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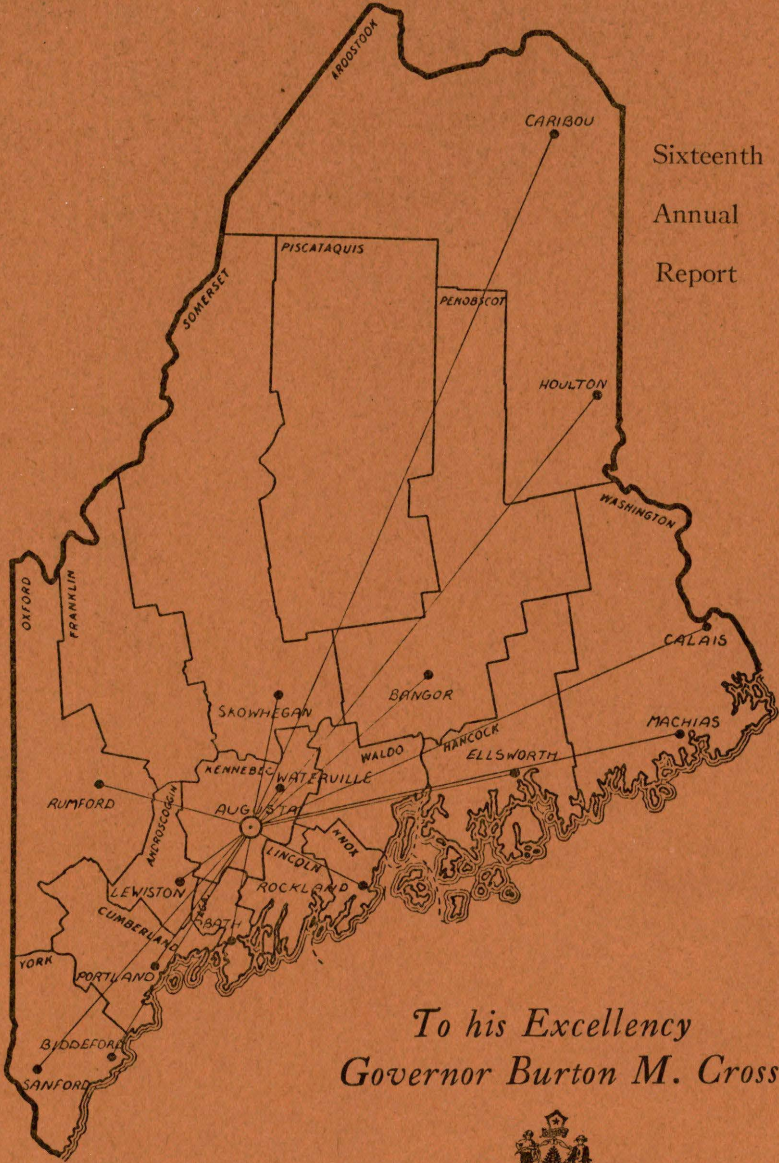
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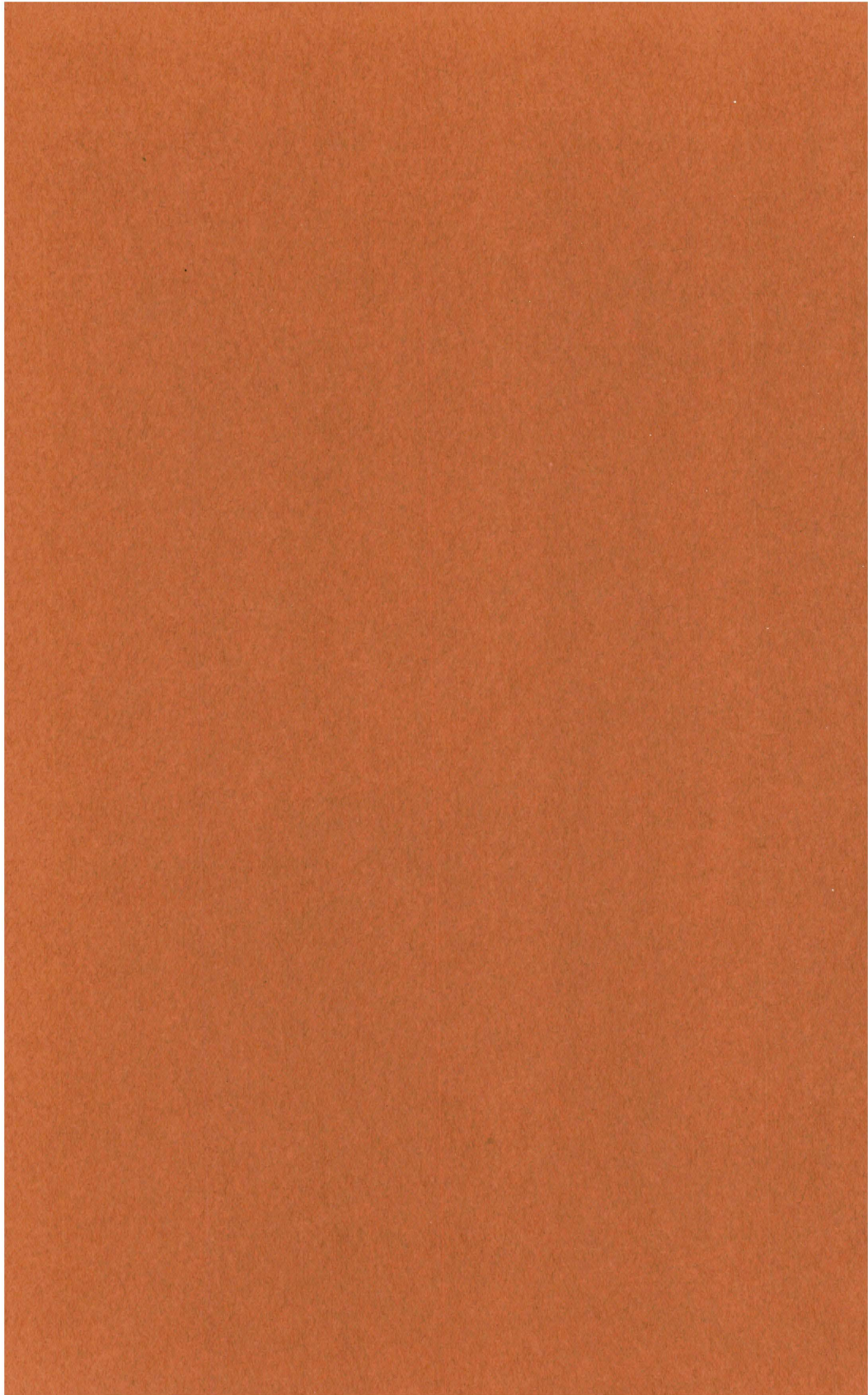
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*To his Excellency
Governor Burton M. Cross*



MAY 1, 1953



SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

**Maine Employment
Security Commission**

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His Excellency

Governor Burton M. Cross



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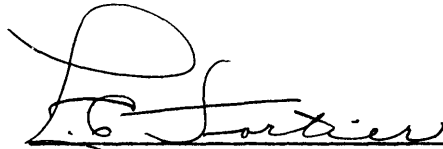
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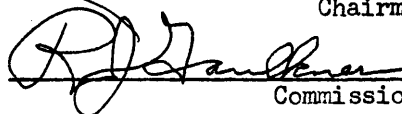
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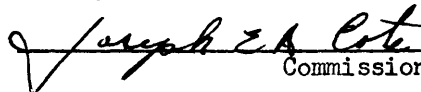
Dear Governor Cross:

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 1952.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman.


Commissioner.


Commissioner.

In Memory Of
Charles E. Fortin
Commissioner

Maine Employment Security Commission

June 25, 1937 to July 24, 1952

Died July 24, 1952

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INTRODUCTION

The Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance program had dwindled to an insignificant trickle of applications and payments by the beginning of 1952. On April 7, 1952, the bulk of the permanent records involved in the program were shipped to the Veterans Administration for storage. As of June 30, 1952, the Commission ceased to make any further payments under the program, and the small balance of the permanent records were thereafter likewise turned over to the Veterans Administration. During 1952, up to the termination of the Commission's part in the program on June 30, only 18 new applications for allowances were received, and only 223 weekly claims were paid in a total amount of \$4,307.00. The curtailed scope of the program for this six-month period does not lend itself to significant comparison with prior years. However, the SRA program as administered by the Commission from October 1944 through June 1952 can in no way be said to have been insignificant. During that period the Commission paid out \$25,239,479.00 to 56,788 unemployed veterans, and \$1,614,285.00 to 2,419 self-employed veterans, or a grand total of \$26,853,764.00.

Under the provisions of Title IV of Public Law 550 of the 82nd Congress, known as the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, qualified veterans with active service on and after June 27, 1950, became basically entitled to unemployment compensation at the rate of \$26.00 per week for 26 weeks. The Act places responsibility for administering Title IV with the United States Department of Labor, with authority to delegate such administration to the various state employment security agencies. In October 1952, the Commission entered into formal agreement with the Department of Labor to administer the so-called UCV program for and in the State of Maine, benefit payments to be made from Federal funds advanced to the Commission.

Effective May 1, 1952, the Commission amended its Regulation increasing the cash value of board and lodging for taxable purposes.

The Commission, upon request of one employing unit, granted a hearing and determined that liability existed under the Law. Eighteen cases of alleged labor disputes were referred to the Commission and in 17 cases it was found that a stoppage of work existed due to a labor dispute and in 1 case there was no stoppage of work.

Delinquent employer accounts collected by the Legal Department amounted to \$40,802.15 which is an increase of approximately \$4,500

over last year. There are 64 cases pending in Kennebec Superior Court and 2 in Aroostook County. One bill in equity has been disposed of with a judgment in favor of the Commission. There is one case pending against the Commission.

