

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Central Coast Regional District is policed by the Kitasoo-Xai'xais Public Safety Department and the RCMP Provincial Force. The Kitasoo-Xai'xais Public Safety Department, located in Klemtu, provides police services to the Kitasoo-Xai'xais Nation while the RCMP provides police services to the region's unincorporated areas through detachments located in Waglisla (Bella Bella) and Bella Coola.
- In 2007, there were 10 members assigned to police the region: 2 members policed within the Kitasoo-Xai'xais Nation, and 8 policed the region's rural areas.
- A case load of 107 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Central Coast Regional District in 2007. This was 2% lower than the member workload of 109 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 3,636; the population served per member was 363.

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, 1,066 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 24% decrease (-24 offences) from the 1,090 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Central Coast recorded a crime rate of 293, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, and less than 1% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 295 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 196 violent crimes were reported by police, a 32% increase (+47 offences) from the 149 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Central Coast violent crime rate was 53.9 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 34% increase from the 2006 rate of 40.3. 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, 128 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 35% increase (+33 offences) from the 95 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Coast common assault rate was 35.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 37% increase from the 2006 rate of 25.7. 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, 142 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 21% decrease (-38 offences) from the 180 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Coast property crime rate was 39 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 20% decrease from the 2006 rate of 49. The region's 2007 property crime rate was lower 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, 13 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, an 18% increase (+2 offences) from the 11 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Coast motor vehicle theft rate was 3.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 20% increase from the 2006 rate of 3.0. 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, 728 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 4% decrease (-33 offences) from the 761 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Coast other crime rate was 200 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% decrease from the 206 rate of 206. 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, 49 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 51% decrease (-50 offences) from the 99 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Coast drug crime rate was 13.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 50% decrease from the 2006 rate of 26.8. 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 3,636, a 2% decrease from the 2006 population of 3,694.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region annually declined resulting in a 21% decrease overall, from 4,590 in 1998 to 3,636 in 2007.

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT DATA TABLES

REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	4,590	4,508	4,452	4,256	4,167	4,022	3,888	3,830	3,694	3,636
Police Strength	6	6	9	9	10	11	11	10	10	10
Case Load	158	156	94	122	142	131	128	108	109	107
Population Served Per Member	765	751	495	473	417	366	353	383	369	363
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	244	293	218	255	284	223	237	191	149	196
Crime Rate	53.2	65.0	49.0	59.9	68.2	55.4	61.0	49.9	40.3	53.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	231	200	230	273	272	233	246	168	180	142
Crime Rate	50	44	52	64	65	58	63	44	49	39
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	473	445	400	574	865	989	924	718	761	728
Crime Rate	103	99	90	135	208	246	238	187	206	200
Total Criminal Code Offences	948	938	848	1,102	1,421	1,445	1,407	1,077	1,090	1,066
Crime Rate	207	208	190	259	341	359	362	281	295	293
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	37	47	44	60	37	98	106	107	99	49
Crime Rate	8.1	10.4	9.9	14.1	8.9	24.4	27.3	27.9	26.8	13.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	178	204	167	175	202	158	166	132	95	128
Crime Rate	38.8	45.3	37.5	41.1	48.5	39.3	42.7	34.5	25.7	35.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	8	5	6	9	13	18	24	7	11	13
Crime Rate	1.7	1.1	1.3	2.1	3.1	4.5	6.2	1.8	3	3.6
AREA POLICED AS BELLA BELLA PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,051	2,024	1,684	1,571	1,543	1,488	1,438	1,420	1,371	1,357
Police Strength	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	204	207	141	162	253	196	172	119	122	116
Population Served Per Member	684	675	421	393	386	298	288	284	274	271
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	182	204	148	160	212	144	120	81	84	92
Crime Rate	88.7	100.8	87.9	101.8	137.4	96.8	83.4	57.0	61.3	67.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	114	105	128	132	168	120	105	65	78	70
Crime Rate	56	52	76	84	109	81	73	46	57	52
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	315	312	287	356	631	715	636	451	447	417
Crime Rate	154	154	170	227	409	481	442	318	326	307
Total Criminal Code Offences	611	621	563	648	1,011	979	861	597	609	579
Crime Rate	298	307	334	412	655	658	599	420	444	427
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	30	34	25	25	0	67	89	93	59	23
Crime Rate	14.6	16.8	14.8	15.9	0.0	45.0	61.9	65.5	43.0	16.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	134	139	115	111	163	100	91	59	59	64
Crime Rate	65.3	68.7	68.3	70.7	105.6	67.2	63.3	41.5	43.0	47.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1	3	0	5	3	3	6	1	3	2
Crime Rate	0.5	1.5	0.0	3.2	1.9	2.0	4.2	0.7	2.2	1.5

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AREA POLICED AS BELLA COOLA PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,539	2,484	2,460	2,360	2,308	2,221	2,141	2,107	2,027	1,993
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	112	106	88	116	114	128	149	129	136	120
Population Served Per Member	846	828	820	787	769	740	714	702	676	664
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	62	89	68	71	58	69	100	95	53	78
Crime Rate	24.4	35.8	27.6	30.1	25.1	31.1	46.7	45.1	26.1	39.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	117	95	97	125	93	99	125	84	89	56
Crime Rate	46	38	39	53	40	45	58	40	44	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	158	133	99	152	191	216	221	209	266	227
Crime Rate	62	54	40	64	83	97	103	99	131	114
Total Criminal Code Offences	337	317	264	348	342	384	446	388	408	361
Crime Rate	133	128	107	147	148	173	208	184	201	181
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	7	13	18	34	28	28	14	7	35	20
Crime Rate	2.8	5.2	7.3	14.4	12.1	12.6	6.5	3.3	17.3	10.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	44	65	50	52	30	52	65	63	29	49
Crime Rate	17.3	26.2	20.3	22.0	13.0	23.4	30.4	29.9	14.3	24.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	2	6	3	10	13	18	6	8	11
Crime Rate	2.8	0.8	2.4	1.3	4.3	5.9	8.4	2.8	3.9	5.5

KITASOO XAI'XAIS PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT*	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	—	—	308	325	316	313	309	303	296	286
Police Strength	—	—	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2
Case Load	—	—	11	53	23	27	33	46	37	63
Population Served Per Member	—	—	154	163	105	104	103	152	148	143
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	—	2	24	14	10	17	15	12	26
Crime Rate	—	—	6.5	73.8	44.3	31.9	55.0	49.5	40.5	90.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	—	5	16	11	14	16	19	13	16
Crime Rate	—	—	16	49	35	45	52	63	44	56
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	—	14	66	43	58	67	58	48	84
Crime Rate	—	—	45	203	136	185	217	191	162	294
Total Criminal Code Offences	—	—	21	106	68	82	100	92	73	126
Crime Rate	—	—	68	326	215	262	324	304	247	441
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	—	—	1	1	9	3	3	7	5	6
Crime Rate	—	—	3.2	3.1	28.5	9.6	9.7	23.1	16.9	21.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	—	—	2	12	9	6	10	10	7	15
Crime Rate	—	—	6.5	36.9	28.5	19.2	32.4	33.0	23.6	52.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	—	—	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Crime Rate	—	—	0.0	3.1	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

* Department began reporting in 2000.

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

1. Police strengths represent an areas authorized police strength as of December 31st of each calendar year as submitted annually to Police Services Division.
2. 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.
3. 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.
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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