

3rd QUARTER 2003 QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT

Crime in the 3rd Quarter of 2003

In the third quarter of 2003, there were 139,650 offences reported in British Columbia. This number represents an 8% increase from the 129,154 offences reported in the third quarter of 2002, and an 11% increase from the 125,829 offences reported during the same period in 2001. Since 2000, an average of 129,251 offences have been reported in the third quarter of each year.

Figure 1 shows quarterly trends in the number of *Criminal Code* offences reported to police in British Columbia. More crimes are reported in the summer months than during the rest of the year. As a result, the number of crimes reported rises in the second quarter and peaks in the third quarter of each year.

In the first three quarters of 2003 a total of 382,825 offences were reported. This represents a 7% increase from the 358,789 reported during the same in period in 2002, and an 8% increase from the 354,005 reported in the first three quarters of 2001.

The crime rate is the number of *Criminal Code* offences reported for every 1,000 population. It is a better measure of crime trends than the actual volume of offences because it allows for increases or decreases in population.

Figure 1: Criminal Code Offences in BC Reported By Quarter, 2000 - 2003

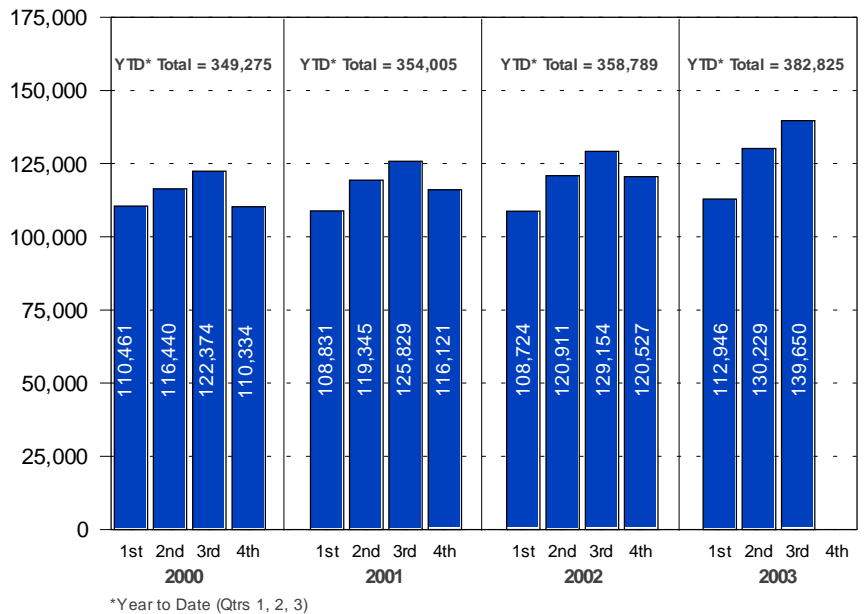


Figure 2: Crime Rates in BC Reported By Quarter, 2000 - 2003

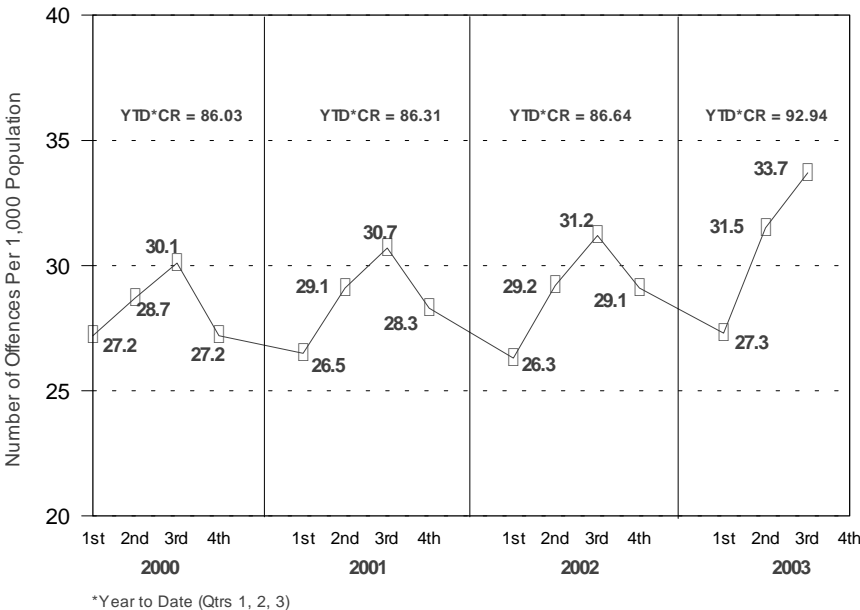


Figure 2 shows quarterly crime rate trends for British Columbia. In the third quarter of 2003, the crime rate was 33.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 7% increase from the second quarter crime rate of 31.5, and an 8% increase from the 2002 third quarter crime rate of 31.2. Since 2000, the third quarter crime rate has averaged 31.4 offences per 1,000 population.

