

KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Kootenay Boundary Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Grand Forks and Trail. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Trail while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 37 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 14 members directly policed the City of Trail while 23 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 64 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Kootenay Boundary Regional District in 2007. This was 11% lower than the member workload of 72 recorded in 2006. The region's 2007 case load was also 11% lower than the provincial case load of 72.
- In 2007, the total population of the regional district was 31,961; the population served per member was 864.

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, 2,358 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 4% decrease (-92 offences) from the 2,450 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Kootenay Boundary recorded a crime rate of 74, lower than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 5% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 78 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 327 violent crimes were reported by police, a 37% increase (+88 offences) from the 239 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Kootenay Boundary violent crime rate was 10.2 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 34% increase from the 2006 rate of 7.6. 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, 206 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 34% rise (+52 offences) from the 154 reported in 2006. The 2007 Kootenay Boundary common assault rate was 6.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 31% increase from the 2006 rate of 4.9. 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, 901 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a less than 1% increase (+5 offences) from the 896 reported in 2006. The 2007 Kootenay Boundary property crime rate was 28 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% decrease from the 2006 rate of 29. 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, 83 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 19% decrease (-19 offences) from the 102 reported in 2006. The 2007 Kootenay Boundary motor vehicle theft rate was 2.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 21% decrease from the 2006 rate of 3.3. 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, 1,130 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 14% decrease (-185 offences) from the 1,315 reported in 2006. The 2007 Kootenay Boundary other crime rate was 35 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 17% drop from the 2006 rate of 42. 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, 141 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 20% decrease (-35 offences) from the 176 reported in 2006. The 2007 Kootenay Boundary drug crime rate was 4.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 21% decrease from the 2006 rate of 5.6. 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 31,961, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 31,364.
- Over the last ten years, the population for the region has generally been decreasing with 3% decline overall, from 32,828 in 1998 to 31,961 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	32,828	32,753	32,615	32,169	32,105	31,992	31,547	31,723	31,364	31,961
Police Strength	35	34	34	34	32	34	34	34	34	37
Case Load	75	79	73	68	71	74	73	81	72	64
Population Served Per Member	938	963	959	946	1,003	941	928	933	922	864
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	347	327	305	295	304	304	333	285	239	327
Crime Rate	10.6	10	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.5	10.6	9	7.6	10.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,139	1,133	994	1,038	953	1,059	1,082	1,097	896	901
Crime Rate	35	35	30	32	30	33	34	35	29	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,142	1,235	1,170	988	1,014	1,164	1,062	1,378	1,315	1,130
Crime Rate	35	38	36	31	32	36	34	43	42	35
Total Criminal Code Offences	2,628	2,695	2,469	2,321	2,271	2,527	2,477	2,760	2,450	2,358
Crime Rate	80	82	76	72	71	79	79	87	78	74
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	221	203	134	107	172	232	246	212	176	141
Crime Rate	6.7	6.2	4.1	3.3	5.4	7.3	7.8	6.7	5.6	4.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	254	227	222	201	231	225	242	158	154	206
Crime Rate	7.7	6.9	6.8	6.2	7.2	7	7.7	5	4.9	6.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	58	63	51	53	48	43	58	115	102	83
Crime Rate	1.8	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.8	3.6	3.3	2.6
AREA POLICED AS BOUNDARY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	12,117	12,194	12,201	12,582	12,540	12,548	12,426	12,524	12,498	12,761
Police Strength	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13
Case Load	88	97	84	70	73	71	70	87	67	65
Population Served Per Member	1,010	1,016	1,017	1,049	1,045	1,046	1,036	1,044	1,042	982
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	122	114	92	107	123	112	122	109	77	95
Crime Rate	10.1	9.3	7.5	8.5	9.8	8.9	9.8	8.7	6.2	7.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	480	565	460	391	361	355	361	490	385	419
Crime Rate	40	46	38	31	29	28	29	39	31	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	453	489	454	342	394	385	360	449	338	330
Crime Rate	37	40	37	27	31	31	29	36	27	26
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,055	1,168	1,006	840	878	852	843	1,048	800	844
Crime Rate	87	96	82	67	70	68	68	84	64	66
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	87	127	81	50	81	112	122	101	100	91
Crime Rate	7.2	10.4	6.6	4.0	6.5	8.9	9.8	8.1	8.0	7.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	87	75	65	74	101	76	83	47	42	56
Crime Rate	7.2	6.2	5.3	5.9	8.1	6.1	6.7	3.8	3.4	4.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	36	42	29	29	27	13	24	78	61	47
Crime Rate	3.0	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.0	1.9	6.2	4.9	3.7

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AREA POLICED AS TRAIL AND GREATER DISTRICT PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	12,833	12,708	12,374	11,682	11,599	11,549	11,305	11,356	11,230	11,431
Police Strength	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	10
Case Load	60	58	54	49	67	70	69	55	53	58
Population Served Per Member	1,283	1,271	1,237	1,168	1,450	1,155	1,131	1,136	1,123	1,143
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	89	86	69	56	64	71	73	61	55	92
Crime Rate	6.9	6.8	5.6	4.8	5.5	6.1	6.5	5.4	4.9	8.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	268	236	209	196	207	316	331	227	178	192
Crime Rate	21	19	17	17	18	27	29	20	16	17
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	247	253	264	241	262	313	289	261	294	300
Crime Rate	19	20	21	21	23	27	26	23	26	26
Total Criminal Code Offences	604	575	542	493	533	700	693	549	527	584
Crime Rate	47	45	44	42	46	61	61	48	47	51
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	75	58	25	24	38	61	66	45	31	13
Crime Rate	5.8	4.6	2.0	2.1	3.3	5.3	5.8	4.0	2.8	1.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	67	66	48	44	49	58	56	37	35	55
Crime Rate	5.2	5.2	3.9	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	3.3	3.1	4.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	10	11	11	8	6	14	16	16	24	14
Crime Rate	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.2
CITY OF TRAIL	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	7,878	7,851	8,040	7,905	7,966	7,895	7,816	7,843	7,636	7,769
Police Strength	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	14
Case Load	75	79	77	82	72	81	78	97	94	66
Population Served Per Member	606	654	670	659	664	658	651	654	636	555
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	136	127	144	132	117	121	138	115	107	140
Crime Rate	17.3	16.2	17.9	16.7	14.7	15.3	17.7	14.7	14.0	18.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	391	332	325	451	385	388	390	380	333	290
Crime Rate	50	42	40	57	48	49	50	48	44	37
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	442	493	452	405	358	466	413	668	683	500
Crime Rate	56	63	56	51	45	59	53	85	89	64
Total Criminal Code Offences	969	952	921	988	860	975	941	1,163	1,123	930
Crime Rate	123	121	115	125	108	123	120	148	147	120
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	59	18	28	33	53	59	58	66	45	37
Crime Rate	7.5	2.3	3.5	4.2	6.7	7.5	7.4	8.4	5.9	4.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	100	86	109	83	81	91	103	74	77	95
Crime Rate	12.7	11.0	13.6	10.5	10.2	11.5	13.2	9.4	10.1	12.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	12	10	11	16	15	16	18	21	17	22
Crime Rate	1.5	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.8



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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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