

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Fraser Valley Regional District is policed by one independent municipal police force, and the RCMP. The City of Abbotsford is policed by an independent municipal police force while the RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Chilliwack, and the Districts of Hope and Mission. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's rural or unincorporated areas through detachments located in Agassiz, Boston Bar, Chilliwack, Hope, and Mission.
- In 2007, there were 387 members assigned to police the region: 199 policed the independent municipal force area, 155 policed RCMP municipal areas, and 33 policed the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 85 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Fraser Valley Regional District in 2007. This was 4% lower than the member workload of 89 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 274,336; the population served per member was 709.

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, 32,780 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 3% decrease (-1,188 offences) from the 33,968 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Fraser Valley recorded a crime rate of 119, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 6% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 126 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 2,909 violent crimes were reported by police, a 6% decrease (-176 offences) from the 3,085 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Valley violent crime rate was 10.6 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 7% decrease from the 2006 rate of 11.4. 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, 1,618 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 17% drop (-332 offences) from the 1,950 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Valley common assault rate was 5.9 offences per 1,000 population, an 18% decrease from the 2006 rate of 7.2. 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, 17,767 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 3% decrease (-545 offences) from the 18,312 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Valley property crime rate was 65 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 68. 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, 2,705 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, an 18% decrease (-592 offences) from the 3,297 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Valley motor vehicle theft rate was 9.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 19% decrease from the 2006 rate of 12.2. 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, 12,104 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 4% decrease (-467 offences) from the 12,571 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Valley other crime rate was 44 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% drop from the 2006 rate of 47. 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, 1,346 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, an 11% increase (+130 offences) from the 1,216 reported in 2006. The 2007 Fraser Valley drug crime rate was 4.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% increase from the 2006 rate of 4.5. 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 274,336, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 269,534.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has increased annually resulting in a 15% overall increase, from 238,933 in 1998 to 274,336 in 2007.

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT DATA TABLES

REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	238,933	241,591	243,794	247,851	251,094	254,230	261,147	265,107	269,534	274,336
Police Strength	304	307	316	320	325	336	352	371	380	387
Case Load	97	86	85	98	108	115	107	99	89	85
Population Served Per Member	786	787	772	775	773	757	742	715	709	709
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,651	3,332	3,127	3,164	3,324	3,451	3,298	3,203	3,085	2,909
Crime Rate	15.3	13.8	12.8	12.8	13.2	13.6	12.6	12.1	11.4	10.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	15,613	13,610	14,438	17,661	19,872	21,643	21,575	20,728	18,312	17,767
Crime Rate	65	56	59	71	79	85	83	78	68	65
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	10,094	9,527	9,144	10,650	11,999	13,508	12,726	12,735	12,571	12,104
Crime Rate	42	39	38	43	48	53	49	48	47	44
Total Criminal Code Offences	29,358	26,469	26,709	31,475	35,195	38,602	37,599	36,666	33,968	32,780
Crime Rate	123	110	110	127	140	152	144	138	126	119
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	1,161	1,482	1,575	1,352	1,411	1,427	1,580	1,382	1,216	1,346
Crime Rate	4.9	6.1	6.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.2	4.5	4.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	2,677	2,425	2,342	2,249	2,437	2,500	2,368	2,167	1,950	1,618
Crime Rate	11.2	10.0	9.6	9.1	9.7	9.8	9.1	8.2	7.2	5.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1,606	1,482	1,380	2,359	3,250	3,979	3,771	3,766	3,297	2,705
Crime Rate	6.7	6.1	5.7	9.5	12.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	12.2	9.9

CITY OF ABBOTSFORD	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	114,526	116,368	118,253	121,119	123,362	124,488	128,288	129,413	130,646	132,514
Police Strength	137	138	143	148	153	158	173	187	195	199
Case Load	82	76	75	91	94	97	89	75	69	63
Population Served Per Member	836	843	827	818	806	788	742	692	670	666
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,308	1,268	1,124	1,258	1,281	1,235	1,239	1,156	1,205	1,178
Crime Rate	11.4	10.9	9.5	10.4	10.4	9.9	9.7	8.9	9.2	8.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	6,650	6,019	6,629	8,439	9,217	9,812	9,824	8,750	7,931	7,680
Crime Rate	58	52	56	70	75	79	77	68	61	58
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,246	3,215	3,038	3,740	3,839	4,212	4,325	4,192	4,227	3,751
Crime Rate	28	28	26	31	31	34	34	32	32	28
Total Criminal Code Offences	11,204	10,502	10,791	13,437	14,337	15,259	15,388	14,098	13,363	12,609
Crime Rate	98	90	91	111	116	123	120	109	102	95
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	345	448	496	328	367	418	556	371	383	431
Crime Rate	3.0	3.8	4.2	2.7	3.0	3.4	4.3	2.9	2.9	3.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	924	892	850	890	916	859	893	722	665	625
Crime Rate	8.1	7.7	7.2	7.3	7.4	6.9	7.0	5.6	5.1	4.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	746	709	630	1,140	1,694	2,015	1,949	1,895	1,476	1,331
Crime Rate	6.5	6.1	5.3	9.4	13.7	16.2	15.2	14.6	11.3	10.0

