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- <sup>e</sup> estimates.
- <sup>p</sup> preliminary figures.
- <sup>r</sup> revised figures.

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## Introduction

Legal aid plans have been established in all provinces and territories, with the common goal of assisting low-income Canadians who require professional legal counsel. Legal aid plans in Canada provide legal representation, advice, referrals and information services. Because the administration of justice is a provincial responsibility, the organizational structure, eligibility requirements, and application of the legal aid plans differ in each province and territory. Considering these fundamental differences in the structure and the accompanying organizational differences, **caution must be used when making inter-jurisdictional comparisons of legal aid plans in Canada.**

The tables that follow provide five-year time series data (aggregate level) on: revenues, by source of funding; provincial/territorial and federal contributions to legal aid; legal aid expenditures; payments to private law firms, or fees paid for private lawyers' services; direct legal service expenditures, by type of legal matter, by staff or private lawyers; personnel resources, by type of staff; duty counsel services; and civil and criminal caseload characteristics (total, approved and refused applications) by type of legal matter.

For an analytical review of these data, please see the related product entitled *Legal Aid in Canada: Resource and Caseload Statistics, 1997-98* (catalogue no. 85F0015). This report provides information on the organization and costs of legal aid in Canada. It also includes information on legal aid delivery systems, revenues and expenditures, and applications for legal aid.

For specific information related to the administration of legal aid in each province and territory, please see the report entitled *Legal aid in Canada: Description of Operations* (catalogue no. 85-217-XDB on diskette, or 85-217-XIB on the Internet). This qualitative report describes the structure and administration of provincial/territorial legal aid services in Canada. It also includes information on legislation, organization, coverage, eligibility, duty counsel and tariffs. Lists of resource persons and legal aid office locations are also provided.

## Methodology

Data in the report *Legal Aid in Canada: Resource and Caseload Statistics* (Catalogue no. 85F0015) and the related data tables *Legal Aid in Canada: Resource and Caseload Data Tables* (Catalogue no. 85F0028) are obtained from the Legal Aid Survey, conducted annually since 1983-84, by the Courts Program, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. The objective of this census survey is to provide revenue, expenditure, personnel, and caseload statistics associated with the delivery and administration of legal aid in Canada. Data are collected and presented at the aggregate provincial/territorial level.

Data collection for all but a few data elements is administered through a survey questionnaire to the twelve legal aid plans in Canada. Data on provincial/territorial government financial contributions are obtained from the appropriate department responsible for justice matters. Justice Canada provides the federal contributions for criminal legal aid figures. In earlier years, during the existence of the Canada Assistance Plan, figures for federal contributions for civil legal aid were obtained from Human Resources Development Canada. Data on provincial and territorial Bar membership are requested from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

To adjust for the effect of inflation, constant 1992-93 dollar figures have been calculated using the indexed changes in year-to-year revenues and expenditures for goods and services, as reported by Statistics Canada's *The Consumer Price Index*, Catalogue No. 62-001.

Per capita figures are based on October 1<sup>st</sup> population estimates released in Statistics Canada's *Quarterly Demographics Statistics*, catalogue no. 91-002 (Vol. 11 No. 4). The 1993 to 1995 population data are final postcensal estimates and the 1996 and 1997 data are updated postcensal estimates.



**Table 1**  
**Revenue Sources, Legal Aid**

| Province/Territory and Year   |         | Total Revenue | Government Contributions |     | Client Contributions and Cost Recoveries |     | Contributions of the Legal Profession |     | Other  |     |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------|-----|--|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|
|                               |         | \$'000        | \$'000                   | %   | \$'000                                   | %   | \$'000                                | %   | \$'000 | %   |
| Newfoundland <sup>1</sup>     | 1993-94 | 5,613         | 5,411                    | 96  | 61                                       | 1   | 100                                   | 2   | 41     | 1   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 5,677         | 5,411                    | 95  | 36                                       | 1   | 169                                   | 3   | 61     | 1   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 5,905         | 5,403                    | 91  | 26                                       | -   | 476                                   | 8   | -      | -   |
|                               | 1996-97 | 5,701         | 5,394                    | 95  | 73                                       | 1   | 196                                   | 3   | 38     | 1   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 5,350         | 5,243                    | 98  | 8  | --  | 69                                    | 1   | 30     | 1   |
| Prince Edward Island          | 1993-94 | 501           | 501                      | 100 | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... | ...    | ... |
|                               | 1994-95 | 523           | 523                      | 100 | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... | ...    | ... |
|                               | 1995-96 | 543           | 543                      | 100 | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... | ...    | ... |
|                               | 1996-97 | 593           | 593                      | 100 | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... | ...    | ... |
|                               | 1997-98 | 527           | 527                      | 100 | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... | ...    | ... |
| Nova Scotia <sup>2</sup>      | 1993-94 | 11,359        | 11,261                   | 99  | ...                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 98     | 1   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 11,380        | 11,201                   | 98  | ...                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 179    | 2   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 11,079        | 10,885                   | 98  | ...                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 194    | 2   |
|                               | 1996-97 | 10,591        | 10,468                   | 99  | 3  | --  | ...                                   | ... | 120    | 1   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 10,354        | 10,248                   | 99  | 3  | --  | ...                                   | ... | 103    | 1   |
| New Brunswick <sup>3</sup>    | 1993-94 | 3,423         | 2,900                    | 85  | 90                                       | 3   | 250                                   | 7   | 183    | 5   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 3,213         | 2,899                    | 90  | 111                                      | 3   | 80                                    | 2   | 123    | 4   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 3,125         | 2,432                    | 78  | 147                                      | 5   | 125                                   | 4   | 421    | 13  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 3,595         | 3,228                    | 90  | 109                                      | 3   | 100                                   | 3   | 158    | 4   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 3,806         | 3,278                    | 86  | 96                                       | 3   | 220                                   | 6   | 212    | 6   |
| Quebec                        | 1993-94 | 110,027       | 109,541                  | 100 | 263                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 223    | --  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 109,499       | 109,060                  | 100 | 226                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 213    | --  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 97,320        | 96,917                   | 100 | 233                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 170    | --  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 113,669       | 113,025                  | 99  | 271                                      | --  | ...                                   | ... | 373    | --  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 115,966       | 114,963                  | 99  | 668                                      | 1   | ...                                   | ... | 335    | --  |
| Ontario <sup>4</sup>          | 1993-94 | 301,440       | 264,093                  | 88  | 18,800                                   | 6   | 6,046                                 | 2   | 12,501 | 4   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 344,386       | 258,156                  | 75  | 21,855                                   | 6   | 6,000                                 | 2   | 58,375 | 17  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 359,431       | 286,805                  | 80  | 19,928                                   | 6   | 6,000                                 | 2   | 46,698 | 13  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 264,585       | 226,645                  | 86  | 18,081                                   | 7   | 6,865                                 | 3   | 12,994 | 5   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 257,940       | 230,796                  | 89  | 9,804                                    | 4   | 5,704                                 | 2   | 11,636 | 5   |
| Manitoba <sup>5</sup>         | 1993-94 | 15,431        | 13,082                   | 85  | 1,085                                    | 7   | 1,197                                 | 8   | 67     | --  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 15,862        | 13,584                   | 86  | 1,371                                    | 9   | 852                                   | 5   | 55     | --  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 15,501        | 13,064                   | 84  | 1,153                                    | 7   | 1,203                                 | 8   | 81     | 1   |
|                               | 1996-97 | 15,041        | 12,467                   | 83  | 1,080                                    | 7   | 1,457                                 | 10  | 37     | --  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 15,289        | 12,957                   | 85  | 1,316                                    | 9   | 984                                   | 6   | 32     | --  |
| Saskatchewan <sup>6</sup>     | 1993-94 | 8,429         | 8,114                    | 96  | 23                                       | --  | ...                                   | ... | 292    | 3   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 8,666         | 8,361                    | 96  | 20                                       | --  | ...                                   | ... | 285    | 3   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 8,756         | 8,415                    | 96  | 55                                       | 1   | ...                                   | ... | 286    | 3   |
|                               | 1996-97 | 8,905         | 8,800                    | 99  | 66                                       | 1   | ...                                   | ... | 39     | --  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 9,534         | 9,432                    | 99  | 63                                       | 1   | ...                                   | ... | 39     | --  |
| Alberta <sup>7</sup>          | 1993-94 | 31,737        | 27,961                   | 88  | 2,475                                    | 8   | ...                                   | ... | 1,301  | 4   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 26,863        | 23,461                   | 87  | 2,391                                    | 9   | ...                                   | ... | 1,011  | 4   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 27,363        | 22,961                   | 84  | 2,250                                    | 8   | ...                                   | ... | 2,152  | 8   |
|                               | 1996-97 | 27,455        | 22,542                   | 82  | 2,201                                    | 8   | ...                                   | ... | 2,712  | 10  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 26,641        | 22,542                   | 85  | 2,300                                    | 9   | ...                                   | ... | 1,799  | 7   |
| British Columbia <sup>8</sup> | 1993-94 | 101,055       | 95,616                   | 95  | 279                                      | --  | 4,178                                 | 4   | 982    | 1   |
|                               | 1994-95 | 94,954        | 89,378                   | 94  | 195                                      | --  | 4,102                                 | 4   | 1,279  | 1   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 94,789        | 89,183                   | 94  | 238                                      | --  | 4,000                                 | 4   | 1,368  | 1   |
|                               | 1996-97 | 92,717        | 87,423                   | 94  | 289                                      | --  | 4,000                                 | 4   | 1,005  | 1   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 86,230        | 82,171                   | 95  | 214                                      | --  | 3,500                                 | 4   | 345    | --  |

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**Revenue Sources, Legal Aid**

| Province/Territory and Year        |         | Total Revenue |         |     | Government Contributions |     | Client Contributions and Cost Recoveries |     | Contributions of the Legal Profession |     | Other |  |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|-----|--|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-------|--|
|                                    |         | \$'000        | \$'000  | %   | \$'000                   | %   | \$'000                                   | %   | \$'000                                | %   |       |  |
| Northwest Territories <sup>9</sup> | 1993-94 | 5,191         | 5,191   | 100 | ...                      | ... | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... | ...   |  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 5,474         | 5,474   | 100 | ...                      | ... | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... |       |  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 5,470         | 5,470   | 100 | ...                      | ... | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... |       |  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 5,125         | 5,125   | 100 | ...                      | ... | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... |       |  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 5,395         | 5,395   | 100 | ...                      | ... | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | ... |       |  |
| Yukon Territory <sup>10</sup>      | 1993-94 | 1,344         | 1,325   | 99  | 18                       | 1   | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | 1   | --    |  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 1,088         | 1,066   | 98  | 11                       | 1   | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | 11  | 1     |  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 902           | 856     | 95  | 9                        | 1   | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | 37  | 4     |  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 895           | 881     | 98  | 11                       | 1   | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | 3   | --    |  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 864           | 856     | 99  | 8                        | 1   | ...                                      | ... | ...                                   | --  | --    |  |
| Canada                             | 1993-94 | 595,550       | 544,996 | 92  | 23,094                   | 4   | 11,771                                   | 2   | 15,689                                | 3   |       |  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 627,585       | 528,574 | 84  | 26,216                   | 4   | 11,203                                   | 2   | 61,592                                | 10  |       |  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 630,184       | 542,934 | 86  | 24,039                   | 4   | 11,804                                   | 2   | 51,407                                | 8   |       |  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 548,872       | 496,591 | 90  | 22,184                   | 4   | 12,618                                   | 2   | 17,479                                | 3   |       |  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 537,896       | 498,408 | 93  | 14,480                   | 3   | 10,477                                   | 2   | 14,531                                | 3   |       |  |

**Source:** Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**General Note:** When summed, provincial/territorial contributions (Table 2) plus federal contributions (Tables 3 and 17) may not equal total government contributions (Table 1) for the following reasons: (i) the total government contributions figure in Table 1 is provided by the legal aid plans, representing the total provincial grant, which includes federal contributions, whereas the provincial/territorial and federal contributions figures are obtained from the appropriate government department; (ii) any difference in accounting methods (i.e. cash versus accrual) will cause differences in which fiscal period contributions are accounted for; (iii) legal aid plans may have submitted back claims to the federal government, but are accounted for in the total government contributions figure.

- 1 **Newfoundland** The "Other" category includes \$30,000 in interest from lawyers' trust accounts.
- 2 **Nova Scotia** Data reported are based on cash and accrual accounting procedures. For 1997-98, the 'Other' category includes interest income of \$103,000.
- 3 **New Brunswick** Other revenue for 1997-98 included a GST rebate of \$171,900, interest in the amount of \$4,800 a budget carryover of \$2,700, and a lien in the amount of \$32,100. Government contributions to criminal and domestic legal aid revenue in 1996-97 and 1997-98 include the full cost of domestic legal aid administered by the New Brunswick Department of Justice, not included completely in prior years' revenues.
- 4 **Ontario** Other revenue for 1997-98 includes: interest on investments (\$443,000); research sales (\$110,000); contributions from the Law Foundation (\$11,067,000); and settlement conferences (\$16,000). Government contributions include grants from the provincial government for the operation of community legal clinics in the amount of:
 

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| 1993-94 | \$31,703,000 |
| 1994-95 | \$32,512,000 |
| 1995-96 | \$32,362,000 |
| 1996-97 | \$32,444,000 |
| 1997-98 | \$32,453,000 |
- 5 **Manitoba** Other revenue for 1997-98 includes: interest (\$22,000) and other revenue (\$10,000).
- 6 **Saskatchewan** Figures include net accounts receivable of \$79,817 in 1997-98. Included in the net accounts receivable balance is an amount due in the amount of \$50,000 from Saskatchewan Justice for the 1997-98 appropriation. Not included in the total for 1996-97 is a Computer Purchase Grant from the Saskatchewan Law Foundation in the amount of \$121,400. Other revenue in years prior to 1996-97 includes monies from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in the amount of:
 

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| 1993-94 | \$250,000 |
| 1994-95 | \$197,000 |
| 1995-96 | \$202,000 |

 Funding from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs expired March 31, 1996.
- 7 **Alberta** Other revenue for 1997-98 includes a Law Foundation Grant (\$1,006,000), interest earnings (\$676,000), and application fees (\$117,000).
- 8 **British Columbia** Other revenue for 1997-98 includes: interest (\$80,000); publication sales (\$10,000); the Notary Foundation (\$47,000), and miscellaneous sources (\$208,000).
- 9 **Northwest Territories** In 1997-98, client contributions of \$87,000 were credited to the Government of the Northwest Territories consolidated revenue fund and are not available to the Plan. In 1996-97, this amount was \$75,000, and in 1995-96, it was \$91,000. These contributions are included in the total revenue. Revenue contributed by the Government of the Northwest Territories includes monies for the entire Legal Services Program. Funding for Legal Aid, Court Worker Services and Public Legal Education is combined.
- 10 **Yukon Territory** Other revenue for 1997-98 includes \$400 in interest.

**Table 2**  
**Provincial and Territorial Contributions to Total Legal Aid Expenditures**

| Province/Territory and Year |         | Total               | Current Dollars           |                   | Total            | Constant Dollars          |                   | CPI Fiscal<br>Average<br>1992-93=100 | Population |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
|                             |         |                     | Per-<br>centage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita     |                  | Per-<br>centage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita     |                                      |            |
|                             |         | \$'000              | %                         | \$                | \$'000           | %                         | \$                |                                      | '000       |
| Newfoundland                | 1993-94 | 2,548               | -4                        | 4.37              | 2,510            | -5                        | 4.31              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 582.8      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 2,595               | 2                         | 4.48              | 2,547            | 1                         | 4.40              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 578.7      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 2,579               | -1                        | 4.50              | 2,477            | -3                        | 4.32              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 573.5      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 3,698               | 43                        | 6.52              | 3,492            | 41                        | 6.15              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 567.5      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 3,971               | 7                         | 7.10              | 3,701            | 6                         | 6.62              | 107.3                                | 559.0      |
| Prince Edward Island        | 1993-94 | 290 <sup>e</sup>    | 2 <sup>e</sup>            | 2.18 <sup>e</sup> | 286 <sup>e</sup> | 1 <sup>e</sup>            | 2.15 <sup>e</sup> | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 133.2      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 294                 | 1                         | 2.18              | 289              | 1                         | 2.14              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 134.6      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 332                 | 13                        | 2.44              | 319              | 11                        | 2.35              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 135.9      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 364                 | 10                        | 2.66              | 344              | 8                         | 2.51              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 137.0      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 484                 | 33                        | 3.53              | 451              | 31                        | 3.29              | 107.3                                | 137.2      |
| Nova Scotia                 | 1993-94 | 5,285               | 27                        | 5.67              | 5,207            | 25                        | 5.59              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 931.5      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 5,318               | 1                         | 5.69              | 5,219            | --                        | 5.58              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 935.0      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 4,919               | -8                        | 5.24              | 4,725            | -9                        | 5.03              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 939.1      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 7,406               | 51                        | 7.85              | 6,993            | 48                        | 7.41              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 943.8      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 7,566               | 2                         | 7.99              | 7,051            | 1                         | 7.45              | 107.3                                | 946.8      |
| New Brunswick <sup>1</sup>  | 1993-94 | 1,824               | 28                        | 2.42              | 1,797            | 26                        | 2.38              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 755.1      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 2,863               | 57                        | 3.78              | 2,810            | 56                        | 3.71              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 757.4      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 2,420               | -15                       | 3.19              | 2,325            | -17                       | 3.06              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 759.0      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 3,228               | 33                        | 4.24              | 3,048            | 31                        | 4.01              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 760.9      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 3,278               | 2                         | 4.31              | 3,055            | --                        | 4.01              | 107.3                                | 760.9      |
| Quebec                      | 1993-94 | 65,378              | 1                         | 9.01              | 64,412           | --                        | 8.87              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 7,257.8    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 66,124              | 1                         | 9.04              | 64,891           | 1                         | 8.87              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 7,312.3    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 66,437              | --                        | 9.02              | 63,820           | -2                        | 8.67              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 7,364.9    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 96,791              | 46                        | 13.06             | 91,398           | 43                        | 12.34             | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 7,408.7    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 98,515              | 2                         | 13.24             | 91,813           | --                        | 12.34             | 107.3                                | 7,438.6    |
| Ontario                     | 1993-94 | 203,400             | -1                        | 18.74             | 200,394          | -2                        | 18.46             | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 10,852.7   |
|                             | 1994-95 | 195,000             | -4                        | 17.71             | 191,364          | -5                        | 17.38             | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 11,013.6   |
|                             | 1995-96 | 187,900             | -4                        | 16.82             | 180,500          | -6                        | 16.16             | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 11,172.5   |
|                             | 1996-97 | 191,096             | 2                         | 16.89             | 180,449          | --                        | 15.95             | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 11,316.1   |
|                             | 1997-98 | 191,130             | --                        | 16.66             | 178,127          | -1                        | 15.52             | 107.3                                | 11,473.8   |
| Manitoba                    | 1993-94 | 7,001               | 2                         | 6.24              | 6,898            | --                        | 6.15              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,121.5    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 7,984               | 14                        | 7.08              | 7,835            | 14                        | 6.95              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,127.4    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 7,698               | -4                        | 6.80              | 7,395            | -6                        | 6.53              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,132.7    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 9,154               | 19                        | 8.04              | 8,644            | 17                        | 7.59              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,138.7    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 9,801               | 7                         | 8.59              | 9,134            | 6                         | 8.00              | 107.3                                | 1,141.6    |
| Saskatchewan <sup>2</sup>   | 1993-94 | 5,984               | 59                        | 5.94              | 5,896            | 56                        | 5.85              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,007.6    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 3,020               | -50                       | 2.99              | 2,964            | -50                       | 2.93              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,010.5    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 3,996               | 32                        | 3.94              | 3,839            | 30                        | 3.79              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,014.0    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 5,321               | 33                        | 5.22              | 5,025            | 31                        | 4.93              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 1,019.4    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 6,912               | 30                        | 6.77              | 6,442            | 28                        | 6.31              | 107.3                                | 1,021.5    |
| Alberta                     | 1993-94 | 19,375              | -3                        | 7.21              | 19,089           | -5                        | 7.10              | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 2,687.5    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 16,875              | -13                       | 6.21              | 16,560           | -13                       | 6.09              | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 2,719.3    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 16,375              | -3                        | 5.94              | 15,730           | -5                        | 5.71              | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 2,756.4    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 16,140              | -1                        | 5.77              | 15,241           | -3                        | 5.44              | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 2,799.4    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 16,056              | -1                        | 5.61              | 14,964           | -2                        | 5.23              | 107.3                                | 2,859.8    |
| British Columbia            | 1993-94 | 62,600              | 12                        | 17.44             | 61,675           | 11                        | 17.18             | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 3,590.2    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 59,000              | -6                        | 15.97             | 57,900           | -6                        | 15.67             | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 3,694.1    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 58,400              | -1                        | 15.45             | 56,100           | -3                        | 14.84             | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 3,781.0    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 72,500 <sup>r</sup> | 24                        | 18.74             | 68,461           | 22                        | 17.69             | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 3,869.7    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 72,900              | 1                         | 18.50             | 67,940           | -1                        | 17.24             | 107.3                                | 3,940.3    |

**Table 2**  
**Provincial and Territorial Contributions to Total Legal Aid Expenditures**

| Province/Territory and Year        |         | Total<br>\$'000  | Current Dollars           |                     | Total<br>\$'000 | Constant Dollars          |                     | CPI Fiscal<br>Average<br>1992-93=100 | Population<br>'000 |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                    |         |                  | Per-<br>centage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita<br>\$ |                 | Per-<br>centage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita<br>\$ |                                      |                    |
| Northwest Territories <sup>3</sup> | 1993-94 | 3,140            | 21                        | 49.14               | 3,094           | 19                        | 48.41               | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 63.9               |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 3,423            | 9                         | 52.50               | 3,359           | 9                         | 51.52               | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 65.2               |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 3,431            | --                        | 51.83               | 3,296           | -2                        | 49.79               | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 66.2               |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 3,467            | 1                         | 51.82               | 3,274           | -1                        | 48.94               | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 66.9               |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 3,358            | -3                        | 49.82               | 3,130           | -4                        | 46.43               | 107.3                                | 67.4               |
| Yukon Territory                    | 1993-94 | 898              | 55                        | 29.74               | 885             | 53                        | 29.30               | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 30.2               |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 647              | -28                       | 21.78               | 635             | -28                       | 21.38               | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 29.7               |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 492 <sup>r</sup> | -24                       | 15.92               | 473             | -26                       | 15.30               | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 30.9               |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 476 <sup>r</sup> | -3                        | 15.11               | 449             | -5                        | 14.27               | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 31.5               |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 429              | -10                       | 13.66               | 400             | -11                       | 12.73               | 107.3                                | 31.4               |
| Canada                             | 1993-94 | 377,723          | 3                         | 13.02               | 372,141         | 1                         | 12.83               | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>                   | 29,013.8           |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 363,143          | -4                        | 12.36               | 356,372         | -4                        | 12.13               | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 29,377.7           |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 354,979          | -2                        | 11.94               | 340,998         | -4                        | 11.47               | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>                   | 29,726.2           |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 409,641          | 15                        | 13.63               | 386,819         | 13                        | 12.87               | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>                   | 30,059.5           |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 414,400          | 1                         | 13.64               | 386,207         | --                        | 12.71               | 107.3                                | 30,378.4           |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**General Note:** Prior to 1996-97, several provinces received federal funding for civil legal aid through the now-defunct Canada Assistance Plan, which was administered by Human Resources Development Canada. On April 1, 1996, the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) became the new way of providing federal funding for a number of social programs, including civil legal aid. The new block-transfer allows the provinces more flexibility in their own funding priorities. As a result of the new transfer program, provincial contributions to legal aid increased significantly in 1996-97 in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia.

<sup>1</sup> **New Brunswick** The contribution of the Government of New Brunswick for 1996-97 and 1997-98 includes all expenditures for domestic legal aid, which is administered by the Department of Justice. Domestic legal aid costs were not reflected in the figures for 1993-94, when the Justice Department began administering domestic legal aid, and were understated in 1994-95 and 1995-96.

<sup>2</sup> **Saskatchewan** In 1994-95, provincial contributions decreased by almost \$3.0 million (or 50%) over 1993-94. This marks a return to normal funding levels because of resumed funding under the Canada Assistance Program. However, the Canada Assistance Program was terminated as of March 31, 1996. Thus the \$1.3 million (33%) increase in provincial funding in 1996-97.

