

Table 18-6
Refused legal aid applications by reason for refusal, criminal and civil matters — Other reasons¹

	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	916	428	47	488	53	
2005/2006	828	440	53	388	47	
2006/2007	919	575	63	344	37	
2007/2008	826	511	62	315	38	
2008/2009	842	542	64	300	36	
New Brunswick						
2004/2005	859	741	86	118	14	
2005/2006	795	698	88	97	12	
2006/2007	830	715	86	115	14	
2007/2008	116	84	72	32	28	
2008/2009	135	92	68	43	32	
Quebec						
2004/2005	4,896	972	20	3,924	80	
2005/2006	4,904	1,023	21	3,881	79	
2006/2007	4,396	991	23	3,405	77	
2007/2008	4,157	878	21	3,279	79	
2008/2009	4,287	1,045	24	3,242	76	
Ontario²						
2004/2005	1,329	..	...	..	...
2005/2006	11,329	6,141	54	5,188	46	
2006/2007	10,650	..	...	..	...
2007/2008	10,416	..	...	..	...
2008/2009	9,276	..	...	..	...
Manitoba³						
2004/2005	1,995	1,052	53	943	47	
2005/2006	2,215	1,170	53	1,045	47	
2006/2007	3,096	2,110	68	986	32	
2007/2008	4,264	3,164	74	1,100	26	
2008/2009	4,399	3,355	76	1,044	24	
Saskatchewan						
2004/2005	120	53	44	67	56	
2005/2006	86	49	57	37	43	
2006/2007	73	46	63	27	37	
2007/2008	26	23	88	3	12	
2008/2009	22	17	77	5	23	
Alberta						
2004/2005	1,336	694	52	642	48	
2005/2006	1,502	817	54	685	46	
2006/2007	1,239	654	53	585	47	
2007/2008	1,353	632	47	721	53	
2008/2009	1,204	539	45	665	55	
British Columbia						
2004/2005	3,320	2,406	72	914	28	
2005/2006	3,600	2,375	66	1,225	34	
2006/2007	3,884	2,492	64	1,392	36	
2007/2008	4,188	2,518	60	1,670	40	
2008/2009	4,716	2,608	55	2,108	45	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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	Total		Criminal matters		Civil matters	
	number	percent	number	percent	number	percent
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008/2009	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories						
2004/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005/2006	5	4	80	20	1	20
2006/2007	45	9	20	80	36	80
2007/2008	30	28	93	7	2	7
2008/2009	21	21	100	0	0	0
Nunavut						
2004/2005	4	2	50	50	2	50
2005/2006	15	0	0	100	15	100
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. Other reasons for refusal may include, among others, client cancelled/abandoned, coverage cancelled, or duplicate application.
2. 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.
3. 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.