

## What are people suing about?

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What are people suing about 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 an equal number of claims per year in Small Claims Court (claims up to \$25,000) as there are in Superior Court for both simplified and ordinary procedure combined.

Because the sample size is based on Ontario's 13.7 million people, it is likely reflective of what's happening across Canada for the 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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66,455</b>	<b>70,812</b>	<b>70,588</b>	<b>66,048</b>	<b>66,783</b>
Bankruptcy or Insolvency Law NN	<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>164</b>
	Simplified Procedure	30	8	2	6	5
	Ordinary Procedure	193	126	131	153	159
Collection of liquidated debt	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,825</b>	<b>9,683</b>	<b>9,724</b>	<b>8,202</b>	<b>7,891</b>
	Simplified Procedure	7,183	6,507	6,848	5,969	5,016
	Ordinary Procedure	3,642	3,176	2,876	2,233	2,875
Constitutional law	<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>133</b>
	Simplified Procedure	8	8	12	23	28
	Ordinary Procedure	102	83	73	112	105
Construction law (other than construction lien)	<b>Total</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>571</b>
	Simplified Procedure	123	136	145	125	143
	Ordinary Procedure	302	361	370	422	428

Construction lien	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,704</b>
	Simplified Procedure	72	44	50	58	88
	Ordinary Procedure	1,989	2,335	2,132	2,347	2,616
Contract law	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>6,589</b>	<b>6,556</b>	<b>6,797</b>	<b>6,681</b>
	Simplified Procedure	1,742	1,607	1,423	1,509	1,447
	Ordinary Procedure	4,787	4,982	5,133	5,288	5,234
Corporate law	<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>218</b>
	Simplified Procedure	24	30	22	19	14
	Ordinary Procedure	239	227	228	230	204
Defamation	<b>Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>283</b>
	Simplified Procedure	58	47	49	50	45
	Ordinary Procedure	196	199	223	184	238
Employment or Labour Law	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>2,739</b>
	Simplified Procedure	1,047	899	893	1,101	1,281
	Ordinary Procedure	1,349	1,240	1,347	1,441	1,458
Intellectual property law	<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>
	Simplified Procedure	9	6	6	5	10
	Ordinary Procedure	82	61	69	58	59
Judicial review	<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>
	Simplified Procedure	2	1		1	
	Ordinary Procedure	67	60	46	51	58
Medical Malpractice	<b>Total</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>615</b>
	Simplified Procedure	34	31	29	29	27
	Ordinary Procedure	640	563	603	545	588
Mortgage or charge	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,857</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>10,084</b>	<b>8,987</b>	<b>8,754</b>
	Simplified Procedure	1,673	1,667	1,348	1,155	1,237
	Ordinary Procedure	10,184	9,702	8,736	7,832	7,517
Motor Vehicle Accident	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,220</b>	<b>21,607</b>	<b>22,654</b>	<b>19,818</b>	<b>19,556</b>
	Simplified Procedure	584	730	736	742	537
	Ordinary Procedure	15,636	20,877	21,918	19,076	19,019
Municipal law	<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>444</b>
	Simplified Procedure	15	21	12	7	12
	Ordinary Procedure	409	443	343	439	432
Partnership Law	<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>103</b>
	Simplified Procedure	24	26	12	21	19
	Ordinary Procedure	100	115	128	96	84
Personal Property Security	<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>194</b>
	Simplified Procedure	18	18	10	17	56
	Ordinary Procedure	106	108	145	129	138

Product Liability	<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>234</b>
	Simplified Procedure	45	30	39	39	45
	Ordinary Procedure	157	151	176	203	189
Professional malpractice (other than medical)	<b>Total</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>543</b>
	Simplified Procedure	80	91	79	72	74
	Ordinary Procedure	504	499	488	478	469
Real Property (incl. Leases;excl.mortgage/c harge)	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,896</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>1,771</b>
	Simplified Procedure	315	283	255	225	225
	Ordinary Procedure	1,581	1,552	1,558	1,629	1,546
Tort: economic injury (other than medical/PM)	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>2,498</b>
	Simplified Procedure	476	452	503	416	398
	Ordinary Procedure	1,755	1,859	2,023	2,017	2,100
Tort: personal injury (other than from MVA)	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,403</b>	<b>6,313</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>7,755</b>
	Simplified Procedure	1,099	838	756	701	800
	Ordinary Procedure	5,304	5,475	5,845	5,884	6,955
Trust/Fiduciary Duty	<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>458</b>
	Simplified Procedure	81	45	56	51	42
	Ordinary Procedure	424	435	433	462	416
Wills, Estates NN	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,347</b>
	Simplified Procedure	30	21	20	16	14
	Ordinary Procedure	1,935	2,637	2,259	2,382	2,333

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