

1999 Law Societies Statistics

1999 - Statistiques des ordres professionnels de juristes

This research document gathers statistics on the number of lawyers and law firms within each Canadian jurisdiction, insurance fees and coverage, fees remitted to Law Societies, and the number of claims and amounts paid out from the compensation funds. The statistics were provided to the Federation of Law Societies of Canada by the thirteen (13) Law Societies in Canada. The information is for the period of January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.

Ce document de travail rassemble des statistiques portant sur le nombre de membres et de cabinets dans chaque juridiction canadienne, la couverture et les frais associés à l'assurance, le montant des cotisations prélevées par les ordres professionnels de juristes et les montants déboursés des fonds d'indemnisation. Ces renseignements sont remis à la Fédération des ordres professionnels de juristes du Canada par les treize (13) ordres professionnels de juristes au Canada. La période rapportée est celle du 1 janvier 1999 au 31 décembre 1999.

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MEMBERSHIP

As at December 31, 1999
Au 31 décembre 1999

NOMBRE DE MEMBRES

Law Society of Barreau de la province	British Columbia/e- Britannique	Alberta	Saskat- chewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Barreau du Québec	Chambre des Notaires du Québec	New/ Nouveau- Brunswick	Nova Scotia Nouvelle- Écosse	P. E. I. I.-P.-É.	Newfound land / Terre- Neuve	Northwest Territories / T.N.-O.	Yukon	TOTAL
Practising Members – Insured Membres en exercice – Assurés														
Female / Femme	1,587	1,195	350	317	3,927	4,499	1,367	N/A	435	49	117	30	20	
Male / Homme	5,108	3,736	1,011	1,109	13,105	7,700	1,790	N/A	1,055	97	313	55	41	
Total	6,695	4,931	1,361	1,426	17,032	12,199	3,157	897	1,490	146	430	85	61	49,910
Practising Members – Exempted From Insurance / Membres en exercice - Exempts de l'Assurance														
Female / Femme	767	493	40	100	2,279	2,931	D/A	N/A	17	21	46	22	15	
Male / Homme	884	748	84	139	2,788	3,205	D/A	N/A	19	23	88	24	26	
Total	1,651	1,241	124	239	5,067	6,136	D/A	198	36	44	134	46	41	14,957
Practising Members - Non-Resident Membres en exercice - Non-résidents														
Female / Femme	107	89	13	11	154	Included in Practising / Compris ds	D/A	N/A	29	1	1	39	21	
Male / Homme	238	313	77	55	390	<i>Membres en</i>	D/A	N/A	86	6	16	125	99	
Total	345	402	90	66	544	<i>exercice</i>	D/A	111	115	7	17	166	120	1,983
Non Practising Members Membres non en exercice														
Female / Femme	570	674	153	90	4,387	Included in Exempted members/ Compris ds	34	85	246	11	51	43	26	
Male / Homme	773	1,510	357	170	2,564	<i>exempts de</i>	279	87	361	18	96	86	79	
Total	1,343	2,184	510	260	6,951	<i>l'assurance</i>	313	172	607	29	147	129	105	12,750
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP / TOTAL DE MEMBRES	10,034	8,758	2,085	1,991	29,594		3,470	1,378	2,248	226	728	426	327	79,600

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CHART

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NOMBRE TOTAL DE MEMBRES

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Practising - Non-Resident En exercice - Non-résident	345	402	90	66	544	Included in Practising / <i>Compris ds</i> <i>Membres en</i> <i>exercice</i>	D/A	111	115	7	17	166	120	1,883
Non Practising and Others / Non en exercice et autres These categories vary from society to society. It is difficult to compare the results. / Ces catégories varient entre les ordres. Il est difficile de comparer les résultats.	1,343 Non- practising Retired	2,184 Non- practising Retired Judges	510 Non- practising Retired / Senior life member	260 <i>The LSM has 1,303 inactive members (non-paying) and 13 suspended members who are not included in the Total Membership</i>	6,951 <i>The LSUC has 2,162 suspended members; 3,670 former members; and 1,249 other members who are not included in the Total Membership</i>	Included in Exempted members/ <i>Compris ds</i> <i>exempts de</i> <i>l'assurance</i>	313 <i>Membres non en exercice et non inscrits au Tableau de l'ordre</i>	172 Non- practising; Retired <i>The LSNB has 376 other members who are not included in the Total Membership</i>	607 Judge, Life Retired Honorary Suspended	29 Non- practising Retired Suspended	147 Non- practising Honorary	129 Non- practising Suspended <i>The LSNWT has 76 Restricted Appearance who are not included in the Total Membership</i>	105 Suspended	13,449
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP / NOMBRE TOTAL DE MEMBRES	10,034	8,758	2,085	1,991	29,594	18,335	3,470	1,378	2,248	226	728	426	327	79,600

