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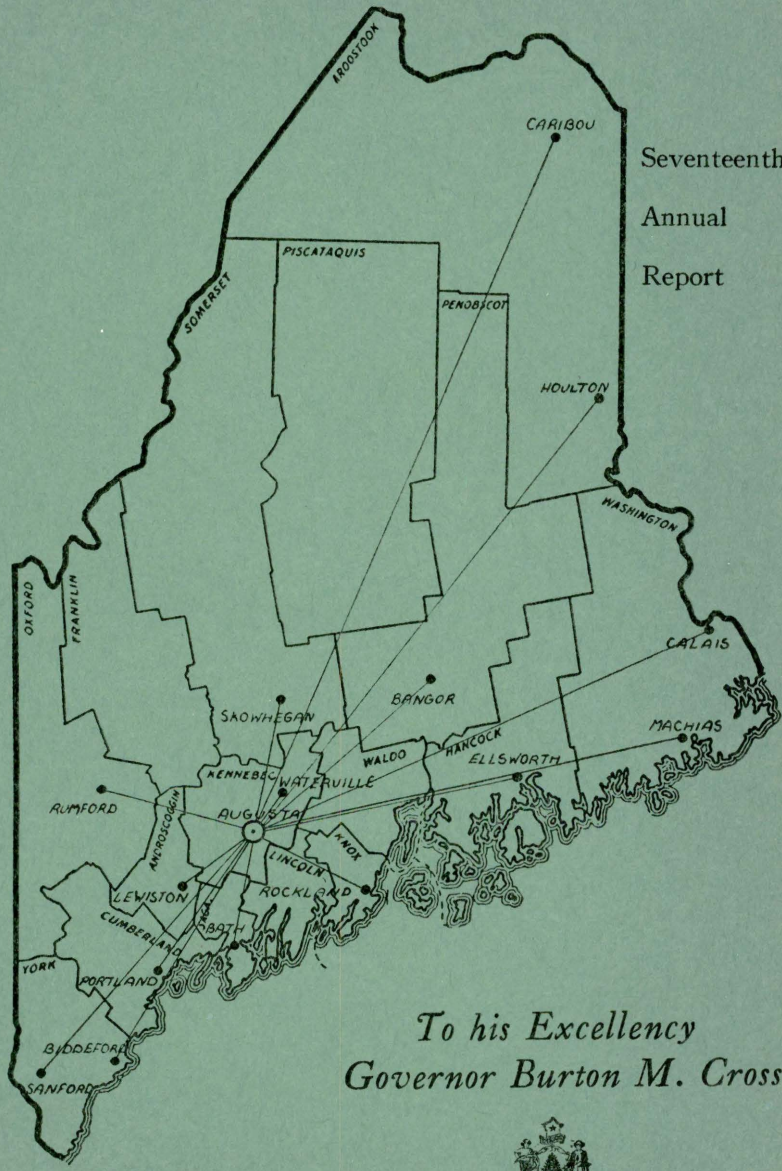
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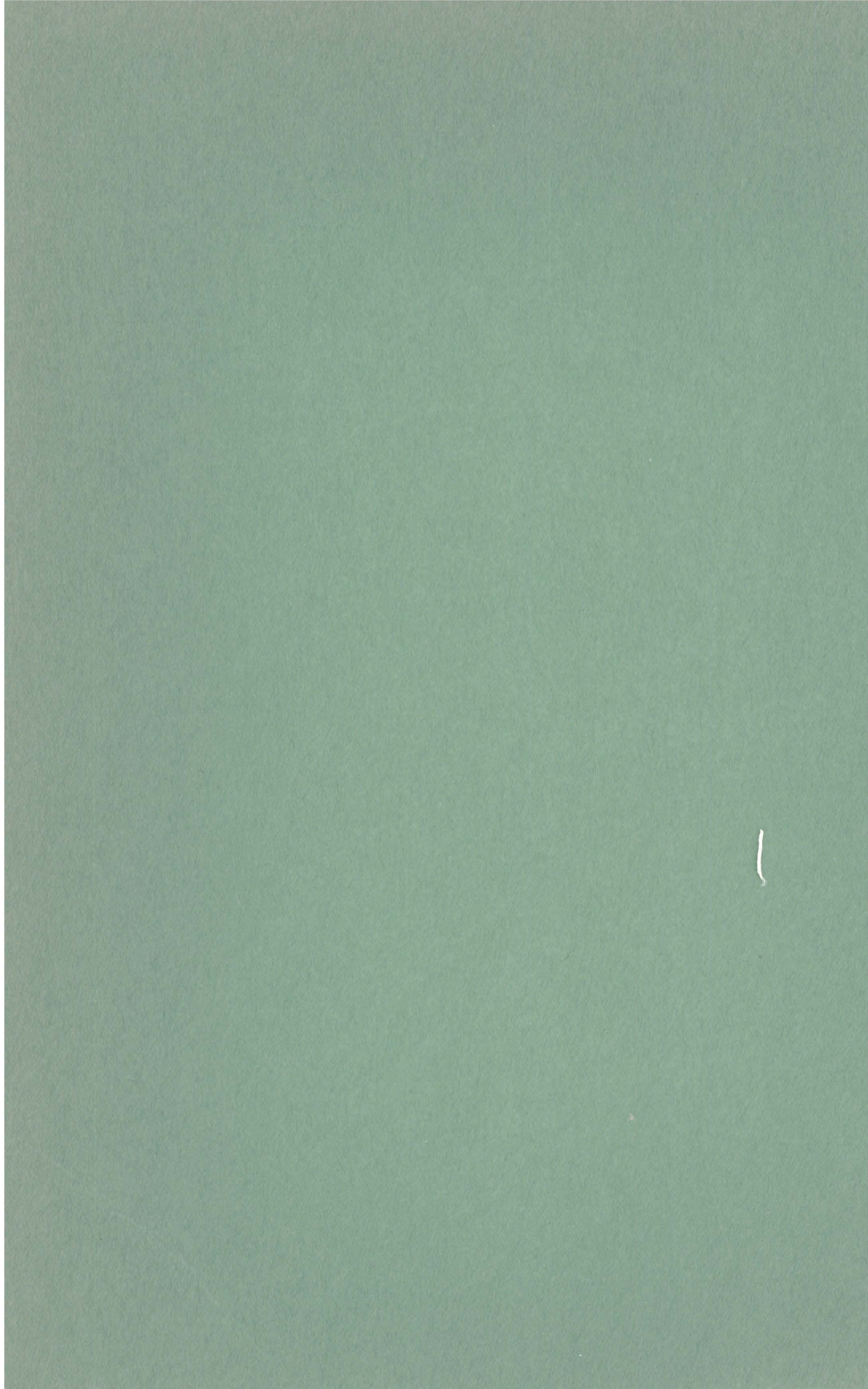
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*To his Excellency
Governor Burton M. Cross*



MAY 1, 1954



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

**Maine Employment
Security Commission**

To

His Excellency

Governor Burton M. Cross



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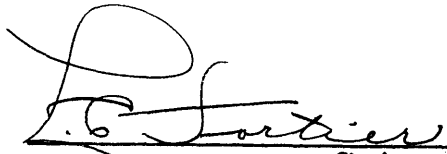
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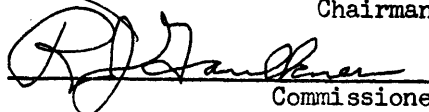
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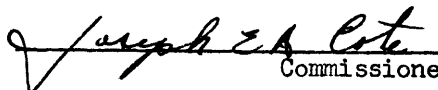
Dear Governor Cross:

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 1953.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman.


Commissioner.


Commissioner.

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INTRODUCTION

The Legislature enacted several amendments to the Law which became effective August 8, 1953. Holiday pay is not considered wages for the purpose of weekly benefits, however, it is still deemed to be wages for tax purposes. Another amendment provides that a female claimant shall be ineligible for benefits for a certain period before and after the birth of a child. The benefit schedule was amended with a retroactive date of April 1, 1953, which made it necessary to make approximately 26,000 redeterminations and issue supplemental payments to 12,900 claimants in the amount of \$87,700.00 or an average of \$6.79 to each. The schedule changed minimum qualifying wages from \$300 to \$400 and the minimum weekly benefit amount from \$7.00 to \$9.00 with minimum total benefits increasing from \$140.00 to \$180.00. The maximum weekly benefit amount increased from \$25.00 to \$27.00. The deduction schedule was also amended as of April 1, 1953, providing for a deduction of \$2.00 for any weekly earnings up to \$4.00. Prior to this amendment a claimant could earn up to \$3.00 and have no deduction made in his weekly benefit amount.

Due to a drastic reduction of administrative funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953, appropriated by Congress, the Commission found it necessary to reorganize and curtail many operations. Local offices located at Ellsworth, Machias, Rumford, and Sanford, were closed September 9, 1953. Employers, workers, and claimants formerly served by these offices were served from other offices at itinerant points. The Houlton office was closed October 30, 1953, and if funds are available will be reopened yearly from July 1 to November 1 to handle recruitment for agricultural labor, which is particularly important for the potato harvest. It also became necessary in September to take claims on a biweekly basis in order to operate within allotted funds. This procedure delays payment of benefits to eligible individuals and also is conducive to fraudulent filing of claims.

