

FRASER FORT GEORGE REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Fraser Fort George Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, and Valemount. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Prince George and the District of Mackenzie while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 154 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 136 members directly policed the City of Prince George and the District of Mackenzie while 18 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 103 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Fraser Fort George Regional District in 2007. This was 10% lower than the member workload of 114 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 98,409; the population served per member was 639.

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, 15,885 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 7% decrease (-1,145 offences) from the 17,030 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Fraser Fort George recorded a crime rate of 161, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 7% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 174 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 2,060 violent crimes were reported by police, a 6% decrease (-121 offences) from the 2,181 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Fort George violent crime rate was 20.9 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from the 2006 rate of 22.3. 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, 1,233 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 10% drop (-142 offences) from the 1,375 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Fort George common assault rate was 12.5 offences per 1,000 population, an 11% decrease from the 2006 rate of 14.1. 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, 6,931 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 3% decrease (-205 offences) from the 7,136 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Fort George property crime rate was 70 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 73. 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, 1,076 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 4% decrease (-42 offences) from the 1,118 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Fort George motor vehicle theft rate was 10.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 11.4. The region's 2007 motor vehicle theft rate was higher than the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 6.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 6,894 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 11% decrease (-819 offences) from the 7,713 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Fort George other crime rate was 70 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 11% drop from the 2006 rate of 79. 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, 692 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a less than 1% decrease (-2 offences) from the 694 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Fort George drug crime rate was 7.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 1% decrease from the 2006 rate of 7.1. 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 98,409, a 1% increase from the 2006 population of 97,732.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased 5%, from 103,856 in 1998 to 98,409 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	103,856	102,607	102,684	99,892	98,763	99,078	99,782	98,248	97,732	98,409
Police Strength	146	146	146	146	146	146	146	147	150	154
Case Load	118	103	99	100	109	119	107	108	114	103
Population Served Per Member	711	703	703	684	676	679	683	668	652	639
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,206	1,936	1,798	1,667	1,677	1,495	1,602	1,847	2,181	2,060
Crime Rate	21.2	18.9	17.5	16.7	17.0	15.1	16.1	18.8	22.3	20.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	8,713	7,104	6,468	6,281	7,337	9,024	7,033	6,568	7,136	6,931
Crime Rate	84	69	63	63	74	91	70	67	73	70
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	6,358	6,016	6,167	6,588	6,887	6,922	6,934	7,399	7,713	6,894
Crime Rate	61	59	60	66	70	70	69	75	79	70
Total Criminal Code Offences	17,277	15,056	14,433	14,536	15,901	17,441	15,569	15,814	17,030	15,885
Crime Rate	166	147	141	146	161	176	156	161	174	161
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	364	508	556	568	670	713	666	741	694	692
Crime Rate	3.5	5.0	5.4	5.7	6.8	7.2	6.7	7.5	7.1	7.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	1,466	1,232	1,183	1,096	1,089	981	995	1,161	1,375	1,233
Crime Rate	14.1	12.0	11.5	11.0	11.0	9.9	10.0	11.8	14.1	12.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	800	780	658	722	771	938	917	1,050	1,118	1,076
Crime Rate	7.7	7.6	6.4	7.2	7.8	9.5	9.2	10.7	11.4	10.9
DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,965	5,794	5,660	5,433	5,306	5,128	5,068	4,936	4,813	4,715
Police Strength	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Case Load	80	86	83	53	58	66	64	74	53	54
Population Served Per Member	746	724	708	679	663	641	634	617	602	589
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	99	84	96	52	75	76	87	101	79	84
Crime Rate	16.6	14.5	17.0	9.6	14.1	14.8	17.2	20.5	16.4	17.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	227	259	167	152	159	178	177	190	113	139
Crime Rate	38	45	30	28	30	35	35	38	23	29
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	314	347	399	221	227	274	251	301	230	206
Crime Rate	53	60	70	41	43	53	50	61	48	44
Total Criminal Code Offences	640	690	662	425	461	528	515	592	422	429
Crime Rate	107	119	117	78	87	103	102	120	88	91
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	22	29	41	48	55	52	27	63	41	36
Crime Rate	3.7	5.0	7.2	8.8	10.4	10.1	5.3	12.8	8.5	7.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	68	63	74	41	62	48	76	72	59	57
Crime Rate	11.4	10.9	13.1	7.5	11.7	9.4	15.0	14.6	12.3	12.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	15	21	9	20	18	13	6	12	6	18
Crime Rate	2.5	3.6	1.6	3.7	3.4	2.5	1.2	2.4	1.2	3.8

