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Firearms Licensing

Firearms Licences

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Valid Licences as of December 2014

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	47,840	211,999	1,796	261,635
British Columbia	60,034	191,504	639	252,177
Manitoba	20,326	63,915	455	84,696
New Brunswick	31,332	37,361	199	68,892
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,078	50,943	295	73,316

Northwest Territories	413	4,798	29	5,240
Nova Scotia	32,044	40,065	1,235	73,344
Nunavut	31	3,069	2	3,102
Ontario	157,589	398,339	4,690	560,618
Prince Edward Island	2,414	3,729	19	6,162
Quebec	133,225	362,262	50	495,537
Saskatchewan	23,416	74,144	225	97,785
Yukon	854	5,765	58	6,677
Total	531,596	1,447,893	9,692	1,989,181

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population¹
Alberta	7,177
British Columbia	5,731
Manitoba	7,010
New Brunswick	9,171
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,249
Northwest Territories	12,638
Nova Scotia	7,957
Nunavut	9,722
Ontario	4,362
Prince Edward Island	4,395
Quebec	6,270
Saskatchewan	9,463
Yukon	19,698
Total	5,942



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¹ Licences per 100,000 population are calculated using Provincial/Territorial populations from 2011 Census

Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the October-December 2014 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	73,531
Possession Licence	24,588

Minor's Licence	1,579
Total Issued to Individuals	99,698
Total issued to Businesses	445
Total	100,143

Safety Training

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Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students
before 1999	26,038	183	1,745	20	119
1999	216	4,591	43,930	1,120	6,501
2000	5,451	9,635	81,332	2,313	12,101
2001	1,506	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,058	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	712	4,178	37,671	1,347	7,844
2004	469	3,901	36,295	1,252	8,205
2005	760	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
2006	1,568	4,974	47,575	1,749	10,404
2007	914	5,562	55,739	2,121	13,313
2008	448	6,700	66,108	2,558	17,094
2009	231	7,075	68,476	2,959	20,330
2010	179	6,810	69,157	2,891	21,034
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2012	276	8,309	92,120	4,134	34,617
2013	279	7,539	82,445	3,730	30,550
Total	42,231	92,243	903,830	34,200	234,726

NOTE: These totals do not include the number of individuals who have taken the above courses in Quebec. Data for 2014 is not yet available

Licence Refusals and Revocations

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2009	513
2010	569
2011	520
2012	669
2013	882
2014	810

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Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2009	2,075
2010	2,222
2011	2,362
2012	2,419
2013	2,488
2014	2,357

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Firearms Registration

The registration of restricted and prohibited firearms links these firearms and their licensed owners, thereby enhancing owners' accountability for safe storage and use of these firearms. A centralized, on-line, secure database of firearms information helps police and other public safety officials carry out

investigations efficiently and effectively, enabling them to quickly trace a restricted or prohibited firearm to its last lawful owner.

Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of December 2014

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	150,460	24,477	174,937
British Columbia	136,217	26,337	162,554
Manitoba	28,858	5,552	34,410
New Brunswick	14,777	4,585	19,362
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,982	1,490	7,472
Northwest Territories	1,290	309	1,599
Nova Scotia	19,456	6,493	25,949
Nunavut	339	40	379
Ontario	256,892	78,752	335,644
Prince Edward Island	2,189	752	2,941
Quebec	68,423	28,819	97,242
Saskatchewan	38,941	7,743	46,684
Yukon	2,258	358	2,616
Total	726,082	185,707	911,789

Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of Dec 2014²

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population
Alberta	4,799
British Columbia	3,694
Manitoba	2,848
New Brunswick	2,578
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,452
Northwest Territories	3,857
Nova Scotia	2,815
Nunavut	1,188
Ontario	2,612
Prince Edward Island	2,098

Quebec	1,230
Saskatchewan	4,518
Yukon	7,717
Total	2,724



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Firearm Transfers

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Firearm Transfers by Transfer Method

Quarter	Telephone	Internet	Total
2012 Q 1	61,422	126,202	187,624
2012 Q 2*	27,261	49,631	76,892
2012 Q 3	27,246	37,953	65,199
2012 Q 4	29,135	33,355	62,490
2013 Q 1	27,437	37,549	64,986
2013 Q 2	28,440	40,692	69,132
2013 Q 3	27,317	43,434	70,751
2013 Q 4	27,396	38,802	66,198
2014 Q 1	25,521	41,588	67,109
2014 Q 2	28,681	45,600	74,281
2014 Q 3	30,403	43,788	74,191
2014 Q 4	32,228	35,126	67,354

The statistics listed for 2012 Q2 (April – June) and thereafter do not include transfers of non-restricted firearms outside Quebec after April 5, 2012.

Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2012 Q 1	99.2%
2012 Q 2	98.1%
2012 Q 3	99.0%

2012 Q 4	98.7%
2013 Q 1	98.2%
2013 Q 2	98.1%
2013 Q 3	98.9%
2013 Q 4	99.1%
2014 Q 1	99.2%
2014 Q 2	99.4%
2014 Q 3	98.2%
2014 Q 4	99.1%

Other Canadian Firearms Program Performance Information

CFRO Queries

The Canadian Firearms Registry On-line (CFRO) is a subset of the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS). The CFRO is available to Canadian police agencies via the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) system to assist them when responding to calls and conducting investigations. As a searchable application, police officers may query the name, address and firearms licence number of an individual, or information related to restricted or prohibited firearms, such as the serial number or registration certificate number. CFRO provides police with real-time access to the information they require in their investigative and operational activities.

Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Individual Name	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,425	13,138	11,832
Address	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,248	3,808	3,855
Serial#	204	317	308	358	262	239	215
Licence#	142	186	209	218	138	103	101
Certificate#	19	19	16	12	8	6	7
Telephone#	15	20	40	33	31	35	29
Other	22	51	85	82	73	80	85
Total	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,185	17,410	16,126

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2012 Q 1	1,601,550

2012 Q 2	1,705,988
2012 Q 3	1,774,833
2012 Q 4	1,572,709
2013 Q 1	1,589,065
2013 Q 2	1,757,736
2013 Q 3	1,675,271
2013 Q 4	1,331,578
2014 Q 1	1,279,721
2014 Q 2	1,506,901
2014 Q 3	1,552,803
2014 Q 4	1,545,077

Total CFRO Queries by Province (October - December 2014)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2014 Q3	Queries per 100,000 Population⁴
Alberta	186,680	5,121
British Columbia	303,951	6,908
Manitoba	26,437	2,188
New Brunswick	44,868	5,973
Newfoundland and Labrador	25,935	5,040
Northwest Territories	1,438	3,468
Nova Scotia	23,177	2,515
Nunavut	876	2,746
Ontario	823,883	6,411
Prince Edward Island	1,705	1,216
Quebec	85,864	1,086
Saskatchewan	18,325	1,773
Yukon	1,938	5,717
Total	1,545,077	4,615



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Telephone Enquiries

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Telephone Calls Received at the CFP's Firearms Service Delivery centre

Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)
2010	43
2011	49
2012	77
2013	176
2014	251

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Alberta	49,086	207,466	1,888	258,440
British Columbia	61,489	188,728	626	250,843
Manitoba	20,962	63,071	449	84,482
New Brunswick	31,871	36,786	179	68,836
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,253	50,354	301	72,908

Northwest Territories	426	4,718	30	5,174
Nova Scotia	32,539	39,139	1,155	72,833
Nunavut	31	3,079	2	3,112
Ontario	160,721	392,086	4,474	557,281
Prince Edward Island	2,494	3,635	21	6,150
Quebec	136,923	357,823	43	494,789
Saskatchewan	24,116	72,911	234	97,261
Yukon	876	5,743	57	6,676
Total	543,787	1,425,539	9,459	1,978,785

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population¹
Alberta	7,090
British Columbia	5,701
Manitoba	6,992
New Brunswick	9,164
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,170
Northwest Territories	12,479
Nova Scotia	7,902
Nunavut	9,754
Ontario	4,336
Prince Edward Island	4,386
Quebec	6,261
Saskatchewan	9,412
Yukon	19,695
Total	5,911



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Possession Licence	26,722

Minor's Licence	1,382
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Alberta	149,355	24,647	174,002
British Columbia	136,621	25,913	162,534
Manitoba	29,300	5,620	34,920
New Brunswick	14,689	4,594	19,283
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,873	1,505	7,378
Northwest Territories	1,273	310	1,583
Nova Scotia	19,399	6,625	26,024
Nunavut	329	40	369
Ontario	253,201	78,674	331,875
Prince Edward Island	2,184	748	2,932
Quebec	68,771	29,190	97,961
Saskatchewan	38,527	7,785	46,312
Yukon	2,242	369	2,611
Total	721,764	186,020	907,784

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population²

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population
Alberta	4,773
British Columbia	3,694
Manitoba	2,890
New Brunswick	2,567
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,434
Northwest Territories	3,818
Nova Scotia	2,823
Nunavut	1,157
Ontario	2,582
Prince Edward Island	2,091
Quebec	1,240

Saskatchewan	4,482
Yukon	7,703
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Serial#	204	317	308	358	262	239	216
Licence#	142	186	209	218	138	103	99
Certificate#	19	19	16	12	8	6	8
Telephone#	15	20	40	33	31	35	28
Other	22	51	85	82	73	80	95
Total	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,185	17,410	15,847

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2011 Q 4	1,594,214
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Total CFRO Queries by Province (July - September 2014)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2014 Q3	Queries per 100,000 Population ⁴
Alberta	212,662	5,834
British Columbia	151,444	3,442
Manitoba	30,905	2,558
New Brunswick	55,493	7,388
Newfoundland and Labrador	35,173	6,836
Northwest Territories	2,205	5,318
Nova Scotia	27,498	2,983
Nunavut	1,759	5,513
Ontario	925,612	7,202
Prince Edward Island	2,461	1,755
Quebec	84,520	1,069
Saskatchewan	19,692	1,906
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Total	1,552,803	4,638



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Manitoba	21,853	62,635	421	84,909
New Brunswick	32,945	36,482	175	69,602
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,916	50,002	305	73,223

Northwest Territories	436	4,664	33	5,133
Nova Scotia	33,498	38,225	1,126	72,849
Nunavut	31	3,056	2	3,089
Ontario	164,662	385,876	4,214	554,752
Prince Edward Island	2,612	3,560	22	6,194
Quebec	140,830	352,174	38	493,042
Saskatchewan	25,060	71,905	229	97,194
Yukon	896	5,705	52	6,653
Total	559,595	1,403,451	9,021	1,972,067

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Manitoba	7,027
New Brunswick	9,266
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Nunavut	9,682
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Prince Edward Island	4,418
Quebec	6,239
Saskatchewan	9,405
Yukon	19,627
Total	5,891



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the April-June 2014 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	78,018
Possession Licence	26,589

Minor's Licence	844
Total Issued to Individuals	105,451
Total issued to Businesses	438
Total	105,889

Safety Training

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Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students
before 1999	26,009	183	1,745	20	119
1999	216	4,591	43,930	1,120	6,501
2000	5,451	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,506	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,058	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	712	4,177	37,662	1,347	7,844
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2005	760	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
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2009	231	7,075	68,476	2,959	20,330
2010	179	6,808	69,153	2,891	21,034
2011	126	7,058	73,647	3,132	24,478
2012	276	8,308	92,114	4,133	34,613
2013	279	6,597	71,873	3,348	27,522
Total	42,202	91,291	893,176	33,815	231,690

NOTE: These totals do not include the number of individuals who have taken the above courses in Quebec.

Licence Refusals and Revocations

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2009	514
2010	570
2011	521
2012	669
2013	884
2014	452

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Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2009	2,076
2010	2,222
2011	2,362
2012	2,420
2013	2,489
2014	1,319

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Firearms Registration

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investigations efficiently and effectively, enabling them to quickly trace a restricted or prohibited firearm to its last lawful owner.

Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of June 2014

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	144,944	24,611	169,555
British Columbia	131,356	25,922	157,278
Manitoba	29,014	5,624	34,638
New Brunswick	14,486	4,605	19,091
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,738	1,508	7,246
Northwest Territories	1,240	309	1,549
Nova Scotia	19,018	6,705	25,723
Nunavut	321	40	361
Ontario	246,337	79,128	325,465
Prince Edward Island	2,149	742	2,891
Quebec	67,410	29,832	97,242
Saskatchewan	37,886	7,845	45,731
Yukon	2,212	373	2,585
Total	702,111	187,244	889,355

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population²

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population³
Alberta	4,651
British Columbia	3,574
Manitoba	2,867
New Brunswick	2,541
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,408
Northwest Territories	3,736
Nova Scotia	2,791
Nunavut	1,131
Ontario	2,532
Prince Edward Island	2,062
Quebec	1,230

Saskatchewan	4,425
Yukon	7,626
Total	2,657

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Firearm Transfers by Transfer Method

Quarter	Telephone	Internet	Total
2011 Q 3	76,002	142,516	218,518
2011 Q 4	73,516	142,417	215,933
2012 Q 1	61,422	126,202	187,626
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2012 Q 3	27,246	37,953	65,199
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2013 Q 2	28,440	40,692	69,132
2013 Q 3	27,317	43,434	70,751
2013 Q 4	27,396	38,802	66,198
2014 Q 1	25,521	41,588	67,109
2014 Q 2	28,681	45,600	74,281

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Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2011 Q 3	99.5%
2011 Q 4	99.2%

2012 Q 1	99.2%
2012 Q 2	98.1%
2012 Q 3	99.0%
2012 Q 4	98.7%
2013 Q 1	98.2%
2013 Q 2	98.1%
2013 Q 3	98.9%
2013 Q 4	99.1%
2014 Q 1	99.2%
2014 Q 2	99.4%

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Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Individual Name	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,425	13,138	11,073
Address	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,248	3,808	3,769
Serial#	204	317	308	358	262	239	231
Licence#	142	186	209	218	138	103	102
Certificate#	19	19	16	12	8	6	8
Telephone#	15	20	40	33	31	35	30
Other	22	51	85	82	73	80	117
Total	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,185	17,410	15,329

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
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2011 Q 3	1,781,783
2011 Q 4	1,594,214
2012 Q 1	1,601,550
2012 Q 2	1,705,988
2012 Q 3	1,774,833
2012 Q 4	1,572,709
2013 Q 1	1,589,065
2013 Q 2	1,757,736
2013 Q 3	1,675,271
2013 Q 4	1,331,578
2014 Q 1	1,279,721
2014 Q 2	1,506,901

Total CFRO Queries by Province (April-June 2014)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2014 Q2	Queries per 100,000 Population⁴
Alberta	196,394	5,388
British Columbia	103,466	2,351
Manitoba	29,657	2,455
New Brunswick	45,553	6,064
Newfoundland and Labrador	25,334	4,924
Northwest Territories	2,338	5,639
Nova Scotia	23,257	2,523
Nunavut	2,121	6,648
Ontario	976,728	7,600
Prince Edward Island	1,742	1,242
Quebec	84,424	1,068
Saskatchewan	13,236	1,281
Yukon	2,651	7,821
Total	1,506,901	4,501



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Telephone Enquiries

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Telephone Calls Received at the CFP's Firearms National Call Centre

Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)
2010	43
2011	49
2012	77
2013	176
2014	228

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Firearms Licensing

Firearms Licences

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All businesses and organizations that produce, sell, possess, handle, display or store firearms or ammunition are required to have a [valid firearms business licence](#).

Valid Licences as of March 2014

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	52,231	197,728	1,802	251,761
British Columbia	64,660	182,014	607	247,281
Manitoba	22,606	61,781	444	84,831
New Brunswick	33,987	36,169	178	70,334
Newfoundland and Labrador	23,572	49,697	289	73,558

Northwest Territories	446	4,617	35	5,098
Nova Scotia	34,523	37,711	1,153	73,387
Nunavut	31	3,054	3	3,088
Ontario	168,350	380,114	4,351	552,815
Prince Edward Island	2,715	3,521	23	6,259
Quebec	145,893	350,053	41	495,987
Saskatchewan	25,851	70,542	234	96,627
Yukon	915	5,662	54	6,631
Total	575,780	1,382,663	9,214	1,967,657

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population¹
Alberta	6,907
British Columbia	5,620
Manitoba	7,021
New Brunswick	9,363
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,296
Northwest Territories	12,296
Nova Scotia	7,962
Nunavut	9,678
Ontario	4,301
Prince Edward Island	4,464
Quebec	6,276
Saskatchewan	9,351
Yukon	19,562
Total	5,878



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the January-March 2014 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	77,922
Possession Licence	26,239

Minor's Licence	953
Total Issued to Individuals	105,114
Total issued to Businesses	192
Total	105,306

Safety Training

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before 1999	25,946	183	1,745	20	119
1999	216	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,447	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,503	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,057	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
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2009	231	7,075	68,476	2,959	20,330
2010	179	6,808	69,153	2,891	21,034
2011	126	7,055	73,598	3,131	24,462
2012	276	8,281	91,971	4,111	34,298
2013	279	5,968	65,696	3,094	25,579
Total	42,128	90,631	886,788	33,538	229,416

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2009	514
2010	570
2011	520
2012	670
2013	888
2014	340

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Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2009	2,076
2010	2,223
2011	2,362
2012	2,421
2013	2,498
2014	914

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Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of March 2014

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	138,851	24,539	163,390
British Columbia	126,562	26,000	152,562
Manitoba	25,652	5,601	31,253
New Brunswick	14,083	4,629	18,712
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,517	1,498	7,015
Northwest Territories	1,182	310	1,492
Nova Scotia	18,815	6,785	25,600
Nunavut	307	38	345
Ontario	242,171	79,385	321,556
Prince Edward Island	2,083	741	2,824
Quebec	65,971	30,056	96,027
Saskatchewan	36,392	7,827	44,219
Yukon	2,181	373	2,554
Total	679,767	187,782	867,549

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population²

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population³
Alberta	4,482
British Columbia	3,467
Manitoba	2,587
New Brunswick	2,491
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,363
Northwest Territories	3,598
Nova Scotia	2,777
Nunavut	1,081
Ontario	2,502
Prince Edward Island	2,014
Quebec	1,215

Saskatchewan	4,279
Yukon	7,535
Total	2,592

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2012 Q 1	99.2%
2012 Q 2	98.1%
2012 Q 3	99.0%
2012 Q 4	98.7%
2013 Q 1	98.2%
2013 Q 2	98.1%
2013 Q 3	98.9%
2013 Q 4	99.1%
2014 Q 1	99.2%

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Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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Total CFRO Queries by Province (January - March 2014)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2014 Q1	Queries per 100,000 Population⁴
Alberta	164,741	4,519
British Columbia	92,401	2,100
Manitoba	23,636	1,956
New Brunswick	40,264	5,360
Newfoundland and Labrador	21,089	4,099
Northwest Territories	1,441	3,475
Nova Scotia	21,403	2,322
Nunavut	1,915	6,002
Ontario	817,324	6,360
Prince Edward Island	1,550	1,106
Quebec	80,309	1,016
Saskatchewan	11,938	1,155
Yukon	1,710	5,045
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2011	49
2012	77
2013	140
2014	242

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Manitoba	23,309	61,163	452	84,924
New Brunswick	34,882	35,881	177	70,940
Newfoundland and Labrador	24,127	49,140	288	73,555

Northwest Territories	456	4,587	35	5,078
Nova Scotia	35,246	37,257	1,090	73,593
Nunavut	32	2,899	2	2,933
Ontario	171,690	374,658	4,459	550,807
Prince Edward Island	2,764	3,480	21	6,265
Quebec	149,688	347,800	44	497,532
Saskatchewan	26,489	69,469	221	96,179
Yukon	920	5,625	49	6,594
Total	589,150	1,362,018	9,212	1,960,380

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population¹
Alberta	6,828
British Columbia	5,524
Manitoba	7,029
New Brunswick	9,444
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,295
Northwest Territories	12,247
Nova Scotia	7,984
Nunavut	9,193
Ontario	4,286
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Quebec	6,295
Saskatchewan	9,307
Yukon	19,453
Total	5,856



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the October-December 2013 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	80,906
Possession Licence	23,999

Minor's Licence	1,503
Total Issued to Individuals	106,408
Total issued to Businesses	177
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Total	41,849	84,663	821,092	30,444	203,837

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2008	461
2009	514
2010	570
2011	520
2012	670
2013	888

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Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
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2009	2,076
2010	2,223
2011	2,362
2012	2,421
2013	2,498

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Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of December 2013

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	134,010	24,530	158,540
British Columbia	122,986	26,134	149,120
Manitoba	24,941	5,687	30,628
New Brunswick	13,786	4,645	18,431
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,354	1,500	6,854
Northwest Territories	1,180	313	1,493
Nova Scotia	18,426	6,872	25,298
Nunavut	306	38	344
Ontario	233,727	79,301	313,028
Prince Edward Island	2,056	743	2,799
Quebec	64,942	30,480	95,422
Saskatchewan	34,977	7,848	42,825
Yukon	2,156	374	2,530
Total	658,847	188,465	847,312

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population²

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population ³
Alberta	4,349
British Columbia	3,389
Manitoba	2,535
New Brunswick	2,454
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,332
Northwest Territories	3,601
Nova Scotia	2,745
Nunavut	1,078
Ontario	2,436
Prince Edward Island	1,996
Quebec	1,207
Saskatchewan	4,144
Yukon	7,464
Total	2,531

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2011 Q 3	76,002	142,516	0	0	218,518
2011 Q 4	73,516	142,417	0	0	215,933
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2012 Q 2	27,261	49,631	2	0	76,894
2012 Q 3	27,246	37,953	0	0	65,199
2012 Q 4	29,135	33,355	0	2	62,492
2013 Q 1	27,437	37,549	0	0	64,986
2013 Q 2	28,440	40,692	0	0	69,132
2013 Q 3	27,317	43,434	0	0	70,751
2013 Q 4	27,396	38,802	0	0	66,198

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Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2011 Q 1	99.0%
2011 Q 2	99.0%
2011 Q 3	99.5%

2011 Q 4	99.2%
2012 Q 1	99.2%
2012 Q 2	98.1%
2012 Q 3	99.0%
2012 Q 4	98.7%
2013 Q 1	98.2%
2013 Q 2	98.1%
2013 Q 3	98.9%
2013 Q 4	99.1%

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Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Individual Name	4,395	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,425	13,138
Address	2,364	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,248	3,808
Serial#	177	204	317	308	358	262	239
Licence#	122	142	186	209	218	138	103
Certificate#	16	19	19	16	12	8	6
Telephone#	14	15	20	40	33	31	35
Other	21	22	51	85	82	73	80
Total	7,109	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,185	17,410

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Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
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2011 Q 1	1,419,010
2011 Q 2	1,695,171
2011 Q 3	1,781,783
2011 Q 4	1,594,214
2012 Q 1	1,601,550
2012 Q 2	1,705,988
2012 Q 3	1,774,833
2012 Q 4	1,572,709
2013 Q 1	1,589,065
2013 Q 2	1,757,736
2013 Q 3	1,675,271
2013 Q 4	1,331,578

Total CFRO Queries by Province (October-December 2013)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2013 Q4	Queries per 100,000 Population⁴
Alberta	127,991	3,511
British Columbia	100,769	2,290
Manitoba	27,200	2,251
New Brunswick	46,834	6,235
Newfoundland and Labrador	23,333	4,535
Northwest Territories	2,349	5,665
Nova Scotia	20,560	2,231
Nunavut	533	1,671
Ontario	887,030	6,902
Prince Edward Island	2,781	1,984
Quebec	76,702	971
Saskatchewan	13,173	1,275
Yukon	2,323	6,853
Total	1,331,578	3,978



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Telephone Calls Received at the CFP's Firearms Service Delivery centre

Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)
2009	106
2010	43
2011	49
2012	77
2013	140

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Firearms Licensing

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Valid Licences as of September 2013

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	54,894	188,697	1,657	245,248
British Columbia	67,497	172,552	620	240,669
Manitoba	23,977	59,930	478	84,385
New Brunswick	35,674	35,125	167	70,966
Newfoundland and Labrador	24,522	48,235	291	73,048