There were thirty-five employees laid off due to this curtailment of funds and twenty-seven employees were demoted, some receiving salary cuts. Programs covering training and informational services were reduced to a minimum. The mailing to employers of monthly statements of charges for benefit payments was discontinued for the great majority. Although operating funds were greatly curtailed the

Commission has continued to provide essential services to employers and workers.

At Christmas the Commission awarded Certificates to thirty-five employees with ten years of service and to sixty-eight employees with fifteen years of service in the Agency. Gold lapel buttons and pins were also given to fifteen year employees in recognition of their service.

The Farm Program was again operated by the Commission to provide necessary harvest hands to fruit and produce growers throughout the State. It is the policy of the Commission to recruit only for employers who provide qualified supervisors, safe means of transportation, and adequate facilities for the workers who are for the most part school students.

A Precedent Manual of Agency decisions in benefit cases was issued to all Deputies in 1953 in order to provide more uniformity in the application of the provisions of the Law and Commission's Regulation. An improved plan for better fact finding and decision writing was also introduced. Procedures were revised covering investigations of fraudulent claims, collection of benefit overpayments and delinquent employer accounts under the jurisdiction of the Legal department. To provide for adequate training, a new type of training plan was introduced covering on-the-job and refresher training based on needs previously indicated through evaluations. There were 5,449 man-hours devoted to all types of training by all grades and classes of personnel during the year. The Standards, Methods, and Planning department conducted detailed studies on new operating methods and equipment for the purpose of recommending improvements in operations.

The Legal department collected fifty-one delinquent employer accounts amounting to \$33,255.21. Proofs of claims were filed against bankruptcy and receivership accounts amounting to \$47,273.23. Twelve suits were filed in Superior Court for collection of delinquent contributions. There are two employer suits, contesting liability, now pending in court against the Agency. One claimant suit is pending in Superior Court and one claimant suit is pending in the Equity Court.

A State-wide random sample survey was inaugurated the latter part of December. This program is being conducted by selecting five claimant cases at random from each local office and itinerant point and checking each case with particular emphasis on the most recent week for which the claimant filed for benefits.

The Commission was granted authority to charge-off as uncollectible employer delinquencies of contributions and interest amounting to \$13,234.56, and overpayments of benefits amounting to \$17,851.16.

The Commission continued its contractual agreement with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to develop and publish current nonagricultural employment, workweek, and factory earnings data on a monthly basis. The information assembled has been of inestimable value administratively, being used as a guide in the evaluation and planning of operational programs. In addition, it is apparent that the data are being utilized more extensively than ever by various outside organizations, especially employers, labor groups, and research agencies.

General interest in economic conditions and developments during 1953 in Maine and in the nation as a whole resulted in repeated requests for statistics available from the operation of programs administered by this Agency. In this connection, the Commission has continued to keep the public informed in regard to labor market trends through the medium of its bimonthly Labor Market Newsletter. Also, special analyses of both state-wide and local area conditions have been made in response to numerous requests received.

A three-year study, designed to appraise the effectiveness of the benefit rights duration provision of the Law and to investigate the degree of labor market attachment of claimants following the exhaustion of their benefits, was concluded in 1953. This survey has provided much background information which will be useful in formulating future benefits program plans, and, at the same time, has tended to reflect that duration provisions have been adequate generally in the last three completed benefit years.

Limited administrative funds prevented the Commission from initiating a planned benefits financing study during the year. However, preliminary analyses relating to this subject indicated that the Maine fund is in a much more satisfactory position than the funds available in many of the other states.

The Commission held four hearings upon request of employing units and determined that liability existed under the Law for six employing units. Seventeen cases of alleged labor disputes were referred to the Commission and in all instances it was found that a stoppage of work existed due to a labor dispute.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The following statements reflect in summary form the activities within the Administrative Fund accounts for the calendar year 1953.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Calendar Year 1953

Cash Balance—December 31, 1952.....		\$ 98,043.14
Federal Grants:		
U. S. Department of Labor.....	\$995,160.56	
Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	4,438.00	
Miscellaneous Cash Receipts.....	775.65	1,000,374.21
		1,098,417.35
Total Cash Receipts.....		
Cash Disbursements:		
Calendar Year 1952 Encumbrances.....	4,753.95	
Calendar Year 1953 Encumbrances.....	998,825.41	
		1,003,579.36
Total Cash Disbursements.....		1,003,579.36
Cash Balance—December 31, 1953.....		\$ 94,837.99

Operating Statement Calendar Year 1953

	U. S. Dept. of Labor	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Total
Administrative Funds			
Approved for 1953.....	\$1,000,168.50	\$4,438.00	\$1,004,606.50
Encumbrances:			
Personal Services.....	773,166.25	4,438.00	777,604.25
Consumable Supplies....	27,672.29		27,672.29
Communications.....	13,962.40		13,962.40
Travel.....	32,197.13		32,197.13
Printing and Binding....	3,528.50		3,528.50
Light and Water.....	5,370.66		5,370.66
Rent of Premises.....	44,887.90		44,887.90
Rent of Equipment.....	9,518.96		9,518.96
Repairs and Alterations..	4,531.05		4,531.05
Other Expense.....	71,561.55		*71,561.55
Equipment Purchases ...	11,333.81		11,333.81
Total Encumbrances.....		\$ 997,730.50	\$1,002,168.50
Unencumbered Balance			
for Calendar Year 1953..	\$ 2,438.00		\$ 2,438.00

*Includes \$67,909.31 paid to Maine State Employees Retirement System to cover this Agency's portion of Contributions and Expense for Calendar Year 1953.

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1953

Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 94,837.99
Balance Due on 1954 Fiscal Year Grants	<u>391,756.00</u>
Total Assets	\$486,593.99

Liabilities

Unliquidated Encumbrances:	
Fiscal Year 1953-54	\$ 3,343.09
Total Liabilities	\$ 3,343.09

Reserves

Unencumbered Allotments:	
Fiscal Year 1953-54	\$477,081.17
Fiscal Year 1952-53	6,129.23
Fiscal Year 1951-52	<u>40.50</u>
Total Reserves	\$483,250.90
Total Liabilities and Reserves	<u><u>\$486,593.99</u></u>

**Statement of Net Tax Received from Employers and Benefit Payments
to Unemployed Claimants for the Years 1936 through 1953
as of December 31, 1953**

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 . . .	8,916,898.38	
1944 . . .	7,577,481.86	
1945 . . .	6,310,829.19	
1946 . . .	6,320,376.90	
1947 . . .	6,391,207.44	
1948 . . .	6,465,282.67	
1949 . . .	6,139,141.12	
1950 . . .	6,489,296.81	
1951 . . .	7,244,650.87	
1952 . . .	7,203,652.45	
1953 . . .	5,832,390.94	
Total Employer Contributions	\$103,933,721.64	
Interest on Trust Fund	8,710,938.04	
Interest and Penalty on Employer Accounts . . .	114,285.26	
Benefit Fines Received	2,586.70	
Anonymous Refunds	125.00	
		<u>\$112,761,656.64</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 . . .	5,325,576.17	
1953 . . .	5,788,303.10	
Net Benefits Paid	\$ 68,356,188.10	
Administrative Expense	2,373.60	\$68,358,561.70
Cash Balance—December 31, 1953		<u>\$44,403,094.94</u>
Special Administrative Expense Account	\$ 5,794.92	
Clearing Account	3,083.95	
Trust Fund	44,385,972.70	
Benefit Account	53,693.37	
	\$ 44,448,544.94	
Less: U.C.V. Advance	45,450.00	
Cash Balance—December 31, 1953		<u>\$ 44,403,094.94</u>

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACTIVITIES

During the year the Field Representatives made 6,413 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 Law.

In auditing employer accounts it was found that 80 employers had failed to report taxable wages on which additional contributions were due in the amount of \$6,947.45. It was also found that 110 employers had overpaid contributions in the amount of \$11,085.40.

Contributions, interest, and penalties amounting to \$87,597.78 were collected during the year. Delinquent quarterly contribution reports were obtained from 182 employers on which contributions were due in the amount of \$25,919.98.

Employer Accounts

Active Accounts as of 1-1-53	4828	
Reopened Accounts	57	
Voluntary Elections	38	
Successors to Subject Employers	160	
Liable under other provisions of the Law	384	639
		5467
Less Accounts Closed		
Granted Termination of Coverage	116	
Business dissolved, sold, or operations ceased . . .	435	551
		4916

GROSS CASH RECEIPTS

Calendar Year 1953

1943 Contributions	\$ 253.89
1944 Contributions	189.85
1945 Contributions	130.44
1946 Contributions	431.16
1947 Contributions	1,021.11
1948 Contributions	2,780.00
1949 Contributions	2,779.11
1950 Contributions	5,911.62
1951 Contributions	14,210.02
1952 Contributions	1,481,185.71
1953 Contributions	5,837,482.58
Interest on Employer Accounts	9,637.30
Payroll Penalties	866.00
Interest on Trust Fund	985,249.26
Benefit Court Fines	271.10
Benefit Overpayment Refunds	15,522.33
U. C. V. Advance	393,885.50
Anonymous Refunds	60.00
Total	<hr/> \$8,751,866.98

During the year 281 refunds were issued to employers amounting to \$22,450.97.

