

ALBERNI CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Alberni Clayoquot Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Port Alberni, Tofino and Ucluelet. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Port Alberni while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 51 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 34 members directly policed the City of Port Alberni while 17 were responsible for policing the regional district's rural or unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 105 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Alberni Clayoquot Regional District in 2007. This was 7% less than the member workload of 113 recorded in 2006. The region's 2007 case load was higher than the provincial case load of 72.
- In 2007, the total population of the regional district was 32,345; the population served per member was 634.

REGIONAL CRIME TRENDS

- Police in BC record criminal activity using Statistics Canada's Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. Criminal Code offences are used in police workload and crime rate calculations. They include violent, property, and other Criminal Code crimes.
- In 2007, 5,359 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 7% drop (-420 offences) from the 5,779 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Alberni Clayoquot recorded a crime rate of 166, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, but 7% less than the region's 2006 crime rate of 179 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 754 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, a 6% decrease (-50 offences) from the 804 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Alberni Clayoquot violent crime rate was 23.3 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from 2006 rate of 24.9. The region's 2007 violent crime rate was higher than the provincial violent crime rate of 12 violent offences per 1,000 population.
- The volume of Level 1 Assaults (common assault) is the major driver of the violent crime rate. In 2007, 550 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 7% decrease (-42 offences) from the 592 reported in 2006. The 2007 Alberni Clayoquot common assault rate was 17.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 8% decrease from the 2006 rate of 18.4. The region's 2007 common assault rate was higher than the provincial common assault rate of 7.1 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 1,902 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 12% decrease (-264 offences) from the 2,166 reported in 2006. The 2007 Alberni Clayoquot property crime rate was 59 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2006 rate of 67. The region's 2007 property crime rate was higher than the provincial property crime rate of 52 property offences per 1,000 population.



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REGIONAL CRIME TRENDS Cont'd

- Motor vehicle theft includes the theft or attempted theft of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles. In 2007, 191 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 3% increase (+6 offences) from the 185 reported in 2006. The 2007 Alberni Clayoquot motor vehicle theft rate was 5.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 4% increase from the 2006 rate of 5.7. The region's 2007 motor vehicle theft rate was lower than the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 6.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 2,703 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 4% decline (-106 offences) from the 2,809 reported in 2006. The 2007 Alberni Clayoquot other crime rate was 84 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% drop from the 2006 rate of 87. The region's 2007 other crime rate was higher than the provincial other crime rate of 41 other offences per 1,000 population.
- Not included in crime rate and case load calculations are drug crimes which include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, and other CSDA drug offences. In 2007, 248 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 10% decrease (-27 offences) from the 275 reported in 2006. The 2007 Alberni Clayoquot drug crime rate was 7.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% decline from the 2006 rate of 8.5. The region's 2007 drug crime rate was higher than the provincial drug crime rate of 6.5 offences per 1,000 population.

REGIONAL POPULATION

- In 2007, Census results indicated that the population for the regional district was 32,345, a less than 1% increase from the 2006 population of 32,260.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased 1%, from 32,706 in 1998 to 32,345 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	32,706	32,395	32,301	31,665	31,509	31,526	31,789	32,005	32,260	32,345
Police Strength	49	49	49	49	50	50	50	51	51	51
Case Load	103	97	104	97	91	97	110	106	113	105
Population Served Per Member	667	661	659	646	630	631	636	628	633	634
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	831	755	810	792	742	695	774	805	804	754
Crime Rate	25.4	23.3	25.1	25	23.5	22	24.3	25.2	24.9	23.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,225	2,013	2,278	1,864	1,858	2,012	2,128	2,266	2,166	1,902
Crime Rate	68	62	71	59	59	64	67	71	67	59
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,996	2,001	2,012	2,086	1,935	2,164	2,578	2,359	2,809	2,703
Crime Rate	61	62	62	66	61	69	81	74	87	84
Total Criminal Code Offences	5,052	4,769	5,100	4,742	4,535	4,871	5,480	5,430	5,779	5,359
Crime Rate	154	147	158	150	144	155	172	170	179	166
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	161	185	190	213	229	206	213	229	275	248
Crime Rate	4.9	5.7	5.9	6.7	7.3	6.5	6.7	7.2	8.5	7.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	577	553	594	579	544	520	585	601	592	550
Crime Rate	17.6	17.1	18.4	18.3	17.3	16.5	18.4	18.8	18.4	17.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	157	104	119	142	125	135	180	157	185	191
Crime Rate	4.8	3.2	3.7	4.5	4	4.3	5.7	4.9	5.7	5.9

