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Survey overview

1.0 Introduction

The tables presented in this report are based on case characteristics data from the Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS). The objective of the ACCS is to develop and maintain a national adult criminal court database of statistical information on appearances, charges, and cases in adult criminal courts. The survey is intended to be a census of federal and provincial/territorial statute charges and municipal by-law infractions heard in adult criminal trial courts in Canada.

At the time of this report, adult criminal courts in seven provinces and two territories reported to the ACCS. Reporting jurisdictions include: Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. In addition, Alberta and the Yukon report Superior Court data to the ACCS. These jurisdictions represent approximately 80% of the national adult criminal court caseload. The information presented in this report covers only these nine participating jurisdictions. The remaining jurisdictions (i.e., New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia and Nunavut) will be supplying data to the survey within the next few years.

The ACCS has two components: Caseload and Case Characteristics. The Caseload component collects aggregate data on initiated, completed and pending charges, appearances and cases for federal and provincial/territorial statutes and municipal by-law offences heard in provincial criminal courts. The Case Characteristics component collects unit record data on completed charges, appearances, and cases for federal statute offences heard in provincial and superior criminal courts. This report presents data from the Case Characteristics component.

2.0 Case Characteristics Component

2.1 National Data Requirements

The Case Characteristics component is a unit record data survey of adult criminal court activities at the provincial and Superior Court level. The survey collects data on completed charges from which appearance, charge, and case units of count are derived from appearance data. The ACCS also includes young offenders raised to adult criminal court under provisions of the *Young Offenders Act* (YOA), as well as adults charged under Sections 26 or 50 of the YOA.

2.2 Units of count

The basic units of count derived by the Case Characteristics component of the Adult Criminal Court Survey are the appearance, charge and case.

2.2.1 Appearance

An appearance is defined as a court appearance by an accused. Each appearance in court is reported to the ACCS as a separate occurrence once a charge has been completed.

2.2.2 Charge

A charge is a formal accusation against an accused involving a federal statute offence. The Case Characteristics component includes data only for completed charges. A charge is considered to be complete (receives a "final disposition") under any of the following conditions:

- the accused has been acquitted, or found guilty and sentenced;
- the accused has been found unfit to stand trial;
- the charge has been stayed, withdrawn, dismissed, or discharged;
- the charge has been waived in or out of the province or territory; or
- the accused has been committed for trial in Superior Court (Section 96 court). This applies only to jurisdictions that do not provide the survey with Superior Court data. In jurisdictions that provide Superior Court data, elections to Superior Court, or to provincial/territorial court are not "final dispositions".

Charges are considered to be complete only if there is a formal court disposition (and sentence if applicable), and the accused has no further scheduled appearances in the same provincial/territorial or Superior Court on the charge. Hearings that take place after sentencing (e.g., extension to comply with the final disposition) are not included in the survey.

It is recognised, however, that some charges may have two dispositions. For example:

1. In jurisdictions that do not provide Superior Court data, an accused committed for trial in Superior Court following a preliminary hearing could re-elect back to provincial court. This would result in further provincial court appearances and result in a “second” disposition.
2. Stays of proceeding that are re-started within the same reference period will result in more provincial court appearances, and a second disposition.

For both of the above examples, and other similar situations, the charge is considered as having “two” dispositions. However, the complete charge consists of all appearances, from the first appearance up to the last disposition, and sentence for convicted charges. For those cases with a change in court level or a break in process as a result of a stay, the case identifiers have been carried from one court to another.

2.2.3 Case

A case is one or more charges against an accused person or corporation, where the charges receive a final disposition in the same court and level on the same date. Charges are linked to a case on the basis of a unique accused identifier (IDENT) and date of last court appearance (DCOURT).

3.0 Coverage

The tables presented in this report are based on Case Characteristics data from the Adult Criminal Court Survey (ACCS). These data on federal statute charges disposed of in 1999/00 are collected by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) in collaboration with provincial and territorial government departments responsible for adult criminal courts.

At the time of this report, adult criminal courts in seven provinces and two territories reported to the ACCS (see **Appendix 1**). These include Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories. These jurisdictions represent approximately 80% of the national adult criminal court caseload. The information presented in this report covers provincial/territorial criminal courts in these nine jurisdictions, and Superior Courts in Alberta and the Yukon.

Not all provincial/territorial court locations in the participating jurisdictions currently report to the survey. Quebec’s 140 municipal courts do not report to the survey. Approximately 20% of federal statute charges in Quebec are heard in municipal courts.

For the most part, the ACCS collects data related to adult criminal activities. However, information related to youths raised to adult criminal court under the Young Offenders Act is included. As well, the Caseload component collects Summary Offence Ticket data for youths.

The absence of national coverage for provincial/territorial courts and Superior Courts, and the unavailability of data from municipal and appeal courts, represent limitations of the survey. Implementation of the ACCS at the provincial/territorial and superior criminal court levels is a current project priority. The completion of national coverage of adult criminal courts is contingent on the extent of automation of information systems in the provincial/territorial and Superior Courts. Municipal and appeal courts may be added to the survey as operational systems become automated.

4.0 Data limitations

The absence of national coverage for provincial/territorial courts, combined with the unavailability of data from most Superior Courts, and some municipal courts, imposes limitations for some data applications. Therefore, ACCS data must be interpreted as *indicators* of case characteristics and caseload rather than as precise measures for the following reasons:

- The extent of under-reporting (the degree to which all appearances, charges and cases have been reported to the survey) is not fully known. Survey coverage and reporting are monitored and respondents inform the survey of suspected problems or anomalies wherever possible.
- Data presented in case related tables are reported by most serious disposition, offence, conviction and sentence. Presenting data in these categorizations results in an under-counting of less serious outcomes.

- Charges may be counted more than once in the following circumstances: a) a charge is stayed in one reference period and restarted in another; b) a charge is stayed and later restarted with different identifiers; c) a charge moves from one court location to another; or d) an accused elects to Superior Court and later returns to provincial criminal court with different case identifiers.
- Differences in jurisdictional policies, administration, definitions, and data collection and editing methods may result in differences in counts, between ACCS data and that of reporting jurisdictions.

5.0 Comparability of ACCS Data across Provinces and Territories

Inter-provincial and territorial differences may be observed in the data included in this report. These differences may be the result of variations in court operations and recording procedures, the interpretation of statutes or legal concepts, sentencing practices and demographics. For this reason, caution should be exercised when comparing data across provinces and territories.

6.0 Comparability of ACCS Data to Data from Other Sectors of the Justice System

6.1 Policing

The CCJS conducts the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR). This survey collects data on the crimes reported to the police. Counts from the UCR for offences cleared by charge are not comparable to ACCS figures for disposed charges. There are many reasons for this. In part, it is the result in differences in scoring rules between the two surveys. The UCR Survey counts violent offences in terms of the number of victims in the incident; non-violent offences are counted in terms of the number of separate incidents. Furthermore, the UCR figures include offences involving youths, while the ACCS charge counts only include youth offences that have been transferred to adult criminal court.

Counts for adults accused reported by the UCR Survey differ from the ACCS counts of cases. Again, there are several reasons for the difference. ACCS counts for disposed of cases include Criminal Code traffic offences while the UCR counts do not. Charges laid by police may be screened out of the system before reaching court — charges can be withdrawn or alternative dispute resolution activities may be employed. Finally, the time lag between the charging of an accused and the disposition of a case in court will result in differences in counts for the same reference period.

6.2 Corrections

The number of cases sentenced to prison, as reported by the ACCS, will differ from the number of actual admissions to correctional facilities. The CCJS conducts the Adult Correctional Services (ACS) Survey, which measures, among other things, the number of persons admitted to correctional facilities in Canada. Prison sentences and sentenced admissions to correctional facilities differ for the following reasons.

- (i) The number of sentenced admissions reported by the ACS includes persons sentenced to prison in Superior Court and fine default admissions. Only one jurisdiction, Alberta, reports Superior Court data to the ACCS.
- (ii) The ACCS excludes prison sentences resulting from a failure to pay a fine; and any accused sentenced to serve would be counted differently in each survey. The ACCS does not collect data on the duration of the time already served, and the correctional data would identify these sentences as a remand prior to the completion of the trial.
- (iii) A single corrections admission could be the result of multiple ACCS dispositions.

7.0 Data dissemination

Information from the ACCS is released annually through this report, through a Juristat report and through customized tables which are available (for a fee) upon request. The data are subject to revisions as the justice environment changes and data elements are refined. A list of the ACCS data elements is presented in **Appendix 2**.

The number of tables included in this publication is limited to tables of most interest to information users. There are however, a number of additional tables available (at a cost) upon request. A complete list of supplementary tables is presented in **Appendix 3**.

Part 1 – National Overview

Table 1.1
Appearances, Charges and Cases,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total					
	Appearances	Charges	Case	Cases	Single-Charge	Multiple-Charge
	#	#	Appearances #	#	Cases #	Cases #
Total Offences	4,418,624	811,382	1,807,611	378,586	198,602	179,984
Criminal Code Total	3,856,694	716,727	1,610,084	334,414	168,636	165,778
Crimes Against the Person	749,588	120,093	441,662	77,441	38,294	39,147
Homicide and related	6,076	487	4,884	419	264	155
Attempted murder	5,043	563	2,863	325	92	233
Robbery	70,021	8,070	35,855	4,435	1,319	3,116
Kidnapping	24,414	2,964	1,837	275	76	199
Sexual assault	70,346	8,812	41,051	5,388	2,232	3,156
Sexual abuse	47,795	5,647	9,308	1,276	500	776
Major assault	209,774	32,744	128,228	21,018	8,127	12,891
Abduction	1,225	208	670	125	76	49
Common assault	314,894	60,598	216,966	44,180	25,608	18,572
Crimes Against Property	1,266,637	218,975	464,744	94,707	46,228	48,479
Break and enter	180,779	29,545	72,992	12,719	4,487	8,232
Arson	8,049	1,040	4,355	575	270	305
Fraud	399,834	61,807	109,714	19,799	7,658	12,141
Possess stolen property	251,525	41,548	71,832	12,932	6,660	6,272
Theft	300,329	60,261	156,446	37,461	20,807	16,654
Property damage/mischief	126,121	24,774	49,405	11,221	6,346	4,875
Other Criminal Code Violations	1,352,960	263,616	483,766	109,013	68,110	40,903
Weapons	139,724	19,789	41,313	7,219	2,592	4,627
Administration of justice	408,460	93,359	168,509	40,375	25,970	14,405
Public order offences	80,121	17,040	38,031	8,875	4,340	4,535
Morals-sexual	41,365	6,776	24,123	4,801	3,661	1,140
Morals-gaming	11,065	1,603	6,428	888	516	372
Unspecified Criminal Code	672,225	125,049	205,362	46,855	31,031	15,824
Traffic	487,509	114,043	219,912	53,253	16,004	37,249
Criminal Code traffic	85,518	15,822	38,874	7,510	4,245	3,265
Impaired driving	401,991	98,221	181,038	45,743	11,759	33,984
Federal Statute Total	561,930	94,655	197,527	44,172	29,966	14,206
Drug Related Offences	268,557	40,616	118,895	21,458	14,404	7,054
Trafficking	157,283	19,118	60,393	7,742	3,054	4,688
Possession	111,274	21,498	58,502	13,716	11,350	2,366
Other Federal Statutes	293,373	54,039	78,632	22,714	15,562	7,152