Monthly Employment in Establishments Covered under Employment Security Law, 1952

TABLE I

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	170,934	169,271	164,334	163,410	170,465	184,427	186,621	187,489	186,022	181,538	178,777	179,388
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing ..	770	774	646	920	873	1,147	1,469	1,229	1,067	1,036	1,053	1,094
Mining and Quarrying	365	367	369	404	329	500	491	524	502	482	440	387
Contract Construction	6,935	6,045	5,135	6,172	7,950	9,150	9,694	9,829	9,676	8,685	7,854	6,862
Manufacturing	107,708	107,363	102,835	99,648	103,812	114,277	114,845	115,596	115,702	112,985	111,092	110,445
Food and Kindred Products	6,428	6,260	6,347	7,132	7,406	12,791	13,070	12,638	13,885	12,046	9,828	7,609
Textile-mill Products	25,214	24,477	23,062	22,232	23,043	23,406	23,371	24,630	24,585	24,916	25,300	25,582
Apparel and Related Products	1,589	1,710	1,764	1,729	1,732	1,712	1,731	1,800	1,878	1,911	1,930	1,964
Lumber and Wood Products	20,392	20,004	16,930	14,895	17,560	19,827	19,560	18,676	17,532	17,511	17,574	17,795
Furniture and Fixtures	916	959	952	931	922	1,001	997	1,055	1,122	1,090	1,107	1,065
Paper and Allied Products	19,170	19,055	18,754	18,269	18,580	19,140	18,411	18,723	18,948	18,681	18,452	18,616
Printing and Publishing	1,699	1,702	1,694	1,693	1,717	1,730	1,720	1,723	1,716	1,738	1,744	1,753
Chemicals and Allied Products	666	671	686	772	824	752	718	700	715	663	719	720
Rubber Products	105	100	102	102	92	99	105	108	111	107	119	127
Leather and Leather Products	19,106	19,770	19,846	19,086	18,705	19,716	20,297	20,653	20,276	19,582	19,534	20,431
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	778	772	769	819	914	1,047	1,085	1,074	1,022	935	895	860
Primary Metal Products	278	280	270	264	259	255	258	247	235	240	242	247
Fabricated Metal Products	1,816	1,863	1,850	1,873	1,885	1,972	2,032	1,925	1,987	1,859	1,889	1,898
Machinery (except electrical)	4,946	4,914	4,833	4,711	4,725	4,748	4,757	4,841	4,892	4,974	5,069	5,119
Scientific Instruments	38	35	37	42	42	45	39	38	39	40	40	41
Other Manufacturing	4,567	4,791	4,939	5,098	5,406	6,036	6,694	6,765	6,759	6,692	6,650	6,618
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	10,038	9,775	10,041	9,969	10,058	10,432	10,560	10,539	10,367	10,523	10,528	10,646
Wholesale and Retail Trade	32,353	32,063	32,251	33,399	33,740	34,469	34,783	34,908	34,480	34,619	35,153	37,309
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate ..	4,668	4,678	4,670	4,751	4,798	4,822	4,888	4,897	4,845	4,876	4,853	4,880
Service Industries	7,137	7,160	7,191	7,302	8,011	8,580	9,276	9,253	8,693	8,114	7,540	7,438
Establishments, n.e.c.	960	1,046	1,196	845	894	1,050	615	714	690	218	264	327

Total Wages Paid in Covered Employment in 1952 by Industry

TABLE II

INDUSTRY	Total for Year	QUARTER			
		First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Total	\$532,569,055.32	\$122,985,576.49	\$129,245,698.89	\$137,338,893.34	\$142,998,886.60
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	2,553,601.60	405,855.35	645,763.72	771,732.39	730,250.14
Mining and Quarrying	1,435,208.91	279,156.83	315,920.89	411,226.70	428,904.49
Contract Construction	28,153,249.12	5,299,600.13	6,731,186.99	8,805,398.39	7,317,063.61
Manufacturing	339,195,682.23	79,535,057.28	82,867,437.71	86,474,931.09	90,318,256.15
Food and Kindred Products	25,098,741.48	4,383,643.52	6,196,139.18	8,059,876.93	6,459,081.85
Textile-mill Products	77,553,391.18	18,634,976.34	19,221,282.33	18,668,745.93	21,028,386.58
Apparel and Related Products	3,817,677.65	856,928.54	942,129.36	941,067.22	1,077,552.53
Lumber and Wood Products	49,377,831.18	12,568,176.18	11,359,239.47	13,019,593.28	12,430,822.25
Furniture and Fixtures	2,499,471.36	579,484.86	580,205.44	597,576.30	742,204.76
Paper and Allied Products	71,951,854.12	17,584,661.41	17,506,749.42	17,673,717.56	19,186,725.73
Printing and Publishing	5,846,153.76	1,375,582.07	1,440,320.34	1,435,545.52	1,594,705.83
Chemicals and Allied Products	2,188,324.45	487,791.49	621,301.81	539,528.65	539,702.50
Rubber Products	338,296.28	73,046.86	80,138.55	76,265.35	108,845.52
Leather and Leather Products	50,514,002.22	12,253,652.39	12,401,977.53	12,687,268.65	13,171,103.65
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	2,942,688.29	562,219.10	702,765.06	836,153.67	841,550.46
Primary Metal Products	853,357.70	215,100.12	216,795.46	180,158.80	241,303.32
Fabricated Metal Products	7,451,761.58	1,609,642.88	1,947,867.29	1,921,242.90	1,973,008.51
Machinery (except electrical)	18,800,665.92	4,562,270.16	4,924,851.79	4,201,159.20	5,112,384.77
Scientific Instruments	144,259.42	24,843.85	25,630.36	46,858.74	46,926.47
Other Manufacturing	19,817,205.64	3,763,037.51	4,700,044.32	5,590,172.39	5,763,951.42
Transportation, Communication, and Other					
Public Utilities	33,286,655.68	7,765,519.14	7,963,018.02	8,526,265.05	9,031,853.47
Wholesale and Retail Trade	95,135,460.39	22,141,380.07	22,679,193.25	23,763,055.77	26,551,831.30
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	15,826,931.34	3,691,478.35	3,773,287.68	3,862,457.37	4,499,707.94
Service Industries	15,398,704.00	3,338,496.47	3,759,138.54	4,324,831.38	3,976,237.61
Establishments, n.e.c.	1,583,562.05	529,032.87	510,752.09	398,995.20	144,781.89

During the year 7,047 wage certifications were completed by checking payroll reports filed by employers. It is necessary to certify wages in the majority of cases because the claimant has lost his copy of withholding statement received from his employer. However, the number of certifications required was only 14% of the total monetary determinations made for the year which indicates that our decentralized procedure is much more economical. Proofs of Credit were processed on 4,707 employer accounts for the Internal Revenue Bureau to certify taxable wages reported, contributions paid, and excess credit allowed by virtue of an employer's contribution rate of less than 2.7%.

There were 3,659 employer accounts eligible to be computed for a contribution rate as of July 1, 1953. The number of employer accounts that did not have sufficient experience to be computed was 1,082. Of the 3,659 accounts computed, 3,230 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 3,659 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, 1953—June 30, 1954
Rate Period

TABLE III

Payroll Category	Rated Employers	Rate of Contribution											
		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	3,659	1,281	266	312	275	275	215	211	141	110	79	65	429
Less than \$5,000	462	270	20	26	15	21	13	20	6	3	5	4	59
\$5,000 to \$9,999	327	161	18	20	19	17	14	7	10	4	6	4	47
\$10,000 to \$19,999	608	246	35	38	43	40	29	31	19	22	20	8	77
\$20,000 to \$49,999	1,206	374	98	110	117	115	84	89	50	39	22	17	91
\$50,000 to \$99,999	511	128	49	61	41	44	37	29	25	23	11	14	49
\$100,000 to \$999,999	486	92	42	48	35	32	35	29	25	18	13	17	100
\$1,000,000 and over	59	10	4	9	5	6	3	6	6	1	2	1	6

**Analysis by Industry and by Rate Class of Employer Accounts Rated at the Start of the
Experience Rating Period July 1, 1953-June 30, 1954**

TABLE IV

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	3,659	1,281	266	312	275	275	215	211	141	110	79	65	429
Agriculture	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	7
Forestry	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Fishing	12	4	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
Nonmetallic mining and quarrying	15	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	2	6
Building construction—general contractors	105	4	-	2	-	7	6	1	8	5	12	3	57
General contractors, other than building	39	3	-	1	-	1	1	3	1	4	3	2	20
Construction—special trade contractors	137	18	5	6	8	5	6	7	2	8	7	12	53
Food and kindred products	162	25	12	9	10	12	5	5	6	5	4	5	64
Textile-mill products	54	2	-	1	3	8	5	2	4	1	1	2	25
Apparel and other finished products	22	2	-	-	1	3	1	3	-	2	1	1	8
Lumber and wood products	371	80	20	28	24	23	36	41	36	24	12	5	42
Furniture and fixtures	11	2	-	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	1
Paper and allied products	31	7	5	7	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	4
Printing, publishing, and allied industries	52	26	7	3	6	5	2	-	2	-	1	-	-
Chemicals and allied products	27	8	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	8
Leather and leather products	83	5	5	2	2	5	4	6	12	8	4	8	22
Stone, clay, and glass products	19	3	1	4	1	1	-	4	1	-	-	1	3
Primary metal industries	7	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fabricated metal products	28	8	2	4	4	2	3	1	-	-	1	1	2
Machinery (except electrical)	20	6	2	2	2	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	1
Transportation equipment	21	9	-	1	-	4	1	3	-	-	1	-	2
Professional and scientific instruments	4	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	16	5	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
All other manufacturing	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Local railways and bus lines	8	4	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trucking and warehousing for hire	82	19	9	15	5	6	7	9	5	2	1	4	-
Other transportation, except water transportation	18	10	1	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water transportation	10	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Services allied to transportation, n.e.c.	13	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	7
Communication	17	4	3	5	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Utilities	26	14	4	3	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	1

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Claim Load

The aggregate number of unemployment benefit claims for all types filed in local offices of the Commission during the calendar year 1953 was 525,541, an increase of 4% over the prior year.