From 2000 to 2002, the crime rate for the first three quarters has averaged 86.3 offences per 1,000 population. In 2003, the crime rate for the same period was 92.9, an 8% increase from the average for the previous three years.

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ISLAND DISTRICT	2001				CRIME RATE	POP	2002				CRIME RATE	POP	2003				3Q/03		CRIME RATE	POP			
	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR			1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR			1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2003	%CHG FROM 2003			3Q/02		
Alert Bay Prov	66	64	79	59	268	171	1,563	64	69	81	87	301	192	1,565	68	62	39	—	169	-37%	-52%	—	—
Campbell River Mun	1,148	1,241	1,180	943	4,512	151	29,802	1,112	1,123	1,322	1,242	4,799	161	29,718	1,127	1,597	1,368	—	4,092	-14%	3%	—	—
Campbell River Prov	110	140	134	103	487	92	5,285	90	112	187	105	494	93	5,286	107	194	132	—	433	-32%	-29%	—	—
Colwood Mun	239	270	253	221	983	68	14,410	219	231	343	300	1,093	75	14,534	329	298	271	—	898	-9%	-21%	—	—
Comox Mun	168	229	193	213	803	69	11,632	232	283	269	222	1,006	85	11,809	217	212	248	—	677	17%	-8%	—	—
Comox Valley Prov	458	538	536	451	1,983	73	26,998	419	498	550	436	1,903	70	27,225	477	533	598	—	1,608	12%	9%	—	—
Courtenay Mun	859	925	1,073	1,010	3,867	202	19,160	1,020	1,131	1,222	1,158	4,531	233	19,435	1,078	1,212	1,334	—	3,624	10%	9%	—	—
Duncan Prov	595	661	577	474	2,307	174	13,233	478	651	668	569	2,366	181	13,084	599	636	688	—	1,923	8%	3%	—	—
Gabriola Island Prov	47	72	49	39	207	56	3,686	34	22	62	46	164	42	3,897	48	39	40	—	127	3%	-35%	—	—
Ladysmith Mun	127	175	176	143	621	90	6,871	133	149	154	215	651	92	7,073	137	183	174	—	494	-5%	13%	—	—
Ladysmith Prov	106	109	136	98	449	78	5,767	99	123	121	94	437	72	6,064	99	135	118	—	352	-13%	-2%	—	—
Lake Cowichan Prov	230	233	242	180	885	147	6,007	145	208	268	194	815	134	6,100	159	187	243	—	589	30%	-9%	—	—
Langford Mun	696	559	545	575	2,375	120	19,796	573	583	686	584	2,426	121	20,117	619	630	657	—	1,906	4%	-4%	—	—
Nanaimo Mun ¹	2,646	2,935	2,786	2,680	11,047	144	76,632	2,776	3,263	2,845	3,225	12,109	158	76,865	3,017	3,377	3,218	—	9,612	-5%	13%	—	—
Nanaimo Prov	160	172	183	175	690	53	12,983	174	209	237	211	831	63	13,186	202	270	258	—	730	-4%	9%	—	—
Nootka Sound Prov	62	90	115	65	332	133	2,488	50	59	62	73	244	101	2,426	59	99	105	—	263	6%	69%	—	—
North Cowichan Mun	569	673	621	566	2,429	89	27,276	517	684	721	647	2,569	94	27,457	654	757	753	—	2,164	-1%	4%	—	—
North Saanich Mun	116	110	131	112	469	43	10,824	113	121	119	132	485	45	10,824	107	111	126	—	344	14%	6%	—	—
