

Table 13-3
Approved legal aid applications, staff and private lawyers by type of matter — Civil 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	329	212	64	117	36	
2005/2006	..	..	...	..	..	...
2006/2007	189 ^r	133 ^r	70	56 ^r	30	
2007/2008	189 ^r	136 ^r	72	53 ^r	28	
2008/2009	..	..	...	..	..	...
Nova Scotia						
2004/2005	5,611	3,397	61	2,214	39	
2005/2006	5,498	3,591	65	1,907	35	
2006/2007	5,302	3,580	68	1,722	32	
2007/2008	5,128	3,482	68	1,646	32	
2008/2009	5,710	3,500	61	2,210	39	
New Brunswick³						
2004/2005	264	97	37	167	63	
2005/2006	260	88	34	172	66	
2006/2007	267	100	37	167	63	
2007/2008	268	71	26	197	74	
2008/2009	233	57	24	176	76	
Quebec						
2004/2005	121,413	66,826	55	54,587	45	
2005/2006	121,867	67,364	55	54,503	45	
2006/2007	117,114	64,699	55	52,415	45	
2007/2008	114,589	62,778	55	51,811	45	
2008/2009	116,895	63,603	54	53,292	46	
Ontario⁴						
2004/2005	61,805	16,942	27	44,863	73	
2005/2006	62,510	16,987	27	45,523	73	
2006/2007	62,270	18,955	30	43,315	70	
2007/2008	61,714	18,750	30	42,964	70	
2008/2009	68,255	19,540	29	48,715	71	
Manitoba⁵						
2004/2005	6,756	3,463	51	3,293	49	
2005/2006	6,589	3,311	50	3,278	50	
2006/2007	6,282	3,838	61	2,444	39	
2007/2008	5,690	3,420	60	2,270	40	
2008/2009	5,627	3,286	58	2,341	42	
Saskatchewan						
2004/2005	4,928	4,671	95	257	5	
2005/2006	4,827	4,630	96	197	4	
2006/2007	3,963	3,701	93	262	7	
2007/2008	3,628	3,360	93	268	7	
2008/2009	3,949	3,732	95	217	5	
Alberta						
2004/2005	13,270	3,001	23	10,269	77	
2005/2006	9,659	2,197	23	7,462	77	
2006/2007	8,063	1,627	20	6,436	80	
2007/2008	8,028	1,636	20	6,392	80	
2008/2009	10,040	2,082	21	7,958	79	
British Columbia						
2004/2005	7,114	666	9	6,448	91	
2005/2006	7,877	644	8	7,233	92	
2006/2007	7,839	558	7	7,281	93	
2007/2008	8,430	387	5	8,043	95	
2008/2009	8,898	371	4	8,527	96	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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	Total		Staff lawyers		Private lawyers	
	number		percent		number	percent
Yukon ⁶						
2004/2005	405		98		10	2
2005/2006	354		97		12	3
2006/2007	323		96		13	4
2007/2008	328		96		14	4
2008/2009	405		98		8	2
Northwest Territories ⁷						
2004/2005	438		47		231	53
2005/2006	301		65		105	35
2006/2007	405		56		177	44
2007/2008	436		69		134	31
2008/2009	296		86		41	14
Nunavut						
2004/2005	109		87		14	13
2005/2006	461		96		17	4
2006/2007	143		69		45	31
2007/2008	..		...		..	...
2008/2009	233		57		101	43
Total						
2004/2005	222,442		45		122,470	55
2005/2006	220,203		45		120,409	55
2006/2007	212,160 ^r		46		114,333 ^r	54
2007/2008	208,428 ^r		45		113,792 ^r	55
2008/2009	220,541		44		123,586	56

1. There is one matter per application for civil cases.

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.