

Statement Showing for the Year Ended 31st March, 1949, Duration of Unemployment for Males and Females According to Age-groups

Period of Unemployment.					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	..	..	..	..	5	..	32	3	45	2	38	..
5 to 12 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1	22	..	42	..
13 to 25 weeks	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	1	7	..	12	..
26 to 52 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	6	..	58	5	77	2	93	..

Period of Unemployment.					Years 50 to 59.		Years 60 and over.		Totals.		Grand Total.
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1 to 4 weeks	..	..	..	..	31	..	5	1	156	6	162
5 to 12 weeks	..	..	..	..	20	1	4	..	106	2	108
13 to 25 weeks	..	..	..	..	15	1	2	..	45	2	47
26 to 52 weeks	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	9	..	9
Totals	..	..	..	..	71	2	11	1	316	10	326

The above schedule discloses that approximately 49 per cent. of the male beneficiaries were unemployed for less than five weeks, while approximately 34 per cent. were unemployed for periods varying from five to twelve weeks, and 14 per cent. from thirteen to twenty-five weeks.

Of the few female beneficiaries, approximately one-half were unemployed for less than five weeks.

SICKNESS BENEFITS

The following figures show the number of applications for sickness benefits dealt with during the years ended 31st March, 1948, and 31st March, 1949, respectively:—

	1947-48.			1948-49.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Persons granted benefit	24,073	7,282	31,355	23,150	7,271	30,421
Number of applications declined ..	2,683	1,195	3,878	2,665	832	3,497
Totals	26,756	8,477	35,233	25,815	8,103	33,918

The number of sickness benefits granted during the year totalled 30,421, a decrease of 934, or approximately 3 per cent., from the previous year. There were 4,945 benefits current at 31st March, 1949, and expenditure for the year amounted to £911,107, an increase of £14,014 over the figure for the previous year.

Statement Showing for the Year Ended 31st March, 1949, Duration of Sickness for Males and Females Whose Sickness Benefits Ceased During the Year

Period of Sickness.							Males.	Females.	Total.
1 to 4 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,939	1,913	9,852
5 to 12 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,864	2,380	10,244
13 to 25 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,763	1,047	3,810
26 to 52 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,418	594	2,012
Over 52 weeks	..	..	..	..	..	..	486	269	755
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	20,470	6,203	26,673