

What are people going to trial for?

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What are people going to trial for in Ontario? The numbers are below.

When starting a legal proceeding and going to Court, you are required to indicate what area of law your matter relates to. The options are listed in the spreadsheet below.

Please note these numbers are for Superior Court proceedings only. Simplified procedure is for claims over \$25,000 and up to \$100,000. Ordinary procedure is for claims over \$100,000. There are approximately twice as many trials in Small Claims Court (claims up to \$25,000) as there are trials in Superior Court.

The chart is for Ontario only. With a population of 13.7 million, Ontario may provide a reflection of general trends across Canada's total population of 35.8 million.

The source of this information is Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General.

PROCEEDING TYPE	RULE TYPE	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
TOTAL		2,672	2,387	2,156	2,445	2,672
Bankruptcy or Insolvency Law NN	Total	2		1		2
	Simplified Procedure	1				
	Ordinary Procedure	1		1		2
Collection of liquidated debt	Total	245	174	109	125	139
	Simplified Procedure	170	100	49	49	58
	Ordinary Procedure	75	74	60	76	81
Constitutional law	Total	3	3	3	3	3
	Simplified Procedure		1	1	2	
	Ordinary Procedure	3	2	2	1	3
Construction law (other than construction lien)	Total	33	23	12	20	29
	Simplified Procedure	23	12	4	5	11
	Ordinary Procedure	10	11	8	15	18
Construction lien	Total	111	108	118	100	74
	Simplified Procedure	1	3	2	3	
	Ordinary Procedure	110	105	116	97	74

Contract law	Total	370	255	233	295	321
	Simplified Procedure	181	84	63	68	80
	Ordinary Procedure	189	171	170	227	241
Corporate law	Total	7	8	12	9	7
	Simplified Procedure	1	1	1	1	1
	Ordinary Procedure	6	7	11	8	6
Defamation	Total	13	4	15	11	24
	Simplified Procedure	6		3	4	4
	Ordinary Procedure	7	4	12	7	20
Employment or Labour Law	Total	140	133	109	134	142
	Simplified Procedure	82	49	33	57	53
	Ordinary Procedure	58	84	76	77	89
Intellectual property law	Total	1	1	3	2	2
	Simplified Procedure			1		1
	Ordinary Procedure	1	1	2	2	1
Medical Malpractice	Total	38	28	36	36	36
	Simplified Procedure	5			2	
	Ordinary Procedure	33	28	36	34	36
Mortgage or charge	Total	24	30	34	22	25
	Simplified Procedure	3	6	6	2	3
	Ordinary Procedure	21	24	28	20	22
Motor Vehicle Accident	Total	1,047	1,061	960	1,056	1,218
	Simplified Procedure	39	21	4	22	16
	Ordinary Procedure	1,008	1,040	956	1,034	1,202
Municipal law	Total	10	12	3	9	4
	Simplified Procedure	2	3		2	
	Ordinary Procedure	8	9	3	7	4
Partnership Law	Total	8	6	8	4	5
	Simplified Procedure	2		1	1	1
	Ordinary Procedure	6	6	7	3	4
Personal Property Security	Total	5	1	2	2	2
	Simplified Procedure	3	1	1		
	Ordinary Procedure	2		1	2	2
Product Liability	Total	26	7	5	9	8
	Simplified Procedure	19	1	2	2	1
	Ordinary Procedure	7	6	3	7	7
Professional malpractice (other than medical)	Total	35	17	20	21	27
	Simplified Procedure	14	1		1	3
	Ordinary Procedure	21	16	20	20	24
Real Property (incl. Leases;excl.mortgage/charge)	Total	96	69	63	68	74
	Simplified Procedure	33	30	14	16	19
	Ordinary Procedure	63	39	49	52	55

Tort: economic injury (other than medical/PM)	Total	114	111	78	98	87
	Simplified Procedure	37	15	15	12	15
	Ordinary Procedure	77	96	63	86	72
Tort: personal injury (other than from MVA)	Total	287	292	272	371	378
	Simplified Procedure	56	29	20	25	41
	Ordinary Procedure	231	263	252	346	337
Trust/Fiduciary Duty	Total	32	17	29	19	30
	Simplified Procedure	5	2	1	1	4
	Ordinary Procedure	27	15	28	18	26
Wills, Estates NN	Total	25	27	31	31	35
	Simplified Procedure	2	2	2	2	1
	Ordinary Procedure	23	25	29	29	34

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