

MOUNT WADDINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Mount Waddington Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, and Port McNeill. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the entire area encompassing the regional district.
- In 2007, there were 25 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 3 members policed from Alert Bay, 2 from Port Alice, 12 from Port Hardy and 8 from Port McNeill.
- A case load of 94 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Mount Waddington Regional District in 2007. This was 3% lower than the member workload of 97 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 12,621; the population served per member was 505.

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, 2,343 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 3% decrease (-76 offences) from the 2,419 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Mount Waddington recorded a crime rate of 186, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 3% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 191 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 369 violent crimes were reported by police, a 6% decrease (-23 offences) from the 392 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Mount Waddington violent crime rate was 29.2 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from the 2006 rate of 30.9. 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, 269 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 15% drop (-48 offences) from the 317 reported in 2006. The 2007 Mount Waddington common assault rate was 21.3 offences per 1,000 population, a 15% decrease from the 2006 rate of 25.0. 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, 635 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 2% increase (+13 offences) from the 622 reported in 2006. The 2007 Mount Waddington property crime rate was 50 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2006 rate of 49. 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, 39 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, an 11% decrease (-5 offences) from the 44 reported in 2006. The 2007 Mount Waddington motor vehicle theft rate was 3.1 offences per 1,000 population, an 11% decrease from the 2006 rate of 3.5. 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, 1,339 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 5% decrease (-66 offences) from the 1,405 reported in 2006. The 2007 Mount Waddington other crime rate was 106 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 5% drop from the 2006 rate of 111. 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, 118 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 29% decrease (-49 offences) from the 167 reported in 2006. The 2007 Mount Waddington drug crime rate was 9.3 offences per 1,000 population, a 30% decrease from the 2006 rate of 13.2. 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 12,621, a less than 1% decrease from the 2006 population of 12,682.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally decreased resulting in a 16% decline overall, from 15,049 in 1998 to 12,621 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	15,049	14,780	14,477	14,057	13,695	13,337	13,402	12,937	12,682	12,621
Police Strength	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	25	25	25
Case Load	97	75	75	77	74	77	89	92	97	94
Population Served Per Member	654	643	629	611	595	580	583	517	507	505
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	383	347	322	329	284	333	281	366	392	369
Crime Rate	25.5	23.5	22.2	23.4	20.7	25.0	21.0	28.3	30.9	29.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	836	673	607	668	577	583	686	720	622	635
Crime Rate	56	46	42	48	42	44	51	56	49	50
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,004	697	800	784	834	863	1,089	1,213	1,405	1,339
Crime Rate	67	47	55	56	61	65	81	94	111	106
Total Criminal Code Offences	2,223	1,717	1,729	1,781	1,695	1,779	2,056	2,299	2,419	2,343
Crime Rate	148	116	119	127	124	133	153	178	191	186
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	176	123	140	179	121	90	99	127	167	118
Crime Rate	11.7	8.3	9.7	12.7	8.8	6.7	7.4	9.8	13.2	9.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	279	255	251	245	204	247	220	273	317	269
Crime Rate	18.5	17.3	17.3	17.4	14.9	18.5	16.4	21.1	25.0	21.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	48	36	28	44	20	36	29	53	44	39
Crime Rate	3.2	2.4	1.9	3.1	1.5	2.7	2.2	4.1	3.5	3.1
AREA POLICED AS ALERT BAY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	1,616	1,593	1,582	1,622	1,613	1,612	1,602	1,594	1,565	1,568
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	117	99	118	89	99	67	50	73	86	105
Population Served Per Member	539	531	527	541	538	537	534	531	522	523
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	74	59	59	70	64	46	27	47	65	91
Crime Rate	45.8	37.0	37.3	43.2	39.7	28.5	16.9	29.5	41.5	58.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	88	96	73	62	50	40	38	45	56	54
Crime Rate	55	60	46	38	31	25	24	28	36	34
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	189	143	221	136	183	114	86	126	138	170
Crime Rate	117	90	140	84	113	71	54	79	88	108
Total Criminal Code Offences	351	298	353	268	297	200	151	218	259	315
Crime Rate	217	187	223	165	184	124	94	137	165	201
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	16	19	49	29	29	14	5	7	17	17
Crime Rate	9.9	11.9	31.0	17.9	18.0	8.7	3.1	4.4	10.9	10.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	58	42	42	49	40	32	15	40	60	58
Crime Rate	35.9	26.4	26.5	30.2	24.8	19.9	9.4	25.1	38.3	37.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	5	2	6	1	3	1	5	1	2
Crime Rate	2.5	3.1	1.3	3.7	0.6	1.9	0.6	3.1	0.6	1.3

