

CENTRAL KOOTENAY REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Central Kootenay Regional District is policed by one independent municipal police force, and the RCMP. The City of Nelson is policed by an independent municipal police force while the RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Castlegar. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's rural or unincorporated areas through detachments located in Castlegar, Kaslo, Nelson, Salmo, and Slocan Lake.
- In 2007, there were 70 members assigned to police the region: 20 policed the independent municipal force area, 11 policed RCMP municipal areas, and 39 policed the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 70 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Central Kootenay Regional District in 2007. This was 13% lower than the member workload of 80 recorded in 2006. The region's 2007 case load was lower than the provincial case load of 72.
- In 2007, the total population of the regional district was 61,016; the population served per member was 872.

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, 4,892 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 9% decrease (-492 offences) from the 5,384 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Central Kootenay recorded a crime rate of 80, lower than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 11% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 90 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 521 violent crimes were reported by police, a 5% decrease (-29 offences) from the 550 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Central Kootenay violent crime rate was 8.5 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 8% decrease from the 2006 rate of 9.2. The region's 2007 violent crime rate was lower 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, 300 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 15% drop (-51 offences) from the 351 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Kootenay common assault rate was 4.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 17% decrease from the 2006 rate of 5.9. The region's 2007 common assault rate was lower than the provincial common assault rate of 7.1 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 2,029 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 5% increase (+92 offences) from the 1,937 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Kootenay property crime rate was 33 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% increase from the 2006 rate of 32. 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, 130 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 3% decrease (-4 offences) from the 134 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Kootenay motor vehicle theft rate was 2.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 5% decrease from the 2006 rate of 2.2. 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, 2,342 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 19% decrease (-555 offences) from the 2,897 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Kootenay other crime rate was 38 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 21% drop from the 2006 rate of 48. The region's 2007 other crime rate was lower 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, 417 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 15% decrease (-75 offences) from the 492 reported in 2006. The 2007 Central Kootenay drug crime rate was 6.8 offences per 1,000 population, a 17% decrease from the 2006 rate of 8.2. 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 61,016, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 59,772.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has remained relatively stable increasing less than 1%, from 60,763 in 1998 to 61,016 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	60,763	60,291	60,045	60,384	60,233	60,328	59,612	59,628	59,772	61,016
Police Strength	62	62	63	63	63	65	65	66	67	70
Case Load	97	82	80	81	84	86	80	83	80	70
Population Served Per Member	980	972	953	958	956	928	917	903	892	872
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	671	600	536	614	575	537	541	544	550	521
Crime Rate	11.0	10.0	8.9	10.2	9.5	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.2	8.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,849	2,201	2,345	2,323	2,393	2,465	2,090	2,221	1,937	2,029
Crime Rate	47	37	39	38	40	41	35	37	32	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,479	2,298	2,175	2,186	2,329	2,584	2,564	2,684	2,897	2,342
Crime Rate	41	38	36	36	39	43	43	45	48	38
Total Criminal Code Offences	5,999	5,099	5,056	5,123	5,297	5,586	5,195	5,449	5,384	4,892
Crime Rate	99	85	84	85	88	93	87	91	90	80
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	329	493	395	556	457	565	589	563	492	417
Crime Rate	5.4	8.2	6.6	9.2	7.6	9.4	9.9	9.4	8.2	6.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	510	443	416	479	432	408	395	385	351	300
Crime Rate	8.4	7.3	6.9	7.9	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.5	5.9	4.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	147	98	107	106	122	143	118	167	134	130
Crime Rate	2.4	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.0	2.8	2.2	2.1
CITY OF CASTLEGAR	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	7,308	7,285	7,299	7,307	7,253	7,166	7,623	7,622	7,628	7,794
Police Strength	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Case Load	123	101	93	88	88	94	87	109	111	110
Population Served Per Member	731	729	664	664	659	651	693	693	693	709
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	121	108	93	90	90	79	72	100	106	97
Crime Rate	16.6	14.8	12.7	12.3	12.4	11.0	9.4	13.1	13.9	12.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	538	422	464	441	450	507	455	498	349	472
Crime Rate	74	58	64	60	62	71	60	65	46	61
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	572	478	465	442	431	449	430	606	767	641
Crime Rate	78	66	64	60	59	63	56	80	101	82
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,231	1,008	1,022	973	971	1,035	957	1,204	1,222	1,210
Crime Rate	168	138	140	133	134	144	126	158	160	155
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	78	56	30	63	55	36	36	72	70	79
Crime Rate	10.7	7.7	4.1	8.6	7.6	5.0	4.7	9.4	9.2	10.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	93	83	69	73	59	57	54	71	58	46
Crime Rate	12.7	11.4	9.5	10.0	8.1	8.0	7.1	9.3	7.6	5.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	17	15	14	17	15	33	22	30	24	19
Crime Rate	2.3	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.1	4.6	2.9	3.9	3.1	2.4

