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About the Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS)

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada. *Adult Criminal Court Survey Shelf Tables 2003/04*.

For more information on the Adult Criminal Court Survey see, *Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS): Detailed Information for 2003/2004*.

Available at: <http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3312&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2>

Data Revisions

Revisions for 2000/01 and prior years, effective with the 2001/02 ACCS data release, were a result of changes made to the ACCS counting procedures and offence classifications.

These revisions resulted in changes to the original data posted for 2000/01, thus, the data presented for 2000/01 is no longer compatible with the 2002 National Report.

Data Limitations

ACCS data must be interpreted as *indicators* of case characteristics rather than as precise measure for the following reasons: 1) the extent of under-reporting (the degree to which all appearances, charges and cases have been reported to the survey) is not fully known. Survey coverage and reporting are monitored and respondents inform the ACCS of suspected problems or anomalies wherever possible; 2) the case unit of court represents the Most Serious Offence (MSO) in each case, which may result in an undercounting of less serious offences...; 3) Charges may be counted more than once under any of the following circumstances: a) the charge is stayed in one time period and restarted in another time period; b) the charge is stayed and subsequently restarted with different case identifiers, or; the charge is transferred from one province/territory to another; 4) differences in policies, administration, definitions, and data collection methods may result in differences in counts.

The above-mentioned data limitations reduce the possibility of making accurate links with data from other sectors of the justice system, such as police and corrections. For these reasons, caution must be exercised when comparing ACCS data with data from other sectors of the criminal justice system.

General Notes

Manitoba is not included in the survey for any year. Data from Nunavut were included as part of the Northwest Territories prior to April 1, 1999; however, Nunavut has not reported to the ACCS since splitting from the Northwest Territories. Data from the Northwest Territories are not available for 1996/97, 2001/01, 2001/02, 2002/03, or 2003/04...New Brunswick and British Columbia began reporting to the ACCS in 2001/02.

Information from Quebec’s municipal courts (which account for approximately one quarter of Criminal Code charges in that province) is not yet collected.

With the exception of Prince Edward Island (reporting superior courts since 2000/01), Nova Scotia (2002/03), New Brunswick (2001/02), Alberta (1998/99), British Columbia (2001/02, and the Yukon (1999/00), no data are provided from superior courts. [This] may result in a slight underestimation of the severity of sentences imposed across Canada.

[In Quebec, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories] the new drug legislation (CDSA), [has caused] some drug offences [to be] coded to the “Other Federal Statutes” category. This inflates the OFS group and undercounts drug offences.

There is slight under-coverage (i.e., less than 5%) of completed cases in British Columbia for 2001/02.

Sex is determined on the basis of the accused’s name in Quebec, producing a relatively higher rate of sex unknown.

In Newfoundland and Labrador the terms, ‘acquittal’ and ‘dismissed’ are used interchangeably. This results in an undercounting of acquittal from that jurisdiction.

Definitions

“Other” decisions include final decisions of found not criminally responsible, waived in province/territory, and waived out of province/territory. This category also includes any order where a conviction was not recorded, the courts acceptance of a special plea, cases which raise Charter arguments and cases where the accused was found unfit to stand trial. In jurisdictions not providing superior court data (i.e., Newfoundland/ Labrador, Quebec, Ontario, and Saskatchewan), the “other decision” category includes charges having a committal for trial in superior court as the decision on the final appearance in provincial court.

| Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2000/01 | | | | |
| Seven provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 7254 | 13186 | 37554 |
| | Female | 1759 | 1637 | 5218 |
| | Unknown | 58 | 72 | 1262 |
| | Total | 9071 | 14895 | 44034 |
| Guilty | Male | 3898 | 7913 | 28507 |
| | Female | 573 | 800 | 4054 |
| | Unknown | 38 | 41 | 1045 |
| | Total | 4509 | 8754 | 33606 |
| Acquitted | Male | 41 | 21 | 1497 |
| | Female | 8 | 1 | 128 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 0 | 153 |
| | Total | 49 | 22 | 1778 |
| Other | Male | 422 | 144 | 535 |
| | Female | 102 | 30 | 57 |
| | Unknown | 1 | 5 | 34 |
| | Total | 525 | 179 | 626 |
| Stay/Withdrawn | Male | 2893 | 5108 | 7015 |
| | Female | 1076 | 806 | 979 |
| | Unknown | 19 | 26 | 30 |
| | Total | 3988 | 5940 | 8024 |
| Conviction Rate | Male | 53.7 | 60 | 75.9 |
| | Female | 32.6 | 48.9 | 77.7 |
| | Unknown | 65.5 | 56.9 | 82.8 |
| | Total | 49.7 | 58.8 | 76.3 |

