to seek work. An individual who is entitled to receive pay during a recognized vacation period shall be ineligible for that period. An amendment was enacted whereby all Deputies' Decisions issued on the basis of wilful misrepresentation made by a claimant are referred to the Appeal Tribunal for hearing and if it is found that the claimant knowingly accepted benefits to which he was not entitled the claimant shall be ineligible to receive any further benefits for a period not to exceed one year.

The experience rating section of the Law was amended whereby when an employer ceases to be subject to the Law by termination of coverage granted by the Commission his "experience rating record" is terminated also. Therefore should he subsequently become liable he would not be entitled to the experience gained when previously subject to the Law. Further, when an employing unit acquired the assets of an employer in toto in order for the successor to be eligible to acquire the experience rating record the predecessor must have been subject to the Law at the time of acquisition.

An employer's experience rating record will not be charged with benefits paid to an individual whose work record with such employer totalled less than five consecutive work weeks.

The Commission shall compute rates if on February 1st of any year the net balance available equals \$20,000,000 rather than \$12,000,000 as previously. The contribution rates to be effective July 1, 1950, and thereafter will be computed under a revised table based on the amount in the fund on December 31, 1949, and December 31 thereafter.

By an Act of Congress the Bureau of Employment Security was transferred from the Federal Security Agency to the U. S. Department of Labor on August 20, 1949. Accordingly, federal grants for the administration of the Employment Security Commission are allocated by the U. S. Department of Labor and this department also determines the federal standards setting forth minimum requirements for this Commission.

Our Informational unit added two new Job-Reporter radio programs making a total of seven weekly programs.

The Standards, Methods, and Planning unit continued to revise operating procedures and plan for more efficient operations of the various units. Training was carried on throughout the year and 5530 hours were reported as spent on training programs.

It has always been the policy of the Commission to refer all domestic qualified woodsmen to job openings in the different areas. During the year this policy was reaffirmed whereby all operators in the State are well aware of the requirements of the Immigration Law with respect to replacing foreign labor with qualified domestic workers.

A concerted effort was placed on recruiting American labor for the potato harvest in Aroostook County. As a result it became necessary to utilize only 1,344 Canadian workers for a period of approximately three weeks as compared to 5,750 Canadians imported during the 1948 season for a longer duration.

After public hearing the Commission amended its Regulation with reference to payment of benefits to seasonal employees to facilitate more equitable payment of benefits for those individuals who had employment during their base period in both seasonal and non-seasonal work.

The Commission continued its contract with the Bureau of Labor Statistics whereby employment statistics are developed monthly.

During the past year there was only one major change in the reporting program. That change involved participation of the Commission in an area classification plan which is designed to identify labor market areas where Federal assistance projects might aid in alleviating serious unemployment problems. Developments in all so-called "labor market areas" in Maine have been watched carefully, and, when conditions in such areas have met with federally established classification criteria, labor market analyses supporting recommended classifications have been furnished to the Bureau of Employment Security. In 1949, four areas in Maine were classified under the plan.

Unemployment increased in 1949 as indicated by the total claims filed numbering 995,206. Eighty-five thousand six hundred and ninety new initial claims were filed during the year and 737,026 benefit checks were issued amounting to \$11,450,020.00, which is the largest amount of benefits paid since the inception of the program.

During 1949, the Investigation Unit checked all local office areas to further the detection of fraud. Special emphasis was placed on the prevention of illegal claims. Over 2800 claimants were checked revealing 328 cases of fraudulent filing. In each instance necessary steps were taken to prosecute. We believe the activities of this unit are showing definite results in the prevention of fraud, but intend to put on an even more intensive drive during 1950.

Labor supply surveys were made during the year by the Commission for a number of employers seeking suitable locations for new establishments. These surveys have dealt with the amount of labor available in selected communities, the skill grades of the workers who might be utilized in new enterprises, existing patterns of wage scales and hours of work, labor turnover trends, and worker commuting practices. Analyses of this type, undertaken in cooperation with the Maine Development Commission and also in response to direct requests from prospective employers, are intended to reflect accurate and unbiased appraisals which might ultimately prove of mutual benefit to the employers and to the economic stability of the selected localities.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

The following statements reflect in summary form the activities within the Administrative Fund accounts for 1949.

Operating costs for 1949 were \$1,094,373.78 as compared to \$961,540.10 for 1948, an increase of \$132,833.68. This increase is directly attributable to the increased number of unemployment compensation claims paid.

**ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**  
**Cash Receipts and Disbursements**  
**Calendar Year 1949**

Cash Balance—January 1, 1949 .....	\$170,247.80
<b>Federal Grants</b>	
Federal Security Administration and U. S. Dept. of Labor .....	\$836,063.35
U. S. Veterans Administration .....	180,623.58
U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics .....	3,313.00
	1,019,999.93
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b> .....	<b>\$1,190,247.73</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>	
Calendar Year 1947 Encumbrances .....	232.50
Calendar Year 1948 Encumbrances .....	4,324.98
Calendar Year 1949 Encumbrances .....	1,081,198.08
	1,085,755.56
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b> .....	<b>\$1,085,755.56</b>
Cash Balance—December 31, 1949 .....	\$104,492.17

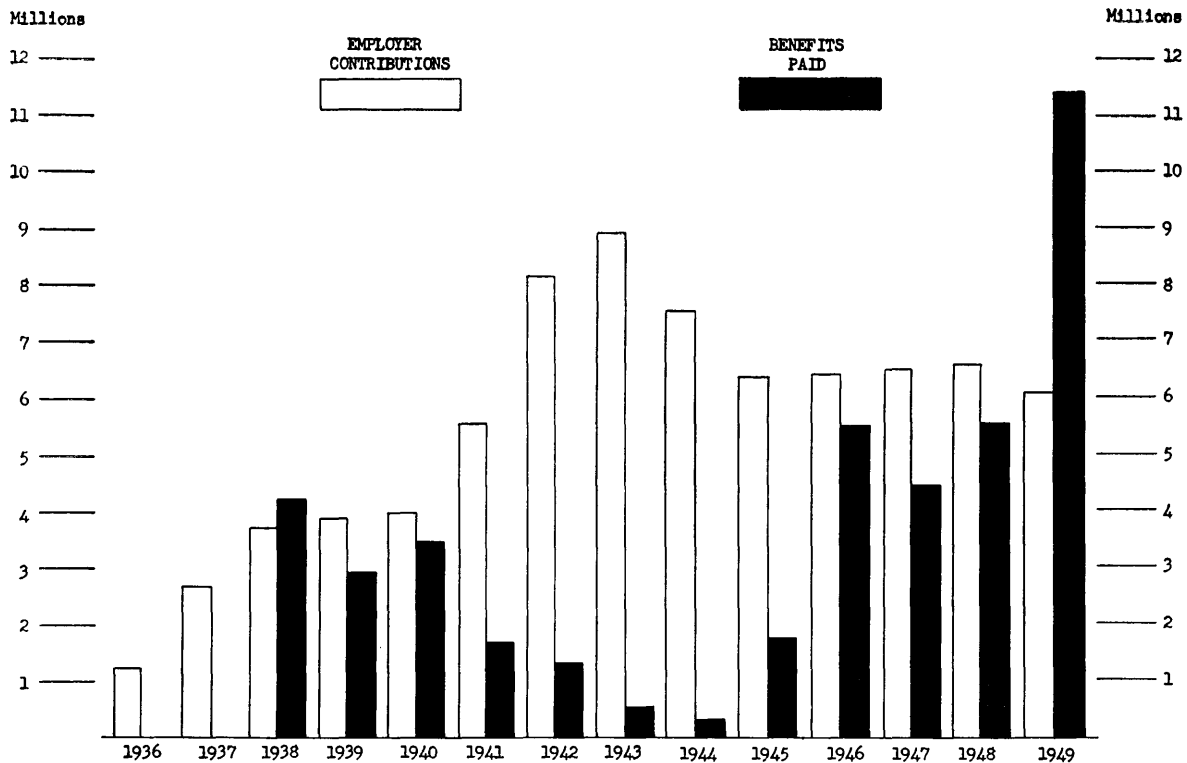
**Operating Statement**

	Federal Security Adminis.	U. S. Veterans Adminis.	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Total
<b>Administrative Funds</b>				
Approved .....	\$927,247.75	\$178,928.00	\$3,093.00	\$1,109,268.75
Encumbrances—Calendar Year 1949				
Personal Services .....	649,522.03	160,103.30	3,093.00	812,718.33
Consumable Supplies ..	39,411.76	10,236.14		49,647.90
Communications .....	14,343.77	112.81		14,456.58
Travel .....	32,065.98	4,983.83		37,049.81
Printing and Binding ..	3,114.12			3,114.12
Light, Heat and Water ..	4,610.10			4,610.10
Rent of Premises .....	37,411.00			37,411.00
Rent of Equipment .....	7,435.35	221.90		7,657.25
Repairs and Alterations	9,658.11			9,658.11
Other Expense .....	49,314.00	2,839.83		*52,153.83
Equipment Purchases ..	65,863.75			65,863.75
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>\$912,782.97</b>	<b>\$178,497.81</b>	<b>\$3,093.00</b>	<b>\$1,094,373.78</b>
<b>Unencumbered Balance</b>				
Dec. 31, 1949 .....	\$14,461.78	\$430.19		\$14,891.97

\*Includes \$19,274.44 paid to the Employees Retirement System to cover this Agency's portion of Contributions and Expense for calendar year.

