

In 2009, 7.4 million Canadians aged 15 and older in the 10 provinces said they were a victim of a criminal incident in the preceding 12 months. This self-reported rate was essentially unchanged from 2004.

Police-reported crime

For eight types of crime—sexual assault, robbery, physical assault, break and enter, theft of motor vehicles or parts, theft of household property, vandalism and theft of personal property—the proportion of incidents Canadians reported to police declined from 34% in 2004 to 31% in 2009.

From 2008 to 2009, both the volume and severity of all crime reported to police fell, continuing the downward trend of the past decade. The crime rate, a measure of the volume of police-reported crime across Canada, was 7.2 crimes per 100 people in 2009, a drop from 7.5 in 2008 and 8.5 in 1999.

Nearly 2.2 million crimes were reported to police nationwide in 2009, about 43,000 fewer crimes than in 2008. Three property crimes accounted for most of this drop: 5,000 fewer break-ins, 10,000 fewer mischief offences and 17,000 fewer motor vehicle thefts.

Break-ins reported to police have been steadily declining since peaking in the early 1990s. The 2009 rate was 4% lower than in 2008 and 42% lower than a decade earlier. In 2009, the motor vehicle theft rate was 15% lower than the year before and 40% lower than a decade earlier. On average, 300 vehicles were reported stolen each day in 2009.

The Crime Severity Index (CSI) is a measure of the seriousness of police-reported crime. In 2009, it fell 4% from 2008 and stood 22% lower than in 1999. The only increases in crime severity were in Manitoba and Nunavut. For the past decade, the seriousness of police-reported crime has been highest in the territories and western provinces.

Among Canada's 33 census metropolitan areas (CMAs), Regina reported the highest CSI, followed by Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Kelowna. Canada's largest CMA, Toronto, reported the third-lowest CSI, with only Guelph and Québec reporting lower levels.

Youth crime severity has generally been declining since 2001, as has the number of crimes committed by young people aged 12 to 17. However, both the volume and severity of youth violent crime were around 10% higher in 2009 than 10 years earlier. In 2008, about 23% of police-reported youth violent crime took place on school property.

Slight decline in violent crime

Police-reported violent crime is declining, but to a lesser extent than overall crime. Both the police-reported violent CSI and the violent crime rate declined slightly in 2009, down 1%. The violent CSI dropped for a third consecutive year, and was 6% lower than in 1999.

Violent crimes, which range in seriousness from harassing phone calls to homicide, accounted for about 1 in 5 crimes in 2009. Police reported 443,000 violent crimes in 2009; about 2 in 5 were minor assaults. Rates fell for many violent crimes, including serious assault, sexual assault and robbery.

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However, some violent crimes increased. There were 806 attempted murders in 2009, 85 more than in 2008. Increases were also reported in the rate of extortion, firearms offences and criminal harassment.

There were 610 homicides in 2009, about the same as the previous year. The homicide rate has been relatively stable for the past decade and well below the peak seen in the mid-1970s. Manitoba reported the highest homicide rate among the provinces for a third consecutive year.

Violent victimization highest among youth

In 2009, younger Canadians were more likely than older Canadians to indicate that they had been victims of a violent crime within the previous 12 months. For example, people aged 15 to 24 were almost 15 times more likely to have been a victim of crime compared with people aged 65 and older.

Rates of violent victimization were also found to be higher among single people, people in common-law relationships and

Table 7.a
Violent crimes

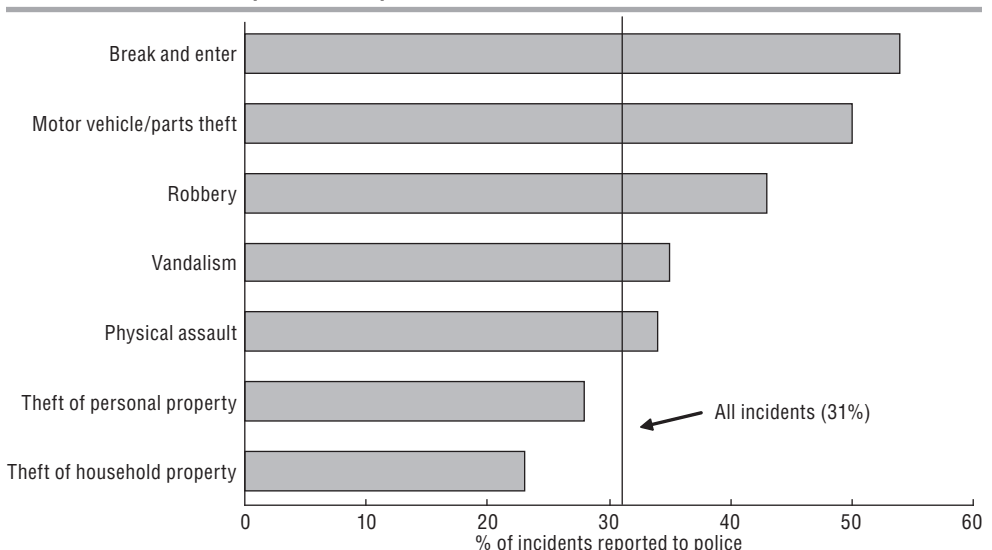
	1999	2009
	rate per 100,000 population	
Violent Criminal Code violations	1,440.1	1,313.8
Homicide	1.8	1.8
Attempted murder	2.3	2.4
Sexual assault (Levels 1 to 3)	78.5	62.0
Assault (Levels 1 to 3) ¹	728.0	707.4
Assault of a police officer	23.8	28.9
Uttering threats	278.9	232.4
Robbery	107.2	95.6
Forcible confinement or kidnapping	6.5	13.2
Criminal harassment	61.2	59.3

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Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0051.

people who identified as an Aboriginal person. Other characteristics associated with increased rates of violent victimization in 2009 included: self-identifying as homosexual, having some form of activity limitation and participating in evening activities outside of the home.

Chart 7.1
Victimization incidents reported to the police, 2009



Notes: Self-reported incidents except sexual assault, spousal sexual assault and spousal physical assault.

Excludes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 85-002-X.