Oceanside Prov	350	365	330	267	1,312	60	21,893	254	339	344	325	1,262	57	22,293	323	423	567	—	1,313	34%	65%	—	—
Outer Gulf Islands Prov	64	53	76	46	239	55	4,381	57	58	81	29	225	47	4,739	42	53	84	—	179	58%	4%	—	—
Parksville Mun	308	331	313	321	1,273	119	10,713	273	392	328	327	1,320	123	10,763	364	405	412	—	1,181	2%	26%	—	—
Port Alberni Mun	866	955	906	719	3,446	186	18,535	685	859	731	810	3,085	167	18,465	675	816	1,001	—	2,492	23%	37%	—	—
Port Alberni Prov	126	154	157	134	571	68	8,400	107	147	144	153	551	65	8,502	102	162	166	—	430	2%	15%	—	—
Port Alice Prov	24	20	17	20	81	67	1,217	16	22	41	22	101	86	1,173	26	27	27	—	80	0%	-34%	—	—
Port Hardy Prov	224	261	254	231	970	156	6,209	218	224	313	239	994	161	6,183	229	236	285	—	750	21%	-9%	—	—
Port McNeill Prov	117	105	151	89	462	90	5,112	91	93	95	143	422	83	5,089	116	111	134	—	361	21%	41%	—	—
Powell River Mun	454	429	337	523	1,743	129	13,543	380	477	488	502	1,847	136	13,581	533	476	512	—	1,521	8%	5%	—	—
Powell River Prov	158	134	142	126	560	100	5,574	138	147	171	137	593	106	5,599	116	131	155	—	402	18%	-9%	—	—
Quadra Island Prov	33	37	44	34	148	39	3,828	29	42	58	39	168	43	3,928	31	43	48	—	122	12%	-17%	—	—
Qualicum Beach Mun	92	104	103	133	432	61	7,125	170	159	144	144	617	86	7,151	133	125	169	—	427	35%	17%	—	—
Saltspring Island Prov	66	102	129	104	401	41	9,698	81	89	101	78	349	36	9,818	90	146	170	—	406	16%	68%	—	—
Sayward Prov	35	32	30	31	128	142	900	27	39	36	29	131	142	923	20	26	34	—	80	31%	-6%	—	—
Shawnigan Lake Prov	187	295	332	176	990	63	15,815	178	200	217	202	797	50	15,876	179	238	251	—	668	5%	16%	—	—
Sidney Mun	224	205	180	185	794	70	11,362	142	166	181	148	637	56	11,281	146	160	169	—	475	6%	-7%	—	—
Sidney Prov	41	43	49	31	164	56	2,953	27	87	49	53	216	73	2,978	49	53	53	—	155	0%	8%	—	—
Sooke Mun ⁵	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	317	256	281	235	1,089	118	9,255	224	239	263	—	726	10%	-6%	—	—
Sooke Prov	308	341	349	358	1,356	103	13,224	111	97	103	126	437	104	4,196	77	84	109	—	270	30%	6%	—	—
Texada Island Prov	26	21	31	26	104	88	1,180	10	16	14	19	59	48	1,221	20	49	28	—	97	-43%	100%	—	—
Tofino Prov	109	144	84	105	442	173	2,554	94	127	213	108	542	212	2,562	98	129	188	—	415	46%	-12%	—	—
Ucluelet Prov	60	62	121	40	283	128	2,217	50	88	129	75	342	154	2,218	42	78	116	—	236	49%	-10%	—	—
View Royal Mun	158	158	191	129	636	83	7,619	129	183	174	148	634	80	7,914	146	128	164	—	438	28%	-6%	—	—
West Shore Prov	118	135	104	100	457	51	8,906	96	121	138	96	451	51	8,910	104	116	157	—	377	35%	14%	—	—
ISLAND DISTRICT	12,550	13,682	13,439	12,035	51,706	108	477,371	11,928	13,947	14,491	13,727	54,093	112	481,283	12,988	14,986	15,632	—	43,606	4%	8%	—	—