**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 1949**

<i>Assets</i>	
Cash on Hand .....	\$104,492.17
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Unliquidated Encumbrances (1949) .....	\$13,175.70
<i>Reserves</i>	
<b>Unencumbered Funds:</b>	
Calendar Year 1947 .....	9.50
Calendar Year 1949 .....	14,894.97
Calendar Year 1950 .....	76,412.00
	\$91,316.47
<b>Total Reserves</b> .....	<b>\$91,316.47</b>
<b>Liabilities and Reserves</b> .....	<b>\$104,492.17</b>



Note -- The Contributions for 1949 shown above include Contributions Received as of February 28, 1950 applicable to 1949.

GRAPH I

**Statement of Net Tax Received from Employers and Benefits  
Payments to Unemployed Claimants for the Years 1936 through 1949  
as of December 31, 1949**

Employer Contributions—1936 ..	\$1,176,323.33	
Employer Contributions—1937 ..	2,675,022.97	
Employer Contributions—1938 ..	3,606,186.17	
Employer Contributions—1939 ..	3,926,651.81	
Employer Contributions—1940 ..	4,032,280.17	
Employer Contributions—1941 ..	5,512,101.71	
Employer Contributions—1942 ..	8,113,723.92	
Employer Contributions—1943 ..	8,916,920.18	
Employer Contributions—1944 ..	7,577,623.78	
Employer Contributions—1945 ..	6,310,751.19	
Employer Contributions—1946 ..	6,315,471.30	
Employer Contributions—1947 ..	6,377,180.12	
Employer Contributions—1948 ..	6,431,576.62	
Employer Contributions—1949 ..	4,727,035.61	
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Total Employer Contributions .....	\$75,702,152.87	
Interest on Trust Fund .....	5,255,603.71	
Interest and Penalty on Employer Accounts ..	80,171.93	
Benefit Fines Received .....	260.00	
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		\$81,038,191.51
Net Benefits Paid—1938 .....	\$1,196,189.10	
Net Benefits Paid—1939 .....	2,872,556.89	
Net Benefits Paid—1940 .....	3,170,158.72	
Net Benefits Paid—1941 .....	1,543,387.21	
Net Benefits Paid—1942 .....	1,182,661.10	
Net Benefits Paid—1943 .....	427,997.72	
Net Benefits Paid—1944 .....	320,601.05	
Net Benefits Paid—1945 .....	1,750,348.91	
Net Benefits Paid—1946 .....	5,479,662.81	
Net Benefits Paid—1947 .....	4,467,312.15	
Net Benefits Paid—1948 .....	5,482,189.61	
Net Benefits Paid—1949 .....	11,392,398.71	
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Net Benefits Paid .....	\$42,585,168.00	
Administrative Expense .....	2,373.60	
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		\$42,587,841.60
Cash Balance—December 31, 1949 .....		<u>\$38,450,649.91</u>
Special Administrative Expense Account .....	\$ 3,404.10	
Clearing Account .....	9,168.97	
Trust Fund .....	38,241,738.37	
Benefit Account .....	\$197,286.27	
Less: Title XIII Advance for Sea-		
men's Benefits .....	917.80	196,338.47
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Cash Balance—December 31, 1949 .....		<u>\$38,450,649.91</u>



## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACTIVITIES

During the year 1949 the field examiners made 9,862 calls on employers and employing units for the purpose of making audits, determining liability, collecting delinquent contributions and reports, and advising them relative to the provisions of the Maine Employment Security Law.

Audits revealed that 144 employers had failed to report taxable earnings on which additional contributions were due in the amount of \$6,236.02, and 122 employers had overpaid contributions in the amount of \$3,375.11.

Contributions, interest, and penalties amounting to \$135,051.49 were collected by the field examiners during the year 1949. Delinquent quarterly contribution reports were obtained from 157 employers.

During the year the field examiners spent considerable time taking claims at itinerant points and taking orders from farmers for the potato harvest.

### Employer Accounts

Active accounts as of 1-1-49 . . . . .		4671
New accounts:		
Previously subject employers . . . . .	62	
Voluntary electors . . . . .	37	
Successors to subject employers . . . . .	154	
Liable under other provisions of the Law . . . . .	351	604
	—	—
		5275
Less accounts closed:		
Granted termination of coverage . . . . .	125	
Business sold, or dissolved, or operations ceased . .	424	549
	—	—
Active accounts as of 12-31-49 . . . . .		4726

The net receipts for contributions, interest on overdue employer accounts, late payroll penalties, benefit court fines, and interest on the Trust Fund during the calendar year 1949 amounted to \$7,109,-940.68. This amount was applied to the following accounts:

1937 Contributions . . . . .	\$ 81.00
1938 Contributions . . . . .	81.00
1939 Contributions . . . . .	121.65
1940 Contributions . . . . .	85.87
1941 Contributions . . . . .	81.00
1942 Contributions . . . . .	85.73
1943 Contributions . . . . .	86.75
1944 Contributions . . . . .	605.44
1945 Contributions . . . . .	528.08
1946 Contributions . . . . .	2,776.27
1947 Contributions . . . . .	15,533.86
1948 Contributions . . . . .	1,463,003.17
1949 Contributions . . . . .	4,727,035.64
Interest on Employer Accounts . . . . .	4,268.97
Payroll Penalties . . . . .	639.04
Interest on Trust Fund . . . . .	894,812.21
Benefit Court Fines . . . . .	115.00

During the year 300 refunds were issued to employers amounting to \$9,802.04.

## Monthly Employment in Establishments Covered under Unemployment Compensation Law, 1948

**TABLE I**

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL.....	175,905	173,282	170,985	164,914	169,627	179,269	184,558	188,332	186,325	177,388	173,430	173,021
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing . . .	655	570	593	745	847	1,004	879	875	892	720	665	687
Mining and Quarrying . . .	414	401	417	283	394	539	594	583	597	594	603	555
Construction . . .	7,531	6,625	6,555	7,536	8,496	9,943	10,731	10,429	10,272	9,502	8,851	7,485
Manufacturing: . . .	112,557	111,058	108,232	100,968	103,432	109,081	112,475	116,750	115,990	109,439	106,873	106,209
Food and Kindred Products . . .	6,251	6,251	7,809	6,317	7,546	11,303	13,515	16,132	14,915	11,436	9,104	7,323
Textile-mill Products . . .	29,773	30,370	29,841	27,966	27,981	28,330	28,278	28,982	28,980	27,152	27,759	28,345
Apparel and Other Products . . .	1,544	1,614	1,720	1,648	1,643	1,587	1,584	1,663	1,692	1,717	1,673	1,582
Lumber and Wood Products . . .	19,968	19,086	16,482	14,777	15,803	17,349	18,033	18,216	17,656	17,250	17,611	17,514
Furniture and Fixtures . . .	898	895	875	635	637	642	668	655	667	675	668	635
Paper and Allied Products . . .	18,852	18,533	17,922	17,654	18,413	18,258	18,416	18,636	19,179	18,379	18,091	18,158
Printing and Publishing . . .	1,663	1,698	1,708	1,704	1,707	1,717	1,727	1,742	1,723	1,753	1,747	1,761
Chemicals and Allied Products . . .	764	708	747	886	876	724	716	678	654	654	761	719
Rubber Products . . .	112	103	96	87	81	81	76	75	73	71	70	70
Leather and Leather Products . . .	17,892	17,647	17,195	15,425	14,767	15,171	15,401	15,975	16,308	16,396	15,675	16,434
Stone, Clay and Glass Products . . .	795	780	803	817	828	853	893	909	891	832	793	773
Primary Metal Products . . .	346	341	342	322	314	310	338	340	337	316	318	287
Fabricated Metal Products . . .	2,650	2,349	2,228	2,320	2,380	2,262	2,472	2,483	2,413	2,280	2,227	2,199
Machinery (except electrical) . . .	6,821	6,763	6,740	6,697	6,729	6,765	6,698	6,711	6,899	6,953	6,885	6,864
Scientific Instruments . . .	79	76	76	76	77	77	77	75	78	65	63	66
Other Manufacturing . . .	4,149	3,844	3,648	3,637	3,650	3,652	3,583	3,478	3,525	3,510	3,428	3,479
Transportation, Communication and Other Public Utilities . . .	10,291	10,426	10,618	10,118	10,177	10,421	10,709	10,469	10,322	9,946	9,877	9,935
Wholesale and Retail Trade . . .	32,162	31,933	32,367	32,725	33,145	34,061	34,393	34,436	34,369	34,068	34,031	35,870
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate . . .	4,104	4,125	4,106	4,193	4,185	4,285	4,306	4,274	4,245	4,192	4,222	4,239
Service Industries . . .	8,113	8,053	7,973	8,227	8,827	9,800	10,356	10,397	9,512	8,766	8,126	7,862
Establishments n.e.c. . . . .	78	91	124	119	124	135	115	119	126	161	182	199

