

Table 18-5
Refused legal aid applications by reason for refusal, criminal and civil matters — Non-compliance/abuse

	Total		Criminal matters		Civil matters	
	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	108	42	39	66	61	
2005/2006	79	45	57	34	43	
2006/2007	95	53	56	42	44	
2007/2008	109	104	95	5	5	
2008/2009	75	62	83	13	17	
New Brunswick						
2004/2005	..	..	...	..	..	...
2005/2006	..	..	...	..	..	...
2006/2007	..	..	...	..	..	...
2007/2008	69	69	100	..	..	...
2008/2009	48	47	98	1	2	
Quebec						
2004/2005	74	11	15	63	85	
2005/2006	74	6	8	68	92	
2006/2007	56	1	2	55	98	
2007/2008	58	4	7	54	93	
2008/2009	48	1	2	47	98	
Ontario ¹						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	.	...
Manitoba ²						
2004/2005	4	0	0	4	100	
2005/2006	17	1	6	16	94	
2006/2007	21	7	33	14	67	
2007/2008	54	29	54	25	46	
2008/2009	60	29	48	31	52	
Saskatchewan						
2004/2005	30	19	63	11	37	
2005/2006	27	18	67	9	33	
2006/2007	20	15	75	5	25	
2007/2008	10	9	90	1	10	
2008/2009	13	10	77	3	23	
Alberta						
2004/2005	570	306	54	264	46	
2005/2006	698	399	57	299	43	
2006/2007	712	417	59	295	41	
2007/2008	867	514	59	353	41	
2008/2009	718	407	57	311	43	
British Columbia						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	.	...
2005/2006
2006/2007
2007/2008
2008/2009

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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Yukon						
2004/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005/2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006/2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007/2008	1	0	0	0	1	100
2008/2009	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories						
2004/2005	227	29	13	13	198	87
2005/2006	230	50	22	22	180	78
2006/2007	230	50	22	22	180	78
2007/2008	215	55	26	26	160	74
2008/2009	55	17	31	31	38	69
Nunavut						
2004/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005/2006	1	100	1	100	0	0
2006/2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007/2008	..	..	..	..	..	..
2008/2009	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total						
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.