Northwest Territories	468	4,530	35	5,033
Nova Scotia	35,949	36,344	1,049	73,342
Nunavut	33	2,863	2	2,898
Ontario	175,151	365,517	4,099	544,767
Prince Edward Island	2,842	3,377	19	6,238
Quebec	153,290	341,345	37	494,672
Saskatchewan	27,193	67,817	183	95,193
Yukon	939	5,483	50	6,472
Total	602,429	1,331,815	8,687	1,942,931

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population¹
Alberta	6,728
British Columbia	5,470
Manitoba	6,984
New Brunswick	9,447
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,197
Northwest Territories	12,139
Nova Scotia	7,957
Nunavut	9,083
Ontario	4,239
Prince Edward Island	4,449
Quebec	6,259
Saskatchewan	9,212
Yukon	19,093
Total	5,804



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the July-September 2013 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	74,167
Possession Licence	24,315

Minor's Licence	1,356
Total Issued to Individuals	99,838
Total issued to Businesses	233
Total	100,071

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before 1999	25,749	183	1,745	20	119
1999	215	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,442	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,491	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,057	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	711	4,177	37,662	1,347	7,844
2004	469	3,900	36,281	1,252	8,205
2005	760	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
2006	1,566	4,971	47,572	1,747	10,400
2007	913	5,561	55,731	2,120	13,309
2008	448	6,700	66,108	2,558	17,094
2009	231	7,075	68,476	2,959	20,330
2010	179	6,807	69,143	2,891	21,034
2011	126	7,050	73,527	3,131	24,462
2012	273	8,248	91,270	4,103	34,158
Total	41,630	84,624	820,310	30,435	203,693

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2010	570
2011	520
2012	670
2013	655

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Licence Revocations by Year

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2009	2,076
2010	2,223
2011	2,362
2012	2,421
2013	1,927

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Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of September 2013

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	126,629	24,334	150,963
British Columbia	121,207	26,090	147,297
Manitoba	23,537	5,682	29,219
New Brunswick	13,494	4,671	18,165
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,207	1,505	6,712
Northwest Territories	1,192	314	1,506
Nova Scotia	18,035	6,906	24,941
Nunavut	300	38	338
Ontario	226,370	79,264	305,634
Prince Edward Island	1,998	740	2,738
Quebec	63,899	30,639	94,538
Saskatchewan	34,135	7,821	41,956
Yukon	2,149	375	2,524
Total	638,152	188,379	826,531

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population²

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population³
Alberta	4,141
British Columbia	3,348
Manitoba	2,418
New Brunswick	2,418
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,304
Northwest Territories	3,632
Nova Scotia	2,706
Nunavut	1,059
Ontario	2,378
Prince Edward Island	1,953
Quebec	1,196
Saskatchewan	4,060
Yukon	7,446
Total	2,469

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Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2010 Q 4	98.4%
2011 Q 1	99.0%
2011 Q 2	99.0%

2011 Q 3	99.5%
2011 Q 4	99.2%
2012 Q 1	99.2%
2012 Q 2	98.1%
2012 Q 3	99.0%
2012 Q 4	98.7%
2013 Q 1	98.2%
2013 Q 2	98.1%
2013 Q 3	98.9%

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Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Individual Name	4,057	4,395	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,425	14,028
Address	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,248	3,928
Serial#	189	177	204	317	308	358	262	241
Licence#	90	122	142	186	209	218	138	103
Certificate#	15	16	19	19	16	12	8	6
Telephone#	11	14	15	20	40	33	31	37
Other	21	21	22	51	85	82	73	72
Total	6,650	7,109	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,185	18,414

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2013 Q 1	1,589,065
2013 Q 2	1,757,736
2013 Q 3	1,642,843

Total CFRO Queries by Province (July-September 2013)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2013 Q3	Queries per 100,000 Population⁴
Alberta	90,710	2,488
British Columbia	298,793	6,791
Manitoba	32,473	2,688
New Brunswick	53,428	7,113
Newfoundland and Labrador	24,766	4,813
Northwest Territories	3,020	7,284
Nova Scotia	22,680	2,461
Nunavut	675	2,116
Ontario	1,031,520	8,026
Prince Edward Island	2,848	2,031
Quebec	63,134	799
Saskatchewan	15,540	1,504
Yukon	3,256	9,606
Total	1,642,843	4,907

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2011	49
2012	77
2013	135

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Valid Licences as of June 2013

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	56,102	185,795	1,608	243,505
British Columbia	68,861	170,366	523	239,750
Manitoba	24,613	59,314	420	84,347
New Brunswick	36,508	34,924	160	71,592
Newfoundland and Labrador	25,152	48,176	277	73,605

Northwest Territories	471	4,486	35	4,992
Nova Scotia	36,766	36,162	1,087	74,015
Nunavut	36	2,764	2	2,802
Ontario	178,360	360,297	4,062	542,719
Prince Edward Island	2,934	3,352	19	6,305
Quebec	157,055	339,582	37	496,674
Saskatchewan	27,894	67,140	163	95,197
Yukon	958	5,480	37	6,475
Total	615,710	1,317,838	8,430	1,941,978

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population¹
Alberta	6,680
British Columbia	5,449
Manitoba	6,981
New Brunswick	9,531
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,305
Northwest Territories	12,040
Nova Scotia	8,030
Nunavut	8,782
Ontario	4,223
Prince Edward Island	4,497
Quebec	6,285
Saskatchewan	9,212
Yukon	19,102
Total	5,801



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the April - June 2013 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	82,138
Possession Licence	28,762

Minor's Licence	958
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Total	112,050

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before 1999	25,548	183	1,745	20	119
1999	215	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,416	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,483	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,054	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	711	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	469	3,900	36,281	1,252	8,205
2005	760	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
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2010	179	6,807	69,143	2,891	21,034
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2011	520
2012	670
2013	493

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Licence Revocations by Year

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2009	2,076
2010	2,223
2011	2,363
2012	2,422
2013	1,359

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Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of June 2013

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	121,620	24,304	145,924
British Columbia	117,915	26,239	144,154
Manitoba	22,719	5,689	28,408
New Brunswick	13,181	4,732	17,913
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,071	1,518	6,589
Northwest Territories	1,172	314	1,486
Nova Scotia	17,581	6,867	24,448
Nunavut	276	37	313
Ontario	216,575	79,456	296,031
Prince Edward Island	1,962	760	2,722
Quebec	62,506	30,889	93,395
Saskatchewan	33,262	7,852	41,114
Yukon	2,113	383	2,496
Total	615,953	189,040	804,993

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population ²
Alberta	4,003
British Columbia	3,276
Manitoba	2,351
New Brunswick	2,385
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,281
Northwest Territories	3,584
Nova Scotia	2,652
Nunavut	981
Ontario	2,303
Prince Edward Island	1,941
Quebec	1,182
Saskatchewan	3,979
Yukon	7,363

Total**2,405**

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Firearm Transfers by Transfer Method

NOTE: EFAST is a legacy system that is being phased out

Quarter	Telephone	Internet	Paper	EFAST	Total
2010 Q 3	86,845	117,713	1	6	204,565
2010 Q 4	86,448	107,692	0	0	194,140
2011 Q 1	81,237	90,692	0	0	171,929
2011 Q 2	76,867	124,192	0	10	201,069
2011 Q 3	76,002	142,516	0	0	218,518
2011 Q 4	73,516	142,417	0	0	215,933
2012 Q 1	61,422	126,202	2	0	187,626
2012 Q 2	27,261	49,631	2	0	76,894
2012 Q 3	27,246	37,953	0	0	65,199
2012 Q 4	29,135	33,355	0	2	62,492
2013 Q 1	27,437	37,549	0	0	64,986
2013 Q 2	28,440	40,692	0	0	69,132

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Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2010 Q 3	99.0%
2010 Q 4	98.4%
2011 Q 1	99.0%
2011 Q 2	99.0%
2011 Q 3	99.5%

2011 Q 4	99.2%
2012 Q 1	99.2%
2012 Q 2	98.1%
2012 Q 3	99.0%
2012 Q 4	98.7%
2013 Q 1	98.2%
2013 Q 2	98.1%

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CFRO Queries

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Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Individual Name	4,057	4,395	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,425	13,892
Address	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,248	4,101
Serial#	189	177	204	317	308	358	262	253
Licence#	90	122	142	186	209	218	138	107
Certificate#	15	16	19	19	16	12	8	6
Telephone#	11	14	15	20	40	33	31	41
Other	21	21	22	51	85	82	73	76
Total	6,650	7,109	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,185	18,475

Up to June 30, 2013

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2010 Q 3	1,402,006
2010 Q 4	1,370,638
2011 Q 1	1,419,010

2011 Q 2	1,695,171
2011 Q 3	1,781,783
2011 Q 4	1,594,214
2012 Q 1	1,601,550
2012 Q 2	1,705,988
2012 Q 3	1,774,833
2012 Q 4	1,572,709
2013 Q 1	1,589,065
2013 Q 2	1,736,106

Total CFRO Queries by Province (April - June 2013)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2013 Q2	Queries per 100,000 Population ⁴
Alberta	184,009	5,048
British Columbia	285,685	6,493
Manitoba	34,949	2,892
New Brunswick	55,358	7,370
Newfoundland and Labrador	24,155	4,695
Northwest Territories	3,339	8,053
Nova Scotia	22,750	2,468
Nunavut	645	2,022
Ontario	1,034,162	8,047
Prince Edward Island	2,196	1,566
Quebec	69,809	883
Saskatchewan	15,445	1,495
Yukon	3,604	10,632
Total	1,736,106	5,186



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Telephone Enquiries

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Telephone Calls Received at the CFP's Firearms Service Delivery centre

Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)
2009	106
2010	43
2011	49
2012	77
2013	111

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Firearms Licensing

Firearms Licences

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Valid Licences as of March 2013

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	57,344	182,648	1,638	241,630
British Columbia	70,263	167,092	521	237,876
Manitoba	25,182	58,483	391	84,056
New Brunswick	37,320	34,654	157	72,131
Newfoundland and Labrador	25,624	47,845	261	73,730
Northwest Territories	486	4,504	37	5,027
Nova Scotia	37,529	35,886	1,098	74,513
Nunavut				

	40	2,812	2	2,854
Ontario	181,237	356,189	4,102	541,528
Prince Edward Island	3,005	3,331	21	6,357
Quebec	160,048	336,520	35	496,603
Saskatchewan	28,554	66,382	161	95,097
Yukon	989	5,446	40	6,475
Total	627,621	1,301,792	8,464	1,937,877

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,629
British Columbia	5,406
Manitoba	6,957
New Brunswick	9,602
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,329
Northwest Territories	12,124
Nova Scotia	8,084
Nunavut	8,945
Ontario	4,214
Prince Edward Island	4,534
Quebec	6,284
Saskatchewan	9,203
Yukon	19,102
Total	5,789



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* Licences per 100,000 population are calculated using Provincial/Territorial populations from 2011 Census

Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the January - March 2013 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	81,913
Minor's Licence	1,123

Possession Licence	29,741
Total Issued to Individuals	112,777
Total issued to Businesses	126
Total	112,903

Safety Training

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Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students
before 1999	25,331	182	1,744	20	119
1999	215	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,410	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,471	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,052	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	710	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	469	3,900	36,281	1,252	8,205
2005	760	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
2006	1,565	4,971	47,572	1,747	10,400
2007	912	5,561	55,731	2,120	13,309
2008	448	6,700	66,108	2,558	17,094
2009	231	7,075	68,476	2,959	20,330
2010	178	6,807	69,143	2,891	21,034
2011	125	7,049	73,509	3,131	24,462
2012	272	8,137	89,490	4,060	33,704
Total	41,149	84,510	818,499	30,392	203,239

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2008	461
2009	514
2010	571
2011	520
2012	670
2013	191

* Up to March 31, 2013

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2008	1,834
2009	2,075
2010	2,222
2011	2,364
2012	2,421
2013	656

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Firearms Registration

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Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of March 2013

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	116,494	24,197	140,691
British Columbia	111,694	26,418	138,112
Manitoba	21,154	5,692	26,846
New Brunswick	12,937	4,787	17,724
Newfoundland and Labrador	4,804	1,505	6,309
Northwest Territories	1,130	312	1,442
Nova Scotia	17,375	6,883	24,258
Nunavut	245	37	282
Ontario	205,297	79,262	284,559
Prince Edward Island	1,905	767	2,672
Quebec	61,214	31,034	92,248
Saskatchewan	32,224	7,920	40,144
Yukon	2,093	390	2,483
Total	588,566	189,204	777,770