## Total Wages Paid in Covered Employment in 1948 by Industry

**TABLE II**

INDUSTRY	Total for Year	QUARTER			
		First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
TOTAL	\$448,336,583	\$107,043,590	\$105,747,295	\$117,094,236	\$118,451,462
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,740,069	339,465	441,070	529,562	429,972
Mining and Quarrying	1,354,362	266,694	270,900	385,500	431,268
Construction	25,665,873	4,871,198	5,979,955	8,029,721	6,784,999
Manufacturing:	286,062,196	70,388,239	67,454,955	74,209,158	74,009,844
Food and Kindred Products	21,413,194	3,990,938	4,552,802	7,552,106	5,317,348
Textile-mill Products	77,490,138	19,834,485	19,088,339	18,930,832	19,636,482
Apparel and Other Products	2,893,042	709,065	751,620	733,157	699,200
Lumber and Wood Products	39,540,264	10,229,346	8,712,890	10,253,159	10,344,869
Furniture and Fixtures	1,654,408	454,122	372,528	398,421	429,337
Paper and Allied Products	59,512,615	14,219,908	14,426,754	15,630,770	15,235,183
Printing and Publishing	4,816,511	1,100,538	1,178,680	1,203,149	1,334,144
Chemicals and Allied Products	1,943,842	464,402	537,902	462,785	478,753
Rubber Products	215,722	74,623	38,299	51,341	51,459
Leather and Leather Products	34,463,832	9,137,618	7,544,115	8,476,265	9,305,834
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	2,184,948	462,615	536,184	607,957	578,192
Primary Metal Products	1,089,059	256,013	321,082	251,283	260,681
Fabricated Metal Products	6,870,890	1,716,466	1,584,452	1,757,519	1,812,453
Machinery (except electrical)	22,571,829	5,285,900	5,488,694	5,656,160	6,141,075
Scientific Instruments	182,124	49,818	44,518	48,994	38,794
Other Manufacturing	9,219,778	2,402,382	2,276,096	2,195,260	2,346,040
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	26,740,713	6,498,132	6,493,471	6,902,984	6,846,126
Wholesale and Retail Trade	79,972,580	18,603,828	18,607,178	19,958,074	22,803,500
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	11,431,632	2,694,012	2,753,757	2,756,395	3,227,468
Service Industries	15,199,584	3,350,433	3,711,521	4,285,306	3,852,324
Establishments n.e.c.	169,574	31,589	34,488	37,536	65,961

There were 3,127 employer accounts eligible to be computed for a "Contribution Rate" as of July 1, 1949. The number of employer accounts that did not have sufficient experience to be computed was 1,467.

Of the 3,127 employer accounts computed 2,778 or 88.5% were eligible to make contributions at a rate lower than the maximum of 2.7%.

The Commission recommends continuance of the experience rating provisions of the Law.

The following table shows the 3,127 rated accounts by size of annual payroll:

**Analysis of Rated Employer Accounts by Size of Taxable Payroll and by Rate Class, for July 1, 1949-June 30, 1950**  
**Rate Period**

**TABLE III**

Payroll Category	Rated Employers	Rate of Contributions						
		0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Less than \$5,000 . . . . .	521	263	49	39	24	28	1	<b>117</b>
\$5,000 to \$9,999 . . . . .	282	118	35	38	32	20	13	<b>26</b>
\$10,000 to \$19,999 . . . . .	498	157	90	85	74	32	12	<b>48</b>
\$20,000 to \$49,999 . . . . .	957	231	197	223	129	89	26	<b>62</b>
\$50,000 to \$99,999 . . . . .	419	78	82	100	68	47	10	<b>34</b>
\$100,000 to \$999,999 . . . . .	395	59	58	83	70	44	21	<b>60</b>
\$1,000,000 and over . . . . .	55	2	12	18	9	8	4	<b>2</b>
	3,127	908	523	586	406	268	87	<b>349</b>

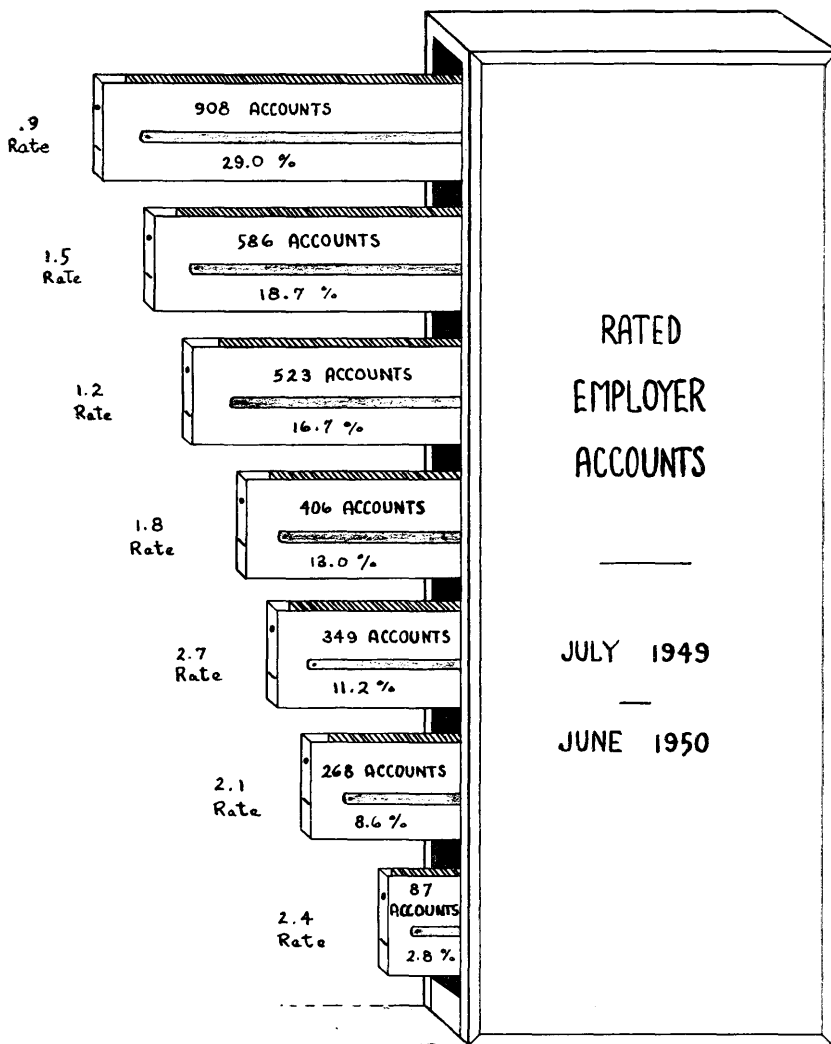
The following table shows the number of accounts by rate in each industry:

**Analysis by Industry and by Rate Class of Employer Accounts Rated at the Start of the  
Experience Rating Period, July 1, 1949 -- June 30, 1950**

**TABLE IV**

INDUSTRY	Total	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES . . . . .	3,127	908	523	586	406	268	87	349
Agriculture . . . . .	6	1	—	3	—	—	—	2
Forestry . . . . .	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Fishing . . . . .	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
Bituminous and other soft-coal mining . . . . .	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Nonmetallic mining and quarrying . . . . .	15	2	1	3	1	2	—	6
Building construction—general contractors . . . . .	62	3	1	5	9	17	7	20
General contractors, other than building . . . . .	31	4	3	—	3	6	5	10
Construction—special-trade contractors . . . . .	96	11	6	7	12	16	7	37
Food and kindred products . . . . .	143	18	25	15	16	11	6	52
Tobacco manufactures . . . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Textile-mill products . . . . .	60	1	1	14	11	10	4	19
Apparel and other finished products . . . . .	23	5	—	3	7	3	2	3
Lumber and wood products . . . . .	332	64	44	70	63	53	6	32
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	11	1	2	3	1	3	—	1
Paper and allied products . . . . .	30	4	11	9	3	1	—	2
Printing, publishing, and allied industries . . . . .	39	18	8	7	4	1	—	1
Chemicals and allied products . . . . .	26	6	4	2	4	4	2	4
Rubber products . . . . .	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Leather and leather products . . . . .	74	6	4	9	12	15	9	19
Stone, clay, and glass products . . . . .	13	2	—	3	2	2	1	3
Primary metal products . . . . .	7	—	2	2	2	1	—	—
Fabricated metal products . . . . .	27	7	4	6	4	2	—	4
Machinery (except electrical) . . . . .	25	7	10	3	2	2	—	1
Transportation equipment . . . . .	21	11	2	2	2	2	1	1
Professional and scientific instruments . . . . .	5	2	1	1	—	—	1	—
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries . . . . .	16	4	3	3	1	—	—	5
Local railways and bus lines . . . . .	7	1	1	3	2	—	—	—
Trucking and warehousing for hire . . . . .	57	13	15	16	9	3	—	1
Other transportation, except water transportation . . . . .	14	3	2	5	1	1	—	2
Water transportation . . . . .	5	1	—	—	3	1	—	—
Services allied to transportation, n.e.c. . . . .	10	—	—	—	2	—	—	8
Communication . . . . .	18	2	6	8	2	—	—	—
Utilities . . . . .	21	9	4	3	4	—	2	2

