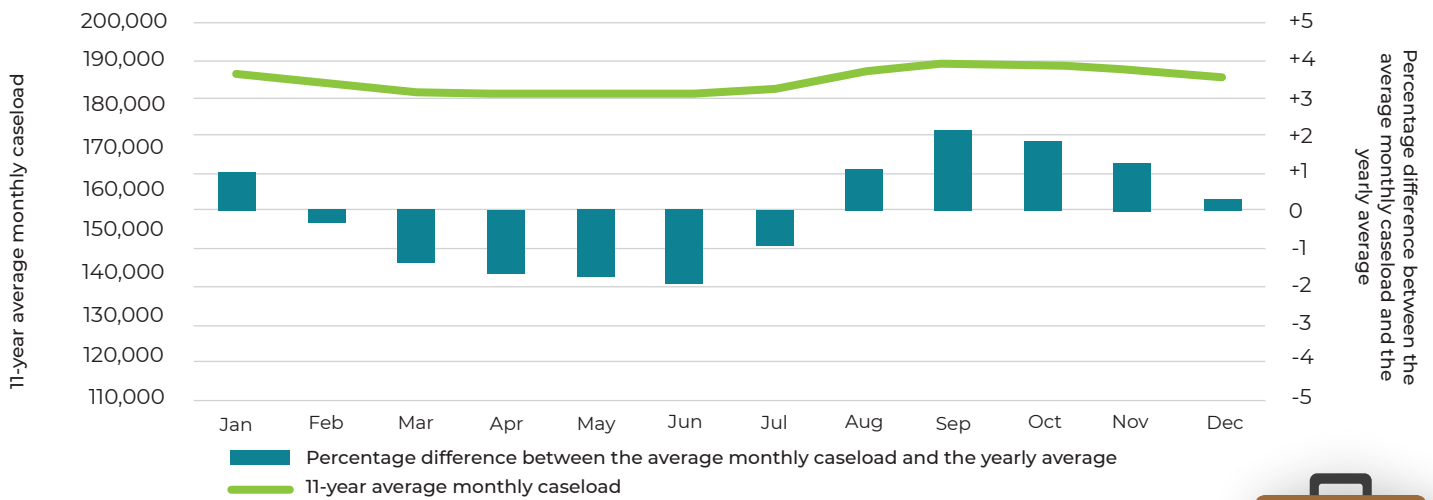


A MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF ADULT CRIMINAL COURT CASES IN CANADA, 2008/2009 to 2018/2019

Average monthly caseload in adult criminal court, by month, Canada, 2008/2009 to 2018/2019



Seasonal impact on case initiation



There is little seasonal impact on most types of criminal court cases. However, seasonality does impact the initiation of cases involving disturbing the peace.

Cases involving disturbing the peace are more likely to be initiated in court in the summer months (July and August) than in the winter months (from December to March).

In a typical year...



September had the highest criminal court caseload¹ (averaging 190,456 cases over the reference period).



June had the lowest caseload (averaging 182,965 cases over the reference period).

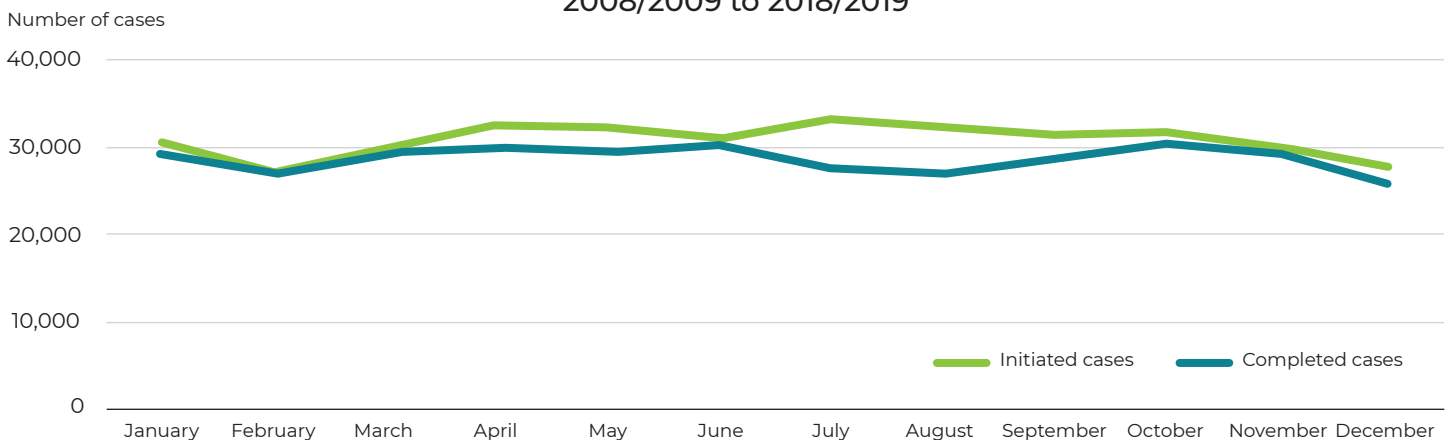
Seasonal influence on court appearances



Compared with the yearly average, December (-8.3%) had the lowest number of court appearances per day.² This was followed by the summer months of June (-3.9%), August (-2.9%) and July (-2.5%).

In contrast, April (+4.2%) and September (+3.9%) saw the highest number of court appearances per day.

Average number of initiated and completed cases in adult criminal court, by month, Canada, 2008/2009 to 2018/2019



There are more case starts than case completions at certain times of the year. For example, in July, initiated cases were higher than the yearly average and case completions were lower.

1. "Caseload" refers to the average number of cases open on any given day in the month.

2. The number of court appearances per day has been standardized to business days in a month.

Note: Canada excluding Quebec. Data for Quebec are not available in the Integrated Criminal Court Survey Workload Time Series (ICCS WTS) Database until the 2015/2016 reference period.

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, Integrated Criminal Court Survey Workload Time Series Database, 2018/2019.