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AREA POLICED AS CASTLEGAR PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,977	5,930	5,888	5,793	5,811	5,827	5,649	5,673	5,669	5,769
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	100	74	74	68	69	68	68	66	77	72
Population Served Per Member	1,494	1,483	1,472	1,448	1,453	1,457	1,412	1,418	1,417	1,442
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	49	54	34	40	37	26	26	30	23	31
Crime Rate	8.2	9.1	5.8	6.9	6.4	4.5	4.6	5.3	4.1	5.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	176	115	127	109	107	131	130	98	93	91
Crime Rate	29	19	22	19	18	22	23	17	16	16
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	176	127	134	122	133	115	114	134	193	166
Crime Rate	29	21	23	21	23	20	20	24	34	29
Total Criminal Code Offences	401	296	295	271	277	272	270	262	309	288
Crime Rate	67	50	50	47	48	47	48	46	55	50
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	25	23	15	49	37	38	41	43	44	26
Crime Rate	4.2	3.9	2.5	8.5	6.4	6.5	7.3	7.6	7.8	4.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	42	40	27	32	31	23	22	20	15	17
Crime Rate	7.0	6.7	4.6	5.5	5.3	3.9	3.9	3.5	2.6	2.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	14	12	9	11	11	7	6	22	16	8
Crime Rate	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.1	3.9	2.8	1.4

AREA POLICED AS CRESTON PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	13,789	13,543	13,474	13,673	13,665	13,718	13,415	13,464	13,542	13,914
Police Strength	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	13	13
Case Load	140	129	121	116	108	117	99	97	102	86
Population Served Per Member	1,254	1,231	1,225	1,243	1,242	1,143	1,118	1,122	1,042	1,070
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	149	153	121	146	145	123	119	136	158	142
Crime Rate	10.8	11.3	9.0	10.7	10.6	9.0	8.9	10.1	11.7	10.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	748	612	606	600	497	669	483	464	471	461
Crime Rate	54	45	45	44	36	49	36	34	35	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	638	658	605	528	551	607	583	561	702	519
Crime Rate	46	49	45	39	40	44	43	42	52	37
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,535	1,423	1,332	1,274	1,193	1,399	1,185	1,161	1,331	1,122
Crime Rate	111	105	99	93	87	102	88	86	98	81
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	34	122	109	131	78	181	166	185	87	71
Crime Rate	2.5	9.0	8.1	9.6	5.7	13.2	12.4	13.7	6.4	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	117	105	101	109	118	95	82	109	129	83
Crime Rate	8.5	7.8	7.5	8.0	8.6	6.9	6.1	8.1	9.5	6.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	49	19	31	25	28	47	48	47	36	25
Crime Rate	3.6	1.4	2.3	1.8	2.0	3.4	3.6	3.5	2.7	1.8

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AREA POLICED AS KASLO PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,773	2,757	2,706	2,683	2,678	2,699	2,658	2,675	2,694	2,818
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	84	42	44	72	39	60	62	93	87	58
Population Served Per Member	924	919	902	894	893	900	886	892	898	939
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	29	14	10	12	16	19	25	19	28	17
Crime Rate	10.5	5.1	3.7	4.5	6.0	7.0	9.4	7.1	10.4	6.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	114	52	73	106	56	61	64	117	89	80
Crime Rate	41	19	27	40	21	23	24	44	33	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	110	59	48	98	45	100	96	144	144	77
Crime Rate	40	21	18	37	17	37	36	54	53	27
Total Criminal Code Offences	253	125	131	216	117	180	185	280	261	174
Crime Rate	91	45	48	81	44	67	70	105	97	62
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	13	25	16	38	23	40	41	44	60	29
Crime Rate	4.7	9.1	5.9	14.2	8.6	14.8	15.4	16.4	22.3	10.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	26	12	9	6	12	10	13	16	15	5
Crime Rate	9.4	4.4	3.3	2.2	4.5	3.7	4.9	6.0	5.6	1.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	4	5	8	7	4	3	5	5	6
Crime Rate	1.4	1.5	1.8	3.0	2.6	1.5	1.1	1.9	1.9	2.1