Knives most common weapon in violent crime

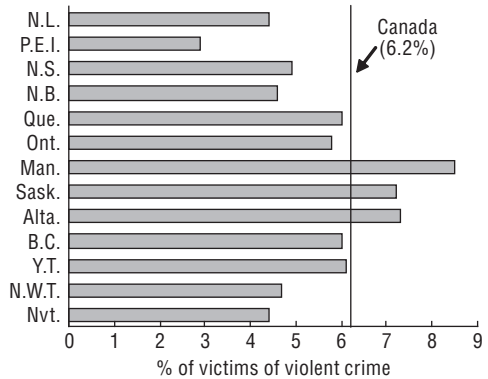
Most crimes in Canada do not involve violence. When they do, most are committed with physical force or threats (76%) rather than a weapon (18%). When a weapon is used, a knife is the most common choice.

Half of those accused of violent crimes with a knife in 2008 were young people aged 12 to 24.

In 2008, police reported 23,500 victims of violent crime committed with a knife or another piercing or cutting instrument. That number represents 6% of all victims of violent crime. Violent crimes involving a club or blunt instrument accounted for 3%, and a firearm, 2%.

The rate of violent crime committed with a knife has remained stable since 1999. While the number of such crimes is low, they are most often homicides and

Chart 7.2
Violent crime committed with knives, by province and territory, 2008



Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 85-002-X.

attempted murders—approximately 1 out of 3 in 2008.

Knife-related violence was highest in the Prairie provinces, particularly in the cities of Winnipeg, Regina and Edmonton.

Rising rates of dating violence

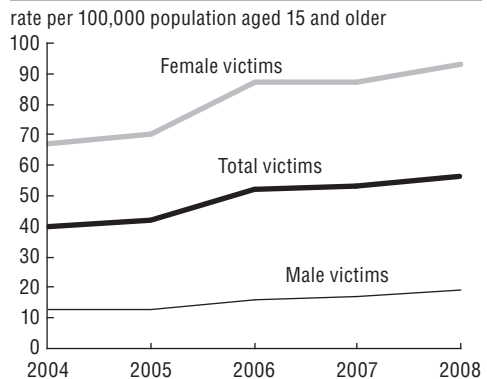
Rates of police-reported dating violence increased steadily from 2004 to 2008 for both women (40%) and men (47%). In 2008, rates were highest for women aged 30 to 34 and men aged 35 to 39. A former partner committed 57% of the incidents and 45% occurred in the victim's home.

Women account for most of the victims of police-reported dating violence—8 out of 10 in 2008. About 1% of female victims and 10% of male victims of dating violence involved same-sex relationships.

There were 22,798 incidents of police-reported dating violence in 2008, accounting for 7% of total violent crimes.

Half of all victims experienced common assault. Other offences included criminal harassment, uttering threats, major assault, and indecent and harassing phone calls.

Chart 7.3
Dating violence

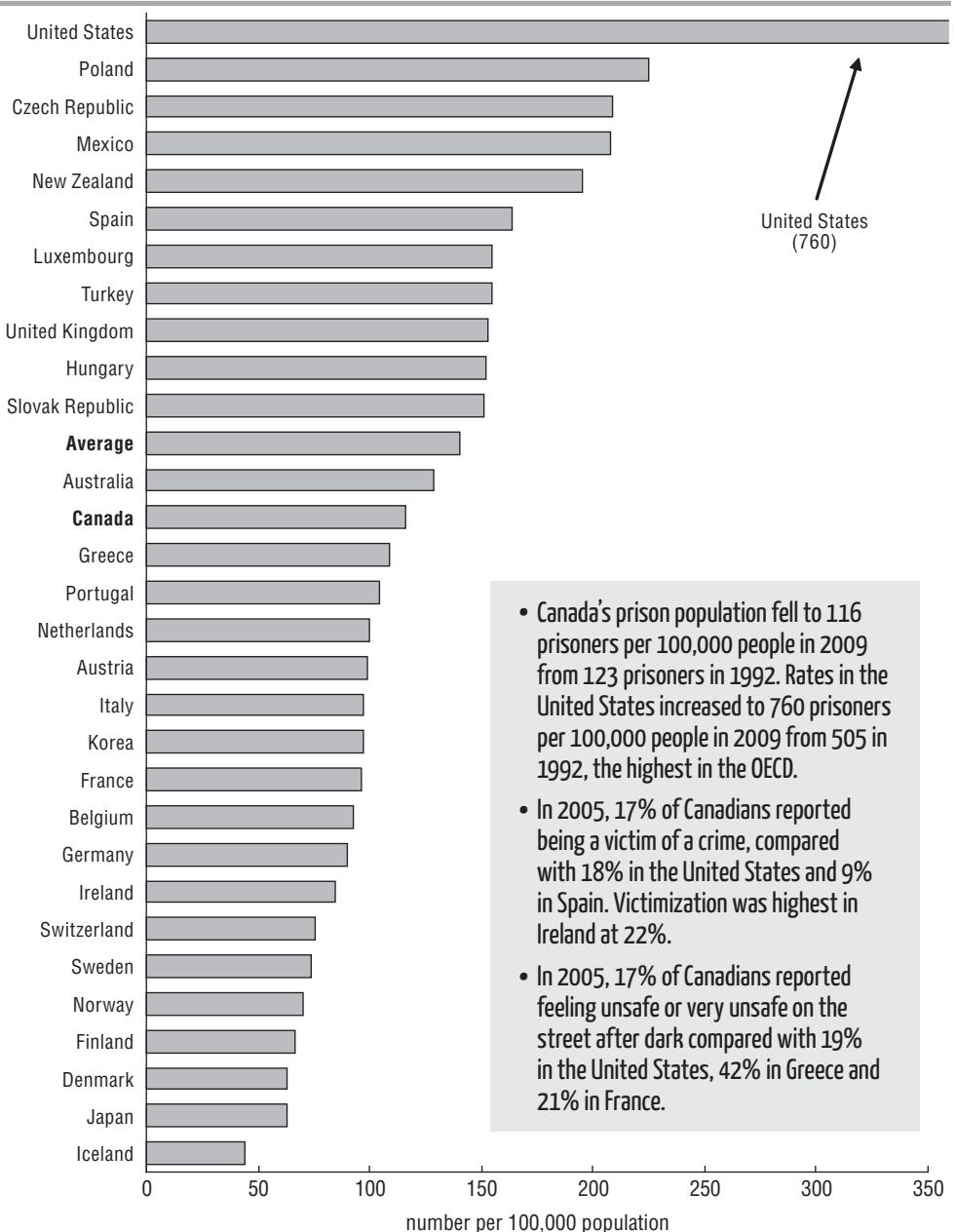


Note: Excludes incidents where the victim's sex was unknown.
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 85-002-X.

