

Statistics Reported in the 2019-2020 Annual Report

	FOIPOP & MGA OPENED	PHIA OPENED	TOTAL OPENED	FOIPOP & MGA CLOSED	PHIA CLOSED	TOTAL CLOSED
Access and Correction Reviews						
Reviews	160	9	169	126	8	134
Privacy Complaints received	7	6	13	9	5	14
Commissioner own-motion	2	3	5	2	3	5
Breach reports	7	3	10	5	3	8
Privacy impact assessments	9	0	9	11	0	11
Access and privacy consultations	126	55	181	128	50	178
Time extension requests	206	0	206	206	0	206
Late transfer requests	3	0	3	3	0	3
Disclosures without consent to researcher		0	0		0	0
Breaches with no potential for harm or embarrassment		855	855		856	856
Prescribed entity's information practices		0	0		0	0
Inquiries	861	171	1032	858	171	1029
Media requests	35	4	39	35	4	39
Speaking engagements	41	12	53	35	10	45
Public Education (new)	2	0	2	2	0	2
Staff training and conferences	6	2	8	6	2	8
Tools made available	14	0	14	7	0	7
Committees	9	1	10	6	1	7
Projects	13	3	16	9	2	11
Other	9	5	14	11	4	15
Total	1510	1129	2639	1459	1119	2578

Detailed Statistics – Year to Year Comparison

Additional information to assist with interpreting and using the statistics below:

- All charts are for the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act [FOIPOP], the Municipal Government Act [MGA], the Privacy Review Officer Act [PRO], and the Personal Health Information Act [PHIA], unless otherwise noted.
- PHIA came into force June 1, 2013.
- The Information and Privacy Commissioner cannot accept privacy complaints or investigate privacy breaches under the MGA.
- In 2015, the OIPC got a case file management system making statistics easier to compile and more accurate.
- We have attempted to organize the charts below to match the format included in the Annual Report (above).
- Unless specified, “public body” refers to all organizations covered by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Municipal Government Act, the Privacy Review Officer Act, and the Personal Health Information Act.

Initiated by Applicants

Opened Files

Access Reviews

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
107	112	106	132	152	177	184	213	169

Access Reviews – By Issue¹

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Refusal to Disclose/severing	41	47	59	69	61	76	68	91	71
Search	21	14	12	19	29	36	45	41	26
Third party	18	14	9	6	4	20	20	16	9
Deemed refusal	7	9	11	16	28	17	20	24	23
Fee/waiver	7	4	4	6	9	13	9	17	16
Response	5	10	2	2	11	2	8	7	1
Jurisdiction	2	2	1	1	7	3	2	1	5
Time extension	2	9	4	10	1	8	8	5	7
Correction	0	1	2	3	1	2	3	6	6
Other	4	2	2	0	1	0	1	5	5
Total	107	112	106	132	152	177	184	213	169

Access Reviews – By Applicant Group

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Individuals	72	86	82	97	114	134	143	172	134
Media	7	10	4	11	15	23	21	24	10
Political	3	1	6	10	3	2	3	2	6
Businesses	25	15	14	14	17	16	17	14	16
Government	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	3
Total	107	112	106	132	152	177	184	213	169

Issue Highlighted: Search Reviews

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
21	14	12	19	29	36	45	41	26

Issue Highlighted: Deemed Refusal Reviews

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
7	9	11	16	28	17	20	24	23

Privacy Investigations

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Complaints received	7	10	2	4	8	7	10	16	13
OIPC initiated	0	0	3	6	6	9	6	6	5
	7	10	5	10	14	16	16	22	18

Privacy Investigations – By Issue²

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Disclosure	5	9	2	2	11	15	8	15	10
Use (access)	2	1	2	3	2	1	5	3	0
Collection	0	0	1	3	2	1	1	3	0
Security	0	0	0	4	2	7	4	8	6
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Total	7	10	5	12	17	24	19	29	20

¹ A separate review file is opened for each issue identified by the applicant.

² Privacy investigations may have more than one issue. For example, a security issue could lead to a disclosure of personal information.