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NORTH DISTRICT	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2001	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2002	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2003	3Q/03		CRIME RATE	POP
																				%CHG 2a/03	FROM 3a/02		
Alexis Creek Prov	76	90	56	65	287	145	1,977	51	72	75	52	250	125	1,993	68	68	97	—	233	43%	29%	—	—
Anahim Lake Prov	73	74	101	78	326	303	1,076	49	69	119	76	313	272	1,150	80	94	120	—	294	28%	1%	—	—
Atlin Prov	18	35	40	24	117	194	604	17	29	31	31	108	164	658	23	16	16	—	55	0%	-48%	—	—
Bella Bella Prov	111	152	199	186	648	429	1,511	214	220	240	297	971	640	1,517	235	279	244	—	758	-13%	2%	—	—
Bella Coola Prov	58	98	114	78	348	143	2,441	53	82	115	90	340	138	2,464	62	98	141	—	301	44%	23%	—	—
Burns Lake Prov	285	305	298	234	1,122	159	7,072	278	372	362	292	1,304	182	7,160	199	317	409	—	925	29%	13%	—	—
Chetwynd Prov	165	215	232	163	775	136	5,688	155	199	221	187	762	132	5,761	151	230	240	—	621	4%	9%	—	—
Dawson Creek Mun	573	611	582	465	2,231	197	11,305	395	531	725	501	2,152	189	11,409	413	549	528	—	1,490	-4%	-27%	—	—
Dawson Creek Prov	59	75	65	73	272	35	7,695	49	66	79	58	252	31	8,251	39	87	87	—	213	0%	10%	—	—
Dease Lake Prov	50	78	80	73	281	202	1,391	67	123	130	87	407	284	1,431	78	111	99	—	288	-11%	-24%	—	—
Fort Nelson Prov	232	209	297	255	993	166	5,999	240	359	319	223	1,141	188	6,063	282	279	305	—	866	9%	-4%	—	—
Fort St. James Prov	213	323	331	245	1,112	230	4,836	198	299	345	306	1,148	234	4,915	247	317	377	—	941	19%	9%	—	—
Fort St. John Mun	733	1,015	963	893	3,604	212	16,995	928	1,020	974	1,053	3,975	232	17,117	886	1,036	1,096	—	3,018	6%	13%	—	—
Fort St. John Prov	137	160	175	168	640	52	12,307	122	199	206	170	697	56	12,422	117	200	266	—	583	33%	29%	—	—
Fraser Lake Prov	62	102	139	88	391	111	3,528	88	114	89	74	365	99	3,670	73	75	76	—	224	1%	-15%	—	—
Granisle Prov	56	41	63	27	187	342	547	28	27	45	21	121	200	605	19	25	42	—	86	68%	-7%	—	—
Houston Prov	110	107	94	75	386	81	4,780	80	78	93	91	342	72	4,753	107	93	109	—	309	17%	17%	—	—
Hudsons Hope Prov	17	30	34	21	102	67	1,515	21	25	30	24	100	63	1,589	14	38	31	—	83	-18%	3%	—	—
Kitimat Mun	131	223	191	196	741	69	10,771	140	199	179	170	688	63	10,851	164	235	195	—	594	-17%	9%	—	—
Kitimat Prov	16	21	15	11	63	116	545	7	15	23	18	63	117	538	15	15	14	—	44	-7%	-39%	—	—
Lisims-Nass Valley Prov	78	104	151	110	443	233	1,900	66	114	148	128	456	242	1,888	71	154	157	—	382	2%	6%	—	—
Mackenzie Mun	82	129	113	101	425	77	5,489	84	118	139	117	458	83	5,538	107	149	165	—	421	11%	19%	—	—
Mackenzie Prov	9	11	23	18	61	260	235	7	13	17	21	58	254	228	22	19	21	—	62	11%	24%	—	—