Police charges were laid in 71% of incidents against female victims, compared with 57% of incidents against male victims.

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Chart 7.4
Prison population, 2009



- Canada's prison population fell to 116 prisoners per 100,000 people in 2009 from 123 prisoners in 1992. Rates in the United States increased to 760 prisoners per 100,000 people in 2009 from 505 in 1992, the highest in the OECD.
- In 2005, 17% of Canadians reported being a victim of a crime, compared with 18% in the United States and 9% in Spain. Victimization was highest in Ireland at 22%.
- In 2005, 17% of Canadians reported feeling unsafe or very unsafe on the street after dark compared with 19% in the United States, 42% in Greece and 21% in France.

Note: 2009 or latest available.

Source: Data based on OECD (2010), *OECD Factbook 2010*.

Table 7.1 Crimes, by type of violation, and by province and territory, 2009

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick
	rate per 100,000 population				
All violations	7,223.8	7,340.2	7,057.5	7,730.9	6,394.3
<i>Criminal Code</i> violations (excluding traffic)	6,405.8	6,473.1	6,263.1	6,932.0	5,626.8
Violent <i>Criminal Code</i> violations	1,313.8	1,497.7	1,263.3	1,653.8	1,541.2
Homicide	1.8	0.2	..	1.6	1.6
Attempted murder	2.4	..	..	4.1	1.3
Sexual assault (Levels 1 to 3)	62.0	..	..	74.7	74.6
Sexual violations against children	7.8	9.4	11.4	4.9	12.5
Assault (Levels 1 to 3) ¹	707.4	835.1	597.9	841.6	833.5
Assault of a police officer	28.9	23.8	13.5	33.9	32.8
Uttering threats	232.4	356.4	329.1	388.5	341.7
Robbery	95.6	22.6	13.5	62.3	26.3
Forcible confinement or kidnapping	13.2	10.0	2.8	12.3	7.2
Criminal harassment	59.3	44.4	82.3	52.0	80.5
Other violent violations ²	102.0	126.6	169.5	177.5	128.8
Non-violent <i>Criminal Code</i> violations	4,080.9	4,023.8	4,301.9	4,179.7	3,346.0
Break and enter	609.7	566.1	507.2	542.5	463.0
Possession of stolen property	90.4	25.2	58.9	238.9	55.8
Theft of motor vehicle	320.6	89.6	111.4	139.7	171.9
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	46.2	32.0	25.5	26.1	36.8
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	1,630.7	1,213.2	1,969.7	1,567.2	1,292.1
Fraud	267.4	216.5	217.0	276.0	222.6
Mischief	1,075.2	1,841.5	1,389.5	1,345.1	1,042.9
Other non-violent violations ³	1,050.7	991.3	720.7	1,142.7	800.6
<i>Criminal Code</i> traffic violations ⁴	434.4	440.0	586.6	412.3	425.8
Impaired driving	262.7	338.8	463.9	334.9	323.7
Other traffic violations	171.7	101.2	122.7	77.4	102.1
Federal statute violations	383.6	427.2	207.8	386.6	341.7
Drugs ⁵	289.5	238.6	151.8	291.8	257.0
<i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	33.0	26.9	13.5	30.5	24.0
Other federal statute violations	61.1	161.7	42.6	64.3	60.7

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Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0051.

Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Yukon	Northwest Territories	Nunavut
rate per 100,000 population								
5,845.7	5,269.7	10,517.8	14,345.0	9,514.6	10,207.0	25,332.1	45,848.2	39,887.5
5,015.9	4,703.8	9,800.2	12,694.2	8,539.8	9,005.9	23,159.9	42,079.7	37,759.1
1,087.0	1,005.7	2,152.5	2,507.8	1,513.0	1,665.7	4,157.1	8,586.8	9,355.9
1.1	1.4	4.7	3.5	2.6	2.7	5.9	4.6	18.6
2.7	2.3	2.1	2.8	1.8	2.5	8.9	4.6	24.9
54.9	54.5	104.7	114.3	61.0	59.9	205.0	..	655.6
11.3	4.1	5.2	13.6	6.6	11.9	5.9	6.9	34.2
547.4	513.6	1,279.5	1,599.3	884.1	879.4	2,736.8	5,835.8	6,559.4
33.7	21.2	46.6	49.2	34.4	25.7	83.2	158.8	170.9
220.9	144.8	334.9	372.8	250.4	346.0	716.1	1,190.2	1,146.6
86.3	93.4	197.8	119.9	100.5	111.2	26.7	29.9	71.5
11.7	13.4	19.2	14.6	17.1	9.6	71.3	89.8	136.7
55.8	71.7	21.9	51.5	49.3	47.7	38.6	126.6	77.7
57.8	84.9	136.0	165.9	104.7	168.7	258.5	709.0	456.8
3,387.7	3,170.4	5,919.8	7,161.0	5,335.6	5,534.9	9,086.9	19,724.2	16,825.7
744.5	433.5	860.1	941.4	628.6	754.7	760.7	1,650.6	1,973.1
39.9	101.5	58.5	119.0	135.4	94.2	98.1	78.3	111.9
351.5	207.9	534.2	517.0	494.8	440.3	386.3	536.4	593.5
53.2	36.5	36.8	43.3	62.2	59.8	56.5	57.6	55.9
1,301.7	1,441.6	1,681.4	1,932.8	2,003.7	2,471.2	2,124.6	2,269.9	1,214.9
211.9	268.1	219.1	279.8	340.9	324.9	380.4	310.8	155.4
632.4	659.6	2,451.1	3,255.6	1,624.6	1,338.9	5,238.8	14,744.8	12,643.3
589.4	549.3	1,806.4	3,097.5	1,735.1	1,856.3	9,957.5	13,844.7	11,655.2
528.8	260.5	392.6	988.4	623.0	480.4	1,381.8	1,864.7	1,124.8
210.7	138.7	303.3	610.5	477.2	383.8	1,179.7	1,540.1	947.7
318.1	121.8	89.3	377.9	145.8	96.6	202.1	324.6	177.1
301.1	305.4	325.1	662.3	351.9	720.8	790.4	1,903.8	1,003.6
255.7	232.5	225.6	263.6	282.4	544.2	612.1	1,326.0	826.5
14.9	33.6	44.0	159.7	25.5	36.2	35.7	400.6	111.9
30.5	39.3	55.4	239.1	43.9	140.4	142.6	177.3	65.3

