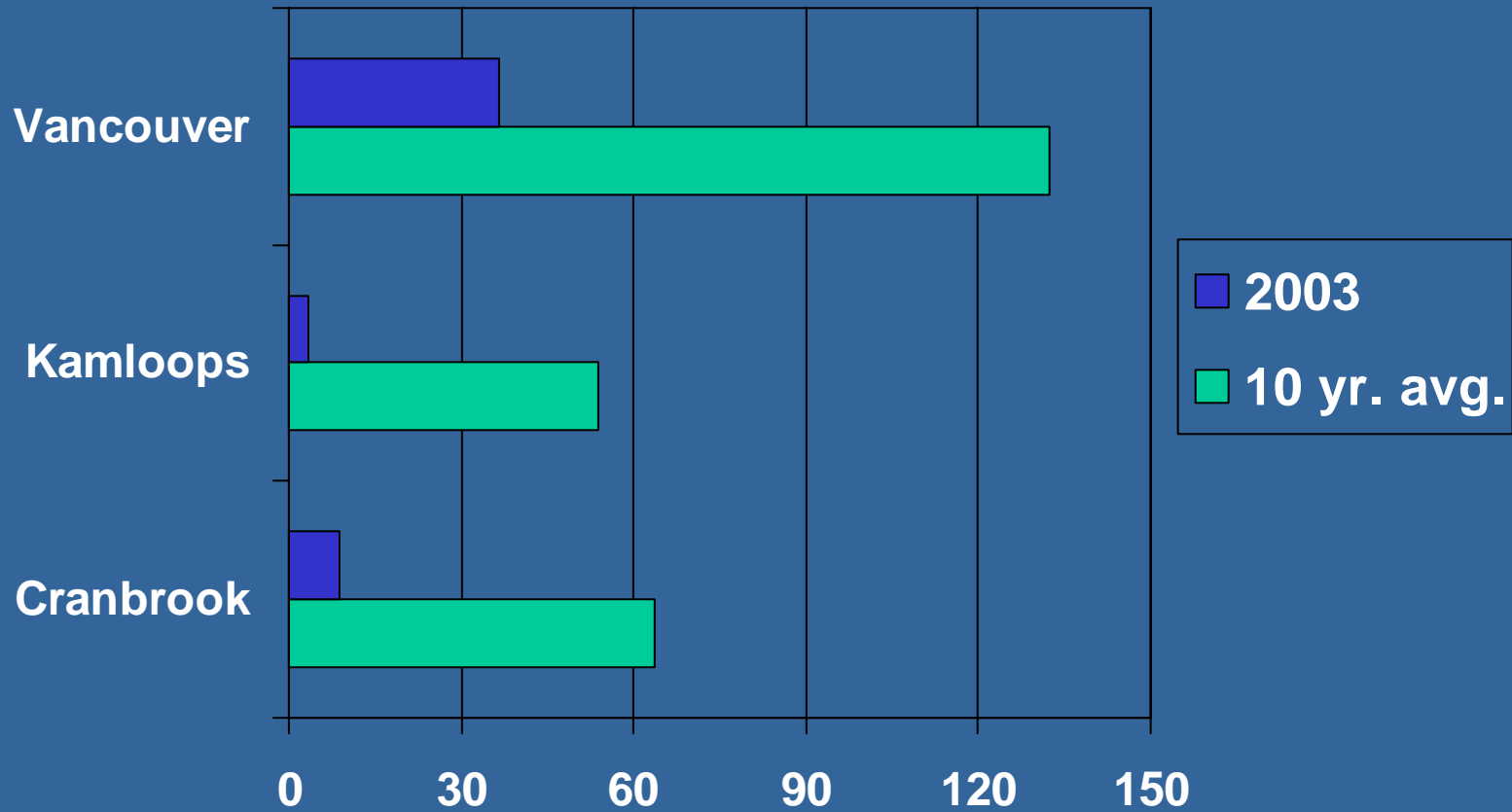


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# 2003 Summer Rainfall



# 2003 in Context

	2003	10 year avg
Number of fires	2460	2007
Area burned (Ha.)	250,000	25,300
Dollars expended	\$300 M	\$56 M
Interface fires	37	8
Homes lost	334	4
Fire fighters	7,600	1,850
Military personnel	920	NA

# Provincial Response

## Role of Provincial Emergency Program

- Coordinates emergency response
- Involved when fires in populated areas
- Disaster Financial Assistance program

# Firestorm Statistics

- State of Emergency – 6 weeks
- More than 50,000 people evacuated
- \$75 M emergency management cost
- Fire risk remains extreme

# Federal Cost Sharing

- Federal cost sharing confirmed
- Eligible costs
  - Evacuee costs
  - Emergency operations centres
  - Infrastructure repair
- Negotiable cost sharing
  - Structural and within municipality fire fighting
  - Watershed restoration
  - Waiver of recovery for federal expenditures

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