INDUSTRY	Total	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Local utilities and public services, n.e.c.	33	27	—	3	2	1	—	—
Full-service and limited-function wholesalers	214	70	38	45	30	15	5	11
Other wholesale distributors	351	186	47	55	24	15	4	20
Wholesale and retail trade combined, n.e.c.	62	16	16	15	6	6	1	2
Retail general merchandise	55	11	18	15	6	2	—	3
Retail food and liquor stores	71	22	19	19	6	4	—	1
Retail automotive	111	17	29	30	23	7	1	4
Retail apparel and accessories	90	24	21	20	12	5	2	6
Retail trade, n.e.c.	222	74	52	50	28	10	1	7
Eating and drinking places	113	29	12	29	18	11	5	9
Retail filling stations	5	—	—	3	—	2	—	—
Banks and trust companies	69	29	23	8	9	—	—	—
Security dealers and investment banking	22	19	—	1	1	1	—	—
Finance agencies, n.e.c.	16	8	6	1	1	—	—	—
Insurance carriers	76	51	10	7	5	1	—	2
Insurance agents, brokers, and services	13	6	4	—	3	—	—	—
Real estate	40	9	4	8	8	1	3	7
Real estate, insurance, loans, law offices	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holding companies (except real estate)	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.	81	7	8	20	13	12	4	17
Personal services	82	20	20	18	11	4	3	6
Business services, n.e.c.	35	13	4	10	4	3	—	1
Employment agencies and commercial and trade schools	6	3	2	1	—	—	—	—
Automobile repair services and garages	21	4	4	5	3	5	—	—
Miscellaneous repair services and hand trades	11	3	1	1	3	2	—	1
Motion pictures	43	26	14	1	2	—	—	—
Amusement and recreation and related services, n.e.c.	33	6	5	2	4	3	2	11
Medical and other health services	12	4	2	6	—	—	—	—
Law offices and related services	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Educational institutions and agencies	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other professional and social service agencies	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	—
Nonprofit membership organizations	21	8	4	5	—	1	1	2
Establishments, n.e.c.	4	1	—	2	—	1	—	—



GRAPH II





Claims Section--Portland Office

The aggregate local office U.C. claims load for 1949, with a total of 995,206 claims filed, graphically illustrates the gravity of the unemployment situation for that year, in that it reflects an 84.35% increase over the corresponding figure of 539,841 claims filed in the previous year.

### **Initial Claims**

A total of 85,690 new initial claims were filed in the local offices during 1949, an increase of 67.1% over the previous year. This figure does not include additional initial claims, which are reflected in accompanying tables. Of these, 4,880 were Interstate claims taken by the Maine Agency as Agent State, requiring no monetary determinations. The total number of new initial claims during the year requiring monetary determinations totalled 84,426, including 1,245 claims pending as of January 1, 1949, 2,358 initial Interstate claims received from other states under the regular Interstate Agreement, and 113 initial Interstate claims under the temporary Interstate Arrangement Plan.

A total of 80,611 monetary determinations were made during the year and 2,516 were disposed of without determination, leaving 1,299 claims pending determination at the close of the year. The number of determinations made during 1949 exceeded those for the previous year by 68.1%. Of these 80,611 monetary determinations which were made, 75,940, or 94.2%, resulted in a finding of eligibility for benefits, and 4,671, or 5.8%, resulted in a finding of non-eligibility due to insufficient wage credits. These percentages show no appreciable variation from those of previous years.

## Initial UC Claims Taken at Local Office Level, by Year, 1938 through 1949

**TABLE V**

Local Office	INITIAL CLAIMS TAKEN*											
	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
TOTAL .....	142,982	93,155	64,214	49,590	30,895	14,304	14,627	33,816	56,457	104,726	104,037	120,708
Augusta .....	10,235	7,193	4,497	3,953	1,646	1,040	1,687	2,221	3,659	7,363	6,882	5,421
Bangor .....	11,851	6,608	5,567	2,448	1,488	960	1,454	4,319	7,133	13,953	13,738	13,724
Bath .....	6,628	4,453	2,709	5,520	1,219	94	116	399	1,033	2,066	1,819	3,433
Biddeford .....	10,914	3,289	1,799	2,632	1,205	892	791	1,761	3,847	9,847	9,861	10,730
Calais .....	6,105	3,895	5,062	4,494	3,345	2,970	2,969	3,791	3,621	6,768	5,131	5,945
Caribou .....	5,246	1,659	1,212	1,270	428	227	377	2,630	5,358	6,821	6,903	7,683
Ellsworth** .....	2,549	1,377	1,471	836	467	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,688
Houlton† .....	1,329	425	188	146	55	33	47	671	—	—	—	1,050
Lewiston .....	27,676	25,128	14,669	8,827	7,323	2,652	1,723	5,127	10,835	21,562	22,956	20,304
Machias†† .....	4,899	4,209	949	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland .....	20,839	11,259	9,216	11,354	9,329	2,012	1,576	4,041	7,795	11,924	11,419	13,498
Rockland .....	6,509	4,392	4,298	2,696	1,520	645	607	1,496	2,263	5,280	4,077	6,342
Rumford .....	3,245	2,114	1,279	903	353	285	469	1,246	1,904	2,945	3,141	3,671
Sanford .....	11,439	9,492	4,929	1,490	722	899	1,694	3,141	4,593	7,710	8,465	6,100
Skowhegan .....	6,632	4,499	4,314	1,560	960	766	482	1,118	2,348	4,065	4,932	4,792
Waterville .....	6,886	3,163	2,055	1,461	835	829	635	1,855	2,068	4,422	4,713	6,879
Norway† .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,704
Farmington† .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,610
Millinocket† .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	597
Dover-Foxcroft† .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,140
Fort Kent† .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,397

\*Includes "new" and "additional" initial claims.

\*\*Ellsworth Office closed at end of 1938. Office reopened in September, 1945.

†Houlton Office reopened for claims-taking in 1942.

††Machias Office opened for claims-taking October, 1947.

‡These Offices closed December, 1938.

## Continued UC Claims Taken at Local Office Level, by Year, 1938 through 1949

TABLE VI

Local Office	CONTINUED CLAIMS TAKEN*											
	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
TOTAL.....	851,741	443,600	393,287	401,934	147,856	11,759	59,034	162,582	256,269	679,532	656,699	778,398
Augusta.....	41,506	25,020	22,910	22,144	3,823	1,824	3,558	11,356	16,907	47,296	43,306	38,860
Bangor.....	79,426	38,735	42,392	18,844	8,985	3,980	8,907	23,428	33,989	76,859	89,178	88,395
Bath.....	37,865	28,318	20,429	57,825	3,938	331	598	2,650	5,472	12,794	10,819	17,797
Biddeford.....	89,284	15,148	9,629	11,634	3,633	1,664	1,369	4,853	12,533	52,394	48,380	78,684
Calais.....	44,804	22,977	50,539	40,427	23,102	11,542	19,909	19,352	16,254	41,578	32,399	38,273
Caribou.....	29,999	6,230	8,167	10,012	2,973	1,058	1,813	9,759	21,586	36,256	47,870	46,859
Ellsworth**.....	18,858	10,045	12,370	7,349	1,614	---	---	---	---	---	---	11,208
Houlton†.....	7,251	1,817	1,116	1,507	512	154	293	2,462	---	---	---	4,336
Lewiston.....	131,210	89,016	59,418	44,214	20,815	5,466	4,355	23,458	49,581	159,086	137,386	118,171
Machias††.....	39,010	21,684	1,762	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Portland.....	134,398	78,046	70,504	138,717	59,158	4,299	4,378	22,677	41,714	82,622	80,482	80,229
Rockland.....	48,463	25,886	25,283	19,363	6,090	2,531	3,431	8,283	10,038	33,485	27,845	36,203
Rumford.....	21,240	12,675	6,597	6,551	2,129	1,166	2,278	7,542	8,107	16,102	19,487	25,906
Sanford.....	54,492	27,508	21,637	4,619	1,744	1,566	2,974	11,692	20,319	52,805	55,577	67,480
Skowhegan.....	34,701	22,981	28,282	9,001	5,162	3,096	2,036	8,833	33,059	35,110	30,648	30,648
Waterville.....	39,234	17,514	12,252	9,727	4,178	3,082	3,135	8,497	10,936	32,196	28,860	47,567
Norway‡.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,462
Farmington‡.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,826
Millinocket‡.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,689
Dover-Foxcroft‡.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14,722
Fort Kent‡.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,083

\*Includes "waiting period" and "compensable" claims.  
 \*\*Ellsworth Office closed at end of 1938. Office reopened in September, 1945.  
 †Houlton Office reopened for claims-taking in 1942.  
 ††Machias Office opened for claims-taking October, 1947.  
 ‡These Offices closed December, 1938.

## Local Office UC Claims Load, 1938-1949

**TABLE VII**

Year	All UC Claims	UC Initial Claims	UC Continued Claims
1938 .....	899,106	120,708	778,398
1939 .....	760,736	104,037	656,699
1940 .....	784,258	104,726	679,532
1941 .....	312,726	56,457	256,269
1942 .....	196,398	33,816	162,582
1943 .....	73,661	14,627	59,034
1944 .....	56,063	14,304	41,759
1945 .....	178,751	30,895	147,856
1946 .....	451,524	49,590	401,934
1947 .....	459,030	64,546	394,484
1948 .....	539,841	93,713	446,128
1949 .....	995,206	143,043	852,161

Data include "UC" and "WSA" claims.

### Benefit Payments

The aggregate number of benefit checks issued during 1949, including supplemental and reissued checks, was 737,026, an increase of 92.8% over the previous year. The total amount paid out in benefits during 1949 was \$11,450,020.00, which reflects an increase of 108.6% over 1948, and an all-time high. The average weekly payment was \$15.53, as against \$14.36 for the calendar year 1948. Of the amount paid, 485 checks totalling \$6,319.00 were chargeable to Federal funds under the WSA Program.

A total of 66,888 claimants continued to file for their waiting period and one or more compensable claims. This number is equivalent to 88.1% of the number of claimants determined eligible by monetary determination during the year. This percentage compares closely with the corresponding percentage of 86.6% for the calendar year 1948. A total of 14,185 claimants exhausted their benefit rights during 1949, which number is equivalent to 18.7% of all claimants determined eligible during the year, and 21.2% of the number of claimants who received one or more payments. These exhaustion ratios are somewhat higher than those of the previous year, which were 16.3% and 19.3%, respectively.