Source: Adult Criminal Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

| Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2000/01 | | | | |
| Seven provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 3898 | 7913 | 28507 |
| | Female | 573 | 800 | 4054 |
| | Unknown | 38 | 41 | 1045 |
| | Total | 4509 | 8754 | 33606 |
| Prison | Male | 2075 | 955 | 4712 |
| | Female | 261 | 145 | 288 |
| | Unknown | 19 | 7 | 124 |
| | Total | 2355 | 1107 | 5124 |
| Probation | Male | 492 | 1624 | 1872 |
| | Female | 88 | 207 | 349 |
| | Unknown | 15 | 10 | 31 |
| | Total | 595 | 1841 | 2252 |
| Fine | Male | 651 | 4570 | 21775 |
| | Female | 56 | 368 | 3380 |
| | Unknown | 3 | 23 | 882 |
| | Total | 710 | 4961 | 26037 |
| Unknown | Male | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| Conditional Sentence | Male | 639 | 62 | 88 |
| | Female | 159 | 6 | 31 |
| | Unknown | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 799 | 68 | 119 |
| Other | Male | 38 | 702 | 41 |
| | Female | 9 | 74 | 6 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| | Total | 47 | 777 | 55 |

Source: Adult Criminal Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

| Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS) | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2001/02 | | | | |
| Nine provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 12663 | 17319 | 44854 |
| | Female | 2835 | 2112 | 6353 |
| | Unknown | 230 | 108 | 1455 |
| | Total | 15728 | 19539 | 52662 |
| Guilty | Male | 6374 | 10404 | 32749 |
| | Female | 867 | 1056 | 4756 |
| | Unknown | 86 | 57 | 1135 |
| | Total | 7327 | 11517 | 38640 |
| Acquitted | Male | 224 | 64 | 1862 |
| | Female | 47 | 9 | 223 |
| | Unknown | 9 | 1 | 191 |
| | Total | 280 | 74 | 2276 |
| Other | Male | 840 | 236 | 662 |
| | Female | 172 | 26 | 95 |
| | Unknown | 18 | 2 | 46 |
| | Total | 1030 | 264 | 803 |
| Stay/Withdrawn | Male | 5225 | 6615 | 9581 |
| | Female | 1749 | 1021 | 1279 |
| | Unknown | 117 | 48 | 83 |
| | Total | 7091 | 7684 | 10943 |
| Conviction Rate | Male | 50.3 | 60.1 | 73 |
| | Female | 30.6 | 50 | 74.9 |
| | Unknown | 37.4 | 52.8 | 78 |
| | Total | 46.6 | 58.9 | 73.4 |

Source: Adult Criminal Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

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|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2001/02 | | | | |
| Nine provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 6374 | 10404 | 32749 |
| | Female | 867 | 1056 | 4756 |
| | Unknown | 86 | 57 | 1135 |
| | Total | 7327 | 11517 | 38640 |
| Prison | Male | 2779 | 1205 | 4846 |
| | Female | 284 | 162 | 298 |
| | Unknown | 32 | 7 | 97 |
| | Total | 3095 | 1374 | 5241 |
| Probation | Male | 737 | 2443 | 2118 |
| | Female | 140 | 360 | 398 |
| | Unknown | 16 | 17 | 40 |
| | Total | 893 | 2820 | 2556 |
| Fine | Male | 891 | 5566 | 24784 |
| | Female | 84 | 396 | 3893 |
| | Unknown | 5 | 29 | 989 |
| | Total | 980 | 5991 | 29666 |
| Unknown | Male | 173 | 265 | 638 |
| | Female | 35 | 35 | 96 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 208 | 300 | 734 |
| Conditional Sentence | Male | 1738 | 96 | 295 |
| | Female | 315 | 17 | 62 |
| | Unknown | 32 | 2 | 3 |
| | Total | 2085 | 115 | 360 |
| Other | Male | 56 | 829 | 68 |
| | Female | 9 | 86 | 9 |
| | Unknown | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| | Total | 66 | 917 | 83 |