Masset Prov	124	166	153	122	565	235	2,406	122	156	210	167	655	269	2,437	130	166	185	—	481	11%	-12%	—	—
McBride Prov	23	28	40	33	124	56	2,204	27	36	76	37	176	78	2,252	26	49	40	—	115	-18%	-47%	—	—
New Hazelton Prov	176	279	296	192	943	149	6,344	227	222	330	242	1,021	160	6,384	227	351	430	—	1,008	23%	30%	—	—
One Hundred Mile House Prov	231	284	335	261	1,111	82	13,541	191	233	332	263	1,019	75	13,621	195	311	375	—	881	21%	13%	—	—
Prince George Mun	2,679	3,448	3,439	3,203	12,769	168	76,197	2,984	3,605	3,634	3,687	13,910	183	76,008	3,386	4,156	4,494	—	12,036	8%	24%	—	—
Prince George Prov	145	215	189	129	678	48	14,129	90	141	196	144	571	40	14,330	84	155	187	—	426	21%	-5%	—	—
Prince Rupert Mun	806	787	880	630	3,103	202	15,376	708	743	852	774	3,077	200	15,420	622	789	865	—	2,276	10%	2%	—	—
Prince Rupert Prov	65	86	78	62	291	131	2,213	64	58	77	70	269	124	2,176	53	100	86	—	239	-14%	12%	—	—
Queen Charlotte City Prov	55	60	61	33	209	76	2,752	55	68	104	68	295	104	2,823	56	98	122	—	276	24%	17%	—	—
Quesnel Mun	575	681	683	497	2,436	231	10,526	433	637	601	522	2,193	207	10,591	547	759	677	—	1,983	-11%	13%	—	—
Quesnel Prov	199	239	279	179	896	61	14,606	162	193	263	201	819	56	14,621	198	301	301	—	800	0%	14%	—	—
Smithers Mun	300	256	311	270	1,137	200	5,690	286	344	475	351	1,456	255	5,710	325	557	397	—	1,279	-29%	-16%	—	—
Smithers Prov	97	167	119	72	455	56	8,083	75	117	163	132	487	61	8,017	118	213	193	—	524	-9%	18%	—	—
Stewart Prov	9	25	20	23	77	99	775	14	34	18	13	79	102	774	12	14	22	—	48	57%	22%	—	—
Takla Landing Prov	16	28	30	26	100	503	199	21	37	14	17	89	445	200	41	47	61	—	149	30%	336%	—	—
Terrace Mun	532	612	649	554	2,347	185	12,711	478	561	575	519	2,133	170	12,568	528	600	638	—	1,766	6%	11%	—	—
Terrace Prov	163	210	168	151	692	84	8,226	114	198	210	162	684	83	8,221	134	174	171	—	479	-2%	-19%	—	—
Tsay Keh Dene Prov	34	66	79	43	222	550	404	74	65	94	41	274	690	397	49	80	79	—	208	-1%	-16%	—	—
Tumbler Ridge Prov	60	70	55	52	237	123	1,933	54	85	107	94	340	140	2,422	56	131	118	—	305	-10%	10%	—	—
Valemount Prov	68	68	63	58	257	133	1,939	63	75	133	59	330	166	1,982	52	87	98	—	237	13%	-26%	—	—
Vanderhoof Prov	158	219	258	253	888	103	8,583	196	222	254	250	922	106	8,670	173	270	251	—	694	-7%	-1%	—	—
Wells Prov	4	6	15	8	33	76	434	2	9	19	8	38	80	474	2	9	11	—	22	22%	-42%	—	—
Williams Lake Mun	710	772	875	721	3,078	263	11,716	594	833	827	698	2,952	252	11,730	599	705	707	—	2,011	0%	-15%	—	—
Williams Lake Prov	113	169	194	122	598	41	14,700	136	193	199	170	698	47	14,790	116	163	189	—	468	16%	-5%	—	—
NORTH DISTRICT	10,686	13,149	13,625	11,341	48,801	141	345,894	10,507	13,208	14,467	12,776	50,958	146	348,589	11,201	14,769	15,532	—	41,502	5%	7%	—	—