Initial Claims

A total of 52,340 new initial claims were filed in local offices, an increase of 4% over 1952. This number does not include additional initial claims as shown in the accompanying tables, but does include 3,821 initial Interstate claims taken by the Maine Agency as Agent State for transmittal to various liable states for their disposition. The total number of new initial claims requiring monetary determination was 51,034, comprised of 48,519 filed in local offices, 2,102 initial Interstate claims received from other states, and 413 pending determination at the close of 1952. Of the 51,034 initial claims requiring determination, a total of 49,986 monetary determinations were made, 663 were disposed of without formal determination, and 385 were pending at the close of the year. Of the determinations made 46,582, or 93%, resulted in a finding of eligibility for benefits, and 3,404, or 7%, resulted in a finding of non-eligibility because of insufficient wage credits in subject employment. The decrease from the eligibility ratio of 95% in 1952 is chiefly accounted for by the increase in the minimum qualifying wages from \$300 to \$400.

UC Initial Claims and Continued Weeks Claimed, by Local Office, 1952 and 1953

TABLE V

Local Office	Initial Claims			Continued Weeks Claimed		
	1953	1952	Percentage Change	1953	1952	Percentage Change
Total	89,939	82,005	+9.7	435,602	423,669	+2.8
Augusta	5,573	5,250	+6.2	27,513	24,414	+12.7
Bangor	8,338	7,076	+17.8	46,734	40,730	+14.7
Bath	3,221	2,469	+30.5	12,572	11,474	+9.6
Biddeford	7,970	5,918	+34.7	35,214	37,166	-5.3
Calais	4,970	3,426	+45.1	34,817	22,032	+58.0
Caribou	3,427	2,829	+21.1	16,189	12,673	+27.7
Ellsworth*	1,366	1,876	-27.2	12,803	12,638	+1.3
Houlton†	529	511	+3.5	2,213	2,461	-10.1
Lewiston	18,053	16,761	+7.7	68,568	68,039	+0.8
Machias*	3,057	4,535	-32.6	28,937	30,607	-5.5
Portland	12,818	11,128	+15.2	47,920	61,755	-22.4
Rockland	3,946	4,208	-6.2	25,644	30,539	-16.0
Rumford*	1,469	1,885	-22.1	7,931	9,898	-19.9
Sanford*	5,376	5,937	-9.5	15,041	21,668	-30.6
Skowhegan	5,205	4,156	+25.2	27,077	18,194	+48.8
Waterville	4,621	4,040	+14.4	26,429	19,381	+36.4

*Offices closed in September, 1953.

†Houlton office closed at the end of October, 1953.

Local Office UC Claims Load, 1938-1953

TABLE VI

Year	Total Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Weeks Claimed
1953	525,541	89,939	435,602
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

Benefit Payments

The total number of benefit checks issued in 1953 was 332,799. This figure is not comparable with prior years due to the fact that beginning September 28, 1953, one check was issued to claimants filing on a bi-weekly basis. The total amount paid in benefits for the year was \$5,809,083.00, reflecting an increase of 9% over 1952. The average weekly benefit payment in 1952 was \$15.49, whereas the average amount payable as a weekly benefit in 1953 was \$16.41. This difference is largely accounted for by changes in the benefit schedule.

The total number of first payments made in 1953 was 36,599, as compared with 36,432 in 1952. This represents the number of claimants who drew one or more weekly benefit checks during the year, and is 79% of all claimants who filed initial claims.

**Weeks Compensated and Amount of Benefit Payments under UC Program
by Month, by Type of Unemployment, 1953**

TABLE VII

Month	All Payments		TYPE OF UNEMPLOYMENT			
	Weeks Compensated	Amount of Payments	Total		Partial	
			Weeks Compensated	Amount of Payments	Weeks Compensated	Amount of Payments
Total	354,087	\$5,809,083	303,702	\$5,184,916	50,385	\$624,167
January	35,526	537,436	31,852	498,944	3,674	38,492
February	31,733	504,336	29,733	482,259	2,000	22,077
March	30,478	514,540	28,064	487,088	2,414	27,452
April	29,803	465,845	27,923	445,257	1,880	20,588
May	38,723	587,421	33,998	535,003	4,725	52,418
June	26,107	395,396	21,907	350,274	4,200	45,122
July	20,678	309,989	18,611	289,058	2,067	20,931
August	17,375	308,838	14,846	248,385	2,529	60,453
September	17,121	314,680	12,688	237,240	4,433	77,440
October	23,355	412,707	16,667	325,096	6,688	87,611
November	28,708	513,594	21,765	432,662	6,943	80,932
December	54,480	944,301	45,648	853,650	8,832	90,651

Average Benefit Payment, by Year, 1938-1953

TABLE VIII

Year	Weeks Compensated	Amount of Payments	Average Payment
1953	354,087	\$5,809,083	\$16.41
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 Benefits Issued under UC Program, by Industry, by Month, 1953*

TABLE IX

INDUSTRY	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	\$5,809,083	\$537,436	\$504,336	\$514,540	\$465,845	\$587,421	\$395,396	\$309,989	\$308,838	\$314,680	\$412,707	\$513,594	\$944,301
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	61,448	10,302	10,235	10,979	6,291	4,142	1,436	1,753	1,731	1,668	1,595	2,464	8,852
Mining and Quarrying	45,354	8,040	7,245	7,851	3,691	3,905	2,461	2,315	2,179	1,765	1,315	1,106	3,481
Contract Construction	495,861	89,279	103,647	112,062	59,005	33,969	13,909	8,361	7,590	6,347	7,009	9,253	45,430
Manufacturing	4,264,294	331,892	286,657	283,978	323,299	464,428	318,476	232,529	239,036	249,430	345,467	431,285	757,817
Food and Kindred Products	977,750	125,391	100,447	73,538	109,723	132,025	69,927	60,686	47,977	38,708	21,090	30,961	167,277
Textile-mill Products	1,393,326	87,901	89,571	105,079	86,851	121,557	89,005	59,367	74,092	73,939	117,808	176,979	311,177
Apparel and Related Products	67,717	8,698	7,488	6,532	4,945	6,286	5,786	4,366	3,453	2,570	3,386	5,307	8,900
Lumber and Wood Products	314,581	26,728	26,404	36,759	43,670	42,174	16,613	15,335	15,408	14,676	14,782	20,498	41,534
Furniture and Fixtures	13,136	1,368	1,039	1,105	838	1,197	1,021	915	1,041	916	923	768	2,005
Paper and Allied Products	212,485	20,049	16,327	17,360	18,330	24,803	20,954	17,790	20,569	12,378	13,184	10,223	20,518
Printing and Publishing	8,166	581	917	981	799	746	598	405	714	562	539	440	884
Chemicals and Allied Products	19,859	2,176	3,730	3,638	2,409	2,381	1,177	452	569	421	432	347	2,127
Rubber Products	3,651	261	193	201	223	287	181	253	331	335	440	401	545
Leather and Leather Products	1,008,908	43,666	25,046	25,058	41,184	114,922	100,660	60,143	57,294	87,268	147,474	155,510	150,683
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	14,296	2,674	2,893	2,087	1,281	955	500	389	339	319	552	485	1,822
Primary Metal Products	7,360	407	207	51	234	709	506	677	768	569	885	982	1,365
Fabricated Metal Products	22,386	2,575	2,449	2,112	2,011	1,597	1,142	1,397	1,333	1,256	1,827	1,554	3,133
Machinery (except electrical)	87,683	4,787	5,095	4,019	2,560	3,726	4,238	5,488	10,793	8,796	10,885	11,324	15,972
Scientific Instruments	479	116	76	74	18	0	0	0	0	42	45	30	78
Other Manufacturing	112,511	4,514	4,775	5,384	8,223	11,063	6,168	4,866	4,355	6,675	11,215	15,476	29,797
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	183,056	16,208	19,532	20,488	14,801	16,153	14,274	11,511	11,774	10,042	9,352	13,548	25,373
Wholesale and Retail Trade	294,219	30,983	35,412	36,967	23,536	25,914	19,764	20,740	20,319	14,401	16,764	17,188	32,231
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	20,767	2,395	2,261	1,696	1,434	1,457	1,446	1,364	1,492	1,227	1,595	1,455	2,945
Service Industries	98,811	10,302	9,858	10,353	6,815	8,282	5,547	5,555	5,737	6,090	6,777	9,738	13,757
Establishments, n.e.c.	345,273	38,035	29,489	30,166	26,973	29,171	18,083	25,861	18,980	23,710	22,833	27,557	54,415

