

Table 21
Duty counsel services by type of matter

	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 ¹						
2004/2005	10,832	9,434	87	1,398	13	
2005/2006	12,058	10,564	88	1,494	12	
2006/2007	13,569	12,164	90	1,405	10	
2007/2008	15,868	14,299	90	1,569	10	
2008/2009	16,002	14,628	91	1,374	9	
New Brunswick						
2004/2005	15,558	15,393	99	165	1	
2005/2006	18,339	18,189	99	150	1	
2006/2007	19,370	19,222	99	148	1	
2007/2008	22,321	20,421	91	1,900	9	
2008/2009	20,693	18,805	91	1,888	9	
Quebec						
2004/2005	.	.	...	.	...
2005/2006	.	.	...	.	...
2006/2007	.	.	...	.	...
2007/2008	.	.	...	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	...	.	...
Ontario						
2004/2005	926,385	709,830	77	216,555	23	
2005/2006	978,773	738,722	75	240,051	25	
2006/2007	1,038,758	844,420	81	194,338	19	
2007/2008	1,078,703	882,539	82	196,164	18	
2008/2009	1,120,769	915,385	82	205,384	18	
Manitoba						
2004/2005	33,048	..	...	..	...
2005/2006	38,803	..	...	..	...
2006/2007	40,850	30,243	74	10,607	26	
2007/2008	42,487	39,407	93	3,080	7	
2008/2009	39,979	37,762	94	2,217	6	
Saskatchewan						
2004/2005	15,867	15,535	98	332	2	
2005/2006	16,560	16,142	97	418	3	
2006/2007	14,643	14,300	98	343	2	
2007/2008	15,319	14,870	97	449	3	
2008/2009	15,865	15,462	97	403	3	
Alberta						
2004/2005	94,965	90,437	95	4,528	5	
2005/2006	105,225	94,448	90	10,777	10	
2006/2007	107,476	97,500	91	9,976	9	
2007/2008	119,955	107,885	90	12,070	10	
2008/2009	148,226	132,673	90	15,553	10	
British Columbia						
2004/2005	84,550	69,267	82	15,283	18	
2005/2006	95,498	75,720	79	19,778	21	
2006/2007	104,152	82,024	79	22,128	21	
2007/2008	104,419	81,146	78	23,273	22	
2008/2009	108,593	78,444	72	30,149	28	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 21 – continued

Duty counsel services by type of matter

	Total		Criminal matters		Civil matters	
	number		percent		number	percent
Yukon						
2004/2005	1,227	1,146	93		81	7
2005/2006	1,429	1,364	95		65	5
2006/2007	1,797	1,740	97		57	3
2007/2008	2,030	1,954	96		76	4
2008/2009	2,219	2,133	96		86	4
Northwest Territories ²						
2004/2005	2,637	2,637	100		.	...
2005/2006	3,443	3,443	100		.	...
2006/2007	3,543	3,543	100		.	...
2007/2008	4,308	4,308	100		.	...
2008/2009	4,823	4,823	100		.	...
Nunavut ²						
2004/2005	3,548	3,523	99		25	1
2005/2006	4,714	4,688	99		26	1
2006/2007	4,623	4,623	100		0	0
2007/2008	..	..	..		..	..
2008/2009	14,902	14,902	100		0	0
Total						
2004/2005	1,188,617	...	...		...	...
2005/2006	1,274,842	...	...		...	...
2006/2007	1,348,781	1,109,779	82		239,002	18
2007/2008	1,405,410	1,166,829	83		238,581	17
2008/2009	1,492,071	1,235,017	83		257,054	17

1. Nova Scotia reports duty counsel services based on the number of persons assisted rather than the units of service provided.

2. Northwest Territories and Nunavut employ a practice known as "presumed eligibility". Persons appearing in court are not required to apply for legal services, unless and until the matter requires a preliminary inquiry, a trial, or more complex sentencing. Otherwise, they are presumed eligible and provided with legal aid services.

Note(s): Duty counsel is legal assistance rendered without charge to unrepresented individuals who, in many cases, are about to make an appearance in court. Data represent a count of the number of times duty counsel services were provided. 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.