

**Table 18-4**  
**Refused legal aid applications by reason for refusal, criminal and civil matters — Lack of merit**

	Total		Criminal matters		Civil matters	
	number		percent		number	percent
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...
<b>Nova Scotia</b>						
2004/2005	275	174	63	101	37	
2005/2006	264	102	39	162	61	
2006/2007	222	115	52	107	48	
2007/2008	299	168	56	131	44	
2008/2009	199	117	59	82	41	
<b>New Brunswick</b>						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...
<b>Quebec</b>						
2004/2005	1,754	65	4	1,689	96	
2005/2006	1,678	95	6	1,583	94	
2006/2007	1,514	62	4	1,452	96	
2007/2008	1,280	49	4	1,231	96	
2008/2009	1,282	56	4	1,226	96	
<b>Ontario <sup>1</sup></b>						
2004/2005	9,815	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	..	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	..	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	..	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	..	.	...	.	.	...
<b>Manitoba <sup>2</sup></b>						
2004/2005	655	34	5	621	95	
2005/2006	749	26	3	723	97	
2006/2007	802	54	7	748	93	
2007/2008	740	43	6	697	94	
2008/2009	874	28	3	846	97	
<b>Saskatchewan</b>						
2004/2005	143	27	19	116	81	
2005/2006	89	23	26	66	74	
2006/2007	90	35	39	55	61	
2007/2008	79	19	24	60	76	
2008/2009	51	17	33	34	67	
<b>Alberta</b>						
2004/2005	897	170	19	727	81	
2005/2006	939	204	22	735	78	
2006/2007	748	185	25	563	75	
2007/2008	713	157	22	556	78	
2008/2009	739	121	16	618	84	
<b>British Columbia</b>						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 18-4 – continued

Refused legal aid applications by reason for refusal, criminal and civil matters — Lack of merit

	Total		Criminal matters		Civil matters	
	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
<b>Yukon</b>						
2004/2005	4	50	2	50	2	50
2005/2006	3	0	0	0	3	100
2006/2007	3	0	0	0	3	100
2007/2008	3	0	0	0	3	100
2008/2009	10	10	1	10	9	90
<b>Northwest Territories</b>						
2004/2005	107	25	27	25	80	75
2005/2006	88	20	18	20	70	80
2006/2007	46	28	13	28	33	72
2007/2008	68	22	15	22	53	78
2008/2009	78	21	16	21	62	79
<b>Nunavut</b>						
2004/2005	1	100	1	100	0	0
2005/2006	15	0	0	0	15	100
2006/2007	4	25	1	25	3	75
2007/2008	..	...	..	...	..	...
2008/2009	34	0	0	0	34	100
<b>Total</b>						
2004/2005	...	...	...	...	...	...
2005/2006	...	...	...	...	...	...
2006/2007	...	...	...	...	...	...
2007/2008	...	...	...	...	...	...
2008/2009	...	...	...	...	...	...

1. 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.
2. 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.