

Table 1.7
Victims of spousal violence within the past 5 years, by sex and service contacted or used, 1999, 2004 and 2009

Victims use of services	1999		2004		2009 ¹	
	number (thousands)	percent	number (thousands)	percent	number (thousands)	percent
Told informal sources ²						
Yes	869	70.1*	873	72.7*	805	67.9
No	333	26.9	317	26.4	372	31.3
Contacted or used formal services ³						
Yes	425	34.3*	412	34.3*	333	28.1
No	774	62.5	776	64.7	844	71.2
Police found out about the incident						
Yes	338	27.3*	333	27.8*	259	21.8
No	864	69.7	857	71.5	917	77.3
Respondent reported to police						
Yes	240	19.4*	228	19.0*	180	15.2
No	962	77.6	962	80.2	996	84.0
Police found out some other way						
Yes	97	7.9	105	8.8	79	6.8
No	1,101	88.8	1,085	90.5	1,096	92.5
Total	1,239	100.0	1,200	100	1,186	100

* significant difference from reference group (p < 0.05)

1. Reference group.

2. Informal sources include family, a friend or neighbour, a co-worker, a doctor or nurse, a lawyer, or a spiritual advisor.

3. Formal services include a crisis centre or crisis line, a counsellor or psychologist, a community or family centre, a shelter, centres for women, men or seniors, or victim services or victim witness assistance programs.

Note(s): Includes legally married, common-law, same-sex, separated and divorced spouses. Don't know and not stated are included in the total, but not listed.

Therefore totals will not add up to 100%. Excludes data from the Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut which will be published at a later date.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, 1999, 2004 and 2009.