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.2
Cases by Sex of Accused,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Cases	Sex of Accused							
		Males		Females		Company		Unknown	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	378,586	311,863	82.4	57,558	15.2	919	0.2	8,246	2.2
Criminal Code Total	334,414	276,063	82.6	52,425	15.7	160	--	5,766	1.7
Crimes Against the Person	77,441	66,110	85.4	10,358	13.4	-	-	973	1.3
Homicide and related	419	376	89.7	40	9.5	-	-	3	0.7
Attempted murder	325	292	89.8	24	7.4	-	-	9	2.8
Robbery	4,435	3,973	89.6	394	8.9	-	-	68	1.5
Kidnapping	275	252	91.6	21	7.6	-	-	2	0.7
Sexual assault	5,388	5,218	96.8	80	1.5	-	-	90	1.7
Sexual abuse	1,276	1,182	92.6	29	2.3	-	-	65	5.1
Major assault	21,018	17,563	83.6	3,193	15.2	-	-	262	1.2
Abduction	125	72	57.6	52	41.6	-	-	1	0.8
Common assault	44,180	37,182	84.2	6,525	14.8	-	-	473	1.1
Crimes Against Property	94,707	73,752	77.9	19,263	20.3	42	--	1,650	1.7
Break and enter	12,719	11,687	91.9	709	5.6	-	-	323	2.5
Arson	575	454	79.0	95	16.5	-	-	26	4.5
Fraud	19,799	13,837	69.9	5,502	27.8	28	0.1	432	2.2
Possess stolen property	12,932	11,276	87.2	1,505	11.6	3	--	148	1.1
Theft	37,461	26,702	71.3	10,155	27.1	10	--	594	1.6
Property damage/mischief	11,221	9,796	87.3	1,297	11.6	1	--	127	1.1
Other Criminal Code Violations	109,013	90,273	82.8	17,039	15.6	117	0.1	1,584	1.5
Weapons	7,219	6,518	90.3	552	7.6	2	--	147	2.0
Administration of justice	40,375	34,377	85.1	5,738	14.2	-	-	260	0.6
Public order offences	8,875	7,463	84.1	1,332	15.0	-	-	80	0.9
Morals-sexual	4,801	2,675	55.7	2,043	42.6	5	0.1	78	1.6
Morals-gaming	888	596	67.1	207	23.3	68	7.7	17	1.9
Unspecified Criminal Code	46,855	38,644	82.5	7,167	15.3	42	0.1	1,002	2.1
Traffic	53,253	45,928	86.2	5,765	10.8	1	--	1,559	2.9
Criminal Code traffic	7,510	6,833	91.0	561	7.5	-	-	116	1.5
Impaired driving	45,743	39,095	85.5	5,204	11.4	1	--	1,443	3.2
Federal Statute Total	44,172	35,800	81.0	5,133	11.6	759	1.7	2,480	5.6
Drug Related Offences	21,458	18,464	86.0	2,883	13.4	4	--	107	0.5
Trafficking	7,742	6,303	81.4	1,389	17.9	4	0.1	46	0.6
Possession	13,716	12,161	88.7	1,494	10.9	-	-	61	0.4
Other Federal Statutes	22,714	17,336	76.3	2,250	9.9	755	3.3	2,373	10.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.3
Cases by Age of Accused,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Cases	Age Group											
		18 to 24		25 to 34		35 to 44		45 to 54		55 plus		Unknown	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	378,586	110,139	29.1	112,434	29.7	91,544	24.2	36,150	9.5	16,060	4.2	12,259	3.2
Criminal Code Total	334,414	94,578	28.3	100,366	30.0	82,607	24.7	32,416	9.7	14,398	4.3	10,049	3.0
Crimes Against the Person	77,441	19,026	24.6	24,340	31.4	20,621	26.6	7,593	9.8	3,224	4.2	2,637	3.4
Homicide and related	419	148	35.3	118	28.2	80	19.1	34	8.1	18	4.3	21	5.0
Attempted murder	325	123	37.8	87	26.8	65	20.0	19	5.8	12	3.7	19	5.8
Robbery	4,435	1,996	45.0	1,352	30.5	778	17.5	168	3.8	19	0.4	122	2.8
Kidnapping	275	85	30.9	83	30.2	64	23.3	22	8.0	8	2.9	13	4.7
Sexual assault	5,388	928	17.2	1,556	28.9	1,491	27.7	734	13.6	522	9.7	157	2.9
Sexual abuse	1,276	193	15.1	327	25.6	350	27.4	204	16.0	151	11.8	51	4.0
Major assault	21,018	6,187	29.4	6,655	31.7	5,155	24.5	1,772	8.4	747	3.6	502	2.4
Abduction	125	18	14.4	57	45.6	31	24.8	11	8.8	3	2.4	5	4.0
Common assault	44,180	9,348	21.2	14,105	31.9	12,607	28.5	4,629	10.5	1,744	3.9	1,747	4.0
Crimes Against Property	94,707	34,232	36.1	28,061	29.6	20,236	21.4	7,187	7.6	3,063	3.2	1,928	2.0
Break and enter	12,719	6,425	50.5	3,541	27.8	2,010	15.8	444	3.5	82	0.6	217	1.7
Arson	575	185	32.2	157	27.3	141	24.5	55	9.6	32	5.6	5	0.9
Fraud	19,799	5,394	27.2	7,012	35.4	4,581	23.1	1,686	8.5	524	2.6	602	3.0
Possess stolen property	12,932	5,602	43.3	3,859	29.8	2,307	17.8	731	5.7	193	1.5	240	1.9
Theft	37,461	12,131	32.4	10,231	27.3	8,902	23.8	3,606	9.6	1,959	5.2	632	1.7
Property damage/mischief	11,221	4,495	40.1	3,261	29.1	2,295	20.5	665	5.9	273	2.4	232	2.1
Other Criminal Code Violations	109,013	31,295	28.7	33,161	30.4	26,101	23.9	9,498	8.7	3,816	3.5	5,142	4.7
Weapons	7,219	2,282	31.6	1,858	25.7	1,498	20.8	826	11.4	466	6.5	289	4.0
Administration of justice	40,375	13,199	32.7	13,016	32.2	9,446	23.4	3,044	7.5	1,005	2.5	665	1.6
Public order offences	8,875	3,391	38.2	2,867	32.3	1,799	20.3	540	6.1	206	2.3	72	0.8
Morals-sexual	4,801	824	17.2	1,664	34.7	1,451	30.2	524	10.9	260	5.4	78	1.6
Morals-gaming	888	47	5.3	214	24.1	210	23.6	169	19.0	131	14.8	117	13.2
Unspecified Criminal Code	46,855	11,552	24.7	13,542	28.9	11,697	25.0	4,395	9.4	1,748	3.7	3,921	8.4
Traffic	53,253	10,025	18.8	14,804	27.8	15,649	29.4	8,138	15.3	4,295	8.1	342	0.6
Criminal Code traffic	7,510	1,599	21.3	2,474	32.9	2,049	27.3	907	12.1	409	5.4	72	1.0
Impaired driving	45,743	8,426	18.4	12,330	27.0	13,600	29.7	7,231	15.8	3,886	8.5	270	0.6
Federal Statute Total	44,172	15,561	35.2	12,068	27.3	8,937	20.2	3,734	8.5	1,662	3.8	2,210	5.0
Drug Related Offences	21,458	8,572	39.9	6,440	30.0	4,419	20.6	1,227	5.7	225	1.0	575	2.7
Trafficking	7,742	2,372	30.6	2,552	33.0	1,800	23.2	584	7.5	138	1.8	296	3.8
Possession	13,716	6,200	45.2	3,888	28.3	2,619	19.1	643	4.7	87	0.6	279	2.0
Other Federal Statutes	22,714	6,989	30.8	5,628	24.8	4,518	19.9	2,507	11.0	1,437	6.3	1,635	7.2

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

See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.4
Charges by Decision,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Charges	Decision									
		Guilty		Superior Court		Other		Stay/Withdrawn		Acquitted	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	811,382	372,570	45.9	13,505	1.7	30,974	3.8	368,116	45.4	26,217	3.2
Criminal Code Total	716,727	324,895	45.3	10,929	1.5	28,237	3.9	329,443	46.0	23,223	3.2
Crimes Against the Person	120,093	48,812	40.6	4,389	3.7	3,489	2.9	56,607	47.1	6,796	5.7
Homicide and related	487	113	23.2	145	29.8	28	5.7	191	39.2	10	2.1
Attempted murder	563	80	14.2	81	14.4	39	6.9	333	59.1	30	5.3
Robbery	8,070	4,001	49.6	573	7.1	279	3.5	3,054	37.8	163	2.0
Kidnapping	2,964	488	16.5	275	9.3	80	2.7	1,915	64.6	206	7.0
Sexual assault	8,812	2,589	29.4	1,243	14.1	238	2.7	4,209	47.8	533	6.0
Sexual abuse	5,647	1,438	25.5	758	13.4	192	3.4	2,917	51.7	342	6.1
Major assault	32,744	12,641	38.6	921	2.8	960	2.9	16,080	49.1	2,142	6.5
Abduction	208	48	23.1	7	3.4	7	3.4	135	64.9	11	5.3
Common assault	60,598	27,414	45.2	386	0.6	1,666	2.7	27,773	45.8	3,359	5.5
Crimes Against Property	218,975	103,636	47.3	3,112	1.4	8,751	4.0	99,898	45.6	3,578	1.6
Break and enter	29,545	16,972	57.4	605	2.0	1,180	4.0	10,280	34.8	508	1.7
Arson	1,040	465	44.7	62	6.0	54	5.2	415	39.9	44	4.2
Fraud	61,807	26,278	42.5	1,333	2.2	3,476	5.6	29,839	48.3	881	1.4
Possess stolen property	41,548	13,959	33.6	575	1.4	1,319	3.2	25,092	60.4	603	1.5
Theft	60,261	33,828	56.1	384	0.6	2,090	3.5	23,152	38.4	807	1.3
Property damage/mischief	24,774	12,134	49.0	153	0.6	632	2.6	11,120	44.9	735	3.0
Other Criminal Code Violations	263,616	119,727	45.4	2,974	1.1	13,004	4.9	119,577	45.4	8,334	3.2
Weapons	19,789	6,312	31.9	838	4.2	601	3.0	11,428	57.7	610	3.1
Administration of justice	93,359	48,213	51.6	359	0.4	3,037	3.3	40,554	43.4	1,196	1.3
Public order offences	17,040	10,069	59.1	43	0.3	453	2.7	6,140	36.0	335	2.0
Morals-sexual	6,776	2,862	42.2	188	2.8	116	1.7	3,465	51.1	145	2.1
Morals-gaming	1,603	412	25.7	1	0.1	9	0.6	1,159	72.3	22	1.4
Unspecified Criminal Code	125,049	51,859	41.5	1,545	1.2	8,788	7.0	56,831	45.4	6,026	4.8
Traffic	114,043	52,720	46.2	454	0.4	2,993	2.6	53,361	46.8	4,515	4.0
Criminal Code traffic	15,822	8,706	55.0	202	1.3	417	2.6	6,183	39.1	314	2.0
Impaired driving	98,221	44,014	44.8	252	0.3	2,576	2.6	47,178	48.0	4,201	4.3
Federal Statute Total	94,655	47,675	50.4	2,576	2.7	2,737	2.9	38,673	40.9	2,994	3.2
Drug Related Offences	40,616	17,056	42.0	1,915	4.7	621	1.5	20,759	51.1	265	0.7
Trafficking	19,118	5,973	31.2	1,654	8.7	297	1.6	11,023	57.7	171	0.9
Possession	21,498	11,083	51.6	261	1.2	324	1.5	9,736	45.3	94	0.4
Other Federal Statutes	54,039	30,619	56.7	661	1.2	2,116	3.9	17,914	33.2	2,729	5.1