Numerous requests were received by the Commission for reports analyzing labor market conditions and developments in various Maine communities. Reports of this type, pertaining to the larger industrialized areas in the State, were furnished periodically to federal defense agencies for use in national defense production planning and defense contract award purposes. On the basis of such analyses, two areas—Lewiston and Biddeford—were designated during a part of the year as areas for which special consideration was to be given by government procurement agencies in the awarding of production contracts. Area labor force composition studies were also undertaken for prospective employers seeking suitable locations for manufacturing plants and for civic groups interested in promoting local industrial expansions. Information regarding state-wide labor market trends continued to be published in our bimonthly Newsletter which gained widespread acceptance among employers, labor groups, civic organizations, and research concerns.

A long-range research project, designed for the purpose of appraising the adequacy of benefits duration provisions of the Law, was carried into its second year. Information was obtained by mail questionnaires from individual claimants regarding their labor market attachment and job-seeking experience following the exhaustion of benefit rights for the benefit year, April 1, 1951, to March 31, 1952. Returned questionnaires were edited and the data furnished were summarized for eventual consolidation with comparable information applicable to other benefit years.

A contractual agreement with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, under which current nonagricultural employment, average earnings, and average hours of work data are assembled and published on a cooperative basis, was continued in 1952. Separate statistical series are maintained for the State as a whole and for the Portland Metropolitan and Lewiston-Auburn areas. The series for the latter area were added to the project during the year.

The Commission was granted authority to charge-off as uncollectible employer delinquencies of contributions and interest amounting to \$17,718.18, and overpayments of benefits amounting to \$5,324.95.

During 1952 the Informational Unit prepared press and radio releases, posters, and pamphlets for distribution to unemployed individuals. Several movies were shown throughout the year to labor groups, service clubs, and other civic groups in an attempt to promote public relations and assist in recruitment of workers. Promotional material was distributed on Employment of the Physically Handicapped and an Essay Contest was held in Maine schools.

The Standards, Methods, and Planning Unit inaugurated an over-all evaluation program to assure adequacy of performance and ascertain which programs needed intensive training. Studies were conducted on the use of newer types of equipment in a search for improved methods of operating.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The following statements reflect in summary form the activities within the Administrative Fund accounts for 1952.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND Cash Receipts and Disbursements Calendar Year 1952

Cash Balance—December 31, 1951	\$ 70,932.50
Federal Grants:	
U. S. Department of Labor	\$1,086,917.00
Bureau of Labor Statistics	4,339.00
Miscellaneous Cash Receipts	428.94
	1,091,684.94
Total Cash Receipts	\$1,162,617.44
Cash Disbursements:	
Calendar Year 1949 Encumbrances	480.20
Calendar Year 1950 Encumbrances	55.00
Calendar Year 1951 Encumbrances	12,911.44
Calendar Year 1952 Encumbrances	1,044,201.44
Refund of Unused Portion Veterans' Grants	6,926.22
	1,064,574.30
Total Cash Disbursements	1,064,574.30
Cash Balance—December 31, 1952	\$ 98,043.14

Operating Statement Calendar Year 1952

	U. S. Dept. of Labor	Bureau of Labor Statistics	U. S. Veterans Admin.	Total
Administrative Funds				
Approved for 1952 . . .	\$1,046,426.00	\$4,339.00	\$3,208.16	\$1,053,973.66
Encumbrances:				
Personal Services	810,519.08	4,339.00	2,492.97	817,351.05
Consumable Supplies	26,915.03		116.93	27,031.96
Communications	15,338.65			15,338.65
Travel	40,694.45		.10	40,694.55
Printing & Binding	2,570.20			2,570.20
Light & Water	5,468.60			5,468.60
Rent of Premises	45,086.04			45,086.04
Rent of Equipment	10,385.00			10,385.00
Repairs & Alterations	3,459.17			3,459.17
Other Expense	67,832.68		598.66	*68,431.34
Equipment Purchases	13,138.83			13,138.83
Total Encumbrances	\$1,041,407.73	\$4,339.00	\$3,208.66	\$1,048,955.39
Unencumbered Balance for Calendar Year 1952 . . .	\$ 5,018.27			\$ 5,018.27

*Includes \$64,172.15 paid to Maine State Employees Retirement System to cover this Agency's portion of Contributions and Expense for Calendar Year 1952.

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1952

Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 98,043.14
Balance Due on 1953 Fiscal year Grants	<u>427,931.00</u>
Total Assets	\$525,974.14

Liabilities

Unliquidated Encumbrances:	
Fiscal Year 1952-53	<u>\$4,753.95</u>
Total Liabilities	\$4,753.95

Reserves

Unencumbered Allotments:	
Fiscal Year 1952-53	\$520,281.25
Fiscal Year 1951-52	705.05
Fiscal Year 1950-51	232.93
Fiscal Year 1948-49	<u>.96</u>
Total Reserves	<u>\$521,220.19</u>
Total Liabilities and Reserves	<u>\$525,974.14</u>

**Statement of Net Tax Received from Employers and Benefit Payments
to Unemployed Claimants for the Years 1936 through 1952
as of December 31, 1952**

Employer Contributions—1936 . . .	\$1,176,323.33	
1937 . . .	2,675,022.97	
1938 . . .	3,606,186.17	
1939 . . .	3,926,654.84	
1940 . . .	4,032,280.47	
1941 . . .	5,512,401.74	
1942 . . .	8,113,643.49	
1943 . . .	8,916,644.49	
1944 . . .	7,577,292.01	
1945 . . .	6,310,698.75	
1946 . . .	6,319,945.74	
1947 . . .	6,390,186.33	
1948 . . .	6,462,746.97	
1949 . . .	6,136,692.69	
1950 . . .	6,483,964.00	
1951 . . .	7,236,514.45	
1952 . . .	5,732,282.67	
Total Employer Contributions		\$96,609,481.11
Interest on Trust Fund		7,725,688.78
Interest and Penalty on Employer Accounts		104,097.97
Benefit Fines Received		2,315.60
		<u>\$104,441,583.46</u>
Net Benefits Paid—1938	\$4,196,189.40	
1939	2,872,556.89	
1940	3,470,158.72	
1941	1,543,387.24	
1942	1,182,664.40	
1943	427,997.72	
1944	320,601.05	
1945	1,750,348.94	
1946	5,479,662.84	
1947	4,467,312.45	
1948	5,482,189.64	
1949	11,392,398.71	
1950	9,098,146.75	
1951	5,558,694.08	
1952	5,325,511.17	
Net Benefits Paid		\$62,567,820.00
Administrative Expense		2,373.60
		<u>\$62,570,193.60</u>
Cash Balance—December 31, 1952		<u>\$41,871,389.86</u>
Special Administrative Expense Account	\$ 3,483.90	
Clearing Account	4,196.05	
Trust Fund	41,802,223.44	
Benefit Account	84,761.97	
		<u>\$41,894,665.36</u>
Less: U.C.V. Advance		23,275.50
Cash Balance—December 31, 1952		<u>\$41,871,389.86</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACTIVITIES

During the year the Field Representatives made 6,808 calls on employers and employing units for the purpose of making audits, determining liability, collecting delinquent contributions and reports, and furnishing information relative to the provisions of the Law.

In auditing employer accounts it was found that 95 employers had failed to report taxable wages on which additional contributions were due in the amount of \$13,074.91. It was also found that 144 employers had overpaid contributions in the amount of \$12,136.97.

Contributions, interest, and penalties amounting to \$90,521.70 were collected during the year 1952. Delinquent quarterly contribution reports were obtained from employers on which contributions due amounted to \$19,533.00.

Employer Accounts

Active Accounts as of 1-1-52.....	4755	
Reopened Accounts.....	38	
Voluntary Elections.....	26	
Successors to Subject Employers.....	134	
Liable under other provisions of the Law.....	325	523
	528	528
Less Accounts Closed		
Granted Termination of Coverage.....	107	
Business dissolved, sold, or operations ceased.....	340	450
	447	4828

GROSS CASH RECEIPTS

Calendar Year 1952

1945 Contributions	\$ 149.46
1946 Contributions	1,809.93
1947 Contributions	2,020.43
1948 Contributions	4,349.53
1949 Contributions	6,054.11
1950 Contributions	12,463.96
1951 Contributions	1,559,418.90
1952 Contributions	5,738,102.19
Interest on Employer Accounts	7,207.06
Payroll Penalties	500.00
Interest on Trust Fund	868,125.93
Benefit Court Fines	125.00
Benefit Overpayment Refunds	22,605.49
U. C. V. Advance	50,486.00
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Total	\$8,273,417.99

During the year 355 refunds were issued to employers amounting to \$16,807.51.

Monthly Employment in Establishments Covered under Employment Security Law, 1951

TABLE I

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL.....	168,874	169,698	167,933	168,705	172,872	179,800	182,798	185,816	181,853	180,410	177,522	175,994
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing.....	519	513	547	1,014	1,048	1,015	1,221	1,216	1,369	1,116	1,072	1,018
Mining and Quarrying.....	464	411	425	547	577	587	595	567	570	555	507	460
Contract Construction.....	5,387	4,845	4,615	6,201	8,094	9,963	11,872	11,752	10,852	11,126	10,609	9,511
Manufacturing.....	109,245	111,141	108,853	106,241	107,061	110,839	110,794	114,392	112,002	111,726	109,251	106,601
Food and Kindred Products.....	6,711	6,655	6,863	6,977	7,422	8,974	10,253	15,431	14,681	12,590	11,021	7,057
Textile-mill Products.....	26,621	27,474	26,753	27,665	27,347	27,121	26,152	24,291	23,287	24,558	24,436	25,061
Apparel and Related Products.....	1,740	1,810	1,869	1,825	1,737	1,678	1,742	1,755	1,788	1,711	1,617	1,569
Lumber and Wood Products.....	20,360	20,326	18,534	16,075	18,315	19,068	18,461	18,351	18,068	18,914	19,302	19,361
Furniture and Fixtures.....	770	766	753	739	734	748	792	824	836	913	881	870
Paper and Allied Products.....	18,827	18,882	18,594	18,164	18,472	19,009	18,786	19,104	19,392	19,819	19,346	19,017
Printing and Publishing.....	1,705	1,703	1,697	1,682	1,682	1,702	1,683	1,690	1,691	1,711	1,710	1,731
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	571	582	584	659	767	667	634	634	599	568	637	636
Rubber Products.....	104	104	108	110	101	103	93	98	93	96	91	105
Leather and Leather Products.....	19,648	20,256	20,097	18,889	17,081	18,316	18,721	18,908	18,338	17,782	17,527	18,373
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products.....	750	756	762	824	897	1,005	984	983	952	885	851	832
Primary Metal Products.....	259	263	271	264	276	272	270	268	267	272	264	270
Fabricated Metal Products.....	1,776	1,781	1,822	2,011	1,927	1,975	1,925	2,114	1,853	1,848	1,798	1,765
Machinery (except electrical).....	5,919	6,059	6,261	6,368	6,334	6,219	6,073	5,789	5,688	5,547	5,110	5,007
Scientific Instruments.....	39	37	36	37	37	37	38	37	36	37	39	36
Other Manufacturing.....	3,445	3,687	3,849	3,952	3,942	3,945	4,187	4,115	4,433	4,477	4,621	4,911
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities.....	9,596	9,372	9,508	9,888	9,891	9,897	10,283	9,972	9,984	9,746	9,955	10,112
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	31,518	31,283	31,749	32,176	32,801	33,369	33,901	33,784	33,480	33,343	33,824	36,078
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	4,532	4,523	4,510	4,589	4,656	4,687	4,695	4,705	4,680	4,668	4,664	4,669
Service Industries.....	7,074	7,031	7,048	7,329	8,010	8,599	9,042	9,037	8,473	7,972	7,480	7,337
Establishments, n.e.c.....	539	579	678	720	734	844	395	391	443	158	160	208