Source: Adult Criminal Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

| Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS) | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2002/03 | | | | |
| Nine provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 13424 | 16901 | 44414 |
| | Female | 3004 | 2131 | 6632 |
| | Unknown | 209 | 97 | 1429 |
| | Total | 16637 | 19129 | 52475 |
| Guilty | Male | 6494 | 9135 | 31208 |
| | Female | 901 | 998 | 4857 |
| | Unknown | 76 | 58 | 1099 |
| | Total | 7471 | 10191 | 37164 |
| Acquitted | Male | 158 | 49 | 1949 |
| | Female | 26 | 5 | 205 |
| | Unknown | 6 | 0 | 182 |
| | Total | 190 | 54 | 2336 |
| Other | Male | 923 | 252 | 604 |
| | Female | 203 | 33 | 74 |
| | Unknown | 24 | 2 | 55 |
| | Total | 1150 | 287 | 733 |
| Stay/Withdrawn | Male | 5849 | 7465 | 10653 |
| | Female | 1874 | 1095 | 1496 |
| | Unknown | 103 | 37 | 93 |
| | Total | 7826 | 8597 | 12242 |
| Conviction Rate | Male | 48.4 | 54.1 | 70.3 |
| | Female | 30 | 46.8 | 73.2 |
| | Unknown | 36.4 | 59.8 | 76.9 |
| | Total | 44.9 | 53.3 | 70.8 |

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|---|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2002/03 | | | | |
| Nine provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 6494 | 9135 | 31208 |
| | Female | 901 | 998 | 4857 |
| | Unknown | 76 | 58 | 1099 |
| | Total | 7471 | 10191 | 37164 |
| Prison | Male | 2913 | 1185 | 4645 |
| | Female | 322 | 192 | 333 |
| | Unknown | 37 | 9 | 71 |
| | Total | 3272 | 1386 | 5049 |
| Probation | Male | 765 | 2321 | 2033 |
| | Female | 137 | 321 | 440 |
| | Unknown | 6 | 19 | 31 |
| | Total | 908 | 2661 | 2504 |
| Fine | Male | 800 | 4767 | 24053 |
| | Female | 83 | 368 | 4009 |
| | Unknown | 8 | 23 | 992 |
| | Total | 891 | 5158 | 29054 |
| Unknown | Male | 72 | 40 | 98 |
| | Female | 16 | 7 | 12 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Total | 88 | 47 | 111 |
| Conditional Sentence | Male | 1902 | 93 | 304 |
| | Female | 336 | 24 | 57 |
| | Unknown | 24 | 2 | 4 |
| | Total | 2262 | 119 | 365 |
| Other | Male | 42 | 729 | 75 |
| | Female | 7 | 86 | 6 |
| | Unknown | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | Total | 50 | 820 | 81 |

Source: Adult Criminal Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

| Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS) | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2003/04 | | | | |
| Nine provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 12781 | 13903 | 41458 |
| | Female | 2996 | 1842 | 6385 |
| | Unknown | 208 | 77 | 1438 |
| | Total | 15985 | 15822 | 49281 |
| Guilty | Male | 5946 | 5456 | 28670 |
| | Female | 921 | 683 | 4562 |
| | Unknown | 77 | 35 | 1032 |
| | Total | 6944 | 6174 | 34264 |
| Acquitted | Male | 155 | 39 | 2171 |
| | Female | 34 | 6 | 245 |
| | Unknown | 4 | 0 | 195 |
| | Total | 193 | 45 | 2611 |
| Other | Male | 942 | 1190 | 557 |
| | Female | 189 | 107 | 71 |
| | Unknown | 9 | 4 | 86 |
| | Total | 1140 | 1301 | 714 |
| Stay/Withdrawn | Male | 5738 | 7218 | 10060 |
| | Female | 1852 | 1046 | 1507 |
| | Unknown | 118 | 38 | 125 |
| | Total | 7708 | 8302 | 11692 |
| Conviction Rate | Male | 46.5 | 39.2 | 69.2 |
| | Female | 30.7 | 37.1 | 71.4 |
| | Unknown | 37 | 45.5 | 71.8 |
| | Total | 43.4 | 39 | 69.5 |