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LOWER MAINLAND DISTRICT	2001				CRIME RATE	POP	2002				CRIME RATE	POP	2003				CRIME RATE	POP	3Q/03				
	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR			1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR			1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR			%CHG FROM 2a/03	3a/02			
Agassiz Prov	307	290	351	242	1,190	142	8,366	216	334	363	299	1,212	141	8,597	241	396	430	—	1,067	9%	18%	—	—
Boston Bar Prov	26	35	49	23	133	156	855	17	37	41	40	135	161	838	24	44	65	—	133	48%	59%	—	—
Bowen Island Prov	30	27	60	28	145	47	3,106	30	40	56	26	152	48	3,185	32	23	49	—	104	113%	-13%	—	—
Burnaby Mun	5,638	6,007	6,345	5,830	23,820	117	204,407	5,393	5,895	5,602	6,083	22,973	112	205,955	5,619	6,097	6,497	—	18,213	7%	16%	—	—
Chilliwack Mun ¹	2,024	2,354	2,552	2,384	9,314	137	67,900	2,430	2,736	2,815	2,920	10,901	159	68,688	2,743	3,245	3,798	—	9,786	17%	35%	—	—
Chilliwack Prov	89	117	164	92	462	104	4,424	101	151	211	99	562	126	4,478	93	239	289	—	621	21%	37%	—	—
Coquitlam Mun ¹	2,673	2,973	2,924	2,962	11,532	97	118,637	2,934	2,842	3,054	3,218	12,048	100	120,982	3,012	3,266	3,710	—	9,988	14%	21%	—	—
Coquitlam Prov	9	34	31	20	94	44	2,133	29	34	36	27	126	59	2,150	20	35	44	—	99	26%	22%	—	—
Hope Mun	275	358	399	249	1,281	199	6,443	307	344	410	335	1,396	214	6,521	320	409	525	—	1,254	28%	28%	—	—
Hope Prov	54	57	76	49	236	183	1,293	43	79	64	55	241	194	1,245	43	51	97	—	191	90%	52%	—	—
Langley City Mun	983	1,018	1,075	1,395	4,471	180	24,885	1,165	1,316	1,203	1,225	4,909	199	24,682	1,157	1,320	1,307	—	3,784	-1%	9%	—	—
Langley Township Mun ¹	2,126	2,316	2,349	2,434	9,225	101	91,520	2,304	2,538	2,899	2,784	10,525	115	91,301	2,347	2,673	2,910	—	7,930	9%	0%	—	—
Maple Ridge Mun ¹	1,847	2,210	2,550	2,074	8,681	131	66,509	2,060	2,113	2,515	2,514	9,202	134	68,763	2,077	2,116	2,720	—	6,913	29%	8%	—	—
Mission Mun	1,080	1,157	1,193	1,343	4,773	146	32,793	1,263	1,380	1,391	1,396	5,430	165	32,907	1,207	1,480	1,733	—	4,420	17%	25%	—	—
Mission Prov	126	158	202	163	649	142	4,572	136	183	206	148	673	135	4,989	104	168	206	—	478	23%	0%	—	—
North Vancouver City Mun ¹	1,249	1,247	1,356	1,230	5,082	108	47,114	1,237	1,243	1,338	1,237	5,055	105	48,238	1,276	1,276	1,382	—	3,934	8%	3%	—	—
North Vancouver District Mun ¹	1,203	1,440	1,366	1,175	5,184	59	87,399	1,182	1,246	1,497	1,337	5,262	60	87,175	1,301	1,469	1,564	—	4,334	6%	4%	—	—
North Vancouver Prov ²	48	61	61	74	244	—	5	62	79	59	44	244	—	5	56	75	73	—	204	-3%	24%	—	—
Pemberton Prov	77	91	125	77	370	113	3,277	102	114	95	69	380	110	3,448	72	91	90	—	253	-1%	-5%	—	—
Pitt Meadows Mun	307	423	380	320	1,430	93	15,392	332	322	381	318	1,353	86	15,755	333	384	346	—	1,063	-10%	-9%	—	—
Port Coquitlam Mun ¹	1,147	1,491	1,448	1,195	5,281	98	53,946	1,223	1,360	1,568	1,415	5,566	100	55,798	1,264	1,448	1,808	—	4,520	25%	15%	—	—
Richmond Mun ⁶	3,266	3,227	4,008	3,430	13,931	81	172,547	2,975	3,453	3,533	3,555	13,516	77	174,617	3,281	3,495	3,781	—	10,557	8%	7%	—	—
Ridge Meadows Prov ²	10	29	46	13	98	—	10	9	24	48	15	96	—	10	16	38	29	—	83	-24%	-40%	—	—
Sechelt Mun	269	238	270	229	1,006	124	8,081	184	259	312	263	1,018	123	8,251	252	200	211	—	663	6%	-32%	—	—
Sechelt Prov	374	368	402	415	1,559	84	18,616	334	479	541	434	1,788	97	18,524	342	430	325	—	1,097	-24%	-40%	—	—
Squamish Mun ¹	486	564	562	559	2,171	143	15,169	563	545	787	685	2,580	171	15,123	722	789	1,074	—	2,585	36%	36%	—	—
Squamish Prov	43	113	104	63	323	143	2,265	47	80	80	40	247	108	2,278	42	94	147	—	283	56%	84%	—	—
Surrey Mun	11,073	12,325	12,316	12,846	48,560	133	365,523	11,788	11,979	11,988	11,591	47,346	126	376,757	10,675	12,295	13,331	—	36,301	8%	11%	—	—
Surrey Prov	16	29	25	19	89	131	680	20	24	26	23	93	139	669	21	33	41	—	95	24%	58%	—	—
University Prov	266	227	403	410	1,306	160	8,166	337	285	415	387	1,424	166	8,574	346	364	393	—	1,103	8%	-5%	—	—
Whistler Mun	728	594	506	531	2,359	246	9,590	780	474	515	443	2,212	227	9,739	723	601	524	—	1,848	-13%	2%	—	—
Whistler Prov	5	16	14	16	51	180	284	6	11	10	13	40	137	291	4	23	38	—	65	65%	280%	—	—
White Rock Mun	404	395	423	322	1,544	81	19,049	409	556	501	399	1,865	96	19,408	364	547	542	—	1,453	-1%	8%	—	—
LOWER MAINLAND DISTRICT	38,258	41,989	44,135	42,212	166,594	114	1,464,956	40,018	42,555	44,560	43,437	170,570	114	1,489,941	40,129	45,214	50,079	—	135,422	11%	12%	—	—