Total Wages Paid in Covered Employment in 1951 by Industry

TABLE II

INDUSTRY	Total for Year	QUARTER			
		First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
TOTAL	\$507,071,929.87	\$118,925,490.04	\$124,208,427.67	\$128,501,592.07	\$135,436,420.09
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	2,497,008.61	387,950.44	675,513.12	743,599.56	689,945.49
Mining and Quarrying	1,579,977.30	307,692.88	396,613.10	430,579.27	445,092.05
Contract Construction	31,214,011.93	3,768,286.90	6,534,843.24	10,872,902.32	10,037,979.47
Manufacturing:	322,667,413.45	79,463,393.06	80,381,486.80	78,987,838.38	83,834,695.21
Food and Kindred Products	23,862,039.62	4,545,313.17	5,072,468.18	7,572,307.11	6,671,951.16
Textile-mill Products	80,546,325.02	20,292,543.31	22,089,802.28	16,860,864.10	21,303,115.33
Apparel and Related Products	3,570,881.20	921,252.69	868,191.91	928,253.04	853,183.56
Lumber and Wood Products	47,720,721.78	12,244,611.60	11,055,571.99	11,928,226.62	12,492,311.57
Furniture and Fixtures	2,054,630.97	473,016.71	486,444.84	513,973.34	581,196.08
Paper and Allied Products	68,528,164.61	16,529,035.64	16,589,098.56	17,687,441.55	17,722,588.86
Printing and Publishing	5,563,843.69	1,339,486.90	1,363,491.90	1,373,862.42	1,487,002.47
Chemicals and Allied Products	1,958,838.30	415,318.37	566,700.90	488,397.90	488,421.13
Rubber Products	318,449.13	97,572.02	61,673.25	67,474.81	91,729.05
Leather and Leather Products	44,960,972.01	12,526,679.68	10,603,873.91	10,875,277.00	10,955,141.42
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	2,553,847.09	539,751.65	637,434.09	724,484.09	652,177.26
Primary Metal Products	907,262.57	221,696.19	226,447.80	207,602.45	251,516.13
Fabricated Metal Products	6,867,909.50	1,494,437.58	1,818,641.07	1,793,402.45	1,761,428.40
Machinery (except electrical)	21,108,682.52	5,361,188.89	6,046,112.33	4,829,343.28	4,872,038.02
Scientific Instruments	136,622.17	33,198.78	29,484.20	35,483.49	38,455.70
Other Manufacturing	12,008,223.27	2,428,289.88	2,866,049.59	3,101,444.73	3,612,439.07
Transportation, Communication, and Other					
Public Utilities	29,507,464.03	6,912,231.95	7,285,960.47	7,505,538.35	7,803,733.26
Wholesale and Retail Trade	89,347,110.27	21,086,409.22	21,471,536.06	22,115,610.54	24,673,554.45
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	14,679,878.31	3,514,488.19	3,497,615.41	3,571,596.17	4,096,178.54
Service Industries	14,595,059.02	3,211,662.74	3,554,380.32	4,046,562.84	3,782,453.12
Establishments, n.e.c.	984,006.95	273,374.66	410,479.15	227,364.64	72,788.50

There were 3,590 employer accounts eligible to be computed for a contribution rate as of July 1, 1952. The number of employer accounts that did not have sufficient experience to be computed was 1,111. Of the 3,590 accounts computed, 3,105 were eligible for a contribution rate lower than 2.7%.

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

The following tables show the 3,590 rated accounts by size of annual payroll and by industry:

Analysis of Rated Employer Accounts by Size of Taxable Payroll and by Rate Class, for July 1, 1952-June 30, 1953 Rate Period

TABLE III

Payroll Category	Rated Employers	Rate of Contributions											
		0.9 %	1.0 %	1.1 %	1.2 %	1.3 %	1.5 %	1.6 %	1.8 %	1.9 %	2.1 %	2.4 %	2.7 %
Less than \$5,000	459	277	18	17	22	10	18	10	8	6	5	5	63
\$5,000 to \$9,999	324	145	21	20	26	19	15	9	9	3	5	5	47
\$10,000 to \$19,999	626	233	35	44	41	33	40	40	29	16	8	11	96
\$20,000 to \$49,999	1164	329	89	115	108	125	85	60	56	40	21	24	112
\$50,000 to \$99,999	489	110	46	60	45	40	37	29	32	13	12	10	55
\$100,000 to \$999,999	473	88	38	44	44	34	28	32	20	13	17	9	106
\$1,000,000 and over	55	7	7	8	3	9	1	4	4	3	2	1	6
	3590	1189	254	308	289	270	224	184	158	94	70	65	485

Analysis by Industry and by Rate Class of Employer Accounts Rated at the Start of the Experience Rating Period, July 1, 1952--June 30, 1953

TABLE IV

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INDUSTRY	Total	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES.....	3,590	1,189	254	308	239	270	224	184	158	94	70	65	485
Agriculture.....	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	7
Fishing.....	12	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Nonmetallic mining and quarrying.....	13	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	6
Building construction—general contractors.....	101	2	3	1	1	4	3	6	2	5	6	9	59
General contractors, other than building.....	39	6	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	1	4	5	17
Construction—special trade contractors.....	130	16	6	9	5	1	10	3	6	10	3	7	54
Food and kindred products.....	161	21	7	13	8	15	6	3	8	4	8	5	63
Textile-mill products.....	57	2	2	1	4	7	3	5	-	2	1	-	30
Apparel and other finished products.....	22	2	-	-	2	5	1	-	1	-	2	-	9
Lumber and wood products.....	375	90	18	31	31	27	30	32	27	23	10	4	52
Furniture and fixtures.....	13	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	2
Paper and allied products.....	30	8	5	6	-	2	-	1	3	2	-	-	3
Printing, publishing, and allied industries.....	49	21	7	4	5	3	5	1	1	-	-	1	1
Chemicals and allied products.....	27	5	2	-	1	4	3	-	2	2	-	-	8
Leather and leather products.....	83	6	3	2	1	5	1	6	9	4	9	7	30
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	18	4	3	1	1	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	3
Primary metal industries.....	9	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fabricated metal products.....	28	10	-	4	2	3	3	2	-	-	-	1	3
Machinery (except electrical).....	20	9	-	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	1
Transportation equipment.....	22	10	-	1	1	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	4
Professional and scientific instruments.....	4	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....	17	6	1	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	4
All other manufacturing.....	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Local railways and bus lines.....	7	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trucking and warehousing for hire.....	79	19	9	7	10	7	5	4	6	3	2	3	4
Other transportation, except water transportation.....	18	9	1	2	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Water transportation.....	10	2	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	1	-	-	1
Services allied to transportation, n.e.c.....	12	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	6
Communication.....	16	5	1	6	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities.....	24	9	7	3	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

INDUSTRY	Total	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Local utilities and public services, n.e.c.	31	25	2	2	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Full-service and limited-function wholesalers	290	125	21	25	31	22	13	19	14	5	2	1	12
Other wholesale distributors	340	185	21	17	33	18	23	12	7	4	4	4	12
Wholesale and retail trade combined, n.e.c.	68	17	9	9	5	8	5	3	4	2	--	1	5
Retail general merchandise	64	19	10	8	7	7	3	6	--	--	1	1	2
Retail food and liquor stores	76	26	5	10	6	7	11	4	3	2	--	1	1
Retail automotive	174	40	22	23	20	21	21	12	11	3	1	--	2
Retail apparel and accessories	89	34	9	7	7	11	7	3	2	3	1	1	4
Retail trade, n.e.c.	259	114	17	26	22	28	18	12	10	4	--	1	7
Eating and drinking places	122	46	7	8	12	8	8	11	9	4	2	--	7
Retail filling stations	9	2	1	1	1	3	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Banks and trust companies	69	43	11	10	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Security dealers and investment banking	22	19	--	--	--	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Finance agencies, n.e.c.	18	5	1	4	3	--	1	1	1	--	--	2	--
Insurance carriers	89	48	5	10	4	6	5	5	2	1	1	--	2
Insurance agents, brokers, and services	18	9	--	1	5	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--
Real estate	46	8	6	4	2	3	4	1	4	--	1	--	13
Holding companies (except real estate)	3	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.	85	17	3	10	10	8	--	--	4	3	3	5	20
Personal services	92	40	3	7	10	5	4	6	5	3	2	2	5
Business services, n.e.c.	38	13	3	3	8	5	2	1	1	--	--	--	2
Employment agencies and commercial and trade schools	8	4	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
Automobile repair services and garages	32	11	2	3	1	9	4	--	2	--	--	--	1
Miscellaneous repair services and hand trades	10	4	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	3
Motion pictures	48	34	3	5	2	--	--	1	1	--	1	1	--
Amusement and recreation and related services, n.e.c.	28	10	1	2	3	--	2	--	--	--	2	--	8
Medical and other health services	14	2	2	2	1	1	5	--	--	--	--	--	1
Law offices and related services	3	1	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other professional and social-service agencies	6	--	2	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1
Nonprofit membership organizations	22	11	2	1	2	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	2
All other—nonmanufacturing	8	3	--	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3

The aggregate number of claims for unemployment benefits filed in the local offices of the Commission during the calendar year 1952 was 505,674. This is substantially the same claim load as experienced in the previous year, reflecting a slight decrease of 1.23%.