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AREA POLICED AS MACKENZIE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	347	306	289	202	200	197	199	197	194	197
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	38	33	27	31	29	45	42	47	51	60
Population Served Per Member	174	153	145	101	100	99	100	99	97	99
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	10	10	11	12	11	17	17	25	39	13
Crime Rate	28.8	32.7	38.1	59.4	55.0	86.3	85.4	126.9	201.0	66.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	35	30	20	23	27	36	29	31	22	62
Crime Rate	101	98	69	114	135	183	146	157	113	315
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	31	26	23	26	20	36	38	37	41	44
Crime Rate	89	85	80	129	100	183	191	188	211	223
Total Criminal Code Offences	76	66	54	61	58	89	84	93	102	119
Crime Rate	219	216	187	302	290	452	422	472	526	604
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	1	4	12	13	10	9	51	33	104	69
Crime Rate	2.9	13.1	41.5	64.4	50.0	45.7	256.3	167.5	536.1	350.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	4	8	8	8	9	12	8	15	30	12
Crime Rate	11.5	26.1	27.7	39.6	45.0	60.9	40.2	76.1	154.6	60.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	5	0	2	2	9	1	5	9	1	9
Crime Rate	14.4	0.0	6.9	9.9	45.0	5.1	25.1	45.7	5.2	45.7

AREA POLICED AS McBRIDE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,176	2,154	2,102	2,144	2,116	2,079	2,098	2,085	2,049	2,063
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	48	38	31	41	59	47	85	67	75	54
Population Served Per Member	725	718	701	715	705	693	699	695	683	688
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	18	9	13	13	10	8	21	27	15	16
Crime Rate	8.3	4.2	6.2	6.1	4.7	3.8	10.0	12.9	7.3	7.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	83	51	40	49	55	52	102	71	99	102
Crime Rate	38	24	19	23	26	25	49	34	48	49
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	44	54	40	62	111	80	131	104	110	45
Crime Rate	20	25	19	29	52	38	62	50	54	22
Total Criminal Code Offences	145	114	93	124	176	140	254	202	224	163
Crime Rate	67	53	44	58	83	67	121	97	109	79
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	16	9	11	11	7	9	28	54	33	16
Crime Rate	7.4	4.2	5.2	5.1	3.3	4.3	13.3	25.9	16.1	7.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	16	6	9	8	4	4	16	25	10	8
Crime Rate	7.4	2.8	4.3	3.7	1.9	1.9	7.6	12.0	4.9	3.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	9	8	6	12	10	8	5	4	12	10
Crime Rate	4.1	3.7	2.9	5.6	4.7	3.8	2.4	1.9	5.9	4.8