Table 7.2 Crime statistics, by detailed violations, 2004 to 2009

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	rate per 100,000 population					
All violations	8,391.3	8,090.3	8,002.5	7,696.9	7,457.0	7,223.8
<i>Criminal Code</i> violations (excluding traffic)	7,599.6	7,325.0	7,244.0	6,898.3	6,615.1	6,405.8
Violent <i>Criminal Code</i> violations	1,404.2	1,388.9	1,386.5	1,352.0	1,331.1	1,313.8
Homicide	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Attempted murder	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.4
Sexual assault (Levels 1 to 3)	72.1	73.0	68.3	65.1	64.4	62.0
Sexual violations against children	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.7	4.3	7.8
Assault (Levels 1 to 3) ¹	733.4	734.0	738.7	725.9	718.4	707.4
Assault of a police officer	28.5	29.6	29.5	30.0	29.4	28.9
Uttering threats	264.4	254.1	241.6	237.5	237.2	232.4
Robbery	97.0	100.6	106.3	103.8	97.1	95.6
Forcible confinement or kidnapping	10.8	12.1	13.8	14.2	14.0	13.2
Criminal harassment	76.0	70.4	63.9	55.2	55.7	59.3
Other violent violations ²	117.7	110.5	119.4	114.6	106.4	102.0
Non-violent <i>Criminal Code</i> violations	5,123.1	4,883.9	4,808.2	4,518.7	4,247.5	4,080.9
Break and enter	863.7	810.6	771.6	703.0	633.4	609.7
Possession of stolen property	111.9	106.9	110.5	101.4	93.9	90.4
Theft of motor vehicle	532.2	496.2	487.0	442.5	376.8	320.6
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	53.1	53.3	52.5	52.9	50.3	46.2
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	2,110.2	1,980.7	1,896.5	1,761.4	1,659.2	1,630.7
Fraud	305.1	295.8	286.0	269.6	274.1	267.4
Mischief	1,106.8	1,099.9	1,163.6	1,148.4	1,119.4	1,075.2
Other non-violent violations ³	1,112.5	1,092.8	1,089.9	1,067.1	1,076.7	1,050.7
<i>Criminal Code</i> traffic violations ⁴	379.5	378.2	375.9	401.7	435.7	434.4
Impaired driving	251.5	243.0	233.7	241.1	254.1	262.7
Other traffic violations	127.9	135.1	142.2	160.6	181.6	171.7
Federal statute violations	412.2	387.1	382.6	396.9	406.2	383.6
Drugs ⁵	305.7	290.5	295.2	307.3	306.9	289.5
<i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	56.5	36.8	30.6	30.7	32.7	33.0
Other federal statute violations	50.0	59.9	56.8	58.9	66.6	61.1

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Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0051.

Table 7.3 Homicides, by province and territory, 2007 to 2009

	2007		2008		2009	
	number	rate per 100,000 population	number	rate per 100,000 population	number	rate per 100,000 population
Canada	594	1.8	611	1.8	610	1.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	3	0.6	5	1.0	1	0.2
Prince Edward Island	0	0.0	2	1.4	0	0.0
Nova Scotia	13	1.4	12	1.3	15	1.6
New Brunswick	8	1.1	3	0.4	12	1.6
Quebec	90	1.2	92	1.2	88	1.1
Ontario	202	1.6	176	1.4	178	1.4
Manitoba	61	5.1	54	4.5	57	4.7
Saskatchewan	30	3.0	30	3.0	36	3.5
Alberta	88	2.5	110	3.1	95	2.6
British Columbia	88	2.0	117	2.7	118	2.7
Yukon	2	6.1	3	9.0	2	5.9
Northwest Territories	2	4.6	3	6.9	2	4.6
Nunavut	7	22.4	4	12.7	6	18.6

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 253-0001.

Table 7.4 Homicides, by method, 2007 to 2009

	2007		2008		2009	
	number	%	number	%	number	%
Shooting	188	31.6	200	32.7	179	29.3
Stabbing	190	32.0	200	32.7	210	34.4
Beating	116	19.5	122	20.0	116	19.0
Strangulation	51	8.6	45	7.4	43	7.0
Fire (burns/suffocation)	4	0.7	7	1.1	12	2.0
Other methods ¹	19	3.2	20	3.3	28	4.6
Not known	26	4.4	17	2.8	22	3.6

Note: Only one method is scored per victim.

1. Includes poisoning, exposure, shaken baby syndrome, deaths caused by vehicles, and heart attacks.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 253-0002.

Table 7.5 Solved homicides, by accused–victim relationship, 2004 to 2009

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	number					
Total	479	503	467	425	424	454
Spouse ¹	75	75	78	62	62	65
Parent	36	22	32	21	23	34
Other family relationship	52	65	57	52	56	53
Other intimate relationship	24	17	16	19	27	23
Acquaintance	173	160	145	135	148	154
Criminal relationship ²	44	74	61	64	37	42
Stranger	73	87	74	70	70	82
Relationship unknown	2	3	4	2	1	1

Note: Accused data have been revised according to updates provided by police services.

1. Comprises current and former legally married, common-law, and same-sex couples.

2. Includes male and female prostitutes, drug dealers and their clients, loansharks and gang members.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 253-0006.

Table 7.6 Homicides, by census metropolitan area, 1999 and 2009

	1999		2009	
	number	rate per 100,000 population	number	rate per 100,000 population
Population of 500,000 or more				
Toronto	61	1.3	90	1.6
Montréal	71	2.1	44	1.2
Vancouver	57	2.8	61	2.6
Calgary	13	1.4	24	2.0
Edmonton	20	2.1	30	2.6
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part	12	1.5	10	1.1
Winnipeg	15	2.2	32	4.2
Québec	10	1.4	2	0.3
Hamilton	16	2.5	9	1.3
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	2	0.5	4	0.8
London	5	1.1	3	0.6
St. Catharines–Niagara	7	1.7	5	1.1
Population from 250,000 to 499,999				
Halifax	7	2.0	12	3.0
Oshawa	2	0.7	3	0.8
Victoria	9	2.9	3	0.9
Windsor	7	2.3	5	1.5
Ottawa–Gatineau, Quebec part	5	1.9	2	0.7
Saskatoon	4	1.7	6	2.3
Regina	2	1.0	4	1.9
Barrie	..	..	1	0.5
Population from 0 to 249,999				
St. John's	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sherbrooke	2	1.4	1	0.5
Kelowna	..	..	3	1.7
Abbotsford–Mission	..	..	9	5.2
Greater Sudbury/Grand Sudbury	4	2.5	4	2.4
Kingston	..	..	4	2.5
Trois-Rivières	0	0.0	3	2.0
Saguenay	2	1.2	5	3.4
Brantford	..	..	2	1.4
Moncton	..	..	2	1.5
Guelph	..	..	1	0.8
Peterborough	..	..	1	0.8
Thunder Bay	4	3.1	6	5.0
Saint John	1	0.7	0	0.0
Population under 100,000	200	1.8	219	2.1

Note: "Homicides" includes murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 253-0004.