## Benefit Payments Issued under UC Program, by Month, by Type of Unemployment, 1949\*

**TABLE VIII**

MONTH	All Payments		Type of Unemployment			
	No. of Payments	Amount	Total		Partial†	
			No. of Payments	Amount	No. of Payments	Amount
<b>TOTAL</b> . . . . .	737,026	\$11,450,020	655,309	\$10,479,180	81,717	\$970,840
<b>January</b> . . . . .	48,367	722,115	42,656	651,621	5,711	70,494
<b>February</b> . . . . .	52,202	801,979	47,750	748,444	4,452	53,535
<b>March</b> . . . . .	64,578	1,026,129	59,204	962,189	5,374	63,940
<b>April</b> . . . . .	46,208	732,366	42,861	691,006	3,347	41,360
<b>May</b> . . . . .	84,226	1,286,807	77,378	1,204,166	6,848	82,641
<b>June</b> . . . . .	80,953	1,256,973	69,563	1,114,378	11,390	142,595
<b>July</b> . . . . .	56,656	893,347	50,510	820,820	6,146	72,527
<b>August</b> . . . . .	75,266	1,228,740	68,052	1,145,161	7,214	83,579
<b>September</b> . . . . .	50,473	806,122	44,801	741,070	5,672	65,052
<b>October</b> . . . . .	39,099	629,699	34,299	571,900	4,800	57,799
<b>November</b> . . . . .	51,406	781,108	42,581	680,089	8,825	101,019
<b>December</b> . . . . .	87,592	1,284,635	75,654	1,148,336	11,938	136,299

\*Table includes payments issued under the War Shipping Administration Program as well as State UI payments.

†Supplementary payments for all types of unemployment are included in this category.

## Average Benefit Payment, by Year, 1938-1949

**TABLE IX**

Year	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	Average Payment
<b>1938</b> . . . . .	583,584	\$4,196,189	\$ 7.19
<b>1939</b> . . . . .	425,131	2,872,557	6.76
<b>1940</b> . . . . .	537,000	3,474,035	6.47
<b>1941</b> . . . . .	227,122	1,548,981	6.82
<b>1942</b> . . . . .	141,884	1,189,700	8.38
<b>1943</b> . . . . .	49,685	430,585	8.67
<b>1944</b> . . . . .	32,125	321,659	10.01
<b>1945</b> . . . . .	118,880	1,752,942	14.74
<b>1946</b> . . . . .	354,702	5,487,300	15.47
<b>1947</b> . . . . .	341,659	4,489,282	13.16
<b>1948</b> . . . . .	384,675	5,522,668	14.36
<b>1949</b> . . . . .	737,026	11,450,020	15.53

## **Interstate**

During the calendar year 1949 a total of 2,358 new initial Interstate claims were received by the Maine Agency as liable State. This reflects an increase of 98.2% over the previous year. During the same period 16,250 payments totalling \$263,685.00 were issued in payment of continued Interstate claims received by Maine as liable State. These figures reflect an increase of 140.8% and 172.5%, respectively, over the previous year.

The Interstate Arrangement Plan, which was entered into by the Commission with seventeen other state Agencies as of April 1, 1948, was discontinued during the year, and from July 1, 1949, it was in process of liquidation. Only 113 initial claims were received by Maine under this program during 1949, a decrease of 26.1% as compared with 1948.

However, the Maine Agency issued 1,574 benefit checks totalling \$32,664.00 to claimants filing continued claims in Maine under this program. This amount reflects an increase of 59.3% over the amount paid out by Maine under the Interstate Arrangement Plan during 1948.

## **War Shipping Administration**

The WSA Program was greatly curtailed during the calendar year 1949, with practically no activity subsequent to June 30th of that year. Under this program only 485 benefit checks were issued during 1949, as compared with 2,357 in the previous year, reflecting a decrease of 79.4%. The total amount of WSA benefit checks issued was \$7,575.00 as compared to \$34,819.00 in 1948, a decrease of 78.2%. Of the total amount paid, \$6,319.00 was from Federal funds and \$1,256.00 from the Unemployment Trust Fund.

**Initial WSA Claims Taken by Local Office, 1949**

**TABLE X**

<i>Local Office</i>	<i>Initial Claims Taken</i>
TOTAL.....	63
Augusta.....	3
Bangor.....	4
Bath.....	2
Biddeford.....	2
Calais.....	—
Caribou.....	—
Ellsworth.....	2
Houlton.....	—
Lewiston.....	1
Machias.....	1
Portland.....	41
Rockland.....	—
Rumford.....	—
Sanford.....	1
Skowhegan.....	2
Waterville.....	4

**Continued WSA Claims Taken by Local Office, 1949**

**TABLE XI**

<i>Local Office</i>	<i>Continued Claims Taken</i>
TOTAL.....	420
Augusta.....	1
Bangor.....	17
Bath.....	9
Biddeford.....	51
Calais.....	—
Caribou.....	14
Ellsworth.....	9
Houlton.....	—
Lewiston.....	11
Machias.....	4
Portland.....	274
Rockland.....	9
Rumford.....	—
Sanford.....	6
Skowhegan.....	—
Waterville.....	15



## Deputies' Decisions

A total number of 20,441 decisions, involving issues other than labor disputes, were rendered by claims deputies during the calendar year 1949, denoting an increase of 64.1% over the 12,457 deputies' decisions rendered during 1948. The ratio of deputies' decisions to eligible claimants was 26.9%, as compared with 28.1% for 1948. The number of decisions rendered in favor of claimants was 12,876, or 62.99%, while 7,565, or 37.01%, were rendered against the claimant. These ratios are practically identical with those of 1948.

**Table of Decisions by Type of Case**

**TABLE XII**

Type of Case	Total Number	% of Total	Allowed		Disallowed or Disqualified	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Voluntary Quit . . . . .	8207	40.15%	6558	79.91%	1649	20.09%
Misconduct . . . . .	2142	10.48%	1266	59.10%	876	40.90%
Refusal to Accept or Apply . . . . .	1428	6.99%	844	59.10%	584	40.90%
Able and Available . . . . .	7233	25.38%	3934	54.39%	3299	45.61%
Misstatement . . . . .	131	.64%	9	6.87%	122	93.13%
Other . . . . .	1300	6.36%	265	20.38%	1035	79.62%
All Cases . . . . .	20,441	100.00%	12,876	62.99%	7565	37.01%

The distribution of cases by type, as shown in the above table, reflects no significant departure from the pattern of previous years, with the exception of an approximate 50% reduction in the ratio of cases involving refusal to accept work, and an almost exact reversal in the percentages of allowances and disallowances for cases involving able and available.

The 3,109 deputies' decisions rendered which involved disqualification aggregated 11,780 weeks with a total reduction in available benefits in the amount of \$187,567.00. This amount exceeded by 27.9% the amount of reductions invoked in 1948. Debits set up as result of overpayments totalled \$39,455.20, an increase of 113.9% over the previous year. Recovery by offset of claims and/or reimbursement was made in a total amount of \$35,152.03, an increase of 155.95% over recovery for 1948. The ratio of recovery to overpayment was 89.09%, a substantial increase as compared to 74.48%

in the previous year. This increase in the recovery is due to augmented recovery efforts on the part of the Agency.

In addition to the deputies' decisions discussed above, there were 428 decisions rendered which involved the issue of labor disputes. Of these 142, or 33.02%, were decided in favor of the claimants, and 268, or 66.8%, were decided against the claimants.

### **Forgeries**

During the year thirty-one benefit checks, totalling \$546.75, were reissued following allegations that the endorsements thereon were forgeries. In these cases forgery was established through the splendid cooperation of the Department of State Police. Recovery was made with respect to the amounts involved prior to reissue of the checks in question.

### **Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances**

The SRA program became drastically curtailed after July 31, 1949, due to the fact that the period of entitlement expired at that time for approximately 85% of the Veterans who were filing claims. In spite of this fact, the aggregate SRA claim load for the calendar year of 1949 reached a total of 263,988, which reflects a 3.04% increase over that for 1948. A significant decrease was, however, noted in the receipt of new applications, the total for the year being only 3,870, a 27.1% decrease from 1948.

Weekly SRA payments increased by 10.2% from the 209,519 made the previous year, reaching a total of 230,896. The total amount of weekly SRA payments made was \$4,549,814.00, a 10.0% increase over the 1948 figure of \$4,135,224.00. It should be noted, however, that approximately 95% of the payments were made for weekly claims filed for the first seven months of the year.

Monthly claims for self-employment dropped off sharply. Only 1,622 such claims were paid during 1949, in a total amount of \$142,937.00, as against 2,918 claims for a total of \$263,704.00 during the previous year, reflecting decreases of 44.4% in number, and 45.8% in amount.