*The total amount of benefits 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 of Unemployment Compensated under UC Program, by Industry, by Month, 1953*

TABLE X

INDUSTRY	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	354,087	35,526	31,733	30,478	29,803	38,723	26,107	20,678	17,375	17,121	23,355	28,708	54,480
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	3,801	608	646	668	395	286	106	124	106	108	95	144	515
Mining and Quarrying	2,272	431	392	418	185	188	111	108	88	66	62	55	168
Contract Construction	25,133	4,496	5,234	5,665	3,016	1,788	728	464	348	308	304	459	2,323
Manufacturing	267,267	23,912	19,558	17,822	21,772	31,366	21,419	15,866	13,635	13,659	19,782	24,204	44,272
Food and Kindred Products	84,581	11,731	9,242	6,311	9,819	12,118	6,710	5,780	4,072	1,665	1,410	2,623	13,100
Textile-mill Products	69,352	4,745	4,607	5,342	4,329	6,341	4,787	3,295	3,418	3,632	5,584	8,388	14,684
Apparel and Related Products	4,495	584	505	409	337	450	413	310	201	162	196	329	599
Lumber and Wood Products	18,008	1,597	1,550	2,091	2,508	2,471	1,021	982	804	814	793	1,086	2,291
Furniture and Fixtures	854	90	77	90	62	84	66	63	59	50	49	43	121
Paper and Allied Products	10,153	1,046	831	871	923	1,214	1,054	858	796	520	571	480	989
Printing and Publishing	484	38	57	64	52	48	38	27	33	29	27	25	46
Chemicals and Allied Products	1,080	128	199	191	126	125	66	30	32	19	28	22	114
Rubber Products	218	16	12	11	13	19	13	13	17	21	28	25	30
Leather and Leather Products	66,031	3,092	1,615	1,683	2,646	7,540	6,609	3,852	3,386	5,937	9,940	9,803	9,928
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	776	143	152	117	69	61	30	23	18	17	30	27	89
Primary Metal Products	368	25	14	3	12	36	24	38	36	26	43	45	66
Fabricated Metal Products	1,289	159	146	128	115	101	78	86	76	70	94	87	149
Machinery (except electrical)	4,159	233	262	198	135	201	208	268	489	401	497	528	739
Scientific Instruments	29	6	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	4
Other Manufacturing	5,390	279	285	307	424	557	302	241	198	294	489	691	1,323
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	10,398	945	1,121	1,180	873	971	848	660	640	559	500	729	1,372
Wholesale and Retail Trade	18,058	1,980	2,230	2,250	1,469	1,705	1,291	1,349	1,132	849	902	989	1,912
Finance, Insurance, and Real Es- tate	1,203	137	139	110	89	92	93	83	75	63	78	78	166
Service Industries	6,516	730	663	679	478	596	391	376	337	369	420	608	869
Establishments, n.e.c.	19,439	2,287	1,750	1,686	1,526	1,731	1,120	1,648	1,014	1,140	1,212	1,442	2,883

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

Amount of Benefits Issued under UC Program, by County, by Month, 1953

TABLE XI

COUNTY	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	\$5,809,083	\$537,436	\$504,336	\$514,540	\$465,845	\$587,421	\$395,396	\$309,989	\$308,838	\$314,680	\$412,707	\$513,594	\$944,301
Androscoggin	755,223	31,146	37,932	44,264	39,602	89,998	82,584	45,798	39,865	55,241	87,805	88,337	112,651
Aroostook	254,814	36,912	39,211	52,174	34,328	18,253	4,582	5,068	7,871	8,888	4,970	10,048	32,509
Cumberland	591,838	69,328	70,700	66,233	47,278	52,390	34,408	26,334	28,358	28,451	34,514	41,673	92,171
Franklin	119,830	9,554	7,666	7,575	5,743	10,478	5,990	9,067	6,746	7,725	9,979	14,806	24,501
Hancock	208,738	32,959	31,865	27,863	24,987	24,762	7,490	3,808	5,112	5,642	1,660	3,027	39,563
Kennebec	639,549	46,750	39,074	43,928	39,746	65,499	51,206	40,259	43,299	36,966	57,118	81,692	94,012
Knox	231,554	41,278	32,527	29,918	19,619	19,581	8,412	4,843	9,123	11,340	6,108	9,077	39,728
Lincoln	62,313	5,809	4,850	4,004	4,195	7,758	3,186	3,303	2,433	2,715	5,317	6,007	12,736
Oxford	127,891	8,441	9,093	10,687	13,893	13,506	9,076	9,143	7,029	7,907	12,898	14,909	11,309
Penobscot	444,711	47,909	50,647	55,507	39,434	34,844	21,077	26,903	23,247	22,053	33,685	31,124	58,281
Piscataquis	154,327	11,966	8,879	10,159	14,374	15,206	7,784	7,308	7,189	6,045	12,536	19,629	33,252
Sagadahoc	139,469	13,746	11,350	11,016	9,876	9,242	5,007	3,941	6,654	10,220	15,097	16,982	26,338
Somerset	468,426	38,670	34,060	42,328	41,681	45,123	31,857	25,368	28,690	31,938	35,577	36,458	76,676
Waldo	86,023	10,146	10,486	10,165	6,699	9,842	3,653	3,433	3,889	3,140	3,998	5,067	15,505
Washington	699,316	87,734	71,606	56,305	83,012	98,698	61,025	48,004	27,112	25,231	9,081	25,012	106,496
York	726,852	35,333	34,718	32,319	34,440	63,263	52,739	41,215	55,813	45,502	75,327	101,756	154,427
Interstate	98,209	9,755	9,672	10,095	6,938	8,978	5,320	6,194	6,408	5,676	7,037	7,990	14,146

Weeks of Unemployment Compensated under UC Program, by County, by Month, 1953*

TABLE XII

COUNTY	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Total	354,087	35,526	31,733	30,478	29,803	38,723	26,107	20,678	17,375	17,121	23,355	28,708	54,480
Androscoggin	45,910	1,818	2,087	2,471	2,272	5,645	5,271	2,860	2,195	3,552	5,623	5,398	6,718
Aroostook	13,436	1,870	1,977	2,658	1,844	990	267	332	508	541	221	521	1,707
Cumberland	36,050	4,391	4,402	4,104	3,079	3,475	2,113	1,557	1,610	1,659	1,796	2,476	5,388
Franklin	6,673	588	449	431	368	680	415	590	392	417	497	684	1,162
Hancock	15,099	2,626	2,439	1,871	1,861	1,942	549	200	371	233	94	178	2,735
Kennebec	36,280	3,013	2,233	2,441	2,272	3,884	3,024	2,382	2,211	2,075	3,191	4,233	5,321
Knox	17,059	3,148	2,481	2,091	1,516	1,559	657	373	652	721	296	629	2,936
Lincoln	3,896	422	368	282	290	509	204	245	157	152	264	323	680
Oxford	7,469	509	531	594	752	755	508	525	404	486	822	873	710
Penobscot	24,017	2,568	2,670	2,874	2,133	2,009	1,253	1,682	1,131	1,183	1,811	1,635	3,068
Piscataquis	7,890	644	459	540	767	833	452	449	333	325	645	905	1,538
Sagadahoc	7,944	916	707	625	691	623	292	257	406	514	717	819	1,377
Somerset	24,883	2,080	1,798	2,147	2,154	2,346	1,768	1,578	1,454	1,676	1,965	1,894	4,023
Waldo	5,372	668	652	595	421	714	256	246	230	163	193	281	953
Washington	57,434	7,626	5,978	4,386	7,022	8,752	5,834	4,790	2,359	633	663	2,017	7,874
York	38,987	2,108	1,997	1,842	1,993	3,508	2,951	2,272	2,677	2,486	4,176	5,416	7,561
Interstate	5,188	531	505	526	368	499	293	340	285	305	381	426	729

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

Interstate

A total of 2,102 initial claims were received by the Maine Agency as Liable State, a decrease of 3% from 1952. The total number of benefit payments made on Interstate claims received was 5,188, a decrease of 21% from 1952, and the total amount of these payments was \$98,209.00, which reflects a decrease of 15% from the previous year.

Deputies' Decisions

A total of 25,980 decisions were rendered by claims deputies, reflecting a decrease of 2% from 1952. The ratio of deputies' decisions to the number of eligible claimants was 56%. The distribution of cases by type, as shown in the following table, indicates no significant departure from the pattern of the prior year.

There were 2,693 deputies' decisions rendered involving disqualification which covered 10,112 weeks with a total reduction in available benefits amounting to \$177,719.00, as compared with 10,590 weeks and \$179,917.00 in 1952. Overpayments were established in 637 cases, involving a total amount of \$17,407.51, as compared with 951 cases amounting to \$23,075.78 in 1952. In spite of this decrease in the total amount of overpayments established, those cases set up as a result of wilful misrepresentation to obtain benefits amounted to \$10,433.00, as compared with \$10,607.75 in 1952. It is thus seen that practically all the decrease in the amount of overpayments was in categories other than wilful misrepresentation. The reduction in overpayments established in these other categories can be partly accounted for by closer screening of claimants by the local office personnel. The amount of overpayments established was only .30% of the total amount paid as benefits during the year, as compared with .43% for 1952.