YEARS AS MEMBER

1999

NOMBRE D'ANNEES EN TANT QUE MEMBRE

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Years as member Années en tant que membre													
0 - 5 yrs/ ans													
Female / Femme	967	645	161	139	2,722	2,466	164	145	224	35	91	60	46
Male / Homme	1,091	861	191	192	3,024	1,833	50	166	202	24	105	76	59
Total	2,058	1,506	352	331	5,746	4,299	214	311	426	59	1986	136	105
6 - 10 yrs/ ans						(6 - 8) yrs/ans							
Female / Femme	833	615	130	122	2,241	1,138	398	72	155	19	64	34	22
Male / Homme	1,234	853	206	187	2,951	970	144	123	210	22	104	68	63
Total	2,067	1,468	336	309	5,192	2,108	542	195	365	41	168	102	85
11 - 15 yrs/ ans						(9 - 11) yrs/ans							
Female / Femme	598	522	115	101	1,923	1,006	343	71	146	11	28	26	11
Male / Homme	1,024	942	276	203	2,892	1,063	199	124	202	27	67	49	48
Total	1,622	1,464	391	304	4,815	2,069	542	195	348	38	95	75	59
16 - 20 yrs/ ans						(12 - 14) yrs/ans							
Female / Femme	410	431	103	99	1,247	836	264	60	114	9	21	11	4
Male / Homme	1,167	1,207	306	225	2,998	922	327	125	231	16	98	41	32
Total	1,577	1,638	409	324	4,245	1,758	591	185	345	25	119	52	36
21 - 25 yrs/ ans						(15 +) yrs/ans							
Female / Femme	162	168	75	49	590	1,915	151	36	59	4	7	3	1
Male / Homme	987	1,015	292	249	3,137	6,165	402	211	269	25	59	48	27
Total	1,149	1,183	367	298	3,727	8,080	553	247	328	29	66	51	28
26 yrs/ ans +						Included in above category/ Compris ds catégorie ci- dessus							
Female / Femme	57	75	30	8	226		47	16	29	0	1	0	0
Male / Homme	1,498	1,433	454	417	5,643		668	229	407	24	83	8	14
Total	1,555	1,508	484	425	5,869		715	245	436	24	84	8	14
Female / Femme	3,027	2,456	614	518	8,949	7,361	1,367	400	727	78	212	134	84
Male / Homme	7,001	6,311	1,725	1,473	20,645	10,953	1,790	978	1,521	138	516	290	243
TOTAL	10,028	8,767	2,339	1,991	29,594	18,314	3,157	1,378	2,248	216	728	424	327

LAW FIRMS

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CABINETS D'AVOCATS

Law Society of Barreau de la province	British Columbia/e- Britannique	Alberta	Saskat- chewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Barreau du Québec	Chambre des Notaires du Québec	New/ Nouveau- Brunswick	Nova Scotia Nouvelle- Écosse	P. E. I. I.-P.-É.	Newfound land / Terre- Neuve	Northwest Territories / T.N.-O.	Yukon
Law Firms Cabinets d'avocats													
Sole Practitioners Praticiens seuls	2,197	1,139	306	221	6,354	N/A	1,258	N/A	219	26	50	16	18
2 - 10 lawyers/avocats	722	505	209	125	1,818	485	548	N/A	131	22	59	10	7
11 - 25 lawyers/avocats	46	33	14	15	109	65	5	N/A	10	2	7	0	0
26 - 50 lawyers/avocats	12	18	1	1	26	19	0	N/A	3	0	1	0	0
51 + lawyers/avocats	10	9	2	5	25	23	0	N/A	2	0	0	0	0
Professional Corporations <i>professionnelles</i>	1,601	1,500	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	55	4	D/A	D/A	29
Foreign legal consultants / Conseillers juridiques étrangers	5	0	0	0	N/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	0	0	0	D/A	D/A

LAWYERS IN LAW FIRMS

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AVOCATS AU SEIN DES CABINETS