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *
Alberta	3,860
British Columbia	3,139
Manitoba	2,222
New Brunswick	2,360
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,226
Northwest Territories	3,478
Nova Scotia	2,632
Nunavut	884
Ontario	2,214
Prince Edward Island	1,906
Quebec	1,167

Saskatchewan	3,885
Yukon	7,325
Total	2,323

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Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
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2010 Q 2	97.8%
2010 Q 3	97.3%
2010 Q 4	96.2%
2011 Q 1	97.0%
2011 Q 2	96.5%
2011 Q 3	98.2%
2011 Q 4	98.0%
2012 Q 1	97.6%
2012 Q 2	95.5%
2012 Q 3	95.5%
2012 Q 4	94.1%
2013 Q 1	94.1%

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Certificate#	15	16	19	19	16	12	8	6
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2013 Q 1	1,571,689

Total CFRO Queries by Province (January - March 2013)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2013 Q1	Queries per 100,000 Population
Alberta	157,130	4,311
British Columbia	268,271	6,097
Manitoba	28,574	2,365
New Brunswick	46,475	6,187
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,233	4,321
Northwest Territories	2,688	6,483
Nova Scotia	22,157	2,404
Nunavut	1,574	4,933
Ontario	939,911	7,313
Prince Edward Island	1,888	1,347
Quebec	64,799	820
Saskatchewan	13,617	1,318
Yukon	2,372	6,998
Total	1,571,689	4,695

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Telephone Calls Received at the CFP's Firearms Service Delivery centre

Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)
2008	122
2009	108
2010	44
2011	51
2012	77
2013	99

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Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	58,622	179,811	1,494	239,927
British Columbia	71,730	164,656	488	236,874
Manitoba	25,761	57,846	386	83,993
New Brunswick	38,290	34,453	152	72,895
Newfoundland and Labrador	26,175	47,382	231	73,788
Northwest Territories	496	4,572	30	5,098
Nova Scotia	38,485	35,644	1,074	75,203
Nunavut				

	43	2,929	3	2,975
Ontario	184,538	352,014	4,159	540,711
Prince Edward Island	3,110	3,281	19	6,410
Quebec	163,305	335,257	18	498,580
Saskatchewan	29,254	65,716	138	95,108
Yukon	1,008	5,470	40	6,518
Total	640,817	1,289,031	8,232	1,938,080

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,582
British Columbia	5,383
Manitoba	6,952
New Brunswick	9,704
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,341
Northwest Territories	12,296
Nova Scotia	8,159
Nunavut	9,324
Ontario	4,207
Prince Edward Island	4,572
Quebec	6,309
Saskatchewan	9,204
Yukon	19,229
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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the October - December 2012 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	74,186
Minor's Licence	1,318

Possession Licence	19,675
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Total issued to Businesses	139
Total	95,318

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before 1999	25,137	182	1,744	20	119
1999	215	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,400	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,471	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,052	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	710	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
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2005	759	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
2006	1,565	4,970	47,558	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,561	55,731	2,120	13,309
2008	448	6,700	66,108	2,558	17,094
2009	231	7,073	68,457	2,959	20,330
2010	178	6,796	69,090	2,878	20,998
2011	125	7,019	72,902	3,108	24,122
2012	272	6,507	70,575	3,272	26,916
Total	40,943	82,836	798,891	29,568	196,075

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2007	438
2008	461
2009	514
2010	571
2011	520
2012	670

Licence Revocations by Year

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2007	1,749
2008	1,834
2009	2,076
2010	2,223
2011	2,364
2012	2,424

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Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	112,409	24,267	136,676
British Columbia	109,198	26,517	135,715
Manitoba	20,767	5,756	26,523
New Brunswick	12,716	4,855	17,571
Newfoundland and Labrador	4,746	1,499	6,245
Northwest Territories	1,107	309	1,416
Nova Scotia	17,192	6,978	24,170
Nunavut	238	37	275
Ontario	202,328	79,664	281,992
Prince Edward Island	1,850	761	2,611
Quebec	60,794	31,729	92,523
Saskatchewan	30,897	7,968	38,865
Yukon	2,041	396	2,437
Total	576,283	190,736	767,019

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *
Alberta	3,749
British Columbia	3,084
Manitoba	2,195
New Brunswick	2,339
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,214
Northwest Territories	3,415
Nova Scotia	2,622
Nunavut	862
Ontario	2,194
Prince Edward Island	1,862
Quebec	1,171
Saskatchewan	3,761
Yukon	7,189
Total	2,291

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Quarter	Percentage within Standard
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2010 Q 2	97.8%
2010 Q 3	97.3%

2010 Q 4	96.2%
2011 Q 1	97.0%
2011 Q 2	96.5%
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Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Individual Name	2,404	4,057	4,395	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,433
Address	1,435	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,251
Serial#	144	189	177	204	317	308	358	263
Licence#	75	90	122	142	186	209	218	138
Certificate#	14	15	16	19	19	16	12	8
Telephone#	12	11	14	15	20	40	33	31
Other	17	21	21	22	51	85	82	74
Total	4,101	6,650	7,109	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,197

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2010 Q 1	1,232,024
2010 Q 2	1,370,550
2010 Q 3	1,401,814
2010 Q 4	1,370,436
2011 Q 1	1,418,727
2011 Q 2	1,694,927
2011 Q 3	1,781,442
2011 Q 4	1,593,996
2012 Q 1	1,601,550
2012 Q 2	1,705,988
2012 Q 3	1,774,833
2012 Q 4	1,540,858

Total CFRO Queries by Province (October - December 2012)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2012 Q4	Queries per 100,000 Population
Alberta	156,875	4,304
British Columbia	251,753	5,722
Manitoba	30,131	2,494
New Brunswick	50,661	6,744
Newfoundland and Labrador	24,436	4,749
Northwest Territories	2,726	6,575
Nova Scotia	19,675	2,135
Nunavut	617	1,934
Ontario	918,115	7,144
Prince Edward Island	2,081	1,484
Quebec	65,969	835
Saskatchewan	15,124	1,464
Yukon	2,695	7,951
Total	1,540,858	4,603



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2010	44
2011	51
2012	77

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Valid Licences as of September 2012

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Alberta	59,800	176,132	1,515	237,447
British Columbia	73,048	161,826	476	235,350
Manitoba	26,260	56,664	352	83,276
New Brunswick	39,135	33,810	142	73,087
Newfoundland and Labrador	26,689	46,654	200	73,543
Northwest Territories	502	4,623	33	5,158
Nova Scotia	39,290	34,926	1,092	75,308
Nunavut				

	44	2,987	2	3,033
Ontario	187,274	345,700	3,873	536,847
Prince Edward Island	3,194	3,206	19	6,419
Quebec	165,455	331,675	18	497,148
Saskatchewan	29,792	64,670	129	94,591
Yukon	1,030	5,416	40	6,486
Total	651,513	1,268,289	7,891	1,927,693

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,514
British Columbia	5,349
Manitoba	6,892
New Brunswick	9,730
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,293
Northwest Territories	12,440
Nova Scotia	8,170
Nunavut	9,506
Ontario	4,177
Prince Edward Island	4,578
Quebec	6,291
Saskatchewan	9,154
Yukon	19,134
Total	5,758



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the July - September 2012 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	84,151

Minor's Licence	1,146
Possession Licence	25,472
Total Issued to Individuals	110,769
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2009	231	7,066	68,423	2,957	20,322
2010	176	6,794	69,070	2,877	20,982
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2010	571
2011	520
2012*	475

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New Brunswick	12,559	4,896	17,455
Newfoundland and Labrador	4,580	1,509	6,089
Northwest Territories	1,095	312	1,407
Nova Scotia	16,998	7,036	24,034
Nunavut	213	36	249
Ontario	199,226	80,134	279,360
Prince Edward Island	1,855	772	2,627
Quebec	60,455	31,915	92,370
Saskatchewan	30,181	7,972	38,153
Yukon	2,005	394	2,399
Total	564,491	191,649	756,140

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *
Alberta	3,641
British Columbia	3,029
Manitoba	2,150
New Brunswick	2,324
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,183
Northwest Territories	3,393
Nova Scotia	2,607
Nunavut	780
Ontario	2,174
Prince Edward Island	1,874
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Alberta	191,908	5,265
British Columbia	278,814	6,337
Manitoba	35,563	2,943
New Brunswick	61,887	8,239
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,660	5,570
Northwest Territories	1,983	4,783
Nova Scotia	21,544	2,337
Nunavut	1,067	3,344
Ontario	1,053,676	8,199
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Quebec	56,782	718
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Alberta	60,371	168,944	1,446	230,761
British Columbia	73,777	154,759	465	229,001
Manitoba	26,545	55,057	322	81,924
New Brunswick	39,602	32,736	139	72,477
Newfoundland and Labrador	26,926	45,974	205	73,105
Northwest Territories	513	4,565	35	5,113
Nova Scotia	39,810	34,087	1,073	74,970
Nunavut				

	46	2,964	2	3,012
Ontario	188,577	333,521	3,697	525,795
Prince Edward Island	3,250	3,142	16	6,408
Quebec	165,430	322,303	23	487,756
Saskatchewan	30,178	62,633	109	92,920
Yukon	1,048	5,320	40	6,408
Total	656,073	1,226,005	7,572	1,889,650

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	7,028
British Columbia	5,565
Manitoba	7,142
New Brunswick	9,938
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Northwest Territories	12,331
Nova Scotia	8,207
Nunavut	10,219
Ontario	4,324
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Saskatchewan	9,603
Yukon	21,098
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New Brunswick	12,350	4,898	17,248
Newfoundland and Labrador	4,412	1,529	5,941
Northwest Territories	1,100	314	1,414
Nova Scotia	16,581	6,924	23,505
Nunavut	188	38	226
Ontario	193,327	80,227	273,554
Prince Edward Island	1,819	788	2,607
Quebec	59,585	32,011	91,596
Saskatchewan	29,250	7,981	37,231
Yukon	1,968	392	2,360
Total	548,485	192,051	740,536

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *
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Northwest Territories	3,410
Nova Scotia	2,573
Nunavut	767
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Saskatchewan	

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Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
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2009 Q 3	97.7%
2009 Q 4	96.7%
2010 Q 1	97.3%
2010 Q 2	97.8%
2010 Q 3	97.3%
2010 Q 4	96.2%
2011 Q 1	97.0%
2011 Q 2	96.5%
2011 Q 3	98.2%
2011 Q 4	98.0%
2012 Q 1	97.6%
2012 Q 2	95.5%

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Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Individual Name	2,404	4,057	4,395	6,631	7,910	10,895	13,067	13,345
Address	1,435	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,843	3,176	4,012	4,243
Serial#	144	189	177	204	317	308	358	304
Licence#	75	90	122	142	186	209	218	168
Certificate#	14	15	16	19	19	16	12	9
Telephone#	12	11	14	15	20	40	33	30
Other	17	21	21	22	51	85	82	75
Total	4,101	6,650	7,109	9,606	11,347	14,729	17,782	18,174

* Up to June 30, 2012

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Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2009 Q 3	1,113,589
2009 Q 4	1,116,376
2010 Q 1	1,232,024
2010 Q 2	1,370,550
2010 Q 3	1,401,814
2010 Q 4	1,370,436
2011 Q 1	1,418,727
2011 Q 2	1,694,927
2011 Q 3	1,781,442
2011 Q 4	1,593,996
2012 Q 1	1,601,143
2012 Q 2	1,705,667

NOTE: The numbers from previous quarters have increased between this report and last, due to new data becoming available.

Total CFRO Queries by Province (April - June 2012)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2012 Q2	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	178,001	5,421
British Columbia	263,362	6,401
Manitoba	34,451	3,004
New Brunswick	58,748	8,055
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,540	5,646
Northwest Territories	2,311	5,574
Nova Scotia	22,458	2,459
Nunavut	1,180	4,004
Ontario	1,030,118	8,471
Prince Edward Island	3,088	2,273
Quebec	61,453	813
Saskatchewan	19,140	1,978

Yukon	2,817	9,275
Total	1,705,667	5,396



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Telephone Enquiries

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Telephone Calls Received at the CFP's Firearms Service Delivery centre

Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)
2007	326
2008	122
2009	108
2010	44
2011	51
2012*	62

*Up to June 30, 2012

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Firearms Licensing

Firearms Licences

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All businesses and organizations that produce, sell, possess, handle, display or store firearms or ammunition are required to have a [valid firearms business licence](#).