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|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2003/04 | | | | |
| Nine provinces and one territory in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 5946 | 5456 | 28670 |
| | Female | 921 | 683 | 4562 |
| | Unknown | 77 | 35 | 1032 |
| | Total | 6944 | 6174 | 34264 |
| Prison | Male | 2644 | 1063 | 3873 |
| | Female | 313 | 178 | 285 |
| | Unknown | 36 | 6 | 80 |
| | Total | 2993 | 1247 | 4238 |
| Probation | Male | 670 | 1296 | 1885 |
| | Female | 134 | 239 | 414 |
| | Unknown | 5 | 12 | 21 |
| | Total | 809 | 1547 | 2320 |
| Fine | Male | 606 | 2666 | 22466 |
| | Female | 53 | 202 | 3790 |
| | Unknown | 7 | 16 | 925 |
| | Total | 666 | 2884 | 27181 |
| Unknown | Male | 81 | 11 | 85 |
| | Female | 47 | 3 | 10 |
| | Unknown | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| | Total | 129 | 14 | 98 |
| Conditional Sentence | Male | 1905 | 85 | 314 |
| | Female | 368 | 22 | 56 |
| | Unknown | 28 | 1 | 2 |
| | Total | 2301 | 108 | 372 |
| Other | Male | 40 | 335 | 47 |
| | Female | 6 | 39 | 7 |
| | Unknown | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Total | 46 | 374 | 55 |

Source: Adult Criminal Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

About the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR)

Source: Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada.

For more information on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey see, *Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR): Detailed Information for 2004*.

Available at: <http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3302&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2>

Population

The UCR Survey collects information only on those crimes that come to the attention of the police. The UCR data, therefore, do not contain a count of all crimes in Canada: some crimes are never detected, of those that are, some are never brought to the attention of the police.

General Notes

It is difficult to make comparisons between data reported by police and data from other sectors of the criminal justice system (i.e., courts and corrections). There is no single unit of count (i.e., incidents, offences, charges, cases or persons) which is defined consistently across the major sectors of the justice system. As well, charges actually laid can be different from the most serious offence by which incidents are categorized. In addition, the number and type of charges laid by police may change at the pre-court stage or during the court process. Time lags between the various stages of the justice process also make comparisons difficult.

There are some Aboriginal police forces that do not respond to the survey. These are typically very small and serve less than half a percent of the Canadian population. For these forces, estimates cannot be produced.

Legislation does affect the UCR survey by adding new Criminal Code offences or by changing the severity of those that presently exist. This can affect data comparisons over time.

The UCR Survey classifies incidents according to the most serious offence (MSO) occurring in the incident (generally the offence which carries the longest maximum sentence under the Criminal Code of Canada). In categorizing incidents, violent offences always take precedence over non-violent offences. For example, an incident involving both a breaking and entering offence and an assault is counted as an incident of assault. As a result of the MSO scoring rule, less serious offences are under-counted by the aggregate survey. However, the incidence based survey allows up to four violations per incident, permitting the identification of lesser offences.

