

Table 12
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Newfoundland and Labrador											
2004/2005
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2006/2007
2007/2008
2008/2009
Prince Edward Island ⁴											
2004/2005	1,496	18	11	1,167	12	78	8	329	48	22	2
2005/2006	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
2006/2007	1,444 ^r	...	10 ^r	1,255 ^r	...	87	9 ^r	189 ^r	...	13	1 ^r
2007/2008	1,482 ^r	3	11 ^r	1,293 ^r	3	87	9 ^r	189 ^r	0	13	1 ^r
2008/2009	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Nova Scotia											
2004/2005	15,576	5	17	9,965	3	64	11	5,611	9	36	6
2005/2006	15,951	2	17	10,453	5	66	11	5,498	-2	34	6
2006/2007	16,580	4	18	11,278	8	68	12	5,302	-4	32	6
2007/2008	17,314	4	18 ^r	12,186	8	70	13	5,128	-3	30	5
2008/2009	18,332	6	20	12,622	4	69	13	5,710	11	31	6
New Brunswick											
2004/2005	1,361	-17	2	1,097	-20	81	1	264	1	19	0
2005/2006	1,526	12	2	1,266	15	83	2	260	-2	17	0
2006/2007	1,669	9	2	1,402	11	84	2	267	3	16	0
2007/2008	1,664	0	2	1,396	0	84	2	268	0	16	0
2008/2009	1,663	0	2	1,430	2	86	2	233	-13	14	0
Quebec											
2004/2005	213,302	-2	28	91,889	2	43	12	121,413	-5	57	16
2005/2006	215,955	1	28	94,088	2	44	12	121,867	0	56	16
2006/2007	214,836	-1	28	97,722	4	45	13	117,114	-4	55	15
2007/2008	215,324	0	28	100,735	3	47	13	114,589	-2	53	15
2008/2009	222,885	4	29	105,990	5	48	14	116,895	2	52	15
Ontario ⁵											
2004/2005	122,916	1	10	61,111	1	50	5	61,805	1	50	5
2005/2006	128,890	5	10	66,380	9	52	5	62,510	1	48	5
2006/2007	129,003	0	10	66,733	1	52	5	62,270	0	48	5
2007/2008	126,964	-2	10	65,250	-2	51	5	61,714	-1	49	5
2008/2009	137,397	8	11	69,142	6	50	5	68,255	11	50	5
Manitoba ⁶											
2004/2005	21,985	7	19	15,229	11	69	13	6,756	0	31	6
2005/2006	23,547	7	20	16,958	11	72	14	6,589	-2	28	6
2006/2007	21,126	-10	18	14,844	-12	70	13	6,282	-5	30	5
2007/2008	21,887	4	18	16,197	9	74	14	5,690	-9	26	5
2008/2009	20,747	-5	17	15,120	-7	73	13	5,627	-1	27	5
Saskatchewan											
2004/2005	19,828	4	20	14,900	3	75	15	4,928	5	25	5
2005/2006	20,417	3	21	15,590	5	76	16	4,827	-2	24	5
2006/2007	19,208	-6	19	15,245	-2	79	15	3,963	-18	21	4
2007/2008	18,308	-5	18	14,680	-4	80	15	3,628	-8	20	4
2008/2009	21,676	18	21	17,727	21	82	17	3,949	9	18	4
Alberta											
2004/2005	40,410	10	12 ^r	27,140	1	67	8	13,270	31	33	4
2005/2006	37,474	-7	11	27,815	2	74	8	9,659	-27	26	3
2006/2007	35,861	-4	10 ^r	27,798	0	78	8	8,063	-17	22	2
2007/2008	36,433	2	10	28,405	2	78	8	8,028	0	22	2
2008/2009	41,784	15	12	31,744	12	76	9	10,040	25	24	3
British Columbia											
2004/2005	28,518	-5	7	21,404	-2	75	5	7,114	-14	25	2
2005/2006	29,925	5	7	22,048	3	74	5	7,877	11	26	2
2006/2007	30,441	2	7	22,602	3	74	5	7,839	0	26	2
2007/2008	31,297	3	7	22,867	1	73	5	8,430	8	27	2
2008/2009	32,528	4	7	23,630	3	73	5	8,898	6	27	2

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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Yukon⁷											
2004/2005	1,373	7	44	968	4	71	31	405	15	29	13
2005/2006	1,258	-8	39 ^r	904	-7	72	28 ^r	354	-13	28	11
2006/2007	1,406	12	44 ^r	1,083	20	77	34 ^r	323	-9	23	10 ^r
2007/2008	1,397	-1	43 ^r	1,069	-1	77	33 ^r	328	2	23	10
2008/2009	1,780	27	54	1,375	29	77	41	405	23	23	12
Northwest Territories⁸											
2004/2005	1,354	26	31	916	37	68	21	438	8	32	10
2005/2006	1,134	-16	26	833	-9	73	19	301	-31	27	7
2006/2007	1,364	20	32	959	15	70	22	405	35	30	9
2007/2008	1,633	20	38	1,197	25	73	27	436	8	27	10
2008/2009	1,304	-20	30	1,008	-16	77	23	296	-32	23	7
Nunavut											
2004/2005	603	-4	20	494	37	82	17	109	-59	18	4
2005/2006	837	39	28	376	-24	45	12 ^r	461	323	55	15
2006/2007	530	-37	17	387	3	73	13	143	-69	27	5
2007/2008
2008/2009	722	...	23	489	...	68	16	233	...	32	7
Total											
2004/2005	468,722	1	15 ^r	246,280	2	53	8 ^r	222,442	-1	47	7 ^r
2005/2006	476,914	...	15 ^r	256,711	...	54	8 ^r	220,203	...	46	7 ^r
2006/2007	473,468 ^r	...	15 ^r	261,308	...	55	8 ^r	212,160 ^r	...	45	7 ^r
2007/2008	473,703 ^r	...	15 ^r	265,275	...	56	8 ^r	208,428 ^r	...	44	6 ^r
2008/2009	500,818	...	15	280,277	...	56	9	220,541	...	44	7

- Approved legal aid application counts refer to full service applications only. An approved application for full service refers to an application for legal assistance which is granted as described in a certificate, referral, or any other authorization denoting that the applicant is entitled to legal aid services.
- For civil cases, there is one matter per application. For criminal, there can be multiple charges per application and these can be handled separately (i.e., by different lawyers).
- The population estimates used to calculate per capita figures are provided by Statistics Canada, Census and Demographic Statistics, Demography Division. Populations as of July 1st: final postcensal estimates for 2004 and 2005; updated postcensal estimates for 2006 and 2007; and preliminary postcensal estimates for 2008.
- In Prince Edward Island in 2004/2005, all approved applications for civil matters were counted as full service applications.
- 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, these clinics accounted for 89% of approved legal aid applications assigned to staff lawyers.
- 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.
- No distinction is made between summary and full service applications in Yukon. All applications are counted as full service applications. Data for Yukon include duty counsel counts. In 2004/2005, Yukon opened a poverty law clinic, resulting in an increase in applications under civil matters "other".
- 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.