Total recovery of outstanding benefit overpayments during the year amounted to \$21,109.59. Of this amount \$15,522.33 was recovered in cash and \$5,587.26 by filing of valid claims used to offset outstanding overpayments.

Deputies' Decisions by Type of Case, 1953*

TABLE XIII

Type of Case	Total Number	Per cent of Total	Allowed		Disqualified	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Total	25,980	100.0	16,814	64.7	9,166	35.3
Voluntary Quit	6,453	24.8	5,119	79.3	1,334	20.7
Misconduct	1,560	6.0	970	62.2	590	37.8
Refusal to Accept or Apply	1,697	6.5	1,164	68.6	533	31.4
Labor Dispute	89	0.4	28	31.5	61	68.5
Other Remuneration	508	2.0	120	23.6	388	76.4
Able and Available	8,623	33.2	3,590	41.6	5,033	58.4
Pregnancy	25	0.1	2	8.0	23	92.0
Reporting Requirements	2,006	7.7	1,172	58.4	834	41.6
Seasonality	43	0.2	0	0.0	43	100.0
Misstatement of Facts	292	1.1	56	19.2	236	80.8
Other	4,684	18.0	4,593	98.1	91	1.9

*Unemployment Compensation Program cases only.

Forgeries

During the year one benefit check in the amount of \$17.50 was re-issued following allegation that the endorsement thereon was forged. In this case forgery was established through the cooperation of the Department of State Police. Recovery was made with respect to the amount involved prior to the reissue of the check in question. A total of five cases were pending and in the hands of the State Police at the close of the year.

Claims Investigation

During the year Claims Investigators made 694 calls on employers and completed investigations of 595 claimants. Of the claimants investigated 255 were found to be in violation covering 800 weeks. Fifty-nine of the most flagrant cases were prosecuted with the following results—55 found guilty, 1 filed by court as debit was paid, and 3 withdrawn as debits were paid. Benefit overpayments were recovered in fraud cases in the amount of \$10,040.92 for UC cases and \$571.50 for UCV cases.

Unemployment Compensation for Veterans

This program which began in October 1952, under the provisions of Title IV of the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, expanded considerably in 1953. During the year 2,602 initial claims were taken under the program, and claims were filed covering 14,047 weeks of unemployment. A total of \$372,398.00 in unemployment benefits was paid from Federal funds. Overpayments of benefits amounted to \$2,435.50 during the year and recovery of overpayments amounted to \$856.50.

UCV Claims Load, by Local Office, 1953

TABLE XIV

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	21,266	3,542	17,724	16,649	2,602	14,047	4,617	940	3,677
Augusta	1,090	194	896	770	129	641	320	65	255
Bangor	3,155	569	2,586	2,697	485	2,212	458	84	374
Bath	1,198	243	955	753	142	611	445	101	344
Biddeford	1,819	288	1,531	1,482	217	1,265	337	71	266
Calais	1,347	160	1,187	1,079	121	958	268	39	229
Caribou	1,299	254	1,045	1,226	232	994	73	22	51
Ellsworth*	537	37	500	412	31	381	125	6	119
Houlton†	324	79	245	282	68	214	42	11	31
Lewiston	1,718	371	1,347	1,163	235	928	555	136	419
Machias*	1,101	91	1,010	962	78	884	139	13	126
Portland	3,608	616	2,992	2,656	427	2,229	952	189	763
Rockland	1,163	139	1,024	962	110	852	201	29	172
Rumford*	302	70	232	225	43	182	77	27	50
Sanford*	630	119	511	403	58	345	227	61	166
Skowhegan	560	102	458	453	76	377	107	26	81
Waterville	1,415	210	1,205	1,124	150	974	291	60	231

*Offices closed in September 1953.

†Houlton office closed at the end of October 1953.

UCV Only Deputies' Decisions by Type of Case, 1953

TABLE XV

Type of Case	Total Number	Per Cent of Total	Allowed		Disqualified	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Total.....	1,423	100.0	663	46.6	760	53.4
Voluntary Quit.....	405	28.5	230	56.8	175	43.2
Misconduct.....	72	5.1	47	65.3	25	34.7
Refusal to Accept or Apply..	123	8.6	63	51.2	60	48.8
Labor Dispute.....	14	1.0	1	7.1	13	92.9
Other Remuneration.....	152	10.7	14	9.2	138	90.8
Able or Available.....	477	33.5	202	42.3	275	57.7
Pregnancy.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Reporting Requirements....	120	8.4	96	80.0	24	20.0
Unemployment Status.....	38	2.7	8	21.1	30	78.9
Seasonality.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prior UI Disqualifications...	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ed. and Tr. Allowances.....	5	0.3	1	20.0	4	80.0
Subsistence Allowances.....	4	0.3	1	25.0	3	75.0
Misstatement of Facts.....	13	0.9	xxx	xxx	13	100.0

Claims Load by Local Office, 1953

TABLE XVI

Local Office	Total Claims Taken		UC Claims Taken		UCV Only Claims Taken	
	Number	Per Cent of Total	Number	Per Cent of Total	Number	Per Cent of Total
Total.....	542,190	100.0	525,541	100.0	16,649	100.0
Augusta.....	33,856	6.3	33,086	6.3	770	4.6
Bangor.....	57,769	10.7	55,072	10.5	2,697	16.2
Bath.....	16,546	3.1	15,793	3.0	753	4.5
Biddeford.....	44,666	8.2	43,184	8.2	1,482	8.9
Calais.....	40,866	7.5	39,787	7.6	1,079	6.5
Caribou.....	20,842	3.8	19,616	3.7	1,226	7.4
Ellsworth*.....	14,581	2.7	14,169	2.7	412	2.5
Houlton†.....	3,024	0.6	2,742	0.5	282	1.7
Lewiston.....	87,784	16.2	86,621	16.5	1,163	7.0
Machias*.....	32,956	6.1	31,994	6.1	962	5.8
Portland.....	63,394	11.7	60,738	11.6	2,656	16.0
Rockland.....	30,552	5.6	29,590	5.6	962	5.8
Rumford*.....	9,625	1.8	9,400	1.8	225	1.3
Sanford*.....	20,820	3.8	20,417	3.9	403	2.4
Skowhegan.....	32,735	6.0	32,282	6.1	453	2.7
Waterville.....	32,174	5.9	31,050	5.9	1,124	6.7

*Offices closed in September 1953.

†Houlton office closed at the end of October 1953.

Summary of Benefit Payments Issued in 1953*

TABLE XVII

Month	TOTAL		UC PAYMENTS		UCV PAYMENTS	
	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	Number of Payments†	Amount of Payments‡
Total	345,591	\$6,181,481	332,979	\$5,809,083	12,612	\$372,398
January	36,735	572,121	35,580	537,436	1,155	34,685
February	33,097	544,275	31,773	504,336	1,324	39,939
March	32,438	564,731	30,531	514,540	1,907	50,191
April	31,580	513,101	29,862	465,845	1,718	47,256
May	39,818	618,709	38,748	587,421	1,070	31,288
June	26,690	411,534	26,138	395,396	552	16,138
July	21,333	327,945	20,685	309,989	648	17,956
August	21,938	326,187	21,301	308,838	637	17,349
September	22,261	330,989	21,662	314,680	599	16,309
October	20,651	429,791	20,013	412,707	638	17,084
November	22,281	536,509	21,429	513,594	852	22,915
December	36,769	1,005,589	35,257	944,301	1,512	61,288

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

†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 1,012 cases which, added to the 84 cases carried over from the previous year, made a total UC case load of 1,096. Ninety-four of these cases remained pending at the end of the year. The 1,002 cases disposed of were made up as follows: 820 regular UC cases and 182 UC fraud cases.

Of these 1,002 cases, 206 were dismissed because of nonappearance, request for withdrawal, lack of jurisdiction, etc., 636 upheld the prior decision, and 160 reversed the prior decision.

Under the Interstate Appeals Arrangement, the Appeal Tribunal heard 258 cases, concerning benefit payments by other States to claimants now living in Maine.

The Appeal Tribunal disposed of 59 cases under the Veterans program.

Commission Appeals

Four cases were pending before the Commission at the first of the year, and 80 appeals were received by the Commission during 1953. The Commission affirmed the decision of the Appeal Tribunal in 57 cases, reversed the decision in 22 cases, and dismissed the appeal in 3 cases. Two cases remained pending at the end of the year. Seven of the cases disposed of were fraud cases.

The Commission disposed of 3 cases under the Veterans program.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Placement Service

Non-Agricultural

Two things happened during the year 1953 which had a very definite influence on the agency's record of accomplishment in returning unemployed workers to gainful employment. First, the high level of employment reached in the previous year failed to be maintained and took a definite downward trend midway through the year. The second thing to have an influence on placement service accomplishment was the curtailment in administrative funds which forced the closing of five local offices during the year. Unless a referral service is available to non-agricultural employers on a continuing day-to-day basis, it is a logical conclusion that such industries are not in a position to depend on the service as a source of supply for needed workers. Therefore, the utilization of the service dwindles to the point where it is used at infrequent intervals and then usually for "hard-to-fill" jobs.