Initial Claims

During 1952, new initial claims were filed in the local offices of the Commission in a total of 50,542, only 0.46% more than filed during 1951. New initial claims represent individual claimants, and this number does not include additional initial claims as reflected in accompanying tables, but does include 3,640 initial Interstate claims filed with the Maine Agency as Agent state for transmittal to various liable states for their disposition. The total number of new initial claims received by the Agency, which required determination, was 49,876, consisting of 46,902 filed in local offices, plus 2,160 Interstate new initial claims received from other state agencies under the Interstate Agreement, plus 683 claims which were pending determination at the end of the previous calendar year.

With respect to these new initial claims, a total of 48,769 monetary determinations were made, 1,377 were disposed of without formal determination, and 413 claims were pending determination at the close of the year. The number pending reflects less than 50% of the average weekly take of new initial claims. The number of monetary determinations made reflects a slight decrease of 0.88% from the previous year, largely accounted for by the increase in the number of cases disposed of without formal determination. Of the determinations made, 46,529, or 95.41%, resulted in a finding of eligibility for benefits, and 2,240, or 4.59% resulted in finding of non-eligibility on the basis of lack of, or insufficient, wage credits by virtue of earnings in subject employment during the calendar year 1951. The eligibility ratio of 95.41% by initial determinations for 1952 was substantially the same as that of 95.69% for 1951.

Initial UC Claims Taken at Local Office Level, by Year, 1938 through 1952

TABLE V

Local Office	INITIAL CLAIMS TAKEN*														
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
TOTAL	82,005	85,764	104,534	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	5,250	7,238	6,161	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	7,076	5,805	11,171	11,851	6,608	5,567	2,448	1,488	960	1,454	4,319	7,133	13,953	13,738	13,724
Bath	2,469	2,755	5,463	6,628	4,453	2,709	5,520	1,219	94	116	399	1,033	2,066	1,819	3,433
Biddeford	5,918	3,992	5,168	10,914	3,289	1,799	2,632	1,205	892	791	1,761	3,847	9,847	9,861	10,730
Calais	3,426	2,799	4,646	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	2,829	1,443	3,995	5,246	1,659	1,212	1,270	428	227	377	2,630	5,358	6,821	6,903	7,683
Ellsworth**	1,876	2,099	2,264	2,549	1,377	1,471	836	467	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,688
Houlton†	511	375	978	1,329	425	188	146	55	33	47	671	—	—	—	1,050
Lewiston	16,761	19,581	17,303	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††	4,535	3,892	4,703	4,899	4,209	949	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland	11,128	11,880	17,590	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	4,208	4,148	4,870	6,509	4,392	4,298	2,696	1,520	645	607	1,496	2,263	5,280	4,077	6,342
Rumford	1,885	1,616	2,693	3,245	2,114	1,279	903	353	285	469	1,246	1,904	2,945	3,141	3,671
Sanford	5,937	10,741	6,749	11,439	9,492	4,929	1,490	722	899	1,694	3,141	4,593	7,710	8,465	6,100
Skowhegan	4,156	3,386	5,859	6,632	4,499	4,314	1,560	960	766	482	1,118	2,348	4,065	4,932	4,792
Waterville	4,040	4,014	4,921	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

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*Includes "new" and "additional" initial claims.
 **Ellsworth Office closed at end of 1938. Office reopened in September 1945.
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 ††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 1952

TABLE VI

Local Office	CONTINUED CLAIMS TAKEN*														
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
TOTAL.....	423,669	466,200	718,309	851,741	443,600	393,287	401,934	147,856	41,759	59,034	162,582	256,269	679,532	656,699	778,398
Augusta.....	24,414	35,286	32,366	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.....	40,730	34,997	87,113	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.....	11,474	12,664	35,077	37,865	28,318	20,429	57,825	3,938	331	598	2,650	5,472	12,794	10,819	17,797
Biddeford.....	37,166	23,331	52,710	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.....	22,032	26,067	35,128	44,804	22,977	50,539	40,427	23,102	11,542	19,909	19,352	16,254	44,578	32,399	38,273
Caribou.....	12,673	9,294	32,278	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**.....	12,638	19,247	19,504	18,858	10,045	12,370	7,349	1,614	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,208
Houlton†.....	2,461	2,043	7,160	7,251	1,817	1,116	1,507	512	154	293	2,462	—	—	—	4,336
Lewiston.....	68,039	106,373	112,017	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 ††.....	30,607	34,134	40,726	39,010	21,684	1,762	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland.....	61,755	67,125	107,602	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.....	30,539	27,596	40,957	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.....	9,898	7,714	19,428	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.....	21,668	23,856	22,222	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.....	18,194	17,055	34,211	34,701	22,981	28,282	9,001	5,162	3,096	2,036	6,573	8,833	33,059	35,110	30,648
Waterville.....	19,381	19,418	39,810	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.
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Local Office UC Claims Load, 1938-1952

TABLE VII

Year	All UC Claims	UC Initial Claims*	UC Continued Claims †
1952.	505,674	82,005	423,669
1951.	551,964	85,764	466,200
1950.	822,843	104,534	718,309
1949.	995,206	143,045	852,161
1948.	539,841	93,713	446,128
1947.	459,030	64,546	394,484
1946.	451,524	49,590	401,934
1945.	178,751	30,895	147,856
1944.	56,063	14,304	41,759
1943.	73,661	14,627	59,034
1942.	196,398	33,816	162,582
1941.	312,726	56,457	256,269
1940.	784,258	104,726	679,532
1939.	760,736	104,037	656,699
1938.	899,106	120,708	778,398

*Includes initial claims received under the WSA program in 1947, 1948, and 1949. Therefore, totals for these years are not comparable with totals for the three years as carried on the table summarizing initial claims taken by local office, by year.

†Includes continued claims received under the WSA program in 1947, 1948, and 1949. Therefore, totals for these years are not comparable with totals for the three years as carried on the table summarizing continued claims taken by local office, by year.

Benefit Payments

The gross number of benefit checks, including reissued and supplemental checks, issued during 1952 was 345,495, a decrease of 10.18% from the number issued in the previous year. The amount of these checks totalled \$5,352,662.00, a decrease of 4.36% from 1951. The lower percentage decrease in amount of benefits paid out, as compared to the percentage decrease in number of checks issued, is accounted for principally by the fact that the average weekly benefit check issued in 1952 was \$15.49, as against \$14.55 in 1951, reflecting an increase of 6.46%. The increase in the average check is, in turn, accounted for, partly by an increase in the percentage of claimants in the higher wage brackets, and partly by the decrease in the percentage of partial payments made in 1952 as against 1951. Only 11.53% of all checks issued during 1952 were partial payments reflecting deductions from the full weekly benefit amount, as against 15.29% of such payments in 1951.

The total number of "First Payments" made during 1952 was 36,432. This number reflects the number of claimants who drew one or more weekly benefit checks during the year, and is equivalent to 78.30% of all claimants who filed initial claims during the same period and were determined eligible for benefits on the basis of wage credits. This ratio is only slightly lower than the 78.89% ratio for 1951, but substantially lower than the previous five year average ratio. It may reasonably be assumed that this lower ratio is the result of a larger percentage of new claimants obtaining re-employment within a week or two of filing their initial claim.

Benefit Payments Issued under UC Program, by Month, by Type of Unemployment, 1952

TABLE VIII

MONTH	All Payments		Type of Unemployment			
			Total		Partial*	
	No. of Payments	Amount	No. of Payments	Amount	No. of Payments	Amount
TOTAL	345,495	\$5,352,662	305,650	\$4,971,907	39,845	\$380,755
January	41,828	611,060	36,442	557,219	5,386	53,841
February	34,193	536,576	31,249	506,287	2,944	30,289
March	36,737	567,057	31,018	531,919	5,719	35,138
April	35,626	571,429	33,623	550,249	2,003	21,180
May	50,935	788,402	46,539	742,822	4,396	45,580
June	29,260	469,205	25,292	427,047	3,968	42,158
July	21,792	358,530	20,187	341,813	1,605	16,717
August	18,053	290,926	16,568	276,607	1,485	14,319
September	14,645	233,146	12,198	208,129	2,447	25,017
October	14,905	235,914	11,640	204,365	3,265	31,549
November	16,522	244,614	13,340	213,553	3,182	31,061
December	30,999	445,803	27,554	411,897	3,445	33,906

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

Average Benefit Payment, by Year, 1938-1952

TABLE IX

Year	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	Average Payment
1952	345,495	\$ 5,352,662	\$15.49
1951	384,653	5,596,428	14.55
1950	621,463	9,125,833	14.68
1949	737,026	11,450,020	15.53
1948	384,675	5,522,668	14.36
1947	341,059	4,489,282	13.16
1946	354,702	5,487,300	15.47
1945	118,880	1,752,942	14.74
1944	32,125	321,659	10.01
1943	49,685	430,585	8.67
1942	141,884	1,189,700	8.38
1941	227,122	1,548,981	6.82
1940	537,000	3,474,035	6.47
1939	425,131	2,872,557	6.76
1938	583,584	4,196,189	7.19