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	19,002	18,707	18,530	18,399	18,297	18,285	18,370	18,414	18,509	18,573
Police Strength	33	33	33	33	34	34	34	34	34	34
Case Load	106	101	113	104	91	100	108	116	118	104
Population Served Per Member	576	567	562	558	538	538	540	542	544	546
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	555	504	547	540	506	477	516	556	531	492
Crime Rate	29.2	26.9	29.5	29.3	27.7	26.1	28.1	30.2	28.7	26.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,610	1,445	1,686	1,376	1,272	1,410	1,438	1,701	1,572	1,327
Crime Rate	84.7	77	91	75	70	77	78	92	85	71
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,332	1,396	1,483	1,530	1,317	1,519	1,721	1,672	1,921	1,703
Crime Rate	70	75	80	83	72	83	94	91	104	92
Total Criminal Code Offences	3,497	3,345	3,716	3,446	3,095	3,406	3,675	3,929	4,024	3,522
Crime Rate	184	179	201	187	169	186	200	213	217	190
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	110	119	128	126	108	108	130	143	151	130
Crime Rate	5.8	6.4	6.9	6.8	5.9	5.9	7.1	7.8	8.2	7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	394	370	416	409	365	363	402	418	393	362
Crime Rate	20.7	19.8	22.5	22.2	19.9	19.9	21.9	22.7	21.2	19.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	109	74	88	107	83	84	127	106	119	117
Crime Rate	5.7	4	4.7	5.8	4.5	4.6	6.9	5.8	6.4	6.3

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AREA POLICED AS PORT ALBERNI PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	9,181	9,079	9,091	8,332	8,347	8,338	8,396	8,483	8,588	8,587
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	84	77	82	82	79	85	94	76	101	81
Population Served Per Member	1,312	1,297	1,299	1,190	1,192	1,191	1,199	1,212	1,227	1,227
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	100	79	100	102	96	72	81	83	93	78
Crime Rate	10.9	8.7	11	12.2	11.5	8.6	9.6	9.8	10.8	9.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	267	257	268	220	249	319	356	239	325	254
Crime Rate	29.1	28	29	26	30	38	42	28	38	30
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	219	205	206	249	208	203	218	211	292	233
Crime Rate	24	23	23	30	25	24	26	25	34	27
Total Criminal Code Offences	586	541	574	571	553	594	655	533	710	565
Crime Rate	64	60	63	69	66	71	78	63	83	66
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	29	26	25	31	35	52	27	22	25	51
Crime Rate	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.7	4.2	6.2	3.2	2.6	2.9	5.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	68	54	68	71	82	49	63	64	66	57
Crime Rate	7.4	5.9	7.5	8.5	9.8	5.9	7.5	7.5	7.7	6.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	31	16	21	30	22	32	38	24	40	39
Crime Rate	3.4	1.8	2.3	3.6	2.6	3.8	4.5	2.8	4.7	4.5