## Applications and Claims for Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances, by Local Office, by Type, 1949

**TABLE XIII**

Local Office	Applications for Entitlement	Claims for Unemployment Allowances		Claims for Self-Employment Allowances	
		Initial	Continued	New	Additional
TOTAL .....	3,870	23,565	235,059	208	1,286
Augusta .....	106	932	12,566	6	54
Bangor .....	695	3,388	35,511	3	139
Bath .....	167	1,052	12,447	32	143
Biddeford .....	313	1,833	18,567	19	66
Calais .....	43	472	5,290	—	42
Caribou .....	350	2,177	21,241	28	184
Ellsworth .....	140	550	7,804	24	151
Houlton .....	147	767	7,104	9	63
Lewiston .....	375	3,242	22,634	8	104
Machias .....	53	445	6,605	6	18
Portland .....	582	3,600	34,816	16	53
Rockland .....	140	962	11,521	3	48
Rumford .....	254	887	6,999	12	65
Sanford .....	168	781	10,101	6	17
Skowhegan .....	145	1,019	9,586	12	13
Waterville .....	192	1,458	12,267	24	126

## Allowances Paid Under SRA Program, by Month, by Type, 1949

**TABLE XIV**

MONTH	ALL PAYMENTS		UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCES				SELF-EMPLOYMENT	
	Number	Amount	Normal		Ill—Disabled		Number	Amount
			Number	Amount	Number	Amount		
TOTAL.....	232,518	\$4,692,751	229,462	\$4,521,134	1,434	\$28,680	1,622	\$142,937
January.....	26,312	528,277	26,077	513,880	96	1,920	139	12,477
February.....	31,032	624,892	30,675	603,758	146	2,920	211	18,214
March.....	38,853	785,562	38,371	757,182	210	4,200	272	24,180
April.....	38,177	766,861	37,803	746,549	190	3,800	184	16,512
May.....	30,008	605,371	29,535	581,128	252	5,040	221	19,203
June.....	25,146	506,593	24,763	486,240	200	4,000	183	16,353
July.....	20,431	415,796	20,078	395,411	162	3,240	191	17,145
August.....	11,471	238,089	11,202	220,900	90	1,800	179	15,389
September.....	3,362	67,187	3,323	65,607	27	540	12	1,040
October.....	1,933	38,697	1,905	37,425	15	300	13	972
November.....	2,392	47,833	2,362	46,487	19	380	11	966
December.....	3,401	67,593	3,368	66,567	27	540	6	486

## Deputies' Decisions--SRA

A total of 5,574 Deputies' Decisions on weekly Readjustment Allowance claims were recorded and tabulated in the Central office during the calendar year 1949. While this number reflects a 37.6% decrease in the number of decisions rendered in the previous year, and the ratio of deputies' decisions to the aggregate SRA claim load was only 2.11% as compared with 3.63% for 1948, and 2.70% for 1947. It should be noted that 95% of the decisions were rendered in the first eight months of the year. Therefore, this decrease does not reflect any diminution in effort on the part of local office deputies to police the program, but it is, rather, the result of the sharp decline in the SRA Program following July 1949.

**Table of 1949 Readjustment Allowance Decisions  
by Type of Case**

**TABLE XV**

Type of Case	Total Number	% of Total	Allowed		Disqualified or Disallowed	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Voluntary Quit . . . . .	1349	24.20%	915	67.83%	434	32.17%
Misconduct . . . . .	375	6.73%	225	60.00%	150	40.00%
Refusal to Accept or Apply . . . . .	456	8.18%	255	55.92%	201	44.08%
Able and Available . . . . .	2381	42.72%	1124	47.21%	1257	52.79%
Other . . . . .	1013	18.17%	5	.49%	1008	99.51%
All Cases . . . . .	5574	100.00%	2524	45.28%	3050	54.72%

The above table shows the distribution of SRA decisions by type of case and finding. The distribution closely follows the pattern of previous years with one exception in the increase of the percentage of cases covering "other" issues. We here find an increase of 18.17% from the 1948 figure of 3.06%. This increase is accounted for principally by cases involving the receiving of remuneration for recognized vacation periods.

During 1949, there were a total of 74 decisions rendered in the Central office with respect to monthly claims filed by self-employed veterans. Of these, a total of 69, or 93.24% were disallowed as not fully meeting the Veterans Administration's requirements for self-employed benefits.

During the same period SRA debits were set up totalling \$59,650.00. Recovery was made in the amount of \$29,132.53.

## Claims Load by Local Office, 1949

**TABLE XVI**

Local Office	Total Claims Taken		UC and WSA Claims Taken*		SRA Applications and Claims Taken	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
TOTAL.....	1,259,194	100.0	995,206	100.0	263,988	100.0
Augusta.....	65,409	5.2	51,745	5.2	13,664	5.2
Bangor.....	131,034	10.1	91,298	9.2	39,736	15.0
Bath.....	58,345	4.6	44,504	4.5	13,841	5.2
Biddeford.....	121,049	9.6	100,251	10.1	20,798	7.9
Calais.....	56,756	4.5	50,909	5.1	5,847	2.2
Caribou.....	59,239	4.7	35,259	3.5	23,980	9.1
Ellsworth.....	30,087	2.1	21,418	2.2	8,669	3.3
Houlton.....	16,670	1.3	8,580	0.9	8,090	3.1
Lewiston.....	185,261	14.7	158,898	16.0	26,363	10.0
Machias.....	51,041	4.1	43,914	4.4	7,127	2.7
Portland.....	194,619	15.5	155,552	15.6	39,067	14.8
Rockland.....	67,655	5.4	54,981	5.5	12,674	4.8
Rumford.....	32,702	2.6	24,485	2.5	8,217	3.1
Sanford.....	77,011	6.1	65,938	6.6	11,073	4.2
Skowhegan.....	52,110	4.1	41,335	4.1	10,775	4.1
Waterville.....	60,206	4.8	46,139	4.6	14,067	5.3

\*Includes 483 WSA Claims.

## Summary of Gross Benefit Payments in 1949\*

**TABLE XVII**

MONTH	TOTAL		UC PAYMENTS		WSA PAYMENTS		SRA PAYMENTS	
	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments†	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments†	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments
TOTAL.....	969,544	\$16,142,771	736,541	\$11,443,701	485	\$6,319	232,518	\$4,692,751
January.....	74,679	1,250,392	48,256	720,464	111	1,651	26,312	528,277
February.....	83,234	1,426,871	52,082	800,420	120	1,559	31,032	624,892
March.....	103,431	1,811,691	64,399	1,023,764	179	2,365	38,853	785,562
April.....	84,385	1,499,227	46,161	731,725	47	641	38,177	766,861
May.....	114,234	1,892,178	84,222	1,286,805	4	2	30,008	605,371
June.....	106,099	1,763,566	80,944	1,256,945	9	28	25,146	506,593
July.....	77,087	1,309,143	56,652	893,345	4	2	20,431	415,796
August.....	86,737	1,466,829	75,262	1,228,732	4	8	11,471	238,089
September.....	53,835	873,309	50,473	806,122	—	—	3,362	67,187
October.....	41,032	668,396	39,099	629,699	—	—	1,933	38,697
November.....	53,798	828,941	51,399	781,045	7	63	2,392	47,833
December.....	90,993	1,352,228	87,592	1,284,635	—	—	3,401	67,593

\*All benefit checks issued, including supplemental and reissued checks, are summarized in this table.

†The amounts of UC funds paid to claimants determined eligible under the WSA program are included under the column "UC Payments."

## **Appeal Tribunal**

### *UC Cases*

During the year the Appeal Tribunal disposed of 1,581 cases, 456 being dismissed because of withdrawal or non-appearance, and 1,125 by formal decision. Of the 1,125 decisions rendered 729 affirmed or modified a prior deputy's decision, and 396 reversed a prior deputy's decision. The Appeal Tribunal also heard 187 cases for other States. There were 911 cases pending at the end of the year, 783 of these being considered as a group involving the issue of payment of benefits during a vacation period.

### *Fraud Cases*

The Appeal Tribunal had a total of 24 potential fraud cases during the year, fraud was found in 15 cases, insufficient proof of fraud was found in 1 case, and 8 cases were pending at the end of the year.

### *SRA Cases*

There were 80 SRA cases dismissed for non-appearance or withdrawal during 1949, formal decisions were rendered in 572 cases, leaving 26 cases pending at the end of the year.

## **Commission Appeals**

The Commission dismissed 4 UC cases during the year and 68 decisions were rendered, of this number 59 affirmed or modified a prior decision of the Appeal Tribunal and 9 reversed a prior Appeal Tribunal decision.





Employment Section--Portland Office

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### Placement Service

#### *Non-Agricultural*

The leveling-off or downward trend in industrial activity which began during 1948 and continued through 1949 had a direct influence on the local office placement program during the past year. The number of job openings made known to the service by employers, or "orders" for workers as such openings are commonly called, totalled 55,764 during the year, or 23½% less than the orders received from employers during the previous year. With the continued easing of the labor market, employers specifications became more stringent and exacting. It became necessary, therefore, to screen a larger number of registered applicants to meet employer specifications. A total of 52,703 workers were referred against the number of orders stated above, of which 32,734 applicants were accepted on the part of employers and placed in gainful employment. Another confirming indicator of an existing loose labor market was found in the comparison of new applications to placements. New applications exceeded placements by 34% during the year, which was just the converse of the situation in the previous year when placements exceeded new registrations by 16%. Careful selection, however, resulted in maintaining the same favorable ratio reached during the previous year of one applicant placed for every 1.6 applicant referred.

On a comparative basis, there was a slight increase in the number of inter-area referrals and a slight decrease in the number of inter-area placements.

There were only twenty applicants who left the State through clearance referrals in 1949. This was the smallest number over a period of several years' time.

Local office placement interviewers made 14,486 visits to 12,095 different employers during the year for the purpose of ascertaining employment demands and developing placement opportunities. This phase of local office operations is a vital link in the service liaison between unemployed applicants and the employers who are in need of workers. It is the Agency's intention to develop firm visiting to the highest degree possible.