<sup>3</sup> **Northwest Territories** Figures represent total territorial contributions for legal aid less the sum of federal contributions to criminal legal aid as well as the courtworker programs.

**Table 3  
Federal Contributions to Criminal Legal Aid<sup>1</sup>**

| Province/Territory and Year |         | Federal Contribution Current Dollars |            | Percentage of Net Cost-Shared Expenditure | Net Cost-Shared Expenditure | Federal Contribution Constant Dollars |            | CPI Fiscal Average 1992-93=100 | Population |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
|                             |         | Total                                | Per Capita |   |                             | Total                                 | Per Capita |                                |            |
|                             |         | \$'000                               | \$         | %   | \$'000                      | \$'000                                | \$         |                                | '000       |
| Newfoundland                | 1993-94 | 1,730                                | 2.97       | 63  | 2,765                       | 1,704                                 | 2.92       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 582.8      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 1,730                                | 2.99       | 49  | 3,553                       | 1,698                                 | 2.93       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 578.7      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 1,730                                | 3.02       | 49  | 3,516                       | 1,662                                 | 2.90       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 573.5      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 1,661                                | 2.93       | 51  | 3,246                       | 1,568                                 | 2.76       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 567.5      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 1,653                                | 2.96       | ..  | ..                          | 1,541                                 | 2.76       | 107.3                          | 559.0      |
| Prince Edward Island        | 1993-94 | 230                                  | 1.73       | 71  | 324                         | 227                                   | 1.70       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 133.2      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 230                                  | 1.71       | 58  | 400                         | 226                                   | 1.68       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 134.6      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 230                                  | 1.69       | 56 <sup>f</sup>                           | 409 <sup>r</sup>            | 221                                   | 1.63       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 135.9      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 229                                  | 1.67       | ..  | ..                          | 216                                   | 1.58       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 137.0      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 237                                  | 1.73       | ..  | ..                          | 221                                   | 1.61       | 107.3                          | 137.2      |
| Nova Scotia                 | 1993-94 | 3,209                                | 3.44       | 57  | 5,586                       | 3,162                                 | 3.39       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 931.5      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 3,209                                | 3.43       | 56  | 5,781                       | 3,149                                 | 3.37       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 935.0      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 3,209                                | 3.42       | 58  | 5,535                       | 3,083                                 | 3.28       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 939.1      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 3,062                                | 3.24       | 57  | 5,347                       | 2,891                                 | 3.06       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 943.8      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 3,037                                | 3.21       | 59  | 5,190                       | 2,830                                 | 2.99       | 107.3                          | 946.8      |
| New Brunswick               | 1993-94 | 1,209                                | 1.60       | 43  | 2,817                       | 1,191                                 | 1.58       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 755.1      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 1,209                                | 1.60       | 59  | 2,040                       | 1,186                                 | 1.57       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 757.4      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 1,209                                | 1.59       | 59  | 2,038                       | 1,161                                 | 1.53       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 759.0      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 1,210                                | 1.59       | 60  | 2,033                       | 1,143                                 | 1.50       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 760.9      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 1,256                                | 1.65       | 59  | 2,135                       | 1,171                                 | 1.54       | 107.3                          | 760.9      |
| Quebec                      | 1993-94 | 16,646                               | 2.29       | 40  | 42,010                      | 16,400                                | 2.26       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 7,257.8    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 16,646                               | 2.28       | 39  | 42,433                      | 16,336                                | 2.23       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 7,312.3    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 16,646                               | 2.26       | 42  | 40,026                      | 15,990                                | 2.17       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 7,364.9    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 16,234                               | 2.19       | 49  | 33,102                      | 15,329                                | 2.07       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 7,408.7    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 16,448                               | 2.21       | 41  | 40,214 <sup>e</sup>         | 15,329                                | 2.06       | 107.3                          | 7,438.6    |
| Ontario                     | 1993-94 | 41,420                               | 3.82       | 35  | 119,587                     | 40,808                                | 3.76       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 10,852.7   |
|                             | 1994-95 | 41,420                               | 3.76       | 30  | 135,986                     | 40,648                                | 3.69       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 11,013.6   |
|                             | 1995-96 | 41,420                               | 3.71       | 30  | 140,010                     | 39,789                                | 3.56       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 11,172.5   |
|                             | 1996-97 | 39,402                               | 3.48       | 34  | 114,960                     | 37,207                                | 3.29       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 11,316.1   |
|                             | 1997-98 | 38,976                               | 3.40       | 39  | 99,245                      | 36,324                                | 3.17       | 107.3                          | 11,473.8   |
| Manitoba                    | 1993-94 | 3,452                                | 3.08       | 47  | 7,383                       | 3,401                                 | 3.03       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,121.5    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 3,452                                | 3.06       | 46  | 7,523                       | 3,388                                 | 3.00       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,127.4    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 3,452                                | 3.05       | 50  | 6,857                       | 3,316                                 | 2.93       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,132.7    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 3,312                                | 2.91       | 46  | 7,188                       | 3,128                                 | 2.75       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,138.7    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 3,304                                | 2.89       | 42  | 7,862                       | 3,079                                 | 2.70       | 107.3                          | 1,141.6    |
| Saskatchewan                | 1993-94 | 2,585                                | 2.57       | 44  | 5,859                       | 2,547                                 | 2.53       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,007.6    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 2,585                                | 2.56       | 44  | 5,895                       | 2,537                                 | 2.51       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,010.5    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 2,585                                | 2.55       | 42  | 6,094                       | 2,483                                 | 2.45       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,014.0    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 2,503                                | 2.46       | 41  | 6,091 <sup>r</sup>          | 2,364                                 | 2.32       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 1,019.4    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 2,520                                | 2.47       | 39  | 6,498                       | 2,349                                 | 2.30       | 107.3                          | 1,021.5    |
| Alberta                     | 1993-94 | 6,586                                | 2.45       | 36  | 18,386                      | 6,489                                 | 2.41       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 2,687.5    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 6,586                                | 2.42       | 42  | 15,857                      | 6,463                                 | 2.38       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 2,719.3    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 6,586                                | 2.39       | 52  | 12,605                      | 6,327                                 | 2.30       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 2,756.4    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 6,402                                | 2.29       | 40  | 15,867                      | 6,046                                 | 2.16       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 2,799.4    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 6,479                                | 2.27       | 46  | 14,161                      | 6,038                                 | 2.11       | 107.3                          | 2,859.8    |
| British Columbia            | 1993-94 | 9,159                                | 2.55       | 20  | 44,782                      | 9,024                                 | 2.51       | 101.5 <sup>r</sup>             | 3,590.2    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 9,159                                | 2.48       | 22  | 41,556                      | 8,988                                 | 2.43       | 101.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 3,694.1    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 9,159                                | 2.42       | 23  | 40,440 <sup>e</sup>         | 8,798                                 | 2.33       | 104.1 <sup>r</sup>             | 3,781.0    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 8,899                                | 2.30       | 23  | 39,416 <sup>e</sup>         | 8,404                                 | 2.17       | 105.9 <sup>r</sup>             | 3,869.7    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 9,005                                | 2.29       | ..  | ..                          | 8,392                                 | 2.13       | 107.3                          | 3,940.3    |

**Table 3**  
**Federal Contributions to Criminal Legal Aid<sup>1</sup>**

| Province/Territory and Year        | Federal Contribution Current Dollars |            | Percentage of Net Cost-Shared Expenditure | Net Cost-Shared Expenditure | Federal Contribution Constant Dollars |            | CPI Fiscal Average 1992-93=100 | Population         |          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
|                                    | Total                                | Per Capita |   |                             | Total                                 | Per Capita |                                |                    |          |
|                                    | \$'000                               | \$         | %   | \$'000                      | \$'000                                | \$         | '000                           |                    |          |
| Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup> | 1993-94                              | 1,641      | 25.68                                     | 39                          | 4,223                                 | 1,617      | 25.30                          | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 63.9     |
|                                    | 1994-95                              | 1,658      | 25.43                                     | 37                          | 4,534                                 | 1,627      | 24.96                          | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 65.2     |
|                                    | 1995-96                              | 210        | 3.17                                      | 5                           | 4,568                                 | 202        | 3.05                           | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 66.2     |
|                                    | 1996-97                              | 1,658      | 24.79                                     | 39                          | 4,267 <sup>r</sup>                    | 1,566      | 23.40                          | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 66.9     |
|                                    | 1997-98                              | 1,658      | 24.60                                     | ..                          | ..                                    | 1,545      | 22.93                          | 107.3              | 67.4     |
| Yukon Territory <sup>2</sup>       | 1993-94                              | 427        | 14.14                                     | 34                          | 1,257                                 | 421        | 13.93                          | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 30.2     |
|                                    | 1994-95                              | 427        | 14.38                                     | 39                          | 1,092                                 | 419        | 14.11                          | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 29.7     |
|                                    | 1995-96                              | 52         | 1.68                                      | 6                           | 908 <sup>r</sup>                      | 50         | 1.62                           | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 30.9     |
|                                    | 1996-97                              | 427        | 13.57                                     | 49                          | 878 <sup>r</sup>                      | 404        | 12.81                          | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 31.5     |
|                                    | 1997-98                              | 427        | 13.61                                     | ..                          | ..                                    | 398        | 12.68                          | 107.3              | 31.4     |
| Canada                             | 1993-94                              | 88,294     | 3.04                                      | 35                          | 254,979                               | 86,989     | 3.00                           | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 29,013.8 |
|                                    | 1994-95                              | 88,311     | 3.01                                      | 33                          | 266,650                               | 86,664     | 2.95                           | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 29,377.7 |
|                                    | 1995-96                              | 86,488     | 2.91                                      | 33                          | 263,006 <sup>r</sup>                  | 83,082     | 2.79                           | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 29,726.2 |
|                                    | 1996-97                              | 85,000     | 2.83                                      | 37                          | 232,395 <sup>r</sup>                  | 80,264     | 2.67                           | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 30,059.5 |
|                                    | 1997-98                              | 85,000     | 2.80                                      | ..                          | ..                                    | 79,217     | 2.61                           | 107.3              | 30,378.4 |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

<sup>1</sup> **Federal Contribution to Criminal Legal Aid** A new federal/provincial/territorial cost-sharing agreement commenced April 1, 1996. As part of the new agreement, the funding formula has changed, now taking historical claims amounts and the provincial/territorial population into consideration. The contributions made by Justice Canada are no longer separated on the basis of services to adults and young offenders, but are calculated as a total. The following data represent the monies contributed by Justice Canada for claims related to the Young Offenders Act until 1995-96, after which federal contributions became combined for adult and youth claims.

|                       | 1993-94    | 1994-95    | 1995-96                 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
|                       | \$         | \$         | \$                      |
| Newfoundland          | 272,126    | 272,126    | 272,126                 |
| Prince Edward Island  | 68,715     | 68,715     | 68,715 <sup>e</sup>     |
| Nova Scotia           | 630,266    | 630,266    | 630,266                 |
| New Brunswick         | 170,619    | 170,619    | 170,619                 |
| Quebec                | 1,341,080  | 1,341,080  | 1,341,080               |
| Ontario               | 6,942,877  | 6,942,877  | 6,942,877               |
| Manitoba              | 609,399    | 609,399    | 609,399                 |
| Saskatchewan          | 480,576    | 480,576    | 480,576                 |
| Alberta               | 1,664,895  | 1,664,895  | 1,664,895               |
| British Columbia      | 1,277,021  | 1,277,021  | 1,277,021               |
| Northwest Territories | 197,776    | 215,241    | 215,241                 |
| Yukon                 | 52,109     | 52,109     | 52,109                  |
| Canada                | 13,708,228 | 13,724,924 | 13,724,924 <sup>e</sup> |

<sup>2</sup> **Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory** The federal contribution for criminal legal aid decreased significantly in 1995-96 due to the fact that there were no contributions for services to adults. This is due to the conversion from a lag-year to current-year payment basis for criminal legal aid in the territories.

Legal aid funding for the territories includes civil legal aid through the cost-sharing agreements.

**Table 4**  
**Total Legal Aid Expenditures**

| Province/Territory and Year       | Current Dollars |                      |               | Constant Dollars |                      |               | CPI Fiscal<br>Average<br>1992-93=100 | Population         |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
|                                   | Total           | Percentage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita | Total            | Percentage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita |                                      |                    |          |
|                                   | \$'000          | %                    | \$            | \$'000           | %                    | \$            |                                      | '000               |          |
| Newfoundland                      | 1993-94         | 5,080                | -8            | 8.72             | 5,005                | -9            | 8.59                                 | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 582.8    |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 5,728                | 13            | 9.90             | 5,621                | 12            | 9.71                                 | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 578.7    |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 5,731                | --            | 9.99             | 5,505                | -2            | 9.60                                 | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 573.5    |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 5,545                | -3            | 9.77             | 5,236                | -5            | 9.23                                 | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 567.5    |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 5,524                | --            | 9.88             | 5,148                | -2            | 9.21                                 | 107.3              | 559.0    |
| Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup> | 1993-94         | 501                  | -12           | 3.76             | 494                  | -13           | 3.71                                 | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 133.2    |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 523                  | 4             | 3.89             | 513                  | 4             | 3.81                                 | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 134.6    |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 543                  | 4             | 4.00             | 522                  | 2             | 3.84                                 | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 135.9    |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 593                  | 9             | 4.33             | 560                  | 7             | 4.09                                 | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 137.0    |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 527                  | -11           | 3.84             | 491                  | -12           | 3.58                                 | 107.3              | 137.2    |
| Nova Scotia <sup>2</sup>          | 1993-94         | 11,052               | 5             | 11.86            | 10,889               | 3             | 11.69                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 931.5    |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 11,189               | 1             | 11.97            | 10,980               | 1             | 11.74                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 935.0    |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 11,064               | -1            | 11.78            | 10,628               | -3            | 11.32                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 939.1    |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 10,599               | -4            | 11.23            | 10,008               | -6            | 10.60                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 943.8    |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 10,111               | -5            | 10.68            | 9,423                | -6            | 9.95                                 | 107.3              | 946.8    |
| New Brunswick <sup>3</sup>        | 1993-94         | 3,332                | --            | 4.41             | 3,283                | -2            | 4.35                                 | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 755.1    |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 2,895                | -13           | 3.82             | 2,841                | -13           | 3.75                                 | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 757.4    |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 2,972                | 3             | 3.92             | 2,855                | --            | 3.76                                 | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 759.0    |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 3,608                | 21            | 4.74             | 3,407                | 19            | 4.48                                 | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 760.9    |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 3,551                | -2            | 4.67             | 3,309                | -3            | 4.35                                 | 107.3              | 760.9    |
| Quebec <sup>4</sup>               | 1993-94         | 117,079              | 3             | 16.13            | 115,349              | 1             | 15.89                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 7,257.8  |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 119,546              | 2             | 16.35            | 117,317              | 2             | 16.04                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 7,312.3  |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 120,641              | 1             | 16.38            | 115,890              | -1            | 15.74                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 7,364.9  |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 114,238              | -5            | 15.42            | 107,873              | -7            | 14.56                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 7,408.7  |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 108,856              | -5            | 14.63            | 101,450              | -6            | 13.64                                | 107.3              | 7,438.6  |
| Ontario <sup>5</sup>              | 1993-94         | 297,811              | -7            | 27.44            | 293,410              | -9            | 27.04                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 10,852.7 |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 349,435              | 17            | 31.73            | 342,920              | 17            | 31.14                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 11,013.6 |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 327,294              | -6            | 29.29            | 314,403              | -8            | 28.14                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 11,172.5 |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 250,142              | -24           | 22.10            | 236,206              | -25           | 20.87                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 11,316.1 |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 186,861              | -25           | 16.29            | 174,148              | -26           | 15.18                                | 107.3              | 11,473.8 |
| Manitoba                          | 1993-94         | 15,040               | -1            | 13.41            | 14,818               | -2            | 13.21                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 1,121.5  |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 15,211               | 1             | 13.49            | 14,927               | 1             | 13.24                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 1,127.4  |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 14,959               | -2            | 13.21            | 14,370               | -4            | 12.69                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 1,132.7  |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 15,060               | 1             | 13.23            | 14,221               | -1            | 12.49                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 1,138.7  |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 15,747               | 5             | 13.79            | 14,676               | 3             | 12.86                                | 107.3              | 1,141.6  |
| Saskatchewan <sup>6</sup>         | 1993-94         | 8,592                | 8             | 8.53             | 8,465                | 7             | 8.40                                 | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 1,007.6  |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 8,619                | --            | 8.53             | 8,458                | --            | 8.37                                 | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 1,010.5  |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 8,829                | 2             | 8.71             | 8,481                | --            | 8.36                                 | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 1,014.0  |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 8,909                | 1             | 8.74             | 8,413                | -1            | 8.25                                 | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 1,019.4  |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 9,560                | 7             | 9.36             | 8,910                | 6             | 8.72                                 | 107.3              | 1,021.5  |
| Alberta                           | 1993-94         | 28,350               | -7            | 10.55            | 27,931               | -8            | 10.39                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 2,687.5  |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 25,519               | -10           | 9.38             | 25,043               | -10           | 9.21                                 | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 2,719.3  |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 20,957               | -18           | 7.60             | 20,132               | -20           | 7.30                                 | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 2,756.4  |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 24,445               | 17            | 8.73             | 23,083               | 15            | 8.25                                 | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 2,799.4  |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 22,342               | -9            | 7.81             | 20,822               | -10           | 7.28                                 | 107.3              | 2,859.8  |
| British Columbia <sup>7</sup>     | 1993-94         | 100,894              | 14            | 28.10            | 99,403               | 13            | 27.69                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 3,590.2  |
|                                   | 1994-95         | 101,190              | --            | 27.39            | 99,303               | --            | 26.88                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 3,694.1  |
|                                   | 1995-96         | 102,339              | 1             | 27.07            | 98,308               | -1            | 26.00                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 3,781.0  |
|                                   | 1996-97         | 96,989               | -5            | 25.06            | 91,585               | -7            | 23.67                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 3,869.7  |
|                                   | 1997-98         | 85,270               | -12           | 21.64            | 79,469               | -13           | 20.17                                | 107.3              | 3,940.3  |

**Table 4**  
**Total Legal Aid Expenditures**

| Province/Territory and Year        | Current Dollars |                      |               | Constant Dollars |                      |               | CPI Fiscal<br>Average<br>1992-93=100 | Population         |          |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
|                                    | Total           | Percentage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita | Total            | Percentage<br>Change | Per<br>Capita |                                      |                    |          |
|                                    | \$'000          | %                    | \$            | \$'000           | %                    | \$            |                                      |                    | '000     |
| Northwest Territories <sup>8</sup> | 1993-94         | 5,190                | 12            | 81.22            | 5,113                | 10            | 80.02                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 63.9     |
|                                    | 1994-95         | 5,474                | 5             | 83.96            | 5,372                | 5             | 82.39                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 65.2     |
|                                    | 1995-96         | 5,470                | --            | 82.63            | 5,255                | -2            | 79.37                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 66.2     |
|                                    | 1996-97         | 5,126                | -6            | 76.62            | 4,840                | -8            | 72.35                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 66.9     |
|                                    | 1997-98         | 5,397                | 5             | 80.07            | 5,030                | 4             | 74.63                                | 107.3              | 67.4     |
| Yukon Territory                    | 1993-94         | 1,274                | 16            | 42.19            | 1,255                | 14            | 41.56                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 30.2     |
|                                    | 1994-95         | 1,103                | -13           | 37.14            | 1,082                | -14           | 36.45                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 29.7     |
|                                    | 1995-96         | 1,093                | -1            | 35.37            | 1,050                | -3            | 33.98                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 30.9     |
|                                    | 1996-97         | 887                  | -19           | 28.16            | 838                  | -20           | 26.59                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 31.5     |
|                                    | 1997-98         | 881                  | -1            | 28.06            | 821                  | -2            | 26.15                                | 107.3              | 31.4     |
| Canada                             | 1993-94         | 594,195              | -1            | 20.48            | 585,414              | -3            | 20.18                                | 101.5 <sup>r</sup> | 29,013.8 |
|                                    | 1994-95         | 646,432              | 9             | 22.00            | 634,379              | 8             | 21.59                                | 101.9 <sup>r</sup> | 29,377.7 |
|                                    | 1995-96         | 621,892              | -4            | 20.92            | 597,399              | -6            | 20.10                                | 104.1 <sup>r</sup> | 29,726.2 |
|                                    | 1996-97         | 536,141              | -14           | 17.84            | 506,271              | -15           | 16.84                                | 105.9 <sup>r</sup> | 30,059.5 |
|                                    | 1997-98         | 454,627              | -15           | 14.97            | 423,697              | -16           | 13.95                                | 107.3              | 30,378.4 |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

<sup>1</sup> **Prince Edward Island** Legal Aid is staffed and paid through the province's Department of Community Affairs and Attorney General. Purchasing, accommodations, payroll and payment of private counsel costs are processed and paid for by the Department's Administrative section. These services are largely unaccounted for as a legal aid cost.

<sup>2</sup> **Nova Scotia** A cash and accrual accounting system is used to facilitate the inclusion of accrued private solicitor fees.

<sup>3</sup> **New Brunswick** Includes the cost of domestic legal aid salaries for legal, para-legal and support services administered by the New Brunswick Department of Justice, which were not included in 1993-94. Expenditures for 1997-98 and 1996-97 include the full cost of domestic legal aid, not included completely in prior years' revenues.

<sup>4</sup> **Quebec** The decrease in expenditures in 1996-97 was due to amendments made to the Legal Aid Act in September 1996, introducing stricter coverage and eligibility criteria (which subsequently led to a reduction in the number of approved applications).

<sup>5</sup> **Ontario** Includes funding for the Student Legal Aid Society, Northern Legal Services and the Refugee Law Office. Government funding is strictly capped through to 1998-99. In 1996-97, Ontario implemented an accrual accounting system.

<sup>6</sup> **Saskatchewan** Figures include accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| 1993-94 | \$329,454 |
| 1994-95 | \$383,789 |
| 1995-96 | \$400,791 |
| 1996-97 | \$414,292 |
| 1997-98 | \$589,098 |

Staff perform public legal education as part of their regular workload.

<sup>7</sup> **British Columbia** A modified accrual system of accounting is followed. The Plan pays reduced rent for head office space due to efforts of the City of Vancouver.

<sup>8</sup> **Northwest Territories** Office space and financial administration services provided by the territorial government are excluded.



