

The following table illustrates the sickness benefit experienced during the year :—

Statement showing for the Year ended 31st March, 1947, Duration of Sickness for Males and Females, according to Age-groups

Period of Sickness.				Years 16 to 19.		Years 20 to 29.		Years 30 to 39.		Years 40 to 49.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 to 4 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	1,183	1,199	3,741	1,517	3,434	435	2,558	229
5 to 8 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	653	698	1,895	1,019	1,849	300	1,546	190
9 to 12 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	264	286	733	518	879	196	833	135
13 to 16 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	110	152	366	325	483	115	448	99
17 to 20 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	70	107	220	194	253	70	313	57
21 to 24 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	38	66	129	148	182	71	213	51
25 to 28 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	33	53	109	102	143	52	162	44
29 to 32 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	20	16	74	81	98	31	131	22
33 to 36 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	13	19	61	57	66	23	109	25
37 to 40 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	11	14	32	36	39	26	82	8
41 to 44 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	9	15	28	32	36	16	72	18
45 to 48 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	11	9	19	33	28	12	50	15
49 to 52 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	19	21	52	97	67	45	100	40
Totals	..	..	..	2,434	2,655	7,459	4,159	7,557	1,392	6,617	933

Period of Sickness.				Years 50 to 59.		Years 60 and over.		Totals.		Grand Total.
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1 to 4 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	1,635	148	646	27	13,197	3,555	16,752
5 to 8 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	1,102	129	509	23	7,554	2,359	9,913
9 to 12 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	691	107	338	15	3,738	1,257	4,995
13 to 16 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	450	60	191	15	2,048	766	2,814
17 to 20 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	307	41	149	13	1,312	482	1,794
21 to 24 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	251	24	129	6	942	366	1,308
25 to 28 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	171	31	92	4	710	286	996
29 to 32 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	183	30	65	6	571	186	757
33 to 36 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	91	8	38	4	378	136	514
37 to 40 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	88	11	26	..	278	95	373
41 to 44 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	70	11	19	..	234	92	326
45 to 48 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	61	8	14	1	183	78	261
49 to 52 weeks both inclusive	..	..	..	183	32	31	4	452	239	691
Totals	..	..	..	5,283	640	2,247	118	31,597	9,897	41,494

The above schedule discloses that the predominance of sickness among male beneficiaries is found in the 30-39 years age-group and among females on the 20-29 years age-group.

The largest group of beneficiaries is covered by the 1-4 weeks group comprising 42 per cent. of the male beneficiaries and 36 per cent. of the female beneficiaries.

The average duration of sickness over all groups is $9\frac{3}{8}$ weeks for males and $9\frac{9}{10}$ weeks for females.

The Sickness beneficiaries who have been in receipt of benefit during the whole year represent sick persons with continuing incapacity but insufficiently so to warrant the granting of Invalids' benefits.