Table 7.7 Police-reported Crime Severity Index, by census metropolitan area, 2004 to 2009

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	2006=100					
St. John's	98.7	97.4	92.6	101.1	86.8	90.6
Halifax	135.3	129.4	123.1	105.5	96.0	97.2
Moncton	..	..	95.6	84.0	72.9	75.8
Saint John	85.0	85.1	94.3	105.2	102.9	96.4
Saguenay	61.1	53.3	58.4	66.3	68.3	76.7
Québec	69.7	71.2	73.1	65.8	63.6	61.0
Sherbrooke	83.3	75.5	80.6	74.5	76.5	70.7
Trois-Rivières	71.9	72.6	74.0	68.6	77.9	80.1
Montréal	102.6	103.2	103.6	94.4	91.1	89.6
Ottawa–Gatineau	82.5	84.6	82.5	76.8	70.1	68.8
Kingston	83.7	84.1	79.2	70.6	68.0	65.6
Peterborough	..	..	79.9	61.8	66.3	65.1
Toronto	69.2	68.5	70.9	68.1	64.4	61.9
Hamilton	82.1	84.6	83.9	83.0	77.0	73.5
St. Catharines–Niagara	80.1	84.5	85.1	80.2	80.0	75.9
Kitchener	84.5	78.9	79.7	71.2	68.8	73.7
Brantford	..	..	114.3	111.0	104.4	106.0
Guelph	..	..	59.9	59.2	57.6	59.2
London	91.3	94.0	102.6	88.9	84.4	87.5
Windsor	102.3	87.5	89.9	81.9	75.1	71.1
Barrie	..	..	77.9	67.7	63.7	64.3
Sudbury	82.2	82.5	89.6	79.1	73.6	80.9
Thunder Bay	111.0	112.1	111.0	110.2	106.7	110.3
Winnipeg	171.2	164.4	166.0	152.7	124.4	127.2
Regina	230.4	207.5	196.6	186.7	164.1	143.7
Saskatoon	192.0	184.9	165.3	158.1	138.7	132.1
Calgary	99.7	98.6	96.3	91.6	84.6	78.4
Edmonton	146.1	143.3	129.8	129.0	123.2	115.1
Kelowna	..	..	142.1	129.4	126.2	121.2
Abbotsford–Mission	167.4	151.0	143.6	145.1	142.6	111.4
Vancouver	155.3	143.5	138.8	131.1	118.8	109.6
Victoria	117.2	109.4	116.9	107.3	102.1	92.2

Note: Excludes Oshawa.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0052.

Table 7.8 Youth Crime Severity Index, by province and territory, 1999 to 2009

	1999	2000	2001	2002
	2006=100			
Canada	100.6	104.5	107.6	102.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	94.1	107.0	115.4	105.8
Prince Edward Island	53.3	68.5	82.6	65.7
Nova Scotia	100.9	107.7	115.1	121.5
New Brunswick	94.6	91.1	91.3	84.7
Quebec	77.5	69.8	70.2	66.6
Ontario	86.8	92.5	92.6	86.0
Manitoba	164.4	180.3	184.5	184.4
Saskatchewan	196.8	236.5	264.8	239.4
Alberta	121.6	133.7	137.1	135.4
British Columbia	111.2	108.0	113.3	106.5
Yukon	250.0	331.0	327.8	339.9
Northwest Territories	399.1	336.2	419.2	503.1
Nunavut	279.9	223.5	360.9	557.5

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0052.

Table 7.9 Police-reported Crime Severity Index, by province and territory, 1999 to 2009

	1999	2000	2001	2002
	2006=100			
Canada	111.2	106.7	105.3	104.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	69.2	70.1	69.1	71.4
Prince Edward Island	79.0	76.3	75.4	85.2
Nova Scotia	104.6	95.3	92.5	93.9
New Brunswick	90.0	84.8	83.4	84.6
Quebec	104.3	101.8	96.6	93.5
Ontario	92.3	89.0	86.5	84.5
Manitoba	152.6	149.5	152.5	148.3
Saskatchewan	167.3	169.4	176.4	175.7
Alberta	118.8	111.3	114.8	116.3
British Columbia	155.8	144.7	146.6	148.1
Yukon	230.4	267.7	248.8	263.9
Northwest Territories	255.4	251.9	260.4	297.2
Nunavut	218.8	250.3	288.9	318.5

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0052.

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
2006=100						
106.6	101.4	98.0	100.0	100.5	95.2	93.7
111.2	107.7	97.8	104.1	103.1	102.3	82.3
72.4	60.1	66.4	102.4	68.9	69.8	71.5
129.5	113.9	120.9	130.5	137.9	132.2	120.1
86.9	91.2	94.6	89.4	93.5	100.3	112.3
72.8	68.5	66.9	63.4	59.7	62.5	64.4
92.9	91.8	93.1	96.4	96.7	89.2	87.8
177.7	184.6	156.6	183.5	206.4	177.2	192.5
281.0	267.9	269.9	266.2	296.7	257.0	239.8
134.9	117.3	106.5	109.3	110.0	110.9	100.2
96.2	87.4	79.1	81.0	74.7	71.4	70.8
297.2	248.7	263.4	269.3	294.1	251.3	291.6
480.3	557.4	567.0	509.6	464.9	459.5	428.0
612.9	577.9	421.2	396.9	411.4	379.3	445.7