**Table 5**  
**Legal Aid Expenditures by Object**

| Province/Territory and Year        |         | Total                                   |                      | Per-centage of total | Criminal Matters                   |                                    | Civil Matters       |                     | Other Program Expenditures |    | Central Administrative Expenditures |    |
|------------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|
|                                    |         | Total Direct Legal Service Expenditures | Total                |                      | Percentage of direct legal service | Percentage of direct legal service | Percentage of total | Percentage of total |                            |    |                                     |    |
|                                    |         | \$'000                                  | \$'000               | %                    | \$'000                             | %                                  | \$'000              | %                   | \$'000                     | %  | \$'000                              | %  |
| Newfoundland                       | 1993-94 | 5,080                                   | 5,080                | 100                  | 2,774                              | 55                                 | 2,306               | 45                  | -                          | -  | -                                   | -  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 5,728                                   | 5,728                | 100                  | 3,553                              | 62                                 | 2,175               | 38                  | -                          | -  | -                                   | -  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 5,731                                   | 5,731                | 100                  | 3,527                              | 62                                 | 2,204               | 38                  | -                          | -  | -                                   | -  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 5,545                                   | 5,545                | 100                  | 3,247                              | 59                                 | 2,298               | 41                  | -                          | -  | -                                   | -  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 5,524                                   | 5,524                | 100                  | 3,363                              | 61                                 | 2,161               | 39                  | -                          | -  | -                                   | -  |
| Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup>  | 1993-94 | 501                                     | 501                  | 100                  | 275                                | 55                                 | 226                 | 45                  | -                          | -  | ..                                  | .. |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 523                                     | 523                  | 100                  | 399                                | 76                                 | 124                 | 24                  | -                          | -  | ..                                  | .. |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 543                                     | 543                  | 100                  | 410                                | 76                                 | 133                 | 24                  | -                          | -  | ..                                  | .. |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 593                                     | 593                  | 100                  | 464                                | 78                                 | 129                 | 22                  | -                          | -  | ..                                  | .. |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 527                                     | 527                  | 100                  | 396                                | 75                                 | 131                 | 25                  | -                          | -  | ..                                  | .. |
| Nova Scotia                        | 1993-94 | 11,052                                  | 10,313               | 93                   | 5,225                              | 51                                 | 5,088               | 49                  | 60                         | 1  | 679                                 | 6  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 11,189                                  | 10,604               | 95                   | 5,529                              | 52                                 | 5,075               | 48                  | 58                         | 1  | 527                                 | 5  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 11,064                                  | 10,311               | 93                   | 5,163                              | 50                                 | 5,148               | 50                  | 51                         | -- | 702                                 | 6  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 10,599                                  | 9,986                | 94                   | 5,030                              | 50                                 | 4,956               | 50                  | 51                         | -- | 562                                 | 5  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 10,111                                  | 9,435                | 93                   | 4,809                              | 51                                 | 4,626               | 49                  | 51                         | 1  | 625                                 | 6  |
| New Brunswick <sup>2</sup>         | 1993-94 | 3,332                                   | 2,881                | 86                   | 2,502                              | 87                                 | 379                 | 13                  | ..                         | -  | 451                                 | 14 |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 2,895                                   | 2,210                | 76                   | 1,525                              | 69                                 | 685                 | 31                  | 87                         | 6  | 598                                 | 21 |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 2,972                                   | 2,390                | 80                   | 1,770                              | 74                                 | 620                 | 26                  | 87                         | 5  | 495                                 | 17 |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 3,608                                   | 3,090                | 86                   | 1,779                              | 58                                 | 1,311               | 42                  | -                          | -  | 518                                 | 14 |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 3,551                                   | 3,026                | 85                   | 1,680                              | 56                                 | 1,346               | 44                  | -                          | -  | 525                                 | 15 |
| Quebec <sup>3</sup>                | 1993-94 | 117,079                                 | 107,059              | 91                   | 37,610 <sup>e</sup>                | 35 <sup>e</sup>                    | 69,449 <sup>e</sup> | 65 <sup>e</sup>     | 861                        | 1  | 9,159                               | 8  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 119,546                                 | 109,716              | 92                   | 37,852 <sup>e</sup>                | 34 <sup>e</sup>                    | 71,864 <sup>e</sup> | 66 <sup>e</sup>     | 772                        | 1  | 9,058                               | 8  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 120,641                                 | 111,201              | 92                   | 36,418 <sup>e</sup>                | 33 <sup>e</sup>                    | 74,783 <sup>e</sup> | 67 <sup>e</sup>     | 731                        | 1  | 8,709                               | 7  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 114,238                                 | 104,040 <sup>e</sup> | 91                   | 34,541 <sup>e</sup>                | 33 <sup>e</sup>                    | 69,499 <sup>e</sup> | 67 <sup>e</sup>     | 1,026                      | 1  | 9,172                               | 8  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 108,856                                 | 96,225 <sup>e</sup>  | 88                   | 35,382 <sup>e</sup>                | 37 <sup>e</sup>                    | 60,843 <sup>e</sup> | 63 <sup>e</sup>     | 876                        | 1  | 11,755                              | 11 |
| Ontario <sup>4</sup>               | 1993-94 | 297,811                                 | 263,138              | 88                   | 113,640                            | 43                                 | 149,498             | 57                  | 5,703                      | 2  | 28,970                              | 10 |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 349,435                                 | 307,818              | 88                   | 127,949                            | 42                                 | 179,869             | 58                  | 6,155                      | 2  | 35,462                              | 10 |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 327,294                                 | 286,036              | 87                   | 120,321                            | 42                                 | 165,715             | 58                  | 6,156                      | 2  | 35,102                              | 11 |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 250,142                                 | 208,386              | 83                   | 91,636                             | 44                                 | 116,750             | 56                  | 6,261                      | 3  | 35,495                              | 14 |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 186,861                                 | 148,290              | 79                   | 78,875                             | 53                                 | 69,415              | 47                  | 5,840                      | 3  | 32,731                              | 18 |
| Manitoba <sup>5</sup>              | 1993-94 | 15,040                                  | 12,920               | 86                   | 6,856                              | 53                                 | 6,064               | 47                  | 416                        | 3  | 1,704                               | 11 |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 15,211                                  | 12,972               | 85                   | 6,432                              | 50                                 | 6,540               | 50                  | 340                        | 2  | 1,899                               | 12 |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 14,959                                  | 12,745               | 85                   | 6,620                              | 52                                 | 6,125               | 48                  | 380                        | 3  | 1,834                               | 12 |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 15,060                                  | 12,606               | 84                   | 5,662                              | 45                                 | 6,944               | 55                  | 430                        | 3  | 2,024                               | 13 |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 15,747                                  | 12,850               | 82                   | 6,725                              | 52                                 | 6,125               | 48                  | 392                        | 2  | 2,505                               | 16 |
| Saskatchewan <sup>6</sup>          | 1993-94 | 8,592                                   | 7,964                | 93                   | 5,205                              | 65                                 | 2,759               | 35                  | ..                         | .. | 628                                 | 7  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 8,619                                   | 7,980                | 93                   | 5,182                              | 65                                 | 2,798               | 35                  | ..                         | .. | 639                                 | 7  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 8,829                                   | 8,180                | 93                   | 5,336                              | 65                                 | 2,844               | 35                  | ..                         | .. | 649                                 | 7  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 8,909                                   | 8,280                | 93                   | 5,263                              | 64                                 | 3,017               | 36                  | ..                         | .. | 629                                 | 7  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 9,560                                   | 8,747                | 91                   | 5,395                              | 62                                 | 3,352               | 38                  | ..                         | .. | 813                                 | 9  |
| Alberta <sup>7</sup>               | 1993-94 | 28,350                                  | 25,311               | 89                   | 17,702                             | 70                                 | 7,609               | 30                  | ..                         | .. | 3,039                               | 11 |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 25,519                                  | 22,535               | 88                   | 15,250                             | 68                                 | 7,285               | 32                  | ..                         | .. | 2,984                               | 12 |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 20,957                                  | 17,940               | 86                   | 11,766                             | 66                                 | 6,174               | 34                  | ..                         | .. | 3,017                               | 14 |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 24,445                                  | 21,621               | 88                   | 14,116                             | 65                                 | 7,505               | 35                  | ..                         | .. | 2,824                               | 12 |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 22,342                                  | 19,429               | 87                   | 12,457                             | 64                                 | 6,972               | 36                  | ..                         | .. | 2,913                               | 13 |
| British Columbia <sup>8</sup>      | 1993-94 | 100,894                                 | 91,849               | 91                   | 41,908                             | 46                                 | 49,941              | 54                  | 1,809                      | 2  | 7,236                               | 7  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 101,190                                 | 91,331               | 90                   | 38,820                             | 43                                 | 52,511              | 57                  | 1,753                      | 2  | 8,106                               | 8  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 102,339                                 | 92,776               | 91                   | 37,919                             | 41                                 | 54,857              | 59                  | 1,864                      | 2  | 7,699                               | 8  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 96,989                                  | 87,411               | 90                   | 36,657                             | 42                                 | 50,754              | 58                  | 1,808                      | 2  | 7,770                               | 8  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 85,270                                  | 76,751               | 90                   | 31,611                             | 41                                 | 45,140              | 59                  | 1,515                      | 2  | 7,004                               | 8  |
| Northwest Territories <sup>9</sup> | 1993-94 | 5,190                                   | 1,918                | 37                   | ..                                 | ..                                 | ..                  | ..                  | 2,872                      | 55 | 400                                 | 8  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 5,474                                   | 2,737                | 50                   | ..                                 | ..                                 | ..                  | ..                  | 2,264                      | 41 | 473                                 | 9  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 5,470                                   | 2,694                | 49                   | ..                                 | ..                                 | ..                  | ..                  | 2,228                      | 41 | 548                                 | 10 |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 5,126                                   | 2,932                | 57                   | ..                                 | ..                                 | ..                  | ..                  | 1,639                      | 32 | 555                                 | 11 |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 5,397                                   | 2,390                | 44                   | 1,551                              | 65                                 | 839                 | 35                  | 1,638                      | 30 | 1,369                               | 25 |

**Table 5**  
**Legal Aid Expenditures by Object**

| Province/Territory and Year |         | Total   | Total Direct Legal Service Expenditures | Percentage of total | Criminal Matters |    | Civil Matters |    | Other Program Expenditures |   | Central Administrative Expenditures |    |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---|---------------------|------------------|----|---------------|----|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----|
|                             |         | \$'000  | \$'000                                  | %                   | \$'000           | %  | \$'000        | %  | \$'000                     | % | \$'000                              | %  |
| Yukon Territory             | 1993-94 | 1,274   | 1,068                                   | 84                  | 826              | 77 | 242           | 23 | -                          | - | 206                                 | 16 |
|                             | 1994-95 | 1,102   | 911                                     | 83                  | 720              | 79 | 191           | 21 | -                          | - | 191                                 | 17 |
|                             | 1995-96 | 1,092   | 718                                     | 66                  | 531              | 74 | 187           | 26 | -                          | - | 374                                 | 34 |
|                             | 1996-97 | 887     | 657                                     | 74                  | 501              | 76 | 156           | 24 | -                          | - | 230                                 | 26 |
|                             | 1997-98 | 881     | 680                                     | 77                  | 484              | 71 | 196           | 29 | -                          | - | 201                                 | 23 |
| Canada                      | 1993-94 | 594,195 | 530,002                                 | 89                  | ..               | .. | ..            | .. | 11,721                     | 2 | 52,472                              | 9  |
|                             | 1994-95 | 646,431 | 575,065                                 | 89                  | ..               | .. | ..            | .. | 11,429                     | 2 | 59,937                              | 9  |
|                             | 1995-96 | 621,891 | 551,265                                 | 89                  | ..               | .. | ..            | .. | 11,497                     | 2 | 59,129                              | 10 |
|                             | 1996-97 | 536,141 | 465,147                                 | 87                  | ..               | .. | ..            | .. | 11,215                     | 2 | 59,779                              | 11 |
|                             | 1997-98 | 454,627 | 383,874                                 | 84                  | 182,728          | 48 | 201,146       | 52 | 10,312                     | 2 | 60,441                              | 13 |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

- <sup>1</sup> **Prince Edward Island** The plan is staffed and paid for through the Department of Community Affairs and Attorney General. Purchasing, accommodations, payroll and payment of private counsel costs are largely unaccounted for as a legal aid cost.
- <sup>2</sup> **New Brunswick** In 1988-89, New Brunswick established a domestic legal aid program to replace civil legal aid. In May 1993, the Department of Justice took over the administration of the domestic legal aid program from the Law Society. Domestic legal aid is available: to obtain and enforce family support orders; to seek variations in support obligations; to represent respondents to guardianship applications by the Minister of Health and Community Services; and, to assist victims of spousal abuse in obtaining orders for spousal and child support, custody and access, restraining orders and some division of property. For custody applications by the Minister of Health and Community Services and for respondents in support applications, duty counsel is provided. Mediation services are also provided in cases where there has been no abuse. In 1993-94, when the Department of Justice assumed responsibility for administering domestic legal aid, the information on domestic legal aid services and expenditures was not included. In 1994-95 and 1995-96, these expenditures were partially included in the figures. Expenditures for 1997-98 and 1996-97 include the full cost of domestic legal aid. Expenditures for civil matters include Department of Justice court social workers in family civil matters.
- <sup>3</sup> **Quebec** The expenditures are accounted for with accrual accounting for staff lawyers (i.e., accounts payable are taken into consideration), and with the cash-based accounting method of private lawyers.
- <sup>4</sup> **Ontario** Expenditures for community clinics are mainly reported under civil matters but a small portion is reported under criminal matters.
- <sup>5</sup> **Manitoba** Expenditures on provincial offences are included in the criminal category except for those handled by the Law Centres, which are included in the civil category. A Health and Education tax levy is included.
- <sup>6</sup> **Saskatchewan** After-hours duty counsel expenditures are included in the private law firm category and allocated within the federal criminal matters. Not included in the total for 1996-97, is a computer purchase expenditure in the amount of \$121,400, for which a grant was received from the Saskatchewan Law Foundation.
- <sup>7</sup> **Alberta** In 1993-94, Alberta began allocating the costs of its Edmonton and Calgary offices under "direct legal services" because staff lawyer positions were added on a permanent basis. In other areas, legal aid services are delivered by private bar lawyers in a *judicare* model, and the entire costs of the other nine regional offices which provide delivery model support are included under central administrative expenses.  
A new accounting policy was adopted in the 1997-98 fiscal year to capitalize fixed assets and amortize over the useful life of assets.
- <sup>8</sup> **British Columbia** Through an agreement with the City of Vancouver, reduced rent is paid on part of the head office space. Grants to community clinics were as follows:  

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 1993-94 | \$5,981,584e  |
| 1994-95 | \$18,055,546  |
| 1995-96 | \$18,055,546e |
| 1996-97 | \$23,707,468  |
| 1997-98 | \$22,930,477  |

Included in 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are grants to Community Law Offices and Native Community Law Offices and Society expenditures on Branch operations. In previous years, only the grants to Community Law Offices and Native Community Law Offices were reported. Central Administrative Expenditures includes delivery model support.
- <sup>9</sup> **Northwest Territories** Other program expenditures include monies spent on the Keewatin Legal Services Centre, Malliganik Tukisiiniakvik, Mackenzie Court Workers, Kitikmeot Law Center, and Beaufort Delta Legal Services. Central administrative expenditures exclude the cost of office space and financial services that are provided free of charge by the territorial government.

**Table 6**  
**Direct Legal Service Expenditures, Staff and Private Lawyers, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year       |         | Total<br>\$'000 | Staff<br>Lawyers |     | Private<br>Lawyers |     | Criminal Matters    |                     |                    |         |                 | Civil Matters       |                     |                 |         |     |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|-----|
|                                   |         |                 | \$'000           | %   | \$'000             | %   | Total<br>\$'000     | Staff<br>Lawyers    | Private<br>Lawyers | %       | Total<br>\$'000 | Staff<br>Lawyers    | Private<br>Lawyers  | %               |         |     |
| Newfoundland                      | 1993-94 | 5,080           | 4,169            | 82  | 911                | 18  | 2,774               | 2,393               | 86                 | 381     | 14              | 2,306               | 1,776               | 77              | 530     | 23  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 5,728           | 4,803            | 84  | 925                | 16  | 3,553               | 2,964               | 83                 | 589     | 17              | 2,175               | 1,839               | 85              | 336     | 15  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 5,731           | 4,909            | 86  | 822                | 14  | 3,527               | 3,075               | 87                 | 452     | 13              | 2,204               | 1,834               | 83              | 370     | 17  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 5,545           | 4,949            | 89  | 596                | 11  | 3,247               | 2,946               | 91                 | 301     | 9               | 2,298               | 2,003               | 87              | 295     | 13  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 5,524           | 5,264            | 95  | 260                | 5   | 3,363               | 3,206               | 95                 | 157     | 5               | 2,161               | 2,058               | 95              | 103     | 5   |
| Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup> | 1993-94 | 501             | 416              | 83  | 85                 | 17  | 275                 | 225                 | 82                 | 50      | 18              | 226                 | 191                 | 85              | 35      | 15  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 523             | 419              | 80  | 104                | 20  | 399                 | 325                 | 81                 | 74      | 19              | 124                 | 94                  | 76              | 30      | 24  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 543             | 430              | 79  | 113                | 21  | 410                 | 338                 | 82                 | 72      | 18              | 133                 | 92                  | 69              | 41      | 31  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 593             | 438              | 74  | 155                | 26  | 464                 | 337                 | 73                 | 127     | 27              | 129                 | 101                 | 78              | 28      | 22  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 527             | 426              | 81  | 101                | 19  | 396                 | 341                 | 86                 | 55      | 14              | 131                 | 85                  | 65              | 46      | 35  |
| Nova Scotia <sup>2</sup>          | 1993-94 | 10,313          | 7,753            | 75  | 2,560              | 25  | 5,225               | 3,936               | 75                 | 1,289   | 25              | 5,088               | 3,817               | 75              | 1,271   | 25  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 10,604          | 7,987            | 75  | 2,617              | 25  | 5,529               | 4,291               | 78                 | 1,238   | 22              | 5,075               | 3,696               | 73              | 1,379   | 27  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 10,311          | 7,916            | 77  | 2,395              | 23  | 5,163               | 4,100               | 79                 | 1,063   | 21              | 5,148               | 3,816               | 74              | 1,332   | 26  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 9,986           | 7,993            | 80  | 1,993              | 20  | 5,030               | 4,211               | 84                 | 819     | 16              | 4,956               | 3,782               | 76              | 1,174   | 24  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 9,435           | 7,571            | 80  | 1,864              | 20  | 4,809               | 3,997               | 83                 | 812     | 17              | 4,626               | 3,574               | 77              | 1,052   | 23  |
| New Brunswick <sup>3</sup>        | 1993-94 | 2,881           | ...              | ... | 2,881              | 100 | 2,502               | ...                 | ...                | 2,502   | 100             | 379                 | ...                 | ...             | 379     | 100 |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 2,210           | 352              | 16  | 1,858              | 84  | 1,525               | ...                 | ...                | 1,525   | 100             | 685                 | 352                 | 51              | 333     | 49  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 2,390           | 620              | 26  | 1,770              | 74  | 1,770               | ...                 | ...                | 1,770   | 100             | 620                 | 620                 | 100             | ...     | ... |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 3,090           | 630              | 20  | 2,460              | 80  | 1,779               | ...                 | ...                | 1,779   | 100             | 1,311               | 630                 | 48              | 681     | 52  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 3,026           | 1,034            | 34  | 1,992              | 66  | 1,680               | ...                 | ...                | 1,680   | 100             | 1,346               | 1,034               | 77              | 312     | 23  |
| Quebec                            | 1993-94 | 107,059         | 59,173           | 55  | 47,886             | 45  | 37,610 <sup>e</sup> | 16,720 <sup>e</sup> | 44 <sup>e</sup>    | 20,890  | 56              | 69,449 <sup>e</sup> | 42,453 <sup>e</sup> | 61 <sup>e</sup> | 26,996  | 39  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 109,716         | 60,102           | 55  | 49,614             | 45  | 37,852 <sup>e</sup> | 16,003 <sup>e</sup> | 42 <sup>e</sup>    | 21,849  | 58              | 71,864 <sup>e</sup> | 44,099 <sup>e</sup> | 61 <sup>e</sup> | 27,765  | 39  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 111,201         | 60,835           | 55  | 50,366             | 45  | 36,418 <sup>e</sup> | 14,360 <sup>e</sup> | 39 <sup>e</sup>    | 22,058  | 61              | 74,783 <sup>e</sup> | 46,475 <sup>e</sup> | 62 <sup>e</sup> | 28,308  | 38  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 104,040         | 58,566           | 56  | 45,474             | 44  | 34,541 <sup>e</sup> | 15,271 <sup>e</sup> | 44 <sup>e</sup>    | 19,270  | 56              | 69,499 <sup>e</sup> | 43,295 <sup>e</sup> | 62 <sup>e</sup> | 26,204  | 38  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 96,225          | 55,039           | 57  | 41,186             | 43  | 35,382 <sup>e</sup> | 18,143 <sup>e</sup> | 51 <sup>e</sup>    | 17,239  | 49              | 60,843 <sup>e</sup> | 36,896 <sup>e</sup> | 61 <sup>e</sup> | 23,947  | 39  |
| Ontario                           | 1993-94 | 263,138         | 32,241           | 12  | 230,897            | 88  | 113,640             | 2,212               | 2                  | 111,428 | 98              | 149,498             | 30,029              | 20              | 119,469 | 80  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 307,818         | 33,078           | 11  | 274,740            | 89  | 127,949             | 2,161               | 2                  | 125,788 | 98              | 179,869             | 30,917              | 17              | 148,952 | 83  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 286,036         | 32,992           | 12  | 253,044            | 88  | 120,321             | 2,099               | 2                  | 118,222 | 98              | 165,715             | 30,893              | 19              | 134,822 | 81  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 208,386         | 33,016           | 16  | 175,370            | 84  | 91,636              | 2,372               | 3                  | 89,264  | 97              | 116,750             | 30,644              | 26              | 86,106  | 74  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 148,290         | 33,092           | 22  | 115,198            | 78  | 78,875              | 2,534               | 3                  | 76,341  | 97              | 69,415              | 30,558              | 44              | 38,857  | 56  |
| Manitoba                          | 1993-94 | 12,920          | 4,585            | 35  | 8,335              | 65  | 6,856               | 2,522               | 37                 | 4,334   | 63              | 6,064               | 2,063               | 34              | 4,001   | 66  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 12,972          | 4,963            | 38  | 8,009              | 62  | ..                  | ..                  | ..                 | ..      | ..              | ..                  | ..                  | ..              | ..      | ..  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 12,745          | 5,386            | 42  | 7,359              | 58  | 6,620               | 2,962               | 45                 | 3,658   | 55              | 6,125               | 2,424               | 40              | 3,701   | 60  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 12,606          | 5,841            | 46  | 6,765              | 54  | 5,662               | 2,336               | 41                 | 3,326   | 59              | 6,944               | 3,505               | 50              | 3,439   | 50  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 12,850          | 6,107            | 48  | 6,743              | 52  | 6,725               | 3,264               | 49                 | 3,461   | 51              | 6,125               | 2,843               | 46              | 3,282   | 54  |
| Saskatchewan                      | 1993-94 | 7,964           | 7,409            | 93  | 555                | 7   | 5,205               | 4,708               | 90                 | 497     | 10              | 2,759               | 2,701               | 98              | 58      | 2   |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 7,980           | 7,446            | 93  | 534                | 7   | 5,182               | 4,728               | 91                 | 454     | 9               | 2,798               | 2,718               | 97              | 80      | 3   |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 8,180           | 7,686            | 94  | 494                | 6   | 5,336               | 4,908               | 92                 | 428     | 8               | 2,844               | 2,778               | 98              | 66      | 2   |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 8,280           | 7,787            | 94  | 493                | 6   | 5,263               | 4,856               | 92                 | 407     | 8               | 3,017               | 2,931               | 97              | 86      | 3   |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 8,747           | 8,001            | 91  | 746                | 9   | 5,395               | 5,022               | 93                 | 373     | 7               | 3,352               | 2,979               | 89              | 373     | 11  |
| Alberta                           | 1993-94 | 25,311          | 983              | 4   | 24,328             | 96  | 17,702              | 788                 | 4                  | 16,914  | 96              | 7,609               | 195                 | 3               | 7,414   | 97  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 22,535          | 1,688            | 7   | 20,847             | 93  | 15,250              | 1,503               | 10                 | 13,747  | 90              | 7,285               | 185                 | 3               | 7,100   | 97  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 17,940          | 1,620            | 9   | 16,320             | 91  | 11,766              | 1,434               | 12                 | 10,332  | 88              | 6,174               | 186                 | 3               | 5,988   | 97  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 21,621          | 1,715            | 8   | 19,906             | 92  | 14,116              | 1,527               | 11                 | 12,589  | 89              | 7,505               | 188                 | 3               | 7,317   | 97  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 19,429          | 1,690            | 9   | 17,739             | 91  | 12,457              | 1,517               | 12                 | 10,940  | 88              | 6,972               | 173                 | 2               | 6,799   | 98  |
| British Columbia                  | 1993-94 | 91,849          | 14,210           | 15  | 77,639             | 85  | 41,908              | 4,539               | 11                 | 37,369  | 89              | 49,941              | 9,671               | 19              | 40,270  | 81  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 91,331          | 20,337           | 22  | 70,994             | 78  | 38,820              | 6,742               | 17                 | 32,078  | 83              | 52,511              | 13,595              | 26              | 38,916  | 74  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 92,776          | 26,933           | 29  | 65,843             | 71  | 37,919              | 8,530               | 22                 | 29,389  | 78              | 54,857              | 18,403              | 34              | 36,454  | 66  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 87,411          | 24,985           | 29  | 62,426             | 71  | 36,657              | 7,927               | 22                 | 28,730  | 78              | 50,754              | 17,058              | 34              | 33,696  | 66  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 76,751          | 24,002           | 31  | 52,749             | 69  | 31,611              | 7,973               | 25                 | 23,638  | 75              | 45,140              | 16,029              | 36              | 29,111  | 64  |
| Northwest Territories             | 1993-94 | 1,918           | ..               | ..  | ..                 | ..  | ..                  | ..                  | ..                 | ..      | ..              | ..                  | ..                  | ..              | ..      | ..  |
|                                   | 1994-95 | 2,737           | 342              | 12  | 2,395              | 88  | ..                  | ..                  | ..                 | 1,769   | ..              | ..                  | ..                  | ..              | 626     | ..  |
|                                   | 1995-96 | 2,694           | 499              | 19  | 2,195              | 81  | ..                  | ..                  | ..                 | 1,551   | ..              | ..                  | ..                  | ..              | 644     | ..  |
|                                   | 1996-97 | 2,932           | 676              | 23  | 2,256              | 77  | ..                  | ..                  | ..                 | ..      | ..              | ..                  | ..                  | ..              | ..      | ..  |
|                                   | 1997-98 | 2,390           | ..               | ..  | ..                 | ..  | 1,551               | ..                  | ..                 | ..      | ..              | 839                 | ..                  | ..              | ..      | ..  |