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AREA POLICED AS PORT ALICE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	1,392	1,320	1,257	1,213	1,157	1,063	1,092	963	917	930
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	46	36	37	41	50	48	44	43	54	43
Population Served Per Member	696	660	629	607	579	532	546	482	459	465
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	16	16	12	10	11	10	5	6	13	13
Crime Rate	11.5	12.1	9.5	8.2	9.5	9.4	4.6	6.2	14.2	14.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	29	21	33	26	40	37	44	54	37	33
Crime Rate	21	16	26	21	35	35	40	56	40	35
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	47	34	29	45	49	48	38	26	57	40
Crime Rate	34	26	23	37	42	45	35	27	62	43
Total Criminal Code Offences	92	71	74	81	100	95	87	86	107	86
Crime Rate	66	54	59	67	86	89	80	89	117	92
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	7	5	7	9	5	5	8	7	15	7
Crime Rate	5.0	3.8	5.6	7.4	4.3	4.7	7.3	7.3	16.4	7.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	11	11	4	6	3	8	5	6	12	10
Crime Rate	7.9	8.3	3.2	4.9	2.6	7.5	4.6	6.2	13.1	10.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	7	3
Crime Rate	0.7	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.0	1.9	0.9	0.0	7.6	3.2
AREA POLICED AS PORT HARDY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	6,633	6,458	6,279	6,224	6,040	5,829	5,900	5,594	5,464	5,418
Police Strength	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Case Load	113	79	75	81	73	83	95	117	123	114
Population Served Per Member	553	538	523	519	503	486	492	466	455	452
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	216	207	187	191	162	223	188	213	243	165
Crime Rate	32.6	32.1	29.8	30.7	26.8	38.3	31.9	38.1	44.5	30.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	532	397	325	359	307	313	324	442	355	369
Crime Rate	80	61	52	58	51	54	55	79	65	68
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	607	349	387	420	412	455	627	749	878	837
Crime Rate	92	54	62	67	68	78	106	134	161	154
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,355	953	899	970	881	991	1,139	1,404	1,476	1,371
Crime Rate	204	148	143	156	146	170	193	251	270	253
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	111	67	63	103	56	56	64	74	81	41
Crime Rate	16.7	10.4	10.0	16.5	9.3	9.6	10.8	13.2	14.8	7.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	159	161	150	143	124	160	152	152	189	122
Crime Rate	24.0	24.9	23.9	23.0	20.5	27.4	25.8	27.2	34.6	22.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	33	16	13	14	13	18	16	33	16	16
Crime Rate	5.0	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	3.1	2.7	5.9	2.9	3.0

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AREA POLICED AS PORT McNEILL PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,408	5,409	5,359	4,998	4,885	4,833	4,808	4,786	4,736	4,705
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	8
Case Load	71	66	67	77	70	82	113	74	72	71
Population Served Per Member	901	902	893	833	814	806	801	598	592	588
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	77	65	64	58	47	54	61	100	71	100
Crime Rate	14.2	12.0	11.9	11.6	9.6	11.2	12.7	20.9	15.0	21.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	187	159	176	221	180	193	280	179	174	179
Crime Rate	35	29	33	44	37	40	58	37	37	38
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	161	171	163	183	190	246	338	312	332	292
Crime Rate	30	32	30	37	39	51	70	65	70	62
Total Criminal Code Offences	425	395	403	462	417	493	679	591	577	571
Crime Rate	79	73	75	92	85	102	141	123	122	121
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	42	32	21	38	31	15	22	39	54	53
Crime Rate	7.8	5.9	3.9	7.6	6.3	3.1	4.6	8.1	11.4	11.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	51	41	55	47	37	47	48	75	56	79
Crime Rate	9.4	7.6	10.3	9.4	7.6	9.7	10.0	15.7	11.8	16.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	10	13	11	23	6	13	11	15	20	18
Crime Rate	1.8	2.4	2.1	4.6	1.2	2.7	2.3	3.1	4.2	3.8

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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