Valid Licences as of March 2012

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	61,721	168,762	1,589	232,072
British Columbia	75,609	155,320	484	231,413
Manitoba	27,017	55,254	333	82,604
New Brunswick	40,499	33,162	142	73,803
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,522	46,377	221	74,120
Northwest Territories	526	4,632	38	5,196
Nova Scotia	40,695	34,256	1,128	76,079
Nunavut				

	48	2,921	4	2,973
Ontario	192,556	335,646	3,841	532,043
Prince Edward Island	3,330	3,175	16	6,521
Quebec	168,796	329,117	20	497,933
Saskatchewan	30,750	62,544	108	93,402
Yukon	1,081	5,336	42	6,459
Total	670,150	1,236,502	7,966	1,914,618

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	7,068
British Columbia	5,624
Manitoba	7,202
New Brunswick	10,119
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,664
Northwest Territories	12,531
Nova Scotia	8,329
Nunavut	10,087
Ontario	4,375
Prince Edward Island	4,800
Quebec	6,591
Saskatchewan	9,652
Yukon	21,266
Total	6,056



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* Licences per 100,000 population are calculated using Provincial/Territorial populations from 2006 Census

Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the January - March 2012 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	82,298

Minor's Licence	736
Possession Licence	19,483
Total Issued to Individuals	102,517
Total issued to Businesses	450
Total	102,967

Licence Renewal

A firearms licence for an individual is valid for five years, at which point the individual must [renew the licence](#).

Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
2009 Q 2	77,852	58,982	18,870	75.8%
2009 Q 3	76,206	60,138	16,068	78.9%
2009 Q 4	62,618	48,839	13,779	78.0%
2010 Q 1	65,507	50,816	14,691	77.6%
2010 Q 2	66,135	51,395	14,740	77.7%
2010 Q 3	65,391	52,951	12,440	81.0%
2010 Q 4	60,037	53,030	7,007	88.3%
2011 Q 1	51,320	46,613	4,707	90.8%
2011 Q 2	54,388	49,485	4,903	91.0%
2011 Q 3	58,315	52,804	5,511	90.5%
2011 Q 4	66,744	59,975	6,769	89.9%
2012 Q 1	74,234	64,726	9,508	87.2%

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Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students

before 1999	24,619	182	1,744	20	119
1999	214	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,358	9,634	81,294	2,313	12,101
2001	1,454	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,049	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	710	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	469	3,899	36,277	1,251	8,201
2005	758	4,277	40,769	1,446	9,028
2006	1,563	4,969	47,540	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,561	55,731	2,120	13,309
2008	448	6,694	66,049	2,554	17,074
2009	231	7,047	68,081	2,947	20,233
2010	174	6,762	68,612	2,861	20,872
2011	125	5,720	58,881	2,501	19,296
Total	40,083	74,962	713,360	25,655	164,086

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2007	438

2008	461
2009	513
2010	571
2011	519
2012*	146

* Up to March 31, 2012

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2007	1,748
2008	1,833
2009	2,076
2010	2,227
2011	2,369
2012*	673

* Up to March 31, 2012

Firearms Registration

The registration of restricted and prohibited firearms links these firearms and their licensed owners, thereby enhancing owners' accountability for safe storage and use of these firearms. A centralized, on-line, secure database of firearms information helps police and other public safety officials carry out investigations efficiently and effectively, enabling them to quickly trace a restricted or prohibited firearm to its last lawful owner.

Restricted and Prohibited Firearms Registered as of March 2012

Province/Territory	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total Firearms
Alberta	100,334	24,252	124,586
British Columbia	101,526	26,992	128,518
Manitoba	19,263	5,779	25,042
New Brunswick	12,195	4,950	17,145
Newfoundland and Labrador	4,292	1,523	5,815
Northwest Territories	1,092	315	1,407
Nova Scotia	16,448	6,904	23,352
Nunavut	191	38	229

Ontario	191,007	80,265	271,272
Prince Edward Island	1,783	787	2,570
Quebec	58,586	32,206	90,792
Saskatchewan	28,367	8,011	36,378
Yukon	1,915	385	2,300
Total	536,999	192,407	729,406

Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *

Province/Territory	Restricted and prohibited firearms per 100,000 Population *
Alberta	3,794
British Columbia	3,123
Manitoba	2,183
New Brunswick	2,351
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,150
Northwest Territories	3,393
Nova Scotia	2,556
Nunavut	777
Ontario	2,231
Prince Edward Island	1,892
Quebec	1,202
Saskatchewan	3,759
Yukon	7,573
Total	2,307

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Firearm Transfers

A firearm must be [legally transferred](#) whenever it is sold, traded or given to someone else. The registration information must be updated to indicate the new owner, if he or she lives in Canada. This process is referred to as a "transfer" under the *Firearms Act*.

Firearm Transfers by Transfer Method

NOTE: EFAST is a legacy system that is being phased out

Quarter	Telephone	Internet	Paper	EFAST	Total
2009 Q 2	78,766	87,345	0	0	166,111
2009 Q 3	80,124	91,126	0	0	171,250
2009 Q 4	91,155	84,112	2	8	175,277
2010 Q 1	70,017	74,602	2	0	144,621
2010 Q 2	76,672	108,379	0	0	185,051
2010 Q 3	86,845	117,713	1	6	204,565
2010 Q 4	86,448	107,692	0	0	194,140
2011 Q 1	81,237	90,692	0	0	171,929
2011 Q 2	76,867	124,192	0	10	201,069
2011 Q 3	76,002	142,516	0	0	218,518
2011 Q 4	73,516	142,417	0	0	215,933
2012 Q 1	61,422	126,202	2	0	187,626

Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2009 Q 2	97.4%
2009 Q 3	97.7%
2009 Q 4	96.7%
2010 Q 1	97.3%
2010 Q 2	97.8%
2010 Q 3	97.3%
2010 Q 4	96.2%
2011 Q 1	97.0%
2011 Q 2	96.5%
2011 Q 3	98.2%
2011 Q 4	98.0%
2012 Q 1	97.6%

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Total CFRO Queries by Province (January - March 2012)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2012 Q1	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	148,472	4,522
British Columbia	251,873	6,121
Manitoba	30,590	2,667
New Brunswick	54,367	7,454
Newfoundland and Labrador	24,297	4,807
Northwest Territories	2,133	5,144
Nova Scotia	22,982	2,516
Nunavut	1,395	4,733
Ontario	980,119	8,060
Prince Edward Island	2,561	1,885
Quebec	62,357	825
Saskatchewan	17,771	1,837
Yukon	2,226	7,329
Total	1,601,143	5,065



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Year	Average Wait Time (seconds)	Total Number of Calls Received	Number of Calls Answered within 3 Minutes
2007	326	1,071,191	362,260

2008	122	1,042,326	742,719
2009	108	991,807	733,403
2010	44	959,766	864,477
2011	51	977,005	857,062
2012*	62	229,360	194,068

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Alberta	62,283	164,259	1,627	228,169
British Columbia	76,475	151,579	455	228,509
Manitoba	27,279	54,360	325	81,964
New Brunswick	40,932	32,724	143	73,799
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,768	45,787	208	73,763
Northwest Territories	541	4,620	44	5,205
Nova Scotia	41,113	33,653	1,133	75,899
Nunavut				

	51	2,942	6	2,999
Ontario	194,307	330,506	3,963	528,776
Prince Edward Island	3,363	3,119	16	6,498
Quebec	170,918	327,288	19	498,225
Saskatchewan	31,044	61,434	110	92,588
Yukon	1,088	5,291	42	6,421
Total	677,162	1,217,562	8,091	1,902,815

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,949
British Columbia	5,553
Manitoba	7,146
New Brunswick	10,119
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,593
Northwest Territories	12,553
Nova Scotia	8,309
Nunavut	10,175
Ontario	4,349
Prince Edward Island	4,783
Quebec	6,595
Saskatchewan	9,568
Yukon	21,141
Total	6,019



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the October - December 2011 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	78,010

Minor's Licence	1,790
Possession Licence	19,552
Total Issued to Individuals	99,352
Total issued to Businesses	325
Total	99,677

Licence Renewal

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Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

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2009 Q 1	73,261	54,713	18,548	74.7%
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Year	No. of Alternate Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students

before 1999	24,106	182	1,744	20	119
1999	210	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,280	9,633	81,290	2,313	12,101
2001	1,423	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,045	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	709	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	468	3,899	36,277	1,251	8,201
2005	756	4,276	40,759	1,446	9,028
2006	1,552	4,969	47,540	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,556	55,694	2,119	13,304
2008	448	6,684	65,952	2,553	17,072
2009	231	6,962	67,719	2,870	19,928
2010	173	6,605	67,739	2,724	20,365
Total	39, 313	68, 983	653, 096	22, 956	143, 971

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2006	391
2007	438

2008	461
2009	513
2010	570
2011*	519

* Up to December 31, 2011

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2006	2,064
2007	1,748
2008	1,834
2009	2,076
2010	2,228
2011*	2,371

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Firearms Registered as of December 2011

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	930,519	97,850	24,584	1,052,953
British Columbia	838,878	100,013	27,865	966,756
Manitoba	347,659	19,318	5,926	372,903
New Brunswick	274,255	12,136	5,110	291,501
Newfoundland and Labrador	207,108	4,250	1,556	212,914
Northwest Territories	19,292	1,103	328	20,723
Nova Scotia	286,268	16,468	7,114	309,850
Nunavut	12,626	170	39	12,835
Ontario	2,110,244	190,118	82,121	2,382,483
Prince Edward Island	22,111	1,737	793	24,641
Quebec	1,618,935	58,579	32,792	1,710,306

Saskatchewan	415,460	27,495	8,203	451,158
Yukon	24,452	1,883	395	26,730
Total	7,107,807	531,120	196,826	7,835,753

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	32,067
British Columbia	23,495
Manitoba	32,511
New Brunswick	39,969
Newfoundland and Labrador	42,122
Northwest Territories	49,978
Nova Scotia	33,920
Nunavut	43,547
Ontario	19,593
Prince Edward Island	18,138
Quebec	22,640
Saskatchewan	46,624
Yukon	88,009
Total	24,787



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2009 Q 1	77,943	67,041	0	0	144,984

2009 Q 2	78,766	87,345	0	0	166,111
2009 Q 3	80,124	91,126	0	0	171,250
2009 Q 4	91,155	84,112	2	8	175,277
2010 Q 1	70,017	74,602	2	0	144,621
2010 Q 2	76,672	108,379	0	0	185,051
2010 Q 3	86,845	117,713	1	6	204,565
2010 Q 4	86,448	107,692	0	0	194,140
2011 Q 1	81,237	90,692	0	0	171,929
2011 Q 2	76,867	124,192	0	10	201,069
2011 Q 3	76,002	142,516	0	0	218,518
2011 Q 4	73,516	142,417	0	0	215,933

Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2009 Q 1	96.5%
2009 Q 2	97.4%
2009 Q 3	97.7%
2009 Q 4	96.7%
2010 Q 1	97.3%
2010 Q 2	97.8%
2010 Q 3	97.3%
2010 Q 4	96.2%
2011 Q 1	97.0%
2011 Q 2	96.5%
2011 Q 3	98.2%
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Address	42	1,434	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,842	3,175	4,020
Serial#	130	143	187	176	202	316	307	363
Licence#	57	74	89	121	140	185	208	221
Certificate#	13	14	15	16	19	19	16	12
Telephone#	9	12	11	14	15	20	40	33
Other	16	17	21	21	22	50	85	83
Total	2,071	4,074	6,570	6,952	9,385	11,035	14,273	17,762

* Up to December 31, 2011

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Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2009 Q 1	>884,635
2009 Q 2	981,375
2009 Q 3	1,088,296
2009 Q 4	1,088,510
2010 Q 1	1,203,522
2010 Q 2	1,335,487
2010 Q 3	1,365,119
2010 Q 4	1,335,907
2011 Q 1	1,416,881
2011 Q 2	1,692,380
2011 Q 3	1,779,706
2011 Q 4	1,374,188

NOTE: The numbers from previous quarters have increased between this report and last, due to new data becoming available.