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
2006=100						
106.8	104.1	101.3	100.0	95.2	90.4	87.2
74.4	79.3	78.6	73.2	75.7	71.8	72.1
91.0	82.0	76.8	71.8	63.9	68.3	65.5
101.4	106.7	102.1	101.1	91.9	84.1	83.9
87.8	87.9	79.5	74.2	70.8	71.7	70.7
92.9	90.3	89.9	91.0	84.8	83.2	82.0
83.2	78.2	77.0	78.6	74.3	70.7	68.9
161.3	163.4	156.7	155.9	150.2	129.0	131.1
199.5	192.3	181.4	170.6	165.0	153.1	149.4
124.8	124.1	121.9	115.6	114.5	112.0	104.7
154.7	153.4	146.3	139.8	131.9	120.9	110.3
258.7	245.5	199.4	180.4	186.1	182.4	179.9
339.4	353.4	343.4	315.9	334.5	340.1	323.3
360.8	372.2	327.2	280.1	317.3	329.3	336.9

Table 7.10 Adult criminal court cases, by type of decision, 2008/2009

	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stay	Other
	number				
Total cases	392,907	260,649	12,446	114,978	4,834
Total <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	344,017	228,555	11,313	99,951	4,198
<i>Criminal Code</i> (excluding traffic offences)	287,176	183,114	9,063	91,295	3,704
Crimes against the person	94,004	50,478	5,954	36,107	1,465
Homicide	268	128	17	117	6
Attempted murder	163	36	11	102	14
Robbery	4,350	2,923	117	1,253	57
Sexual assault	4,054	1,773	387	1,812	82
Other sexual offences	2,004	1,401	88	482	33
Major assault ¹	21,213	11,858	1,439	7,586	330
Common assault ²	37,237	19,372	1,793	15,665	407
Uttering threats	18,368	9,869	1,615	6,563	321
Criminal harassment	3,163	1,659	235	1,155	114
Other crimes against the person	3,184	1,459	252	1,372	101
Property crimes	91,923	61,187	1,496	28,334	906
Theft	38,467	26,562	359	11,238	308
Break and enter	11,465	8,222	386	2,702	155
Fraud	14,416	9,790	193	4,200	233
Mischief	13,849	8,423	302	5,027	97
Possession of stolen property	11,768	6,748	230	4,701	89
Other property crimes	1,958	1,442	26	466	24
Administration of justice	82,573	60,077	1,128	20,284	1,084
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	18,676	11,372	485	6,570	249
<i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	56,841	45,441	2,250	8,656	494
Impaired driving	45,068	36,233	2,029	6,451	355
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	11,773	9,208	221	2,205	139
Other federal statute offences	48,890	32,094	1,133	15,027	636
Drug possession	15,574	8,106	59	7,313	96
Drug trafficking	12,587	7,230	152	5,093	112
<i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	1,222	942	4	269	7
Residual federal statute offences	19,507	15,816	918	2,352	421

1. Includes unlawfully causing bodily harm, discharging firearms with intent, abductions, assaults against police officers, assaults against other peace or public officers and other assaults.

2. Level 1, or common, assault includes pushing, slapping, punching and face-to-face threats; Level 2 assault is defined as assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm; Level 3, or aggravated, assault is defined as assault that wounds, maims, disfigures or endangers the life of the victim.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0045.

Table 7.11 Adult criminal court cases, by type of sentence, 2008/2009

	Total guilty cases	Prison	Conditional sentence	Probation	Fine	Restitution	Other sentences
	number						
Total offences	260,649	89,553	11,514	117,090	78,282	7,029	132,092
Total <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	228,555	80,544	8,967	106,374	64,781	6,941	118,694
<i>Criminal Code</i> (excluding traffic offences)	183,114	72,992	8,089	99,379	29,564	6,754	85,459
Crimes against the person	50,478	16,299	2,767	37,976	3,918	641	33,337
Homicide	128	97	2	14	0	0	87
Attempted murder	36	29	0	3	1	0	16
Robbery	2,923	2,220	229	1,484	23	101	1,534
Sexual assault	1,773	956	270	1,211	46	6	829
Other sexual offences	1,401	865	75	1,031	84	2	662
Major assault ¹	11,858	5,052	1,114	8,349	939	214	6,980
Common assault ²	19,372	2,822	562	15,522	1,726	224	15,174
Uttering threats	9,869	3,154	344	7,808	927	64	6,046
Criminal harassment	1,659	437	79	1,491	95	14	1,239
Other crimes against the person	1,459	667	92	1,063	77	16	770
Property crimes	61,187	24,623	3,530	35,150	8,922	5,720	26,193
Theft	26,562	10,723	1,223	13,815	4,837	1,556	10,877
Break and enter	8,222	4,718	742	5,309	339	600	2,812
Fraud	9,790	3,338	1,007	6,349	1,131	1,591	4,398
Mischief	8,423	1,668	174	5,812	1,338	1,663	5,379
Possession of stolen property	6,748	3,274	288	3,092	1,160	271	2,353
Other property crimes	1,442	902	96	773	117	39	374
Administration of justice	60,077	27,963	1,354	20,101	14,295	304	19,962
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	11,372	4,107	438	6,152	2,429	89	5,967
<i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	45,441	7,552	878	6,995	35,217	187	33,235
Impaired driving	36,233	3,437	315	3,963	31,620	72	27,960
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	9,208	4,115	563	3,032	3,597	115	5,275
Other federal statute offences	32,094	9,009	2,547	10,716	13,501	88	13,398
Drug possession	8,106	1,190	122	2,634	4,208	15	4,581
Drug trafficking	7,230	3,335	2,306	2,284	568	30	5,084
<i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	942	300	17	338	281	4	329
Residual federal statute offences	15,816	4,184	102	5,460	8,444	39	3,404

1. Includes unlawfully causing bodily harm, discharging firearms with intent, abductions, assaults against police officers, assaults against other peace or public officers and other assaults.

2. Level 1, or common, assault includes pushing, slapping, punching and face-to-face threats; Level 2 assault is defined as assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm; Level 3, or aggravated, assault is defined as assault that wounds, maims, disfigures or endangers the life of the victim.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0046.