CCENDU – Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use
 Indicator: Enforcement – Canada

| Uniform Crime Report (UCR) | | Year: 2002 Geography: CANADA | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Actual Incidents | Rate per 100,000 population | Cleared by charge | Cleared Otherwise | Adult Males Charged | Adult Females Charged | Youth Males Charged | Youth Females Charged |
| 000 - Total - Drugs | 92781 | 296 | 47953 | 22895 | 41642 | 6659 | 7357 | 1153 |
| 074 - Total - Heroin | 786 | 3 | 447 | 169 | 453 | 112 | 11 | 1 |
| 075 - Possession | 417 | 1 | 193 | 131 | 154 | 46 | 2 | 0 |
| 076 - Trafficking | 321 | 1 | 244 | 29 | 288 | 63 | 9 | 1 |
| 077 - Importation / Production | 48 | 0 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 078 - Total - Cocaine | 12737 | 41 | 8698 | 1345 | 8203 | 1812 | 377 | 112 |
| 079 - Possession | 5906 | 19 | 3915 | 1066 | 3278 | 745 | 108 | 33 |
| 080 - Trafficking | 6391 | 20 | 4639 | 233 | 4807 | 1014 | 269 | 72 |
| 081 - Importation / Production | 440 | 1 | 144 | 46 | 118 | 53 | 0 | 7 |
| 082 - Total - Other Drugs | 9571 | 31 | 3911 | 1893 | 3339 | 701 | 465 | 97 |
| 083 - Possession | 4645 | 15 | 2031 | 1270 | 1520 | 286 | 250 | 50 |
| 084 - Trafficking | 2791 | 9 | 1734 | 226 | 1647 | 379 | 213 | 46 |
| 085 - Importation / Production | 2135 | 7 | 146 | 397 | 172 | 36 | 2 | 1 |
| 086 - Total - Cannabis | 69687 | 222 | 34897 | 19488 | 29647 | 4034 | 6504 | 943 |
| 087 - Possession | 49647 | 158 | 24605 | 17339 | 19348 | 1785 | 5026 | 723 |
| 088 - Trafficking | 10911 | 35 | 7775 | 706 | 7473 | 1516 | 1401 | 195 |
| 089 - Importation | 1016 | 3 | 258 | 435 | 269 | 74 | 19 | 9 |
| 090 - Production | 8113 | 26 | 2259 | 1008 | 2557 | 659 | 58 | 16 |
| 091 - Total - Controlled Drug - Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 092 - Total - Restricted Drugs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 093 - Possession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 094 - Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003.

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Indicator: Enforcement – Canada

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|---|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Actual Incidents | Rate per 100,000 population | Cleared by charge | Cleared Otherwise | Adult Males Charged | Adult Females Charged | Youth Males Charged | Youth Females Charged |
| 000 - Total - Drugs | 85953 | 272 | 39741 | 25462 | 35624 | 6298 | 4765 | 768 |
| 074 - Total - Heroin | 655 | 2 | 405 | 144 | 410 | 76 | 15 | 4 |
| 075 - Possession | 348 | 1 | 142 | 131 | 113 | 27 | 1 | 1 |
| 076 - Trafficking | 238 | 1 | 228 | 11 | 259 | 43 | 12 | 3 |
| 077 - Importation / Production | 69 | 0 | 35 | 2 | 38 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| 078 - Total - Cocaine | 13938 | 44 | 9787 | 1686 | 9192 | 2140 | 373 | 127 |
| 079 - Possession | 6396 | 20 | 4029 | 1379 | 3332 | 728 | 112 | 32 |
| 080 - Trafficking | 7138 | 23 | 5631 | 268 | 5715 | 1355 | 260 | 95 |
| 081 - Importation / Production | 404 | 1 | 127 | 39 | 145 | 57 | 1 | 0 |
| 082 - Total - Other Drugs | 10690 | 34 | 4048 | 2361 | 3432 | 689 | 453 | 98 |
| 083 - Possession | 5185 | 12 | 2017 | 1572 | 1500 | 226 | 256 | 46 |
| 084 - Trafficking | 2983 | 9 | 1818 | 220 | 1696 | 406 | 190 | 50 |
| 085 - Importation / Production | 2522 | 8 | 213 | 569 | 236 | 57 | 7 | 2 |
| 086 - Total - Cannabis | 60670 | 192 | 25501 | 21271 | 22590 | 3393 | 3924 | 539 |
| 087 - Possession | 41237 | 130 | 15528 | 19285 | 12427 | 1202 | 2661 | 352 |
| 088 - Trafficking | 10300 | 33 | 7610 | 833 | 7493 | 1509 | 1217 | 170 |
| 089 - Importation | 684 | 2 | 236 | 119 | 308 | 70 | 8 | 1 |
| 090 - Production | 8449 | 27 | 2127 | 1034 | 2362 | 612 | 38 | 16 |
| 091 - Total - Controlled Drug - Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 092 - Total - Restricted Drugs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 093 - Possession | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 094 - Trafficking | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, 2003.