Total CFRO Queries by Province (October - December 2011)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2011 Q4	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	138,229	4,210
British Columbia	208,965	5,079
Manitoba	26,452	2,306
New Brunswick	48,216	6,611
Newfoundland and Labrador	23,509	4,651
Northwest Territories	1,886	4,549
Nova Scotia	20,056	2,196
Nunavut	999	3,389
Ontario	827,071	6,802
Prince Edward Island	2,361	1,738
Quebec	57,738	764
Saskatchewan	16,699	1,726
Yukon	2,007	6,608
Total	1,374,188	4,347



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2008	125	975,945	690,585
2009	115	878,608	634,417
2010	49	544,093	481,273

2011*	56	742,749	638,063
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*Up to December 31, 2011

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All businesses and organizations that produce, sell, possess, handle, display or store firearms or ammunition are required to have a [valid firearms business licence](#).

Valid Licences as of September 2011

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	62,864	160,672	1,351	224,887
British Columbia	77,056	147,979	416	225,451
Manitoba	27,476	52,935	300	80,711
New Brunswick	41,359	31,911	120	73,390
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,181	45,028	154	73,363
Northwest Territories	540	4,580	48	5,168
Nova Scotia	41,519	32,810	1,121	75,450
Nunavut				

	51	2,936	8	2,995
Ontario	195,689	324,631	3,531	523,851
Prince Edward Island	3,396	3,050	19	6,465
Quebec	173,042	323,450	21	496,513
Saskatchewan	31,267	60,158	82	91,507
Yukon	1,095	5,168	43	6,306
Total	683,535	1,195,308	7,214	1,886,057

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,849
British Columbia	5,479
Manitoba	7,037
New Brunswick	10,063
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,514
Northwest Territories	12,464
Nova Scotia	8,260
Nunavut	10,161
Ontario	4,308
Prince Edward Island	4,759
Quebec	6,572
Saskatchewan	9,457
Yukon	20,763
Total	5,966



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the July - September 2011 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	57,970

Minor's Licence	791
Possession Licence	13,247
Total Issued to Individuals	72,008
Total issued to Businesses	349
Total	72,357

Licence Renewal

A firearms licence for an individual is valid for five years, at which point the individual must [renew the licence](#).

Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
2008 Q 4	71,411	54,032	17,379	75.7%
2009 Q 1	73,261	54,713	18,548	74.7%
2009 Q 2	77,852	58,982	18,870	75.8%
2009 Q 3	76,206	60,138	16,068	78.9%
2009 Q 4	62,618	48,839	13,779	78.0%
2010 Q 1	65,507	50,816	14,691	77.6%
2010 Q 2	66,135	51,395	14,740	77.7%
2010 Q 3	65,391	52,951	12,440	81.0%
2010 Q 4	60,037	53,030	7,007	88.3%
2011 Q 1	51,320	46,613	4,707	90.8%
2011 Q 2	54,391	48,696	5,695	89.5%
2011 Q3	58,316	51,709	6,607	88.7%

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Year	No. of Alternate Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students
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before 1999	24,106	182	1,744	20	119
1999	210	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,280	9,633	81,290	2,313	12,101
2001	1,423	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,045	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	709	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	468	3,899	36,277	1,251	8,201
2005	756	4,276	40,759	1,446	9,028
2006	1,552	4,969	47,540	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,556	55,694	2,119	13,304
2008	448	6,684	65,952	2,553	17,072
2009	231	6,962	67,719	2,870	19,928
2010	173	6,605	67,739	2,724	20,365
Total	39, 313	68, 983	653, 096	22, 956	143, 971

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2006	391
2007	438

2008	461
2009	513
2010	570
2011*	395

* Up to September 30, 2011

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2006	2,065
2007	1,748
2008	1,834
2009	2,075
2010	2,229
2011*	1,762

* Up to September 30, 2011

Firearms Registration

The [registration of firearms](#) links firearms and their licensed owners, thereby enhancing owners' accountability for safe storage and use of firearms. A centralized, on-line, secure database of firearms information helps police and other public safety officials carry out investigations efficiently and effectively enabling them to quickly trace a firearm to its last lawful owner.

Firearms Registered as of September 2011

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	931,524	96,444	24,564	1,052,532
British Columbia	844,611	99,482	28,432	972,525
Manitoba	352,222	19,480	6,044	377,746
New Brunswick	276,035	12,125	5,234	293,394
Newfoundland and Labrador	206,685	4,213	1,583	212,481
Northwest Territories	18,903	1,104	326	20,333
Nova Scotia	288,927	16,503	7,264	312,694
Nunavut	12,584	159	42	12,785
Ontario	2,113,607	189,535	84,011	2,387,153
Prince Edward Island	21,946	1,731	816	24,493
Quebec	1,630,704	58,458	33,172	1,722,334

Saskatchewan	415,346	27,271	8,399	451,016
Yukon	24,292	1,818	398	26,508
Total	7,137,386	528,323	200,285	7,865,994

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	32,054
British Columbia	23,635
Manitoba	32,933
New Brunswick	40,229
Newfoundland and Labrador	42,036
Northwest Territories	49,038
Nova Scotia	34,232
Nunavut	43,377
Ontario	19,631
Prince Edward Island	18,029
Quebec	22,799
Saskatchewan	46,609
Yukon	87,278
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Province/Territory	Query Count for 2011 Q3	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	175,917	5,357
British Columbia	256,051	6,223
Manitoba	30,682	2,675
New Brunswick	59,450	8,151
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,333	5,605
Northwest Territories	21,692	2,375
Nova Scotia	2,516	6,068
Nunavut	1,289	4,373
Ontario	969,447	7,973
Prince Edward Island	2,986	2,198
Quebec	58,791	778
Saskatchewan	19,953	2,062
Yukon	2,444	8,047
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Alberta	63,127	158,233	1,349	222,709
British Columbia	77,485	145,294	411	223,190
Manitoba	27,670	52,376	277	80,323
New Brunswick	41,615	31,640	116	73,371
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,407	44,709	165	73,281
Northwest Territories	555	4,593	47	5,195
Nova Scotia	41,751	32,444	1,131	75,326
Nunavut				

	50	2,940	10	3,000
Ontario	197,193	320,466	3,623	521,282
Prince Edward Island	3,413	3,045	18	6,476
Quebec	174,782	320,984	21	495,787
Saskatchewan	31,460	59,542	72	91,074
Yukon	1,111	5,080	45	6,236
Total	688,619	1,181,346	7,285	1,877,250

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,782
British Columbia	5,424
Manitoba	7,003
New Brunswick	10,060
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,498
Northwest Territories	12,529
Nova Scotia	8,246
Nunavut	10,178
Ontario	4,287
Prince Edward Island	4,767
Quebec	6,563
Saskatchewan	9,412
Yukon	20,532
Total	5,938



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the April - June 2011 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	65,739

Minor's Licence	681
Possession Licence	16,568
Total Issued to Individuals	82,988
Total issued to Businesses	416
Total	83,404

Licence Renewal

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Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
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Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students

before 1999	23,804	182	1,744	20	119
1999	205	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,261	9,633	81,290	2,313	12,101
2001	1,418	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,045	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	709	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
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2008	448	6,682	65,929	2,553	17,072
2009	231	6,943	67,574	2,867	19,901
2010	173	6,542	67,286	2,724	20,253
2011*	72	2,109	21,722	995	8,169
Total	39,257	71,088	674,777	23,950	152,133

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Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications

2006	391
2007	438
2008	460
2009	513
2010	572
2011*	249

* Up to June 30, 2011

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2006	2,064
2007	1,748
2008	1,834
2009	2,075
2010	2,231
2011*	1,016

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Firearms Registered as of June 2011

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	912,156	93,596	24,515	1,030,267
British Columbia	834,175	97,643	28,551	960,369
Manitoba	349,445	19,253	6,084	374,782
New Brunswick	273,826	12,003	5,288	291,117
Newfoundland and Labrador	204,483	4,040	1,586	210,109
Northwest Territories	18,723	1,087	336	20,146
Nova Scotia	287,919	16,183	7,295	311,397
Nunavut	12,357	157	43	12,557
Ontario	2,099,504	187,390	84,243	2,371,137

Prince Edward Island	21,806	1,708	817	24,331
Quebec	1,621,287	57,927	33,246	1,712,460
Saskatchewan	409,712	26,835	8,420	444,967
Yukon	23,884	1,772	399	26,055
Total	7,069,277	519,594	200,823	7,789,694

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	31,376
British Columbia	23,340
Manitoba	32,675
New Brunswick	39,916
Newfoundland and Labrador	41,567
Northwest Territories	48,587
Nova Scotia	34,090
Nunavut	42,604
Ontario	19,500
Prince Edward Island	17,910
Quebec	22,668
Saskatchewan	45,984
Yukon	85,786
Total	24,641



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Quarter	Telephone	Internet	Paper	EFAST	Total
2008 Q 3	73,853	102,321	0	0	176,174
2008 Q 4	89,997	82,739	0	0	172,736
2009 Q 1	77,943	67,041	0	0	144,984
2009 Q 2	78,766	87,345	0	0	166,111
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2009 Q 4	91,155	84,112	2	8	175,277
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2010 Q 2	76,672	108,379	0	0	185,051
2010 Q 3	86,845	117,713	1	6	204,565
2010 Q 4	86,448	107,692	0	0	194,140
2011 Q 1	81,237	90,692	0	0	171,929
2011 Q 2	76,867	124,192	0	10	201,069

Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2008 Q 3	97.5%
2008 Q 4	96.7%
2009 Q 1	96.5%
2009 Q 2	97.4%
2009 Q 3	97.7%
2009 Q 4	96.7%
2010 Q 1	97.3%
2010 Q 2	97.8%
2010 Q 3	97.3%
2010 Q 4	96.2%
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Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*
Individual Name	1,820	2,397	4,001	4,262	6,435	7,653	10,528	12,279
Address	42	1,434	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,842	3,175	3,800
Serial#	130	143	187	176	203	316	307	365
Licence#	57	74	89	121	140	185	208	224
Certificate#	13	14	15	16	19	19	16	14
Telephone#	9	12	11	14	15	20	40	37
Other	16	17	21	21	22	50	85	83
Total	2,071	4,074	6,570	6,953	9,386	11,036	14,274	16,720

* Up to June 30, 2011

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Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2008 Q 3	904,639
2008 Q 4	859,187
2009 Q 1	884,657
2009 Q 2	981,410
2009 Q 3	1,088,341
2009 Q 4	1,088,632
2010 Q 1	1,203,619
2010 Q 2	1,335,603
2010 Q 3	1,365,238
2010 Q 4	1,335,954
2011 Q 1	1,385,195
2011 Q 2	1,653,515

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Total CFRO Queries by Province (April - June 2011)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2011 Q2	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	171,778	5,231
British Columbia	260,787	6,338
Manitoba	32,105	2,799
New Brunswick	59,776	8,196
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,134	5,368
Northwest Territories	2,793	6,736
Nova Scotia	21,803	2,387
Nunavut	1,670	5,666
Ontario	980,983	8,067
Prince Edward Island	3,108	2,288
Quebec	65,867	872
Saskatchewan	22,515	2,327
Yukon	3,196	10,523
Total	1,653,515	5,231



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2007	327	1,065,592	358,673
2008	125	975,945	690,585

2009	115	878,608	634,417
2010	49	544,093	481,273
2011*	42	291,178	259,065

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Valid Licences as of March 2011

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	63,292	154,350	1,393	219,035
British Columbia	77,752	141,650	409	219,811
Manitoba	27,810	51,498	290	79,598
New Brunswick	41,818	31,045	117	72,980
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,547	44,142	167	72,856
Northwest Territories	551	4,507	48	5,106
Nova Scotia	41,976	32,067	1,216	75,259
Nunavut				

	48	2,945	12	3,005
Ontario	198,514	316,346	3,715	518,575
Prince Edward Island	3,409	3,002	18	6,429
Quebec	175,842	319,003	22	494,867
Saskatchewan	31,602	58,249	68	89,919
Yukon	1,112	4,964	47	6,123
Total	692,273	1,163,768	7,522	1,863,563

