



REGIONAL PROFILE 2007

NANAIMO REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Nanaimo Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Nanaimo, Parksville, and Gabriola Island. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the Cities of Nanaimo and Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 161 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 140 members directly policed the Cities of Nanaimo and Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach while 21 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 110 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Nanaimo Regional District in 2007. This was 9% lower than the member workload of 121 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 147,851; the population served per member was 918.

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, 17,740 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was an 8% decrease (-1,597 offences) from the 19,337 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Nanaimo recorded a crime rate of 120, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 10% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 133 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 1,537 violent crimes were reported by police, a 17% decrease (-315 offences) from the 1,852 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Nanaimo violent crime rate was 10.4 violent crimes per 1,000 population, an 18% decrease from the 2006 rate of 12.7. 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, 1,058 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 25% drop (-347 offences) from the 1,405 reported in 2006. The 2007 Nanaimo common assault rate was 7.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 25% decrease from the 2006 rate of 9.6. The region's 2007 common assault rate was slightly higher than the provincial common assault rate of 7.1 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 8,462 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 3% increase (+272 offences) from the 8,190 reported in 2006. The 2007 Nanaimo property crime rate was 57 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2006 rate of 56. 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, 970 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, an 11% increase (+99 offences) from the 871 reported in 2006. The 2007 Nanaimo motor vehicle theft rate was 6.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 10% increase from the 2006 rate of 6.0. 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, 7,741 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 17% decrease (-1,554 offences) from the 9,295 reported in 2006. The 2007 Nanaimo other crime rate was 52 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 19% drop from the 2006 rate of 64. 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, 803 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 12% increase (+84 offences) from the 719 reported in 2006. The 2007 Nanaimo drug crime rate was 5.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 10% increase from the 2006 rate of 4.9. 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 147,851, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 145,734.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has increased steadily resulting in a 15% growth overall, from 128,937 in 1998 to 147,851 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	128,937	129,784	130,929	132,952	134,727	137,199	139,087	142,511	145,734	147,851
Police Strength	146	147	151	150	149	151	151	154	160	161
Case Load	110	100	100	100	110	118	130	128	121	110
Population Served Per Member	883	883	867	886	904	909	921	925	911	918
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,627	1,454	1,504	1,528	1,655	1,571	1,699	1,791	1,852	1,537
Crime Rate	12.6	11.2	11.5	11.5	12.3	11.5	12.2	12.6	12.7	10.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	8,716	7,897	7,850	8,054	8,169	9,450	10,367	9,115	8,190	8,462
Crime Rate	68	61	60	61	61	69	75	64	56	57
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	5,775	5,408	5,721	5,379	6,497	6,862	7,543	8,838	9,295	7,741
Crime Rate	45	42	44	40	48	50	54	62	64	52
Total Criminal Code Offences	16,118	14,759	15,075	14,961	16,321	17,883	19,609	19,744	19,337	17,740
Crime Rate	125	114	115	113	121	130	141	139	133	120
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	716	751	691	809	813	777	891	768	719	803
Crime Rate	5.6	5.8	5.3	6.1	6	5.7	6.4	5.4	4.9	5.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	1,086	1,050	1,051	1,094	1,240	1,198	1,331	1,392	1,405	1,058
Crime Rate	8.4	8.1	8	8.2	9.2	8.7	9.6	9.8	9.6	7.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	515	497	431	498	584	788	1,159	838	871	970
Crime Rate	4.0	3.8	3.3	3.7	4.3	5.7	8.3	5.9	6.0	6.6
AREA POLICED AS GABRIOLA ISLAND PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,793	3,856	3,855	4,242	4,336	4,063	4,133	4,157	4,281	4,357
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	43	45	70	69	56	52	38	25	57	97
Population Served Per Member	1,264	1,285	1,285	1,414	1,445	1,354	1,378	1,386	1,427	1,452
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	16	12	21	26	23	20	16	15	18	25
Crime Rate	4.2	3.1	5.4	6.1	5.3	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.2	5.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	76	94	134	125	93	87	56	33	69	131
Crime Rate	20	24	35	29	21	21	14	8	16	30
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	38	28	55	56	51	48	41	27	84	134
Crime Rate	10	7	14	13	12	12	10	6	20	31
Total Criminal Code Offences	130	134	210	207	167	155	113	75	171	290
Crime Rate	34	35	54	49	39	38	27	18	40	67
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	15	10	16	15	18	11	16	8	6	19
Crime Rate	4.0	2.6	4.2	3.5	4.2	2.7	3.9	1.9	1.4	4.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	9	9	15	19	18	13	13	13	15	22
Crime Rate	2.4	2.3	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.5	5.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	2	1	4	4	6	1	0	2	8
Crime Rate	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.8

