

*Statement showing for the Year ended 31st March, 1947, 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.
Less than 4 weeks .. .. .	6	3	58	8	77	6	60	1
4 weeks but less than 13 weeks .. .. .	7	12	55	9	95	9	94	4
13 weeks but less than 26 weeks .. .. .	5	3	8	7	24	4	47	3
26 weeks to 52 weeks (inclusive) .. .. .	1	2	8	8	10	11	8	9
Totals .. .. .	19	20	129	32	206	30	209	17

  

Period of Unemployment.	Years 50 to 59.		Years 60 and over.		Totals.		Grand Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Less than 4 weeks . . . . .	63	..	5	..	269	18	287
4 weeks but less than 13 weeks .. .. .	119	3	22	..	392	37	429
13 weeks but less than 26 weeks .. .. .	51	3	8	1	143	21	164
26 weeks to 52 weeks (inclusive) .. .. .	25	5	4	1	56	36	92
Totals .. .. .	258	11	39	2	860	112	972

The above schedule discloses that nearly 46 per cent. of male beneficiaries had periods of unemployment varying from four to thirteen weeks, while 31 per cent. were unemployed for periods of less than four weeks.

The largest group of female beneficiaries is covered by the 4-13 weeks group, being nearly 33 per cent. of females who received benefit.

In the age-grouping the largest number of persons is found in the group 50-59 years (inclusive) as regards males, while the largest group for females is 20-29 years (inclusive).

### SICKNESS BENEFITS

The following figures show the number of sickness benefits dealt with during the years ended 31st March, 1946, and 31st March, 1947, respectively :—

	1945-46.			1946-47.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Persons granted benefit .. .. .	22,493	8,154	30,647	28,232	8,479	36,711
Number of applications declined .. .. .	2,159	1,076	3,235	3,646	1,449	5,095
Number of persons whose applications were declined, but who were granted emergency benefits on grounds of hardship .. .. .	111	331	442	246	434	680
Totals .. .. .	24,763	9,561	34,324	32,124	10,362	42,486

During the year the number of sickness benefits granted totalled 36,711, an increase of approximately 20 per cent. over the previous year's grants. There were 4,273 grants current at 31st March, 1947, and expenditure for the year amounted to £853,328, an increase of £287,908 over the previous year.