**Table 6**  
**Direct Legal Service Expenditures, Staff and Private Lawyers, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year | Total   | Staff Lawyers |         | Private Lawyers |         | Criminal Matters |         |               |                 |     | Civil Matters |         |     |        |     |     |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|-----|---------------|---------|-----|--------|-----|-----|
|                             |         | \$'000        | \$'000  | %               | \$'000  | %                | Total   | Staff Lawyers | Private Lawyers | %   | \$'000        | \$'000  | %   | \$'000 | %   |     |
| Yukon Territory             | 1993-94 | 1,068         | ...     | ...             | 1,068   | 100              | 826     | ...           | ...             | 826 | 100           | 242     | ... | ...    | 242 | 100 |
|                             | 1994-95 | 911           | 172     | 19              | 739     | 81               | 720     | 131           | 18              | 589 | 82            | 191     | 41  | 21     | 150 | 79  |
|                             | 1995-96 | 718           | 177     | 25              | 541     | 75               | 531     | 150           | 28              | 381 | 72            | 187     | 27  | 14     | 160 | 86  |
|                             | 1996-97 | 657           | 289     | 44              | 368     | 56               | 501     | 252           | 50              | 249 | 50            | 156     | 37  | 24     | 119 | 76  |
|                             | 1997-98 | 680           | 421     | 62              | 259     | 38               | 484     | 300           | 62              | 184 | 38            | 196     | 121 | 62     | 75  | 38  |
| Canada                      | 1993-94 | 530,002       | 130,939 | 25              | 397,145 | 75               | ..      | ..            | ..              | ..  | ..            | ..      | ..  | ..     | ..  | ..  |
|                             | 1994-95 | 575,065       | 141,689 | 25              | 433,376 | 75               | ..      | ..            | ..              | ..  | ..            | ..      | ..  | ..     | ..  | ..  |
|                             | 1995-96 | 551,265       | 150,003 | 27              | 401,262 | 73               | ..      | ..            | ..              | ..  | ..            | ..      | ..  | ..     | ..  | ..  |
|                             | 1996-97 | 465,147       | 146,885 | 32              | 318,262 | 68               | ..      | ..            | ..              | ..  | ..            | ..      | ..  | ..     | ..  | ..  |
|                             | 1997-98 | 383,874       | ..      | ..              | ..      | ..               | 182,728 | ..            | ..              | ..  | ..            | 201,146 | ..  | ..     | ..  | ..  |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

- <sup>1</sup> **Prince Edward Island** Private law firm expenditures include only the amounts actually paid to private counsel. The administrative costs of processing applications retaining private counsel and processing private counsel accounts are not included in private law firm expenditures. A substantial part of these costs are included in staff direct expenditures.
- <sup>2</sup> **Nova Scotia** In 1993-94, Nova Scotia's method of collecting data was changed so that provincial offences are now shown separately and civil expenses contain civil and family costs only.
- <sup>3</sup> **New Brunswick** Mediation services are provided under domestic legal aid. Although they are not included here, landlord and tenant disputes are remedied under the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act, and New Brunswick also funds alternate dispute resolution mechanisms under various pieces of labour legislation.

**Table 7**  
**Legal Aid Personnel as of March 31<sup>st</sup>**

| Province/Territory and Year        | All Staff | Total   |     |             |     | Direct Legal Service Staff |         |     |             | Other Staff |       |         |    |             |     |     |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----|-------------|-----|----------------------------|---------|-----|-------------|-------------|-------|---------|----|-------------|-----|-----|
|                                    |           | Lawyers |     | Non-Lawyers |     | Total                      | Lawyers |     | Non-Lawyers |             | Total | Lawyers |    | Non-Lawyers |     |     |
|                                    |           |         | %   |             | %   |                            |         | %   |             | %           |       |         | %  |             | %   |     |
| Newfoundland                       | 1993-94   | 107     | 39  | 36          | 68  | 64                         | 39      | 39  | 100         | -           | -     | 68      | -  | -           | 68  | 100 |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 86      | 41  | 48          | 45  | 52                         | 41      | 41  | 100         | -           | -     | 45      | -  | -           | 45  | 100 |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 83      | 37  | 45          | 46  | 55                         | 45      | 37  | 82          | 8           | 18    | 38      | -  | -           | 38  | 100 |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 96      | 45  | 47          | 51  | 53                         | 45      | 45  | 100         | 8           | 18    | 38      | -  | -           | 38  | 100 |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 102     | 40  | 39          | 62  | 61                         | 62      | 40  | 65          | 22          | 35    | 40      | -  | -           | 40  | 100 |
| Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup>  | 1993-94   | 7       | 4   | 57          | 3   | 43                         | 4       | 4   | 100         | -           | -     | 3       | -  | -           | 3   | 100 |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 7       | 4   | 57          | 3   | 43                         | 4       | 4   | 100         | -           | -     | 3       | -  | -           | 3   | 100 |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 7       | 4   | 57          | 3   | 43                         | 4       | 4   | 100         | -           | -     | 3       | -  | -           | 3   | 100 |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 7       | 4   | 57          | 3   | 43                         | 4       | 4   | 100         | -           | -     | 3       | -  | -           | 3   | 100 |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 7       | 4   | 57          | 3   | 43                         | 4       | 4   | 100         | -           | -     | 3       | -  | -           | 3   | 100 |
| Nova Scotia <sup>2</sup>           | 1993-94   | 123     | 65  | 53          | 58  | 47                         | 67      | 65  | 97          | 2           | 3     | 56      | -  | -           | 56  | 100 |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 127     | 66  | 52          | 61  | 48                         | 69      | 66  | 96          | 3           | 4     | 58      | -  | -           | 58  | 100 |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 122     | 62  | 51          | 60  | 49                         | 65      | 62  | 95          | 3           | 5     | 57      | -  | -           | 57  | 100 |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 124     | 63  | 51          | 61  | 49                         | 62      | 62  | 100         | -           | -     | 62      | 1  | 2           | 61  | 98  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 119     | 66  | 55          | 53  | 45                         | 65      | 65  | 100         | -           | -     | 54      | 1  | 2           | 53  | 98  |
| New Brunswick <sup>3</sup>         | 1993-94   | 12      | 1   | 8           | 11  | 92                         | ...     | ... | ...         | ...         | ...   | 12      | 1  | 8           | 11  | 92  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 24      | 10  | 42          | 14  | 58                         | 11      | 9   | 82          | 2           | 18    | 13      | 1  | 8           | 12  | 92  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 23      | 9   | 39          | 14  | 61                         | 10      | 8   | 80          | 2           | 20    | 13      | 1  | 8           | 12  | 92  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 35      | 9   | 26          | 26  | 74                         | 23      | 8   | 35          | 15          | 65    | 12      | 1  | 8           | 11  | 92  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 35      | 9   | 26          | 26  | 74                         | 21      | 9   | 43          | 12          | 57    | 14      | -  | -           | 14  | 100 |
| Quebec <sup>4</sup>                | 1993-94   | 979     | 395 | 40          | 584 | 60                         | 405     | 364 | 90          | 41          | 10    | 574     | 31 | 5           | 543 | 95  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 992     | 394 | 40          | 598 | 60                         | 409     | 363 | 89          | 46          | 11    | 583     | 31 | 5           | 552 | 95  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 1,001   | 405 | 40          | 596 | 60                         | 424     | 379 | 89          | 45          | 11    | 577     | 26 | 5           | 551 | 95  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 963     | 389 | 40          | 574 | 60                         | 402     | 363 | 90          | 39          | 10    | 561     | 26 | 5           | 535 | 95  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 854     | 362 | 42          | 492 | 58                         | 349     | 333 | 95          | 16          | 5     | 505     | 29 | 6           | 476 | 94  |
| Ontario <sup>5</sup>               | 1993-94   | 1,041   | 301 | 29          | 740 | 71                         | 334     | 212 | 63          | 122         | 37    | 707     | 89 | 13          | 618 | 87  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 1,057   | 300 | 28          | 757 | 72                         | 338     | 214 | 63          | 124         | 37    | 719     | 86 | 12          | 633 | 88  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 911     | 304 | 33          | 607 | 67                         | 340     | 217 | 64          | 123         | 36    | 571     | 87 | 15          | 484 | 85  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 949     | 302 | 32          | 647 | 68                         | 329     | 213 | 65          | 116         | 35    | 620     | 89 | 14          | 531 | 86  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 958     | 308 | 32          | 650 | 68                         | 336     | 224 | 67          | 112         | 33    | 622     | 84 | 14          | 538 | 86  |
| Manitoba                           | 1993-94   | 106     | 40  | 38          | 66  | 62                         | 41      | 35  | 85          | 6           | 15    | 65      | 5  | 8           | 60  | 92  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 106     | 40  | 38          | 66  | 62                         | 41      | 35  | 85          | 6           | 15    | 65      | 5  | 8           | 60  | 92  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 119     | 47  | 39          | 72  | 61                         | 54      | 42  | 78          | 12          | 22    | 65      | 5  | 8           | 60  | 92  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 120     | 47  | 39          | 73  | 61                         | 55      | 42  | 76          | 13          | 24    | 65      | 5  | 8           | 60  | 92  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 129     | 47  | 36          | 82  | 64                         | 57      | 41  | 72          | 16          | 28    | 72      | 6  | 8           | 66  | 92  |
| Saskatchewan                       | 1993-94   | 125     | 58  | 46          | 67  | 54                         | 79      | 57  | 72          | 22          | 28    | 46      | 1  | 2           | 45  | 98  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 131     | 61  | 47          | 70  | 53                         | 82      | 60  | 73          | 22          | 27    | 49      | 1  | 2           | 48  | 98  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 131     | 61  | 47          | 70  | 53                         | 82      | 60  | 73          | 22          | 27    | 49      | 1  | 2           | 48  | 98  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 131     | 61  | 47          | 70  | 53                         | 82      | 60  | 73          | 22          | 27    | 49      | 1  | 2           | 48  | 98  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 132     | 61  | 46          | 71  | 54                         | 81      | 60  | 74          | 21          | 26    | 51      | 1  | 2           | 50  | 98  |
| Alberta                            | 1993-94   | 114     | 18  | 16          | 96  | 84                         | 15      | 15  | 100         | ...         | ...   | 99      | 3  | 3           | 96  | 97  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 128     | 23  | 18          | 105 | 82                         | 20      | 20  | 100         | ...         | ...   | 108     | 3  | 3           | 105 | 97  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 127     | 25  | 20          | 102 | 80                         | 22      | 22  | 100         | ...         | ...   | 105     | 3  | 3           | 102 | 97  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 122     | 24  | 20          | 98  | 80                         | 21      | 21  | 100         | ...         | ...   | 101     | 3  | 3           | 98  | 97  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 121     | 23  | 19          | 98  | 81                         | 20      | 20  | 100         | ...         | ...   | 101     | 3  | 3           | 98  | 97  |
| British Columbia                   | 1993-94   | 238     | 53  | 22          | 185 | 78                         | 130     | 39  | 30          | 91          | 70    | 108     | 14 | 13          | 94  | 87  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 316     | 83  | 26          | 233 | 74                         | 181     | 63  | 35          | 118         | 65    | 135     | 20 | 15          | 115 | 85  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 391     | 73  | 19          | 318 | 81                         | 195     | 67  | 34          | 128         | 66    | 196     | 6  | 3           | 190 | 97  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 344     | 84  | 24          | 260 | 76                         | 198     | 65  | 33          | 133         | 67    | 146     | 19 | 13          | 127 | 87  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 368     | 81  | 22          | 287 | 78                         | 187     | 77  | 41          | 110         | 59    | 181     | 4  | 2           | 177 | 98  |
| Northwest Territories <sup>6</sup> | 1993-94   | 38      | 7   | 18          | 31  | 82                         | 31      | 6   | 19          | 25          | 81    | 7       | 1  | 14          | 6   | 86  |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 39      | 8   | 21          | 31  | 79                         | 32      | 7   | 22          | 25          | 78    | 7       | 1  | 14          | 6   | 86  |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 40      | 9   | 23          | 31  | 78                         | 33      | 8   | 24          | 25          | 76    | 7       | 1  | 14          | 6   | 86  |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 34      | 8   | 24          | 26  | 76                         | 26      | 7   | 27          | 19          | 73    | 8       | 1  | 13          | 7   | 88  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 44      | 9   | 20          | 35  | 80                         | 29      | 8   | 28          | 21          | 72    | 15      | 1  | 7           | 14  | 93  |
| Yukon Territory <sup>7</sup>       | 1993-94   | 4       | -   | -           | 4   | 100                        | ...     | ... | ...         | ...         | ...   | 4       | -  | -           | 4   | 100 |
|                                    | 1994-95   | 10      | 4   | 40          | 6   | 60                         | 6       | 4   | 67          | 2           | 33    | 4       | -  | -           | 4   | 100 |
|                                    | 1995-96   | 5       | 2   | 40          | 3   | 60                         | 2       | 2   | 100         | ...         | ...   | 3       | -  | -           | 3   | 100 |
|                                    | 1996-97   | 7       | 4   | 57          | 3   | 43                         | 4       | 3   | 75          | 1           | 25    | 3       | 1  | 33          | 2   | 67  |
|                                    | 1997-98   | 9       | 5   | 56          | 4   | 44                         | 6       | 4   | 67          | 2           | 33    | 3       | 1  | 33          | 2   | 67  |

**Table 7**  
**Legal Aid Personnel as of March 31<sup>st</sup>**

| Province/Territory and Year | All Staff | Total   |       |             |       | Direct Legal Service Staff |         |             |    | Other Staff |         |             |     |   |       |    |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|----------------------------|---------|-------------|----|-------------|---------|-------------|-----|---|-------|----|
|                             |           | Lawyers |       | Non-Lawyers |       | Total                      | Lawyers | Non-Lawyers |    | Total       | Lawyers | Non-Lawyers |     |   |       |    |
|                             |           |         | %     |             | %     |                            |         |             | %  |             |         |             | %   |   |       |    |
| Canada                      | 1993-94   | 2,894   | 981   | 34          | 1,913 | 66                         | 1,145   | 836         | 73 | 309         | 27      | 1,749       | 145 | 8 | 1,604 | 92 |
|                             | 1994-95   | 3,023   | 1,034 | 34          | 1,989 | 66                         | 1,234   | 886         | 72 | 348         | 28      | 1,789       | 148 | 8 | 1,641 | 92 |
|                             | 1995-96   | 2,960   | 1,038 | 35          | 1,922 | 65                         | 1,276   | 908         | 71 | 368         | 29      | 1,684       | 130 | 8 | 1,554 | 92 |
|                             | 1996-97   | 2,932   | 1,040 | 35          | 1,892 | 65                         | 1,276   | 893         | 71 | 368         | 29      | 1,684       | 147 | 8 | 1,537 | 92 |
|                             | 1997-98   | 2,878   | 1,015 | 35          | 1,863 | 65                         | 1,217   | 885         | 73 | 332         | 27      | 1,661       | 130 | 8 | 1,531 | 92 |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

- <sup>1</sup> **Prince Edward Island** Clerical vacation relief and occasional office overload staff are not counted in this total. Payroll, accounting and other provincial government administrative staff are not counted.
- <sup>2</sup> **Nova Scotia** Direct legal service non-lawyer personnel consists of article clerks, prison liaison officers, community workers, administration (non-lawyers) and clerical support staff. "Other staff" include administration.
- <sup>3</sup> **New Brunswick** The personnel resources associated with providing various alternate dispute resolution mechanisms are not included in the totals in this table. Domestic legal aid staff are not included in the 1993-94 information. Data for non-lawyers prior to 1996-97 were understated.
- <sup>4</sup> **Quebec** Articling law students and para-legals assigned to client services are included as non-lawyers in "Direct Legal Service Staff". Managers who are lawyers with administrative tasks are included as lawyers in "Other Staff".
- <sup>5</sup> **Ontario** Includes community clinic staff:

|         | Lawyers | Para-legals | Support |
|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
| 1993-94 | 176     | 113         | 150     |
| 1994-95 | 178     | 115         | 152     |
| 1995-96 | 178     | 115         | 152     |
| 1996-97 | 173     | 111         | 148     |
| 1997-98 | 176     | 109         | 151     |
- <sup>6</sup> **Northwest Territories** Includes clinic staff for the Keewatin Legal Services Centre for Malliiganik Tukisiiniakvik, Mackenzie Court Workers, Kitikmeot Law Center, and Beaufort Delta Legal Services.
- <sup>7</sup> **Yukon Territory** Includes permanent part-time and casual employees.

**Table 8**  
**Bar Involvement in Legal Aid Service Delivery**

| Province/Territory and Year |         | Total Bar Member Count | Lawyers who Provided Legal Aid Services |            | Private Lawyers who Provided Legal Aid Services | Legal Aid Plan Lawyers |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|---|------------------------|
|                             |         |                        | Total                                   | Percentage |   |                        |
| %                           |         |                        |   |            |   |                        |
| Newfoundland <sup>1</sup>   | 1993-94 | 517                    | 228                                     | 44         | 189   | 39                     |
|                             | 1994-95 | 540                    | 247                                     | 46         | 206   | 41                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 630                    | 195                                     | 31         | 158   | 37                     |
|                             | 1996-97 | 553                    | 120                                     | 22         | 75  | 45                     |
|                             | 1997-98 | 576                    | 55                                      | 10         | 15  | 40                     |
| Prince Edward Island        | 1993-94 | 163                    | 33                                      | 20         | 29  | 4                      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 169                    | 38                                      | 22         | 34  | 4                      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 173                    | 24                                      | 14         | 20  | 4                      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 180                    | 38                                      | 21         | 34  | 4                      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 190                    | 36                                      | 19         | 32  | 4                      |
| Nova Scotia                 | 1993-94 | 1,382                  | 442                                     | 32         | 377   | 65                     |
|                             | 1994-95 | 1,402                  | ..                                      | ..         | ..  | 66                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 1,517                  | 401                                     | 26         | 339   | 62                     |
|                             | 1996-97 | 1,487                  | 376                                     | 25         | 313   | 63                     |
|                             | 1997-98 | 1,796                  | 380                                     | 21         | 314   | 66                     |
| New Brunswick <sup>2</sup>  | 1993-94 | 1,099                  | ..                                      | ..         | ..  | 1                      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 1,119                  | 215                                     | 19         | 205   | 10                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 1,117                  | 250                                     | 22         | 241   | 9                      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 1,172                  | 267                                     | 23         | 258   | 9                      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 1,239                  | 386                                     | 31         | 377 <sup>e</sup>                                | 9                      |
| Quebec <sup>3</sup>         | 1993-94 | 19,255                 | 4,447                                   | 23         | 4,052   | 395                    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 20,139                 | 4,559                                   | 23         | 4,165   | 394                    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 21,628                 | 4,594                                   | 21         | 4,189   | 405                    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 20,168                 | 4,405                                   | 22         | 4,016   | 389                    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 20,584                 | 3,744                                   | 18         | 3,382   | 362                    |
| Ontario <sup>4</sup>        | 1993-94 | 22,426                 | 6,103                                   | 27         | 5,802   | 301                    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 22,770                 | 6,565                                   | 29         | 6,265   | 300                    |
|                             | 1995-96 | 22,576                 | 6,485                                   | 29         | 6,181   | 304                    |
|                             | 1996-97 | 22,557                 | 6,028                                   | 27         | 5,726   | 302                    |
|                             | 1997-98 | 26,405                 | 5,319                                   | 20         | 5,011   | 308                    |
| Manitoba                    | 1993-94 | 1,612                  | 586                                     | 36         | 546   | 40                     |
|                             | 1994-95 | 2,020                  | 589                                     | 29         | 549   | 40                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 2,021                  | 586                                     | 29         | 539   | 47                     |
|                             | 1996-97 | 2,077                  | 581                                     | 28         | 534   | 47                     |
|                             | 1997-98 | 2,112                  | 541                                     | 26         | 494   | 47                     |
| Saskatchewan                | 1993-94 | 1,307                  | 220                                     | 17         | 162   | 58                     |
|                             | 1994-95 | 1,337                  | 163                                     | 12         | 102   | 61                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 1,355                  | 187                                     | 14         | 126   | 61                     |
|                             | 1996-97 | 1,386                  | 175                                     | 13         | 114   | 61                     |
|                             | 1997-98 | 1,420                  | 230                                     | 16         | 169   | 61                     |
| Alberta <sup>5</sup>        | 1993-94 | 5,917                  | 1,388                                   | 23         | 1,370   | 18                     |
|                             | 1994-95 | 6,577                  | 1,351                                   | 21         | 1,328   | 23                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 6,840                  | 1,247                                   | 18         | 1,222   | 25                     |
|                             | 1996-97 | 7,018                  | 2,001                                   | 29         | 1,977   | 24                     |
|                             | 1997-98 | 7,270                  | 1,395                                   | 19         | 1,372   | 23                     |
| British Columbia            | 1993-94 | 6,328                  | 2,037                                   | 32         | 1,984   | 53                     |
|                             | 1994-95 | 8,743                  | 2,083                                   | 24         | 2,000   | 83                     |
|                             | 1995-96 | 9,601                  | 1,994                                   | 21         | 1,921   | 73                     |
|                             | 1996-97 | 9,923                  | 1,907                                   | 19         | 1,823   | 84                     |
|                             | 1997-98 | 8,361                  | 1,743                                   | 21         | 1,662   | 81                     |

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| Province/Territory and Year |         | Total Bar Member Count | Lawyers who Provided Legal Aid Services |            | Private Lawyers who Provided Legal Aid Services | Legal Aid Plan Lawyers |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------|---|------------|---|------------------------|
|                             |         |                        | Total                                   | Percentage |   |                        |
| %                           |         |                        |   |            |   |                        |
| Northwest Territories       | 1993-94 | 263                    | 55                                      | 21         | 48  | 7                      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 320                    | 60                                      | 19         | 52  | 8                      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 329                    | 65                                      | 20         | 56  | 9                      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 328                    | 53                                      | 16         | 45  | 8                      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 380                    | 64                                      | 17         | 55  | 9                      |
| Yukon Territory             | 1993-94 | 174                    | 23                                      | 13         | 23  | -                      |
|                             | 1994-95 | 226                    | 27                                      | 12         | 23  | 4                      |
|                             | 1995-96 | 191                    | 25                                      | 13         | 23  | 2                      |
|                             | 1996-97 | 189                    | 14                                      | 7          | 10  | 4                      |
|                             | 1997-98 | 192                    | 29                                      | 15         | 24  | 5                      |
| Canada                      | 1993-94 | 60,443                 | 15,562                                  | 26         | 14,582  | 981                    |
|                             | 1994-95 | 65,362                 | 15,897                                  | 24         | 14,929  | 1,034                  |
|                             | 1995-96 | 67,978                 | 16,053                                  | 24         | 15,015  | 1,038                  |
|                             | 1996-97 | 67,038                 | 15,965                                  | 24         | 14,925  | 1,040                  |
|                             | 1997-98 | 70,525                 | 13,922                                  | 20         | 12,907  | 1,015                  |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

- <sup>1</sup> **Newfoundland** The decrease in the number of private lawyers providing legal aid services in 1996-97 and 1997-98 is partially the result of the establishment of a Conflict Office in 1996. The Conflict Office is staffed by lawyers paid by legal aid, but are technically separate from the legal aid offices.
- <sup>2</sup> **New Brunswick** Data for 1997-98 include active members of the private bar, who provided legal aid services on behalf of the Domestic Legal Aid Program as duty counsel or alternate solicitors. In addition to the total in 1996-97, 168 private bar lawyers acted as alternate solicitors under contract to the Department of Justice Domestic Legal Aid Program.
- <sup>3</sup> **Quebec** Data include lawyers and notaries. Data for 1996-97 do not include non-resident lawyers.
- <sup>4</sup> **Ontario** Lawyers providing duty counsel are excluded. Prior to 1997-98, the total bar member count for Ontario does not include lawyers employed by corporations. These lawyers are included in the 1997-98 data. Data for 1993-94 and 1996-97 do not include non-resident lawyers. Non-resident lawyers account for less than 1% of all active lawyers practising in Ontario.
- <sup>5</sup> **Alberta** Since September 1, 1994, staff lawyers (Calgary and Edmonton) provide duty counsel services. They also provide services to young persons.