## Summary of Job Placements in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1949\*

TABLE XVIII

INDUSTRY	Total Place- ments	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS .....	32,734	758	4,190	1,258	866	2,153	1,031	1,247	1,446	3,218	2,186	7,667	3,224	1,538	421	862	669
Forestry and Fishing .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mining and Quarrying .....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Contract Construction .....	2,972	240	347	394	63	49	104	63	150	389	53	345	151	187	114	98	225
Total Manufacturing .....	18,349	194	1,877	623	517	1,883	766	949	913	1,777	2,096	2,603	2,174	906	183	651	237
Food and Kindred Products .....	9,215	6	339	303	1	1,277	11	866	719	148	1,762	2,173	1,543	2	2	46	17
Textile Mill Products .....	1,150	41	13	26	384	3	0	0	0	451	11	43	46	0	61	3	68
Apparel and Related Products .....	276	0	0	2	0	0	57	17	0	1	0	40	130	0	0	0	29
Lumber and Wood Products .....	4,231	11	1,211	54	44	559	359	53	157	76	318	104	35	552	68	522	108
Furniture and Fixtures .....	292	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	0	238	0	27	0
Paper and Allied Products .....	462	13	16	0	0	42	259	0	1	3	0	35	0	85	0	0	9
Printing, Publishing & Allied Prod .....	53	2	7	1	0	2	0	2	1	21	1	12	0	4	0	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products .....	105	0	4	0	0	0	45	0	28	0	1	9	19	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products .....	1,783	121	203	5	81	0	0	0	0	1,054	0	73	140	1	52	52	1
Stone, Clay and Glass Products .....	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	142	0	0	0	1
Primary Metal Industries .....	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products .....	113	0	1	28	0	0	35	0	1	2	0	46	0	0	0	0	1
Machinery (excluding electrical) .....	104	0	74	0	5	0	0	0	1	9	0	14	1	0	0	0	0
Electrical Machinery .....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Equipment .....	278	0	7	195	0	0	0	9	3	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0
Instruments .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing .....	115	0	2	9	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	17	55	24	0	0	3
Interstate Railroads .....	170	6	61	6	61	0	16	0	0	6	0	2	8	2	0	0	2
Other Public Utilities .....	4,140	11	63	8	7	34	2	91	27	27	2	278	585	6	0	23	3
Wholesale and Retail Trade .....	4,272	151	765	73	77	60	68	102	185	470	9	1,769	215	178	39	17	94
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate .....	248	12	30	1	13	4	4	2	5	13	0	153	8	1	0	0	2
Service (excluding private households) .....	2,834	83	501	69	66	55	21	59	70	258	15	1,252	26	173	54	44	88
Private Households .....	2,244	48	497	47	47	62	39	28	24	216	6	1,076	35	54	29	23	13
Regular Governmental Establishments .....	442	10	48	37	6	6	10	6	7	61	5	187	22	25	1	6	5
Special Government Projects .....	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified .....	48	0	0	0	9	0	1	37	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*This table includes Local and Inter-office Clearance Placements made in nonagricultural industries.

**Nonagricultural Placements Made, by Local Office,  
by Major Occupational Group, 1949\***

**TABLE XIX**

Local Office	Total Placements	MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP					
		Profes- sional and Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Skilled	Semi- Skilled	Unskilled and Other
TOTAL.....	32,734	98	2,764	5,509	2,054	5,719	16,590
Augusta.....	758	3	104	99	153	52	347
Bangor.....	4,190	28	454	1,134	274	1,213	1,087
Bath.....	1,258	5	43	102	152	148	808
Biddeford.....	866	4	64	106	72	111	509
Calais.....	2,153	6	49	114	34	288	1,662
Caribou.....	1,031	3	31	56	59	704	178
Ellsworth.....	1,247	0	31	86	36	53	1,041
Houlton.....	1,446	8	143	104	74	205	912
Lewiston.....	3,218	7	333	523	536	830	989
Machias.....	2,186	1	12	9	18	270	1,876
Portland.....	7,667	20	1,185	2,663	266	433	3,100
Rockland.....	3,224	6	50	54	163	246	2,705
Rumford.....	1,538	4	139	246	74	365	710
Sanford.....	421	0	17	63	20	135	186
Skowhegan.....	862	1	47	58	50	527	179
Waterville.....	669	2	62	92	73	139	301

\*Includes "Local" and "Inter-Office" placements.

*Agricultural*

During the year 1949, the Commission completed the second year of post-war operation of the Farm Placement Program. The accomplishments during the past year extend far beyond the realm of cold statistical tabulations covering selected activities in agriculture. However, these statistics show that in 1949 State-wide activity in agricultural employer visits, referral, and placements substantially exceeded our 1948 record. However, the most important accomplishment was the growth of community acceptance accorded the Maine Employment Security Commission Farm Program. Not only did more employers and workers utilize the service, but many agencies, organizations and individuals gave freely of their time and services to the problems of the moment. For their invaluable assistance, we extend our sincere appreciation.

While recruitment and placement of agricultural workers continues in all local offices on a year-round basis, the greatest demand for recruitment assistance is made by seasonal agricultural activity and food processing, such as:

1. Harvesting of food processing crops
2. Food processing, i. e.: vining, canning, quick freezing vegetables and small fruits

3. Cultivating and harvesting market garden crops
4. Apple picking
5. Harvesting and storing potatoes

It was necessary to supplement the regular local office staffs of eight central and southern Maine offices through the utilization of seasonal employees. Nine temporary Farm Placement Representatives were assigned to eight local offices, together with two extra clerical workers. These staff members, drawn largely from the ranks of teachers of agriculture in secondary schools, were employed on a part-time basis during the months of May and June, and as the season progressed, in early July were placed on a full-time basis until the harvest peak had passed.

#### *Harvesting of Food Processing Crops*

This activity required a labor force of more than 14,000 workers during the August peak of operations. Actually, nearly 20,000 different individuals were recruited, assigned and re-assigned at various times during the months of July, August and September. Since adult labor has never been available in sufficient numbers to harvest these crops, special programs have been developed to utilize youth labor, comprised of boys and girls of school age, organized into crews under adult supervision, who are transported daily from urban centers to the location of the work and back to their homes at the end of the day. Experience has proven that these boys and girls, working a maximum of six hours each day, can perform successfully many lighter tasks connected with agriculture, and especially those jobs which involve "stoop labor."

Several local offices conducted contests sponsored by local growers, to stimulate interest in farm work. For the first time a State-wide bean picking contest was held during the past season. Cash prizes for the winners in the boys and girls division were donated by the Maine Cannery Association, with consolation prizes to other contestants.

#### *Food Processing Activities, Including Vining, Canning and Quick Freezing Vegetables and Small Fruits*

Active recruitment was conducted to assure the canning and quick freezing of Maine vegetables and small fruits. More than 6,600 workers were required to satisfactorily staff seasonal canning and freezing plants located in all parts of the State. Although

good yields in most areas resulted in an increased demand for canning labor, recruitment was only necessary from local sources of labor supply, as a leveling-off of industrial activity made more workers available to this industry.

#### *Cultivating and Harvesting Market Garden Crops*

Severe drought conditions in southern Maine seriously affected the production of market garden crops. However, where irrigation was available, substantial yields were reported. The bulk of the labor force of 1,000 workers recruited by our local offices were youngsters of high school age working in groups under adult supervision.

#### *Apple Picking*

Since most orchards were able to secure an adequate supply of local labor, local offices were not called upon to conduct any extensive recruitment. Consequently, our activity during the 1949 season was limited to filling openings upon short notice in growers crews and securing extra workers for weekend employment.



Strawberries are in Season



**Hay Harvesting Time in Maine**



**Day Haul Group Cultivating Squash**





**Blueberry Harvest--The Fruits of His Labor**



**Weighing Market Peas**



Prizes are Awarded State Champions

### *Harvesting and Storing Potatoes*

The 1949 Aroostook potato harvest required a labor force of more than 35,000 workers. Since 22,000 workers were available within Aroostook County, the net labor deficit to be secured from outside sources totalled 13,000 workers. This army of harvest hands were for the most part recruited by our local offices, and cooperating agencies in other states in New England. Local offices made 10,295 placements during the September and October harvest period. One thousand eight hundred thirty-three workers were secured through the assistance of other New England Employment Security Agencies.

Continued unemployment in a variety of down-state and southern New England industries made it possible to recruit a much larger number of workers for the potato harvest than had been possible during the previous season.

### *Facilitating Services, Potato Harvest Program*

To effectively carry out the distribution of migrant labor during the potato harvest, twelve temporary Employment Offices were established to supplement the Caribou and Houlton local offices. A Farm Placement Specialist and 25 temporary workers were employed for the period starting August 1 and continuing until the end of the harvest. More than 1,000 growers placed orders for approximately 6,000 out-of-area workers with the Aroostook County offices prior to the start of the harvest season. Many more employer orders were received during the actual harvest period.

Information Stations were established at Macwahoc on Route U. S. #2 and at North Amity on Route U. S. #1 to channel these workers to sections in Aroostook County where labor was urgently needed. Actual tabulations made at Information Stations indicated that 3,296 workers utilized these facilities. The drawing power of the Aroostook harvest is evidenced by the fact that migrant workers from 19 states outside of Maine registered at these Information Stations.