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

See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.5
Cases by Decision,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Cases	Decision									
		Guilty		Superior Court		Other		Stay/Withdrawn		Acquitted	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	378,586	228,267	60.3	4,449	1.2	13,917	3.7	122,676	32.4	9,277	2.5
Criminal Code Total	334,414	199,066	59.5	3,697	1.1	13,116	3.9	109,986	32.9	8,549	2.6
Crimes Against the Person	77,441	40,055	51.7	1,966	2.5	2,215	2.9	29,852	38.5	3,353	4.3
Homicide and related	419	102	24.3	128	30.5	25	6.0	154	36.8	10	2.4
Attempted murder	325	74	22.8	65	20.0	21	6.5	154	47.4	11	3.4
Robbery	4,435	2,479	55.9	368	8.3	139	3.1	1,360	30.7	89	2.0
Kidnapping	275	81	29.5	8	2.9	7	2.5	168	61.1	11	4.0
Sexual assault	5,388	2,035	37.8	787	14.6	143	2.7	2,092	38.8	331	6.1
Sexual abuse	1,276	711	55.7	82	6.4	39	3.1	406	31.8	38	3.0
Major assault	21,018	11,164	53.1	428	2.0	558	2.7	7,759	36.9	1,109	5.3
Abduction	125	40	32.0	5	4.0	5	4.0	73	58.4	2	1.6
Common assault	44,180	23,369	52.9	95	0.2	1,278	2.9	17,686	40.0	1,752	4.0
Crimes Against Property	94,707	58,959	62.3	912	1.0	2,705	2.9	30,879	32.6	1,252	1.3
Break and enter	12,719	8,698	68.4	266	2.1	447	3.5	3,109	24.4	199	1.6
Arson	575	312	54.3	48	8.3	34	5.9	159	27.7	22	3.8
Fraud	19,799	11,810	59.6	350	1.8	847	4.3	6,565	33.2	227	1.1
Possess stolen property	12,932	7,805	60.4	116	0.9	258	2.0	4,567	35.3	186	1.4
Theft	37,461	23,215	62.0	110	0.3	920	2.5	12,787	34.1	429	1.1
Property damage/mischief	11,221	7,119	63.4	22	0.2	199	1.8	3,692	32.9	189	1.7
Other Criminal Code Violations	109,013	59,796	54.9	682	0.6	7,428	6.8	39,101	35.9	2,006	1.8
Weapons	7,219	4,147	57.4	175	2.4	252	3.5	2,508	34.7	137	1.9
Administration of justice	40,375	22,933	56.8	140	0.3	961	2.4	15,959	39.5	382	0.9
Public order offences	8,875	6,513	73.4	12	0.1	146	1.6	2,118	23.9	86	1.0
Morals-sexual	4,801	2,418	50.4	44	0.9	86	1.8	2,149	44.8	104	2.2
Morals-gaming	888	310	34.9	-	-	6	0.7	561	63.2	11	1.2
Unspecified Criminal Code	46,855	23,475	50.1	311	0.7	5,977	12.8	15,806	33.7	1,286	2.7
Traffic	53,253	40,256	75.6	137	0.3	768	1.4	10,154	19.1	1,938	3.6
Criminal Code traffic	7,510	5,171	68.9	86	1.1	140	1.9	1,992	26.5	121	1.6
Impaired driving	45,743	35,085	76.7	51	0.1	628	1.4	8,162	17.8	1,817	4.0
Federal Statute Total	44,172	29,201	66.1	752	1.7	801	1.8	12,690	28.7	728	1.6
Drug Related Offences	21,458	12,097	56.4	668	3.1	283	1.3	8,314	38.7	96	0.4
Trafficking	7,742	3,709	47.9	639	8.3	97	1.3	3,242	41.9	55	0.7
Possession	13,716	8,388	61.2	29	0.2	186	1.4	5,072	37.0	41	0.3
Other Federal Statutes	22,714	17,104	75.3	84	0.4	518	2.3	4,376	19.3	632	2.8

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.6
Convicted Cases by Most Serious Sentence,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Convicted Cases	Most Serious Sentence											
		Prison		Probation		Fine		Restitution		Other		Sentence Unknown	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	228,267	77,977	34.2	63,200	27.7	72,486	31.8	252	0.1	11,411	5.0	2,941	1.3
Criminal Code Total	199,066	72,349	36.3	58,180	29.2	56,180	28.2	243	0.1	9,371	4.7	2,743	1.4
Crimes Against the Person	40,055	15,312	38.2	18,918	47.2	2,828	7.1	27	0.1	2,418	6.0	552	1.4
Homicide and related	102	91	89.2	2	2.0	4	3.9	-	-	1	1.0	4	3.9
Attempted murder	74	51	68.9	6	8.1	-	-	-	-	5	6.8	12	16.2
Robbery	2,479	1,898	76.6	389	15.7	15	0.6	2	0.1	146	5.9	29	1.2
Kidnapping	81	50	61.7	25	30.9	1	1.2	-	-	4	4.9	1	1.2
Sexual assault	2,035	1,132	55.6	583	28.6	36	1.8	-	-	245	12.0	39	1.9
Sexual abuse	711	381	53.6	213	30.0	11	1.5	-	-	100	14.1	6	0.8
Major assault	11,164	5,244	47.0	4,238	38.0	741	6.6	6	0.1	715	6.4	220	2.0
Abduction	40	11	27.5	22	55.0	1	2.5	-	-	6	15.0	-	-
Common assault	23,369	6,454	27.6	13,440	57.5	2,019	8.6	19	0.1	1,196	5.1	241	1.0
Crimes Against Property	58,959	23,532	39.9	21,460	36.4	9,466	16.1	179	0.3	3,872	6.6	450	0.8
Break and enter	8,698	5,306	61.0	2,689	30.9	165	1.9	16	0.2	394	4.5	128	1.5
Arson	312	168	53.8	113	36.2	2	0.6	-	-	26	8.3	3	1.0
Fraud	11,810	4,029	34.1	5,038	42.7	1,343	11.4	56	0.5	1,276	10.8	68	0.6
Possess stolen property	7,805	3,624	46.4	2,239	28.7	1,498	19.2	5	0.1	394	5.0	45	0.6
Theft	23,215	8,815	38.0	7,619	32.8	5,117	22.0	33	0.1	1,460	6.3	171	0.7
Property damage/mischief	7,119	1,590	22.3	3,762	52.8	1,341	18.8	69	1.0	322	4.5	35	0.5
Other Criminal Code Violations	59,796	25,847	43.2	15,031	25.1	14,615	24.4	37	0.1	2,728	4.6	1,538	2.6
Weapons	4,147	1,373	33.1	1,406	33.9	1,046	25.2	2	--	291	7.0	29	0.7
Administration of justice	22,933	12,884	56.2	3,055	13.3	6,136	26.8	1	--	558	2.4	299	1.3
Public order offences	6,513	1,973	30.3	1,705	26.2	2,481	38.1	5	0.1	284	4.4	65	1.0
Morals-sexual	2,418	694	28.7	884	36.6	591	24.4	1	--	223	9.2	25	1.0
Morals-gaming	310	7	2.3	96	31.0	134	43.2	-	-	66	21.3	7	2.3
Unspecified Criminal Code	23,475	8,916	38.0	7,885	33.6	4,227	18.0	28	0.1	1,306	5.6	1,113	4.7
Traffic	40,256	7,658	19.0	2,771	6.9	29,271	72.7	-	-	353	0.9	203	0.5
Criminal Code traffic	5,171	2,501	48.4	456	8.8	1,996	38.6	-	-	174	3.4	44	0.9
Impaired driving	35,085	5,157	14.7	2,315	6.6	27,275	77.7	-	-	179	0.5	159	0.5
Federal Statute Total	29,201	5,628	19.3	5,020	17.2	16,306	55.8	9	--	2,040	7.0	198	0.7
Drug Related Offences	12,097	3,008	24.9	2,129	17.6	5,551	45.9	2	--	1,323	10.9	84	0.7
Trafficking	3,709	1,898	51.2	528	14.2	660	17.8	1	--	598	16.1	24	0.6
Possession	8,388	1,110	13.2	1,601	19.1	4,891	58.3	1	--	725	8.6	60	0.7
Other Federal Statutes	17,104	2,620	15.3	2,891	16.9	10,755	62.9	7	--	717	4.2	114	0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.7
Convicted Cases by Length of Prison Sentence,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Convicted Cases	Length of Prison Sentence (Days)													
		1 month or less		>1 to 6 months		>6 to 12 months		>1 to <2 years		2 years or more		Unknown		No Prison	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	228,267	37,389	16.4	26,815	11.7	4,620	2.0	2,396	1.0	2,911	1.3	3,846	1.7	150,290	65.8
Criminal Code Total	199,066	35,228	17.7	24,969	12.5	4,132	2.1	2,085	1.0	2,483	1.2	3,452	1.7	126,717	63.7
Crimes Against the Person	40,055	4,777	11.9	6,275	15.7	1,352	3.4	901	2.2	1,370	3.4	637	1.6	24,743	61.8
Homicide and related	102	4	3.9	2	2.0	1	1.0	8	7.8	74	72.5	2	2.0	11	10.8
Attempted murder	74	1	1.4	6	8.1	2	2.7	5	6.8	35	47.3	2	2.7	23	31.1
Robbery	2,479	136	5.5	332	13.4	280	11.3	337	13.6	763	30.8	50	2.0	581	23.4
Kidnapping	81	9	11.1	19	23.5	7	8.6	7	8.6	7	8.6	1	1.2	31	38.3
Sexual assault	2,035	115	5.7	349	17.1	189	9.3	205	10.1	259	12.7	15	0.7	903	44.4
Sexual abuse	711	28	3.9	154	21.7	82	11.5	66	9.3	47	6.6	4	0.6	330	46.4
Major assault	11,164	1,569	14.1	2,479	22.2	580	5.2	221	2.0	164	1.5	231	2.1	5,920	53.0
Abduction	40	2	5.0	4	10.0	1	2.5	3	7.5	1	2.5	-	-	29	72.5
Common assault	23,369	2,913	12.5	2,930	12.5	210	0.9	49	0.2	20	0.1	332	1.4	16,915	72.4
Crimes Against Property	58,959	8,994	15.3	9,681	16.4	2,074	3.5	905	1.5	842	1.4	1,036	1.8	35,427	60.1
Break and enter	8,698	747	8.6	2,320	26.7	970	11.2	563	6.5	555	6.4	151	1.7	3,392	39.0
Arson	312	13	4.2	51	16.3	49	15.7	30	9.6	22	7.1	3	1.0	144	46.2
Fraud	11,810	1,437	12.2	1,802	15.3	356	3.0	106	0.9	137	1.2	191	1.6	7,781	65.9
Possess stolen property	7,805	1,389	17.8	1,688	21.6	238	3.0	74	0.9	51	0.7	184	2.4	4,181	53.6
Theft	23,215	4,457	19.2	3,297	14.2	434	1.9	124	0.5	76	0.3	427	1.8	14,400	62.0
Property damage/mischief	7,119	951	13.4	523	7.3	27	0.4	8	0.1	1	—	80	1.1	5,529	77.7
Other Criminal Code Violations	59,796	17,289	28.9	5,991	10.0	492	0.8	182	0.3	220	0.4	1,673	2.8	33,949	56.8
Weapons	4,147	502	12.1	558	13.5	162	3.9	44	1.1	47	1.1	60	1.4	2,774	66.9
Administration of justice	22,933	9,521	41.5	2,337	10.2	66	0.3	11	—	25	0.1	924	4.0	10,049	43.8
Public order offences	6,513	1,394	21.4	445	6.8	19	0.3	7	0.1	2	—	106	1.6	4,540	69.7
Morals-sexual	2,418	521	21.5	99	4.1	9	0.4	3	0.1	7	0.3	55	2.3	1,724	71.3
Morals-gaming	310	3	1.0	4	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	303	97.7
Unspecified Criminal Code	23,475	5,348	22.8	2,548	10.9	236	1.0	117	0.5	139	0.6	528	2.2	14,559	62.0
Traffic	40,256	4,168	10.4	3,022	7.5	214	0.5	97	0.2	51	0.1	106	0.3	32,598	81.0
Criminal Code traffic	5,171	1,187	23.0	1,089	21.1	102	2.0	51	1.0	24	0.5	48	0.9	2,670	51.6
Impaired driving	35,085	2,981	8.5	1,933	5.5	112	0.3	46	0.1	27	0.1	58	0.2	29,928	85.3
Federal Statute Total	29,201	2,161	7.4	1,846	6.3	488	1.7	311	1.1	428	1.5	394	1.3	23,573	80.7
Drug Related Offences	12,097	1,187	9.8	965	8.0	178	1.5	133	1.1	320	2.6	225	1.9	9,089	75.1
Trafficking	3,709	422	11.4	771	20.8	170	4.6	129	3.5	316	8.5	90	2.4	1,811	48.8
Possession	8,388	765	9.1	194	2.3	8	0.1	4	—	4	—	135	1.6	7,278	86.8
Other Federal Statutes	17,104	974	5.7	881	5.2	310	1.8	178	1.0	108	0.6	169	1.0	14,484	84.7

