

Violence Against Women in New Brunswick

Woman Abuse* Incidents

No. of founded incidents of woman abuse reported to N.B. police forces, 2009	1,976 (877 in 2004)
No. of woman abuse incidents cleared by charge, 2009	1,021 (582 in 2004)
No. of accused (woman abuse charges) appearing in Provincial Court, 2009**	N/A (451 in 2004)
No. of offenders (woman abuse charges) sentenced (pled or found guilty, includes some awaiting sentencing), 2009**	N/A (211 in 2004)
No. of offenders (woman abuse charges) sentenced to jail, 2009**	N/A (48 in 2004)
Average length of jail term (not time served) for offenders convicted of woman abuse & sentenced to jail, 2008	138 days (112 days in 2004)

*Woman abuse is defined as incidents where women in intimate relationships were reported to be victims of criminal offences, including common assault, murder, attempted murder, sexual assault, uttering threats, etc.

** Since discontinuing its annual family violence statistical report in 2005, the N.B. government no longer routinely tracks this information. Reported incidents and charges for 2009 are Statistics Canada special order data.

Transition Housing Residents

Number of women in transition housing, 2007/08	1,352
Number of children with their mothers in transition housing, 2007/08	726

Spousal Homicides

Number of women killed by their current or ex-spouse in N.B., period 1975-2004	52 women
Spousal homicide-suicide rate, N.B., period 1971-2003, per million women in a marital relationship (Canada: 3.1 /million women)	3.7 / million women

Sexual Assault

Total number of reported sexual assault incidents (male, female, child and adult victims), 2009	559
Percentage of reported sexual assaults resulting in charges, 2009	48%
Percentage of sexual assault charges against adults resulting in convictions, 2008/09	50%
Percentage of adults convicted of sexual assault who were given conditional sentences, 2008/09 (Canada: 15%)	19%
Percentage of adults convicted of other crimes of violence who were given conditional sentences, 2008/09 (Canada: 5%)	12%

Elder Abuse

Number of elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect cases (65 years & over) reported to N.B. Adult Protection Services, 2009/10	417 women; 261 men
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For sources and more statistics, see the *Status Report 2010 – Women in N.B.*, published by the N.B. Advisory Council on the Status of Women, 236 King St., Fredericton, N.B. E3B 1E2, 506 444-4101 1-800-332-3087 acswcccf@gnb.ca www.acswcccf.nb.ca