Table 7.12 Youth court, sentenced cases, by outcome, 2008/2009

	Total guilty cases	Custody	Conditional sentence	Deferred custody and supervision
	number			
Total offences	34,434	5,307	33	1,304
Total <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	27,495	4,237	28	1,054
<i>Criminal Code</i> (excluding traffic offences)	26,596	4,166	26	1,035
Crimes against the person	9,027	1,574	11	543
Homicide	31	10	0	0
Attempted murder	6	4	0	0
Robbery	1,671	592	2	215
Sexual assault	534	86	0	37
Other sexual offences	228	22	0	14
Major assault ¹	2,343	463	4	173
Common assault ²	2,548	156	4	42
Uttering threats	1,386	193	1	44
Criminal harassment	73	2	0	3
Other crimes against the person	207	46	0	15
Property crimes	11,682	1,422	8	315
Theft	4,141	429	6	80
Break and enter	3,170	506	1	121
Fraud	434	36	0	9
Mischief	2,094	178	0	49
Possession of stolen property	1,472	206	1	46
Other property crimes	371	67	0	10
Administration of justice	4,175	931	5	100
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	1,712	239	2	77
<i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	899	71	2	19
Impaired driving	516	2	0	3
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	383	69	2	16
Other federal statutes	6,939	1,070	5	250
Drug possession	1,117	22	2	3
Drug trafficking	839	73	0	47
<i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	4,838	965	2	200
Residual federal statute offences	145	10	1	0

1. Includes unlawfully causing bodily harm, discharging firearms with intent, abductions, assaults against police officers, assaults against other peace or public officers and other assaults.

2. Level 1, or common, assault includes pushing, slapping, punching and face-to-face threats; Level 2 assault is defined as assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm; Level 3, or aggravated, assault is defined as assault that wounds, maims, disfigures or endangers the life of the victim.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0050.

Intensive support and supervision	Probation	Attendance at non-residential program	Fine	Community service	Reprimand	Other sentences
number						
470	20,747	198	1,929	8,314	610	12,611
390	17,421	142	1,234	6,433	465	10,477
385	17,040	141	838	6,275	464	9,795
184	6,259	37	100	1,947	111	4,222
0	4	0	0	1	0	15
0	2	0	0	1	0	5
67	1,274	7	4	403	6	1,084
7	403	1	3	87	5	202
11	169	0	0	29	0	64
55	1,683	12	27	528	10	1,034
22	1,537	12	49	538	72	1,241
14	979	4	14	293	12	444
3	49	0	2	17	1	35
5	159	1	1	50	5	98
134	7,663	62	397	3,152	163	3,808
41	2,474	28	225	1,124	93	1,473
47	2,386	6	29	872	6	854
5	286	5	16	134	4	175
15	1,260	7	71	536	42	778
12	984	14	51	380	17	433
14	273	2	5	106	1	95
33	1,922	34	287	714	178	951
34	1,196	8	54	462	12	814
5	381	1	396	158	1	682
0	135	0	349	73	1	459
5	246	1	47	85	0	223
80	3,326	56	695	1,881	145	2,134
1	537	0	154	299	26	690
10	658	7	17	303	3	549
69	2,096	49	478	1,265	115	877
0	35	0	46	14	1	18

Table 7.13 Youth court, by type of decision, 2008/2009

	Total decisions	Guilty	Acquitted	Stay	Withdrawn or dismissed	Other decisions
	number					
Total offences	58,379	34,434	666	10,848	12,046	385
Total <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	47,890	27,495	592	9,441	10,040	322
<i>Criminal Code</i> (excluding traffic offences)	46,763	26,596	561	9,389	9,901	316
Crimes against the person	15,457	9,027	377	2,654	3,309	90
Homicide	59	31	0	10	11	7
Attempted murder	17	6	2	4	5	0
Robbery	2,723	1,671	48	299	693	12
Sexual assault	947	534	58	107	239	9
Other sexual offences	318	228	11	44	32	3
Major assault ¹	3,688	2,343	95	579	653	18
Common assault ²	4,746	2,548	78	1,029	1,067	24
Uttering threats	2,444	1,386	66	498	479	15
Criminal harassment	146	73	6	27	40	0
Other crimes against the person	369	207	13	57	90	2
Property crimes	22,001	11,682	119	5,472	4,614	114
Theft	8,182	4,141	31	2,301	1,677	32
Break and enter	4,799	3,170	27	726	856	20
Fraud	805	434	5	196	165	5
Mischief	4,304	2,094	36	1,115	1,040	19
Possession of stolen property	3,226	1,472	15	994	714	31
Other property crimes	685	371	5	140	162	7
Administration of justice	6,284	4,175	24	660	1,348	77
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> offences	3,021	1,712	41	603	630	35
<i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	1,127	899	31	52	139	6
Impaired driving	610	516	18	25	48	3
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	517	383	13	27	91	3
Other federal statute offences	10,489	6,939	74	1,407	2,006	63
Drug possession	2,912	1,117	10	839	937	9
Drug trafficking	1,444	839	38	237	327	3
<i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	5,880	4,838	23	306	669	44
Residual federal statute offences	253	145	3	25	73	7

1. Includes unlawfully causing bodily harm, discharging firearms with intent, abductions, assaults against police officers, assaults against other peace or public officers and other assaults.

2. Level 1, or common, assault includes pushing, slapping, punching and face-to-face threats; Level 2 assault is defined as assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm; Level 3, or aggravated, assault is defined as assault that wounds, maims, disfigures or endangers the life of the victim.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 252-0049.

Table 7.14 Adult correctional population, 2004/2005 to 2008/2009

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
	number				
Canada					
Total custodial admissions	211,970	245,978	254,252	262,299	262,067
Sentenced, custodial admissions	67,063	83,928	85,022	85,558	86,717
Remand, custodial admissions	115,385	143,014	150,048	154,844	153,774
Other statuses, custodial admissions	29,522	19,036	19,182	21,897	21,576
	%				
Sentenced admissions of females	10	11	12	12	11
Sentenced admissions of Aboriginal people	19	24	24	24	26
	number				
Total community admissions	108,543	111,401	110,067	110,764	112,034
Probation, community admissions	80,439	83,044	83,074	83,660	84,281
Conditional sentence, community admissions	18,997	18,768	17,674	17,890	18,404
Conditional release, community admissions	9,107	9,589	9,319	9,214	9,349
Provinces and territories					
Total custodial admissions	204,011	237,718	245,630	253,705	253,744
Sentenced, custodial admissions	62,480	79,086	79,862	80,495	81,806
Remand, custodial admissions	115,385	143,014	150,048	154,844	153,774
Other statuses, custodial admissions	26,146	15,618	15,720	18,366	18,164
	%				
Sentenced admissions of females	10	11	12	12	12
Sentenced admissions of Aboriginal people	19	24	24	24	27
	number				
Total community admissions	101,205	103,729	102,527	102,931	104,018
Probation, community admissions	80,439	83,044	83,074	83,660	84,281
Conditional sentence, community admissions	18,997	18,768	17,674	17,890	18,404
Conditional release, community admissions	1,769	1,917	1,779	1,381	1,333
Federal jurisdictions					
Total custodial admissions	7,959	8,260	8,622	8,594	8,323
Sentenced, custodial admissions	4,583	4,842	5,160	5,063	4,911
Remand, custodial admissions	...	...	...	...	.
Other statuses, custodial admissions	3,376	3,418	3,462	3,531	3,412
	%				
Sentenced admissions of females	5	6	6	6	6
Sentenced admissions of Aboriginal people	18	19	19	18	18
	number				
Total community admissions	7,338	7,672	7,540	7,833	8,016
Probation, community admissions	...	...	...	...	.
Conditional sentence, community admissions	...	...	...	...	.
Conditional release, community admissions	7,338	7,672	7,540	7,833	8,016

Note: Data are for fiscal year from April 1 to March 31.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 251-0001.