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

See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.8
Convicted Cases by Length of Probation,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Convicted Cases	Length of Probation Order (Days)													
		3 months or less		>3 to 6 months		>6 to 12 months		>12 to 24 years		>24 months		Unknown		No Probation	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	228,267	4,875	2.1	9,502	4.2	42,763	18.7	32,962	14.4	6,600	2.9	59	--	131,506	57.6
Criminal Code Total	199,066	4,390	2.2	8,410	4.2	39,716	20.0	30,768	15.5	6,252	3.1	51	--	109,479	55.0
Crimes Against the Person	40,055	557	1.4	1,989	5.0	13,260	33.1	11,009	27.5	2,322	5.8	7	--	10,911	27.2
Homicide and related	102	-	-	-	-	1	1.0	7	6.9	6	5.9	-	-	88	86.3
Attempted murder	74	-	-	-	-	3	4.1	9	12.2	14	18.9	-	-	48	64.9
Robbery	2,479	7	0.3	14	0.6	278	11.2	613	24.7	293	11.8	-	-	1,274	51.4
Kidnapping	81	-	-	1	1.2	13	16.0	28	34.6	13	16.0	-	-	26	32.1
Sexual assault	2,035	7	0.3	24	1.2	402	19.8	647	31.8	367	18.0	2	0.1	586	28.8
Sexual abuse	711	5	0.7	7	1.0	106	14.9	265	37.3	199	28.0	-	-	129	18.1
Major assault	11,164	175	1.6	380	3.4	3,229	28.9	3,325	29.8	664	5.9	3	--	3,388	30.3
Abduction	40	1	2.5	2	5.0	13	32.5	11	27.5	5	12.5	-	-	8	20.0
Common assault	23,369	362	1.5	1,561	6.7	9,215	39.4	6,104	26.1	761	3.3	2	--	5,364	23.0
Crimes Against Property	58,959	1,126	1.9	3,029	5.1	14,179	24.0	11,045	18.7	2,150	3.6	13	--	27,417	46.5
Break and enter	8,698	93	1.1	231	2.7	1,850	21.3	2,677	30.8	565	6.5	1	--	3,281	37.7
Arson	312	1	0.3	4	1.3	41	13.1	111	35.6	77	24.7	-	-	78	25.0
Fraud	11,810	214	1.8	539	4.6	2,969	25.1	2,635	22.3	755	6.4	1	--	4,697	39.8
Possess stolen property	7,805	171	2.2	299	3.8	1,628	20.9	1,152	14.8	155	2.0	2	--	4,398	56.3
Theft	23,215	414	1.8	1,212	5.2	5,409	23.3	3,390	14.6	451	1.9	6	--	12,333	53.1
Property damage/mischief	7,119	233	3.3	744	10.5	2,282	32.1	1,080	15.2	147	2.1	3	--	2,630	36.9
Other Criminal Code Violations	59,796	1,313	2.2	2,471	4.1	9,875	16.5	7,187	12.0	1,467	2.5	12	--	37,471	62.7
Weapons	4,147	59	1.4	159	3.8	876	21.1	775	18.7	184	4.4	-	-	2,094	50.5
Administration of justice	22,933	516	2.3	616	2.7	2,482	10.8	1,827	8.0	286	1.2	5	--	17,201	75.0
Public order offences	6,513	151	2.3	417	6.4	1,074	16.5	437	6.7	53	0.8	2	--	4,379	67.2
Morals-sexual	2,418	31	1.3	119	4.9	562	23.2	291	12.0	79	3.3	-	-	1,336	55.3
Morals-gaming	310	3	1.0	19	6.1	62	20.0	13	4.2	1	0.3	-	-	212	68.4
Unspecified Criminal Code	23,475	553	2.4	1,141	4.9	4,819	20.5	3,844	16.4	864	3.7	5	--	12,249	52.2
Traffic	40,256	1,394	3.5	921	2.3	2,402	6.0	1,527	3.8	313	0.8	19	--	33,680	83.7
Criminal Code traffic	5,171	373	7.2	206	4.0	502	9.7	402	7.8	71	1.4	4	0.1	3,613	69.9
Impaired driving	35,085	1,021	2.9	715	2.0	1,900	5.4	1,125	3.2	242	0.7	15	--	30,067	85.7
Federal Statute Total	29,201	485	1.7	1,092	3.7	3,047	10.4	2,194	7.5	348	1.2	8	--	22,027	75.4
Drug Related Offences	12,097	276	2.3	589	4.9	1,583	13.1	638	5.3	78	0.6	6	--	8,927	73.8
Trafficking	3,709	133	3.6	129	3.5	619	16.7	381	10.3	55	1.5	4	0.1	2,388	64.4
Possession	8,388	143	1.7	460	5.5	964	11.5	257	3.1	23	0.3	2	--	6,539	78.0
Other Federal Statutes	17,104	209	1.2	503	2.9	1,464	8.6	1,556	9.1	270	1.6	2	--	13,100	76.6

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

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Table 1.9
Convicted Cases by Amount of Fine,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Convicted Cases	Amount of Fine (\$)												No Fine # %	
		\$100 or less		>\$100 to \$300		>\$300 to \$500		>\$500 to \$1000		>\$1000		Unknown			
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	228,267	16,218	7.1	27,584	12.1	15,715	6.9	23,347	10.2	4,117	1.8	2,575	1.1	138,711	60.8
Criminal Code Total	199,066	9,905	5.0	21,307	10.7	13,440	6.8	21,369	10.7	2,694	1.4	2,380	1.2	127,971	64.3
Crimes Against the Person	40,055	731	1.8	2,510	6.3	1,743	4.4	805	2.0	114	0.3	684	1.7	33,468	83.6
Homicide and related	102	-	-	-	-	4	3.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	96.1
Attempted murder	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2.7	-	-	-	-	72	97.3
Robbery	2,479	6	0.2	9	0.4	5	0.2	6	0.2	2	0.1	7	0.3	2,444	98.6
Kidnapping	81	1	1.2	1	1.2	2	2.5	1	1.2	1	1.2	1	1.2	74	91.4
Sexual assault	2,035	4	0.2	26	1.3	51	2.5	29	1.4	10	0.5	19	0.9	1,896	93.2
Sexual abuse	711	2	0.3	2	0.3	10	1.4	11	1.5	1	0.1	11	1.5	674	94.8
Major assault	11,164	199	1.8	603	5.4	455	4.1	297	2.7	51	0.5	161	1.4	9,398	84.2
Abduction	40	1	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	97.5
Common assault	23,369	518	2.2	1,869	8.0	1,216	5.2	459	2.0	49	0.2	485	2.1	18,773	80.3
Crimes Against Property	58,959	3,117	5.3	6,428	10.9	2,560	4.3	1,013	1.7	273	0.5	685	1.2	44,883	76.1
Break and enter	8,698	57	0.7	248	2.9	166	1.9	68	0.8	19	0.2	101	1.2	8,039	92.4
Arson	312	1	0.3	1	0.3	5	1.6	2	0.6	1	0.3	-	-	302	96.8
Fraud	11,810	484	4.1	962	8.1	369	3.1	165	1.4	76	0.6	112	0.9	9,642	81.6
Possess stolen property	7,805	230	2.9	923	11.8	582	7.5	289	3.7	101	1.3	103	1.3	5,577	71.5
Theft	23,215	1,891	8.1	3,200	13.8	1,090	4.7	398	1.7	66	0.3	277	1.2	16,293	70.2
Property damage/mischief	7,119	454	6.4	1,094	15.4	348	4.9	91	1.3	10	0.1	92	1.3	5,030	70.7
Other Criminal Code Violations	59,796	5,981	10.0	7,903	13.2	2,489	4.2	796	1.3	274	0.5	780	1.3	41,573	69.5
Weapons	4,147	337	8.1	609	14.7	280	6.8	83	2.0	16	0.4	40	1.0	2,782	67.1
Administration of justice	22,933	3,011	13.1	2,834	12.4	550	2.4	136	0.6	12	0.1	342	1.5	16,048	70.0
Public order offences	6,513	701	10.8	1,565	24.0	477	7.3	134	2.1	14	0.2	54	0.8	3,568	54.8
Morals-sexual	2,418	192	7.9	382	15.8	136	5.6	40	1.7	30	1.2	29	1.2	1,609	66.5
Morals-gaming	310	5	1.6	9	2.9	22	7.1	43	13.9	76	24.5	2	0.6	153	49.4
Unspecified Criminal Code	23,475	1,735	7.4	2,504	10.7	1,024	4.4	360	1.5	126	0.5	313	1.3	17,413	74.2
Traffic	40,256	76	0.2	4,466	11.1	6,648	16.5	18,755	46.6	2,033	5.1	231	0.6	8,047	20.0
Criminal Code traffic	5,171	56	1.1	487	9.4	674	13.0	825	16.0	199	3.8	68	1.3	2,862	55.3
Impaired driving	35,085	20	0.1	3,979	11.3	5,974	17.0	17,930	51.1	1,834	5.2	163	0.5	5,185	14.8
Federal Statute Total	29,201	6,313	21.6	6,277	21.5	2,275	7.8	1,978	6.8	1,423	4.9	195	0.7	10,740	36.8
Drug Related Offences	12,097	1,264	10.4	2,871	23.7	1,043	8.6	675	5.6	331	2.7	154	1.3	5,759	47.6
Trafficking	3,709	47	1.3	191	5.1	228	6.1	260	7.0	259	7.0	43	1.2	2,681	72.3
Possession	8,388	1,217	14.5	2,680	32.0	815	9.7	415	4.9	72	0.9	111	1.3	3,078	36.7
Other Federal Statutes	17,104	5,049	29.5	3,406	19.9	1,232	7.2	1,303	7.6	1,092	6.4	41	0.2	4,981	29.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
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Table 1.10
Mean and Median Length of Prison Sentence,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Length of Prison (Days) for Charges and Cases with Prison											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
Total Offences	158,981	185	60	74,128	130	30	26,836	87	30	47,292	155	60
Criminal Code Total	145,900	180	60	68,894	126	30	24,529	84	30	44,365	149	60
Crimes Against the Person	20,399	359	90	14,672	251	90	3,916	212	60	10,756	265	90
Homicide and related	99	3,679	2,190	89	3,671	2,190	59	3,564	2,095	30	3,881	2,555
Attempted murder	55	2,037	1,825	49	1,874	1,620	13	1,025	365	36	2,180	1,825
Robbery	3,161	1,083	730	1,848	736	540	423	467	360	1,425	816	729
Kidnapping	369	762	540	49	358	180	7	392	180	42	352	180
Sexual assault	1,527	582	365	1,115	500	300	354	407	180	761	543	360
Sexual abuse	920	494	360	376	335	240	69	234	180	307	358	270
Major assault	6,033	181	90	5,013	152	90	1,137	132	60	3,876	158	90
Abduction	16	401	420	11	316	180	5	61	60	6	529	495
Common assault	8,219	84	60	6,122	71	45	1,849	51	30	4,273	80	60
Crimes Against Property	49,912	235	90	22,496	138	60	6,376	100	30	16,120	153	80
Break and enter	11,400	446	300	5,155	275	180	1,147	206	120	4,008	294	180
Arson	287	544	450	165	378	300	49	309	300	116	407	345
Fraud	11,817	247	120	3,838	135	60	840	108	45	2,998	143	60
Possess stolen property	7,465	162	90	3,440	104	60	975	88	45	2,465	110	60
Theft	14,996	132	60	8,388	81	30	2,869	67	30	5,519	88	45
Property damage/mischief	3,947	100	60	1,510	51	30	496	40	30	1,014	57	30
Other Criminal Code Violations	61,472	93	30	24,174	55	30	11,900	38	20	12,274	71	30
Weapons	2,566	242	120	1,313	147	60	168	91	30	1,145	155	90
Administration of justice	28,112	51	30	11,960	32	17	6,510	29	15	5,450	36	24
Public order offences	3,866	62	30	1,867	38	30	510	25	15	1,357	43	30
Morals-sexual	847	92	15	639	43	10	394	26	7	245	70	15
Morals-gaming	7	57	90	7	57	90	2	19	19	5	72	90
Unspecified Criminal Code	26,074	129	45	8,388	77	30	4,316	53	30	4,072	104	30
Traffic	14,117	102	60	7,552	72	30	2,337	62	30	5,215	77	30
Criminal Code traffic	5,017	130	60	2,453	93	45	1,119	77	30	1,334	107	60
Impaired driving	9,100	86	35	5,099	62	30	1,218	48	24	3,881	67	30
Federal Statute Total	13,081	241	90	5,234	188	60	2,307	112	30	2,927	247	90
Drug Related Offences	5,453	244	90	2,783	199	60	1,184	129	30	1,599	252	90
Trafficking	3,398	362	180	1,808	289	90	536	250	90	1,272	306	120
Possession	2,055	50	30	975	32	15	648	28	14	327	40	15
Other Federal Statutes	7,628	239	120	2,451	174	90	1,123	94	30	1,328	242	150

