

Table 13-2
Approved legal aid applications, staff and private lawyers by type of matter — Criminal matters¹

	Total		Staff lawyers		Private lawyers	
	number		percent		number	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	...
Prince Edward Island²						
2004/2005	1,167	1,057	91	110	9	
2005/2006	..	..	...	..	...
2006/2007	1,255 ^r	1,143 ^r	91	112 ^r	9	
2007/2008	1,293 ^r	1,235 ^r	96	58 ^r	4	
2008/2009	..	..	...	..	...
Nova Scotia						
2004/2005	9,965	8,390	84	1,575	16	
2005/2006	10,453	8,555	82	1,898	18	
2006/2007	11,278	9,384	83	1,894	17	
2007/2008	12,186	9,930	81	2,256	19	
2008/2009	12,622	10,053	80	2,569	20	
New Brunswick³						
2004/2005	1,097	643	59	454	41	
2005/2006	1,266	778	61	488	39	
2006/2007	1,402	825	59	577	41	
2007/2008	1,396	848	61	548	39	
2008/2009	1,430	705	49	725	51	
Quebec						
2004/2005	91,889	30,908	34	60,981	66	
2005/2006	94,088	31,248	33	62,840	67	
2006/2007	97,722	34,190	35	63,532	65	
2007/2008	100,735	37,134	37	63,601	63	
2008/2009	105,990	41,047	39	64,943	61	
Ontario⁴						
2004/2005	61,111	312	1	60,799	99	
2005/2006	66,380	885	1	65,495	99	
2006/2007	66,733	947	1	65,786	99	
2007/2008	65,250	915	1	64,335	99	
2008/2009	69,142	688	1	68,454	99	
Manitoba⁵						
2004/2005	15,229	6,419	42	8,810	58	
2005/2006	16,958	7,252	43	9,706	57	
2006/2007	14,844	5,490	37	9,354	63	
2007/2008	16,197	5,488	34	10,709	66	
2008/2009	15,120	4,327	29	10,793	71	
Saskatchewan						
2004/2005	14,900	13,822	93	1,078	7	
2005/2006	15,590	14,651	94	939	6	
2006/2007	15,245	14,160	93	1,085	7	
2007/2008	14,680	13,360	91	1,320	9	
2008/2009	17,727	15,963	90	1,764	10	
Alberta						
2004/2005	27,140	2,370	9	24,770	91	
2005/2006	27,815	2,301	8	25,514	92	
2006/2007	27,798	2,144	8	25,654	92	
2007/2008	28,405	2,009	7	26,396	93	
2008/2009	31,744	2,348	7	29,396	93	
British Columbia						
2004/2005	21,404	446	2	20,958	98	
2005/2006	22,048	408	2	21,640	98	
2006/2007	22,602	361	2	22,241	98	
2007/2008	22,867	310	1	22,557	99	
2008/2009	23,630	386	2	23,244	98	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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	Total		Staff lawyers		Private lawyers	
	number		percent		number	percent
Yukon⁶						
2004/2005	968		885	91	83	9
2005/2006	904		808	89	96	11
2006/2007	1,083		1,000	92	83	8
2007/2008	1,069		977	91	92	9
2008/2009	1,375		1,302	95	73	5
Northwest Territories⁷						
2004/2005	916		300	33	616	67
2005/2006	833		191	23	642	77
2006/2007	959		191	20	768	80
2007/2008	1,197		194	16	1,003	84
2008/2009	1,008		181	18	827	82
Nunavut						
2004/2005	494		205	41	289	59
2005/2006	376		250	66	126	34
2006/2007	387		245	63	142	37
2007/2008	..		..	...	..	...
2008/2009	489		377	77	112	23
Total						
2004/2005	246,280		65,757	27	180,523	73
2005/2006	256,711		67,327	26	189,384	74
2006/2007	261,308 ^r		70,080 ^r	27	191,228 ^r	73
2007/2008	265,275 ^r		72,400 ^r	27	192,875 ^r	73
2008/2009	280,277		77,377	28	202,900	72

1. For criminal applications, there can be multiple charges per application and these can be handled separately (i.e., by different lawyers).
2. In Prince Edward Island in 2004/2005, all approved applications for civil matters were counted as full service applications.
3. In New Brunswick in 2004/2005, many members of the private bar refused to take legal aid cases.
4. 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 91% of total approved civil legal aid applications assigned to staff lawyers and 100% of "other" approved civil legal aid applications assigned to staff lawyers.
5. 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.
6. 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".
7. 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.