



REGIONAL PROFILE 2007

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Columbia Shuswap Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Falkland, Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, and Sicamous. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the Cities of Revelstoke and Salmon Arm while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 56 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 29 members directly policed the Cities of Revelstoke and Salmon Arm while 27 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 88 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Columbia Shuswap Regional District in 2007. This was 1% higher than the member workload of 87 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 48,949; the population served per member was 874.

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, 4,940 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 4% increase (+169 offences) from the 4,771 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Columbia Shuswap recorded a crime rate of 101, lower than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 2% higher than the region's 2006 crime rate of 99 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 555 violent crimes were reported by police, a less than 1% decrease (-2 offences) from the 557 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Columbia Shuswap violent crime rate was 11.3 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% decrease from the 2006 rate of 11.6. 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, 393 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 10% drop (-43 offences) from the 436 reported in 2006. The 2007 Columbia Shuswap common assault rate was 8.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2006 rate of 9.1. 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, 2,295 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 2% increase (+43 offences) from the 2,252 reported in 2006. The Columbia Shuswap property crime rate remained stable in 2007 at 47 property crimes per 1,000 population. 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, 231 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 20% increase (+38 offences) from the 193 reported in 2006. The 2007 Columbia Shuswap motor vehicle theft rate was 4.7 offences per 1,000 population, an 18% increase from the 2006 rate of 4.0. 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, 2,090 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 7% increase (+128 offences) from the 1,962 reported in 2006. The 2007 Columbia Shuswap other crime rate was 43 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 5% increase from the 2006 rate of 41. 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, 416 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 4% increase (+17 offences) from the 399 reported in 2006. The 2007 Columbia Shuswap drug crime rate was 8.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2006 rate of 8.3. 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 48,949, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 47,997.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region increased 6%, from 46,112 in 1998 to 48,949 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	46,112	45,992	46,224	46,066	46,151	46,202	46,764	47,155	47,997	48,949
Police Strength	47	47	47	47	49	50	50	54	55	56
Case Load	91	82	87	94	87	89	97	87	87	88
Population Served Per Member	981	979	983	980	942	924	935	873	873	874
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	477	462	490	439	441	445	473	513	557	555
Crime Rate	10.3	10.0	10.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.9	11.6	11.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,345	1,933	2,013	2,260	2,026	2,292	2,280	2,232	2,252	2,295
Crime Rate	51	42	44	49	44	50	49	47	47	47
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,470	1,436	1,574	1,707	1,807	1,703	2,082	1,960	1,962	2,090
Crime Rate	32	31	34	37	39	37	45	42	41	43
Total Criminal Code Offences	4,292	3,831	4,077	4,406	4,274	4,440	4,835	4,705	4,771	4,940
Crime Rate	93	83	88	96	93	96	103	100	99	101
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	284	350	335	443	603	552	459	402	399	416
Crime Rate	6.2	7.6	7.2	9.6	13.1	11.9	9.8	8.5	8.3	8.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	341	333	362	340	317	349	347	399	436	393
Crime Rate	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.4	6.9	7.6	7.4	8.5	9.1	8.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	145	142	143	146	162	188	179	185	193	231
Crime Rate	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.7
AREA POLICED AS FALKLAND PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,859	2,763	2,757	2,595	2,611	2,621	2,680	2,731	2,799	2,864
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	35	45	44	57	61	70	49	40	39	66
Population Served Per Member	953	921	919	865	870	874	893	910	933	955
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	15	15	17	19	13	25	12	16	8	31
Crime Rate	5.2	5.4	6.2	7.3	5.0	9.5	4.5	5.9	2.9	10.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	53	81	69	70	107	115	74	62	61	94
Crime Rate	19	29	25	27	41	44	28	23	22	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	38	40	47	82	64	69	61	43	48	73
Crime Rate	13	14	17	32	25	26	23	16	17	25
Total Criminal Code Offences	106	136	133	171	184	209	147	121	117	198
Crime Rate	37	49	48	66	70	80	55	44	42	69
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	5	9	19	24	26	28	15	16	16	14
Crime Rate	1.7	3.3	6.9	9.2	10.0	10.7	5.6	5.9	5.7	4.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	11	9	14	13	11	17	9	12	5	23
Crime Rate	3.8	3.3	5.1	5.0	4.2	6.5	3.4	4.4	1.8	8.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	6	3	4	10	6	28	5	14	8	19
Crime Rate	2.1	1.1	1.5	3.9	2.3	10.7	1.9	5.1	2.9	6.6