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CITY OF NANAIMO	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	75,021	75,333	75,538	76,476	77,365	78,630	79,620	81,077	82,843	83,768
Police Strength	107	107	111	111	111	112	112	114	118	118
Case Load	113	99	97	100	109	117	128	125	120	108
Population Served Per Member	701	704	681	689	697	702	711	711	702	710
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,227	1,054	1,157	1,118	1,257	1,183	1,277	1,336	1,380	1,118
Crime Rate	16.4	14.0	15.3	14.6	16.2	15.0	16.0	16.5	16.7	13.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	6,495	5,705	5,697	6,045	6,284	7,224	7,704	6,627	6,047	6,144
Crime Rate	87	76	75	79	81	92	97	82	73	73
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	4,415	3,859	3,947	3,884	4,587	4,698	5,315	6,274	6,739	5,470
Crime Rate	59	51	52	51	59	60	67	77	81	65
Total Criminal Code Offences	12,137	10,618	10,801	11,047	12,128	13,105	14,296	14,237	14,166	12,732
Crime Rate	162	141	143	144	157	167	180	176	171	152
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	527	540	454	548	578	470	551	553	532	551
Crime Rate	7.0	7.2	6.0	7.2	7.5	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.4	6.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	813	755	790	797	937	902	1,001	1,038	1,045	760
Crime Rate	10.8	10.0	10.5	10.4	12.1	11.5	12.6	12.8	12.6	9.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	378	362	319	384	460	624	952	666	672	769
Crime Rate	5.0	4.8	4.2	5.0	5.9	7.9	12.0	8.2	8.1	9.2
AREA POLICED AS NANAIMO PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	12,084	12,048	12,476	10,149	10,376	13,197	13,557	13,643	13,903	14,117
Police Strength	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6
Case Load	145	126	116	138	167	185	211	165	157	133
Population Served Per Member	2,014	2,008	2,079	2,030	2,075	2,639	2,711	2,274	2,317	2,353
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	80	82	56	91	90	91	89	113	100	81
Crime Rate	6.6	6.8	4.5	9.0	8.7	6.9	6.6	8.3	7.2	5.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	434	403	379	372	440	520	653	479	424	394
Crime Rate	36	33	30	37	42	39	48	35	30	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	354	273	262	227	303	315	314	398	417	321
Crime Rate	29	23	21	22	29	24	23	29	30	23
Total Criminal Code Offences	868	758	697	690	833	926	1,056	990	941	796
Crime Rate	72	63	56	68	80	70	78	73	68	56
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	23	33	40	30	39	21	21	29	16	44
Crime Rate	1.9	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.5	2.1	1.2	3.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	55	52	35	61	71	74	73	90	78	55
Crime Rate	4.6	4.3	2.8	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.4	6.6	5.6	3.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	32	27	24	28	30	35	57	48	59	53
Crime Rate	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.8

