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Greater Toronto Area Fact Sheet

Durham

Ontario Court of Justice

Criminal matters are being addressed within adequate time frames. The Region is reporting that it is two judges short of the required 12 judges for the area. On top of this, two of its current judges have been elevated to other positions and it is expected they will move within a few months which will mean the area will be short four judges.

Superior Court of Justice

Durham is outside the acceptable range for timing of conferences. Respondents also say there are a number of lengthy cases of a serious nature currently within the system which require a greater level of judicial attention. Durham currently has ten judges for a population of 600,000. Respondents believe fifteen judges are required to adequately service the area.

Peel

Ontario Court of Justice

Peel is outside the acceptable range in seven of the nine categories. Respondents believe that there are 200 to 500 new cases begun each month. This jurisdiction has grown to a population of approximately one million.

Superior Court of Justice

Peel is outside the acceptable range for the timing of conferences and the completion of family and civil trials. Respondents report that there are currently 1,873 matters on the trial list and a total of 6,693 matters pending in all areas. There are 31 judges for a population of approximately one million. There is a vacancy but respondents believe that once filled, there will still not be enough judges to adequately service the area.

Halton

Ontario Court of Justice

Halton is having trouble completing child protection matters within the proscribed time frames and respondents say the amount of time given to conferences is inadequate. There are four family judges and two criminal judges to address the needs of this jurisdiction with a population of approximately 448,000.

Superior Court of Justice

Halton is outside the acceptable range for the scheduling of conferences and the completion of family trials and short civil trials. There are six judges for a population of 448,000.

** Note: no information was received from the Region of York*