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AREA POLICED AS GOLDEN PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	7,562	7,530	7,554	7,183	7,216	7,175	7,195	7,185	7,285	7,387
Police Strength	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	11	11
Case Load	96	100	108	113	108	119	121	74	71	64
Population Served Per Member	945	941	944	898	902	897	899	719	662	672
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	90	117	92	121	104	64	63	76	85	76
Crime Rate	11.9	15.5	12.2	16.8	14.4	8.9	8.8	10.6	11.7	10.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	406	381	403	430	413	464	421	315	363	308
Crime Rate	54	51	53	60	57	65	59	44	50	42
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	270	301	366	355	350	420	486	351	329	316
Crime Rate	36	40	48	49	49	59	68	49	45	43
Total Criminal Code Offences	766	799	861	906	867	948	970	742	777	700
Crime Rate	101	106	114	126	120	132	135	103	107	95
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	61	69	64	94	227	162	82	65	73	101
Crime Rate	8.1	9.2	8.5	13.1	31.5	22.6	11.4	9.0	10.0	13.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	64	85	69	99	80	55	45	66	78	52
Crime Rate	8.5	11.3	9.1	13.8	11.1	7.7	6.3	9.2	10.7	7.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	22	21	27	16	29	29	38	21	30	35
Crime Rate	2.9	2.8	3.6	2.2	4.0	4.0	5.3	2.9	4.1	4.7

CITY OF REVELSTOKE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	8,123	7,985	7,888	7,827	7,828	7,720	7,680	7,631	7,626	7,627
Police Strength	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Case Load	76	62	70	68	76	60	78	76	69	70
Population Served Per Member	738	726	717	712	712	702	698	694	693	693
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	107	70	74	73	66	69	81	93	100	78
Crime Rate	13.2	8.8	9.4	9.3	8.4	8.9	10.5	12.2	13.1	10.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	393	290	344	290	279	297	335	358	267	263
Crime Rate	48	36	44	37	36	38	44	47	35	34
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	338	322	350	387	487	290	442	388	391	427
Crime Rate	42	40	44	49	62	38	58	51	51	56
Total Criminal Code Offences	838	682	768	750	832	656	858	839	758	768
Crime Rate	103	85	97	96	106	85	112	110	99	101
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	59	27	39	57	41	57	72	101	97	91
Crime Rate	7.3	3.4	4.9	7.3	5.2	7.4	9.4	13.2	12.7	11.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	71	53	52	55	50	54	61	77	82	54
Crime Rate	8.7	6.6	6.6	7.0	6.4	7.0	7.9	10.1	10.8	7.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	37	31	18	29	39	31	25	17	20	27
Crime Rate	4.6	3.9	2.3	3.7	5.0	4.0	3.3	2.2	2.6	3.5

