

Table 17
Refused legal aid applications by reason for refusal

	Total ¹		Financial ineligibility		Coverage restrictions		Lack of merit		Non-compliance or abuse		Other reasons ²	
	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador												
2004/2005
2005/2006
2006/2007
2007/2008
2008/2009
Prince Edward Island												
2004/2005
2005/2006
2006/2007
2007/2008
2008/2009
Nova Scotia												
2004/2005	2,572	1,208	47	65	3	275	11	108	4	916	36	
2005/2006	2,408	1,181	49	56	2	264	11	79	3	828	34	
2006/2007	2,419	1,089	45	94	4	222	9	95	4	919	38	
2007/2008	2,608	1,241	48	133	5	299	11	109	4	826	32	
2008/2009	2,674	1,400	52	158	6	199	7	75	3	842	31	
New Brunswick												
2004/2005	859	..	...	..	...	.	...	..	...	859	100
2005/2006	795	..	...	..	...	.	...	..	...	795	100
2006/2007	830	..	...	..	...	.	...	..	...	830	100
2007/2008	550	73	13	292	53	.	...	69	13	116	21
2008/2009	556	61	11	312	56	.	...	48	9	135	24
Quebec												
2004/2005	36,913	22,886	62	7,303	20	1,754	5	74	0	4,896	13	
2005/2006	38,009	24,366	64	6,987	18	1,678	4	74	0	4,904	13	
2006/2007	36,962	24,444	66	6,552	18	1,514	4	56	0	4,396	12	
2007/2008	37,420	25,563	68	6,362	17	1,280	3	58	0	4,157	11	
2008/2009	38,575	26,754	69	6,204	16	1,282	3	48	0	4,287	11	
Ontario ³												
2004/2005	43,264	20,624	48	11,496	27	9,815	23	.	...	1,329	3
2005/2006	46,178	24,270	53	10,579	23	..	...	.	...	11,329	25
2006/2007	44,256	22,412	51	11,194	25	..	...	.	...	10,650	24
2007/2008	42,193	21,649	51	10,128	24	..	...	.	...	10,416	25
2008/2009	40,980	21,836	53	9,868	24	..	...	.	...	9,276	23
Manitoba ⁴												
2004/2005	3,306	348	11	304	9	655	20	4	0	1,995	60	
2005/2006	3,612	396	11	235	7	749	21	17	0	2,215	61	
2006/2007	5,025	675	13	431	9	802	16	21	0	3,096	62	
2007/2008	6,142	728	12	356	6	740	12	54	1	4,264	69	
2008/2009	6,378	724	11	321	5	874	14	60	1	4,399	69	
Saskatchewan												
2004/2005	1,770	1,266	72	211	12	143	8	30	2	120	7	
2005/2006	1,772	1,451	82	119	7	89	5	27	2	86	5	
2006/2007	1,930	1,571	81	176	9	90	5	20	1	73	4	
2007/2008	1,923	1,691	88	117	6	79	4	10	1	26	1	
2008/2009	1,254	1,080	86	88	7	51	4	13	1	22	2	
Alberta												
2004/2005	9,272	3,595	39	2,874	31	897	10	570	6	1,336	14	
2005/2006	10,003	4,135	41	2,729	27	939	9	698	7	1,502	15	
2006/2007	8,974	4,013	45	2,262	25	748	8	712	8	1,239	14	
2007/2008	8,965	3,630	40	2,402	27	713	8	867	10	1,353	15	
2008/2009	7,361	2,311	31	2,389	32	739	10	718	10	1,204	16	
British Columbia												
2004/2005	11,123	2,417	22	5,386	48	.	...	.	...	3,320	30
2005/2006	11,174	2,382	21	5,192	46	.	...	.	...	3,600	32
2006/2007	11,175	2,866	26	4,425	40	.	...	.	...	3,884	35
2007/2008	11,233	3,221	29	3,824	34	4,188	37	
2008/2009	12,558	3,274	26	4,568	36	4,716	38	

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Yukon												
2004/2005	66	57	86	5	8	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
2005/2006	74	57	77	14	19	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
2006/2007	61	51	84	7	11	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
2007/2008	67	53	79	10	15	3	4	1	1	0	0	0
2008/2009	75	58	77	7	9	10	13	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories												
2004/2005	467	105	22	28	6	107	23	227	49	0	0	0
2005/2006	485	129	27	33	7	88	18	230	47	5	1	1
2006/2007	484	130	27	33	7	46	10	230	48	45	9	9
2007/2008	406	66	16	27	7	68	17	215	53	30	7	7
2008/2009	264	82	31	28	11	78	30	55	21	21	8	8
Nunavut												
2004/2005	33	7	21	21	64	1	3	0	0	4	12	12
2005/2006	64	3	5	30	47	15	23	1	2	15	23	23
2006/2007	46	15	33	27	59	4	9	0	0	0	0	0
2007/2008	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2008/2009	38	4	11	0	0	34	89	0	0	0	0	0
Total												
2004/2005	109,645	52,513	48	27,693	25	13,651	12	1,013	1	14,775	13	13
2005/2006	114,574	58,370	51	25,974	23	3,825	3	1,126	1	25,279	22	22
2006/2007	112,162	57,266	51	25,201	22	3,429	3	1,134	1	25,132	22	22
2007/2008	111,507	57,915	52	23,651	21	3,182	3	1,383	1	25,376	23	23
2008/2009	110,713	57,584	52	23,943	22	3,267	3	1,017	1	24,902	22	22

1. The refused application count does not include those who are denied services through pre-screening measures. Legal aid plans screen applicants to some degree before an application is filed.

2. Other reasons for refusal may include, among others, client cancelled/abandoned, coverage cancelled, or duplicate application.

3. 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 51% of applications refused for financial ineligibility. Beginning in 2005/2006, counts for lack of merit are included in coverage restrictions.

4. 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.

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.