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INDEPENDENT FORCES	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2001	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2002	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2003	3Q/03		CRIME RATE	POP
																				%CHG FROM 2a/03	%CHG FROM 3a/02		
Abbotsford Mun ¹	2,987	3,079	3,785	3,586	13,437	110	121,930	3,114	3,532	3,877	3,786	14,309	114	125,613	3,394	3,686	4,178	—	11,258	13%	8%	—	—
Central Saanich Mun	186	202	189	207	784	49	15,993	175	183	187	206	751	47	15,995	174	213	191	—	578	-10%	2%	—	—
Delta Mun ¹	1,923	1,975	1,828	1,834	7,560	74	101,520	1,559	1,698	1,687	1,599	6,543	65	101,299	1,626	1,749	1,491	—	4,866	-15%	-12%	—	—
Esquimalt ⁷	485	546	508	464	2,003	118	16,984	463	482	517	446	1,908	113	16,903	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nelson City Mun	236	324	416	324	1,300	133	9,746	346	383	469	382	1,580	165	9,571	338	419	465	—	1,222	11%	-1%	—	—
New Westminster Mun	2,249	2,054	2,328	2,282	8,913	154	57,713	2,172	2,043	2,165	2,018	8,398	146	57,603	2,105	1,985	2,196	—	6,286	11%	1%	—	—
Oak Bay Mun	214	259	234	216	923	50	18,506	209	225	214	259	907	49	18,360	236	334	277	—	847	-17%	29%	—	—
Port Moody Mun ^{3,8}	371	463	405	377	1,616	65	25,047	336	415	434	468	1,653	65	25,545	390	424	422	—	1,236	-0%	-3%	—	—
Saanich Mun	1,536	1,667	1,501	1,471	6,175	57	108,543	1,446	1,439	1,574	1,536	5,995	55	108,084	1,419	1,499	1,676	—	4,594	12%	6%	—	—
Vancouver Mun ^{3,4,8}	18,477	18,043	19,558	18,734	74,812	129	578,636	17,849	18,127	18,857	16,713	71,546	123	581,207	17,301	20,214	19,421	—	56,936	-4%	3%	—	—
Victoria City Mun ^{7,8}	3,769	4,182	4,129	3,815	15,895	203	78,389	4,104	3,896	4,516	4,310	16,826	216	77,941	4,502	4,119	4,546	—	13,167	10%	1%	—	—
West Vancouver Mun ¹	633	733	714	732	2,812	62	45,350	743	911	1,008	814	3,476	77	45,213	828	867	837	—	2,532	-3%	-17%	—	—
INDEPENDENT FORCES	33,066	33,527	35,595	34,042	136,230	116	1,178,357	32,516	33,334	35,505	32,537	133,892	113	1,183,334	32,313	35,509	35,700	—	103,522	1%	1%	—	—