**Table 9**  
**Total Legal Aid Applications<sup>1</sup>, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year        | Total Applications |                   | Criminal Matters |                   |                     | Civil Matters |                   |                     |    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|----|
|                                    | Total              | Percentage Change | Total            | Percentage Change | Percentage of total | Total         | Percentage change | Percentage of total |    |
|                                    |                    | %                 |                  | %                 | %                   |               | %                 | %                   |    |
| Newfoundland                       | 1993-94            | 14,947            | -10              | 8,359             | -9                  | 56            | 6,588             | -12                 | 44 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 16,039            | 7                | 8,972             | 7                   | 56            | 7,067             | 7                   | 44 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 16,485            | 3                | 9,276             | 3                   | 56            | 7,209             | 2                   | 44 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 18,097            | 10               | 10,151            | 9                   | 56            | 7,946             | 10                  | 44 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 15,648            | -14              | 9,069             | -11                 | 58            | 6,579             | -17                 | 42 |
| Nova Scotia                        | 1993-94            | 25,462            | -1               | 11,985            | --                  | 47            | 13,477            | -1                  | 53 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 25,025            | -2               | 11,891            | -1                  | 48            | 13,134            | -3                  | 52 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 23,263            | -7               | 11,491            | -3                  | 49            | 11,772            | -10                 | 51 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 21,661            | -7               | 11,649            | 1                   | 54            | 10,012            | -15                 | 46 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 20,684            | -5               | 11,499            | -1                  | 56            | 9,185             | -8                  | 44 |
| New Brunswick <sup>2</sup>         | 1993-94            | 2,996             | -65              | 2,808             | -27                 | 94            | 188               | -96                 | 6  |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 2,583             | -14              | 2,389             | -15                 | 92            | 194               | 3                   | 8  |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 2,440             | -6               | 2,292             | -4                  | 94            | 148               | -24                 | 6  |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 2,522             | 3                | 2,338             | 2                   | 93            | 184               | 24                  | 7  |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 5,454             | 116              | 2,436             | 4                   | 45            | 3,018             | 1,540               | 55 |
| Quebec                             | 1993-94            | 329,209           | -2               | 132,374           | -4                  | 40            | 196,835           | -                   | 60 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 331,240           | 1                | 126,635           | -4                  | 38            | 204,605           | 4                   | 62 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 331,043           | --               | 122,469           | -3                  | 37            | 208,574           | 2                   | 63 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 284,537           | -14              | 102,871           | -16                 | 36            | 181,666           | -13                 | 64 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 261,269           | -8               | 96,917            | -6                  | 37            | 164,352           | -10                 | 63 |
| Ontario                            | 1993-94            | 525,627           | -5               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  | .. |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 487,143           | -7               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  | .. |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 386,001           | -21              | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  | .. |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 307,315           | -20              | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  | .. |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 311,502           | 1                | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  | .. |
| Manitoba <sup>3</sup>              | 1993-94            | 34,436            | -1               | 20,111            | -2                  | 58            | 14,325            | --                  | 42 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 31,259            | -9               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  | .. |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 30,978            | -1               | 17,852            | ..                  | 58            | 13,126            | ..                  | 42 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 23,867            | -23              | 12,592            | -29                 | 53            | 11,275            | -14                 | 47 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 22,308            | -7               | 11,429            | -9                  | 51            | 10,879            | -4                  | 49 |
| Saskatchewan                       | 1993-94            | 23,516            | -2               | 16,774            | -4                  | 71            | 6,742             | 1                   | 29 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 24,049            | 2                | 17,110            | 2                   | 71            | 6,939             | 3                   | 29 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 23,186            | -4               | 16,885            | -1                  | 73            | 6,301             | -9                  | 27 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 23,027            | -1               | 16,560            | -2                  | 72            | 6,467             | 3                   | 28 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 23,618            | 3                | 17,662            | 7                   | 75            | 5,956             | -8                  | 25 |
| Alberta                            | 1993-94            | 42,040            | -4               | 30,591            | -7                  | 73            | 11,449            | 2                   | 27 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 36,334            | -14              | 26,599            | -13                 | 73            | 9,735             | -15                 | 27 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 34,971            | -4               | 25,352            | -5                  | 72            | 9,619             | -1                  | 28 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 35,659            | 2                | 25,076            | -1                  | 70            | 10,583            | 10                  | 30 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 35,713            | --               | 24,802            | -1                  | 69            | 10,911            | 3                   | 31 |
| British Columbia <sup>4</sup>      | 1993-94            | 126,606           | 1                | 54,901            | --                  | 43            | 71,705            | 1                   | 57 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 120,916           | -4               | 51,803            | -6                  | 43            | 69,113            | -4                  | 57 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 122,824           | 2                | 55,250            | 7                   | 45            | 67,574            | -2                  | 55 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 103,406           | -16              | 44,974            | -19                 | 43            | 58,432            | -14                 | 57 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 102,336           | -1               | 41,697            | -7                  | 41            | 60,639            | 4                   | 59 |
| Northwest Territories <sup>5</sup> | 1993-94            | 3,252             | -9               | 2,470             | -10                 | 76            | 782               | -5                  | 24 |
|                                    | 1994-95            | 3,311             | 2                | 2,410             | -2                  | 73            | 901               | 15                  | 27 |
|                                    | 1995-96            | 2,919             | -12              | 1,990             | -17                 | 68            | 929               | 3                   | 32 |
|                                    | 1996-97            | 2,889             | -1               | 1,972             | -1                  | 68            | 917               | -1                  | 32 |
|                                    | 1997-98            | 2,196             | -24              | 1,167             | -41                 | 53            | 1,029             | 12                  | 47 |

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**Total Legal Aid Applications<sup>1</sup>, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year  | Total Applications |                   | Criminal Matters |                   |                     | Civil Matters |                   |                     |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                              | Total              | Percentage Change | Total            | Percentage Change | Percentage of total | Total         | Percentage change | Percentage of total |
|                              |                    | %                 |                  | %                 | %                   |               | %                 | %                   |
| Yukon Territory <sup>6</sup> | 1993-94            | ..                | ..               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |
|                              | 1994-95            | ..                | ..               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |
|                              | 1995-96            | 1,467             | ..               | 1,117             | ..                  | 76            | 350               | 24                  |
|                              | 1996-97            | 1,471             | --               | 1,130             | 1                   | 77            | 341               | 23                  |
|                              | 1997-98            | 1,176             | -20              | 739               | -35                 | 63            | 437               | 37                  |
| Canada                       | 1993-94            | 1,128,091         | -4               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |
|                              | 1994-95            | 1,077,899         | -4               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |
|                              | 1995-96            | 975,577           | -9               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |
|                              | 1996-97            | 824,451           | -15              | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |
|                              | 1997-98            | 801,904           | -3               | ..                | ..                  | ..            | ..                | ..                  |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Additional Data Related to Table 9** The following data are for those jurisdictions who provided the number of applications for service for provincial/territorial matters (included in criminal matters in Table 9).

|                       | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Newfoundland          | 142     | 126     | 260     | 131     | 114     |
| Nova Scotia           | 224     | 174     | 153     | 105     | 121     |
| Quebec                | 17,274  | 14,371  | 15,181  | 10,815  | 8,227   |
| Saskatchewan          | 71      | 45      | 33      | 16      | 24      |
| Alberta               | 204     | 222     | 261     | 195     | 252     |
| Northwest Territories | ..      | 91      | 80      | 52      | 28      |

<sup>1</sup> **Applications** The data reflecting approved and refused applications reported in Tables 10 and 12 may not total the provincial and territorial count reported in Table 9 for two reasons. First, a decision to accept or reject an application may not occur in the time period the application is made. Typically most applications are filed and assessed within the same time period so the number carried into the next fiscal year is comparatively small. Second, the approved application counts in Tables 10 and 11 refer to full service applications only, unless otherwise specified in the Notes. The total application count, on the other hand, is the sum of applications approved for service, including full and summary service, and applications refused.

Prince Edward Island data are not reported in Tables 9 and 12, since only counts of approved applications are maintained.

<sup>2</sup> **New Brunswick** Civil applications figures for years prior to 1997-98 are incomplete. Since the Domestic Legal Aid Program administered by New Brunswick Justice does not require applications, the civil applications figure for New Brunswick in 1997-98 represents the number of domestic legal aid cases screened-in (or "accepted") by new Brunswick Justice, plus the applications for domestic cases made with Legal Aid New Brunswick. This fact should also be considered when reviewing the total applications data. New Brunswick offers alternate dispute resolution mechanisms for landlord and tenant disputes and disputes involving some labour legislation. The approval rates for civil matters do not consider any referrals, which may be made to these alternate means of remedying disputes.

<sup>3</sup> **Manitoba** The 23% decrease in total applications in 1996-97 is the result of clients beginning to receive direct help by full-service duty counsel in the courtroom rather than at legal aid offices. The decline in applications being processed in legal aid offices is responsible for the overall decline in recorded applications.

<sup>4</sup> **British Columbia** In 1996-97, British Columbia began implementation of a new Case Management System (CMS). Statistical data related to applications are reported from both the old and new systems for 1996-97. In 1997-98, approximately 95% of the branch and community offices had been converted to the new CMS. Data for approximately 5% of the offices were provided by the old CORE system. The new CMS enforces case definitions so that some types of cases with multiple issues are now reflected as only one case, as opposed to multiple cases, resulting in a lowering of the number of applications. Because of these difference in the two reporting systems, caution should be used when making comparisons with data prior to 1996-97.

<sup>5</sup> **Northwest Territories** Data refer to the number of persons applying for legal aid services. Duty counsel counts are included.

In 1997-98, the Northwest Territories began a practice known as "presumed eligibility", whereby persons appearing unrepresented at court are not required to apply for legal services. Since counts of presumed eligibility cases are not available, data for 1997-98 cannot be compared to previous years.

<sup>6</sup> **Yukon Territory** Due to a change in the information management system in 1993-94, the count of total applications was not available between 1993-94 and 1994-95. No distinction is made between summary and full service applications. All are counted as full service. Data include full service duty counsel. Prior to 1997-98, applications for duty counsel services for Judicial Interim Release Hearings were also included, and are therefore not comparable to subsequent years. Data exclude circuit court matters.

**Table 10**  
**Approved Legal Aid Applications, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year        | Total Approved Applications |                      |                           | Criminal Matters |                     |                      |                           | Civil Matters |                      |                      |                           |            |          |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|
|                                    | Total                       | Per-centage Change   | Rate per 1,000 Population | Total Criminal   | Per-centage Change  | Per-centage of total | Rate per 1,000 Population | Total Civil   | Per-centage Change   | Per-centage of Total | Rate per 1,000 Population | Population |          |
|                                    |                             | %                    |                           |                  | %                   | %                    |                           |               | %                    | %                    |                           | '000       |          |
| Newfoundland <sup>1</sup>          | 1993-94                     | 8,989                | -12                       | 15               | 6,323               | -3                   | 70                        | 11            | 2,666                | -27                  | 30                        | 5          | 582.8    |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 9,568                | 6                         | 17               | 6,594               | 4                    | 69                        | 11            | 2,974                | 12                   | 31                        | 5          | 578.7    |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 9,969                | 4                         | 17               | 7,095               | 8                    | 71                        | 12            | 2,874                | -3                   | 29                        | 5          | 573.5    |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 10,880               | 9                         | 19               | 7,823               | 10                   | 72                        | 14            | 3,057                | 6                    | 28                        | 5          | 567.5    |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 9,838                | -10                       | 18               | 7,173               | -8                   | 73                        | 13            | 2,665                | -13                  | 27                        | 5          | 559.0    |
| Prince Edward Island               | 1993-94                     | 1,274                | -5                        | 10               | 1,205               | -4                   | 95                        | 9             | 69                   | -23                  | 5                         | 1          | 133.2    |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 1,254                | -2                        | 9                | 1,165               | -3                   | 93                        | 9             | 89                   | 29                   | 7                         | 1          | 134.6    |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 1,103                | -12                       | 8                | 1,028               | -12                  | 93                        | 8             | 75                   | -16                  | 7                         | 1          | 135.9    |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 1,210                | 10                        | 9                | 1,134               | 10                   | 94                        | 8             | 76                   | 1                    | 6                         | 1          | 137.0    |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 1,274                | 5                         | 9                | 1,193               | 5                    | 94                        | 9             | 81                   | 7                    | 6                         | 1          | 137.2    |
| Nova Scotia                        | 1993-94                     | 19,411               | -3                        | 21               | 10,041              | -1                   | 52                        | 11            | 9,370                | -6                   | 48                        | 10         | 931.5    |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 19,484               | --                        | 21               | 10,160              | 1                    | 52                        | 11            | 9,324                | --                   | 48                        | 10         | 935.0    |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 18,067               | -7                        | 19               | 9,729               | -4                   | 54                        | 10            | 8,338                | -11                  | 46                        | 9          | 939.1    |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 16,529               | -9                        | 18               | 9,737               | --                   | 59                        | 10            | 6,792                | -19                  | 41                        | 7          | 943.8    |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 15,744               | -5                        | 17               | 9,718               | --                   | 62                        | 10            | 6,026                | -11                  | 38                        | 6          | 946.8    |
| New Brunswick <sup>2</sup>         | 1993-94                     | 2,215                | -31                       | 3                | 2,125               | -5                   | 96                        | 3             | 90                   | -91                  | 4                         | --         | 755.1    |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 1,576                | -29                       | 2                | 1,444               | -32                  | 92                        | 2             | 132                  | 47                   | 8                         | --         | 757.4    |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 1,550                | -2                        | 2                | 1,433               | -1                   | 92                        | 2             | 117                  | -11                  | 8                         | --         | 759.0    |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 1,629                | 5                         | 2                | 1,487               | 4                    | 91                        | 2             | 142                  | 21                   | 9                         | --         | 760.9    |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 3,932                | 141                       | 5                | 1,400               | -6                   | 36                        | 2             | 2,532                | 1,683                | 64                        | 3          | 760.9    |
| Quebec <sup>3</sup>                | 1993-94                     | 299,273              | -1                        | 41               | 125,487             | -3                   | 42                        | 17            | 173,786              | 1                    | 58                        | 24         | 7,257.8  |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 302,184              | 1                         | 41               | 119,723             | -5                   | 40                        | 16            | 182,461              | 5                    | 60                        | 25         | 7,312.3  |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 302,155              | --                        | 41               | 115,812             | -3                   | 38                        | 16            | 186,343              | 2                    | 62                        | 25         | 7,364.9  |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 240,178 <sup>f</sup> | -21 <sup>f</sup>          | 32               | 85,651 <sup>f</sup> | -26 <sup>f</sup>     | 36                        | 12            | 154,527 <sup>f</sup> | -17                  | 64                        | 21         | 7,408.7  |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 214,254              | -11                       | 29               | 77,071              | -10                  | 36                        | 10            | 137,183              | -11                  | 64                        | 18         | 7,438.6  |
| Ontario                            | 1993-94                     | 252,110              | -6                        | 23               | 107,442             | -7                   | 43                        | 10            | 144,668              | -5                   | 57                        | 13         | 10,852.7 |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 219,516              | -13                       | 20               | 91,235              | -15                  | 42                        | 8             | 128,281              | -11                  | 58                        | 12         | 11,013.6 |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 172,655              | -21                       | 15               | 73,464              | -19                  | 43                        | 7             | 99,191               | -23                  | 57                        | 9          | 11,172.5 |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 111,889              | -35                       | 10               | 51,347              | -30                  | 46                        | 5             | 60,542               | -39                  | 54                        | 5          | 11,316.1 |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 115,620              | 3                         | 10               | 54,890              | 7                    | 47                        | 5             | 60,730               | --                   | 53                        | 5          | 11,473.8 |
| Manitoba                           | 1993-94                     | 25,820               | -1                        | 23               | 15,065              | -1                   | 58                        | 13            | 10,755               | -1                   | 42                        | 10         | 1,121.5  |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 22,687               | -12                       | 20               | 12,477              | -17                  | 55                        | 11            | 10,210               | -5                   | 45                        | 9          | 1,127.4  |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 22,464               | -1                        | 20               | 12,583              | 1                    | 56                        | 11            | 9,881                | -3                   | 44                        | 9          | 1,132.7  |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 18,349               | -18                       | 16               | 9,283               | -26                  | 51                        | 8             | 9,066                | -8                   | 49                        | 8          | 1,138.7  |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 17,009               | -7                        | 15               | 7,959               | -14                  | 47                        | 7             | 9,050                | --                   | 53                        | 8          | 1,141.6  |
| Saskatchewan                       | 1993-94                     | 22,297               | -3                        | 22               | 16,013              | -4                   | 72                        | 16            | 6,284                | 1                    | 28                        | 6          | 1,007.6  |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 22,668               | 2                         | 22               | 16,184              | 1                    | 71                        | 16            | 6,484                | 3                    | 29                        | 6          | 1,010.5  |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 21,651               | -4                        | 21               | 15,832              | -2                   | 73                        | 16            | 5,819                | -10                  | 27                        | 6          | 1,014.0  |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 21,484 <sup>f</sup>  | -1                        | 21               | 15,515 <sup>f</sup> | -2                   | 72                        | 15            | 5,969 <sup>f</sup>   | -                    | 28                        | 6          | 1,019.4  |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 21,980               | 2                         | 22               | 16,550              | 7                    | 75                        | 16            | 5,430                | -9                   | 25                        | 5          | 1,021.5  |
| Alberta                            | 1993-94                     | 33,644               | -9                        | 13               | 25,606              | -8                   | 76                        | 10            | 8,038                | -11                  | 24                        | 3          | 2,687.5  |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 28,367               | -16                       | 10               | 21,964              | -14                  | 77                        | 8             | 6,403                | -20                  | 23                        | 2          | 2,719.3  |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 26,915               | -5                        | 10               | 20,463              | -7                   | 76                        | 7             | 6,452                | 1                    | 24                        | 2          | 2,756.4  |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 28,014               | 4                         | 10               | 20,853              | 2                    | 74                        | 7             | 7,161                | 11                   | 26                        | 3          | 2,799.4  |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 28,316               | 1                         | 10               | 20,646              | -1                   | 73                        | 7             | 7,670                | 7                    | 27                        | 3          | 2,859.8  |
| British Columbia <sup>4</sup>      | 1993-94                     | 72,570               | -2                        | 20               | 42,055              | -4                   | 58                        | 12            | 30,515               | 2                    | 42                        | 8          | 3,590.2  |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 70,158               | -3                        | 19               | 35,835              | -15                  | 51                        | 10            | 34,323               | 12                   | 49                        | 9          | 3,694.1  |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 61,881               | -12                       | 16               | ..                  | ..                   | ..                        | ..            | ..                   | ..                   | ..                        | ..         | 3,781.0  |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 56,018               | -9                        | 14               | 31,226              | ..                   | 56                        | 8             | 24,792               | ..                   | 44                        | 6          | 3,869.7  |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 51,871               | -7                        | 13               | 28,702              | -8                   | 55                        | 7             | 23,169               | -7                   | 45                        | 6          | 3,940.3  |
| Northwest Territories <sup>5</sup> | 1993-94                     | ..                   | ..                        | ..               | ..                  | ..                   | ..                        | ..            | ..                   | ..                   | ..                        | ..         | 63.9     |
|                                    | 1994-95                     | 2,584                | ..                        | 40               | 2,042               | ..                   | 79                        | 31            | 542                  | ..                   | 21                        | 8          | 65.2     |
|                                    | 1995-96                     | 2,854                | 10                        | 43               | 2,368               | 16                   | 83                        | 36            | 486                  | -10                  | 17                        | 7          | 66.2     |
|                                    | 1996-97                     | 2,007                | -30                       | 30               | 1,595               | -33                  | 79                        | 24            | 412                  | -15                  | 21                        | 6          | 66.9     |
|                                    | 1997-98                     | 1,321                | -34                       | 20               | 870                 | -45                  | 66                        | 13            | 451                  | 9                    | 34                        | 7          | 67.4     |

**Table 10**  
**Approved Legal Aid Applications, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year  | Total Approved Applications |                      |                           | Criminal Matters |                      |                      |                           | Civil Matters |                      |                      |                           | Population |          |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|
|                              | Total                       | Per-centage Change   | Rate per 1,000 Population | Total Criminal   | Per-centage Change   | Per-centage of total | Rate per 1,000 Population | Total Civil   | Per-centage Change   | Per-centage of Total | Rate per 1,000 Population |            |          |
|                              |                             | %                    |                           |                  | %                    | %                    |                           |               | %                    | %                    |                           | '000       |          |
| Yukon Territory <sup>6</sup> | 1993-94                     | 1,493                | -2                        | 49               | 1,117                | 4                    | 75                        | 37            | 376                  | -15                  | 25                        | 12         | 30.2     |
|                              | 1994-95                     | 1,255                | -16                       | 42               | 973                  | -13                  | 78                        | 33            | 282                  | -25                  | 22                        | 9          | 29.7     |
|                              | 1995-96                     | 1,478                | 18                        | 48               | 1,164                | 20                   | 79                        | 38            | 314                  | 11                   | 21                        | 10         | 30.9     |
|                              | 1996-97                     | 1,372                | -7                        | 44               | 1,079                | -7                   | 79                        | 34            | 293                  | -7                   | 21                        | 9          | 31.5     |
|                              | 1997-98                     | 1,045                | -24                       | 33               | 693                  | -36                  | 66                        | 22            | 352                  | 20                   | 34                        | 11         | 31.4     |
| Canada <sup>7</sup>          | 1993-94                     | 739,096              | -4                        | 25               | 352,479              | -5                   | 48                        | 12            | 386,617              | -2                   | 52                        | 13         | 29,013.8 |
|                              | 1994-95                     | 701,301              | -5                        | 24               | 319,796              | -9                   | 46                        | 11            | 381,505              | -1                   | 54                        | 13         | 29,377.7 |
|                              | 1995-96                     | 642,742              | -8                        | 22               | ..                   | ..                   | ..                        | ..            | ..                   | ..                   | ..                        | ..         | 29,726.2 |
|                              | 1996-97                     | 509,559 <sup>f</sup> | -21                       | 17               | 236,730 <sup>f</sup> | ..                   | ..                        | 8             | 272,829 <sup>f</sup> | ..                   | 54                        | 9          | 30,059.5 |
|                              | 1997-98                     | 482,204              | -5                        | 16               | 226,865              | -4                   | 47                        | 7             | 255,339              | -6                   | 53                        | 8          | 30,378.4 |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Additional Data Related to Table 10** The following data are for those jurisdictions who provided the number of approved applications for summary services (not included in Table 10).

|                  | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Nova Scotia      | 3,356   | 2,599   | 2,243   | 2,352   | 2,228   |
| New Brunswick    | ..      | ..      | ..      | ..      | 9,875   |
| Ontario          | 223,059 | 207,300 | 184,609 | 159,590 | 167,538 |
| Manitoba         | 19,997  | 20,990  | 20,188  | 21,917  | 19,421  |
| Saskatchewan     | 7,345   | 8,726   | 7,769   | 7,061   | 6,483   |
| British Columbia | ..      | ..      | 41,495  | 26,639  | 26,269  |

<sup>1</sup> **Newfoundland** Approved applications figures (total, criminal and civil, all years) for Newfoundland have been derived by subtracting the number of refused applications from the total applications for the fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> **New Brunswick** Civil applications figures (total and approved) for years prior to 1997-98 are incomplete. Application figures from 1993-94 to 1996-97 do not include domestic legal aid administered by the Department of Justice.