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AREA POLICED AS AGASSIZ PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	8,340	8,383	8,496	8,689	8,643	8,674	8,873	9,019	9,009	9,090
Police Strength	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	12	12	12
Case Load	100	108	106	119	122	121	153	115	111	100
Population Served Per Member	834	838	850	869	864	789	887	752	751	758
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	142	159	124	135	173	195	180	201	149	150
Crime Rate	17.0	19.0	14.6	15.5	20.0	22.5	20.3	22.3	16.5	16.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	479	534	545	625	553	626	828	695	660	551
Crime Rate	57	64	64	72	64	72	93	77	73	61
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	381	384	392	430	490	507	526	483	526	498
Crime Rate	46	46	46	49	57	58	59	54	58	55
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,002	1,077	1,061	1,190	1,216	1,328	1,534	1,379	1,335	1,199
Crime Rate	120	128	125	137	141	153	173	153	148	132
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	37	71	78	72	80	64	46	65	75	57
Crime Rate	4.4	8.5	9.2	8.3	9.3	7.4	5.2	7.2	8.3	6.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	88	112	83	96	115	133	124	123	100	69
Crime Rate	10.6	13.4	9.8	11.0	13.3	15.3	14.0	13.6	11.1	7.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	34	29	41	60	62	71	158	140	118	87
Crime Rate	4.1	3.5	4.8	6.9	7.2	8.2	17.8	15.5	13.1	9.6
AREA POLICED AS BOSTON BAR PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	1,181	1,149	1,122	629	631	640	658	684	694	698
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	57	49	47	44	45	57	56	42	45	34
Population Served Per Member	394	383	374	210	210	213	219	228	231	233
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	28	29	29	19	18	30	15	20	23	9
Crime Rate	23.7	25.2	25.8	30.2	28.5	46.9	22.8	29.2	33.1	12.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	74	63	64	63	78	80	67	49	61	47
Crime Rate	63	55	57	100	124	125	102	72	88	67
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	68	56	47	51	39	61	86	56	52	46
Crime Rate	58	49	42	81	62	95	131	82	75	66
Total Criminal Code Offences	170	148	140	133	135	171	168	125	136	102
Crime Rate	144	129	125	211	214	267	255	183	196	146
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	14	22	22	23	17	16	5	10	10	12
Crime Rate	11.9	19.1	19.6	36.6	26.9	25.0	7.6	14.6	14.4	17.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	25	23	19	18	13	23	12	17	20	6
Crime Rate	21.2	20.0	16.9	28.6	20.6	35.9	18.2	24.9	28.8	8.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	5	4	6	4	8	12	9	5	2	3
Crime Rate	4.2	3.5	5.3	6.4	12.7	18.8	13.7	7.3	2.9	4.3

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CITY OF CHILLIWACK	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	66,101	66,945	67,184	68,220	68,837	70,025	71,721	73,127	75,351	77,649
Police Strength	83	83	87	87	87	91	91	91	91	94
Case Load	110	91	92	107	126	141	131	140	125	118
Population Served Per Member	796	807	772	784	791	770	788	804	828	826
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,170	934	1,054	1,079	1,066	1,114	998	1,075	1,021	899
Crime Rate	17.7	14.0	15.7	15.8	15.5	15.9	13.9	14.7	13.5	11.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	4,737	3,917	4,149	4,919	5,910	6,725	6,635	7,228	6,200	5,705
Crime Rate	72	59	62	72	86	96	93	99	82	73
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,211	2,666	2,835	3,316	3,954	4,953	4,275	4,418	4,134	4,471
Crime Rate	49	40	42	49	57	71	60	60	55	58
Total Criminal Code Offences	9,118	7,517	8,038	9,314	10,930	12,792	11,908	12,721	11,355	11,075
Crime Rate	138	112	120	137	159	183	166	174	151	143
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	440	451	519	447	475	480	408	464	339	352
Crime Rate	6.7	6.7	7.7	6.6	6.9	6.9	5.7	6.3	4.5	4.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	864	712	814	768	785	860	726	768	723	513
Crime Rate	13.1	10.6	12.1	11.3	11.4	12.3	10.1	10.5	9.6	6.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	418	377	365	574	809	1,201	1,009	1,070	1,106	739
Crime Rate	6.3	5.6	5.4	8.4	11.8	17.2	14.1	14.6	14.7	9.5
AREA POLICED AS CHILLIWACK PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,760	3,620	3,575	4,391	4,406	4,464	4,592	4,772	4,842	4,875
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8
Case Load	108	95	90	66	81	106	55	55	49	98
Population Served Per Member	537	517	511	627	629	638	656	597	605	609
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	86	96	105	46	55	60	57	46	38	73
Crime Rate	22.9	26.5	29.4	10.5	12.5	13.4	12.4	9.6	7.8	15.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	384	288	303	216	252	430	203	243	210	412
Crime Rate	102	80	85	49	57	96	44	51	43	85
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	284	282	224	200	259	254	127	152	145	297
Crime Rate	76	78	63	46	59	57	28	32	30	61
Total Criminal Code Offences	754	666	632	462	566	744	387	441	393	782
Crime Rate	201	184	177	105	128	167	84	92	81	160
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	52	67	52	31	38	21	21	5	15	74
Crime Rate	13.8	18.5	14.5	7.1	8.6	4.7	4.6	1.0	3.1	15.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	65	63	74	34	37	45	45	30	25	51
Crime Rate	17.3	17.4	20.7	7.7	8.4	10.1	9.8	6.3	5.2	10.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	26	28	26	26	41	46	26	28	35	45
Crime Rate	6.9	7.7	7.3	5.9	9.3	10.3	5.7	5.9	7.2	9.2