Amount of Benefit Payments Issued under UC Program, by Industry, by Month, 1952*

TABLE X

INDUSTRY	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL.....	\$5,352,662	\$611,060	\$536,576	\$567,057	\$571,429	\$788,402	\$469,205	\$358,530	\$290,926	\$233,146	\$235,914	\$244,614	\$445,803
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing..	58,341	5,923	5,766	6,015	6,177	10,120	5,139	3,939	2,834	2,695	1,642	2,258	5,833
Mining and Quarrying.....	43,909	7,676	7,138	7,340	4,401	3,963	2,504	3,072	1,192	846	905	1,641	3,231
Contract Construction.....	462,848	57,165	69,881	78,439	58,233	51,916	25,360	18,866	14,493	13,637	11,871	13,326	49,661
Manufacturing:	3,879,796	435,796	359,032	386,174	429,757	619,039	360,127	255,422	203,049	167,216	173,965	181,576	308,643
Food and Kindred Products..	795,892	136,703	88,504	67,443	92,117	125,800	34,693	21,506	26,447	23,013	16,680	40,771	122,215
Textile-mill Products.....	1,539,457	123,180	142,308	179,093	188,991	247,030	188,251	130,118	93,406	72,550	64,929	42,218	67,383
Apparel and Related Products	86,361	14,354	10,591	7,228	6,722	9,151	7,607	7,059	5,884	4,501	4,239	3,662	5,363
Lumber and Wood Products..	306,053	35,037	26,153	37,098	44,580	59,894	20,505	17,136	15,440	11,970	11,358	8,615	18,267
Furniture and Fixtures.....	18,949	1,731	2,267	1,680	1,626	3,032	1,699	1,383	1,050	666	1,126	1,249	1,440
Paper and Allied Products...	146,820	8,611	8,122	10,216	13,181	24,597	12,528	15,210	13,497	10,565	9,863	6,807	13,623
Printing and Publishing.....	10,747	985	1,159	992	573	871	576	974	952	1,271	1,047	750	597
Chemicals and Allied Products	13,867	2,122	2,192	2,420	1,676	1,369	634	636	268	293	265	593	1,399
Rubber Products.....	3,346	458	472	414	288	324	329	203	146	162	137	74	339
Leather and Leather Products.	624,159	61,523	34,212	34,701	35,617	97,545	66,486	42,465	30,008	29,509	55,860	69,474	66,759
Stone, Clay & Glass Products..	13,098	2,057	1,391	2,025	1,885	1,836	1,072	555	434	233	258	339	1,013
Primary Metal Products.....	7,572	1,067	692	413	651	979	1,035	990	646	498	151	63	387
Fabricated Metal Products...	28,606	3,227	3,215	3,152	2,158	2,503	2,240	3,103	1,728	1,924	1,546	1,710	2,100
Machinery (except electrical)	235,917	38,118	32,227	35,025	36,136	37,783	17,966	9,306	9,530	7,119	4,763	3,424	4,520
Scientific Instruments.....	843	112	142	165	58	120	50	64	35	28	34	0	35
Other Manufacturing.....	48,109	6,511	5,385	4,109	3,498	6,205	4,456	4,714	3,578	2,914	1,709	1,827	3,203
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities.....	171,385	15,605	14,022	12,892	11,214	23,708	15,163	20,530	17,749	12,559	7,678	6,861	13,404
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	305,118	35,309	36,124	34,919	25,080	31,814	24,306	23,403	20,569	16,823	15,741	15,387	25,643
Finance, Insurance, and Real Es- tate.....	27,527	3,466	2,990	2,935	2,075	2,261	2,051	1,972	1,865	1,815	1,623	1,794	2,680
Service Industries.....	116,385	11,965	12,155	11,479	9,330	13,549	9,887	8,947	8,421	6,102	7,433	7,841	9,276
Establishments, n.e.c.....	287,353	38,155	29,468	26,864	25,162	32,032	24,668	22,379	20,754	11,453	15,056	13,930	27,432

*The total amount of benefits issued is broken down according to the industries from which claimants separated prior to receiving their first benefit checks in the portions of the benefit years represented.

Weeks Covered by Benefit Payments Issued under UC Program, by Industry, by Month, 1952*

TABLE XI

INDUSTRY	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL.....	342,467	41,710	34,158	34,165	35,578	50,884	29,212	21,767	18,022	14,608	14,878	16,510	30,975
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing.....	3,912	379	375	406	428	660	335	280	211	208	128	144	358
Mining and Quarrying.....	2,339	415	394	401	246	210	130	141	60	44	48	82	168
Contract Construction.....	24,955	3,211	3,913	4,325	3,104	2,749	1,377	1,033	781	694	606	668	2,494
Manufacturing.....	252,572	30,688	23,091	23,203	27,219	40,559	22,444	15,389	12,632	10,642	11,036	12,678	22,991
Food and Kindred Products.....	73,362	12,288	7,700	5,243	8,713	12,327	3,133	1,767	2,425	2,203	1,571	4,115	11,877
Textile-mill Products.....	83,322	7,048	7,642	9,398	9,854	13,166	10,322	7,257	5,256	4,023	3,499	2,271	3,586
Apparel and Related Products.....	5,815	1,034	732	495	431	645	521	479	387	274	238	221	358
Lumber and Wood Products.....	18,943	2,240	1,730	2,340	2,699	3,554	1,286	1,075	945	732	674	514	1,154
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,196	111	141	107	97	202	115	86	70	40	59	75	93
Paper and Allied Products.....	7,544	541	460	598	707	1,232	621	745	637	517	467	321	698
Printing and Publishing.....	613	55	66	55	42	64	37	55	55	65	50	36	33
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	942	144	144	160	110	103	46	49	19	23	22	35	87
Rubber Products.....	209	31	30	24	20	22	18	11	8	8	8	6	23
Leather and Leather Products.....	43,349	4,495	2,212	2,516	2,395	6,760	4,940	2,846	1,972	2,098	3,977	4,691	4,447
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	735	116	80	111	106	106	60	32	23	11	13	18	59
Primary Metal Products.....	428	67	45	26	37	55	56	54	37	23	7	3	18
Fabricated Metal Products.....	1,629	212	201	191	124	141	115	154	88	98	84	90	131
Machinery (except electrical).....	11,372	1,883	1,564	1,672	1,661	1,780	889	477	482	341	242	161	220
Scientific Instruments.....	71	9	9	10	4	9	6	8	5	4	5	0	2
Other Manufacturing.....	3,042	414	335	257	219	393	279	294	223	182	120	121	205
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities.....	10,124	962	882	793	671	1,393	910	1,175	966	700	466	409	797
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	19,773	2,415	2,397	2,224	1,580	2,133	1,573	1,515	1,326	1,071	945	959	1,635
Finance, Insurance, and Real Es- tate.....	1,646	213	186	186	132	131	127	118	108	102	90	100	153
Service Industries.....	8,368	913	894	827	674	1,019	700	620	572	412	508	569	660
Establishments, n.e.c.....	18,778	2,514	2,026	1,800	1,524	2,030	1,616	1,496	1,366	735	1,051	901	1,719

*Supplemental payments and reissued checks are excluded from this table.

Interstate

A total of 2,160 new initial Interstate claims were received by the Maine Agency, as Liable state, during the year 1952, a decrease of 6.53% from the previous year. The total number of benefit payments made against Interstate claims received was 6,570, reflecting a decrease of 8.18% from 1951; and the total amount of these payments was \$115,934.00, or 3.17%, less than the amount paid to Interstate claimants in 1951.

Deputies' Decisions

During 1952 a total of 26,554 deputies' decisions were rendered, reflecting a decrease of 4.83% from the previous year. However, the ratio of decisions to the number of eligible claimants was 57.06%, only slightly under the comparable ratio of 59.24% for the year 1951. The decrease in the number of decisions is not incompatible with the decrease in eligible claimants. The following table reflects an analysis, by type of issue, of all deputies' decisions rendered during 1952:

Table of Decisions by Type of Case, 1952

TABLE XII

Type of Case	Total Number	% of Total	Allowed		Disallowed or Disqualified	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Voluntary Quit.....	6,796	25.59	5,318	78.25	1,478	21.75
Misconduct.....	1,463	5.51	909	62.13	554	37.87
Refusal to Accept or Apply.....	2,021	7.61	1,361	67.34	660	32.66
Able and Available.....	9,487	35.73	3,941	41.54	5,540	58.46
Misstatement.....	501	1.89	126	25.15	375	74.85
Other.....	6,286	23.67	4,869	77.46	1,417	22.54
All Cases.....	26,554	100.00	16,524	62.23	10,030	37.77

A review of the above table fails to reveal any significant deviation from the pattern reflected by the decisions rendered during the previous year, as to distribution of cases by type of issue or ratio of allowances as against disallowances and disqualifications. It will be noted that 62.23% of all cases were allowed, as against 60.72% allowed in 1951. Further, the category of "Able and Available" continues to show the highest percentage distribution, namely 35.73%, comparable to 34.00% in that category during 1951. The category of "Other" also remains high. Cases in this category involve principally the issue of incorrect reporting of weekly earnings, and result generally in allowances with deductions rather than in complete disallowance.

Disqualifications involving an aggregate of 10,590 weeks, and reductions in available benefits amounting to \$179,917.00 were imposed during the year by a total of 3,067 deputies' decisions. This number of disqualifying decisions reflects a decrease of 7.68% from 1951, with a comparable decrease in the amount of reductions imposed. Overpayments were established in 951 cases, involving a total amount of \$23,075.78, or 47.73% less than the amount of overpayments established in 1951. Of these cases, 241, or 25.34%, involved wilful misrepresentation, and accounted for \$10,607.75, or 45.97% of the total amount of overpayments established during the year. The total number of overpayment cases not involving wilful misrepresentation was 710, a reduction of 41.03% from the 1,204 such cases in 1951. In fact, the gross amount of overpayments established during 1952 was equivalent to only 0.43% (43/100 of one percent) of the gross amount of

benefits paid out during the same period, as against a ratio of 0.79% for 1951. This substantial decrease in overpayments can be accounted for in part by the publicity given to the activities of the Claims Investigation Unit, and in part to closer screening by local office personnel of earnings reported by claimants.

The over-all recovery of outstanding benefit overpayments during 1952 totalled \$30,283.07. Of the amount recovered, \$22,605.49, or 74.65%, was in cash, and \$7,677.58, or 25.35%, was recovered by cancellation or offset by valid claims.