AREA POLICED AS NAKUSP PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,995	3,928	3,864	3,811	3,791	3,764	3,666	3,627	3,614	3,634
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	111	97	97	82	76	73	77	64	69	57
Population Served Per Member	999	982	966	953	948	941	917	907	904	909
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	57	47	56	77	49	39	42	25	26	24
Crime Rate	14.3	12.0	14.5	20.2	12.9	10.4	11.5	6.9	7.2	6.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	189	139	186	130	156	103	106	102	81	68
Crime Rate	47	35	48	34	41	27	29	28	22	19
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	198	200	145	119	99	151	159	130	167	136
Crime Rate	50	51	38	31	26	40	43	36	46	37
Total Criminal Code Offences	444	386	387	326	304	293	307	257	274	228
Crime Rate	111	98	100	86	80	78	84	71	76	63
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	37	69	48	69	46	47	40	14	16	18
Crime Rate	9.3	17.6	12.4	18.1	12.1	12.5	10.9	3.9	4.4	5.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	31	32	39	61	33	32	31	14	16	12
Crime Rate	7.8	8.1	10.1	16.0	8.7	8.5	8.5	3.9	4.4	3.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	11	8	12	2	12	5	6	9	5	5
Crime Rate	2.8	2.0	3.1	0.5	3.2	1.3	1.6	2.5	1.4	1.4

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CITY OF NELSON	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	9,655	9,609	9,555	9,703	9,601	9,699	9,692	9,644	9,748	9,914
Police Strength	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	20
Case Load	67	60	70	76	93	92	88	80	68	54
Population Served Per Member	568	565	562	571	565	571	570	567	573	496
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	108	92	121	145	129	137	138	92	94	106
Crime Rate	11.2	9.6	12.7	14.9	13.4	14.1	14.2	9.5	9.6	10.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	635	525	605	605	828	711	606	641	572	531
Crime Rate	66	55	63	62	86	73	63	66	59	54
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	394	403	463	550	624	713	751	629	485	450
Crime Rate	41	42	48	57	65	74	77	65	50	45
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,137	1,020	1,189	1,300	1,581	1,561	1,495	1,362	1,151	1,087
Crime Rate	118	106	124	134	165	161	154	141	118	110
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	53	63	77	69	57	60	68	54	61	70
Crime Rate	5.5	6.6	8.1	7.1	5.9	6.2	7.0	5.6	6.3	7.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	78	68	95	119	105	103	107	57	50	69
Crime Rate	8.1	7.1	9.9	12.3	10.9	10.6	11.0	5.9	5.1	7.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	19	12	18	29	26	29	18	23	26	26
Crime Rate	2.0	1.2	1.9	3.0	2.7	3.0	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.6
AREA POLICED AS SALMO PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,791	2,746	2,736	2,887	2,887	2,858	2,774	2,761	2,743	2,791
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	93	66	49	59	56	55	53	74	67	76
Population Served Per Member	698	687	684	722	722	715	694	690	686	698
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	48	39	37	36	37	19	22	41	38	40
Crime Rate	17.2	14.2	13.5	12.5	12.8	6.6	7.9	14.8	13.9	14.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	159	101	77	110	84	77	70	101	87	122
Crime Rate	57	37	28	38	29	27	25	37	32	44
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	165	123	82	90	102	124	119	154	142	141
Crime Rate	59	45	30	31	35	43	43	56	52	51
Total Criminal Code Offences	372	263	196	236	223	220	211	296	267	303
Crime Rate	133	96	72	82	77	77	76	107	97	109
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	36	34	34	28	37	34	38	33	39	34
Crime Rate	12.9	12.4	12.4	9.7	12.8	11.9	13.7	12.0	14.2	12.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	32	25	24	24	26	16	19	26	22	23
Crime Rate	11.5	9.1	8.8	8.3	9.0	5.6	6.8	9.4	8.0	8.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	7	2	3	8	7	3	6	3	17
Crime Rate	2.5	2.5	0.7	1.0	2.8	2.4	1.1	2.2	1.1	6.1

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AREA POLICED AS SLOCAN LAKE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,588	2,670	2,756	2,139	2,120	2,132	2,071	2,056	2,040	2,084
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	52	48	48	52	41	34	33	45	41	28
Population Served Per Member	1,294	1,335	1,378	1,070	1,060	711	690	685	680	695
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	16	11	8	12	12	18	20	14	9	11
Crime Rate	6.2	4.1	2.9	5.6	5.7	8.4	9.7	6.8	4.4	5.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	53	54	39	45	27	34	29	45	44	33
Crime Rate	21	20	14	21	13	16	14	22	22	16
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	34	30	49	46	42	49	50	76	69	40
Crime Rate	13	11	18	22	20	23	24	37	34	19
Total Criminal Code Offences	103	95	96	103	81	101	99	135	122	84
Crime Rate	40	36	35	48	38	47	48	66	60	40
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	20	38	11	17	15	9	16	27	23	18
Crime Rate	7.7	14.2	4.0	7.9	7.1	4.2	7.7	13.1	11.3	8.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	12	8	4	9	9	16	14	9	3	7
Crime Rate	4.6	3.0	1.5	4.2	4.2	7.5	6.8	4.4	1.5	3.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	5	1	6	1	1	1	5	4	7
Crime Rate	2.7	1.9	0.4	2.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.4	2.0	3.4

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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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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