**Potato Picking--Hard but profitable work**

### **Itinerant Service**

In order that applicants who reside at and are customarily employed in towns at some distance from locations where permanent offices are maintained may have the full benefit of the service without undue hardship or expense, itinerant service is maintained. Employees who are fully trained in all aspects of the service rendered by the Commission, including registration, placement and benefit entitlement, visit the itinerant points on a regular bi-weekly schedule. According to the season of the year and carefully weighed against the point of diminishing returns, approximately 104 regular itinerant stations are maintained, usually located through the assistance of local public officials in a public building or office. An indication of the scope of itinerant service coverage is shown by the fact that out of a total of 1,259,194 claims taken during the year, 440,878 claims, or 35 per cent were taken at the itinerant points.

### **Service to Veterans**

During the year 41½% of all male applicants placed were veterans, or a total of 7,760 non-agricultural jobs were filled by ex-service-men. Of that number, 185 were placed through inter-area clearance service. New applications received from veterans during the

year totalled 8,529, of which 326 were taken on behalf of veterans with a physical handicap. On verifying veteran placements, it was found that 551 were veterans handicapped by physical disabilities.

There were very few instances where it was necessary to furnish information in regard to veterans reemployment rights under the Selective Service Act. However, procedures are established to move such cases promptly through cooperation with the State Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Summary of Placements of Veterans in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1949\*

**TABLE XX**

INDUSTRY	Total Veterans Placements	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
<b>TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS</b> .....	7,760	273	833	502	251	420	333	181	427	763	414	1,792	641	313	118	270	229
Forestry and Fishing .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining and Quarrying .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Construction .....	1,531	134	171	243	33	28	44	19	88	145	34	225	77	80	46	50	114
Total Manufacturing:	3,445	44	283	170	129	321	229	107	234	338	365	486	279	164	34	198	64
Food and Kindred Products .....	1,180	3	48	32	1	105	5	66	153	29	173	375	161	1	2	19	7
Textile Mill Products .....	282	10	1	14	105	1	0	0	0	90	9	6	10	0	13	2	21
Apparel and Related Products .....	56	0	0	0	6	0	28	18	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Lumber and Wood Products .....	1,138	3	150	17	14	194	114	17	68	26	180	38	8	124	17	137	31
Furniture and Fixtures .....	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	18	0	11	0
Paper and Allied Products .....	107	4	4	0	0	20	42	0	0	0	0	17	0	18	0	0	2
Printing, Publishing and Allied Prod.	12	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products .....	36	0	2	0	0	0	13	0	9	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products .....	296	23	34	0	1	0	0	0	0	174	0	12	19	1	2	29	1
Stone, Clay and Glass Products .....	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	48	0	0	0	0
Primary Metal Industries .....	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products .....	51	0	1	9	0	0	27	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Machinery (excluding electrical) .....	53	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Machinery .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Equipment .....	121	0	2	96	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing .....	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	7	0	0	0	2
Interstate Railroads .....	86	5	22	4	41	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	3	2	0	0	2
Other Public Utilities .....	478	4	35	6	2	18	1	4	31	15	0	131	219	4	0	7	1
Wholesale and Retail Trade .....	1,054	55	185	35	14	17	39	11	44	132	1	415	36	27	7	9	27
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate .....	38	2	7	1	6	1	0	0	2	1	0	17	0	1	0	0	0
Service (excluding private households) .....	712	20	89	21	21	20	10	10	22	76	12	329	11	20	27	4	20
Private Households .....	113	5	16	4	1	13	3	7	4	4	1	36	11	3	4	1	0
Regular Government Establishments .....	277	4	25	18	1	2	4	4	1	49	1	151	5	10	0	1	1
Special Government Projects .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified .....	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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\*This table includes Local and Inter-office Clearance Placements made in nonagricultural industries.

**Summary of Services Relating to Veterans,  
by Local Office, 1949**

**TABLE XXI**

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO VETERANS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Referrals*	Nonagricultural Placements*	Counseling Interviews
TOTAL.....	8,529	13,562	7,760	2,228
Augusta.....	486	408	273	125
Bangor.....	1,249	1,298	833	149
Bath.....	343	743	502	33
Biddeford.....	582	305	251	25
Calais.....	156	954	420	20
Caribou.....	551	625	333	18
Ellsworth.....	213	398	181	54
Houlton.....	220	525	427	12
Lewiston.....	1,391	1,354	763	346
Machias.....	76	555	414	27
Portland.....	1,411	3,741	1,792	1,228
Rockland.....	257	778	641	24
Rumford.....	509	633	313	15
Sanford.....	309	250	118	63
Skowhegan.....	478	675	270	26
Waterville.....	298	320	229	63

\*Includes "Local" and "Inter-Office" activities.

### Employment Counseling

Continued emphasis has been placed on employment counseling. Interviewers trained in counseling techniques especially designed to develop an occupational plan for an applicant by revealing present and potential qualifications, held 4,695 interviews with 1,394 different applicants. Of the latter number, 613 were veterans with whom 1,613 follow-up interviews were subsequently held.

Of all the new applications taken during the year, there were 794 which were on behalf of persons with physical disabilities. Experience has shown that counseling interviews are required for those applicants who are less fortunate in having some form of physical handicap. This represents 1.8% of all new applications and it is the lowest number in that particular category for covering several years' experience.

A close working relationship was carried on with the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the State Department of Education, to assist applicants who require medical, surgical or psychiatric services. Some cases require prosthetic devices, vocational guidance or aptitude tests which the Department of Education provides. During the year 95 applicants were referred to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for some form of assistance pursuant to occupational readjustment.

## Summary of Services Relating to Handicapped Persons, by Local Office, 1949

**TABLE XXII**

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Referrals	Nonagricultural Placements	Initial Counseling Interviews
TOTAL.....	794	1392	880	701
Augusta.....	81	60	33	64
Bangor.....	48	141	122	27
Bath.....	30	67	56	23
Biddeford.....	31	8	6	8
Calais.....	10	31	19	9
Caribou.....	18	21	15	11
Ellsworth.....	33	65	31	26
Houlton.....	3	1	1	0
Lewiston.....	225	256	168	61
Machias.....	17	3	3	8
Portland.....	126	587	299	393
Rockland.....	17	72	72	15
Rumford.....	47	19	13	9
Sanford.....	15	7	5	21
Skowhegan.....	71	40	28	15
Waterville.....	22	14	9	11

### Industrial Services

Four hundred ninety-two individuals were given general aptitude test batteries to determine particular aptitudes and potential skills pursuant to referral.

The development of specific job analyses was carried on throughout the year by local offices in order to better acquaint interviewers with the requirements of various jobs.





**Job Analysis**

## Summary of Basic Local Office Work Load Activities, by Office, 1949\*

**TABLE XXIII**

Local Office	Visits to Local Office	New Applications for Work	Subsequent Application Interviews	Selection Interviews	Local Referrals		Local Placements		Inter-office Clearance Referrals		Inter-Office Clearance Placem'ts		Counseling Interviews	Employer Visits	Nonagricultural Job Openings Received
					Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural			
TOTAL . . . . .	1,320,533	43,294	71,853	96,128	51,373	110,598	32,101	105,553	1,330	3,962	633	2,378	4,695	19,187	55,764
Augusta . . . . .	60,891	2,475	4,562	5,196	1,120	14,468	756	14,448	23	135	2	0	254	841	1,159
Bangor . . . . .	122,088	5,568	4,637	10,986	5,747	23,234	4,182	23,169	199	1,042	8	0	682	1,390	5,467
Bath . . . . .	50,371	1,550	4,336	3,716	1,826	4,754	1,239	4,742	26	217	19	0	61	1,025	1,570
Biddeford . . . . .	119,088	4,164	4,602	4,606	1,045	4,326	796	325	14	321	70	38	36	491	1,051
Calais . . . . .	43,629	1,016	2,455	2,943	3,371	3,630	2,034	3,012	83	531	119	0	26	1,207	2,792
Caribou . . . . .	63,309	2,018	3,916	4,688	1,708	4,969	982	2,894	214	1	49	1,705	30	767	3,070
Ellsworth . . . . .	22,976	919	774	1,296	1,728	1,793	1,188	1,770	41	151	59	398	101	432	1,547
Houlton . . . . .	36,864	802	314	2,809	1,704	4,642	1,446	4,047	3	0	0	223	21	1,384	1,820
Lewiston . . . . .	211,641	7,672	9,888	19,169	5,315	9,050	3,186	8,939	308	169	32	0	857	2,193	4,739
Machias . . . . .	34,438	750	321	1,483	2,740	4,269	2,186	4,190	6	250	0	0	33	1,153	2,853
Portland . . . . .	307,895	7,603	19,446	27,082	15,732	6,800	7,610	6,663	224	621	57	0	2,206	4,046	9,108
Rockland . . . . .	58,798	1,456	2,763	2,749	3,637	1,990	3,214	1,938	2	104	10	1	52	464	4,245
Rumford . . . . .	29,213	1,827	2,037	2,581	2,246	16,886	1,497	16,540	46	78	41	13	44	1,385	2,355
Sanford . . . . .	55,365	1,867	5,114	3,283	904	803	421	738	53	60	0	0	104	559	734
Skowhegan . . . . .	40,476	1,711	1,920	1,889	1,591	7,992	703	7,922	80	191	159	0	68	702	12,220
Waterville . . . . .	63,491	1,896	4,768	1,652	959	4,992	661	4,216	8	91	8	0	120	1,148	1,034

\*Excludes claims taking activities which are summarized in table