<sup>3</sup> **Quebec** Data do not include "conditional certificates", where some legal service had been provided, but the eligibility of the client had not yet been established, as at March 31st. The decrease in approved applications in 1996-97 was due to amendments made to the Legal Aid Act in mid-1996, introducing stricter coverage and eligibility criteria.

<sup>4</sup> **British Columbia** In 1996-97, British Columbia began implementation of a new Case Management System (CMS). Statistical data related to applications are reported from both the old and new systems for 1996-97. In 1997-98, approximately 95% of the branch and community offices had been converted to the new CMS. Data for approximately 5% of the offices were provided by the old CORE system. The new CMS enforces case definitions so that some types of cases with multiple issues are now reflected as only one case, as opposed to multiple cases, resulting in a lowering of the number of applications. Because of these difference in the two reporting systems, caution should be used when making comparisons with data prior to 1996-97.

<sup>5</sup> **Northwest Territories** In 1997-98, the Northwest Territories began a practice known as "presumed eligibility", whereby persons appearing unrepresented at court are not required to apply for legal services. Since counts of presumed eligibility cases are not available, data for 1997-98 cannot be compared to previous years.

<sup>6</sup> **Yukon** Territory All approved applications are counted at the full service level. From 1993-94 onwards, the figure provided is a count of the certificates issued. Because a certificate may be issued for more than one application, the reader is cautioned against adding together figures in Tables 10 and 12 for Yukon. Data include full service duty counsel. Prior to 1997-98, applications for duty counsel services for Judicial Interim Release Hearings were also included.

<sup>7</sup> **Canada** For civil cases, there is one matter per application. For criminal, there can be multiple charges per application and these can be handled separately (i.e., by different lawyers). There is no provision to use the most serious offence as the main offence, therefore there is a greater number of offences listed than of applications approved and assigned. The total number of individual approved requests is enumerated by certificate. If a matter related to the original application arises at a later date (including appeal), a new application is usually taken and a new certificate is issued. This number includes more than one certificate per application.

**Table 11**  
**Approved Legal Aid Applications, Staff and Private Lawyers, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year        | Total   | Total Approved Applications |                      |                 |                      | Total           | Criminal Matters                        |   |                 |                                       | Total           | Civil Matters        |                                       |                 |                     |     |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----|
|                                    |         | Staff Lawyers               |                      | Private Lawyers |                      |                 | Staff Lawyers                           |   | Private Lawyers |                                       |                 | Staff Lawyers        |                                       | Private Lawyers |                     |     |
|                                    |         | Number                      | Per-centage of total | Number          | Per-centage of total |                 | Percentage of approved criminal matters | Percentage of approved criminal matters | Number          | Per-centage of approved civil matters |                 | Number               | Per-centage of approved civil matters |                 |                     |     |
|                                    |         |                             | %                    | %               |                      |                 | %                                       | %                                       |                 |                                       | %               | %                    |                                       |                 |                     |     |
| Newfoundland <sup>1</sup>          | 1993-94 | 8,989                       | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | 6,323           | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | 2,666           | ..                   | ..                                    | ..              |                     |     |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 9,568                       | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | 6,594           | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | 2,974           | ..                   | ..                                    | ..              |                     |     |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 9,969                       | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | 7,095           | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | 2,874           | ..                   | ..                                    | ..              |                     |     |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 10,880                      | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | 7,823           | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | 3,057           | ..                   | ..                                    | ..              |                     |     |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 9,838                       | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | 7,173           | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | 2,665           | ..                   | ..                                    | ..              |                     |     |
| Prince Edward Island <sup>2</sup>  | 1993-94 | 1,274                       | 1,157 <sup>e</sup>   | 91 <sup>e</sup> | 117 <sup>e</sup>     | 9 <sup>e</sup>  | 1,205                                   | 1,097 <sup>e</sup>                      | 91 <sup>e</sup> | 108 <sup>e</sup>                      | 9 <sup>e</sup>  | 69                   | 60                                    | 87              | 9                   | 13  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 1,254                       | 1,146 <sup>e</sup>   | 91 <sup>e</sup> | 108 <sup>e</sup>     | 9 <sup>e</sup>  | 1,165                                   | 1,078 <sup>e</sup>                      | 93 <sup>e</sup> | 87 <sup>e</sup>                       | 7 <sup>e</sup>  | 89                   | 68                                    | 76              | 21                  | 24  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 1,103                       | 1,016 <sup>e</sup>   | 92 <sup>e</sup> | 87 <sup>e</sup>      | 8 <sup>e</sup>  | 1,028                                   | 954 <sup>e</sup>                        | 93 <sup>e</sup> | 74 <sup>e</sup>                       | 7 <sup>e</sup>  | 75                   | 62                                    | 83              | 13                  | 17  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 1,210                       | 991 <sup>e</sup>     | 82 <sup>e</sup> | 219 <sup>e</sup>     | 18 <sup>e</sup> | 1,134                                   | 940 <sup>e</sup>                        | 83 <sup>e</sup> | 194 <sup>e</sup>                      | 17 <sup>e</sup> | 76                   | 51                                    | 67              | 25                  | 33  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 1,274                       | 1,127 <sup>e</sup>   | 88 <sup>e</sup> | 147 <sup>e</sup>     | 12 <sup>e</sup> | 1,193                                   | 1,077 <sup>e</sup>                      | 90 <sup>e</sup> | 116 <sup>e</sup>                      | 10 <sup>e</sup> | 81                   | 50                                    | 62              | 31                  | 38  |
| Nova Scotia                        | 1993-94 | 19,411                      | 16,332               | 84              | 3,079                | 16              | 10,041                                  | 9,013                                   | 90              | 1,028                                 | 10              | 9,370                | 7,319                                 | 78              | 2,051               | 22  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 19,484                      | 15,899               | 82              | 3,585                | 18              | 10,160                                  | 8,988                                   | 88              | 1,172                                 | 12              | 9,324                | 6,911                                 | 74              | 2,413               | 26  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 18,067                      | 15,059               | 83              | 3,008                | 17              | 9,729                                   | 8,805                                   | 91              | 924                                   | 9               | 8,338                | 6,254                                 | 75              | 2,084               | 25  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 16,529                      | 14,129               | 85              | 2,400                | 15              | 9,737                                   | 8,932                                   | 92              | 805                                   | 8               | 6,792                | 5,197                                 | 77              | 1,595               | 23  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 15,744                      | 13,501               | 86              | 2,243                | 14              | 9,718                                   | 8,904                                   | 92              | 814                                   | 8               | 6,026                | 4,597                                 | 76              | 1,429               | 24  |
| New Brunswick <sup>3</sup>         | 1993-94 | 2,215                       | ...                  | ...             | 2,215                | 100             | 2,125                                   | ...                                     | ...             | 2,125                                 | 100             | 90                   | ...                                   | ...             | 90                  | 100 |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 1,576                       | ...                  | ...             | 1,576                | 100             | 1,444                                   | ...                                     | ...             | 1,444                                 | 100             | 132                  | ...                                   | ...             | 132                 | 100 |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 1,550                       | ...                  | ...             | 1,550                | 100             | 1,433                                   | ...                                     | ...             | 1,433                                 | 100             | 117                  | ...                                   | ...             | 117                 | 100 |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 1,629                       | ...                  | ...             | 1,629                | 100             | 1,487                                   | ...                                     | ...             | 1,487                                 | 100             | 142                  | ...                                   | ...             | 142                 | 100 |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 3,932                       | 1,183                | 30              | 2,749                | 70              | 1,400                                   | ...                                     | ...             | 1,400                                 | 100             | 2,532                | 1,183                                 | 47              | 1,349               | 53  |
| Quebec                             | 1993-94 | 299,273                     | 156,836              | 52              | 142,437              | 48              | 125,487                                 | 59,930                                  | 48              | 65,557                                | 52              | 173,786              | 96,906                                | 56              | 76,880              | 44  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 302,184                     | 157,244              | 52              | 144,940              | 48              | 119,723                                 | 55,980                                  | 47              | 63,743                                | 53              | 182,461              | 101,264                               | 55              | 81,197              | 45  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 302,155                     | 157,588              | 52              | 144,567              | 48              | 115,812                                 | 54,142                                  | 47              | 61,670                                | 53              | 186,343              | 103,446                               | 56              | 82,897              | 44  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 240,178 <sup>f</sup>        | 127,969 <sup>f</sup> | 53              | 112,209 <sup>f</sup> | 47              | 85,651 <sup>f</sup>                     | 39,684 <sup>f</sup>                     | 46              | 45,967 <sup>f</sup>                   | 54              | 154,527 <sup>f</sup> | 88,285 <sup>f</sup>                   | 57              | 66,242 <sup>f</sup> | 43  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 214,254                     | 105,836              | 49              | 108,418              | 51              | 77,071                                  | 29,325                                  | 38              | 47,746                                | 62              | 137,183              | 76,511                                | 56              | 60,672              | 44  |
| Ontario                            | 1993-94 | 252,110                     | 37,924               | 15              | 214,186              | 85              | 107,442                                 | ...                                     | ...             | 107,442                               | 100             | 144,668              | 37,924                                | 26              | 106,744             | 74  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 219,516                     | 36,056               | 16              | 183,460              | 84              | 91,235                                  | ...                                     | ...             | 91,235                                | 100             | 128,281              | 36,056                                | 28              | 92,225              | 72  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 172,655                     | 37,473               | 22              | 135,182              | 78              | 73,464                                  | ...                                     | ...             | 73,464                                | 100             | 99,191               | 37,473                                | 38              | 61,718              | 62  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 111,889                     | 37,097               | 33              | 74,792               | 67              | 51,347                                  | ...                                     | ...             | 51,347                                | 100             | 60,542               | 37,097                                | 61              | 23,445              | 39  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 115,620                     | 32,409               | 28              | 83,211               | 72              | 54,890                                  | ...                                     | ...             | 54,890                                | 100             | 60,730               | 32,409                                | 53              | 28,321              | 47  |
| Manitoba                           | 1993-94 | 25,820                      | 7,668                | 30              | 18,152               | 70              | 15,065                                  | 4,722                                   | 31              | 10,343                                | 69              | 10,755               | 2,946                                 | 27              | 7,809               | 73  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 22,687                      | 6,979                | 31              | 15,708               | 69              | 12,477                                  | 3,975                                   | 32              | 8,502                                 | 68              | 10,210               | 3,004                                 | 29              | 7,206               | 71  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 22,464                      | 6,907                | 31              | 15,557               | 69              | 12,583                                  | 3,848                                   | 31              | 8,735                                 | 69              | 9,881                | 3,059                                 | 31              | 6,822               | 69  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 18,349                      | 5,253                | 29              | 13,096               | 71              | 9,283                                   | 2,086                                   | 22              | 7,197                                 | 78              | 9,066                | 3,167                                 | 35              | 5,899               | 65  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 17,009                      | 4,664                | 27              | 12,345               | 73              | 7,959                                   | 1,550                                   | 19              | 6,409                                 | 81              | 9,050                | 3,114                                 | 34              | 5,936               | 66  |
| Saskatchewan                       | 1993-94 | 22,297                      | 21,905               | 98              | 392                  | 2               | 16,013                                  | 15,709                                  | 98              | 304                                   | 2               | 6,284                | 6,196                                 | 99              | 88                  | 1   |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 22,668                      | 22,336               | 99              | 332                  | 1               | 16,184                                  | 15,958                                  | 99              | 226                                   | 1               | 6,484                | 6,378                                 | 98              | 106                 | 2   |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 21,651                      | 21,310               | 98              | 341                  | 2               | 15,832                                  | 15,590                                  | 98              | 242                                   | 2               | 5,819                | 5,720                                 | 98              | 99                  | 2   |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 21,484 <sup>f</sup>         | 21,047 <sup>f</sup>  | 98              | 437                  | 2               | 15,515 <sup>f</sup>                     | 15,234 <sup>f</sup>                     | 98              | 281                                   | 2               | 5,969 <sup>f</sup>   | 5,813 <sup>f</sup>                    | 97              | 156                 | 3   |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 21,980                      | 20,789               | 95              | 1,191                | 5               | 16,550                                  | 16,247                                  | 98              | 303                                   | 2               | 5,430                | 4,542                                 | 84              | 888                 | 16  |
| Alberta                            | 1993-94 | 33,644                      | 1,694                | 5               | 31,950               | 95              | 25,606                                  | 1,418                                   | 6               | 24,188                                | 94              | 8,038                | 276                                   | 3               | 7,762               | 97  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 28,367                      | 3,138                | 11              | 25,229               | 89              | 21,964                                  | 2,965                                   | 13              | 18,999                                | 87              | 6,403                | 173                                   | 3               | 6,230               | 97  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 26,915                      | 2,717                | 10              | 24,198               | 90              | 20,463                                  | 2,584                                   | 13              | 17,879                                | 87              | 6,452                | 133                                   | 2               | 6,319               | 98  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 28,014                      | 2,846                | 10              | 25,168               | 90              | 20,853                                  | 2,731                                   | 13              | 18,122                                | 87              | 7,161                | 115                                   | 2               | 7,046               | 98  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 28,316                      | 2,915                | 10              | 25,401               | 90              | 20,646                                  | 2,845                                   | 14              | 17,801                                | 86              | 7,670                | 70                                    | 1               | 7,600               | 99  |
| British Columbia <sup>4</sup>      | 1993-94 | 72,570                      | 10,535               | 15              | 62,035               | 85              | 42,055                                  | 2,178                                   | 5               | 39,877                                | 95              | 30,515               | 8,357                                 | 27              | 22,158              | 73  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 70,158                      | 22,629               | 32              | 47,529               | 68              | 35,835                                  | 8,014                                   | 22              | 27,821                                | 78              | 34,323               | 14,615                                | 43              | 19,708              | 57  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 61,881                      | 12,967               | 21              | 48,914               | 79              | ...                                     | ...                                     | ...             | 30,203                                | ...             | ...                  | ...                                   | ...             | 18,711              | ... |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 56,018                      | 12,939               | 23              | 43,079               | 77              | 31,226                                  | 5,251                                   | 17              | 25,975                                | 83              | 24,792               | 7,688                                 | 31              | 17,104              | 69  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 51,871                      | 13,311               | 26              | 38,560               | 74              | 28,702                                  | 4,623                                   | 16              | 24,079                                | 84              | 23,169               | 8,688                                 | 37              | 14,481              | 63  |
| Northwest Territories <sup>5</sup> | 1993-94 | ..                          | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | ..              | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | ..              | ..                   | ..                                    | ..              | ..                  | ..  |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 2,584                       | 634                  | 25              | 1,950                | 75              | 2,042                                   | 625                                     | 31              | 1,417                                 | 69              | 542                  | 9                                     | 2               | 533                 | 98  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 2,854                       | 566                  | 20              | 2,288                | 80              | 2,368                                   | 547                                     | 23              | 1,821                                 | 77              | 486                  | 19                                    | 4               | 467                 | 96  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 2,007                       | 433                  | 22              | 1,574                | 78              | 1,595                                   | 430                                     | 27              | 1,165                                 | 73              | 412                  | 3                                     | 1               | 409                 | 99  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 1,321                       | 241                  | 18              | 1,080                | 82              | 870                                     | 234                                     | 27              | 636                                   | 73              | 451                  | 7                                     | 2               | 444                 | 98  |
| Yukon Territory <sup>6</sup>       | 1993-94 | 1,493                       | ...                  | ...             | 1,493                | 100             | 1,117                                   | ...                                     | ...             | 1,117                                 | 100             | 376                  | ...                                   | ...             | 376                 | 100 |
|                                    | 1994-95 | 1,255                       | 470                  | 37              | 785                  | 63              | 973                                     | 379                                     | 39              | 594                                   | 61              | 282                  | 91                                    | 32              | 191                 | 68  |
|                                    | 1995-96 | 1,478                       | 627                  | 42              | 851                  | 58              | 1,164                                   | 567                                     | 49              | 597                                   | 51              | 314                  | 60                                    | 19              | 254                 | 81  |
|                                    | 1996-97 | 1,372                       | 828                  | 60              | 544                  | 40              | 1,079                                   | 698                                     | 65              | 381                                   | 35              | 293                  | 130                                   | 44              | 163                 | 56  |
|                                    | 1997-98 | 1,045                       | 702                  | 67              | 343                  | 33              | 693                                     | 504                                     | 73              | 189                                   | 27              | 352                  | 198                                   | 56              | 154                 | 44  |

**Table 11**  
**Approved Legal Aid Applications, Staff and Private Lawyers, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year | Total   | Total Approved Applications |                      |                 |                      | Total | Criminal Matters                        |   |                 |                                       | Total | Civil Matters |                                       |                 |    |    |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|---|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                             |         | Staff Lawyers               |                      | Private Lawyers |                      |       | Staff Lawyers                           |   | Private Lawyers |                                       |       | Staff Lawyers |                                       | Private Lawyers |    |    |
|                             |         | Number                      | Per-centage of total | Number          | Per-centage of total |       | Percentage of approved criminal matters | Percentage of approved criminal matters | Number          | Per-centage of approved civil matters |       | Number        | Per-centage of approved civil matters |                 |    |    |
|                             |         |                             | %                    | %               |                      | %     | %                                       |   | %               | %                                     |       | %             |                                       |                 |    |    |
| Canada                      | 1993-94 | 739,096                     | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | ..    | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | ..    | ..            | ..                                    | ..              | .. | .. |
|                             | 1994-95 | 701,301                     | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | ..    | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | ..    | ..            | ..                                    | ..              | .. | .. |
|                             | 1995-96 | 642,742                     | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | ..    | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | ..    | ..            | ..                                    | ..              | .. | .. |
|                             | 1996-97 | 509,559 <sup>f</sup>        | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | ..    | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | ..    | ..            | ..                                    | ..              | .. | .. |
|                             | 1997-98 | 482,204                     | ..                   | ..              | ..                   | ..    | ..                                      | ..                                      | ..              | ..                                    | ..    | ..            | ..                                    | ..              | .. | .. |
|                             |         |                             |                      |                 |                      |       |   |   |                 |                                       |       |               |                                       |                 |    |    |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Additional Data Related to Table 11** The following data are for those jurisdictions who provided the number of approved applications for young persons (included in criminal matters in Table 11).

|                      | 1993-94       |                 | 1994-95       |                 | 1995-96       |                 | 1996-97       |                 | 1997-98       |                 |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                      | Staff Lawyers | Private Lawyers | Staff Lawyers | Private Lawyers | Staff Lawyers | Private Lawyers | Staff Lawyers | Private Lawyers | Staff Lawyers | Private Lawyers |
| Prince Edward Island | 336           | -               | 296           | -               | 267           | -               | 248           | -               | 251           | 20              |
| Nova Scotia          | 1,985         | 197             | 2,311         | 346             | 2,473         | 284             | 2,226         | 173             | 2,056         | 181             |
| Quebec               | 7,899         | 4,207           | 7,276         | 4,880           | 7,814         | 4,967           | 6,917         | 4,967           | 6,564         | 6,368           |
| Manitoba             | 1,426         | 2,029           | 1,471         | 1,760           | 1,510         | 1,668           | 521           | 1,289           | 267           | 1,219           |
| Saskatchewan         | 3,588         | 35              | 3,937         | 24              | 3,979         | 42              | 3,842         | 56              | 4,330         | 61              |
| Alberta              | -             | 6,733           | -             | 4,391           | -             | 3,898           | 2,731         | 4,117           | 2,845         | 3,844           |
| Yukon                | -             | 215             | -             | 147             | -             | 158             | -             | 62              | 147           | 31              |

<sup>1</sup> **Newfoundland** Approved applications figures (total, criminal and civil, all years) for Newfoundland have been derived by subtracting the number of refused applications from the total applications for the fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> **Prince Edward Island** Approved applications by staff and private lawyers are estimated. Estimates are based on the proportion of criminal and civil matters handled by staff and private lawyers. The proportions have been rounded for presentation purposes.

<sup>3</sup> **New Brunswick** Civil applications figures for years prior to 1997-98 are incomplete.

<sup>4</sup> **British Columbia** In 1996-97, British Columbia began implementation of a new Case Management System (CMS). Statistical data related to applications are reported from both the old and new systems for 1996-97. In 1997-98, approximately 95% of the branch and community offices had been converted to the new CMS. Data for approximately 5% of the offices were provided by the old CORE system. The new CMS enforces case definitions so that some types of cases with multiple issues are now reflected as only one case, as opposed to multiple cases, resulting in a lowering of the number of applications. Because of these difference in the two reporting systems, caution should be used when making comparisons with data prior to 1996-97.

<sup>5</sup> **Northwest Territories** In 1997-98, the Northwest Territories began a practice known as "presumed eligibility", whereby persons appearing unrepresented at court are not required to apply for legal services. Since counts of presumed eligibility cases are not available, data for 1997-98 cannot be compared to previous years.

<sup>6</sup> **Yukon Territory** Data include full service duty counsel. Prior to 1997-98, applications for duty counsel services for Judicial Interim Release Hearings were also included. Data excludes circuit court matters.