Table 7.15 Police officers, by province and territory, 2006 to 2010

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	number				
Canada	62,461	64,134	65,283	67,425	69,299
Newfoundland and Labrador	799	838	884	917	939
Prince Edward Island	220	227	231	234	238
Nova Scotia	1,667	1,758	1,864	1,877	1,912
New Brunswick	1,291	1,326	1,355	1,364	1,398
Quebec	15,099	15,233	15,403	15,532	15,586
Ontario	23,759	24,450	24,945	25,558	26,361
Manitoba	2,313	2,409	2,419	2,497	2,549
Saskatchewan	2,030	2,046	2,124	2,135	2,302
Alberta	5,604	5,703	5,734	6,199	6,602
British Columbia	7,678	8,075	8,134	8,809	9,044
Yukon	116	119	117	122	121
Northwest Territories	171	175	178	196	202
Nunavut	122	123	119	125	132
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headquarters and Training Academy	1,592	1,652	1,776	1,860	1,913

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 254-0002.

Table 7.16 Adult correctional services, operating expenditures for provincial, territorial and federal programs, 2004/2005 to 2008/2009

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
	\$ thousands				
Canada	2,904,569	3,024,810	3,315,228	3,518,242	3,854,374
Provinces and territories	1,382,748	1,448,512	1,527,981	1,647,002	1,780,935
Newfoundland and Labrador	20,278	21,294	21,809	23,414	27,949
Prince Edward Island	..	..	..	6,827	7,381
Nova Scotia	31,157	36,325	35,734	37,385	42,811
New Brunswick	19,612	21,004	23,838	25,430	26,862
Quebec	293,579	285,060	305,484	326,883	340,763
Ontario	562,993	603,251	626,196	668,249	710,921
Manitoba	78,319	87,395	90,495	98,986	116,493
Saskatchewan	65,329	68,900	74,249	82,896	90,700
Alberta	113,813	118,184	140,356	140,153	157,250
British Columbia	154,612	161,512	176,308	204,046	227,774
Yukon	8,272	8,782	9,339	9,520	9,462
Northwest Territories	22,423	22,322	24,175	23,214	22,569
Nunavut	12,361	14,483	..	..	..
Federal jurisdiction ¹	1,521,821	1,576,298	1,787,247	1,871,240	2,073,439

Notes: Operating expenditures are in current dollars.

Includes sums of custodial services, community supervision services, headquarters and central services, and parole boards where applicable.

Data are for fiscal year from April 1 to March 31.

1. Includes both Correctional Service Canada and the National Parole Board, but excludes CORCAN, the special operating agency that employs federal inmates.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 251-0007.

Table 7.17 Child and spousal support, by payment compliance, 2005/2006 to 2009/2010

	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
	number				
Total payment due in March of the fiscal year					
Cases in compliance	65,195	66,850	78,625	76,850	89,920
Full compliance	32,395	30,020	35,555	38,160	46,565
Partial compliance	7,560	5,680	7,235	7,785	8,820
Non-compliance	20,760	24,800	26,770	21,935	22,900
No payment due	4,480	6,350	9,065	8,970	11,505
Unknown compliance	0	0	0	0	130
Regular payment due in March of the fiscal year					
Cases in compliance	65,195	66,850	78,630	76,855	89,905
Full compliance	33,540	30,730	36,080	37,745	46,065
Partial compliance	3,500	3,155	4,745	5,515	6,505
Non-compliance	17,485	20,195	22,195	17,795	18,730
No payment due	10,670	12,770	15,610	15,800	18,605
Unknown compliance	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: The Canada total includes only the jurisdictions that report data to the Survey of Maintenance Enforcement Programs. Nova Scotia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories have reported data every year since 2006. Prince Edward Island began reporting data in 2007, New Brunswick in 2008, Saskatchewan in 2009 and Newfoundland and Labrador in 2010. Child and spousal support cases are limited to those enrolled in Maintenance Enforcement Programs. Results do not reflect all support cases in Canada.

Interjurisdictional support order-out cases are excluded. These are cases that the province or territory has sent to another jurisdiction for enforcement because the payor lives and/or has assets outside their borders.

Compliance is calculated at month end. Any adjustments to payments due or received that occur after the reference month are not incorporated.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 259-0004 and Catalogue no. 85-228-X.

Table 7.18 Child and spousal support, by type of beneficiary and amount due, 2009/2010

	Beneficiary				
	Total cases	Spouse only	Children only	Spouse and children	Unknown beneficiary
	number				
Total cases by regular amount due¹	89,925	2,990	72,630	2,525	11,780
\$0	18,610	255	7,165	365	10,825
\$1 to \$100	5,350	230	5,000	70	50
\$101 to \$200	14,890	240	14,405	85	160
\$201 to \$400	25,415	485	24,370	235	325
\$401 to \$600	12,375	440	11,515	250	170
\$601 to \$1,000	8,520	590	7,350	420	160
Greater than \$1,000	4,765	750	2,825	1,100	90
Unknown dollar amount	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: The Canada total includes only the jurisdictions that report data to the Survey of Maintenance Enforcement Programs. Child and spousal support cases are limited to those enrolled in Maintenance Enforcement Programs. Results do not reflect all support cases in Canada.

Interjurisdictional support order-out cases are excluded. These are cases that the province or territory has sent to another jurisdiction for enforcement because the payor lives and/or has assets outside their borders.

As a result of rounding methodology, some small differences can be expected in the corresponding values between tables.

1. This is the amount of regular payment due in March, the last month of the fiscal year. All adjustments to the amounts due that occur after March are not incorporated.

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM table 259-0003 and Catalogue no. 85-228-X.