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Table 1.11
Mean and Median Length of Probation Order,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Length of Probation Order (Days) for Charges and Cases with Probation											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
Total Offences	163,040	533	450	96,702	474	365	42,808	427	365	53,894	512	365
Criminal Code Total	148,932	532	435	89,536	477	365	39,109	431	365	50,427	512	365
Crimes Against the Person	34,241	530	365	29,137	506	365	13,029	446	365	16,108	554	540
Homicide and related	14	792	725	14	792	725	9	868	1,095	5	654	540
Attempted murder	27	846	1,095	26	850	1,095	12	923	1,095	14	787	730
Robbery	1,561	734	730	1,205	707	730	365	642	730	840	735	730
Kidnapping	236	747	730	55	678	730	8	544	540	47	701	730
Sexual assault	1,719	701	730	1,447	679	730	650	613	540	797	733	730
Sexual abuse	1,037	809	730	582	751	730	143	694	730	439	770	730
Major assault	8,676	547	540	7,773	532	450	2,740	474	365	5,033	563	540
Abduction	38	577	540	32	549	453	22	530	365	10	591	540
Common assault	20,933	477	365	18,003	458	365	9,080	413	365	8,923	503	365
Crimes Against Property	56,279	553	540	31,529	484	365	13,128	439	365	18,401	516	365
Break and enter	9,877	643	730	5,416	578	540	1,731	510	365	3,685	610	730
Arson	313	783	730	234	753	730	98	693	730	136	796	730
Fraud	15,725	596	540	7,112	522	365	2,550	513	365	4,562	527	365
Possess stolen property	6,179	513	365	3,405	457	365	1,387	426	365	2,018	478	365
Theft	16,476	506	365	10,876	447	365	5,249	409	365	5,627	484	365
Property damage/mischief	7,709	472	365	4,486	403	365	2,113	364	360	2,373	437	365
Other Criminal Code Violations	48,434	536	450	22,313	463	365	11,073	421	365	11,240	503	365
Weapons	3,103	561	540	2,053	513	365	532	439	365	1,521	539	450
Administration of justice	13,583	499	365	5,727	437	365	2,879	402	365	2,848	472	365
Public order offences	3,705	440	365	2,132	376	360	880	332	360	1,252	407	365
Morals-sexual	1,356	507	365	1,082	459	365	724	426	365	358	525	365
Morals-gaming	113	368	360	98	364	360	56	377	360	42	347	360
Unspecified Criminal Code	26,574	567	540	11,221	484	365	6,002	442	365	5,219	533	450
Traffic	9,978	404	365	6,557	363	360	1,879	327	360	4,678	377	360
Criminal Code traffic	2,654	435	365	1,554	367	360	757	308	360	797	423	365
Impaired driving	7,324	393	365	5,003	362	360	1,122	340	360	3,881	368	360
Federal Statute Total	14,108	540	540	7,166	446	365	3,699	382	360	3,467	515	365
Drug Related Offences	4,670	436	365	3,164	369	360	1,854	341	360	1,310	410	365
Trafficking	1,957	472	365	1,317	423	365	484	407	365	833	432	365
Possession	2,713	410	360	1,847	331	360	1,370	317	360	477	372	360
Other Federal Statutes	9,438	591	730	4,002	507	365	1,845	424	365	2,157	578	730

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Table 1.12
Mean and Median Amount of Fine,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Amount of Fine (\$) for Charges and Cases with a Fine											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
Total Offences	112,190	1,560	300	86,981	716	300	39,283	512	250	47,698	884	500
Criminal Code Total	86,715	858	300	68,715	629	400	26,078	428	300	42,637	752	500
Crimes Against the Person	6,426	378	300	5,903	386	300	2,985	412	350	2,918	360	300
Homicide and related	4	500	500	4	500	500	1	500	500	3	500	500
Attempted murder	2	1,000	1,000	2	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	2	1,000	1,000
Robbery	31	477	300	28	508	300	14	629	500	14	387	250
Kidnapping	17	485	500	6	683	500	-	-	-	6	683	50
Sexual assault	125	597	500	120	605	500	83	660	500	37	482	500
Sexual abuse	35	574	500	26	631	500	10	705	750	16	584	500
Major assault	1,690	428	300	1,605	435	325	635	510	491	970	385	300
Abduction	1	50	50	1	50	50	-	-	-	1	50	50
Common assault	4,521	350	300	4,111	358	300	2,242	372	300	1,869	340	250
Crimes Against Property	16,534	449	200	13,391	403	200	7,297	397	200	6,094	411	250
Break and enter	669	454	300	558	430	300	272	383	300	286	475	300
Arson	36	25,107	33,306	10	3,791	500	3	500	500	7	5,201	500
Fraud	2,963	697	200	2,056	779	250	873	960	250	1,183	645	250
Possess stolen property	2,772	501	300	2,125	499	300	1,143	444	300	982	564	300
Theft	7,533	282	200	6,645	290	200	3,940	294	200	2,705	283	200
Property damage/mischief	2,561	253	200	1,997	268	200	1,066	268	200	931	268	200
Other Criminal Code Violations	26,528	1,532	150	17,443	843	200	9,444	316	200	7,999	1,466	150
Weapons	1,701	290	200	1,325	303	250	499	283	250	826	316	250
Administration of justice	11,323	164	100	6,543	184	150	3,221	198	150	3,322	170	125
Public order offences	3,590	250	200	2,891	260	200	1,355	266	200	1,536	254	200
Morals-sexual	840	414	200	780	355	200	593	310	200	187	496	250
Morals-gaming	250	2,331	1,111	155	3,078	1,000	99	2,313	1,000	56	4,430	1,111
Unspecified Criminal Code	8,824	4,133	200	5,749	2,018	200	3,677	389	200	2,072	4,910	200
Traffic	37,227	641	600	31,978	652	600	6,352	640	600	25,626	655	600
Criminal Code traffic	2,886	610	500	2,241	639	500	1,341	640	500	900	639	500
Impaired driving	34,341	644	600	29,737	653	600	5,011	640	600	24,726	656	600
Federal Statute Total	25,475	3,952	200	18,266	1,041	200	13,205	676	150	5,061	1,995	400
Drug Related Offences	7,459	452	250	6,184	435	250	4,458	320	200	1,726	732	350
Trafficking	1,215	1,252	600	985	1,190	650	420	810	500	565	1,472	900
Possession	6,244	296	200	5,199	292	200	4,038	269	200	1,161	372	250
Other Federal Statutes	18,016	5,401	200	12,082	1,351	150	8,747	857	110	3,335	2,648	500