**Table 12**  
**Refused Legal Aid Applications<sup>1</sup>, Criminal and Civil Matters, Reasons**

| Province/Territory and Year   |         | Total   | Total Refused |     |         |    | Total  | Financial Ineligibility |    |        |    | Total  | Other Reasons |    |        |    |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|-----|---------|----|--------|-------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|---------------|----|--------|----|
|                               |         |         | Criminal      |     | Civil   |    |        | Criminal                |    | Civil  |    |        | Criminal      |    | Civil  |    |
|                               |         |         |               | %   |         | %  |        |                         | %  |        | %  |        |               | %  |        | %  |
| Newfoundland <sup>2</sup>     | 1993-94 | 5,958   | 2,036         | 34  | 3,922   | 66 | 943    | 450                     | 48 | 493    | 52 | 5,015  | 1,586         | 32 | 3,429  | 68 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 6,471   | 2,378         | 37  | 4,093   | 63 | 896    | 406                     | 45 | 490    | 55 | 5,575  | 1,972         | 35 | 3,603  | 65 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 6,516   | 2,181         | 33  | 4,335   | 67 | 767    | 347                     | 45 | 420    | 55 | 5,749  | 1,834         | 32 | 3,915  | 68 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 7,217   | 2,328         | 32  | 4,889   | 68 | 917    | 386                     | 42 | 531    | 58 | 6,300  | 1,942         | 31 | 4,358  | 69 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 5,810   | 1,896         | 33  | 3,914   | 67 | 800    | 289                     | 36 | 511    | 64 | 5,010  | 1,607         | 32 | 3,403  | 68 |
| Nova Scotia                   | 1993-94 | 2,695   | 1,019         | 38  | 1,676   | 62 | 1,406  | 413                     | 29 | 993    | 71 | 1,289  | 606           | 47 | 683    | 53 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 2,674   | 867           | 32  | 1,807   | 68 | 1,352  | 352                     | 26 | 1,000  | 74 | 1,322  | 515           | 39 | 807    | 61 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 2,576   | 842           | 33  | 1,734   | 67 | 1,223  | 274                     | 22 | 949    | 78 | 1,353  | 568           | 42 | 785    | 58 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 2,375   | 898           | 38  | 1,477   | 62 | 971    | 274                     | 28 | 697    | 72 | 1,404  | 624           | 44 | 780    | 56 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 2,312   | 877           | 38  | 1,435   | 62 | 961    | 315                     | 33 | 646    | 67 | 1,351  | 562           | 42 | 789    | 58 |
| New Brunswick <sup>3</sup>    | 1993-94 | 978     | 905           | 93  | 73      | 7  | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1994-95 | 1,007   | 945           | 94  | 62      | 6  | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1995-96 | 890     | 859           | 97  | 31      | 3  | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1996-97 | 893     | 851           | 95  | 42      | 5  | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1997-98 | 784     | 784           | 100 | ..      | .. | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
| Quebec <sup>4</sup>           | 1993-94 | 29,936  | 6,887         | 23  | 23,049  | 77 | 21,459 | 5,126                   | 24 | 16,333 | 76 | 8,477  | 1,761         | 21 | 6,716  | 79 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 29,056  | 6,912         | 24  | 22,144  | 76 | 19,793 | 4,651                   | 23 | 15,142 | 77 | 9,263  | 2,261         | 24 | 7,002  | 76 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 28,888  | 6,657         | 23  | 22,231  | 77 | 20,269 | 4,686                   | 23 | 15,583 | 77 | 8,619  | 1,971         | 23 | 6,648  | 77 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 42,859  | 16,095        | 38  | 26,764  | 62 | 18,346 | 4,328                   | 24 | 14,018 | 76 | 24,513 | 11,767        | 48 | 12,746 | 52 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 43,324  | 17,009        | 39  | 26,315  | 61 | 18,541 | 7,048                   | 38 | 11,493 | 62 | 24,783 | 9,961         | 40 | 14,822 | 60 |
| Ontario <sup>5</sup>          | 1993-94 | 50,458  | 22,211        | 44  | 28,247  | 56 | 8,255  | 2,757                   | 33 | 5,498  | 67 | 42,203 | 19,454        | 46 | 22,749 | 54 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 60,327  | 29,570        | 49  | 30,757  | 51 | 7,728  | 2,616                   | 34 | 5,112  | 66 | 52,599 | 26,954        | 51 | 25,645 | 49 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 54,111  | 27,745        | 51  | 26,366  | 49 | 7,047  | 2,560                   | 36 | 4,487  | 64 | 47,064 | 25,185        | 54 | 21,879 | 46 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 35,836  | 20,995        | 59  | 14,841  | 41 | 3,463  | 2,153                   | 62 | 1,310  | 38 | 32,373 | 18,842        | 58 | 13,531 | 42 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 28,911  | 18,971        | 66  | 9,940   | 34 | 5,387  | 3,535                   | 66 | 1,852  | 34 | 23,524 | 15,436        | 66 | 8,088  | 34 |
| Manitoba                      | 1993-94 | 8,616   | 5,027         | 58  | 3,589   | 42 | 1,081  | 568                     | 53 | 513    | 47 | 7,535  | 4,459         | 59 | 3,076  | 41 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 8,263   | 4,655         | 56  | 3,608   | 44 | 965    | 466                     | 48 | 499    | 52 | 7,298  | 4,189         | 57 | 3,109  | 43 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 5,565   | 3,007         | 54  | 2,558   | 46 | 846    | 406                     | 48 | 440    | 52 | 4,719  | 2,601         | 55 | 2,118  | 45 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 3,077   | 1,397         | 45  | 1,680   | 55 | 480    | 176                     | 37 | 304    | 63 | 2,597  | 1,221         | 47 | 1,376  | 53 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 3,061   | 1,292         | 42  | 1,769   | 58 | 307    | 83                      | 27 | 224    | 73 | 2,754  | 1,209         | 44 | 1,545  | 56 |
| Saskatchewan                  | 1993-94 | 1,219   | 761           | 62  | 458     | 38 | 870    | 535                     | 61 | 335    | 39 | 349    | 226           | 65 | 123    | 35 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 1,381   | 926           | 67  | 455     | 33 | 960    | 671                     | 70 | 289    | 30 | 421    | 255           | 61 | 166    | 39 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 1,535   | 1,053         | 69  | 482     | 31 | 1,045  | 723                     | 69 | 322    | 31 | 490    | 330           | 67 | 160    | 33 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 1,543   | 1,045         | 68  | 498     | 32 | 1,112  | 769                     | 69 | 343    | 31 | 431    | 276           | 64 | 155    | 36 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 1,638   | 1,112         | 68  | 526     | 32 | 1,192  | 848                     | 71 | 344    | 29 | 446    | 264           | 59 | 182    | 41 |
| Alberta                       | 1993-94 | 8,659   | 5,244         | 61  | 3,415   | 39 | 3,866  | 2,639                   | 68 | 1,227  | 32 | 4,793  | 2,605         | 54 | 2,188  | 46 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 7,967   | 4,635         | 58  | 3,332   | 42 | 3,234  | 2,133                   | 66 | 1,101  | 34 | 4,733  | 2,502         | 53 | 2,231  | 47 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 8,067   | 4,900         | 61  | 3,167   | 39 | 2,758  | 1,786                   | 65 | 972    | 35 | 5,309  | 3,114         | 59 | 2,195  | 41 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 7,645   | 4,223         | 55  | 3,422   | 45 | 3,200  | 2,024                   | 63 | 1,176  | 37 | 4,445  | 2,199         | 49 | 2,246  | 51 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 7,397   | 4,156         | 56  | 3,241   | 44 | 3,141  | 1,937                   | 62 | 1,204  | 38 | 4,256  | 2,219         | 52 | 2,037  | 48 |
| British Columbia <sup>6</sup> | 1993-94 | 54,036  | 12,846        | 24  | 41,190  | 76 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1994-95 | 50,758  | 15,968        | 31  | 34,790  | 69 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1995-96 | 60,826  | 18,695        | 31  | 42,131  | 69 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1996-97 | 47,252  | 13,603        | 29  | 33,649  | 71 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1997-98 | 32,411  | 12,995        | 40  | 19,416  | 60 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
| Northwest Territories         | 1993-94 | 481     | 283           | 59  | 198     | 41 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1994-95 | 641     | 339           | 53  | 302     | 47 | 128    | 43                      | 34 | 85     | 66 | 513    | 296           | 58 | 217    | 42 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 877     | 481           | 55  | 396     | 45 | 107    | 40                      | 37 | 67     | 63 | 770    | 441           | 57 | 329    | 43 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 776     | 321           | 41  | 455     | 59 | 113    | 51                      | 45 | 62     | 55 | 663    | 270           | 41 | 393    | 59 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 674     | ..            | ..  | ..      | .. | 100    | 32                      | 32 | 68     | 68 | 573    | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
| Yukon Territory <sup>7</sup>  | 1993-94 | 234     | 122           | 52  | 112     | 48 | 159    | 75                      | 47 | 84     | 53 | 75     | 47            | 63 | 28     | 37 |
|                               | 1994-95 | 158     | 94            | 59  | 64      | 41 | 105    | 60                      | 57 | 45     | 43 | 53     | 34            | 64 | 19     | 36 |
|                               | 1995-96 | 172     | 81            | 47  | 91      | 53 | 117    | 54                      | 46 | 63     | 54 | 55     | 27            | 49 | 28     | 51 |
|                               | 1996-97 | 125     | 53            | 42  | 72      | 58 | 69     | 34                      | 49 | 35     | 51 | 56     | 19            | 34 | 37     | 66 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 130     | 45            | 35  | 85      | 65 | 71     | 29                      | 41 | 42     | 59 | 59     | 16            | 27 | 43     | 73 |
| Canada <sup>8</sup>           | 1993-94 | 163,270 | 57,341        | 35  | 105,929 | 65 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1994-95 | 168,703 | 67,289        | 40  | 101,414 | 60 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1995-96 | 170,023 | 66,501        | 39  | 103,522 | 61 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1996-97 | 149,598 | 61,809        | 41  | 87,789  | 59 | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |
|                               | 1997-98 | 126,452 | ..            | ..  | ..      | .. | ..     | ..                      | .. | ..     | .. | ..     | ..            | .. | ..     | .. |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

<sup>1</sup> Refused applications Plans screen applicants to some degree before an application is filed. For this reason, the refused application count does not include those who are denied services before they file an application. Prince Edward Island is not included in Table 12. Only counts of approved applications are maintained.

<sup>2</sup> Newfoundland Summary services are included.

<sup>3</sup> New Brunswick Civil summary services are included. Figures do not include applications from domestic legal aid administered by the New Brunswick Department of Justice.

<sup>4</sup> Quebec The increase in refused applications in 1996-97 was due to amendments made to the Legal Aid Act in mid-1996, introducing stricter coverage and eligibility criteria.

<sup>5</sup> Ontario Community clinics, which deal with civil as well as adult and youth criminal matters, are excluded.

<sup>6</sup> British Columbia In 1996-97, British Columbia began implementation of a new Case Management System (CMS). Statistical data related to applications are reported from both the old and new systems for 1996-97. In 1997-98, approximately 95% of the branch and community offices had been converted to the new CMS. Data for approximately 5% of the offices were provided by the old CORE system. The new CMS enforces case definitions so that some types of cases with multiple issues are now reflected as only one case, as opposed to multiple cases, resulting in a lowering of the number of applications. Because of these difference in the two reporting systems, caution should be used when making comparisons with data prior to 1996-97.

<sup>7</sup> Yukon Territory Data exclude circuit court matters.

<sup>8</sup> Canada Criminal and civil subtotals exclude Prince Edward Island in all years.

**Table 13**  
**Duty Counsel Services, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year   |         | Total   | Criminal Matters |     |        | Civil Matters |  |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|-----|--------|---------------|--|
|                               |         | No.     | No.              | %   | No.    | %             |  |
| Newfoundland                  | 1993-94 | 3,586   | 3,575            | 100 | 11     | --            |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 4,304   | 4,294            | 100 | 10     | --            |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 4,858   | 4,855            | 100 | 3      | --            |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 4,652   | 4,646            | 100 | 6      | --            |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 3,983   | 3,980            | 100 | 3      | --            |  |
| Nova Scotia                   | 1995-96 | 287     | 285              | 99  | 2      | 1             |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 311     | 301              | 97  | 10     | 3             |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 141     | 134              | 95  | 7      | 5             |  |
| New Brunswick <sup>1</sup>    | 1993-94 | 19,094  | 17,543           | 92  | 1,551  | 8             |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 17,970  | 16,486           | 92  | 1,484  | 8             |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 17,018  | 15,386           | 90  | 1,632  | 10            |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 17,016  | 15,818           | 93  | 1,198  | 7             |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 17,059  | 15,809           | 93  | 1,250  | 7             |  |
| Ontario <sup>2</sup>          | 1993-94 | 395,686 | 324,136          | 82  | 71,550 | 18            |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 455,455 | 368,904          | 81  | 86,551 | 19            |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 493,798 | 408,749          | 83  | 85,049 | 17            |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 579,500 | 487,230          | 84  | 92,270 | 16            |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 581,028 | 491,974          | 85  | 89,054 | 15            |  |
| Manitoba                      | 1993-94 | 30,452  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 35,483  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 34,468  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 43,506  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 45,182  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
| Saskatchewan <sup>3</sup>     | 1993-94 | 5,514   | 5,235            | 95  | 279    | 5             |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 7,158   | 6,768            | 95  | 390    | 5             |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 7,818   | 7,458            | 95  | 360    | 5             |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 7,999   | 7,694            | 96  | 305    | 4             |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 8,671   | 8,340            | 96  | 331    | 4             |  |
| Alberta <sup>4</sup>          | 1993-94 | 49,729  | 49,376           | 99  | 353    | 1             |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 48,396  | 48,027           | 99  | 369    | 1             |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 49,738  | 49,433           | 99  | 305    | 1             |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 47,496  | 47,227           | 99  | 269    | 1             |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 54,692  | 54,410           | 99  | 282    | 1             |  |
| British Columbia <sup>5</sup> | 1993-94 | 59,657  | 54,081           | 91  | 5,576  | 9             |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | ..      | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 70,989  | 60,478           | 85  | 10,511 | 15            |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 75,114  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 75,499  | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
| Yukon Territory <sup>6</sup>  | 1993-94 | 208     | 156              | 75  | 52     | 25            |  |
|                               | 1994-95 | 208     | 156              | 75  | 52     | 25            |  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 379     | 327              | 86  | 52     | 14            |  |
|                               | 1996-97 | ..      | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |
|                               | 1997-98 | ..      | ..               | ..  | ..     | ..            |  |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Prince Edward Island** Since 1991, there has been no duty counsel system as defined by the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Brydges* case. The services of staff counsel are available during regular office hours. Staff lawyers may, at their discretion, take calls after hours but are unpaid. Legal services may be provided at a court, but only to financially eligible persons. Services provided at a court are counted as full service applications, even if all of the service is provided on the date of application (i.e., where the case is completed by a plea and sentence or other disposition in a single appearance).

**Quebec** Data on duty counsel are not available.

**Northwest Territories** Circuit and duty counsel serve approved full service applicants, and are counted in Tables 9, 10 and 11, and others attending court, but no record is kept of these others assisted.

<sup>1</sup> **New Brunswick** All persons helped are counted. Due to data collection problems in 1995-96, the number of civil duty counsel services is understated. In 1997-98 and 1996-97 civil duty counsel includes services to clients under the Department of Justice's Domestic Legal Aid Program.

<sup>2</sup> **Ontario** Civil duty counsel is provided in family court. Duty counsel is provided in provincial court, but not in circuit court. Criminal duty counsel figures include salaried duty counsel for all years.

<sup>3</sup> **Saskatchewan** Does not include circuit court cases, which are included in the count for full service applications assigned to staff lawyers. After hours legal service is provided through a private law firm.

<sup>4</sup> **Alberta** Includes duty counsel provided for mental health review panels.

<sup>5</sup> **British Columbia** The duty counsel report forms do not permit an accurate differentiation of civil and criminal duty counsel services and does not differentiate adult and youth criminal duty counsel accurately.

<sup>6</sup> **Yukon Territory** Prior to 1996-97, duty counsel figures reflects the number of days in Whitehorse only. Days on circuit court outside Whitehorse are excluded. In 1997-98 and 1996-97, duty counsel services were available on all days court was sitting in Whitehorse. Duty counsel provided services for show cause hearings on 445 occasions in 1997-98, and 508 occasions in 1996-97.



**Table 14**  
**Appeals<sup>1</sup>, Approved and Refused for Legal Aid Services, Criminal and Civil Matters**

| Province/Territory and Year   | Total   | Total Appeals    |       |               |       | Total | Approved         |     |               |       | Total | Refused          |     |               |     |     |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|------------------|-----|---------------|-------|-------|------------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----|
|                               |         | Criminal Matters |       | Civil Matters |       |       | Criminal Matters |     | Civil Matters |       |       | Criminal Matters |     | Civil Matters |     |     |
|                               |         | No.              | %     | No.           | %     |       | No.              | %   | No.           | %     |       | No.              | %   | No.           | %   |     |
| Quebec                        | 1994-95 | 5,112            | 562   | 11            | 4,550 | 89    | 4,521            | 381 | 8             | 4,140 | 92    | 591              | 181 | 31            | 410 | 69  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 6,468            | 670   | 10            | 5,798 | 90    | 5,746            | 453 | 8             | 5,293 | 92    | 722              | 217 | 30            | 505 | 70  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 1,678            | 684   | 41            | 994   | 59    | 901              | 418 | 46            | 483   | 54    | 777              | 266 | 34            | 511 | 66  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 1,502            | 577   | 38            | 925   | 62    | 941              | 374 | 40            | 567   | 60    | 561              | 203 | 36            | 358 | 64  |
|                               | 1993-94 | 4,585            | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | 3,324            | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 1,261            | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
| Ontario                       | 1994-95 | 3,783            | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | 2,729            | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 1,054            | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 2,836            | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | 1,633            | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 1,203            | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 1,706            | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | 541              | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | 1,165            | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 1,764            | 1,157 | 66            | 607   | 34    | 723              | 474 | 66            | 249   | 34    | 1,041            | 683 | 66            | 358 | 34  |
|                               | 1993-94 | 15               | 15    | 100           | ..    | ..    | 13               | 13  | 100           | ..    | ..    | 2                | 2   | 100           | ..  | ..  |
| Saskatchewan                  | 1994-95 | 31               | 31    | 100           | ..    | ..    | 31               | 31  | 100           | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 31               | 31    | 100           | ..    | ..    | 29               | 29  | 100           | ..    | ..    | 2                | 2   | 100           | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 31               | 31    | 100           | ..    | ..    | 25               | 25  | 100           | ..    | ..    | 6                | 6   | 100           | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 19               | 16    | 84            | 3     | 16    | 19               | 16  | 84            | 3     | 16    | -                | -   | -             | -   | -   |
|                               | 1993-94 | 1,231            | 1,034 | 84            | 197   | 16    | 888              | 691 | 78            | 197   | 22    | 343              | 343 | 100           | -   | -   |
| Alberta                       | 1994-95 | 1,073            | 816   | 76            | 257   | 24    | 725              | 551 | 76            | 174   | 24    | 348              | 265 | 76            | 83  | 24  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 918              | 693   | 75            | 225   | 25    | 576              | 427 | 74            | 149   | 26    | 342              | 266 | 78            | 76  | 22  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 857              | 692   | 81            | 165   | 19    | 617              | 454 | 74            | 163   | 26    | 240              | 238 | 99            | 2   | 1   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 860              | 687   | 80            | 173   | 20    | 554              | 381 | 69            | 173   | 31    | 306              | 306 | 100           | -   | -   |
|                               | 1993-94 | 1,951            | 985   | 50            | 966   | 50    | 1,136            | 541 | 48            | 595   | 52    | 815              | 444 | 54            | 371 | 46  |
| British Columbia <sup>2</sup> | 1994-95 | ..               | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 1,845            | 884   | 48            | 961   | 52    | 828              | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 1,734            | 796   | 46            | 938   | 54    | 1,020            | 368 | 36            | 652   | 64    | 739              | 428 | 58            | 311 | 42  |
|                               | 1997-98 | 1,836            | 898   | 49            | 938   | 51    | 1,041            | 418 | 40            | 623   | 60    | 795              | 480 | 60            | 315 | 40  |
|                               | 1993-94 | 61               | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
| Northwest Territories         | 1994-95 | 89               | 86    | 97            | 3     | 3     | 55               | 54  | 98            | 1     | 2     | 34               | 32  | 94            | 2   | 6   |
|                               | 1995-96 | 46               | 46    | 100           | -     | -     | ..               | ..  | ..            | -     | -     | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 89               | 89    | 100           | -     | -     | 58               | 58  | 100           | -     | -     | 31               | 31  | 100           | -   | -   |
|                               | 1997-98 | 53               | 53    | 100           | -     | -     | 29               | 29  | 100           | -     | -     | 24               | 24  | 100           | -   | -   |
|                               | 1993-94 | 20               | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
| Yukon Territory               | 1994-95 | 25               | ..    | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1995-96 | 16               | 14    | 88            | 2     | 13    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..    | ..    | ..               | ..  | ..            | ..  | ..  |
|                               | 1996-97 | 7                | 5     | 71            | 2     | 29    | 6                | 5   | 83            | 1     | 17    | 1                | -   | -             | 1   | 100 |
|                               | 1997-98 | 21               | 15    | 71            | 6     | 29    | 15               | 12  | 80            | 3     | 20    | 6                | 3   | 50            | 3   | 50  |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Newfoundland** There were 6 applications for appeals in Newfoundland in 1997-98. Data on appeals that were approved or refused are not available.

**Prince Edward Island** Only counts of approved appeals are maintained.

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| 1993-94 | 20 |
| 1994-95 | 16 |
| 1995-96 | 8  |
| 1996-97 | 12 |
| 1997-98 | 5  |

**Nova Scotia** Since 1996-97, Nova Scotia has required lawyers to maintain records of approved appeals. No record is maintained for refused appeal cases. In 1997-98, there were 29 criminal matter appeals approved for service and 13 civil matters. In 1996-97, the respective number of approved appeal cases were 21 criminal, and 9 civil.

**New Brunswick** In 1993-94 there were 22 approved appeals.

**Manitoba** Only counts of approved criminal and civil appeals are maintained.

|         | Total | Criminal | Civil |
|---------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1993-94 | 267   | 192      | 75    |
| 1994-95 | 242   | 172      | 70    |
| 1995-96 | 212   | 148      | 64    |
| 1996-97 | 229   | 177      | 52    |
| 1997-98 | 216   | 169      | 47    |

<sup>1</sup> **Appeals** Appeal refers to an appeal of a lower court or administrative tribunal decision, not an appeal of a refused application. Each dossier is counted in spite of the fact that the matter may have been dealt with by the legal aid plan in the past.

<sup>2</sup> **British Columbia** Civil matter refusals include those who receive summary services.

**Table 15**  
**Incoming Civil Legal Aid Dossiers Processed Under the Interprovincial Reciprocity Agreement**

| (To)                          | Province/Territory and Year | (From) |       |        |      |      |     |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|--------|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
|                               |                             | Total  | NFLD. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QC. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALB. | B.C. | N.T. | YUK. | Outside Canada |
| Newfoundland                  | 1993-94                     | 4      | ...   | -      | -    | 1    | -   | 2    | -    | -     | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 4      | ...   | -      | -    | 1    | -   | 2    | -    | -     | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 7      | ...   | -      | -    | 2    | -   | 3    | -    | -     | 2    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 4      | ...   | -      | -    | 1    | -   | 2    | -    | -     | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 5      | ...   | -      | -    | 1    | -   | 2    | 1    | -     | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
| Prince Edward Island          | 1993-94                     | 3      | 1     | ...    | -    | -    | -   | 1    | -    | -     | -    | 1    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 13     | -     | ...    | 4    | 1    | 1   | 4    | -    | -     | -    | 3    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 5      | 1     | ...    | -    | 1    | 2   | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 5      | -     | ...    | -    | 1    | -   | -    | -    | 1     | 1    | 2    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 6      | 1     | ...    | 4    | -    | -   | 1    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
| Nova Scotia                   | 1993-94                     | 150    | 12    | -      | ...  | 4    | 10  | 77   | 9    | 2     | 14   | 21   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 131    | 10    | 1      | ...  | 3    | 2   | 74   | 2    | 2     | 12   | 24   | -    | -    | 1              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 116    | 15    | 1      | ...  | 13   | 7   | 44   | 3    | 1     | 9    | 22   | -    | -    | 1              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 93     | 8     | 1      | ...  | 8    | 11  | 24   | 2    | 1     | 11   | 25   | 1    | 1    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 60     | 5     | 3      | ...  | 7    | 6   | 17   | 2    | 1     | 11   | 8    | -    | -    | -              |
| New Brunswick <sup>1</sup>    | 1993-94                     | 1      | -     | -      | -    | ...  | 1   | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 5      | -     | -      | 3    | ...  | 1   | -    | -    | -     | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 1      | -     | -      | -    | ...  | 1   | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 31     | 2     | -      | 5    | ...  | 9   | 6    | -    | -     | 3    | 6    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 35     | 1     | -      | 9    | ...  | 5   | 11   | 2    | 3     | 3    | 1    | -    | -    | -              |
| Quebec                        | 1993-94                     | 340    | 2     | -      | 2    | 6    | ... | 286  | 5    | 1     | 13   | 25   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 334    | 1     | -      | 5    | 14   | ... | 258  | 2    | 1     | 6    | 47   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 330    | 3     | 2      | 8    | 11   | ... | 256  | 4    | 2     | 8    | 35   | -    | 1    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 149    | -     | -      | 8    | 6    | ... | 90   | 6    | -     | 6    | 33   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 124    | 5     | -      | 9    | 12   | ... | 65   | 4    | 1     | 6    | 21   | -    | -    | 1              |
| Ontario                       | 1993-94                     | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1994-95                     | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1995-96                     | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1996-97                     | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 206    | 8     | 1      | 21   | 6    | 42  | ...  | 24   | 5     | 33   | 51   | 1    | -    | 14             |
| Manitoba                      | 1993-94                     | 265    | -     | -      | 3    | 2    | 6   | 78   | ...  | 46    | 59   | 68   | 1    | 1    | 1              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 227    | -     | -      | 3    | 1    | 6   | 66   | ...  | 33    | 40   | 72   | 3    | 1    | 2              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 223    | 2     | 1      | 5    | 1    | 3   | 56   | ...  | 38    | 42   | 68   | 4    | -    | 3              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 137    | 2     | -      | -    | -    | 3   | 26   | ...  | 23    | 28   | 54   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 84     | -     | -      | -    | 1    | 1   | 13   | ...  | 23    | 28   | 18   | -    | -    | -              |
| Saskatchewan                  | 1993-94                     | 128    | -     | -      | 2    | -    | -   | 1    | 21   | ...   | 53   | 51   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 136    | 2     | -      | -    | -    | -   | 13   | 22   | ...   | 47   | 51   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 120    | -     | -      | 4    | 1    | -   | 13   | 23   | ...   | 43   | 33   | 3    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 94     | -     | -      | -    | -    | 2   | 4    | 23   | ...   | 33   | 31   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 92     | -     | -      | 2    | 1    | 2   | 1    | 24   | ...   | 36   | 25   | 1    | -    | -              |
| Alberta                       | 1993-94                     | 561    | 4     | -      | 10   | 2    | 11  | 111  | 48   | 58    | ...  | 306  | 4    | 6    | 1              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 658    | 13    | -      | 22   | -    | 14  | 168  | 51   | 62    | ...  | 319  | 5    | 4    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 478    | 7     | -      | 9    | 4    | 18  | 72   | 42   | 61    | ...  | 254  | 8    | 3    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 358    | 4     | -      | 6    | 2    | 6   | 25   | 35   | 59    | ...  | 213  | 1    | 7    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 373    | 7     | -      | 11   | 3    | 8   | 27   | 32   | 73    | ...  | 208  | 4    | -    | -              |
| British Columbia <sup>2</sup> | 1993-94                     | 346    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 392    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1995-96                     | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 238    | 3     | -      | 10   | -    | 15  | 38   | 25   | 32    | 105  | ...  | -    | 4    | 6              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 262    | 4     | -      | 11   | 2    | 17  | 37   | 25   | 49    | 100  | ...  | 6    | 11   | -              |

**Table 15**  
**Incoming Civil Legal Aid Dossiers Processed Under the Interprovincial Reciprocity Agreement**

| (To)                  |         | (From) |       |        |      |      |     |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |                   |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------|--------|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
|                       |         | Total  | NFLD. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QC. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALB. | B.C. | N.T. | YUK. | Outside<br>Canada |
| Northwest Territories | 1993-94 | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..                |
|                       | 1994-95 | 24     | ..    | ..     | 1    | ..   | 2   | 6    | 2    | 2     | 7    | 3    | ..   | 1    | ..                |
|                       | 1995-96 | 23     | 1     | ..     | 1    | ..   | ..  | 3    | 1    | 1     | 9    | 5    | ..   | 2    | ..                |
|                       | 1996-97 | 16     | ..    | ..     | 2    | ..   | 1   | 2    | 1    | 1     | 4    | 4    | ..   | 1    | ..                |
|                       | 1997-98 | ..     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..                |
| Yukon Territory       | 1993-94 | 20     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | 1    | 2    | ..    | 2    | 14   | 1    | ..   | ..                |
|                       | 1994-95 | 7      | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | 2    | 5    | ..   | ..   | ..                |
|                       | 1995-96 | 9      | -     | -      | -    | -    | -   | 2    | 1    | -     | 1    | 5    | -    | ..   | -                 |
|                       | 1996-97 | 12     | -     | -      | -    | -    | -   | -    | 1    | -     | 2    | 8    | 1    | ..   | -                 |
|                       | 1997-98 | 13     | -     | -      | 1    | 1    | -   | -    | 1    | -     | 1    | 8    | 1    | ..   | -                 |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

<sup>1</sup> **New Brunswick** Prior to 1996-97, New Brunswick data did not include cases under domestic legal aid administered by the Department of Justice.