Forgeries

Through the efforts of the Department of State Police, 11 cases of alleged forged endorsements on benefit checks were cleared up during 1952. In two of these cases no forgery was found. In the 9 cases in which forgery was established, full recovery in the amount of \$143.00 was effected, and checks reissued to the aggrieved parties. A total of 5 cases were still under investigation at the close of the year.

Claims Investigation

During 1952 the Claims Investigators interviewed 1,177 claimants, 532 employers, and 119 other individuals. After investigation 297 decisions were issued on cases found to be in violation of the Law and 368 decisions were made on cases not in violation. Of the 297 fraud cases it was found in the great majority of instances that the individuals were employed during a period when they were filing claims for unemployment insurance and they did not report that they were working. Forty-six cases of fraudulent filing were referred to court during 1952; 6 of these were filed by the court, in 10 cases a fine was imposed, in 7 cases a fine was suspended, and in 23 cases a jail sentence was imposed (22 of these sentences were suspended).

Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances

The following tables depict the SRA claims and benefit activities for 1952 through the month of June, at which time the Maine Agency terminated its active participation in that program. Due to the very small volume of SRA activity during this period, no attempt has been made at comparison with prior years.

Applications and Claims for Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances, by Local Office, by Type, 1952*

TABLE XIII

Local Office	Applications for Entitlement	Claims for Unemployment Allowances		Claims for Self-Employment Allowances	
		Initial	Continued	New	Additional
TOTAL	18	40	224	0	0
Augusta	0	1	12		
Bangor	1	2	9		
Bath	0	3	8		
Biddeford	0	0	8		
Calais	0	0	6		
Caribou	0	0	0		
Ellsworth	1	0	0		
Houlton	1	1	7		
Lewiston	1	7	31		
Machias	1	1	0		
Portland	10	18	96		
Rockland	1	2	8		
Rumford	1	2	3		
Sanford	0	1	10		
Skowhegan	1	1	6		
Waterville	0	1	20		

*Data relate to the January 1-June 30 period. Direct participation in SRA program was discontinued after June 30, 1952.

Allowances Paid under SRA Program, by Month, by Type, 1952*

TABLE XIV

Month	All Payments		Unemployment Allowances		Self-Employment	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
TOTAL	223	\$4,307	223	\$4,307	0	\$0
January	60	1,163	60	1,163		
February	50	932	50	932		
March	52	1,030	52	1,030		
April	40	787	40	787		
May	16	301	16	301		
June	5	94	5	94		
July	—	—	—	—		
August	—	—	—	—		
September	—	—	—	—		
October	—	—	—	—		
November	—	—	—	—		
December	—	—	—	—		

*Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance payments not issued by State Agency after June 30, 1952.

Unemployment Compensation for Veterans

In October of 1952 the Agency began taking and paying claims from exservicemen entitled to benefits under the provision of Title IV of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952.

By the end of 1952, the local offices of the Commission had accepted a total of 720 new UCV Initial claims, and a total of 1,722 weekly continued claims had been filed. Up to the close of the year 921 checks were issued under this program, for a total of \$27,211.00 payable from Federal funds. This program is gathering momentum as more men are discharged from the armed services, and is expected to reach significant proportions in 1953.

The following table gives a distribution by local offices of UCV claims filed up to the end of December, 1952:

UCV Claims Load, by Local Office, 1952

TABLE XV

Local Office	Total UCV			UCV Only			UCV Supplemental		
	Total	Initial Claims	Continued Weeks Claimed	Total	Initial Claims	Continued Weeks Claimed	Total	Initial Claims	Continued Weeks Claimed
TOTAL.....	2,442	720	1,722	1,502	372	1,130	940	348	592
Augusta.....	181	60	121	105	33	72	76	27	49
Bangor.....	344	111	233	201	60	141	143	51	92
Bath.....	133	53	80	96	35	61	37	18	19
Biddeford.....	106	28	78	65	13	52	41	15	26
Calais.....	135	30	105	103	18	85	32	12	20
Caribou.....	80	26	54	42	13	29	38	13	25
Ellsworth.....	61	20	41	27	8	19	34	12	22
Houlton.....	38	13	25	31	11	20	7	2	5
Lewiston.....	145	56	89	48	14	34	97	42	55
Machias.....	200	39	161	171	31	140	29	8	21
Portland.....	536	151	385	333	78	255	203	73	130
Rockland.....	172	41	131	108	20	88	64	21	43
Rumford.....	36	12	24	29	6	23	7	6	1
Sanford.....	15	5	10	11	1	10	4	4	0
Skowhegan.....	77	24	53	48	12	36	29	12	17
Waterville.....	183	51	132	84	19	65	99	32	67

Claims Load by Local Office, 1952

TABLE XVI

Local Office	Total Claims Taken		UC Claims Taken		SRA Applications and Claims Taken		UCV Only Claims Taken	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
TOTAL.....	507,458	100.0	505,674	100.0	282	100.0	1,502	100.0
Augusta.....	29,782	5.9	29,664	5.9	13	4.6	105	7.0
Bangor.....	48,019	9.5	47,806	9.5	12	4.3	201	13.4
Bath.....	14,050	2.8	13,943	2.7	11	3.9	96	6.4
Biddeford.....	43,157	8.5	43,084	8.5	8	2.8	65	4.3
Calais.....	25,567	5.0	25,458	5.0	6	2.1	103	6.8
Caribou.....	15,544	3.1	15,502	3.1	0	0.0	42	2.8
Ellsworth.....	14,542	2.9	14,514	2.9	1	0.4	27	1.8
Houlton.....	3,012	0.6	2,972	0.6	9	3.2	31	2.1
Lewiston.....	84,887	16.7	84,800	16.8	39	13.8	48	3.2
Machias.....	35,315	6.9	35,142	6.9	2	0.7	171	11.4
Portland.....	73,340	14.5	72,883	14.4	124	44.0	333	22.2
Rockland.....	34,866	6.9	34,747	6.9	11	3.9	108	7.2
Rumford.....	11,818	2.3	11,783	2.3	6	2.1	29	1.9
Sanford.....	27,627	5.4	27,605	5.5	11	3.9	11	0.7
Skowhegan.....	22,406	4.4	22,350	4.4	8	2.8	48	3.2
Waterville.....	23,526	4.6	23,421	4.6	21	7.5	84	5.6

Summary of Gross Benefits Payments in 1952*

TABLE XVII

MONTH	TOTAL		UC PAYMENTS		SRA PAYMENTS†		UCV 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.....	346,639	\$5,384,180	345,495	\$5,352,662	223	\$4,307	921	\$27,211
January.....	41,888	612,223	41,828	611,060	60	1,163	—	—
February.....	34,243	537,508	34,193	536,576	50	932	—	—
March.....	36,789	568,087	36,737	567,057	52	1,030	—	—
April.....	35,666	572,216	35,626	571,429	40	787	—	—
May.....	50,951	788,703	50,935	788,402	16	301	—	—
June.....	29,265	469,299	29,260	469,205	5	94	—	—
July.....	21,792	358,530	21,792	358,530	—	—	—	—
August.....	18,053	290,926	18,053	290,926	—	—	—	—
September.....	14,645	233,146	14,645	233,146	—	—	—	—
October.....	14,920	236,357	14,905	235,914	—	—	15	443
November.....	16,707	250,085	16,522	244,614	—	—	185	5,471
December.....	31,720	467,100	30,999	445,803	—	—	721	21,297

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

†Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance payments not issued by State Agency after June 30, 1952.

‡Includes number of payments issued to claimants eligible to receive only "veterans" unemployment compensation funds.

**Includes total amount of veterans' unemployment compensation funds paid to: (1) claimants eligible to receive payments supplementing their regular State UI benefits, and (2) claimants eligible to receive veterans' unemployment compensation funds only.

Appeal Tribunal

During the year the Appeal Tribunal received 1,174 cases which, added to the 90 cases carried over from the previous year, made a total case load of 1,264. Eighty-four of these cases remained pending at the end of the year. The 1,180 cases disposed of were made up as follows: 926 regular UC cases and 254 UC fraud cases.

Of these 1,180 cases, 195 cases were dismissed because of nonappearance, request for withdrawal, lack of jurisdiction, etc., and 985 were disposed of by formal decision. Eight hundred and nine Appeal Tribunal decisions affirmed the prior deputy's decision, and 176 reversed the deputy's decision. This represents affirmation in 82.1% of these cases and reversal in 17.9%.

Under the Interstate Appeals Arrangement, the Appeal Tribunal heard 212 cases, concerning benefit payments by other States to claimants now living in Maine.

The Appeal Tribunal decided 254 fraud cases referred to it and, after hearing, affirmed the prior deputy's decision in almost all cases. Additional suspension of benefit rights was imposed in 237 cases and 17 were decided without this additional disqualification.

Commission Appeals

Ten cases were pending before the Commission at the first of the year, and 110 appeals were received by the Commission during 1952. The Commission affirmed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal in 106 cases, reversed the decision in 7 cases, dismissed the appeal in 2 cases, and remanded 1 case to the Appeal Tribunal for further action. Four cases remained pending.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Placement Service

Non-Agricultural

During the year 1952 the high level of employment that was attained during the previous year continued to rise in practically all phases of non-agricultural industry. This increase in employment was reflected in such favorable indicators as higher average weekly earnings and longer average work weeks, especially in the last half of the year. The higher employment level was further reflected by the fact that 18,951 less compensable claims for partial benefits were paid to workers with job attachments than during the previous year. One significant factor became noticeable as the year progressed and that was that employer specifications relative to worker experience, aptitude or training which were relaxed to quite some degree during the year 1951 became more specific or exacting in 1952 in spite of the higher level of employment and the increasingly tight labor market. That factor is an indication of an attempt to maintain high qualitative standards of production or service although the usual demand for acceptable quantitative productive performance was not noticeably lessened to any marked degree.