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FIRST NATIONS POLICE SERVICES	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2001	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2002	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2003	3Q/03		CRIME RATE	POP
																				%CHG FROM 2a/03	%CHG FROM 3a/02		
Ditidaht FNAPS	12	10	8	13	43	224	192	6	8	9	11	34	176	193	13	8	8	—	29	0%	-11%	—	—
Kitasoo-Xai'xais FNAPS	26	20	20	40	106	343	309	25	14	6	23	68	219	311	13	21	31	—	65	48%	417%	—	—
Stl'atl'imx FNAPS	94	92	161	101	448	186	2,412	103	125	153	112	493	203	2,423	125	122	140	—	387	15%	-8%	—	—
FIRST NATIONS POLICE SERVICES	132	122	189	154	597	205	2,913	134	147	168	146	595	203	2,927	151	151	179	—	481	19%	7%	—	—

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PROVINCE	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2001	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2002	CRIME RATE	POP	1QTR	2QTR	3QTR	4QTR	2003	3Q/03		CRIME RATE	POP
																				%CHG FROM 2a/03	%CHG FROM 3a/02		
BRITISH COLUMBIA⁶	108,831	119,345	125,829	116,121	470,126	115	4,101,579	108,724	120,911	129,154	120,527	479,316	116	4,141,272	112,946	130,229	139,650	—	382,825	7%	8%	—	—

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FOOTNOTES

- ¹ Population figures also include First Nations Reserve populations.
- ² Provincial parks are located within the policing jurisdictions of North Vancouver Prov and Ridge Meadows Prov. The crime rates for both of these policing jurisdictions are substantially inflated due to small residential populations and the relatively large amount of property crimes occurring within these parks. As a result, crime rates for these jurisdictions have not been calculated.
- ³ Data shown for 2001 include estimates for Vancouver, and Port Moody. For each jurisdiction, the estimates cover the phase-in period required for PRIME-BC. In the case of Vancouver, the estimates cover the reporting period of February to April 2001 and are based on the Vancouver Police Department's 2000 reporting under the UCR Incident-Based Survey. In the case of Port Moody, the estimates cover the reporting period of March to April 2001 and are based on the Port Moody Police Department's 2000 reporting under the UCR Survey.
- ⁴ From September 2000 to September 2001, as a result of E-Comm labour action, there were decreases in the number of crimes reported to the Vancouver Police Department, e.g., theft, assault, and robbery. As a result, the number of Criminal Code offences reported by Vancouver for each year were affected.
- ⁵ Sooke entered into a municipal police contract in 2002. Prior to this date, the municipal data are included in Sooke Prov.
- ⁶ The BC total includes additional reporting from Canadian National Railway Police, Canadian Pacific Railway Police and other specialized or non-jurisdictional units.
- ⁷ The Victoria City and Esquimalt police departments were amalgamated in 2003.
- ⁸ Data shown for 2003 include estimates for the Cities of Vancouver, Victoria, Port Moody, and Richmond. The estimates for Victoria and Richmond cover the reporting period of May to September 2003, while the estimates for Vancouver and Port Moody cover the reporting period of July to September 2003. The estimates for these departments are based on their 2002 reporting under the UCR Survey.

DATA QUALIFIERS

- ¹ Criminal Code offences include CC: Person, Property, and Other Offences. CC: Person offences include the violent crimes of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, robbery, and abduction. CC: Property offences include the property crimes of break and enter, motor vehicle theft, theft, possession of stolen property, and fraud. CC: Other offences include the other crimes of prostitution, gaming and betting, offensive weapons, bail violations, disturb the peace, escape custody, indecent acts, kidnapping, public morals, obstruct police, prisoner at large, trespass at night, mischief and property damage as well as any Criminal Code offence not covered by a specific UCR offence category, e.g. breach of probation, computer/data mischief, criminal harassment, uttering threats, etc. Excluded from these Criminal Code offence data are offences under other federal statutes such as the Controlled Drug and Substances Act as well as offences under provincial statutes such as the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. In addition, the data do not include federal, provincial or municipal traffic offences or violations.
- ² The crime data contained in this report have been recorded by the police on the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR). Offences are scored according to the UCR Scoring Rules. If a single criminal incident contains a number of violations of the law, then only the most serious one is recorded for UCR purposes. However, with the exception of robbery offences where one incident with multiple victims is scored as one offence, police record one offence for every victim of a "violent" crime. Criminal Code offences represents only those offences reported to, or discovered by police which, upon preliminary investigation, have been deemed to have occurred or been attempted; this data does not represent or imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, informations sworn or convictions obtained. **All data shown for 2003 is considered preliminary and subject to adjustments.**
- ³ The crime rate is defined as the number of Criminal Code offences (excluding Traffic) per 1,000 population. Population figures are based on the results of Canada Census which is conducted every five years. Canada Census occurred in 2001. Population figures for intervening years are estimates based on Census data.
- ⁴ Caution should be used in the interpretation of the percentage changes in the volume of offences. If the number of recorded offences is small, the percentage change is often very large. As a result, the percentage change may exaggerate the actual change in volume, and therefore, as an indicator of the trend in the incidence of crime, it may be misleading.

SOURCES: Offence data from the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR);
Population data from BCSTATS, Population Section, Ministry of Management Services, Province of British Columbia.

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