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AREA POLICED AS HOPE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	6,573	6,553	6,491	6,455	6,439	6,450	6,475	6,459	6,513	6,432
Police Strength	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13
Case Load	88	97	86	107	117	138	134	92	91	115
Population Served Per Member	548	546	541	538	537	538	540	497	501	495
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	110	114	122	104	95	126	153	131	113	126
Crime Rate	16.7	17.4	18.8	16.1	14.8	19.5	23.6	20.3	17.3	19.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	468	448	437	536	640	901	778	653	594	777
Crime Rate	71	68	67	83	99	140	120	101	91	121
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	473	605	476	641	666	627	674	409	473	597
Crime Rate	72	92	73	99	103	97	104	63	73	93
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,051	1,167	1,035	1,281	1,401	1,654	1,605	1,193	1,180	1,500
Crime Rate	160	178	159	198	218	256	248	185	181	233
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	39	62	85	142	124	174	183	106	107	118
Crime Rate	5.9	9.5	13.1	22.0	19.3	27.0	28.3	16.4	16.4	18.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	87	88	88	84	75	93	108	97	78	89
Crime Rate	13.2	13.4	13.6	13.0	11.6	14.4	16.7	15.0	12.0	13.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	19	35	37	56	61	93	77	74	42	79
Crime Rate	2.9	5.3	5.7	8.7	9.5	14.4	11.9	11.5	6.4	12.3
DISTRICT OF MISSION	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	32,282	32,304	32,403	32,767	33,177	33,816	34,704	35,567	36,324	36,882
Police Strength	43	45	45	45	45	46	47	47	48	48
Case Load	123	104	97	106	126	126	123	125	111	102
Population Served Per Member	751	718	720	728	737	735	738	757	757	768
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	694	645	496	441	551	598	562	504	460	418
Crime Rate	21.5	20.0	15.3	13.5	16.6	17.7	16.2	14.2	12.7	11.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,495	2,019	2,021	2,434	2,756	2,698	2,845	2,650	2,195	2,242
Crime Rate	77	63	62	74	83	80	82	75	60	61
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,117	2,009	1,844	1,898	2,356	2,504	2,371	2,703	2,657	2,216
Crime Rate	66	62	57	58	71	74	68	76	73	60
Total Criminal Code Offences	5,306	4,673	4,361	4,773	5,663	5,800	5,778	5,857	5,312	4,876
Crime Rate	164	145	135	146	171	172	166	165	146	132
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	203	245	220	173	198	176	236	287	216	233
Crime Rate	6.3	7.6	6.8	5.3	6.0	5.2	6.8	8.1	5.9	6.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	546	472	368	313	435	427	387	360	295	223
Crime Rate	16.9	14.6	11.4	9.6	13.1	12.6	11.2	10.1	8.1	6.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	319	255	241	445	499	478	488	483	443	362
Crime Rate	9.9	7.9	7.4	13.6	15.0	14.1	14.1	13.6	12.2	9.8

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AREA POLICED AS MISSION PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,239	5,412	5,438	4,401	4,415	4,473	4,602	4,783	4,853	4,885
Police Strength	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	96	93	85	130	141	119	119	127	112	85
Population Served Per Member	873	902	906	880	883	895	920	957	971	977
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	82	68	58	62	63	55	64	54	48	37
Crime Rate	15.7	12.6	10.7	14.1	14.3	12.3	13.9	11.3	9.9	7.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	239	231	223	323	335	246	276	344	282	230
Crime Rate	46	43	41	73	76	55	60	72	58	47
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	253	259	231	264	307	295	255	236	228	159
Crime Rate	48	48	42	60	70	66	55	49	47	33
Total Criminal Code Offences	574	558	512	649	705	596	595	634	558	426
Crime Rate	110	103	94	147	160	133	129	133	115	87
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	20	24	13	33	29	34	15	16	26	27
Crime Rate	3.8	4.4	2.4	7.5	6.6	7.6	3.3	3.3	5.4	5.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	57	48	39	40	40	31	50	40	28	28
Crime Rate	10.9	8.9	7.2	9.1	9.1	6.9	10.9	8.4	5.8	5.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	28	38	27	45	58	51	43	54	53	48
Crime Rate	5.3	7.0	5.0	10.2	13.1	11.4	9.3	11.3	10.9	9.8

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.



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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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