The key to the availability of workers is the local office "active application file" which is the permanent, documented record of experience, training or aptitude. The total statewide file of such applications contained a monthly average of 13,448 which was 6.6% lower than the previous year. The reflection of the seasonal influence on employment is shown by the highest roster of applications for the month of April which reached 22,157 and the low point being reached in September falling to 7,746, which was 29% less than the application file of September 1951.

Because of the continued increasingly high employment level there was, in general, a lower turnover rate in non-agricultural industry. Approximately $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ less new applications were taken in local offices than during the previous year. New applications from workers who had not made contact with local offices previously, or at least for such a long period as to have previous applications rendered useless for placement purposes, totaled 23,284. Placements of applicants with non-agricultural, industrial employers totaled 34,552 which was slightly below the total placed during the previous year but is approximately 32% above the number of new applications taken and becomes a favor-

able indicator of the extent to which both employers and applicants are utilizing the agency's placement facilities to a marked degree.

A slightly more favorable ratio between the number of workers referred for employer consideration to the number accepted and placed in gainful employment was attained. The ratio for the year was 1 person placed for every 1.76 referred.

For many years there has been an increasing demand on the part of out-of-state employers for Maine workers. During 1952 one hundred positive recruitments were conducted on behalf of out-of-state employment opportunities directly related to national defense programs and a total of 369 persons actually reported and were placed in employment in such establishments as far as Texas, California and Washington. The largest number of recruitments from any particular state were held on behalf of 42 employers from Connecticut, mostly for metal working trades establishments. In this respect it is interesting to note that the high level of employment in Maine was influential in inducing workers to remain in the State as the 1952 out-migration was only 38% of that experienced in the previous year through the facilities of the agency.

Summary of Job Placements in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1952*

TABLE XVIII

INDUSTRY	Total Placements	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS	34,552	1,513	3,317	1,857	1,821	2,031	789	1,196	485	5,127	2,056	7,887	1,964	1,734	739	800	1,236
Forestry and Fishing.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining and Quarrying.....	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	8	26	46	6	0	0	0
Contract Construction.....	4,067	139	384	446	105	133	228	116	64	771	60	717	184	160	104	145	311
Total Manufacturing.....	17,355	907	746	1,086	1,045	1,512	422	881	156	2,796	1,959	1,832	1,541	1,094	385	538	455
Ordnance and Accessories.....	449	0	0	449	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Kindred Products.....	7,039	160	300	662	6	1,198	111	789	47	132	1,718	747	1,119	10	1	8	31
Textile-mill Products.....	1,842	204	25	0	453	31	0	0	0	730	0	7	11	0	262	27	92
Apparel and Related Products.....	437	0	14	45	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	219	94	0	1	0	63
Lumber and Wood Products.....	2,446	27	219	125	21	150	277	73	98	235	210	98	10	670	52	107	74
Furniture and Fixtures.....	316	0	11	0	0	9	0	0	0	29	0	267	0	0	0	0	0
Paper and Allied Products.....	728	22	11	1	5	76	0	0	0	8	0	29	0	398	0	4	174
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Products.....	63	5	10	3	0	1	0	2	0	12	1	24	0	2	1	0	2
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	174	0	5	1	0	0	32	0	11	2	4	34	85	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products.....	2,833	485	108	0	66	40	0	0	0	1,485	0	94	145	2	17	391	0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products.....	148	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	137	2	0	4	4	0	0	0
Primary Metal Industries.....	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	17	0	2	0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products.....	215	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	24	168	1	0	6	0	0
Machinery (except electrical).....	274	2	39	29	42	0	2	16	0	3	0	86	0	4	34	0	17
Electrical Machinery.....	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	11	1	0
Transportation Equipment.....	270	0	1	210	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	24	28	2	0	0	2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing.....	37	1	1	6	0	7	0	0	0	6	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Interstate Railroads.....	660	56	92	11	273	0	12	0	55	87	0	44	3	12	4	0	11
Other Public Utilities.....	614	45	77	8	10	7	8	15	48	56	3	208	4	28	65	23	9
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	5,631	122	1,007	126	171	234	45	75	66	661	14	2,481	108	219	33	17	252
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	327	10	46	3	14	8	5	2	1	30	0	174	1	4	12	2	15
Service (excluding private households).....	3,153	114	522	99	145	42	28	73	37	414	4	1,213	31	177	54	38	162
Private Households.....	2,177	71	357	56	43	82	13	15	46	244	6	1,102	3	27	56	36	20
Regular Government Establishments.....	431	48	86	18	15	13	9	19	11	43	2	90	43	7	26	0	1
Special Government Projects.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified.....	25	0	0	4	0	0	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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

**Nonagricultural Placements Made, by Local Office,
by Major Occupational Group, 1952***

TABLE XIX

Local Office	Total Placements	MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP					
		Profes- sional and Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Skilled	Semi- skilled	Unskilled and Other
TOTAL.....	34,552	114	3,352	5,591	1,885	3,984	19,626
Augusta.....	1,513	6	172	125	75	218	917
Bangor.....	3,317	21	527	1,032	147	315	1,275
Bath.....	1,857	2	67	124	188	211	1,265
Biddeford.....	1,821	8	106	242	96	123	1,246
Calais.....	2,031	4	86	133	68	104	1,636
Caribou.....	789	1	32	55	51	262	388
Ellsworth.....	1,196	0	39	88	45	89	935
Houlton.....	485	5	59	68	26	110	217
Lewiston.....	5,127	10	463	641	534	968	2,511
Machias.....	2,056	0	6	11	15	88	1,936
Portland.....	7,887	40	1,306	2,547	345	695	2,954
Rockland.....	1,964	1	41	48	72	173	1,629
Rumford.....	1,734	1	150	220	32	129	1,202
Sanford.....	739	1	51	97	67	144	379
Skowhegan.....	800	4	43	49	54	161	489
Waterville.....	1,236	10	204	111	70	194	647

*Includes "Local" and "Inter-office" placements.

Agricultural

The 1952 season opened with prospects for increased acreage in nearly all agricultural crops. However, a long period of wet weather was experienced during the planting season with the result that the total acreage scheduled was reduced substantially. Nevertheless, 1952 planted acreages approached those of 1951 and in the case of Maine's principal crop—potatoes, growers planted approximately 145,000 acres, an increase of 45%. As the growing season advanced wet weather was followed by a period of hot dry weather which continued most of the season and materially affected the yield of all crops. This drought condition throughout Maine likewise caused uneven crop maturity making it extremely difficult to schedule farm and food processing labor needs. Many canners were compelled to operate intermittently. In many parts of Central and Southern Maine the daily changes in demand for both farm and processing labor presented Employment Offices with difficult recruitment problems.

Once again day haul crews played a major part in supplying agricultural workers throughout the State. Following a perennial pattern, day haul crews were operating in all parts of the State to harvest the various food crops.

The Aroostook potato harvest was late in starting. When the digging season opened the last part of September our offices were confronted with a heavy worker demand due in part to high levels of in-

dustrial employment in Maine and other New England states. To make up serious labor deficits it was necessary to import under bond 4,286 Canadian workers. Only 1,793 supplementary Canadians were needed during the 1951 potato harvest.

Four special seasonal programs were continued in operation during 1952 in order to resolve recruitment problems peculiar to Maine agriculture and food processing. The programs were:

1. *Day Haul Program*

Boys and girls between 10 and 18 years were organized into crews under adult supervision. They were transported daily to and from the farm work site. About 20% of these day haul groups included adults. As an indication of the importance of these youth to Maine agriculture, our records showed that day haul operations organized exclusively for the daily transportation of school age youth to farm employment were conducted from 104 cities and towns. Daily employment ranged between 8,000 and 11,000 workers. At least another 40 communities were organized for the transportation of adults or groups composed of both youth and adults.

2. *Junior Farm Volunteers*

This is an established live-in program utilizing older boys between 14 and 18 years of age. Since the boy becomes a member of the farm family for two or three months, both the boy and the prospective farmer employer are carefully screened to make certain that there will be compatibility. In 1952, 106 of these older boys lived on farms during their vacations. Many more boys commuted daily to nearby farms in instances where they preferred to live at home.

3. *Aroostook Potato Harvest Program*

Maine potato growers planted approximately 145,000 acres of potatoes in 1952 with more than 85% of this acreage located in Aroostook County. Despite adverse planting and growing conditions the State yield was reported at 306 bushels per acre.

Labor recruiting procedures similar to those in use during the previous four years were continued during 1952 in order to insure an adequate labor force. This included close working arrangements between the Commission's staff and the growers' organization, the Aroostook Farm Bureau Labor Association. To assure adequate service to both farmers and workers, 10 seasonal Employment Offices, staffed with temporary employees, were established in Aroostook County to

supplement regular offices at Houlton and Caribou. Pre-season surveys indicated a possible shortage of 2,000-2,500 workers since industrial employment was at high levels throughout Maine and neighboring states. However, with the late start of the harvest came an unexpected and extremely strong labor demand from farmers worried because of a possible freeze. Consequently, the demand for labor far exceeded pre-season estimates. All available labor resources in Maine were exhausted in the recruitment of workers. It is calculated that more than 10,000 Aroostook County school youth and several thousand housewives were employed for periods from two to four weeks picking potatoes. Nevertheless, eventually 4,286 Canadians were imported and assigned by Commission personnel under arrangements completed with the Association which sponsored the immigration bond. Had it not been for these bonded Canadian potato pickers plus more than 1,700 Canadian Indians who need no bond, serious labor shortages would have developed in almost all parts of the potato belt. At the harvest peak season a labor force of more than 31,000 was employed, record employment for the post war period.

4. Seasonal Food Processing Labor and Miscellaneous Agriculture Crops Program

There has never been a year in Maine agricultural history when a drought so seriously affected crop and processing operations as that which occurred in 1952. Commission programs were established as usual to assist in manning canning and quick freezing plants as well as harvesting vegetables, small fruit, corn, apples and market garden crops. All crops presented difficult recruitment problems due to uneven maturity in various sections and small yields. In some instances food processors were forced to operate intermittently and with small crews. Some processing plants did not open because of potential small volume of production. In these cases farm products were transferred to other areas for processing with resultant heavy demand for labor. Local Employment Offices of the Commission made 2,088 food processing placements in 1952 as compared with more than 4,500 placements in 1951.