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.13
Cases by Number of Appearances,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Cases	Number of Appearances											
		1 appearance		2 appearances		3 appearances		4 appearances		5 appearances		6 plus appearances	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	378,586	69,658	18.4	59,271	15.7	52,910	14.0	44,482	11.7	35,339	9.3	116,926	30.9
Criminal Code Total	334,414	57,567	17.2	51,616	15.4	47,791	14.3	40,451	12.1	32,207	9.6	104,782	31.3
Crimes Against the Person	77,441	6,308	8.1	9,086	11.7	11,267	14.5	10,681	13.8	8,910	11.5	31,189	40.3
Homicide and related	419	46	11.0	27	6.4	27	6.4	27	6.4	37	8.8	255	60.9
Attempted murder	325	20	6.2	18	5.5	25	7.7	19	5.8	23	7.1	220	67.7
Robbery	4,435	283	6.4	257	5.8	361	8.1	392	8.8	414	9.3	2,728	61.5
Kidnapping	275	19	6.9	28	10.2	31	11.3	27	9.8	41	14.9	129	46.9
Sexual assault	5,388	273	5.1	361	6.7	473	8.8	551	10.2	534	9.9	3,196	59.3
Sexual abuse	1,276	88	6.9	84	6.6	117	9.2	133	10.4	117	9.2	737	57.8
Major assault	21,018	1,407	6.7	2,096	10.0	2,794	13.3	2,788	13.3	2,446	11.6	9,487	45.1
Abduction	125	20	16.0	12	9.6	12	9.6	17	13.6	13	10.4	51	40.8
Common assault	44,180	4,152	9.4	6,203	14.0	7,427	16.8	6,727	15.2	5,285	12.0	14,386	32.6
Crimes Against Property	94,707	15,282	16.1	16,105	17.0	13,156	13.9	10,990	11.6	8,650	9.1	30,524	32.2
Break and enter	12,719	1,332	10.5	1,565	12.3	1,725	13.6	1,526	12.0	1,347	10.6	5,224	41.1
Arson	575	35	6.1	44	7.7	51	8.9	48	8.3	66	11.5	331	57.6
Fraud	19,799	3,104	15.7	2,679	13.5	2,385	12.0	2,162	10.9	1,854	9.4	7,615	38.5
Possess stolen property	12,932	1,609	12.4	1,734	13.4	1,664	12.9	1,592	12.3	1,292	10.0	5,041	39.0
Theft	37,461	7,430	19.8	8,067	21.5	5,464	14.6	4,192	11.2	3,005	8.0	9,303	24.8
Property damage/mischief	11,221	1,772	15.8	2,016	18.0	1,867	16.6	1,470	13.1	1,086	9.7	3,010	26.8
Other Criminal Code Violations	109,013	23,813	21.8	18,121	16.6	15,584	14.3	12,362	11.3	9,488	8.7	29,645	27.2
Weapons	7,219	894	12.4	836	11.6	997	13.8	874	12.1	752	10.4	2,866	39.7
Administration of justice	40,375	10,167	25.2	7,059	17.5	5,473	13.6	4,278	10.6	3,220	8.0	10,178	25.2
Public order offences	8,875	1,652	18.6	1,730	19.5	1,403	15.8	1,024	11.5	805	9.1	2,261	25.5
Morals-sexual	4,801	657	13.7	839	17.5	770	16.0	563	11.7	437	9.1	1,535	32.0
Morals-gaming	888	76	8.6	93	10.5	87	9.8	65	7.3	105	11.8	462	52.0
Unspecified Criminal Code	46,855	10,367	22.1	7,564	16.1	6,854	14.6	5,558	11.9	4,169	8.9	12,343	26.3
Traffic	53,253	12,164	22.8	8,304	15.6	7,784	14.6	6,418	12.1	5,159	9.7	13,424	25.2
Criminal Code traffic	7,510	1,001	13.3	920	12.3	1,076	14.3	944	12.6	840	11.2	2,729	36.3
Impaired driving	45,743	11,163	24.4	7,384	16.1	6,708	14.7	5,474	12.0	4,319	9.4	10,695	23.4
Federal Statute Total	44,172	12,091	27.4	7,655	17.3	5,119	11.6	4,031	9.1	3,132	7.1	12,144	27.5
Drug Related Offences	21,458	3,941	18.4	3,321	15.5	2,552	11.9	2,075	9.7	1,646	7.7	7,923	36.9
Trafficking	7,742	547	7.1	594	7.7	686	8.9	797	10.3	645	8.3	4,473	57.8
Possession	13,716	3,394	24.7	2,727	19.9	1,866	13.6	1,278	9.3	1,001	7.3	3,450	25.2
Other Federal Statutes	22,714	8,150	35.9	4,334	19.1	2,567	11.3	1,956	8.6	1,486	6.5	4,221	18.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.14
Case Elapsed Time From First to Last Appearance,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Total Cases	Elapsed Time (Days)											
		1 appearance		up to 4 weeks		>4 to 16 weeks		>16 to 32 weeks		>32 to 52 weeks		>52 weeks	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Offences	378,586	69,658	18.4	55,845	14.8	90,031	23.8	81,252	21.5	45,816	12.1	35,984	9.5
Criminal Code Total	334,414	57,567	17.2	51,058	15.3	79,901	23.9	73,254	21.9	41,104	12.3	31,530	9.4
Crimes Against the Person	77,441	6,308	8.1	8,966	11.6	20,664	26.7	21,449	27.7	12,338	15.9	7,716	10.0
Homicide and related	419	46	11.0	39	9.3	60	14.3	98	23.4	93	22.2	83	19.8
Attempted murder	325	20	6.2	34	10.5	79	24.3	92	28.3	54	16.6	46	14.2
Robbery	4,435	283	6.4	574	12.9	1,175	26.5	1,054	23.8	752	17.0	597	13.5
Kidnapping	275	19	6.9	39	14.2	80	29.1	65	23.6	45	16.4	27	9.8
Sexual assault	5,388	273	5.1	264	4.9	906	16.8	1,443	26.8	1,318	24.5	1,184	22.0
Sexual abuse	1,276	88	6.9	57	4.5	245	19.2	291	22.8	286	22.4	309	24.2
Major assault	21,018	1,407	6.7	2,531	12.0	5,268	25.1	5,684	27.0	3,641	17.3	2,487	11.8
Abduction	125	20	16.0	7	5.6	30	24.0	33	26.4	25	20.0	10	8.0
Common assault	44,180	4,152	9.4	5,421	12.3	12,821	29.0	12,689	28.7	6,124	13.9	2,973	6.7
Crimes Against Property	94,707	15,282	16.1	15,292	16.1	23,960	25.3	19,193	20.3	10,810	11.4	10,170	10.7
Break and enter	12,719	1,332	10.5	2,348	18.5	3,425	26.9	2,704	21.3	1,585	12.5	1,325	10.4
Arson	575	35	6.1	64	11.1	132	23.0	135	23.5	102	17.7	107	18.6
Fraud	19,799	3,104	15.7	2,422	12.2	4,174	21.1	4,127	20.8	2,737	13.8	3,235	16.3
Possess stolen property	12,932	1,609	12.4	2,099	16.2	3,194	24.7	2,817	21.8	1,735	13.4	1,478	11.4
Theft	37,461	7,430	19.8	6,685	17.8	9,909	26.5	6,786	18.1	3,486	9.3	3,165	8.4
Property damage/mischief	11,221	1,772	15.8	1,674	14.9	3,126	27.9	2,624	23.4	1,165	10.4	860	7.7
Other Criminal Code Violations	109,013	23,813	21.8	20,980	19.2	25,130	23.1	20,585	18.9	10,418	9.6	8,087	7.4
Weapons	7,219	894	12.4	970	13.4	1,760	24.4	1,794	24.9	1,050	14.5	751	10.4
Administration of justice	40,375	10,167	25.2	10,512	26.0	8,283	20.5	6,269	15.5	2,986	7.4	2,158	5.3
Public order offences	8,875	1,652	18.6	1,617	18.2	2,190	24.7	1,823	20.5	888	10.0	705	7.9
Morals-sexual	4,801	657	13.7	569	11.9	1,304	27.2	1,135	23.6	595	12.4	541	11.3
Morals-gaming	888	76	8.6	65	7.3	200	22.5	176	19.8	187	21.1	184	20.7
Unspecified Criminal Code	46,855	10,367	22.1	7,247	15.5	11,393	24.3	9,388	20.0	4,712	10.1	3,748	8.0
Traffic	53,253	12,164	22.8	5,820	10.9	10,147	19.1	12,027	22.6	7,538	14.2	5,557	10.4
Criminal Code traffic	7,510	1,001	13.3	796	10.6	1,663	22.1	1,944	25.9	1,188	15.8	918	12.2
Impaired driving	45,743	11,163	24.4	5,024	11.0	8,484	18.5	10,083	22.0	6,350	13.9	4,639	10.1
Federal Statute Total	44,172	12,091	27.4	4,787	10.8	10,130	22.9	7,998	18.1	4,712	10.7	4,454	10.1
Drug Related Offences	21,458	3,941	18.4	2,718	12.7	5,340	24.9	4,359	20.3	2,711	12.6	2,389	11.1
Trafficking	7,742	547	7.1	707	9.1	1,547	20.0	1,941	25.1	1,525	19.7	1,475	19.1
Possession	13,716	3,394	24.7	2,011	14.7	3,793	27.7	2,418	17.6	1,186	8.6	914	6.7
Other Federal Statutes	22,714	8,150	35.9	2,069	9.1	4,790	21.1	3,639	16.0	2,001	8.8	2,065	9.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 1.15
Mean and Median Elapsed Time From First to Last Appearance
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories

Offence Group	Elapsed Time (Days)											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
Total Offences	811,382	171	97	378,586	152	84	198,602	138	74	179,984	168	98
Criminal Code Total	716,727	166	94	334,414	153	87	168,636	142	80	165,778	164	96
Crimes Against the Person	120,093	184	135	77,441	171	126	38,294	160	123	39,147	181	129
Homicide and related	487	251	182	419	240	178	264	243	194	155	235	160
Attempted murder	563	196	132	325	195	134	92	157	117	233	210	147
Robbery	8,070	193	147	4,435	188	130	1,319	188	125	3,116	188	132
Kidnapping	2,964	198	146	275	169	112	76	139	95	199	180	126
Sexual assault	8,812	262	217	5,388	254	209	2,232	247	202	3,156	260	215
Sexual abuse	5,647	298	248	1,276	262	210	500	215	174	776	292	236
Major assault	32,744	188	139	21,018	184	136	8,127	186	148	12,891	182	127
Abduction	208	196	125	125	179	127	76	160	116	49	207	140
Common assault	60,598	157	116	44,180	149	111	25,608	141	108	18,572	160	114
Crimes Against Property	218,975	182	98	94,707	165	84	46,228	152	77	48,479	178	91
Break and enter	29,545	160	92	12,719	160	90	4,487	162	98	8,232	159	85
Arson	1,040	223	168	575	233	160	270	222	162	305	242	154
Fraud	61,807	231	127	19,799	213	119	7,658	206	113	12,141	217	120
Possess stolen property	41,548	172	98	12,932	172	100	6,660	166	104	6,272	178	97
Theft	60,261	162	76	37,461	146	63	20,807	130	56	16,654	166	71
Property damage/mischief	24,774	152	92	11,221	141	84	6,346	132	77	4,875	153	97
Other Criminal Code Violations	263,616	143	70	109,013	128	56	68,110	120	49	40,903	141	71
Weapons	19,789	182	130	7,219	166	112	2,592	149	91	4,627	176	123
Administration of justice	93,359	112	35	40,375	101	27	25,970	99	26	14,405	103	28
Public order offences	17,040	142	70	8,875	139	67	4,340	125	57	4,535	152	78
Morals-sexual	6,776	197	124	4,801	172	104	3,661	156	98	1,140	224	126
Morals-gaming	1,603	242	158	888	256	173	516	271	181	372	236	152
Unspecified Criminal Code	125,049	155	87	46,855	137	67	31,031	128	54	15,824	154	96
Traffic	114,043	172	99	53,253	158	98	16,004	167	120	37,249	155	87
Criminal Code traffic	15,822	190	119	7,510	185	127	4,245	176	121	3,265	197	140
Impaired driving	98,221	169	97	45,743	154	91	11,759	164	120	33,984	150	81
Federal Statute Total	94,655	205	119	44,172	145	67	29,966	116	42	14,206	206	140
Drug Related Offences	40,616	194	119	21,458	163	90	14,404	138	64	7,054	214	152
Trafficking	19,118	249	179	7,742	234	174	3,054	221	161	4,688	242	181
Possession	21,498	146	71	13,716	123	56	11,350	116	49	2,366	158	98
Other Federal Statutes	54,039	213	119	22,714	128	48	15,562	95	21	7,152	199	127