Non-agricultural placements for the year totaled 30,900 or approximately 10.5% below the number placed the previous year. The local offices at Ellsworth, Machias, Rumford, and Sanford were closed on September 9, 1953. The Houlton office was closed at the end of October, 1953. Comparing placements made during the last four months of the calendar year 1952 with those made during the same period of 1953 shows the total to be 2,733 less which is approximately 75% of the drop in all non-agricultural placements for the year. This record confirms the aspect of curtailed opportunity of service cited above.

Declining employment opportunities were reflected in an increase in the number of new applications for work taken during the year which totaled 26,585. That number was 3,301, or 14%, more than were taken during 1952. Work applications are taken for all persons who apply for unemployment compensation benefits and for any others who are not eligible because their employment was not subject to the Maine Employment Security Law but who wish assistance in securing job opportunities. Applications are also taken for any persons on request who have job attachment but who wish better work opportunities or a chance to utilize higher skills, training or experience than is required of them in present employment. As the year progressed and the demand for workers eased employer specifications became more exacting as is the natural and usual consequence of supply and demand. However, restrictions did not become as stringent as has been the ex-

perience in some previous years and that was beneficial in placing new workers entering the labor market for the first time, coming from schools or returning from service in the armed forces.

The applicant's registration or documented work history reflecting his skills, training or experience is maintained in the local office which serves the area in which he resides. Work applications are kept in an "active status" for all claimants while they are receiving benefits and for all other applicants who contact the office at least once a month for the purpose of establishing their availability. The monthly average of active applications for the past year was 13,632. The lowest file was at the close of August with 8,812 and the highest at the end of December with 19,424. A breakdown by sex shows the average for men to be 7,655 and for women 5,977.

The ratio between the number of workers referred to the number placed in employment was 1.98 to 1.0 hired and was higher than for the previous year and reflected more stringent selection on the part of employers.

Inter-area or "clearance" placement services apply to instances where the worker is placed in employment in an area served by a different local office than the one serving the area in which he resides. During 1953 a total of 2,335 workers were offered such work opportunities. Of that number, 1,266 were accepted during "positive recruitment" wherein an out of State employer or his authorized representative personally interviews applicants selected by local office interviewers. Experience has shown that for a variety of personal reasons there is a high mortality in the ratio of "acceptances" to actual report for placements. However, 677 workers were placed in employment through the clearance program, of which 418 went to out of State establishments connected with the national defense program.

Summary of Job Placements in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1953*

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	30,900	1,216	3,251	1,530	1,691	1,420	409	894	811	5,353	1,010	8,567	1,815	801	387	721	1,024
Forestry and Fishing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining and Quarrying	105	0	13	3	0	0	0	1	0	19	4	15	49	0	1	0	0
Contract Construction	4,457	257	590	484	79	25	118	69	54	983	35	1,161	50	60	74	219	199
Total Manufacturing	14,593	593	772	781	1,274	1,157	173	693	477	2,767	957	1,904	1,580	418	148	414	485
Ordnance and Accessories	528	0	0	0	528	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Kindred Products	6,323	32	283	634	8	927	8	656	370	308	829	851	1,301	0	0	23	93
Textile-mill Products	1,733	191	18	6	604	13	0	0	0	657	2	15	34	0	86	19	94
Apparel and Related Products	350	3	8	6	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	170	107	0	0	0	52
Lumber and Wood Products	1,688	12	285	53	14	148	130	30	86	177	126	59	4	360	17	129	58
Furniture and Fixtures	172	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	42	0	121	0	0	0	2	0
Paper and Allied Products	350	19	29	0	2	28	0	0	0	27	0	50	0	51	0	0	144
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Products	97	10	25	0	0	0	3	1	0	21	0	34	0	3	0	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	82	0	0	1	0	11	24	0	20	7	0	15	4	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products	2,460	318	91	1	76	28	0	0	0	1,346	0	245	91	3	16	0	6
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	164	0	14	3	8	0	0	0	0	113	0	0	26	0	0	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Fabricated Metal Products	256	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	0	221	2	0	11	0	0
Machinery (except electrical)	116	1	10	5	31	0	0	2	0	11	0	37	0	0	0	19	0
Electrical Machinery	51	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	23	3	0	18	0	0
Transportation Equipment	123	6	0	73	2	0	0	4	0	8	0	27	8	1	0	0	5
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	34	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	15	1	0	0	0	6
Interstate Railroads	206	0	26	22	33	7	2	0	21	66	0	29	5	33	44	1	10
Other Public Utilities	645	41	57	9	21	13	5	44	64	64	1	290	5	33	44	1	10
Wholesale and Retail Trade	5,399	125	916	88	148	106	51	62	110	706	6	2,630	88	142	55	34	132
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	315	4	22	2	15	7	0	1	1	27	0	203	0	1	7	2	24
Service (excluding private households)	3,048	98	496	90	99	36	19	43	42	457	1	1,305	28	125	28	32	149
Private Household	1,843	63	317	19	30	46	10	14	7	37	3	976	7	21	26	16	3
Regular Government Establishments	268	35	34	22	6	22	23	7	23	22	3	54	7	1	4	2	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified	21	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

*The offices at Ellsworth, Machias, Rumford, and Sanford were closed in September of 1953 and the Houlton office was closed in October 1953.

†This table includes Local and Inter-Office Clearance Placements made in Nonagricultural industries.

Nonagricultural Placements Made, by Local Office, by Major Occupational Group, 1953

TABLE XIX

Local Office	Total Placements*	MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP					
		Profes- sional and Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	skilled	Semi- skilled	Unskilled and Other
Total	30,900	111	2,973	5,254	1,599	3,523	17,440
Augusta	1,216	4	133	133	56	138	752
Bangor	3,251	20	560	877	143	348	1,303
Bath	1,530	2	72	75	97	74	1,210
Biddeford	1,691	8	87	156	62	86	1,292
Calais	1,420	1	50	74	37	60	1,198
Caribou	409	2	59	37	13	149	149
Ellsworth†	894	2	28	80	26	46	712
Houlton†	811	3	61	94	11	125	517
Lewiston	5,353	17	457	661	438	944	2,836
Machias†	1,010	1	1	7	0	48	953
Portland	8,567	33	1,225	2,633	429	797	3,450
Rockland	1,815	1	33	36	123	202	1,420
Rumford†	801	2	39	146	17	102	495
Sanford†	387	1	21	83	11	87	184
Skowhegan	721	3	28	58	63	177	392
Waterville	1,024	11	119	104	73	140	577

*Includes Local and Inter-Office Clearance Placements.

†The offices at Ellsworth, Machias, Rumford, and Sanford were closed in September and the Houlton office was closed in October.

Agricultural

The increase in the yield of beans and corn for processing in addition to the increased yield in the potato crop was responsible for the heavy demand placed on the agency during 1953 for harvest workers. A change in the method of statistically counting placements from the method used in previous years makes comparisons inexpedient without a lengthy and detailed explanation of reporting formula. The present method is realistic and it can readily be seen from the quantitative tallies that reflect the record of accomplishment that the recruitment of harvest hands is an essential contribution to the agricultural industry of our State. The agricultural harvesting force consists of school youth for gathering the lighter garden crops and adult workers for the heavier and more arduous tasks. During 1953 a total of 62,912 harvest workers were placed with farmers and growers. Of that number, 5,211 were recruited in Canada under the international importation program specifically for the potato harvest.

Recruitment and placement of agricultural workers followed the previously established pattern in four categories as follows:

Day Haul Program

This represented the largest worker demand and reflects the recruitment of school youth of both sexes between ten and eighteen years of age organized into crews under adult supervision. Although this plan was principally developed to harvest the crop of beans for processing, an increasing demand for groups of this nature for harvesting cucumbers for pickling and later for harvesting corn has developed. Although the increase in acreage of beans for processing in 1953 over the previous year was only 17%, favorable weather and atmospheric conditions resulted in an increased yield of 77% over the crop for the previous year, or a production of 6,900 tons of beans.

Through administrative office staff and local office personnel specializing in the farm recruitment program, the agency organized 237 "pick-up" points from which school youth were dispersed to farms and growing plots. The daily average number of workers assigned during the harvest was computed to be 9,419 while at the height of the harvest the peak number was shown to be 13,896 for the highest day. The peak load was approximately 2,800 higher than the largest day of the previous year.

Junior Farm Volunteer Program

In spite of an increase in acreage and production of practically all the food crops, the demand for boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen to reside at and work on the farms during the summer school vacation dropped. However, forty-three boys were placed in that healthy and remunerative environment during the season. There were no instances reported wherein either employer or worker dissatisfaction arose and it is planned to extend the efforts of local office farm placement personnel to develop this phase of the placement program to a higher degree, if possible.