Law Society of Barreau de la province	British Columbia/e- Britannique	Alberta	Saskat- chewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Barreau du Québec	Chambre des Notaires du Québec	New/ Nouveau- Brunswick	Nova Scotia Nouvelle- Écosse	P. E. I. I.-P.-É.	Newfound land / Terre- Neuve	Northwest Territories / T.N.-O.	Yukon
Lawyers in Law Firms Avocats au sein des cabinets													
Sole Practitioners													
Female / Femme	532	286	N/A	34	1,276	N/A	508	N/A	56	6	33	4	8
Male / Homme	1,665	853	N/A	177	5,217	N/A	750	N/A	163	20	17	12	13
Total	2,197	1,139	N/A	211	* 6,493	N/A	1,258	N/A	219	26	50	16	21
2 - 10 lawyers													
Female / Femme	570	440	N/A	83	1,023	N/A	430	N/A	110	29	38	17	10
Male / Homme	1,979	1,403	N/A	337	3,656	N/A	762	N/A	339	53	141	26	27
Total	2,549	1,843	N/A	420	4,679	N/A	1,192	N/A	449	82	179	43	37
11 - 25 lawyers													
Female / Femme	150	126	N/A	39	378	N/A	11	N/A	36	11	38	0	0
Male / Homme	567	390	N/A	192	1,239	N/A	24	N/A	125	23	98	0	0
Total	717	516	N/A	231	1,617	N/A	35	N/A	161	34	136	0	0
26 - 50 lawyers													
Female / Femme	122	150	N/A	3	258	N/A	0	N/A	24	0	9	0	0
Male / Homme	327	443	N/A	25	659	N/A	0	N/A	78	0	19	0	0
Total	449	593	N/A	28	917	N/A	0	N/A	102	0	28	0	0
51 + lawyers													
Female / Femme	234	184	N/A	68	991	N/A	0	N/A	35	0	0	0	0
Male / Homme	615	621	N/A	253	2,333	N/A	0	N/A	87	0	0	0	0
Total	849	805	N/A	321	3,324	N/A	0	N/A	122	0	0	0	0
Female / Femme	1,608	1,186	N/A	193	3,926	N/A	949	N/A	261	46	118	21	18
Male / Homme	5,153	3,710	N/A	807	13,104	N/A	1,536	N/A	792	96	275	38	40
TOTAL	6,761	4,896	N/A	1,000	17,030	N/A	2,485	N/A	1,053	142	393	59	58

* LSUC: Includes 139 members (36 females and 103 Males) who work in law firms with 1 lawyer but who are not sole practitioners.

ADMISSIONS

For the period of January 01, 1999 to
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Articling students <i>Étudiants stagiaires</i>													
Female / Femme	174	141	28	35	567	460	40	26	39	1	18	4	4
Male / Homme	152	138	31	38	598	352	11	21	38	2	19	2	0
Total	326	279	59	73	1,165	812	51	47	77	3	37	6	4
Students admitted to bar admission course / Étudiants inscrits au cours d'admission du barreau													
Female / Femme	166	141	28	35	612	539	47	26	42	7	18	4	<i>Bar Admission through PLTC of LSBC.</i>
Male / Homme	160	138	31	38	586	375	13	21	30	3	15	2	
Total	326	279	59	73	1,198	914	60	47	72	10	33	6	
Students called to the bar <i>Étudiants admis à la profession</i>													
Female / Femme	188	104	27	32	521	375	38	22	41	1	18	7	0
Male / Homme	203	151	30	36	595	286	12	22	31	3	13	5	2
Total	391	255	57	68	1,116	661	50	44	72	4	31	12	2
Transfers from other jurisdiction <i>Transferts d'une autre juridiction</i>													
Female / Femme	30	25	2	4	31	0	D/A	1	11	3	0	8	5
Male / Homme	30	32	6	3	35	3	D/A	1	9	1	0	16	6
Total	60	57	8	7	66	3	D/A	2	20	4	0	24	11
Occasional Appearance Certificates <i>Certificats occasionnels</i>													
Female / Femme	N/A	2	9	2	14	4	D/A		1	0	0	14	6
Male / Homme	N/A	16	56	13	72	32	D/A		7	0	0	52	22
Total	137	18	65	15	86	36	D/A		8	1	0	76	28

PRACTICING FEES

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FRAIS LIÉS À L'EXERCICE

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Practising Fee Cotisation pour membres en exercice	\$ 880	\$ 842	\$ 940	\$ 925	\$ 834	\$ 749 *	\$ 500	\$ 925	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,030	\$1,195	\$ 600	\$ 600
						\$ 224 - 1e année \$ 480 - 2e année \$ 582 - 3e année			* A credit of \$75 was applied for net payment of \$1030.				
Other mandatory practising fees / Autres frais associés à l'exercice	\$ 80 - Benevolent Society	—	—	\$ 125 Education Levy	\$200 Library \$53 Legal Aid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non practising fee Cotisation pour membres Non en exercice	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 150	\$ 125	50% or 25% of full- time fees above	\$ 749	D/A	\$ 250	\$ 200	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 225	\$ 500
Other categories Autres catégories	\$ 75 - Retired	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 46 Life & retired members	\$ 50 Retired members	\$ 50 Retired members	—	—	—