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

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Part 2 – Jurisdictional Overviews

Table 2.1
Charges by Decision,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Total Charges	Decision									
		Guilty		Superior Court		Other		Stay/Withdrawn		Acquitted	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL	811,382	372,570	45.9	13,505	1.7	30,974	3.8	368,116	45.4	26,217	3.2
Newfoundland	16,382	9,653	58.9	661	4.0	623	3.8	5,426	33.1	19	0.1
Prince Edward Island	2,737	1,724	63.0	60	2.2	10	0.4	918	33.5	25	0.9
Nova Scotia	30,562	12,161	39.8	635	2.1	1,092	3.6	15,714	51.4	960	3.1
Quebec	193,350	111,627	57.7	28	--	13,982	7.2	46,566	24.1	21,147	10.9
Ontario	363,817	145,591	40.0	10,296	2.8	6,179	1.7	200,186	55.0	1,565	0.4
Saskatchewan	59,835	28,787	48.1	917	1.5	2,477	4.1	27,027	45.2	627	1.0
Alberta	138,503	60,278	43.5	768	0.6	6,414	4.6	69,236	50.0	1,807	1.3
Yukon	3,353	1,238	36.9	43	1.3	176	5.2	1,841	54.9	55	1.6
Northwest Territories	2,843	1,511	53.1	97	3.4	21	0.7	1,202	42.3	12	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 2.2
Cases by Decision
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Total Cases	Decision									
		Guilty		Superior Court		Other		Stay/Withdrawn		Acquitted	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL	378,586	228,267	60.3	4,449	1.2	13,917	3.7	122,676	32.4	9,277	2.5
Newfoundland	6,622	4,730	71.4	111	1.7	181	2.7	1,590	24.0	10	0.2
Prince Edward Island	1,575	1,177	74.7	31	2.0	7	0.4	342	21.7	18	1.1
Nova Scotia	16,432	8,669	52.8	236	1.4	859	5.2	6,117	37.2	551	3.4
Quebec	71,614	52,724	73.6	16	--	4,423	6.2	7,877	11.0	6,574	9.2
Ontario	191,683	106,186	55.4	3,265	1.7	4,462	2.3	76,868	40.1	902	0.5
Saskatchewan	26,896	16,114	59.9	395	1.5	863	3.2	9,223	34.3	301	1.1
Alberta	60,776	36,851	60.6	327	0.5	3,008	4.9	19,704	32.4	886	1.5
Yukon	1,399	786	56.2	15	1.1	96	6.9	476	34.0	26	1.9
Northwest Territories	1,589	1,030	64.8	53	3.3	18	1.1	479	30.1	9	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 2.3
Convicted Cases by Type of Sentence,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Convicted Cases	Type of Sentence									
		Prison		Probation		Fine		Restitution		Other	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL	228,267	77,977	34.2	96,761	42.4	89,556	39.2	10,826	4.7	97,613	42.8
Newfoundland	4,730	1,447	30.6	2,324	49.1	1,846	39.0	79	1.7	1,677	35.5
Prince Edward Island	1,177	676	57.4	504	42.8	565	48.0	161	13.7	324	27.5
Nova Scotia	8,669	2,042	23.6	2,803	32.3	4,378	50.5	517	6.0	4,181	48.2
Quebec	52,724	15,074	28.6	26,798	50.8	22,907	43.4	1,256	2.4	12,099	22.9
Ontario	106,186	43,301	40.8	50,157	47.2	31,384	29.6	5,491	5.2	55,630	52.4
Saskatchewan	16,114	3,659	22.7	4,671	29.0	7,971	49.5	989	6.1	9,357	58.1
Alberta	36,851	11,069	30.0	8,966	24.3	19,919	54.1	2,208	6.0	13,688	37.1
Yukon	786	318	40.5	165	21.0	223	28.4	48	6.1	476	60.6
Northwest Territories	1,030	391	38.0	373	36.2	363	35.2	77	7.5	181	17.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 2.4
Mean and Median Length of Prison Sentence,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Length of Prison (Days) for Charges and Cases with Prison											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
TOTAL	158,981	185	60	74,128	130	30	26,836	87	30	47,292	155	60
Newfoundland	4,651	121	30	1,290	99	30	256	68	21	1,034	106	30
Prince Edward Island	1,076	228	30	676	198	15	338	257	15	338	139	15
Nova Scotia	4,199	155	30	2,042	129	30	716	95	30	1,326	148	45
Quebec	48,699	290	179	15,074	227	90	4,088	144	58	10,986	258	150
Ontario	64,834	118	30	39,897	87	30	16,945	64	30	22,952	104	30
Saskatchewan	10,074	140	75	3,659	134	60	997	100	30	2,662	146	60
Alberta	24,271	191	60	10,833	155	30	3,284	108	30	7,549	175	60
Yukon	503	83	30	266	99	30	63	198	30	203	68	30
Northwest Territories	674	114	60	391	122	60	149	111	60	242	129	90

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 2.5
Mean and Median Length of Probation Order,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Length of Probation Order (Days) for Charges and Cases with Probation											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
TOTAL	163,040	533	450	96,702	474	365	42,808	427	365	53,894	512	365
Newfoundland	4,250	549	408	2,323	476	365	1,128	410	365	1,195	540	450
Prince Edward Island	754	440	365	503	409	360	311	386	360	192	447	365
Nova Scotia	3,960	445	365	2,803	407	365	1,453	372	365	1,350	445	365
Quebec	61,907	655	730	26,784	583	730	9,008	492	365	17,776	630	730
Ontario	67,921	478	365	50,157	452	365	25,187	428	365	24,970	477	365
Saskatchewan	8,864	351	360	4,670	325	300	1,954	307	270	2,716	338	360
Alberta	14,676	411	365	8,945	382	365	3,501	357	360	5,444	398	365
Yukon	232	438	360	146	437	365	35	437	365	111	437	360
Northwest Territories	476	335	365	371	317	365	231	295	300	140	353	365

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Table 2.6
Mean and Median Amount of Fine,
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Amount of Fine (\$) for Charges and Cases with a Fine											
	Total Charges			Total Cases			Single-Charge Cases			Multiple-Charge Cases		
	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median	#	mean	median
TOTAL	112,190	1,560	300	86,981	716	300	39,283	512	250	47,698	884	500
Newfoundland	2,407	581	400	1,846	606	400	1,044	580	300	802	640	500
Prince Edward Island	664	784	700	565	695	700	361	607	500	204	852	900
Nova Scotia	4,983	573	400	4,378	574	450	1,927	460	250	2,451	664	600
Quebec	33,128	3,950	250	22,906	1,116	300	9,359	589	125	13,547	1,480	300
Ontario	32,983	665	430	28,814	650	450	15,434	538	300	13,380	779	600
Saskatchewan	11,195	415	300	7,971	455	400	3,208	435	300	4,763	468	475
Alberta	26,096	477	300	19,919	503	350	7,685	400	250	12,234	568	500
Yukon	271	580	600	219	593	600	53	326	300	166	679	700
Northwest Territories	463	512	400	363	523	400	212	411	300	151	681	500

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
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Table 2.7
Total Cases, Median Elapsed Time by Number of Appearances
Selected Provinces and Territories in Canada, 1999/00

Jurisdiction	Elapsed Time (Days)													
	TOTAL		Single Appearance		Cases with 2 Appearances		Cases with 3 Appearances		Cases with 4 Appearances		Cases with 5 Appearances		Cases with 6 Plus Appearances	
	#	median	#	median	#	median	#	median	#	median	#	median	#	median
TOTAL	378,586	84	69,658	-	59,271	28	52,910	67	44,482	105	35,339	140	116,926	238
Newfoundland	6,622	49	2,077	-	1,331	35	1,079	91	773	134	513	162	849	251
Prince Edward Island	1,575	-	1,166	-	173	16	116	49	68	63	26	87	26	183
Nova Scotia	16,432	56	4,477	-	4,127	42	2,916	105	1,920	161	1,221	216	1,771	316
Quebec	71,614	100	12,858	-	10,717	31	11,692	83	9,591	129	7,320	175	19,436	313
Ontario	191,683	91	27,864	-	24,873	21	22,184	49	20,705	83	18,213	118	77,844	217
Saskatchewan	26,896	56	6,964	-	5,056	28	4,024	69	3,102	119	2,418	154	5,332	262
Alberta	60,776	83	13,385	-	12,384	42	10,478	97	8,035	135	5,390	166	11,104	258
Yukon	1,399	51	303	-	198	14	176	36	144	49	144	92	434	164
Northwest Territories	1,589	28	564	-	412	35	245	63	144	93	94	108	130	148

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Adult Criminal Court Survey.
 See Appendix 4 for offence category definitions, Appendix 5 for table notes, and Appendix 6 for methodological notes.

Appendices

Appendix 1:

ACCS jurisdictional coverage (Case Characteristics component)

The Adult Criminal Court Survey covers provincial/territorial criminal courts in the following jurisdictions. The ACCS also collects Superior Court data from Alberta and the Yukon.

Newfoundland

Data are available from 1994.

Limitations: The first 3 quarters of fiscal 1994/95 include the St. John's and Clarenville court locations only.

Prince Edward Island

Data are available from 1992.

Nova Scotia

Data are available from 1992.

Limitations: Halifax Municipal Court data are not included prior to 1995/96.

New Brunswick

Data are not available.

Quebec

Data are available from 1992.

Limitations: ACCS shelf tables are available from 1994-95, and represent approximately 80% of national provincial criminal court coverage. (See footnotes for further coverage information). These tables do not include data for cases heard in Superior Criminal Courts. Also excluded are data for Quebec's municipal courts. It is estimated that approximately 20% of federal statute charges in Quebec are heard in municipal court.

Ontario

Data are available from 1994.

Limitations: Ontario data for 1996/97 undercounts charges by approximately 5%.

Manitoba

Data are not available.

Saskatchewan

Data are available from 1993.

Alberta

Data are available from 1994.

British Columbia

Data are not available.

Yukon

Data are available from 1992.

Northwest Territories

Data are available from 1994.

Limitations: Data are not available for 1996/97.

Nunavut

Data are not available.