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AREA POLICED AS OCEANSIDE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	20,653	21,070	21,265	24,088	24,615	23,080	23,467	23,605	24,300	24,720
Police Strength	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12
Case Load	102	102	116	109	115	140	142	141	141	117
Population Served Per Member	1,721	1,756	1,772	2,007	2,238	1,923	1,956	1,967	2,025	2,060
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	140	129	124	130	144	128	148	162	183	139
Crime Rate	6.8	6.1	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.9	7.5	5.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	722	668	720	715	561	791	845	788	804	724
Crime Rate	35	32	34	30	23	34	36	33	33	29
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	362	425	550	467	557	757	706	742	708	541
Crime Rate	18	20	26	19	23	33	30	31	29	22
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,224	1,222	1,394	1,312	1,262	1,676	1,699	1,692	1,695	1,404
Crime Rate	59	58	66	54	51	73	72	72	70	57
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	81	90	115	149	118	195	165	93	96	84
Crime Rate	3.9	4.3	5.4	6.2	4.8	8.4	7.0	3.9	4.0	3.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	97	98	98	97	112	93	118	127	139	103
Crime Rate	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.0	5.0	5.4	5.7	4.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	43	47	34	39	35	70	72	56	85	64
Crime Rate	2.1	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.4	3.0	3.1	2.4	3.5	2.6

CITY OF PARKSVILLE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	10,203	10,339	10,592	10,773	10,752	10,854	10,935	11,258	11,538	11,879
Police Strength	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	14	15
Case Load	103	116	110	98	102	114	139	157	116	117
Population Served Per Member	850	795	815	829	827	835	841	866	824	792
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	117	143	111	131	111	108	133	126	139	109
Crime Rate	11.5	13.8	10.5	12.2	10.3	10.0	12.2	11.2	12.0	9.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	708	785	692	588	552	624	818	874	593	756
Crime Rate	69	76	65	55	51	57	75	78	51	64
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	406	575	626	554	657	749	850	1,040	895	893
Crime Rate	40	56	59	51	61	69	78	92	78	75
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,231	1,503	1,429	1,273	1,320	1,481	1,801	2,040	1,627	1,758
Crime Rate	121	145	135	118	123	136	165	181	141	148
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	46	61	46	56	43	58	85	66	57	79
Crime Rate	4.5	5.9	4.3	5.2	4.0	5.3	7.8	5.9	4.9	6.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	85	111	86	100	81	84	100	93	104	73
Crime Rate	8.3	10.7	8.1	9.3	7.5	7.7	9.1	8.3	9.0	6.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	44	47	37	27	41	36	55	50	40	40
Crime Rate	4.3	4.5	3.5	2.5	3.8	3.3	5.0	4.4	3.5	3.4

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TOWN OF QUALICUM BEACH	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	7,183	7,138	7,203	7,224	7,283	7,375	7,375	8,771	8,869	9,010
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7
Case Load	88	87	91	72	102	90	107	118	105	109
Population Served Per Member	1,197	1,190	1,201	1,204	1,214	1,229	1,229	1,462	1,267	1,287
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	47	34	35	32	30	41	36	39	32	65
Crime Rate	6.5	4.8	4.9	4.4	4.1	5.6	4.9	4.4	3.6	7.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	281	242	228	209	239	204	291	314	253	313
Crime Rate	39	34	32	29	33	28	39	36	29	35
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	200	248	281	191	342	295	317	357	452	382
Crime Rate	28	35	39	26	47	40	43	41	51	42
Total Criminal Code Offences	528	524	544	432	611	540	644	710	737	760
Crime Rate	74	73	76	60	84	73	87	81	83	84
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	24	17	20	11	17	22	53	19	12	26
Crime Rate	3.3	2.4	2.8	1.5	2.3	3.0	7.2	2.2	1.4	2.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	27	25	27	20	21	32	26	31	24	45
Crime Rate	3.8	3.5	3.7	2.8	2.9	4.3	3.5	3.5	2.7	5.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	14	12	16	16	14	17	22	18	13	36
Crime Rate	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.3	3.0	2.1	1.5	4.0

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

- 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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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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