About the Youth Court Survey (YCS)

Source: Youth Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada.

For more information on the Youth Court Survey see, *Youth Court Survey (YCS): Detailed Information for 2003/2004*.

Available at: <http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3309&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2>

Data Limitations

YCS data must be interpreted as *indicators* of caseload and caseload characteristics, rather than as a precise measure for the following reasons: 1) the extent of under-reporting (the degree to which all charges and cases have been reported to the survey) is not fully known. Survey coverage and reporting are monitored and respondents inform the survey of suspected problems or anomalies wherever possible; 2) the data presented in case related tables are reported by most serious offence and decision ... Presenting data in these categorizations results in an under-counting of less serious outcomes; 3) Charges may be counted more than once in the following circumstances: a) a charge is stayed in one reference period and restarted in another; b) a charge is stayed and later restarted with different identifiers; or c) a charge moves from one court location to another; 4) Differences in policies, administration, definitions, and data collection methods may result in differences in counts.

Definitions

Both the Youth Court Survey (YCS) and the Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS) use the case as the primary unit of analysis. In an effort to make the two surveys more consistent, the YCS adopted the ACCS definition of a case commencing in the 2001-02 reference year. A case is now defined by both surveys as one or more charges against a person disposed of in court on the same day. Previously, case counts for the YCS were based on those charges against a young person that had the same day of first appearance. This change has produced case counts that are slightly lower than those previously released. Cases are still presented in terms of their most serious charge.

Youth/Young Person - With the proclamation of the *Young Offenders Act* in 1984, the minimum age of young persons in all jurisdictions was established at 12. In 1985, the maximum age was set at 17. Under the YOA, a young person is, therefore, defined as someone 12 years of age or older but under the age of 18 at the time of the offence.

| Youth Court Survey (YCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2000/01 | | | | |
| Ten provinces and three territories in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 1709 | 3258 | 586 |
| | Female | 285 | 515 | 111 |
| | Total | 1994 | 3773 | 697 |
| Transferred to adult court | Male | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | Female | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Guilty | Male | 1160 | 1719 | 431 |
| | Female | 144 | 229 | 87 |
| | Total | 1304 | 1948 | 518 |
| Acquitted | Male | 32 | 24 | 18 |
| | Female | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| | Total | 37 | 29 | 21 |
| Stay | Male | 110 | 277 | 33 |
| | Female | 29 | 53 | 6 |
| | Total | 139 | 330 | 39 |
| Withdrawn/Dismissed | Male | 399 | 1226 | 101 |
| | Female | 104 | 227 | 15 |
| | Total | 503 | 1453 | 116 |
| Other | Male | 5 | 12 | 3 |
| | Female | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | Total | 6 | 13 | 3 |

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|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2000/01 | | | | |
| Ten provinces and three territories in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 1160 | 1719 | 431 |
| | Female | 144 | 229 | 87 |
| | Total | 1304 | 1948 | 518 |
| Secure Custody | Male | 139 | 47 | 7 |
| | Female | 10 | 9 | 0 |
| | Total | 149 | 56 | 7 |
| Open Custody | Male | 138 | 46 | 2 |
| | Female | 16 | 2 | 0 |
| | Total | 154 | 48 | 2 |
| Probation | Male | 778 | 924 | 108 |
| | Female | 108 | 137 | 25 |
| | Total | 886 | 1061 | 133 |
| Fine | Male | 38 | 380 | 264 |
| | Female | 1 | 41 | 47 |
| | Total | 39 | 421 | 311 |
| Other | Male | 67 | 322 | 50 |
| | Female | 9 | 40 | 15 |
| | Total | 76 | 362 | 65 |