Appendix 2:

Case Characteristics standard record layout

Data Label	Name	Size	Type	Position
JURIS*	Jurisdiction	2	AN	1-2
LEVEL	Level of Court	1	AN	3
COURT	Court Location	14	AN	4-17
APPEAR	Appearance Type and Result	2	AN	18-19
DCOURT*	Date of Court Appearance	8	AN	20-27
LREP	Legal Representation	1	AN	28
DELECT	Accused or Defence Election	1	AN	29
INFO*	Information Number	20	AN	30-49
CSEQ*	Charge Sequence Number	3	AN	50-52
DOFF	Date of Offence	8	AN	53-60
DINIT	Date of Initiation	8	AN	61-68
STAT	Type of Statute	3	AN	69-71
SECT	Statute Section Code	6	AN	72-77
SUBS	Statute Subsection	3	AN	78-80
PARA	Statute Paragraph	4	AN	81-84
NATURE	Nature of Offence	1	AN	85
PROCED	Crown Proceeding/Crown Election	1	AN	86
PLEA	Type of Plea	1	AN	87
DISP	Type of Disposition	2	AN	88-89
WARRANT	Bench/Arrest Warrant Issued	1	AN	90
SENT	Type of Sentence	6	AN	91-96
CONDTYPE	Type of Conditional Sentence of Imprisonment Conditions	8	AN	97-104
CONSCUR	Consecutive/Concurrent Indicator	1	AN	105
LCONDIT	Length of Conditional Sentence of Imprisonment	3	AN	106-108
OSDETAIL	Other Sentence Detail	8	AN	109-116
PROBTYPE	Type of Probation	8	AN	117-124
TIMESERV	Time Served	1	AN	125
LPRISON	Length of Prison	4	AN	126-129
LPROB	Length of Probation	4	AN	130-133
AFINE	Amount of Fine	8	AN	134-141
AREST	Amount of Restitution	8	AN	142-149
OTHER	Other Sentence Type	1	AN	150
IDENT*	Local Accused/Defendant Identifier	20	AN	151-170
SDX	Accused/Defendant Identifier	11	AN	171-181
SEX	Sex of Accused	1	AN	182
DBIRTH	Date of Birth of Accused	8	AN	183-190
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Appendix 4:

Offence Category Definitions

Crimes against the person

Homicide and related	first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter, infanticide.
Attempted murder	attempted murder
Robbery	robbery with firearms, with other offensive weapons, other robbery
Kidnapping	kidnapping, forcible confinement, hostage taking
Sexual assault	aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault with a weapon, causing bodily harm, threats to a third party
Sexual abuse	sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation, incest, bestiality
Major assault	aggravated assault (level 3), assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm (level 2), discharging firearm with intent, unlawfully causing bodily harm, assault against a peace/police officer
Abduction	abduction of a person under 16, abduction of a person under 14, abduction in contravention of a custody order, abduction where no custody order
Common assault	assault level 1

Crimes against property

Break and enter	business premises, residence, other break and enter
Arson	Arson
Fraud	cheques, credit cards, counterfeiting, other fraud
Possess stolen property	have stolen goods
Theft	theft of motor vehicles, theft over, theft under, theft from motor vehicles, shoplifting, theft unspecified, other theft
Property damage/mischief	mischief to property less than/more than \$1,000, mischief with data

Other Criminal Code

Weapons	explosives, pointing a firearm, use of a firearm in committing offence, careless use/storage/handling of a firearm, possession of prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, other offensive weapons
Administration of justice	bail violations, fail to appear or comply with a summons/appearance notice/ promise to appear, breach of recognizance, unlawfully at large, escape custody, breach of probation
Public order offences	causing a disturbance, obstruct a peace officer, trespass at night
Morals sexual	keeping a bawdy house, procuring, other prostitution related offences, indecent acts, public morals
Morals gaming	keeping betting house, gaming house, other gaming and betting offences
Other Criminal Code	all other criminal code offences

Traffic-related offences

Criminal Code traffic	dangerous operation of motor vehicles, vessels, aircraft, dangerous operation causing death/bodily harm, fail to stop at scene of an accident, operation while disqualified
Impaired driving	impaired driving, impaired driving causing death/bodily harm, impaired >.08, fail to provide sample

Drug-related offences

Trafficking	trafficking/importing drugs, heroin, cocaine, cannabis, restricted drugs, other drugs
Possession	possession of drugs, heroin, cocaine, cannabis, restricted drugs, other drugs

Other federal statutes

Income Tax Act, Fisheries Act, Employment Insurance Act, Bankruptcy Act, Customs Act, Immigration Act, other

Appendix 5:

Table notes

National tables

Table 1.1

- Multiple charge cases include all charges in the case, regardless of whether or not there was a guilty disposition.

Table 1.2

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

Table 1.3

- Age is the age of the accused at the time of the offence.
- Age unknown includes accused under the age of 18 at the time of offence.

Table 1.4 and 1.5

- "Guilty" includes conditional and absolute discharges, guilty pleas, and found guilty. Stay/withdraw includes stay of proceedings and withdrawn/dismitted/discharged at preliminary. "Other" dispositions include acquitted on account of mental disorder, and waived in/out of province.
- The Superior Court disposition category includes charges and cases that reported a change in court level as the last disposition within the reference period (i.e., a committal for trial in Superior Court, or election from Superior Court to provincial court). Where possible the completion of these trials will be reported in a subsequent reference period. In 1999/00, Alberta and the Yukon are the only jurisdiction reporting both re-elections back to provincial court and committals to Superior Court. All other jurisdictions report committals.

Table 1.6

- "Other" most serious sentences include absolute and conditional discharge, suspended sentence, payment of legal costs, and suspension of drivers license.

Table 1.7

- The "No Prison" category provides counts of convicted cases and charges where this sanction was not imposed.
- Charge and case data are for convicted cases and charges only.
- The "unknown" column for length of prison includes indeterminate and intermittent prison sentences.

Table 1.8

- The "No Probation" category provides counts of convicted cases and charges where this sanction was not imposed.
- Charge and case data are for convicted cases and charges only.

Table 1.9

- The "No Fine" category provides counts of convicted cases and charges where this sanction was not imposed.
- Charge and case data are for convicted cases and charges only.

Table 1.10, 1.11, and 1.12

- Data do not include charges resulting in conviction where sentencing information was unavailable.
- Multiple charge cases include all charges in the case, regardless of whether or not there was a guilty disposition.
- Charge and case data are for convicted cases and charges only.
- Mean and median calculations exclude unknown sentences.

Table 1.14

- Elapsed time is from first to last court appearance.

Table 1.15

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- Mean and median calculations exclude unknown sentences.

Jurisdictional tables

Table 2.1, and 2.2

- “Guilty” includes conditional and absolute discharges, guilty pleas, and found guilty. Stay/withdraw includes stay of proceedings and withdrawn/dismitted/discharged at preliminary. “Other” dispositions include acquitted on account of mental disorder, and waived in/out of province.
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- Excludes municipal court appearances in Quebec.
- During 1999/00, Prince Edward Island was in the process of changing its justice information system, and some court information was not entered prior to the extraction of data for the ACCS. The level of under coverage resulting from late data capture is not known at this time.

Table 2.3

- Cases can have more than one sentence. Therefore, sanctions are not mutually exclusive and will not add to 100%.
- Excludes municipal court appearances in Quebec.
- Includes Superior Court appearances in Alberta and the Yukon.
- “Other” sentences include absolute and conditional discharge, suspended sentence, payment of legal costs, and suspension of drivers license.
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Appendix 6:

Methodological notes

Stages of data flow and sources of error

The Adult Criminal Court Survey data contained in this report have undergone numerous types of processing since the original data collection took place in the courtroom. Each process may introduce error, or a difference between the original court event and the final tabulated data. The following is a description of the four basic stages of data flow for the ACCS and the types of errors which may be introduced at each stage.

Stage 1. collection of the original data

The initial stage involves the recording of court proceedings in some form of docket. The types of errors which may be introduced include the following:

1. Response and measurement error: Provinces and territories or court locations within the same province or territory may differ in terms of court operations, recording procedures, and the interpretation of statutes or legal concepts.
2. Non-response error: Data pertaining to some ACCS variables may not be collected if not required for operational or administrative purposes.
3. Data coding errors: There may be clerical errors in the recording of court proceedings.

Stage 2. Provincial/territorial processing of the original data

Data from court dockets are loaded into the provincial and territorial automated operational systems. Data are then loaded into automated information system files within the jurisdiction. The types of errors which may be introduced at this stage include:

1. Coverage error: Data for certain court locations may not be captured for inclusion in the automated files.
2. Non-response errors: Data pertaining to some ACCS variables may not be captured for inclusion in the automated operational systems, though they exist in the court dockets.
3. Data coding and capture errors: There may be clerical errors or delays in the coding of data on the docket or in the transformation of data from the docket into a machine-readable format.
4. Edit and imputation errors: The edit and imputation process used by the provincial/territorial systems may introduce errors.
5. System errors: Processing of operational system files or information system files may introduce errors.

Stage 3. Transcription of information into ACCS format

Interface software selects the applicable records from automated court operational systems or management information systems in the provinces/territories. Records are then transcribed into the ACCS format and sent to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) for processing. The types of errors that may be introduced include:

1. System errors: ACCS interface software specifications may be incorrect or misinterpreted or the interface software itself may contain errors.
2. Coverage errors: The ACCS interface software may extract inappropriate records or miss records that should be covered by the survey.

Stage 4. ACCS processing of the transcribed data

Data received from the provinces and territories are edited and, if necessary, data from the Case Characteristics component are imputed before being added to the ACCS master file. Automated standard tables are produced from the contents of these files. The types of errors that may be introduced at this stage include:

1. System errors: ACCS processing specifications may be incorrect or misinterpreted. The processing programs themselves may also contain errors.
2. Edit and imputation errors: Although the edit and imputation system is a tool for detecting and correcting errors, it may also be a source of error. The edit specifications may contain errors due to changes in court procedures, or legislation. The edit and imputation rules may be mis-interpreted or they may be too restrictive or not restrictive enough.

ACCS tools for assuring data quality

A number of tools have been developed for the ACCS to minimize or correct the errors identified above.

A. Interface software development methodology

System error may be introduced during the extraction and transcription of provincial or territorial data into ACCS format. The ACCS has attempted to minimize this source of error by implementing a standard interface development methodology which requires a complete testing of the software by both the ACCS and the province/territory prior to implementation. Interface development must proceed through the following stages:

1. The feasibility of developing interface software is investigated. A test environment is established in the automated operational or case management system of the province or territory to assist in the feasibility investigation and in the development of interface software.
2. Provincial/territorial data elements are mapped to the ACCS data requirements and documented in a field interpretation and limitations(FID) template.
3. The interface software is run in the test environment using test data and the results are verified by both the ACCS and the province/territory. Differences between actual and expected results are identified and the required corrections are made.
4. The interface software is run in the production environment and the results are verified by both the province/territory and ACCS. Errors are identified and the required corrections are made.
5. An evaluation exercise is undertaken to assess the extent to which the data extracted by the interface match the data contained in the original provincial/territorial court files and automated operational or case management system files. The review facilitates the investigation of response errors or discrepancies between the published data and the original recording of the court event.

B. Testing of ACCS data processing systems

The ACCS data processing systems may introduce system errors and edit and imputation errors into the data. To minimize the impact of these errors, all systems developed at Statistics Canada, including the ACCS data processing system, are subject to logic testing by the developer, user acceptance testing performed by the CCJS and/or the Methodology Division of Statistics Canada, and volume testing performed by the system developer. It should be noted, however, that these tests only approximate the infinite number of situations encountered in the real world. Periodic revision will also be required to reflect changes in court procedures and law. For these reasons, the ACCS data processing system requires continuous review and modification.

C. ACCS edit and imputation system

The main tool developed for the ACCS to identify and correct errors and to guide interface software development is an edit and imputation system for the Case Characteristics component. Erroneous data processed by the edit system may result in one of the following outcomes:

Data are rejected: There are three types of errors that cause case characteristics data to be rejected: missing or incorrect information in the key record identification fields (Province/Territory, Court Location, Information Number, Accused Identifier, Charge Sequence Number, and Court Appearance Date); charges not yet disposed; and duplicate appearance records. In most cases, records containing reject errors require respondent input to determine the appropriate action to be taken.