Service to Veterans

The number of ex-servicemen filing new applications for work opportunities totaled 2,898. That number was one-third more than the number of new applications received from ex-servicemen during the

previous year and was equal to 22.4% of all male applications received during 1952.

Of the new applications for veterans, 185 were received from those having physical handicaps or disabilities. Continued effort to secure work opportunities in gainful employment for disabled veterans showed gratifying results through employer cooperation during the year. A total of 602 veterans with handicaps were placed which is three and one-quarter times the number of new applications for such veterans and an evidence of continued utilization of applications previously received. The total number of all veterans placed in non-agricultural employment during the year was 6,666.

Summary of Placements of Veterans in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1952*

TABLE XX

INDUSTRY	Total Veterans Placements	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS	6,666	232	760	406	607	385	180	154	99	1,030	125	1,488	224	234	201	144	397
Forestry and Fishing.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining and Quarrying.....	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	9	7	5	0	0	0
Contract Construction.....	1,371	33	169	156	33	55	72	45	18	245	12	228	132	37	28	43	165
Total Manufacturing:	2,848	88	169	189	374	228	82	66	25	512	110	390	149	154	116	89	107
Ordnance and Accessories.....	192	0	0	0	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Kindred Products.....	684	33	70	46	5	119	8	45	4	25	61	169	82	2	0	4	11
Textile-mill Products.....	469	5	2	0	151	1	0	0	0	185	0	1	2	0	82	9	31
Apparel and Related Products.....	22	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	3	0	0	0	4
Lumber and Wood Products.....	539	6	51	44	4	61	68	20	18	79	44	15	1	66	13	26	23
Furniture and Fixtures.....	45	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	34	0	0	0	0	0
Paper and Allied Products.....	166	4	7	1	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	85	0	1	31
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Products.....	13	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	51	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	3	2	0	14	25	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products.....	300	39	12	0	8	10	0	0	0	142	0	14	21	0	5	49	0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products.....	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Primary Metal Industries.....	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products.....	93	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	76	0	0	5	0	0
Machinery (except electrical).....	94	0	14	15	13	0	0	0	0	2	0	35	0	0	9	0	6
Electrical Machinery.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Transportation Equipment.....	100	0	0	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	12	1	0	0	1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing.....	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Interstate Railroads.....	265	30	22	4	136	0	3	0	16	19	0	18	1	5	3	0	8
Other Public Utilities.....	208	10	30	6	4	2	6	6	18	17	0	63	2	18	17	7	2
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	1,157	23	196	27	30	63	10	17	9	151	2	510	19	6	6	4	84
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate.....	45	1	6	0	5	3	0	0	1	9	0	18	0	0	0	0	2
Service (excluding private households).....	460	23	106	12	21	8	2	12	5	49	1	180	1	6	10	1	23
Private Households.....	121	4	18	7	0	19	0	0	5	5	0	49	0	0	9	0	5
Regular Government Establishments.....	154	19	44	5	4	7	2	8	2	11	0	23	13	3	12	0	1
Special Government Projects.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*This table includes Local and Inter-Office Clearance Placements made in nonagricultural activities.

Summary of Services Relating to Veterans, by Local Office, 1952

TABLE XXI

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO VETERANS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Referrals*	Nonagricultural Placements*	Counseling Interviews
TOTAL.....	2,898	11,895	6,666	1,509
Augusta.....	126	549	232	28
Bangor.....	340	1,241	760	245
Bath.....	247	662	406	73
Biddeford.....	157	678	607	14
Calais.....	55	604	359	15
Caribou.....	142	305	206	8
Ellsworth.....	43	234	154	15
Houlton.....	85	175	99	8
Lewiston.....	393	2,002	1,030	437
Machias.....	38	154	125	20
Portland.....	583	3,567	1,488	545
Rockland.....	93	298	224	13
Rumford.....	73	297	234	7
Sanford.....	61	300	201	23
Skowhegan.....	232	296	144	41
Waterville.....	230	533	397	17

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

Employment Counseling

Since its inception the agency has subscribed to the policy of providing employment counseling to any applicant of employable age who requires or wishes such assistance in becoming vocationally adjusted. There are many factors such as youth, lack of experience, advanced age, physical disability and loss of employment through technological changes which warrant continued emphasis in employment counseling.

During the year covered by this report, 2,520 applicants, or 11% of all those filing new registrations with the agency, fell within the category that needed counseling. Of that number 569 were ex-service-men and 518 of such applicants were those having a handicap or physical disability.

In addition to the 2,520 initial interviews, 3,171 follow-up interviews on behalf of the same applicants were conducted to insure that each instance received continued attention toward the return to gainful employment. Of those who required counseling, 152 cases were referred to the Maine State Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Education for medical, surgical or psychiatric help, prosthetic device or further specialized vocational guidance. Some of the results obtained on behalf of handicapped workers have been most

gratifying to all concerned and every opportunity is taken to encourage employers to consider the potential abilities of such applicants.

It follows logically that the employer who too hastily refuses to consider an applicant with an infirmity without first matching his physical capacities with the physical demands of the job is contributing to social and economic waste. The verified placements of handicapped applicants during 1952 totaled 1,307 which practically equals the number placed the previous year.

**Summary of Services Relating to Handicapped Persons,
by Local Office, 1952**

TABLE XXII

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Referrals	Nonagricultural Placements	Initial Counseling Interviews
TOTAL	611	2,277	1,307	518
Augusta	20	123	43	12
Bangor	30	227	156	55
Bath	55	158	101	31
Biddeford	25	27	30	10
Calais	6	84	50	1
Caribou	7	22	13	4
Ellsworth	7	57	33	5
Houlton	14	12	2	8
Lewiston	213	549	368	102
Machias	5	0	0	4
Portland	123	847	395	216
Rockland	39	54	38	19
Rumford	14	22	12	21
Sanford	5	33	20	10
Skowhegan	30	31	27	8
Waterville	18	31	19	12

Testing

The applicant testing program has been continued in offices located at Bangor, Bath, Lewiston, Portland, and Skowhegan for the purpose of determining aptitudes or fitness for general work areas or for specific occupational requirements. The General Aptitude Test Battery was given to 622 applicants and tests for specific occupational aptitudes were given to 431 applicants. In certain instances a smaller number, or 55, proficiency tests were given to meet special conditions.

An increasing number of employers are recognizing the value of the testing program since it has been established beyond any question of doubt that an applicant who reaches satisfactory norm scores will, in most instances, become a satisfactory employee as far as his ability to

perform the required tasks and duties is concerned. Consequently the testing program is a contributing factor to lessening labor turnover.

Benefit Rights and Obligations Interviews

At the time an applicant registers for assistance in securing gainful employment and who is also eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, he is scheduled for an interview which is called a Benefit Rights and Obligations Interview at the time he files his first compensable claim. During such an interview the various aspects of his eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits are explained and he is carefully instructed in regard to the qualifying requirements of the Law and his personal responsibilities as a claimant for benefits. All of these aspects are discussed with him by an interviewer who has a knowledge of the local labor market, industrial and occupational requirements and demands and who is able to give advice in regard to prospects for securing employment in the line of endeavor in which the applicant has experience, training or aptitudes. During the year 16,842 such interviews were conducted.

In the event that the applicant's period of unemployment continues, he is re-interviewed periodically. These later interviews are specific discussions which relate to exploring further possibilities of securing work in related lines of endeavor if it is not apparent that employment can be found in the occupational pursuits that he has customarily followed in the past. The extent to which the applicant has shown efforts on his own behalf to secure employment are explored. The number of this type of interviews that were held during 1952 totalled 9,458 and experience has demonstrated beyond question such interviews to be of constructive value to applicants who have extended periods of unemployment in promoting a better understanding of the basic purpose and intent of the Employment Security program.

Summary of Basic Local Office Work Load Activities, by Office, 1952

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 Placements		Counseling Interviews	Employer Visits	Nonagricultural Job Openings Received
					Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural			
TOTAL	694,812	23,284	11,210	82,976	58,765	120,609	34,092	117,417	2,313	628	460	547	5,691	11,100	60,234
Augusta	26,397	1,173	898	3,672	2,914	9,237	1,508	9,218	56	0	5	0	141	638	1,866
Bangor	62,002	3,129	1,094	12,051	5,620	25,954	3,277	24,809	205	15	40	0	1,205	1,555	5,567
Bath	19,075	1,307	272	2,777	2,954	7,536	1,735	7,528	39	8	122	0	221	489	2,883
Biddeford	51,493	1,401	381	3,409	2,979	47	1,663	32	79	3	158	10	70	177	2,080
Calais	24,629	420	200	3,909	3,980	4,282	1,985	4,527	41	11	0	0	25	172	2,940
Caribou	32,704	935	801	7,729	1,365	9,744	833	8,918	3	0	2	516	12	537	6,027
Ellsworth	11,647	404	132	497	1,418	795	1,141	764	37	14	55	0	39	310	1,434
Houlton	10,447	402	325	1,787	949	2,196	484	2,150	7	516	1	21	16	549	781
Lewiston	132,969	3,774	3,414	12,561	8,668	3,294	5,126	3,239	527	4	1	0	1,006	1,089	6,678
Machias	21,112	373	352	612	2,383	3,574	2,056	3,569	0	0	0	0	25	331	2,693
Portland	158,275	5,387	2,228	24,638	16,189	12,135	7,876	11,828	1,102	32	11	0	2,430	2,378	8,620
Rockland	55,739	796	134	2,019	2,799	17,251	1,956	17,182	54	8	8	0	51	824	2,228
Rumford	13,393	891	228	2,052	2,226	12,520	1,713	12,006	1	1	21	0	30	686	3,871
Sanford	25,084	559	272	1,480	1,037	285	719	259	78	1	20	0	56	310	943
Skowhegan	22,184	1,139	260	1,433	1,526	7,113	790	7,094	57	0	10	0	224	363	10,207
Waterville	27,662	1,194	219	2,350	1,758	4,646	1,230	4,294	27	15	6	0	140	692	1,416