

Table 10
Total legal aid applications by type of matter

	Total applications ¹		Criminal matters			Civil matters		
	Total	Percentage change	Total	Percentage change	Percentage of total	Total	Percentage change	Percentage of total
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Newfoundland and Labrador								
2004/2005
2005/2006
2006/2007
2007/2008
2008/2009
Prince Edward Island								
2004/2005	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
2005/2006	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
2006/2007	1,852 ^r	...	1,338 ^r	...	72	514 ^r	...	28
2007/2008	1,855 ^r	0	1,391 ^r	4	75	464 ^r	-10	25
2008/2009	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
Nova Scotia								
2004/2005	19,458	4	11,429	4	59	8,029	4	41
2005/2006	19,948	3	11,913	4	60	8,035	0	40
2006/2007	20,327	2	12,915	8	64	7,412	-8	36
2007/2008	21,184	4	13,953	8	66	7,231	-2	34
2008/2009	22,311	5	14,474	4	65	7,837	8	35
New Brunswick								
2004/2005	2,220	-11	1,838	-14	83	382	1	17
2005/2006	2,321	5	1,964	7	85	357	-7	15
2006/2007	2,499	8	2,117	8	85	382	7	15
2007/2008	2,574	3	2,173	3	84	401	5	16
2008/2009	2,511	-2	2,179	0	87	332	-17	13
Quebec								
2004/2005	257,949	-2	113,420	1	44	144,529	-5	56
2005/2006	261,504	1	116,729	3	45	144,775	0	55
2006/2007	259,594	-1	120,924	4	47	138,670	-4	53
2007/2008	256,255	-1	121,381	0	47	134,874	-3	53
2008/2009	264,151	3	126,405	4	48	137,746	2	52
Ontario ²								
2004/2005	329,000	-4	80,000	...	24	249,000	...	76
2005/2006	347,687	6	85,535	7	25	262,152	5	75
2006/2007	337,988	-3	86,282	1	26	251,706	-4	74
2007/2008	332,837	-2	84,832	-2	25	248,005	-1	75
2008/2009	347,884	5	88,239	4	25	259,645	5	75
Manitoba ³								
2004/2005	25,620	34	16,771	55	65	8,849	7	35
2005/2006	27,546	8	18,741	12	68	8,805	0	32
2006/2007	23,494	-15	15,548	-17	66	7,946	-10	34
2007/2008	22,110	-6	14,699	-5	66	7,411	-7	34
2008/2009	21,887	-1	14,525	-1	66	7,362	-1	34
Saskatchewan								
2004/2005	23,184	3	17,029	3	73	6,155	4	27
2005/2006	23,801	3	17,749	4	75	6,052	-2	25
2006/2007	22,585	-5	17,584	-1	78	5,001	-17	22
2007/2008	21,765	-4	17,234	-2	79	4,531	-9	21
2008/2009	23,190	7	18,533	8	80	4,657	3	20
Alberta								
2004/2005	49,682	7	32,197	1	65	17,485	19	35
2005/2006	47,477	-4	33,490	4	71	13,987	-20	29
2006/2007	44,835	-6	33,229	-1	74	11,606	-17	26
2007/2008	45,398	-7	33,839	-6	75	11,559	-11	25
2008/2009	49,145	8	35,994	6	73	13,151	14	27

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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British Columbia								
2004/2005	39,749	-6	27,823	-3	70	11,926	-11	30
2005/2006	41,184	4	28,381	2	69	12,803	7	31
2006/2007	41,722	1	29,024	2	70	12,698	-1	30
2007/2008	42,647	2	29,314	1	69	13,333	5	31
2008/2009	45,238	6	30,039	2	66	15,199	14	34
Yukon ⁴								
2004/2005	1,439	4	982	3	68	457	6	32
2005/2006	1,442	0	943	-4	65	499	9	35
2006/2007	1,467	2	1,095	16	75	372	-25	25
2007/2008	1,464	0	1,088	-1	74	376	1	26
2008/2009	1,855	27	1,395	28	75	460	22	25
Northwest Territories ⁵								
2004/2005	1,433	-6	770	-8	54	663	-3	46
2005/2006	1,522	6	848	10	56	674	2	44
2006/2007	1,455	-4	788	-7	54	667	-1	46
2007/2008	1,523	5	873	11	57	650	-3	43
2008/2009	1,569	3	958	10	61	611	-6	39
Nunavut								
2004/2005	805	23	488	35	61	317	9	39
2005/2006	837	4	376	-23	45	461	45	55
2006/2007	862	3	435	16	50	427	-7	50
2007/2008	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...
2008/2009	731	...	498	...	68	233	...	32
Total								
2004/2005	750,539	...	302,747	...	40	447,792	...	60
2005/2006	775,269	3	316,669	5	41	458,600	2	59
2006/2007	758,680 ^r	...	321,279 ^r	...	42	437,401 ^r	...	58
2007/2008	749,612 ^r	...	320,777 ^r	...	43	428,835 ^r	...	57
2008/2009	780,472	...	333,239	...	43	447,233	...	57

1. The sum of approved and refused applications does not equal the total applications count for two reasons: (i) a decision to accept or reject an application may not occur in the same time period the application is made, although the number of applications carried into the next fiscal year is comparatively small. (ii) the approved application count refers to full service applications only, whereas the total applications count is the sum of applications for full and summary service.
2. Ontario has 79 legal aid clinics that are independent, non-profit organizations funded by the legal aid plan. Staff lawyers and community legal workers at these clinics provide legal aid services primarily in "other" civil matters, particularly in the area of poverty law which includes, social assistance/income maintenance, landlord and tenant, workers' compensation, criminal injuries compensation, and refugee and immigration matters. In 2008/2009, the legal aid plan received 147,095 applications for certificate services. The clinic system does not record written applications in the way defined by the survey; however, that number can be inferred in that it provided 200,789 case, brief, advice and referral services. In 2005/2006, Ontario changed its method of calculating total applications. As a result, figures are not comparable to previous years.
3. In 2005/2006, Manitoba began to issue one legal aid certificate per matter. This led to an increase in the count for total, approved and refused legal aid applications. In 2006/2007, the use of certificate equivalents initiated by staff was discontinued, resulting in a decrease in the count for total and approved applications and an increase in refused applications.
4. No distinction is made between summary and full service applications in Yukon Territory. All applications are counted as full service applications. Data for Yukon Territory include duty counsel counts. In 2004/2005, Yukon Territory opened a poverty law clinic, resulting in an increase in applications under civil matters "other".
5. Presumed eligibility counts are not included in the data for the Northwest Territories. Territorial offences are included with criminal matters.

Note(s): For more details on legal aid concepts and terminology please refer to the glossary.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Legal Aid Survey 3308.