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,671
British Columbia	5,342
Manitoba	6,940
New Brunswick	10,007
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,414
Northwest Territories	12,314
Nova Scotia	8,239
Nunavut	10,195
Ontario	4,265
Prince Edward Island	4,732
Quebec	6,551
Saskatchewan	9,292
Yukon	20,160
Total	5,895



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the January - March 2011 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	61,252

Minor's Licence	630
Possession Licence	20,119
Total Issued to Individuals	82,001
Total issued to Businesses	348
Total	82,349

Licence Renewal

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Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
2008 Q 2	81,816	66,534	15,282	81.3%
2008 Q 3	78,832	61,878	16,954	78.5%
2008 Q 4	71,411	54,032	17,379	75.7%
2009 Q 1	73,261	54,713	18,548	74.7%
2009 Q 2	77,852	58,982	18,870	75.8%
2009 Q 3	76,206	60,138	16,068	78.9%
2009 Q 4	62,618	48,839	13,779	78.0%
2010 Q 1	65,507	50,816	14,691	77.6%
2010 Q 2	66,135	51,395	14,740	77.7%
2010 Q 3	65,391	52,951	12,440	81.0%
2010 Q 4	60,037	53,030	7,007	88.3%
2011 Q 1	51,321	45,796	5,525	89.2%

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Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students
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before 1999	23,804	182	1,744	20	119
1999	205	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,261	9,633	81,290	2,313	12,101
2001	1,418	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,045	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	709	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	468	3,899	36,277	1,251	8,201
2005	756	4,274	40,741	1,446	9,028
2006	1,546	4,969	47,540	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,556	55,694	2,119	13,304
2008	448	6,682	65,929	2,553	17,072
2009	231	6,943	67,574	2,867	19,901
2010	173	6,542	67,286	2,724	20,253
2011*	30	534	5,608	257	2,237
Total	39,005	69,431	658,065	23,192	146,069

* Up to March 31, 2011

NOTE: These totals do not include the number of individuals who have taken the above courses in Quebec.

Licence Refusals and Revocations

Licensing of an individual to possess firearms requires a variety of background checks. Applicants are screened to detect potential public safety risks based on information provided with a firearms licence application. Continuous eligibility screening is conducted over the term of the licence to identify any public safety risks that may arise over time. A licence may also be revoked following a court order or a [Chief Firearm Officer's](#) investigation resulting from a call to the CFP's [public safety line](#) (1-800-731-4000).

The [Registrar of Firearms](#) is notified of all licence revocations, is responsible for revoking all associated registration certificates, and works to ensure proper disposal of the firearms. For more information on refusals and revocations, please consult the [Firearms Act](#).

NOTE: Reasons for licence refusals or revocations include: a history of violence, mental illness, potential risk to oneself or others, unsafe firearm use and storage, drug offences, and providing false information.

Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications

2006	391
2007	438
2008	460
2009	513
2010	572
2011*	148

* Up to March 31, 2011

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2006	2,064
2007	1,748
2008	1,834
2009	2,075
2010	2,231
2011*	611

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Firearms Registered as of March 2011

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	891,238	90,284	24,493	1,006,015
British Columbia	821,523	95,434	28,593	945,550
Manitoba	338,050	18,258	6,102	362,410
New Brunswick	271,849	11,733	5,331	288,913
Newfoundland and Labrador	201,498	3,900	1,583	206,981
Northwest Territories	18,382	1,062	336	19,780
Nova Scotia	287,033	15,835	7,323	310,191
Nunavut	12,035	158	40	12,233
Ontario	2,082,323	185,052	84,528	2,351,903

Prince Edward Island	21,679	1,649	809	24,137
Quebec	1,607,550	57,082	33,455	1,698,087
Saskatchewan	402,068	26,181	8,436	436,685
Yukon	23,474	1,749	396	25,619
Total	6,978,702	508,377	201,425	7,688,504

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	30,637
British Columbia	22,980
Manitoba	31,596
New Brunswick	39,614
Newfoundland and Labrador	40,948
Northwest Territories	47,704
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2008 Q 4	96.7%
2009 Q 1	96.5%
2009 Q 2	97.4%
2009 Q 3	97.7%
2009 Q 4	96.7%
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Certificate#	13	14	15	16	19	19	16	15
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Other	16	17	21	21	22	50	86	88
Total	2,071	4,074	6,570	6,953	9,386	11,036	14,299	15,202

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British Columbia	223,405	5,429
Manitoba	25,284	2,204
New Brunswick	48,546	6,656
Newfoundland and Labrador	22,876	4,526
Northwest Territories	2,269	5,472
Nova Scotia	18,875	2,066
Nunavut	1,629	5,527
Ontario	774,489	6,369
Prince Edward Island	2,369	1,744
Quebec	60,045	795
Saskatchewan	17,208	1,778
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British Columbia	77,948	138,490	392	216,830
Manitoba	28,003	50,649	278	78,930
New Brunswick	42,018	30,474	124	72,616
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,694	43,369	149	72,212
Northwest Territories	559	4,443	42	5,044
Nova Scotia	42,169	31,538	1,243	74,950
Nunavut				

	47	2,923	13	2,983
Ontario	200,022	311,220	3,899	515,141
Prince Edward Island	3,423	2,944	18	6,385
Quebec	176,253	315,725	20	491,998
Saskatchewan	31,685	57,337	78	89,100
Yukon	1,114	4,910	49	6,073
Total	695,299	1,144,966	7,735	1,848,000

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,570
British Columbia	5,270
Manitoba	6,881
New Brunswick	9,957
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,286
Northwest Territories	12,165
Nova Scotia	8,205
Nunavut	10,121
Ontario	4,236
Prince Edward Island	4,700
Quebec	6,513
Saskatchewan	9,208
Yukon	19,995
Total	5,846



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the October - December 2010 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	56,431

Minor's Licence	1,215
Possession Licence	30,107
Total Issued to Individuals	87,753
Total issued to Businesses	433
Total	88,186

Licence Renewal

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Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

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before 1999	23,671	182	1,744	20	119
1999	203	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,258	9,633	81,290	2,313	12,101
2001	1,417	6,212	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,045	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	708	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	468	3,899	36,277	1,251	8,201
2005	756	4,274	40,741	1,446	9,028
2006	1,546	4,969	47,540	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,556	55,694	2,119	13,304
2008	447	6,677	65,887	2,553	17,072
2009	231	6,843	67,172	2,825	19,805
2010	172	5,806	59,129	2,368	17,224
Total	38,833	68,056	643,856	22,537	140,707

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Licence Refusals and Revocations

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The [Registrar of Firearms](#) is notified of all licence revocations, is responsible for revoking all associated registration certificates, and works to ensure proper disposal of the firearms. For more information on refusals and revocations, please consult the [Firearms Act](#).

NOTE: Reasons for licence refusals or revocations include: a history of violence, mental illness, potential risk to oneself or others, unsafe firearm use and storage, drug offences, and providing false information.

Licence Refusals by Year

Year	Refused Applications
2005	345
2006	391

2007	438
2008	460
2009	514
2010	574

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2005	2,286
2006	2,064
2007	1,748
2008	1,832
2009	2,078
2010	2,235

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Firearms Registered as of December 2010

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	882,790	88,167	24,495	995,452
British Columbia	812,060	94,414	28,525	934,999
Manitoba	334,437	17,666	6,107	358,210
New Brunswick	269,774	11,566	5,371	286,711
Newfoundland and Labrador	199,692	3,835	1,590	205,117
Northwest Territories	18,273	1,037	331	19,641
Nova Scotia	285,870	16,012	7,428	309,310
Nunavut	11,869	156	38	12,063
Ontario	2,067,406	182,179	84,726	2,334,311
Prince Edward Island	21,557	1,641	798	23,996
Quebec	1,593,912	56,522	33,662	1,684,096
Saskatchewan	397,901	25,591	8,448	431,940

Yukon	23,180	1,739	385	25,304
Total	6,918,721	500,525	201,904	7,621,150

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	30,316
British Columbia	22,723
Manitoba	31,230
New Brunswick	39,312
Newfoundland and Labrador	40,580
Northwest Territories	47,369
Nova Scotia	33,861
Nunavut	40,928
Ontario	19,197
Prince Edward Island	17,663
Quebec	22,293
Saskatchewan	44,638
Yukon	83,314
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2008 Q 2	72,632	84,757	0	81	157,470

2008 Q 3	73,853	102,321	0	0	176,174
2008 Q 4	89,997	82,739	0	0	172,736
2009 Q 1	77,943	67,041	0	0	144,984
2009 Q 2	78,766	87,345	0	0	166,111
2009 Q 3	80,124	91,126	0	0	171,250
2009 Q 4	91,155	84,112	2	8	175,277
2010 Q 1	70,017	74,602	2	0	144,621
2010 Q 2	76,672	108,379	0	0	185,051
2010 Q 3	86,845	117,713	1	6	204,565
2010 Q 4	86,448	107,692	0	0	194,140

Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2008 Q 1	94.8%
2008 Q 2	95.2%
2008 Q 3	97.5%
2008 Q 4	96.7%
2009 Q 1	96.5%
2009 Q 2	97.4%
2009 Q 3	97.7%
2009 Q 4	96.7%
2010 Q 1	97.3%
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Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Individual Name	1,561	1,820	2,397	4,001	4,262	6,435	7,653	10,544
Address	27	42	1,434	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,842	3,180
Serial#	128	130	143	187	176	203	316	309
Licence#	47	57	74	89	121	140	185	209
Certificate#	20	13	14	15	16	19	19	16
Telephone#	7	9	12	11	14	15	20	40
Other	23	16	17	21	21	22	50	86
Total	1,813	2,087	4,091	6,591	6,973	9,408	11,086	14,385

NOTE: The total may not match the sum of the components due to rounding

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2008 Q 1	786,464
2008 Q 2	891,160
2008 Q 3	904,639
2008 Q 4	859,187
2009 Q 1	884,657
2009 Q 2	981,410
2009 Q 3	1,088,341
2009 Q 4	1,088,632
2010 Q 1	1,203,619
2010 Q 2	1,335,603
2010 Q 3	1,365,238
2010 Q 4	1,259,157

NOTE: The numbers from previous quarters have increased between this report and last, due to new data becoming available.

Total CFRO Queries by Province (October - December 2010)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2010 Q4	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	76,156	2,319
British Columbia	220,615	5,362
Manitoba	27,947	2,437
New Brunswick	57,269	7,852
Newfoundland and Labrador	30,424	6,019
Northwest Territories	2,611	6,297
Nova Scotia	20,392	2,232
Nunavut	1,666	5,652
Ontario	735,951	6,052
Prince Edward Island	2,861	2,106
Quebec	60,880	806
Saskatchewan	19,420	2,007
Yukon	2,965	9,762
Total	1,259,157	3,983



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2009	115	878,608	634,417
2010	49	544,093	481,273

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All businesses and organizations that produce, sell, possess, handle, display or store firearms or ammunition are required to have a [valid firearms business licence](#).