Closed Files

Access Reviews

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
86	58	75	139	163	155	152	140	134

Privacy Investigations

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
3	8	2	15	19	19	10	20	19

Outcome for Access Reviews and Privacy Investigations Closed

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Report	13	8	10	16	13	19	14	28	13
Mediation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Informal resolution	54	39	47	82	127	125	128	107	103
Withdrawn	11	3	8	21	10	14	9	7	5
Abandoned	4	4	7	25	7	7	3	3	22
Screened	7	12	5	9	25	9	8	12	10
Total	89	66	77	154	182	174	162	160	153

Summary of Commissioner's Findings When an Access Review Report was issued³

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Agree	0	0	2	6	0	2	2	1	0
Agree in part	1	0	0	3	6	3	2	3	3
Disagree	6	4	6	8	6	9	2	9	4
Total	7	4	8	17	12	14	6	13	7

Responses to Commissioner's Access Review Report Recommendations⁴

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Accept	3	2	4	11	6	8	3	3	1
Accept in part	3	2	4	2	6	4	2	7	2
Reject	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	3	4
Total	7	4	8	17	12	14	6	13	7

Files Initiated by Public Bodies & Custodians

Major Privacy Breaches Reported (not PHIA s. 70 – reported separately)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
FOIPOP	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	8	7
PHIA	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	3
Total	0	0	0	0	5	6	3	10	10

Privacy Impact Assessments

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	9

Consultation requests

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
3	12	15	13	88	117	114	174	181

³ As reported on our website, which is a summary of the overall conclusions of the Commissioner. Starting in 2017-2018 we started assessing each individual recommendation for reporting in the Annual Report.

⁴ As reported on our website, which is a summary of the overall response from the public body/municipality. Starting in 2017-2018 we started assessing each individual response to each recommendation for reporting in the Annual Report.

Time Extension Requests⁵

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Approved	23	48	56	62	33	41	58	122	182
Not approved	0	0	0	0	8	11	7	8	24
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	0
	23	48	56	62	46	53	65	131	206

Late Transfer Requests⁶

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
0	0	1	1	0	1	4	8	3

Disclosures to Researchers Without Consent Reported, under s. 57 of PHIA

2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
0	204	60	103	96	108	0

Minor Privacy Breaches Reported, under s. 70 of PHIA

2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
10	158	591	712	934	865	855

Education and Outreach**Education and Outreach Opened**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Inquires	1852	1866	2059	1800	1392	1293	1097	1297	1032
Media requests	Not tracked [NT]	NT	NT	NT	25	38	39	93	39
Speaking engagements	5	11	8	45	68	86	47	54	55
Staff training	10	9	7	8	8	1	3	8	8
Tools created	0	10	27	5	19	12	16	10	14
Committees	3	6	3	2	8	11	7	7	10
Projects	NT	NT	NT	NT	18	18	25	23	16
Other	NT	NT	NT	NT	1	12	28	30	14
Total	1870	1902	2104	1860	1539	1471	1262	1522	1188

Inquiries Received by Topic⁷

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Review request process	751	532	794	558	240	157	159	167	153
Access request process	331	252	331	450	503	527	446	447	374
Privacy	228	170	159	108	143	247	241	359	280
Health/PHIA	NA	NA	77	108	105	76	41	39	18
Federal legislation	34	28	19	72	62	40	29	40	25
Other	508	884	679	504	339	246	181	245	182
Total	1852	1866	2059	1800	1392	1293	1097	1297	1032

⁵ Prior to 2015, it was the OIPC's practice to accept what was provided in time extension requests at face value and approve the extension. An investigation would only be done if an applicant complained. Since 2015 each request has been assessed and it is either approved or not approved based on the information provided in the request. In some cases, the requestor has withdrawn their request for extension prior to a decision being made to approve or not.

⁶ To date, it has been the OIPC's practice to accept what was provided in late transfer requests at face value and approve the extension as it is in the applicant's best interests. An investigation would only be done if an applicant complained.

⁷ Prior to 2015, the OIPC tracked all calls taken by staff, in some cases, this resulted in the same call (if it was transferred) being logged twice. Now each call is only logged once, even if more than one staff member speaks to the caller.

Office Operations

Budget History

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
522,000	543,000	560,000	565,000	593,000	603,000	683,000	707,000	715,000

Staffing History

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
FTEs	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7
Agency ⁸	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8

⁸ Since 2012, we have hired a full-time temporary agency employee to address our staffing needs.