Table 22
Duty counsel services by type of criminal and civil matter

	Total	Criminal matters					Civil matters				
		Total	Adults		Youth		Total	Family matters		Other	
	number			percent	number	percent	number		percent	number	percent
Newfoundland and Labrador											
2007/2008	8,586	8,586	7,204	84	1,382	16	0	0	...	0	...
2008/2009	10,403	10,403	9,022	87	1,381	13	0	0	...	0	...
2009/2010	11,446	11,446	10,339	90	1,107	10	0	0	...	0	...
2010/2011	11,493	11,493	10,412	91	1,081	9	0	0	...	0	...
2011/2012	12,452	12,452	11,345	91	1,107	9	0	0	...	0	...
Prince Edward Island [1]											
2007/2008	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2009/2010	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2010/2011	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2011/2012	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
Nova Scotia											
2007/2008	15,868	14,299	12,124	85	2,175	15	1,569	1,569	100	0	0
2008/2009	16,002	14,628	12,973	89	1,655	11	1,374	1,374	100	0	0
2009/2010	18,774	17,318	15,495	89	1,823	11	1,456	1,456	100	0	0
2010/2011	22,728	21,286	17,331	81	3,955	19	1,442	1,438	100	4	0
2011/2012	22,217	20,547	18,173	88	2,374	12	1,670	1,669	100	1	0
New Brunswick											
2007/2008	22,321	20,421	18,275	89	2,146	11	1,900	1,900	100	0	0
2008/2009	20,693	18,805	16,884	90	1,921	10	1,888	1,888	100	0	0
2009/2010	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...
2010/2011	19,223	18,371	15,932	87	2,439	13	852	852	100	0	0
2011/2012	19,033	17,959	16,036	89	1,923	11	1,074	1,074	100	0	0
Quebec											
2007/2008	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2008/2009	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2009/2010	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2010/2011	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
2011/2012	.	.	.	...	.	...	.	.	...	.	...
Ontario [2]											
2007/2008	1,078,703	882,539	778,882	88	103,657	12	196,164	168,966	86	27,198	14
2008/2009	1,120,769	915,385	809,713	88	105,672	12	205,384	177,906	87	27,478	13
2009/2010	1,138,362	918,460	812,157	88	106,303	12	219,902	192,311	87	27,591	13
2010/2011	1,111,313	887,710	788,442	89	99,268	11	223,603	201,590	90	22,013	10
2011/2012	1,096,564	865,814	780,047	90	85,767	10	230,750	211,679	92	19,071	8
Manitoba											
2007/2008	42,487	39,407	34,079	86	5,328	14	3,080	3,080	100	.	...
2008/2009	39,979	37,762	33,512	89	4,250	11	2,217	2,217	100	.	...
2009/2010	38,664	36,423	31,959	88	4,464	12	2,241	2,241	100	.	...
2010/2011	42,625	40,151	34,743	87	5,408	13	2,474	2,474	100	.	...
2011/2012	36,178	33,884	29,165	86	4,719	14	2,294	2,294	100	.	...
Saskatchewan											
2007/2008	15,319	14,870	12,922	87	1,948	13	449	3	1	446	99
2008/2009	15,865	15,462	13,517	87	1,945	13	403	5	1	398	99
2009/2010	16,422	15,994	14,132	88	1,862	12	428	8	2	420	98
2010/2011	17,448	16,928	15,103	89	1,825	11	520	0	0	520	100
2011/2012	18,104	18,104	15,943	88	2,161	12	0	0	...	0	...
Alberta [3]											
2007/2008	119,955	107,885	94,097	87	13,788	13	12,070	6,390	53	5,680	47
2008/2009	148,226	132,673	113,290	85	19,383	15	15,553	9,434	61	6,119	39
2009/2010	161,349	137,205	116,208	85	20,997	15	24,144	13,248	55	10,896	45
2010/2011	131,998	121,171	102,628	85	18,543	15	10,827	8,790	81	2,037	19
2011/2012	137,218	123,290	105,297	85	17,993	15	13,928	11,482	82	2,446	18
British Columbia [4]											
2007/2008	104,419	81,146	76,578	94	4,568	6	23,273	22,441	96	832	4
2008/2009	108,593	81,497	76,816	94	4,681	6	27,096	25,983	96	1,113	4
2009/2010	118,310	86,573	82,118	95	4,455	5	31,737	30,277	95	1,460	5
2010/2011	122,225	84,501	80,418	95	4,083	5	37,724	33,006	87	4,718	13
2011/2012	108,321	73,371	69,826	95	3,545	5	34,950	33,754	97	1,196	3
Yukon											
2007/2008	2,030	1,954	1,650	84	304	16	76	75	99	1	1
2008/2009	1,691	1,625	1,453	89	172	11	66	66	100	0	0
2009/2010	2,062	2,007	1,777	89	230	11	55	55	100	0	0
2010/2011	1,866	1,836	1,605	87	231	13	30	28	93	2	7
2011/2012	1,578	1,558	1,439	92	119	8	20	20	100	0	0

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 22 – continued

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	Total	Criminal matters					Civil matters				
		Total	Adults		Youth		Total	Family matters		Other	
	number			percent	number	percent	number		percent	number	percent
Northwest Territories [5]											
2007/2008	4,308	4,308	3,346	78	962	22	.	.	...	.	...
2008/2009	4,823	4,823	4,026	83	797	17	.	.	...	.	...
2009/2010	4,356	4,356	..	...	..	...	.	.	...	.	...
2010/2011	..	..	..	...	..	...	.	.	...	.	...
2011/2012	3,910	3,910	3,491	89	419	11	.	.	...	.	...
Nunavut [5]											
2007/2008	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...
2008/2009	14,902	14,902	11,212	75	3,690	25	0	0	...	0	...
2009/2010	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...
2010/2011	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...
2011/2012	..	..	..	...	..	...	0	0	...	0	...
Total											
2007/2008	1,413,996	1,175,415	1,039,157	88	136,258	12	238,581	204,424	86	34,157	14
2008/2009	1,501,946	1,247,965	1,102,418	88	145,547	12	253,981	218,873	86	35,108	14
2009/2010	1,509,745	1,229,782	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2010/2011	1,480,919	1,203,447	1,066,614	89	136,833	11	277,472	248,178	89	29,294	11
2011/2012	1,455,575	1,170,889	1,050,762	90	120,127	10	284,686	261,972	92	22,714	8

1. Prince Edward Island Legal Aid does not use the term "duty counsel" to describe service delivery methods apart from Brydges After-hours Telephone Duty Counsel which was introduced April 1, 2010. In 2011/2012 there were 618 business and after-hours calls processed by Brydges telephone duty counsel: 166 business hours, and 452 after-hours calls.
2. Figures for 2011/2012 include Legal Aid Ontario's Duty Counsel Dispositive Services, Duty Counsel Final Resolution Services, Extended Duty Counsel, and Lawline.
3. In Alberta, in 2011/2012, the expansion of the Family Law Office (FLO) into Wetaskiwin contributed to an increase in the number of units of duty counsel service provided under "Civil matters".
4. In British Columbia, withdrawal by some lawyers of duty counsel services to in-custody adults during periods in January, February, and March, 2012 contributed to the drop, in 2011/2012, in the number of units of service provided under "Criminal matters". Units of service provided by telephone duty counsel services to in custody adults through a telephone hotline, introduced by the British Columbia Legal Services Society as a stop-gap, are not represented in these figures.
5. Northwest Territories and Nunavut employ a practice known as "presumed eligibility", whereby all persons first appearing at court are not required to apply for legal services but instead 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.