<sup>2</sup> **British Columbia** Data for 1996-97 are drawn from the new computerized information system that was introduced gradually during this period. The data therefore, are incomplete and must be regarded as an approximation.

**Table 16**  
**Outgoing Civil Legal Aid Dossiers Processed Under the Interprovincial Reciprocity Agreement**

| (From)                        | Province/Territory and Year | (To)  |       |        |      |      |     |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
|                               |                             | Total | NFLD. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QC. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALB. | B.C. | N.T. | YUK. | Outside Canada |
| Newfoundland                  | 1993-94                     | 4     | ...   | -      | 1    | 1    | -   | 1    | 1    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 5     | ...   | -      | 1    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 5     | ...   | -      | 1    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 5     | ...   | -      | -    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1    | 1     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 5     | ...   | -      | 1    | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
| Prince Edward Island          | 1993-94                     | -     | -     | ...    | -    | -    | -   | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 5     | -     | ...    | 1    | -    | -   | 3    | -    | -     | -    | 1    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 1     | -     | ...    | 1    | -    | -   | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 4     | -     | ...    | 1    | -    | 2   | -    | 1    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 4     | -     | ...    | 3    | -    | -   | 1    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -              |
| Nova Scotia                   | 1993-94                     | 134   | 22    | 1      | ...  | 4    | 5   | 69   | 4    | 1     | 11   | 15   | 1    | -    | 1              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 141   | 12    | 4      | ...  | 13   | 3   | 76   | 2    | 3     | 15   | 11   | 2    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 130   | 14    | -      | ...  | 9    | 8   | 70   | 2    | 4     | 9    | 12   | 1    | 1    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 88    | 6     | 1      | ...  | 5    | 9   | 38   | 6    | -     | 9    | 12   | 2    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 99    | 11    | 4      | ...  | 8    | 11  | 41   | 1    | 2     | 12   | 8    | -    | 1    | -              |
| New Brunswick <sup>1</sup>    | 1993-94                     | -     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 1     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | 1    | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 31    | 2     | 1      | 6    | ..   | 5   | 12   | -    | 1     | 3    | 1    | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 38    | 2     | -      | 7    | ..   | 13  | 10   | -    | -     | 4    | 2    | -    | -    | -              |
| Quebec                        | 1993-94                     | 214   | 3     | -      | 7    | 10   | ... | 152  | 5    | 1     | 13   | 21   | 1    | -    | 1              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 238   | 3     | 1      | 2    | 10   | ... | 171  | 7    | -     | 17   | 24   | 3    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 227   | 2     | -      | 8    | 15   | ... | 155  | 2    | -     | 11   | 34   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 184   | 3     | -      | 12   | 10   | ... | 122  | 4    | 2     | 11   | 18   | 2    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 144   | 1     | -      | 6    | 5    | ... | 100  | 4    | 2     | 7    | 18   | -    | 1    | -              |
| Ontario                       | 1993-94                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1994-95                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1995-96                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1996-97                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 139   | 12    | 1      | 11   | 4    | 54  | ...  | 13   | -     | 20   | 24   | -    | -    | -              |
| Manitoba                      | 1993-94                     | 201   | -     | 1      | 9    | 3    | 4   | 72   | ...  | 25    | 39   | 40   | 4    | 1    | 3              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 172   | -     | -      | 2    | 2    | 3   | 59   | ...  | 16    | 40   | 40   | 4    | -    | 6              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 140   | -     | 1      | 2    | 2    | 4   | 39   | ...  | 25    | 31   | 31   | 2    | -    | 3              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 116   | -     | -      | -    | -    | 5   | 32   | ...  | 17    | 29   | 30   | -    | 1    | 2              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 68    | 1     | -      | 1    | 2    | -   | 23   | ...  | 12    | 19   | 9    | 1    | -    | -              |
| Saskatchewan                  | 1993-94                     | 180   | 1     | -      | 1    | 1    | -   | 25   | 39   | ...   | 79   | 33   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 164   | 1     | -      | 1    | -    | 1   | 13   | 35   | ...   | 69   | 43   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 163   | -     | -      | -    | -    | 2   | 11   | 36   | ...   | 73   | 40   | 1    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 128   | -     | 1      | 1    | -    | 2   | 7    | 26   | ...   | 64   | 27   | -    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 132   | 1     | 1      | -    | 2    | 1   | 4    | 28   | ...   | 66   | 28   | 1    | -    | -              |
| Alberta                       | 1993-94                     | 393   | 4     | 1      | 10   | 2    | 13  | 80   | 58   | 66    | ...  | 149  | 5    | 5    | -              |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 372   | 4     | -      | 9    | -    | 5   | 103  | 52   | 49    | ...  | 141  | 9    | -    | -              |
|                               | 1995-96                     | 296   | 3     | -      | 7    | 3    | 16  | 56   | 38   | 43    | ...  | 118  | 9    | 3    | -              |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 224   | 6     | -      | 7    | 2    | 6   | 26   | 26   | 37    | ...  | 108  | 5    | 1    | -              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 268   | 2     | -      | 12   | 4    | 7   | 46   | 42   | 46    | ...  | 101  | 4    | 4    | -              |
| British Columbia <sup>2</sup> | 1993-94                     | 329   | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1994-95                     | 397   | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1995-96                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             |
|                               | 1996-97                     | 529   | 8     | -      | 19   | 8    | 33  | 122  | 63   | 40    | 223  | ...  | -    | 5    | 8              |
|                               | 1997-98                     | 553   | 10    | 1      | 10   | 4    | 22  | 128  | 48   | 48    | 265  | ...  | 12   | 5    | -              |

**Table 16**  
**Outgoing Civil Legal Aid Dossiers Processed Under the Interprovincial Reciprocity Agreement**

| (From)                | Province/Territory and Year | (To)  |       |        |      |      |     |      |      |       |      |      |      | Outside Canada |      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|----------------|------|
|                       |                             | Total | NFLD. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | QC. | ONT. | MAN. | SASK. | ALB. | B.C. | N.T. |                | YUK. |
| Northwest Territories | 1993-94                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             | ..   |
|                       | 1994-95                     | 6     | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | 3    | 1    | ..    | 1    | 1    | ..   | ..             | ..   |
|                       | 1995-96                     | 17    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | 5    | 2    | 2     | 3    | 3    | ..   | 2              | ..   |
|                       | 1996-97                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             | ..   |
|                       | 1997-98                     | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..             | ..   |
| Yukon Territory       | 1993-94                     | 19    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | 2    | 1    | ..    | 7    | 7    | 2    | ..             | ..   |
|                       | 1994-95                     | 11    | ..    | ..     | ..   | ..   | ..  | 2    | ..   | ..    | 1    | 6    | 2    | ..             | ..   |
|                       | 1995-96                     | 12    | -     | -      | -    | -    | 2   | 2    | -    | -     | 2    | 5    | 1    | ..             | -    |
|                       | 1996-97                     | 15    | -     | -      | 1    | -    | 1   | 1    | -    | -     | 7    | 5    | -    | ..             | -    |
|                       | 1997-98                     | 12    | -     | -      | -    | -    | -   | 1    | -    | -     | 3    | 7    | 1    | ..             | -    |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

<sup>1</sup> **New Brunswick** Prior to 1996-97, New Brunswick data did not include cases under domestic legal aid administered by the Department of Justice.

<sup>2</sup> **British Columbia** Data for 1996-97 are drawn from the new computerized information system that was introduced gradually during this period. The data therefore, are incomplete and must be regarded as an approximation.

**Table 17**  
**Federal Contributions<sup>1</sup> to Civil Legal Aid**

| Province                      | Year          |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
|                               | 1985-86       | 1986-87       | 1987-88       | 1988-89       | 1989-90       | 1990-91       | 1991-92       | 1992-93       | 1993-94       | 1994-95       | 1995-96 |
|                               | \$'000        |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |
| Newfoundland                  | -             | 1,426         | 426           | 547           | 798           | 840           | 1,078         | 1,077         | 1,129         | 1,517         | 1,119   |
| Nova Scotia                   | 751           | 835           | 1,349         | 1,577         | 1,398         | 1,963         | 2,519         | 2,759         | 2,832         | 2,674         | 2,757   |
| New Brunswick                 | 75            | 106           | 104           | 56            | 45            | 73            | 97            | 64            | 37            | 10            | -       |
| Quebec                        | 19,482        | 17,989        | 18,248        | 21,986        | 25,168        | 31,130        | 30,994        | 29,652        | 33,403        | 34,601        | 38,625  |
| Ontario <sup>2</sup>          | 7,581         | 9,900         | 11,908        | 12,687        | 17,207        | 19,400        | 17,800        | 16,400        | 15,900        | 21,800        | 18,300  |
| Manitoba                      | 922           | 1,095         | 1,219         | 1,409         | 1,730         | 1,834         | 2,051         | 2,288         | 2,126         | 2,209         | 1,919   |
| Saskatchewan                  | 603           | 848           | 1,255         | 591           | 765           | 1,151         | 1,160         | 887           | 1,138         | 1,261         | ...     |
| British Columbia <sup>3</sup> | 3,598         | 3,220         | 4,716         | 4,815         | 6,369         | 9,800         | 14,800        | 22,100        | 24,000        | 21,240        | ...     |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>33,012</b> | <b>35,420</b> | <b>39,225</b> | <b>43,668</b> | <b>53,480</b> | <b>66,191</b> | <b>70,499</b> | <b>75,227</b> | <b>80,565</b> | <b>85,312</b> | ...     |

Source: Legal Aid Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Canada Assistance Plan** In 1980, Health and Welfare (now Human Resources Development Canada) formally began sharing the cost of civil legal aid with the provinces and territories under the Canada Assistance Plan. On April 1, 1996, the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST), in essence replaced the Canada Assistance Plan, still providing federal funding for a number of social programs, including civil legal aid. The new block-transfer allows the provinces more flexibility in their own funding priorities. Since the provinces are now responsible for the allocation of monies received from the transfer, the federal government no longer directly contributes to the cost of civil legal aid. Table 17 has been maintained for comparison and historical purposes.

<sup>1</sup> **Federal Contributions** Federal payments to all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia for the 1995-96 fiscal year were reported by Human Resources Development Canada as at March 3, 1997.

<sup>2</sup> **Ontario** Commencing 1989-90, a 5% ceiling for all programs entitled to assistance under the Canada Assistance Plan was imposed under the Government Expenditures Restraint Act. Expenditures since 1990-91 reflect the actual provincial allocation towards legal aid from the total federal monies contributed as reported in the Ontario Public Accounts.

<sup>3</sup> **British Columbia** Commencing 1989-90, a 5% ceiling for all programs entitled to assistance under the Canada Assistance Plan was imposed under the Government Expenditures Restraint Act. Data for British Columbia are provided by the provincial government and represent the expenditures claimed by the province in order to reach the 5% ceiling. In 1995-96 no claim for legal aid was made since the ceiling figure was reached without it. Note that in British Columbia, the monies received from the Canada Assistance Plan are not distributed back to the programs for which claims are made; rather the monies remain in a provincial consolidated fund.

## Glossary

**Accrual basis accounting** refers to the recognition of revenues in the period in which they are earned and the deduction of expenses incurred in generating these revenues.

**Active bar members** include the total number of lawyers certified and insured to practise in the jurisdiction.

**Adult** refers to persons 18 years of age and older.

**Appeal** refers to an appeal of a lower court or administrative tribunal decision, not an appeal of a refused application. Each dossier is counted in spite of the fact that the matter may have been dealt with by the plan in the past.

An **application** refers to a formal request, evidenced in writing, whereby a person applies to a legal aid office for assistance. When aggregated, the total number of applications reflects the number of individual requests for summary and full service assistance, rather than the total number of persons seeking assistance. Formal requests for assistance are recorded on the intake document used by the legal aid office. Related legal matters enumerated at the time of contact with the office are included on one application, regardless of the requirement for a court appearance. If a matter related to that on the original application arises at a later date (other than appeal), a new application is not filed. Separate applications are counted for criminal and civil matters. The total number of applications reported for the fiscal year include all such applications filed during that time, irrespective of when the application was approved or rejected. The count excludes requests for duty counsel services.

**Approved application for full service** refers to an application for legal assistance which is granted legal aid as described in a certificate, referral, or any other authorization denoting that the applicant is entitled to legal services. Once an application is approved for full service, it is not subsequently counted as a summary service although in some cases, relatively little service may be required to fulfil the request. This count measures the number of units of service rather than the number of persons assisted, and is mutually exclusive of all summary service and duty counsel services.

**Approved application for summary services** refers to the provision of legal advice, information, or any other type of minimal legal service to an individual during a formal interview. It can include simple legal tasks such as making a telephone call or drafting a letter on behalf of a client. Excluded are inquiries made at the "front desk" of the legal aid office or telephone ("hot-line") inquiries. Summary services are provided to individuals in two circumstances: a written request has been submitted at the office, or a verbal request has been made. Only written requests are included in the count. No file (dossier) is opened for the client provided summary services. This count excludes the application which requested extensive legal assistance (full service) but received summary service upon refusal. Also excluded are the applications originally approved for full service but subsequently rendered summary services. Verbal requests for assistance are excluded from this count. The count measures the number of units of service provided rather than the number of persons assisted, and is mutually exclusive of both the approved full service application and duty counsel counts.

**Cash basis accounting** - when revenues are not recorded until received in cash and expenses are assigned to the period in which cash payment is made.

**Central administrative expenditures** include monies spent on head office functions and on offices that do not employ staff to advise and represent clients.

**Civil contributions** refer to monies provided by Human Resources Development Canada as part of the cost-sharing agreement for legal services in civil legal aid matters under the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP), which terminated on March 31, 1996. The federal government no longer directly funds civil legal aid; instead it allows the provinces more flexibility in their own funding priorities through the new Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST).

**Civil duty counsel** refers to services in civil matters that may additionally be provided at locations other than a court or place of detention (e.g. psychiatric hospital, senior citizens' home).

**Client contributions** refer to monies received from the aided person for legal assistance; flat user fees are included.

**Contributions of the legal profession** refer to monies received from the law profession.

**Cost recoveries** refer to the party costs ordered or agreed to be recovered in the case. Includes monies recovered from a judgement, award or settlement.

**Coverage restrictions** refer to applications refused on the grounds that the legal matter is not covered by the Legal Aid Plan.

**Criminal adult contributions** refer to monies provided by Justice Canada as part of the criminal adult cost-sharing agreement.

**Criminal duty counsel** refers to services in criminal matters that are generally provided at a court or place of detention.

**Direct legal service expenditures** are the sum payments made to private law firms and the costs of legal service delivery by Plan staff. These expenditures include monies spent on the provision of legal advice and representation services to clients including special target groups. All law office and contracted community clinic expenses are included (i.e., staff salaries, benefits and overhead expenses). Central administrative expenses and other expenses of the Plan are excluded.

**Direct legal service staff** refers to persons whose primary function is to deliver legal assistance and/or legal representation directly to clients. Notaries are included in the staff lawyer count. Paralegals are included in the non-lawyer count.

**Duty counsel services** refer to legal services provided by a lawyer at a location other than a legal aid office, where the person assisted had not previously applied in writing for services to be rendered. This count measures the number of units of service provided rather than the number of persons assisted, and is mutually exclusive of both the summary service and approved application counts. Cases coming before a circuit court are typically provided duty counsel services. Consequently, circuit court cases are included in the duty counsel service count rather than in the approved application count. Only circuit court matters granted a delay are included in the approved application count. The provision of duty counsel services does not bar the recipient from subsequent application for legal aid services.

**Expenditures** refer to the actual gross dollars expended by the Plan in a given fiscal year (i.e. accounts payable are excluded). Expenditures made on behalf of the Plan by other agencies are not included. Total expenditure is the sum of expenditures on direct legal service, other program expenditures, central administrative expenditures and any other expenditure.

**External project expenditures** refer to monies expended by the Plan on projects undertaken external to the Plan (e.g. university clinics). Note that funding of community clinics is not included here.

**Family matters** refer to proceedings related to divorce, separation, maintenance, custody/access, wardship/child protection, and all other matters of a family law nature (e.g. adoption, change of name, mediation proceedings, filiation).

**Federal matters** refer to those criminal offences designated as a federal statutory responsibility.

**Federal government contribution to Criminal Legal Aid** refers to monies contributed by Justice Canada.

**Financial ineligibility** refers to a refusal for legal aid based on some financial information disclosed by the applicant pertaining to his/her income, assets and liabilities.

**Government contributions** refer to federal, provincial and territorial monies allocated to the Plan through the provincial or territorial government. Federal contributions made through the separate federal/provincial or territorial cost-sharing agreements for criminal and young offender legal aid, as well as contributions to civil legal aid made through the Canada Assistance Plan prior to April 1, 1996, are not recorded separately since monies are generally directed to the consolidated revenue fund of the province and not to the Plans directly.

**Interprovincial Reciprocity Agreement** refers to the informal agreement among Legal Aid Plans in Canada to handle non-resident civil dossiers. Under the terms of the agreement, applicants must request legal aid in their province or territory of residence rather than in the province or territory where the legal recourse is sought. An approved application is then forwarded to the Plan which will provide the legal aid service. **Incoming dossiers** refer to the number of applications approved for civil legal aid by other provincial or territorial Plans which are forwarded to the Plan for service and for which service has been provided. **Outgoing dossiers** refer to the number of applications for civil legal aid approved by the Plan which are forwarded to other provincial or territorial Plans for service.

**Lack of merit** refers to applications refused because the nature of the case or the seriousness of the matter does not warrant legal assistance.

**Legal research expenditures** refer to monies expended by the Plan for conducting research related to legal matters. This component excludes the cost of maintaining libraries.

**Legal research staff** refers to persons working within a specific program area conducting research related to legal matters. This excludes persons maintaining Plan libraries.

The **March 31<sup>st</sup> count** refers to the actual number of both full-time and part-time staff employed by the Plan at one particular point in time: March 31, the final day of the fiscal year.

**Non-compliance/abuse** refers to a refusal for legal aid based on either an applicant's prior or current experience with the Plan. These refusals include applications where similar services were already rendered; services applied for are abusive of the legal process; or failure to cooperate with the legal aid lawyer.

**Non-resident lawyers** refers to those lawyers who practise law in a particular province or territory, however do not permanently reside in the same province or territory of practise.



**Number of private bar lawyers who provided services** includes those active members of the private bar who actually delivered legal services and billed the Plan during the fiscal year. Government employed and legal aid staff lawyers are excluded. Notaries are included in the total counts provided. An unduplicated count is reported.

**Other expenditures** refer to any other monies expended by the Plan on functions not already accounted for in the above categories (e.g. capital expenditures).

**Other civil matters** refer to all other civil proceedings which are not of a family nature.

**Other program expenditures** includes monies spent on legal research activities, public legal education and grants to other agencies.

**Other reasons** refer to reasons for refusing an application other than financial ineligibility. Other reasons may include: coverage restrictions, lack of merit or non-compliance/ abuse.

**Other staff** refers to persons not in public legal education or legal research programs and whose primary function does not involve the provision of legal advice and/or representation directly to clients; for example, lawyers performing primarily administrative functions, accountants, librarians, law students and clerical staff.

**Personnel resources** refer to the actual number of staff employed by the Plan, as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. These data are broken down in two ways: by type of service provided and by type of personnel. The type of personnel on staff with the Plans are divided into: lawyer and non-lawyer counts. Staff lawyers refer to lawyers who are hired by the Legal Aid Plan to work from the legal aid office. Salaries are paid by the Plan.

**Private law firm expenditures** include fees and disbursements, together with other specific costs (e.g. travel expenses) incurred by private lawyers for the provision of legal services to legal aid clients.

**Provincial and territorial contributions** refer to monies contributed by the provinces and territories to the Legal Aid Plans.

**Provincial and territorial matters** refer to those offences under provincial or territorial statutory responsibility. Also included are infractions under municipal by-laws.

**Public legal education expenditures** refer to monies expended by the Plan on preventive law programs, educational programs and publicity.

**Public legal education staff** refers to persons working within a specific program area conducting preventive law programs, educational programs and/or publicity.

**Refused applications** refer to all formal requests for legal aid evidenced in writing that have been denied legal services. This total includes applications for which no services have been approved, as well as those applications denied for full service that subsequently receive summary service. An application can be refused, appealed and still refused. Only the initial refusal is counted. Reasons for refusal are a product of legislative and policy restrictions.

**Revenue** refers to all monies received directly by the Legal Aid Plan during a given fiscal year. Funds received for specific projects from agencies external to the Plan are not included as revenue. Accounts receivable are excluded.

**Summary service** refers to the provision of legal advice, information, or any other type of minimal legal service to an individual during a formal interview. It can include simple legal tasks such as making a telephone call or drafting a letter on behalf of a client. Excluded are inquiries made at the "front desk" of the legal aid office, or telephone ("hot line") inquiries. Summary services are provided to individuals in two circumstances: a written request has been submitted at the office, or a verbal request has been made. Only written requests are included in the count. A **written request** refers to a request of assistance as evidenced by the completion of a legal aid application. A **verbal request** refers to a request by a non-applicant made in-person at a legal aid office or by telephone to a direct legal service professional. Summary services may be provided to fulfil the request itself or follow the refusal of a written request for more extensive legal service (full- service). Once an application is approved for full service, it is not subsequently included in a summary service count although relatively little service may be provided. Also, no file (dossier) is opened for the client provided summary services. Summary service counts measure the number of units of service provided rather than the number of persons assisted, and are mutually exclusive of both the approved full service application and duty counsel counts.

**Total Bar member count** refers to the number of lawyers listed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. Lawyers who are retired or non-active are excluded. Private and public sector lawyers are included. Non-resident lawyers are included in the province of practice.

**Young offender contributions** refer to monies provided by Justice Canada as part of the cost-sharing agreement dealing with YOA proceedings.

**Youth** refers to persons who are 12 years of age or older, but under 18 years of age under federal and provincial statutes. Alternatively, two provinces (Ontario and Nova Scotia) have designated maximum age for youth at 15 years of age for most provincial/municipal matters.