Aroostook Potato Harvest Program

The production of Maine potatoes, estimated at 77,720,000 bushels or about 6% above the 1952 crop, placed the usual demand on the recruitment service for a supply of workers to augment the readily available harvest hands living in the County or migrating there by special arrangements with individual farmers. The usual pre-season planning included conferences with the Aroostook Farm Bureau Labor Association, U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization and

the Canadian National Employment Service. In mid-August temporary offices were opened at Fort Kent, Limestone, Mars Hill, Van Buren, Washburn, Ashland, Madawaska, Fort Fairfield and Presque Isle for the purpose of obtaining labor requirements by occupational category from the farmers and coordinating that demand with the anticipated sources of supply. Early in September recruitment at designated points in Canada was carried on in connection with the Canadian Employment Service. The final tabulation showed that 5,211 Canadian harvest hands were placed on Maine farms. In addition to that figure, there were 1,137 resident workers so placed to fill specific demands. During the period which the ports of entry were open for the Canadian workers to cross the border and be assigned there was confusion on a number of days in attempting to merge workers with whom growers had made personal hiring commitments. Conferences are planned for the forthcoming season to resolve a practical and acceptable procedure which will eliminate unnecessary delays on the part of farmers at the border or workers waiting to cross the border which has continually happened in the past when hiring commitments were made independently of the organized recruiting movement.

Seasonal Food Processing Labor and Miscellaneous Agricultural Crops Program

The programs established to assist in meeting the demand for workers at canning and quick-freezing plants and for the harvesting of miscellaneous vegetables and small fruits followed the same pattern as the previous year. The largest demand in the early months of the year was in the Cape Elizabeth area covered by the Portland office where a sizable number of school youth were utilized in planting, weeding and transplanting.

The acreage for peas for processing was increased materially over the previous year. Approximately 200 Bahamians were brought into the Aroostook area to perform the heavy and arduous task of handling pea vines at the viner points.

It is planned to organize the program of visiting schools as a part of the recruitment process earlier this year than has been the custom during the past few years because there has already been an indication that a large number of farmers and growers are planning to increase acreage, especially for beans. The ultimate decision in regard to the increase is somewhat dependent upon a reasonable assurance that the recruitment of harvest hands sufficient in number to gather the crop at the time of maturity will be forthcoming.

Service to Veterans

Ex-servicemen returning to civilian status filed 4,795 new work registrations. That was an increase of 65% above the number taken during the previous year and represents 30.5% of all applications for males.

Placements of veterans with handicaps totaled 540 which was 134% above the 231 new applications taken during the year on behalf of veterans with physical handicaps. The number of all veterans placed in non-agricultural employment during 1953 was 6,381.

Summary of Placements of Veterans in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1953*

TABLE XX

INDUSTRY	Total Veterans Place- ments†	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
Total Nonagricultural Placements.	6,381	244	650	363	641	219	136	109	112	1,131	67	1,783	154	123	117	163	369
Forestry and Fishing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mining and Quarrying	25	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Construction	1,659	86	217	206	33	13	53	34	10	323	17	423	16	17	32	22	109
Total Manufacturing	2,481	65	133	89	506	139	58	52	60	498	47	385	116	52	53	76	159
Ordnance and Accessories	282	0	0	0	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Kindred Products	597	7	52	36	4	62	2	39	44	49	22	167	91	0	0	0	16
Textile-mill Products	411	21	0	0	182	0	0	0	0	146	1	1	0	0	33	3	23
Apparel and Related Products	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	1	0	0	0	4
Lumber and Wood Products	388	3	44	17	6	62	40	11	11	57	24	13	0	41	0	36	18
Furniture and Fixtures	42	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	20	0	15	0	0	0	2	0
Paper and Allied Products	138	3	16	0	0	9	0	0	0	11	0	9	0	11	0	0	77
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	13	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	23	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	4	5	0	5	2	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products	205	26	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	100	0	21	4	0	4	26	2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	86	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	9	0	0	0	0	8
Fabricated Metal Products	127	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	104	1	0	0	0	0
Machinery (except electrical)	39	0	3	2	11	0	0	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	11
Electrical Machinery	14	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
Transportation Equipment	53	2	0	30	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	1	7	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Interstate Railroads	68	0	3	13	19	0	2	0	1	16	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Other Public Utilities	224	12	18	1	2	11	4	2	15	23	0	100	2	19	10	0	5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,176	34	152	21	47	7	12	12	13	183	2	571	14	24	12	8	54
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	59	0	3	1	7	4	0	0	0	8	0	22	0	0	0	0	9
Service (excluding private households)	500	28	87	14	21	12	4	2	5	61	0	218	4	0	0	0	25
Private Household	94	8	9	2	3	13	0	2	2	10	0	36	0	0	0	1	4
Regular Government Establishments	85	11	19	9	3	10	9	1	3	4	1	15	0	0	0	0	0
Special Government Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified	10	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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†This table includes Local and Inter-Office Clearance Placements made in Nonagricultural Activities.

Summary of Services Relating to Veterans, by Local Office, 1953

TABLE XXI

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO VETERANS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Referrals*	Nonagricultural Placements*	Counseling Interviews
Total.....	4,795	11,471	6,381	3,004
Augusta.....	285	561	244	37
Bangor.....	745	1,104	650	298
Bath.....	400	716	363	146
Biddeford.....	310	751	641	42
Calais.....	117	392	209	13
Caribou.....	361	205	136	10
Ellsworth†.....	56	176	109	7
Houlton†.....	89	147	112	0
Lewiston.....	686	2,368	1,131	1,261
Machias†.....	52	153	67	4
Portland.....	841	3,552	1,783	1,038
Rockland.....	128	210	154	15
Rumford†.....	105	177	123	13
Sanford†.....	83	152	117	34
Skowhegan.....	209	298	163	53
Waterville.....	328	509	379	53

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

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Employment Counseling

Continued emphasis on employment counseling resulted in 2,855 initial instances wherein such specialized guidance was given to applicants to assist in vocational adjustment or readjustment. The ratio of such interviews to all new applications taken was 10.7% or approximately the same as for the previous year which was 11%. The initial counseling interviews were followed by 4,047 discussion interviews to assure that such applicants would have every possible chance to find occupational adjustment in gainful employment. The placement records show that a total of 1,247 applicants with handicaps of some nature were hired as a result of matching the physical capacities of the worker with the physical demands of the job to be done. Of that number, 540 were veterans.

During the year 1953 there were 132 applicants who were in need of medical, surgical, or psychiatric help or further specialized guidance and were referred to the Maine State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education.

Summary of Services Relating to Handicapped Persons, by Local Office, 1953

TABLE XXII

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Placements		Initial Counseling Interviews
		Total	Veterans	
Total	751	1,247	540	589
Augusta	36	64	25	23
Bangor	21	121	36	40
Bath	61	88	34	50
Biddeford	28	21	8	21
Calais	5	9	4	1
Caribou	3	6	4	2
Ellsworth*	3	23	3	0
Houlton*	5	13	4	1
Lewiston	267	373	158	139
Machias*	0	0	0	0
Portland	228	436	224	268
Rockland	22	41	15	11
Rumford*	18	7	2	10
Sanford*	7	18	11	12
Skowhegan	24	18	8	1
Waterville	23	9	4	10

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Testing

There was a slight increase in the total number of applicants given tests to determine fitness in general work areas or tests for specific aptitudes. In the first category 869 tests were given or an increase of 40% over the previous year. Specific occupational requirements tests totaled 310. Employer interest in tested applicants continued to increase as a positive factor in reducing labor turnover, so costly to productive effort.

Summary of Selected Local Office Nonagricultural Activities, by Office, 1953

TABLE XXIII

Local Office	New Applications for Work	Selection Interviews	Counseling Interviews		Individuals Given Tests*	Local Referrals	Local Placements	Applicant Holding Office Clearance Referrals	Applicant Holding Office Acceptances	Order-Holding Office Clearance Placements	Employer Visits	Job Openings Received
			Total	Initial								
Total	26,585	66,251	6,902	2,855	1,186	50,258	30,741	2,335	1,266	159	5,573	58,280
Augusta	1,854	2,723	179	89	0	2,003	1,216	9	13	0	233	1,592
Bangor	3,825	10,096	1,375	459	316	5,098	3,245	311	298	6	689	6,274
Bath	1,707	2,677	248	177	92	2,598	1,524	88	31	6	248	2,531
Biddeford	1,792	2,526	171	100	3	2,147	1,613	143	54	78	275	1,914
Calais	483	1,836	18	16	61	1,909	1,420	96	96	0	103	2,046
Caribou	1,087	573	21	18	0	655	409	0	0	0	92	4,950
Ellsworth†	325	270	20	12	0	1,092	860	39	39	• 34	170	1,113
Houlton†	526	1,166	11	11	0	1,112	811	5	1	0	143	1,104
Lewiston	4,272	12,550	1,746	554	372	9,143	5,351	603	234	2	908	8,064
Machias†	398	319	4	4	0	1,601	1,009	10	9	1	84	1,996
Portland	5,682	25,561	2,732	1,180	334	16,115	8,564	860	422	3	1,373	9,211
Rockland	758	1,183	37	32	0	2,270	1,813	17	10	2	345	2,039
Rumford†	873	1,170	30	22	0	1,134	800	1	0	1	167	3,051
Sanford†	362	609	56	18	0	555	386	7	2	1	132	500
Skowhegan	1,240	1,101	140	103	8	1,449	699	53	18	22	196	10,591
Waterville	1,401	1,891	114	60	0	1,377	1,021	93	39	3	415	1,304

*Includes "General Aptitude Tests," "Specific Aptitude Tests," and "Proficiency Tests."

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