

## EAST KOOTENAY REGIONAL DISTRICT

### REGIONAL POLICING

- East Kootenay Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Invermere, Sparwood, Cranbrook, and Kimberley. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the Cities of Cranbrook and Kimberley while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 69 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 33 members directly policed the Cities of Cranbrook and Kimberley while 36 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 88 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for East Kootenay Regional District in 2007. This was 4% higher than the member workload of 85 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 59,045; the population served per member was 856.

### 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, 6,065 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 4% increase (+223 offences) from the 5,842 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, East Kootenay recorded a crime rate of 103, slightly lower than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 3% higher than the region's 2006 crime rate of 100 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 631 violent crimes were reported by police, a 10% decrease (-69 offences) from the 700 recorded in 2006. The 2007 East Kootenay violent crime rate was 10.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, an 11% decrease from the 2006 rate of 12.0. 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, 433 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 16% drop (-83 offences) from the 516 reported in 2006. The 2007 East Kootenay common assault rate was 7.3 offences per 1,000 population, a 17% decrease from the 2006 rate of 8.8. 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, 2,490 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 6% increase (+148 offences) from the 2,342 reported in 2006. The 2007 East Kootenay property crime rate was 42 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 5% increase from the 2006 rate of 40. 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, 221 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, an 11% increase (+22 offences) from the 199 reported in 2006. The 2007 East Kootenay motor vehicle theft rate was 3.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% increase from the 2006 rate of 3.4. 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, 2,944 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 5% increase (+144 offences) from the 2,800 reported in 2006. The 2007 East Kootenay other crime rate was 50 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% increase from the 2006 rate of 48. 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, 367 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 10% increase (+33 offences) from the 334 reported in 2006. The 2007 East Kootenay drug crime rate was 6.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% increase from the 2006 rate of 5.7. The region's 2007 drug crime rate was lower 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 59,045, a 1% increase from the 2006 population of 58,441.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region increased less than 1% overall, from 58,667 in 1998 to 59,045 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Population</b>	<b>58,667</b>	<b>59,233</b>	<b>59,415</b>	<b>58,730</b>	<b>58,422</b>	<b>58,174</b>	<b>58,039</b>	<b>57,993</b>	<b>58,441</b>	<b>59,045</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>
Case Load	99	93	87	90	87	99	96	93	85	88
Population Served Per Member	889	897	887	877	872	868	866	840	847	856
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	791	808	709	711	643	701	588	691	700	631
Crime Rate	13.5	13.6	11.9	12.1	11.0	12.1	10.1	11.9	12.0	10.7
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	3,329	2,934	2,789	2,900	2,804	2,954	2,799	2,774	2,342	2,490
Crime Rate	57	50	47	49	48	51	48	48	40	42
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	2,432	2,375	2,304	2,432	2,405	2,952	3,073	2,931	2,800	2,944
Crime Rate	41	40	39	41	41	51	53	51	48	50
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>6,552</b>	<b>6,117</b>	<b>5,802</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>5,852</b>	<b>6,607</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>6,396</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>6,065</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	216	291	263	427	365	372	318	368	334	367
Crime Rate	3.7	4.9	4.4	7.3	6.2	6.4	5.5	6.3	5.7	6.2
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	586	626	553	530	492	535	441	520	516	433
Crime Rate	10.0	10.6	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.2	7.6	9.0	8.8	7.3
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	199	180	119	130	153	148	179	197	199	221
Crime Rate	3.4	3.0	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.7

AREA POLICED AS COLUMBIA VALLEY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Population</b>	<b>8,752</b>	<b>8,955</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>8,763</b>	<b>8,683</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>9,704</b>	<b>9,968</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
Case Load	110	94	90	99	106	109	117	117	91	100
Population Served Per Member	875	896	915	876	868	880	928	784	809	831
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	117	106	71	111	94	100	89	129	119	118
Crime Rate	13.4	11.8	7.8	12.7	10.8	11.4	9.6	13.7	12.3	11.8
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	567	465	484	431	440	383	456	608	377	411
Crime Rate	65	52	53	49	51	44	49	65	39	41
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	418	368	348	452	524	608	622	664	600	673
Crime Rate	48	41	38	52	60	69	67	71	62	68
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>1,096</b>	<b>1,202</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	20	52	49	89	71	77	70	101	82	71
Crime Rate	2.3	5.8	5.4	10.2	8.2	8.8	7.5	10.7	8.5	7.1
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	85	80	54	87	61	80	66	102	93	82
Crime Rate	9.7	8.9	5.9	9.9	7.0	9.1	7.1	10.8	9.6	8.2
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	39	26	19	23	39	27	42	65	29	41
Crime Rate	4.5	2.9	2.1	2.6	4.5	3.1	4.5	6.9	3.0	4.1

