

**Table 8**  
**Elapsed time from case initiation to first disposition for active general civil cases by level of court, 2005/2006**

Province/territory and level of court	Elapsed time (months) <sup>1</sup>					Total cases with disposition <sup>3,4</sup>	Total active cases
	Less than or equal to 3	Greater than 3 to 6	Greater than 6 to 12	Greater than 12 to 24	Greater than 24		
	number						
Nova Scotia							
Superior	1,158	448	716	951	1,564	<b>4,837</b>	<b>15,811</b>
Provincial	469	224	114	31	15	<b>853</b>	<b>7,872</b>
Total	1,627	672	830	982	1,579	<b>5,690</b>	<b>23,683</b>
British Columbia							
Superior	17,637	2,890	4,033	4,149	6,355	<b>35,064</b>	<b>81,106</b>
Provincial	7,239	3,541	2,885	1,499	927	<b>16,091</b>	<b>28,879</b>
Total	24,876	6,431	6,918	5,648	7,282	<b>51,155</b>	<b>109,985</b>
Yukon Territory							
Superior	211	26	36	41	92	<b>406</b>	<b>626</b>
Territorial	140	59	16	19	5	<b>239</b>	<b>354</b>
Total	351	85	52	60	97	<b>645</b>	<b>980</b>
Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	44	18	27	12	25	<b>135</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Superior</b>	<b>19,050</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>4,812</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>40,442</b>	<b>97,804</b>
<b>Provincial</b>	<b>7,848</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>17,183</b>	<b>37,105</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,898</b>	<b>7,206</b>	<b>7,827</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>8,983</b>	<b>57,625</b>	<b>134,909</b>
	percent						
Nova Scotia							
Superior	24	9	15	20	32	<b>100</b>	
Provincial	55	26	13	4	2	<b>100</b>	
Total	29	12	15	17	28	<b>100</b>	
British Columbia							
Superior	50	8	12	12	18	<b>100</b>	
Provincial	45	22	18	9	6	<b>100</b>	
Total	49	13	14	11	14	<b>100</b>	
Yukon Territory							
Superior	52	6	9	10	23	<b>100</b>	
Territorial	59	25	7	8	2	<b>100</b>	
Total	54	13	8	9	15	<b>100</b>	
Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	33	13	20	9	19	<b>100</b>	
<b>Total</b>							
<b>Superior</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Provincial</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100</b>	

1. Calculated only for active cases that had a disposition event, using the date of the first disposition. The event may have taken place prior to the start of data collection and if so it would not be included in this analysis.

2. Nunavut has only one level of court, the Nunavut Court of Justice, which combines the power of the superior trial court and the territorial court.

3. A disposition is a court event that disposes part or all of the civil case (e.g., settlement, interim judgment and judgment).

4. In some instances, for example when the date of initiation for a case is unknown, the elapsed time cannot be calculated. This results in some undercounting.

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