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Criminal Charges And Convictions Statistics for the Fort Simpson District

The following statistics include charges and convictions during 2002 to 2006 for the Nahendeh communities of Fort Liard, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake and Wrigley, including:

- The number of charges per month, including regional and community totals, since 2002 up to May 2006;
- o The number of convictions per year (regional totals); and
- o The percentage of cases (regional totals) resolved with and without a plea.

These statistics also include dispositions in Justice of the Peace court.

Attachment 1 provides detailed statistics of charges and convictions by community and by month.

Table 1.

Total Charges and Convictions Per Year, and Percentage Resolution of Cases With and Without a Plea.

	0000	2003	2004	2005	2006
					(Jan - May)
Charges	437	464	631	532	132
Convictions	222	160	254	329	86
Resolved with plea	67%	73%	61%	75%	N/A
Resolved without plea	33%	27%	39%	25%	N/A

Notes:

The majority of cases are resolved through a guilty or not guilty plea. A case may be resolved without a plea for a variety of reasons, most commonly as a result of the withdrawal of some or all of the charges. In many cases, an individual is charged with a number of related offences arising from the same incident, with a number of them being withdrawn by prosecutors in return for a guilty plea to the most serious offence, or to the one most clearly provable on the evidence.

The smaller communities may have short periods of time when an unusually large number of charges are laid, but the number quickly returns to normal.

Convictions can only be entered when Court is held. Although it is the practice of NWT Courts to hold trials in the community where the original offense took place, Court is generally not held in Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake or Wrigley. These cases are usually heard in a nearby community, and if

convictions result, they are entered on the statistics for the community of the original offence.

It is not possible to provide a "conviction ratio per month". An offender is not usually convicted in the same month he or she is charged. Charges may be withdrawn for a variety of reasons, including lack of evidence, negotiations with defence attorneys, or diversion to a Community Justice Committee. It is also important to note that convictions are entered in the month the conviction occurs rather than in the month when the original charge is laid.

Attachment 1 Detailed Statistics of Charges and Convictions by Community and Month

Fort Simpson District * Number of Charges Per Month Per Year

Year

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	38	15	70	60	57
February	11	81	39	29	9
March	40	67	5	64	26
April	49	8	42	30	23
Мау	. 11	46	6	79	17
June	43	35	74	32	0
July	58	12	36	27	0
August	15	55	75	48	0
September	46	25	144	70	0
October	13	33	73	54	0
November	45	13	54	13	0
December	68	74	13	26	0
Yearly Totals	437	464	631	532	132

^{*} Fort Simpson District includes Nahendeh communities of Fort Liard, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake and Wrigley. Statistics compiled on June 22, 2006 (NWT Courts).

Total Charges 2002

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	13	4	10	8	0	14	28	9	26	9	21	42
Ft. Simpson	24	7	21	30	10	23	11	6	19	4	13	23
Jean Marie River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nahanni Butte	0	0	2	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	11	0
Trout Lake	1	0	0	8	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2
Wrigley	0	0	7	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Monthly Totals	38	11	40	49	11	43	58	15	46	13	45	68

Total Charges	2003											
,	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	0	13	22	2	17	16	0	21	0	8	0	5
Ft. Simpson	15	41	41	6	24	17	10	20	16	25	12	68
Jean Marie River	0	0	0	0 .	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	0
Nahanni Butte	0	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trout Lake	0	5	0	0	1	0	2	13	. 0	0	0	1
Wrigley	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	. 1	0	0	1	0
Monthly Totals	15	81	67	8	46	35	12	55	25	33	13	74

Total Charges	2004											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	10	10	1	17	0	21	3	18	20	11	1	0
Ft. Simpson	43	27	3	19	4	44	33	45	84	52	35	13
Jean Marie River	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	38	0	18	0
Nahanni Butte	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	0	10	0	0
Trout Lake	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	, 0	0	. 0	0
Wrigley	7	0	1	0	2	4	0	. 5	2	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	70	39	5	42	6	74	36	75	144	73	54	13

Total Charges	2005											
	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	9	3	23	0	26	0	8	20	21	8	2	7
Ft. Simpson	49	26	34	24	49	25	17	24	48	32	11 ⁻	13
Jean Marie River	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	-6
Nahanni Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Trout Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wrigley	1	Ô	0	6	4	7	2	0	0	9	0	0
Monthly Totals	60	29	64	30	79	32	27	48	70	54	13	26

Total Charges 2006 (Jan-May)

	January	February	March	April	May	data for remaining months not available
Ft. Liard	13	0	6	4	4	
Ft. Simpson	43	9	17	19	13	
Jean Marie River	0	0	3	0	0	
Nahanni Butte	1	0	0	0	0	
Trout Lake	. 0	0	0	0	0	
Wrigley	0	0	0	0	0	
Monthly Totals	57	9	26	23	17	

Fort Simpson District * Number of Convictions Per Month Per Year

Year

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	4	0	50	40	43
February	3	23	31	11	11
March	16	25	1	47	16
April	78	6	6	39	5
Мау	0	19	0	48	11
June	12	18	15	10	0
July	35	0	25	17	0
August	10	10	39	24	0
September	18	0	34	22	0
October	10	8	39	43	0
November	16	4	14	6	0
December	20	47	0	22	0
Yearly Totals * Fort Simpson District	222	160	254	329	86

^{*} Fort Simpson District includes Nahendeh communities of Fort Liard, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake and Wrigley. Statistics compiled on June 19, 2006 (NWT Courts).

Conviction Totals 2002

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	0	3	1	6	0	3	17	8	17	9	10	17
Ft. Simpson	4	0	15	70	0	8	5	2	0	1	6	. 3
Jean Marie River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nahanni Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trout Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Wrigley	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	4	3	16	78	0	12	35	10	18	. 10	16	20

Conviction Totals	2003											
•	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	0	6	7	0	3	11	0	9	0	0	2	0
Ft. Simpson	0	17	18	6	16	7	0	1	0	8	2	47
Jean Marie River	0	0	0	0 .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nahanni Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trout Lake	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	. 0	0
Wrigley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	0	23	25	6	19	18	0	10	0	8	4	47

Conviction Totals	2004											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	12	10	1	6	0	2	0	20	15	5	0	0
Ft. Simpson	33	21	0	0	0	13	25	13	14	25	14	0
Jean Marie River	5	0	0	0 ,	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Nahanni Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Trout Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	, 0	0	.0	0
Wrigley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	. 6	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	50	31	1	6	0	15	25	39	34	39	14	0

Conviction Totals	2005											
,	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ft. Liard	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	6	7	0	1	2
Ft. Simpson	40	11	6	39	46	10	17	14	14	21	5	4
Jean Marie River	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	- 16
Nahanni Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Trout Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wrigley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0
Monthly Totals	40	11	47	39	48	10	17	24	22	43	6	22

Conviction Totals	2006					
	January	February	March	April	May	data for remaining months not available
Ft. Liard	14	0	9	1	1	
Ft. Simpson	24	11,	7	4	1	
Jean Marie River	5	0 .	0	0	9	
Nahanni Butte	0	0	0	0	0	
Trout Lake	0	0	0	0	0	
Wrigley	0	0	0	0	0	
Monthly Totals	43	11	16	5	11	