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CITY OF CRANBROOK	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Population</b>	19,267	19,460	19,196	19,281	19,405	19,230	19,119	19,058	19,242	19,409
<b>Police Strength</b>	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Case Load	127	111	99	100	99	124	119	109	98	108
Population Served Per Member	803	811	800	803	809	801	797	794	802	809
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	354	372	323	300	290	336	259	287	298	259
Crime Rate	18.4	19.1	16.8	15.6	14.9	17.5	13.5	15.1	15.5	13.3
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,606	1,279	1,197	1,233	1,259	1,444	1,332	1,214	1,025	1,076
Crime Rate	83.4	66.0	62.0	64.0	65.0	75.0	70.0	64.0	53.0	55.0
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,081	1,011	859	870	824	1,207	1,266	1,107	1,040	1,264
Crime Rate	56	52	45	45	42	63	66	58	54	65
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>2,608</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2,599</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	69	88	83	125	72	68	76	124	116	154
Crime Rate	3.6	4.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	3.5	4.0	6.5	6.0	7.9
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	261	289	262	225	220	256	197	210	214	185
Crime Rate	13.5	14.9	13.6	11.7	11.3	13.3	10.3	11.0	11.1	9.5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	96	85	48	56	56	43	72	75	71	82
Crime Rate	5.0	4.4	2.5	2.9	2.9	2.2	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.2
<b>AREA POLICED AS CRANBROOK PROV</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Population</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>6,432</b>	<b>6,482</b>	<b>6,935</b>	<b>6,861</b>	<b>6,921</b>	<b>6,679</b>	<b>6,726</b>	<b>6,772</b>	<b>6,767</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Case Load	88	80	74	78	67	87	73	92	72	79
Population Served Per Member	1,606	1,608	1,621	1,734	1,715	1,730	1,670	1,682	1,693	1,692
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	43	43	49	54	38	40	44	60	36	49
Crime Rate	6.7	6.7	7.6	7.8	5.5	5.8	6.6	8.9	5.3	7.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	183	177	139	157	135	162	121	160	139	134
Crime Rate	29	28	21	23	20	23	18	24	21	20
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	126	101	108	99	95	146	126	147	113	134
Crime Rate	20	16	17	14	14	21	19	22	17	20
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>317</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	14	15	14	22	17	22	25	15	21	29
Crime Rate	2.2	2.3	2.2	3.2	2.5	3.2	3.7	2.2	3.1	4.3
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	36	31	35	36	28	27	35	51	29	28
Crime Rate	5.6	4.8	5.4	5.2	4.1	3.9	5.2	7.6	4.3	4.1
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	12	18	15	11	13	23	14	14	30	22
Crime Rate	1.9	2.8	2.3	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.1	2.1	4.4	3.3

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AREA POLICED AS ELK VALLEY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Population</b>	15,148	15,396	15,703	14,930	14,802	14,648	14,440	14,301	14,236	14,257
<b>Police Strength</b>	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Case Load	77	80	78	84	83	78	81	76	82	77
Population Served Per Member	842	855	872	829	822	814	802	795	791	792
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	192	178	162	170	153	132	132	164	175	144
Crime Rate	12.7	11.6	10.3	11.4	10.3	9.0	9.1	11.5	12.3	10.1
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	665	691	601	658	629	629	587	499	548	628
Crime Rate	44	45	38	44	42	43	41	35	38	44
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	536	575	641	681	703	644	736	697	752	615
Crime Rate	35	37	41	46	47	44	51	49	53	43
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,387</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	84	85	55	106	144	145	105	72	64	63
Crime Rate	5.5	5.5	3.5	7.1	9.7	9.9	7.3	5.0	4.5	4.4
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	143	143	119	127	128	103	95	120	125	102
Crime Rate	9.4	9.3	7.6	8.5	8.6	7.0	6.6	8.4	8.8	7.2
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	35	32	21	25	29	30	35	24	46	63
Crime Rate	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.7	3.2	4.4

CITY OF KIMBERLEY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Population</b>	6,816	6,768	6,767	6,767	6,638	6,529	6,538	6,507	6,481	6,639
<b>Police Strength</b>	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Case Load	73	82	79	76	58	71	66	61	57	53
Population Served Per Member	852	846	752	752	738	725	726	723	720	738
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	74	94	96	64	57	69	55	47	61	40
Crime Rate	10.9	13.9	14.2	9.5	8.6	10.6	8.4	7.2	9.4	6.0
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	269	279	310	347	257	276	266	233	201	213
Crime Rate	40	41	46	51	39	42	41	36	31	32
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	237	280	301	270	209	297	277	265	251	222
Crime Rate	35	41	44	40	31	45	42	41	39	33
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	25	38	52	62	50	43	29	32	41	36
Crime Rate	3.7	5.6	7.7	9.2	7.5	6.6	4.4	4.9	6.3	5.4
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	52	71	76	47	45	53	41	34	46	27
Crime Rate	7.6	10.5	11.2	6.9	6.8	8.1	6.3	5.2	7.1	4.1
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	12	16	11	11	11	18	12	12	11	10
Crime Rate	1.8	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5

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AREA POLICED AS KIMBERLEY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Population</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>2,222</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>2,005</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Case Load	42	49	57	73	73	67	46	58	54	43
Population Served Per Member	1,130	1,111	1,058	1,027	1,017	1,025	990	996	1,003	1,003
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	11	15	8	12	11	24	9	4	11	21
Crime Rate	4.9	6.8	3.8	5.8	5.4	11.7	4.5	2.0	5.5	10.5
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	39	43	58	74	84	60	37	60	52	28
Crime Rate	17	19	27	36	41	29	19	30	26	14
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	34	40	47	60	50	50	46	51	44	36
Crime Rate	15	18	22	29	25	24	23	26	22	18
<b>Total Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>85</b>
Crime Rate	37	44	53	71	71	65	46	58	53	42
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	4	13	10	23	11	17	13	24	10	14
Crime Rate	1.8	5.9	4.7	11.2	5.4	8.3	6.6	12.0	5.0	7.0
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	9	12	7	8	10	16	7	3	9	9
Crime Rate	4.0	5.4	3.3	3.9	4.9	7.8	3.5	1.5	4.5	4.5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	5	3	5	4	5	7	4	7	12	3
Crime Rate	2.2	1.4	2.4	1.9	2.5	3.4	2.0	3.5	6.0	1.5

### ENDNOTES

- Drug crimes include heroin, cocaine, cannabis and other CDSA drug offences. These data are not included in Total Criminal Code offences.
- 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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