

HOUSING PROBLEMS

BASED ON FINDINGS FROM THE EVERYDAY LEGAL PROBLEMS AND THE COST OF JUSTICE IN CANADA SURVEY:

Within a three-year period, almost 590,000 Canadians over the age of 18 experience one or more serious housing problems that are difficult to resolve.

Of the housing problems experienced by people in Canada:

ABOUT
94,000

are problems renters have with **arbitrary changes to their rent.**

ABOUT
130,000

are problems renters have with **eviction or threats of eviction.**

ABOUT
128,000

are problems renters have with **getting a rent deposit back.**

ABOUT
334,000

are problems renters have **getting a landlord to carry out building repairs or maintenance.**

ABOUT
82,000

are problems renters have with a **landlord providing hydro, water, or heating for their home.**

ABOUT
76,000

are problems renters have with a **lease or the absence of a lease.**

ABOUT
159,000

are problems renters have with **any type of harassment from a landlord.**

ABOUT
90,000

are problems involving **foreclosure or mortgage.**

ABOUT
34,000

are problems homeowners have with **municipal property regulations.**

ABOUT
34,000

are problems homeowners have involving **boundaries, access or right of way to property.**

For more information, please visit,
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“This research ... by the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice will be essential in helping us understand the true extent of the problem of cost and how it impacts on the justice system. I believe that it will prove to be of great assistance to ... identify concrete solutions to the problem of access to justice.”

– The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada (2011)

The Canadian Forum on Civil Justice is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to civil justice reform and access to justice research and advocacy. Established by the Canadian Bar Association and affiliated with Osgoode Hall Law School, the CFCJ envisions an accessible, sustainable and effective justice system for all Canadians.

Overview of the Cost of Justice project. The Cost of Justice project (2011-2017) examines the social and economic costs of Canada’s justice system. It is guided by two questions: What is the cost of delivering access to justice? And what is the cost of not delivering access to justice? Comprised of leading researchers investigating various dimensions of access to justice and cost across the country, the Cost of Justice project is producing empirical data that will inform the future of access to justice in Canada and abroad. The lead research team includes: Trevor C.W. Farrow (Principal Investigator), Nicole Aylwin, Les Jacobs, Lisa Moore, and Diana Lowe.

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