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AREA POLICED AS REVELSTOKE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	600	585	592	637	643	646	662	677	696	713
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	50	44	34	51	41	38	60	48	34	43
Population Served Per Member	300	293	296	319	322	323	331	339	348	357
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	5	6	10	7	6	3	7	6	8	12
Crime Rate	8.3	10.3	16.9	11.0	9.3	4.6	10.6	8.9	11.5	16.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	73	57	46	59	44	49	60	66	45	28
Crime Rate	122	97	78	93	68	76	91	97	65	39
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	22	25	11	36	32	23	52	23	15	46
Crime Rate	37	43	19	57	50	36	79	34	22	65
Total Criminal Code Offences	100	88	67	102	82	75	119	95	68	86
Crime Rate	167	150	113	160	128	116	180	140	98	121
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	33	95	90	78	106	88	115	52	29	38
Crime Rate	55.0	162.4	152.0	122.4	164.9	136.2	173.7	76.8	41.7	53.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	3	4	8	4	3	2	7	4	6	9
Crime Rate	5.0	6.8	13.5	6.3	4.7	3.1	10.6	5.9	8.6	12.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	3	1	3	6	2	4	3	7	4	1
Crime Rate	5.0	1.7	5.1	9.4	3.1	6.2	4.5	10.3	5.7	1.4
CITY OF SALMON ARM	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	15,796	15,854	15,824	16,058	16,033	16,238	16,480	16,706	17,017	17,475
Police Strength	14	14	14	14	16	16	16	17	17	18
Case Load	118	101	102	117	92	106	113	103	112	116
Population Served Per Member	1,128	1,132	1,130	1,147	1,002	1,015	1,030	983	1,001	971
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	173	173	176	152	169	194	216	204	212	235
Crime Rate	11.0	10.9	11.1	9.5	10.5	11.9	13.1	12.2	12.5	13.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	959	718	732	946	767	935	877	868	982	1,071
Crime Rate	61	45	46	59	48	58	53	52	58	61
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	514	518	518	536	530	559	715	682	712	786
Crime Rate	33	33	33	33	33	34	43	41	42	45
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,646	1,409	1,426	1,634	1,466	1,688	1,808	1,754	1,906	2,092
Crime Rate	104	89	90	102	91	104	110	105	112	120
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	72	69	73	119	121	131	109	101	90	108
Crime Rate	4.6	4.4	4.6	7.4	7.5	8.1	6.6	6.0	5.3	6.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	140	134	127	119	115	153	153	149	144	158
Crime Rate	8.9	8.5	8.0	7.4	7.2	9.4	9.3	8.9	8.5	9.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	51	59	62	55	48	65	74	85	74	101
Crime Rate	3.2	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.1	4.3	5.8

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AREA POLICED AS SALMON ARM PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	6,488	6,607	6,915	7,389	7,454	7,491	7,674	7,850	8,073	8,275
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	71	73	75	76	82	62	71	96	119	127
Population Served Per Member	1,622	1,652	1,729	1,847	1,864	1,498	1,535	1,570	1,615	1,655
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	36	44	62	28	40	37	44	74	85	85
Crime Rate	5.5	6.7	9.0	3.8	5.4	4.9	5.7	9.4	10.5	10.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	149	165	131	167	173	176	195	238	306	318
Crime Rate	23	25	19	23	23	23	25	30	38	38
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	99	82	107	108	114	98	116	170	206	233
Crime Rate	15	12	15	15	15	13	15	22	26	28
Total Criminal Code Offences	284	291	300	303	327	311	355	482	597	636
Crime Rate	44	44	43	41	44	42	46	61	74	77
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	15	34	17	33	37	52	26	30	54	37
Crime Rate	2.3	5.1	2.5	4.5	5.0	6.9	3.4	3.8	6.7	4.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	21	22	54	22	28	27	33	56	72	68
Crime Rate	3.2	3.3	7.8	3.0	3.8	3.6	4.3	7.1	8.9	8.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	8	9	12	16	27	19	13	22	39	28
Crime Rate	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.2	3.6	2.5	1.7	2.8	4.8	3.4
AREA POLICED AS SICAMOUS PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	4,684	4,668	4,694	4,377	4,366	4,311	4,393	4,375	4,501	4,608
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6
Case Load	110	85	104	108	103	111	116	112	91	77
Population Served Per Member	937	934	939	875	873	862	879	729	750	768
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	51	37	59	39	43	53	50	44	59	38
Crime Rate	10.9	7.9	12.6	8.9	9.8	12.3	11.4	10.1	13.1	8.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	312	241	288	298	243	256	318	325	228	213
Crime Rate	67	52	61	68	56	59	72	74	51	46
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	189	148	175	203	230	244	210	303	261	209
Crime Rate	40	32	37	46	53	57	48	69	58	45
Total Criminal Code Offences	552	426	522	540	516	553	578	672	548	460
Crime Rate	118	91	111	123	118	128	132	154	122	100
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	39	47	33	38	45	34	40	37	40	27
Crime Rate	8.3	10.1	7.0	8.7	10.3	7.9	9.1	8.5	8.9	5.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	31	26	38	28	30	41	39	35	49	29
Crime Rate	6.6	5.6	8.1	6.4	6.9	9.5	8.9	8.0	10.9	6.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	18	18	17	14	11	12	21	19	18	20
Crime Rate	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.2	2.5	2.8	4.8	4.3	4.0	4.3

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.
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. 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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