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CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	77,368	76,990	77,018	75,568	74,742	75,559	76,208	75,028	74,810	75,375
Police Strength	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	124	128
Case Load	123	108	104	106	116	129	114	115	122	111
Population Served Per Member	639	636	637	625	618	624	630	620	603	589
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,837	1,679	1,491	1,403	1,412	1,271	1,338	1,549	1,851	1,778
Crime Rate	23.7	21.8	19.4	18.6	18.9	16.8	17.6	20.6	24.7	23.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	7,656	6,219	5,784	5,603	6,617	8,261	6,309	5,861	6,481	6,224
Crime Rate	99	81	75	74	89	109	83	78	87	83
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	5,435	5,160	5,288	5,763	5,987	6,025	6,094	6,472	6,810	6,154
Crime Rate	70	67	69	76	80	80	80	86	91	82
Total Criminal Code Offences	14,928	13,058	12,563	12,769	14,016	15,557	13,741	13,882	15,142	14,156
Crime Rate	193	170	163	169	188	206	180	185	202	188
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	265	403	431	432	378	405	467	479	409	457
Crime Rate	3.4	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.4	6.1	6.4	5.5	6.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	1,223	1,056	982	920	914	839	815	956	1,141	1,038
Crime Rate	15.8	13.7	12.8	12.2	12.2	11.1	10.7	12.7	15.3	13.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	694	651	561	604	669	839	843	938	1,006	963
Crime Rate	9.0	8.5	7.3	8.0	9.0	11.1	11.1	12.5	13.4	12.8
AREA POLICED AS PRINCE GEORGE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	14,463	13,926	14,237	14,221	14,132	13,937	14,048	13,913	13,714	13,887
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	134	106	86	97	83	81	81	85	98	86
Population Served Per Member	2,066	1,989	2,034	2,032	2,019	1,991	2,007	1,988	1,959	1,984
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	134	75	75	94	66	41	53	55	82	77
Crime Rate	9.3	5.4	5.3	6.6	4.7	2.9	3.8	4.0	6.0	5.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	541	417	328	320	290	302	284	293	329	294
Crime Rate	37	30	23	23	21	22	20	21	24	21
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	266	248	200	264	225	222	228	250	273	231
Crime Rate	18	18	14	19	16	16	16	18	20	17
Total Criminal Code Offences	941	740	603	678	581	565	565	598	684	602
Crime Rate	65	53	42	48	41	41	40	43	50	43
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	21	18	26	29	35	69	36	71	55	39
Crime Rate	1.5	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.5	5.0	2.6	5.1	4.0	2.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	85	42	52	64	37	29	25	41	60	53
Crime Rate	5.9	3.0	3.7	4.5	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.9	4.4	3.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	66	81	68	62	49	52	48	73	80	65
Crime Rate	4.6	5.8	4.8	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.4	5.2	5.8	4.7

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AREA POLICED AS TSAY KEH DENE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	402	391	381	419	412	409	450	442	438	449
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	126	102	119	111	139	128	106	119	129	120
Population Served Per Member	201	196	191	210	206	205	225	221	219	225
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	76	62	77	51	71	61	62	71	90	71
Crime Rate	189.1	158.6	202.1	121.7	172.3	149.1	137.8	160.6	205.5	158.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	44	49	35	38	37	50	54	29	26	26
Crime Rate	110	125	92	91	90	122	120	66	59	58
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	132	92	126	133	169	144	96	138	142	142
Crime Rate	328	235	331	317	410	352	213	312	324	316
Total Criminal Code Offences	252	203	238	222	277	255	212	238	258	239
Crime Rate	627	519	625	530	672	623	471	538	589	532
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	6	9	5	5	18	5	4	15	19	2
Crime Rate	14.9	23.0	13.1	11.9	43.7	12.2	8.9	33.9	43.4	4.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	48	46	38	25	38	38	34	39	60	46
Crime Rate	119.4	117.6	99.7	59.7	92.2	92.9	75.6	88.2	137.0	102.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	15	8	6	5	6	3	5	4	4
Crime Rate	10.0	38.4	21.0	14.3	12.1	14.7	6.7	11.3	9.1	8.9
AREA POLICED AS VALEMOUNT PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,135	3,046	2,997	1,905	1,855	1,769	1,711	1,647	1,714	1,723
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
Case Load	98	62	73	86	111	102	66	52	50	44
Population Served Per Member	1,045	1,015	999	635	618	590	570	412	429	431
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	32	17	35	42	32	21	24	19	25	21
Crime Rate	10.2	5.6	11.7	22.0	17.3	11.9	14.0	11.5	14.6	12.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	127	79	94	96	152	145	78	93	66	84
Crime Rate	41	26	31	50	82	82	46	56	39	49
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	136	89	91	119	148	141	96	97	107	72
Crime Rate	43	29	30	62	80	80	56	59	62	42
Total Criminal Code Offences	295	185	220	257	332	307	198	209	198	177
Crime Rate	94	61	73	135	179	174	116	127	116	103
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	33	36	30	30	167	164	53	26	33	73
Crime Rate	10.5	11.8	10.0	15.7	90.0	92.7	31.0	15.8	19.3	42.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	22	11	20	30	25	11	21	13	15	19
Crime Rate	7.0	3.6	6.7	15.7	13.5	6.2	12.3	7.9	8.8	11.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	4	4	16	11	19	7	9	9	7
Crime Rate	2.2	1.3	1.3	8.4	5.9	10.7	4.1	5.5	5.3	4.1

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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