Source: Youth Court Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics

| Youth Court Survey (YCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2001/02 | | | | |
| Ten provinces and three territories in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 1725 | 3546 | 550 |
| | Female | 275 | 512 | 119 |
| | Total | 2000 | 4058 | 669 |
| Transferred to adult court | Male | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Guilty | Male | 1145 | 1784 | 422 |
| | Female | 137 | 224 | 86 |
| | Total | 1282 | 2008 | 508 |
| Acquitted | Male | 48 | 24 | 8 |
| | Female | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| | Total | 53 | 28 | 10 |
| Stay | Male | 136 | 314 | 36 |
| | Female | 41 | 57 | 13 |
| | Total | 177 | 371 | 49 |
| Withdrawn/Dismissed | Male | 384 | 1416 | 82 |
| | Female | 87 | 226 | 18 |
| | Total | 471 | 1642 | 100 |
| Other | Male | 11 | 6 | 1 |
| | Female | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| | Total | 16 | 7 | 1 |

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| Youth Court Survey (YCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2001/02 | | | | |
| Ten provinces and three territories in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 1145 | 1784 | 422 |
| | Female | 137 | 224 | 86 |
| | Total | 1282 | 2008 | 508 |
| Secure Custody | Male | 126 | 39 | 6 |
| | Female | 13 | 4 | 2 |
| | Total | 139 | 43 | 8 |
| Open Custody | Male | 106 | 53 | 1 |
| | Female | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| | Total | 112 | 56 | 1 |
| Probation | Male | 780 | 957 | 121 |
| | Female | 105 | 133 | 26 |
| | Total | 885 | 1090 | 147 |
| Fine | Male | 42 | 344 | 253 |
| | Female | 1 | 33 | 43 |
| | Total | 43 | 377 | 296 |
| Other | Male | 91 | 391 | 41 |
| | Female | 12 | 51 | 15 |
| | Total | 103 | 442 | 56 |

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| Youth Court Survey (YCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Cases by sex and decision, 2002/03 | | | | |
| Ten provinces and three territories in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total | Male | 1518 | 3593 | 529 |
| | Female | 252 | 544 | 129 |
| | Total | 1770 | 4137 | 658 |
| Transferred to adult court | Male | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Female | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Guilty | Male | 983 | 1562 | 396 |
| | Female | 98 | 202 | 98 |
| | Total | 1081 | 1764 | 494 |
| Acquitted | Male | 32 | 22 | 17 |
| | Female | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| | Total | 35 | 25 | 23 |
| Stay | Male | 153 | 379 | 33 |
| | Female | 49 | 79 | 12 |
| | Total | 202 | 458 | 45 |
| Withdrawn/Dismissed | Male | 343 | 1620 | 81 |
| | Female | 102 | 258 | 13 |
| | Total | 445 | 1878 | 94 |
| Other | Male | 7 | 10 | 2 |
| | Female | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Total | 7 | 12 | 2 |

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| Youth Court Survey (YCS) | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Convicted cases by sentence, 2002/03 | | | | |
| Ten provinces and three territories in Canada | | | | |
| | | drug trafficking | drug possession | impaired driving |
| Total Convicted Cases | Male | 983 | 1562 | 396 |
| | Female | 98 | 202 | 98 |
| | Total | 1081 | 1764 | 494 |
| Secure Custody | Male | 106 | 45 | 0 |
| | Female | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| | Total | 111 | 48 | 1 |
| Open Custody | Male | 79 | 38 | 5 |
| | Female | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| | Total | 85 | 39 | 5 |
| Probation | Male | 675 | 860 | 103 |
| | Female | 74 | 142 | 30 |
| | Total | 749 | 1002 | 133 |
| Fine | Male | 47 | 277 | 233 |
| | Female | 1 | 15 | 56 |
| | Total | 48 | 292 | 289 |
| Other | Male | 76 | 342 | 55 |
| | Female | 12 | 41 | 11 |
| | Total | 88 | 383 | 66 |

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