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Insurance – Practising Assurance - En exercice													
Base Insurance Fee / Contribution au fonds d'assurance	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,909	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,700	\$ 3,150	\$ 1	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,890	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,730	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,523	\$ 2,139
Adjustments/ Surcharges Ajustements/ Surcharges	\$ 1,000 surcharge on paid indemnity claim each year for 5 years	Surcharge on paid claims in last 5 years: 30% for 1 paid claim 75% for 2 paid claims 150% for 3 paid claims 300% for 4 or more paid claims	30% for 1 paid claim 75% for 2 paid claims 150% for 3 or more paid claims during the policy year	Surcharge is imposed based on claims history	Surcharge on paid claims in last 5 years: 1 or 2 claims: \$2500 / claim 3-5 claims: \$5,000 / claim 6 + claims: \$10,000 / claim	N/A	<i>Surprime de 25% sur 1e indemnité supérieure 10,000.00\$ sur période de 5 ans: surprime de 60% sur 2 indemnité et 100% sur 3e indemnité</i>	50% increase in fee for 3 years after 2 paid claims within 7 policy period: 75% for 3 paid claims, 87.5% for 4 paid claims and 100% for 5 paid claims.	N/A	Graduated surcharge in increments of 50% of base premium for successive paid claims in 5-year period.	Surcharge of \$5,000 if 2 claims paid in 5 year period: \$10,000 for 3 claims, \$15,000 for 4 claims, \$25,000 for 5 claims.	30% increase for 1 paid claim in last 5 years: 75% for 2 paid claims, 150% for 3 paid claims 300% for 4 paid claims	One charge to member for paid claim - 30% increase, therefore paid \$2,780 for year.
Compensation fund Fond d'indemnisation													
\$	\$ 115	\$ 67	\$ 70	\$ 100	\$ 235 (also broken down to 50% or 25%)	\$ 25	\$ 240 (+cotisation supplément- aire de \$120)	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 100 (Practising) \$ 50 (non-pract.)	\$ 52	\$ 125	\$ 100
Canadian Bar Association Ass. du Barreau Canadien													
Minimum \$	\$ 214.55	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	\$ 94.66	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A
Maximum \$	\$ 333.05	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	\$ 308.26	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A

INSURANCE

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ASSURANCE

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COVERAGE COUVERTURE													
Compulsory coverage Couverture obligatoire													
\$	1 million	1 million	1 million	1 million	1 million	1 million	5 million	1 million	1 million	1 million	1 million	1 million	1 million
Annual aggregate Limite annuelle													
\$	2 million	2 million	2 million	2 million	2 million	D/A	D/A	2 million	2 million	2 million	2 million	2 million	2 million
Group deductible Franchise de groupe													
\$	1 million	300,000	200,000	300,000	\$ 0 - \$25,000 depending on options that member elects	D/A	500,000	200,000	300,000	D/A	0	D/A	D/A
Individual deductible * Franchise individuelle *													
\$ Minimum	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0 -	\$ 0	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
\$ Maximum	\$ 10,000	Waived on claims re- ported after July.01.97.	\$ 7,500 \$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$25,000 depending on options that member elects		\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ D/A	D/A	D/A	D/A	\$ 20,000
The individual deductible in some Law Societies increases according to the number of claims which have been paid against the member, generally over a 5 year period. The insurance premium can also increase according to the number of claims paid against the member. / <i>Chez certains ordres, la franchise individuelle augmente selon le nombre de réclamations payées contre le membre. La cotisation peut également augmenter selon le nombre de réclamations payées.</i>													

COMPENSATION FUND

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FONDS D'INDEMNISATION

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COVERAGE COUVERTURE													
Limit of coverage Limite de couverture													
\$ Per lawyer Par avocat	No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune	\$250,000	No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune	\$250,000	No cap Aucune	While there are no prescribed limitations. Council may impose limits that it deems reasonable	\$300,000	½ of amount in fund at July 1 st *	\$ 1,000,000	No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune
Per claim Par récl.	No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000		No cap Aucune	No cap Aucune	1,000,000	50,000	500,000
Annual Aggregate	Yes	None Aucune	None Aucune	None Aucune	None Aucune	None Aucune	None Aucune	None Aucune	Lesser of ½ capital in Fund or 750,000\$	None Aucune	2,000,000	300,000	None Aucune
CLAIMS RÉCLAMATIONS													
New Received Nouvelles reçues	27	18	0	4	202	77	116	0	5	4	4	0	0
Outstanding En réserve	21	16	0	8	180	87	26	3	3	4	81	0	0
Claims paid Récl. payées	2	16	4	1	197	116	24	0	5	0	13	0	0
Amount paid Montant payé	\$ 45,692	\$ 17,365	\$ 16,404	\$ 2,330	\$ 7,112,904	\$ 440,243	\$44,417	\$ 0	\$64,050	\$ 0	\$321,107	\$ 0	\$ 0

D/A = Does not apply / Ne s'applique pas.

N/A = Not available / Non disponible.

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