Valid Licences as of September 2010

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	64,891	147,934	1,391	214,216
British Columbia	78,934	134,934	348	214,216
Manitoba	28,554	49,362	247	78,163
New Brunswick	42,353	29,272	114	71,739
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,971	42,536	129	71,636
Northwest Territories	612	4,412	36	5,060
Nova Scotia	42,470	30,630	1,185	74,285
Nunavut				

	55	2,877	13	2,945
Ontario	201,959	306,375	3,765	512,099
Prince Edward Island	3,456	2,829	7	6,292
Quebec	176,786	309,108	20	485,914
Saskatchewan	32,490	56,149	85	88,724
Yukon	1,146	4,840	52	6,038
Total	702,677	1,121,258	7,392	1,831,327

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,524
British Columbia	5,206
Manitoba	6,814
New Brunswick	9,836
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,126
Northwest Territories	12,203
Nova Scotia	8,132
Nunavut	9,992
Ontario	4,211
Prince Edward Island	4,632
Quebec	6,432
Saskatchewan	9,169
Yukon	19,880
Total	5,793



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the July - September 2010 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	49,444

Minor's Licence	1,020
Possession Licence	35,706
Total Issued to Individuals	86,170
Total issued to Businesses	643
Total	86,813

Licence Renewal

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Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
2007 Q 4	75,157	58,857	16,300	78.3%
2008 Q 1	77,102	60,711	16,391	78.7%
2008 Q 2	81,816	66,534	15,282	81.3%
2008 Q 3	78,832	61,878	16,954	78.5%
2008 Q 4	71,411	54,032	17,379	75.7%
2009 Q 1	73,261	54,713	18,548	74.7%
2009 Q 2	77,852	58,982	18,870	75.8%
2009 Q 3	76,206	60,138	16,068	78.9%
2009 Q 4	62,618	48,839	13,779	78.0%
2010 Q 1	65,507	50,816	14,691	77.6%
2010 Q 2	66,135	51,395	14,740	77.7%
2010 Q 3	65,393	51,548	13,845	78.8%

Safety Training

Firearms safety training is a fundamental element of the Canadian Firearms Program. To obtain a PAL or a Minor's Licence an applicant must have satisfied the requirements of the [Canadian Firearms Safety Course \(CFSC\)](#). It is also possible in some cases for a PAL applicant to receive alternative certification. To own or acquire restricted firearms, an individual must satisfy the requirements of the [Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course \(CRFSC\)](#) or have been alternatively certified, in addition to having satisfied the requirements of the CFSC. These courses help ensure that those who possess and use firearms are fully aware of their responsibility for the [safe handling, transport and storage of firearms](#).

Year	No. of Alternative Certifications	No. of CFSCs	No. of CFSC Students	No. of CRFSC	No. of CRFSC Students

before 1999	23,262	182	1,744	20	119
1999	202	4,590	43,911	1,120	6,501
2000	5,224	9,633	81,290	2,313	12,101
2001	1,414	6,211	57,090	1,685	9,048
2002	3,044	5,239	49,731	1,743	10,060
2003	708	4,176	37,650	1,347	7,844
2004	468	3,899	36,277	1,251	8,201
2005	755	4,273	40,738	1,446	9,028
2006	1,544	4,969	47,540	1,747	10,400
2007	911	5,555	55,688	2,119	13,302
2008	447	6,656	65,561	2,544	17,003
2009	231	6,828	67,069	2,816	19,770
2010*	138	3,814	38,011	1,652	12,124
Total	38,579	66,026	622,300	21,803	135,501

* Up to September 30, 2010

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Licence Refusals by Year

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2005	345
2006	391

2007	438
2008	460
2009	514
2010*	394

* Up to September 30, 2010

Licence Revocations by Year

Year	Licences Revoked
2005	2,286
2006	2,064
2007	1,748
2008	1,831
2009	2,078
2010*	1,652

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Firearms Registered as of September 2010

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	873,644	86,505	24,492	984,641
British Columbia	805,931	93,024	28,452	927,407
Manitoba	333,333	17,461	6,117	356,911
New Brunswick	266,864	11,467	5,402	283,733
Newfoundland and Labrador	196,857	3,789	1,596	202,242
Northwest Territories	18,051	1,017	326	19,394
Nova Scotia	284,104	15,760	7,454	307,318
Nunavut	11,599	150	36	11,785
Ontario	2,058,729	180,694	84,980	2,324,403

Prince Edward Island	21,461	1,627	793	23,881
Quebec	1,585,671	55,960	33,559	1,675,190
Saskatchewan	394,979	25,356	8,456	428,791
Yukon	23,123	1,712	393	25,228
Total	6,874,346	494,522	202,056	7,570,924

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	29,986
British Columbia	22,539
Manitoba	31,117
New Brunswick	38,904
Newfoundland and Labrador	40,011
Northwest Territories	46,773
Nova Scotia	33,643
Nunavut	39,984
Ontario	19,115
Prince Edward Island	17,579
Quebec	22,175
Saskatchewan	44,313
Yukon	83,063
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2009 Q 2	981,407
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2010 Q 2	1,335,603
2010 Q 3	1,293,396

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Total CFRO Queries by Province (July - September 2010)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2010 Q3	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	91,929	2,800
British Columbia	240,340	5,841
Manitoba	34,094	2,972
New Brunswick	67,624	9,272
Newfoundland and Labrador	19,667	3,891
Northwest Territories	4,510	10,877
Nova Scotia	22,273	2,438
Nunavut	1,890	6,412
Ontario	730,868	6,010
Prince Edward Island	3,079	2,266
Quebec	53,135	703
Saskatchewan	20,589	2,128
Yukon	3,398	11,188
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Alberta	68,145	143,973	1,256	213,374
British Columbia	81,675	131,419	309	213,403
Manitoba	29,913	48,574	251	78,738
New Brunswick	43,701	28,670	108	72,479
Newfoundland and Labrador	29,196	42,072	136	71,404
Northwest Territories	665	4,312	36	5,013
Nova Scotia	43,641	30,149	1,213	75,003
Nunavut				

	68	2,857	13	2,938
Ontario	206,779	301,591	3,740	512,110
Prince Edward Island	3,612	2,811	9	6,432
Quebec	180,116	304,572	19	484,707
Saskatchewan	33,933	54,920	87	88,940
Yukon	1,225	4,730	46	6,001
Total	722,669	1,100,650	7,223	1,830,542

Licences per 100,000 population

Province/Territory	Licences per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	6,498
British Columbia	5,186
Manitoba	6,865
New Brunswick	9,938
Newfoundland and Labrador	14,126
Northwest Territories	12,090
Nova Scotia	8,211
Nunavut	9,968
Ontario	4,211
Prince Edward Island	4,735
Quebec	6,416
Saskatchewan	9,191
Yukon	19,758
Total	5,791



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Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the April - June 2010 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	45,862

Minor's Licence	781
Possession Licence	35,907
Total Issued to Individuals	82,550
Total issued to Businesses	379
Total	82,929

Licence Renewal

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Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
2007 Q 3	81,370	66,730	14,640	82.0%
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2009	231	6,700	66,175	2,754	19,490
2010*	87	2,898	29,620	1,205	9,028
Total	38,432	65,059	613,624	21,319	132,255

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2008	1,831
2009	2,084
2010*	1,178

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Firearms Registered as of June 2010

Province/Territory	Non-restricted firearms	Restricted firearms	Prohibited firearms	Total
Alberta	865,341	83,968	24,431	973,740
British Columbia	801,774	90,112	28,503	920,389
Manitoba	331,859	17,166	6,190	355,215
New Brunswick	265,846	11,295	5,418	282,559
Newfoundland and Labrador	194,518	3,660	1,593	199,771
Northwest Territories	18,012	1,011	329	19,352
Nova Scotia	284,230	15,654	7,492	307,376
Nunavut	11,404	150	37	11,591
Ontario	2,043,234	175,229	85,532	2,303,995

Prince Edward Island	21,513	1,605	795	23,913
Quebec	1,577,331	55,212	33,770	1,666,313
Saskatchewan	392,104	24,863	8,419	425,386
Yukon	22,719	1,672	394	24,785
Total	6,829,885	481,597	202,903	7,514,385

Firearms per 100,000 Population*

Province/Territory	Firearms per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	29,654
British Columbia	22,368
Manitoba	30,969
New Brunswick	38,743
Newfoundland and Labrador	39,522
Northwest Territories	46,672
Nova Scotia	33,650
Nunavut	39,326
Ontario	18,948
Prince Edward Island	17,602
Quebec	22,057
Saskatchewan	43,961
Yukon	81,605
Total	23,770



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2008 Q 4	89,997	82,739	0	0	172,736
2009 Q 1	77,943	67,041	0	0	144,984
2009 Q 2	78,766	87,345	0	0	166,111
2009 Q 3	80,124	91,126	0	0	171,250
2009 Q 4	91,155	84,112	2	8	175,277
2010 Q 1	70,017	74,602	2	0	144,621
2010 Q 2	76,672	108,379	0	0	185,051

Firearm Transfers Processed within Service Standard (30 days)

Quarter	Percentage within Standard
2007 Q 3	97.2%
2007 Q 4	96.7%
2008 Q 1	94.8%
2008 Q 2	95.2%
2008 Q 3	97.5%
2008 Q 4	96.7%
2009 Q 1	96.5%
2009 Q 2	97.4%
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2009 Q 4	96.7%
2010 Q 1	97.3%
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Average Daily Queries to the CFRO

Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Individual Name	1,561	1,820	2,397	4,001	4,262	6,435	7,653	10,227
Address	27	42	1,434	2,268	2,364	2,574	2,842	3,129
Serial#	128	130	143	187	176	203	316	308
Licence#	47	57	74	89	121	140	185	205
Certificate#	20	13	14	15	16	19	19	17
Telephone#	7	9	12	11	14	15	20	40
Other	23	16	17	21	21	22	50	85
Total	1,813	2,087	4,091	6,591	6,973	9,408	11,086	14,012

NOTE: The total may not match the sum of the components due to rounding

Total CFRO Queries by Quarter

Quarter	All Query Types
2007 Q 3	703,648
2007 Q 4	761,414
2008 Q 1	786,464
2008 Q 2	891,157
2008 Q 3	904,637
2008 Q 4	859,184
2009 Q 1	884,649
2009 Q 2	981,407
2009 Q 3	1,088,335
2009 Q 4	1,088,621
2010 Q 1	1,203,618
2010 Q 2	1,276,360

NOTE: The numbers from previous quarters have increased between this report and last, due to new data becoming available.

Total CFRO Queries by Province (April - June 2010)

Province/Territory	Query Count for 2010 Q2	Queries per 100,000 Population*
Alberta	87,002	2,650
British Columbia	232,580	5,652
Manitoba	33,623	2,931
New Brunswick	56,955	7,809
Newfoundland and Labrador	19,834	3,924
Northwest Territories	4,297	10,363
Nova Scotia	20,835	2,281
Nunavut	2,098	7,118
Ontario	737,627	6,066
Prince Edward Island	2,292	1,687
Quebec	55,119	730
Saskatchewan	21,073	2,178
Yukon	3,025	9,960
Total	1,276,360	4,037



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2005	113	839,674	629,746
2006	159	1,132,071	740,548
2007	327	1,065,592	358,673
2008	125	975,945	690,585

2009	115	878,608	634,417
2010*	69	248,232	209,458

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Firearms Licensing

Firearms Licences

There are currently three types of [firearms licences for individuals](#) in Canada: the Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL), the Possession Only Licence (POL) and the Minor's Licence. Only the PAL and Minor's Licence are available for new applicants.

- Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL): allows the licence holder to possess and acquire firearms and ammunition.
- Possession Only Licence (POL): allows the licence holder to possess, but not acquire, firearms, and to both possess and acquire ammunition.
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All businesses and organizations that produce, sell, possess, handle, display or store firearms or ammunition are required to have a [valid firearms business licence](#).

Valid Licences as of March 2010

Province/Territory	Possession Licence	Possession and Acquisition Licence	Minor Licence	Total
Alberta	72,378	140,121	1,216	213,715
British Columbia	85,501	127,744	301	213,546
Manitoba	31,302	47,560	257	79,119
New Brunswick	45,393	28,071	107	73,571
Newfoundland and Labrador	29,701	41,421	144	71,266
Northwest Territories	762	4,219	37	5,018
Nova Scotia	45,119	29,535	1,224	75,878

Nunavut	80	2,821	14	2,915
Ontario	212,906	296,515	3,880	513,301
Prince Edward Island	3,801	2,778	12	6,591
Quebec	185,498	299,446	22	484,966
Saskatchewan	35,826	53,550	85	89,461
Yukon	1,310	4,614	48	5,972
Total	749,577	1,078,395	7,347	1,835,319

Number of Licences Issued (including renewals) in the January – March 2010 Period

Type of Licences Issued	Number
Possession and Acquisition Licence	44,398
Minor's Licence	657
Possession Licence	40,691
Total Issued to Individuals	85,746
Total issued to Businesses	92
Total	85,838

Licence Renewal

A firearms licence for an individual is valid for five years, at which point the individual must [renew the licence](#).

Renewal Statistics for Licence Holders who have Registered Firearms

Quarter	Total Number of Licences Set to Expire During the Period	Renewed	Did not Renew	Renewal Rate for Firearm Owners
2007 Q 2	82,041	68,911	13,130	84.0%
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2007 Q 4	75,157	58,857	16,300	78.3%
2008 Q 1	77,102	60,711	16,391	78.7%
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