AREA POLICED AS TOFINO PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,362	2,463	2,505	3,004	3,010	3,088	3,110	3,226	3,277	3,300
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6
Case Load	98	105	104	88	109	113	145	107	114	142
Population Served Per Member	472	493	501	601	602	618	622	538	546	550
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	98	113	109	102	82	106	117	106	119	128
Crime Rate	41.5	45.9	43.5	34	27.2	34.3	37.6	32.9	36.3	38.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	182	187	213	179	214	169	219	216	167	192
Crime Rate	77.1	76	85	60	71	55	70	67	51	58
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	212	226	199	161	249	288	391	318	396	530
Crime Rate	90	92	79	54	83	93	126	99	121	161
Total Criminal Code Offences	492	526	521	442	545	563	727	640	682	850
Crime Rate	208	214	208	147	181	182	234	198	208	258
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	8	13	18	23	37	32	31	32	48	24
Crime Rate	3.4	5.3	7.2	7.7	12.3	10.4	10	9.9	14.6	7.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	54	80	66	64	54	73	75	71	87	89
Crime Rate	22.9	32.5	26.3	21.3	17.9	23.6	24.1	22	26.5	27
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	11	7	5	3	16	14	12	18	13	24
Crime Rate	4.7	2.8	2	1	5.3	4.5	3.9	5.6	4	7.3

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AREA POLICED AS UCLUELET PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,161	2,146	2,175	1,930	1,855	1,815	1,913	1,882	1,886	1,885
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	119	89	72	71	86	77	106	82	91	106
Population Served Per Member	540	537	544	483	464	454	478	471	472	471
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	78	59	54	48	58	40	60	60	61	56
Crime Rate	36.1	27.5	24.8	24.9	31.3	22	31.4	31.9	32.3	29.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	166	124	111	89	123	114	115	110	102	129
Crime Rate	76.8	58	51	46	66	63	60	58	54	68
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	233	174	124	146	161	154	248	158	200	237
Crime Rate	108	81	57	76	87	85	130	84	106	126
Total Criminal Code Offences	477	357	289	283	342	308	423	328	363	422
Crime Rate	221	166	133	147	184	170	221	174	192	224
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	14	27	19	33	49	14	25	32	51	43
Crime Rate	6.5	12.6	8.7	17.1	26.4	7.7	13.1	17	27	22.8
Assault: Level 1	61	49	44	35	43	35	45	48	46	42
Number of Offences	28.2	22.8	20.2	18.1	23.2	19.3	23.5	25.5	24.4	22.3
Crime Rate										
Motor Vehicle Theft²	6	7	5	2	4	5	3	9	13	11
Number of Offences	2.8	3.3	2.3	1	2.2	2.8	1.6	4.8	6.9	5.8
Crime Rate										

ENDNOTES

- ¹ Drug crimes include heroin, cocaine, cannabis and other CDSA drug offences. These data are not included in Total Criminal Code offences.
- ² Motor Vehicle Theft includes four UCR crime categories: Auto Theft, Truck Theft, Motorcycle Theft, and Other Motor Vehicle Theft, e.g. snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, motorized farming and industrial vehicles. Motor Vehicle Theft is included in Property Crimes.

DATA QUALIFIERS

- Police strengths represent an areas authorized police strength as of December 31st of each calendar year as submitted annually to Police Services Division.
- Case burdens are defined as the number of Criminal Code offences per authorized police strength. They represent the workload per officer, and as a result, are a better indicator of the demand for police services that either an area's population base or its crime rate. The total number of Criminal Code offences and the authorized police strength as of December 31st of each calendar year are used for case burden calculations.
- Total Criminal Code includes property, violent and other crimes. Property crimes include the offences of break and enter, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property and fraud. Violent crimes include the offences of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, abduction and robbery. Other crimes include Criminal Code offences not classified as either violent or property crimes, e.g., prostitution, gaming & betting, weapons, bail violations, counterfeit currency, vandalism, etc.



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DATA QUALIFIERS CONT'D

4. 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. Number of offences represents only those crimes 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.
5. Crime Rate is defined as the number of offences per 1,000 population. The population figures utilized for crime rate calculations are based on the results of Canada Census which is conducted every five years. The most recent Canada Census occurred in 2006. Population figures reflect the permanent residential or "late night" population of a municipality and do not include part-time populations, i.e., commuters, students, tourists and other part-time residents.
6. The data contained in this report may vary when compared with previous reports produced by Police Services Division. Where variances occur, the report produced at the latest date will reflect the most current data available.

SOURCES: Crime Data: Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, CCJS, Statistics Canada;
Population Data: BCStats, Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services, Province of British Columbia
Police Data: HRMIS Report, RCMP "E" Division.

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