

NORTH OKANAGAN REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- North Okanagan Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Armstrong, Lumby, and Vernon. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 89 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 60 members directly policed the City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream while 29 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 86 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for North Okanagan Regional District in 2007. This was 14% lower than the member workload of 100 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 84,402; the population served per member was 948.

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, 7,697 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 9% decrease (-796 offences) from the 8,493 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, North Okanagan recorded a crime rate of 91, lower than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 12% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 103 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 847 violent crimes were reported by police, a 1% decrease (-7 offences) from the 854 recorded in 2006. The 2007 North Okanagan violent crime rate was 10.0 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 10.4. 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, 607 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 1% rise (+8 offences) from the 599 reported in 2006. The 2007 North Okanagan common assault rate was 7.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 1% decrease from the 2006 rate of 7.3. 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, 3,993 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 14% decrease (-639 offences) from the 4,632 reported in 2006. The 2007 North Okanagan property crime rate was 47 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 16% decrease from the 2006 rate of 56. 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, 491 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, an 8% decrease (-41 offences) from the 532 reported in 2006. The 2007 North Okanagan motor vehicle theft rate was 5.8 offences per 1,000 population, an 11% decrease from the 2006 rate of 6.5. 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, 2,857 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 5% decrease (-150 offences) from the 3,007 reported in 2006. The 2007 North Okanagan other crime rate was 34 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% drop from the 2006 rate of 36. 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, 596 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 20% increase (+101 offences) from the 495 reported in 2006. The 2007 North Okanagan drug crime rate was 7.1 offences per 1,000 population, an 18% increase from the 2006 rate of 6.0. 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 84,402, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 82,471.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally increased resulting in 9% growth overall, from 77,247 in 1998 to 84,402 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	77,247	76,908	76,542	77,608	78,229	78,826	79,821	81,076	82,471	84,402
Police Strength	74	74	74	74	75	78	81	85	85	89
Case Load	124	113	109	108	118	122	116	109	100	86
Population Served Per Member	1,044	1,039	1,034	1,049	1,043	1,011	985	954	970	948
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	926	854	880	849	811	914	893	946	854	847
Crime Rate	12.0	11.1	11.5	10.9	10.4	11.6	11.2	11.7	10.4	10.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	5,301	4,672	4,360	4,207	5,067	5,177	4,966	5,127	4,632	3,993
Crime Rate	69	61	57	54	65	66	62	63	56	47
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,926	2,845	2,859	2,950	3,003	3,439	3,570	3,198	3,007	2,857
Crime Rate	38	37	37	38	38	44	45	39	36	34
Total Criminal Code Offences	9,153	8,371	8,099	8,006	8,881	9,530	9,429	9,271	8,493	7,697
Crime Rate	118	109	106	103	114	121	118	114	103	91
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	233	245	261	336	296	364	395	422	495	596
Crime Rate	3.0	3.2	3.4	4.3	3.8	4.6	4.9	5.2	6.0	7.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	727	643	681	645	612	708	673	668	599	607
Crime Rate	9.4	8.4	8.9	8.3	7.8	9.0	8.4	8.2	7.3	7.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	385	295	290	259	383	586	641	551	532	491
Crime Rate	5.0	3.8	3.8	3.3	4.9	7.4	8.0	6.8	6.5	5.8
AREA POLICED AS ARMSTRONG PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	10,035	10,013	9,935	10,284	10,256	10,175	10,335	10,311	10,225	10,277
Police Strength	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	8	8
Case Load	76	74	62	65	71	72	80	80	78	76
Population Served Per Member	1,115	1,113	1,104	1,143	1,140	1,131	1,292	1,146	1,278	1,285
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	77	80	65	68	70	60	57	67	65	54
Crime Rate	7.7	8.0	6.5	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.5	6.5	6.4	5.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	350	363	292	316	313	354	306	370	272	278
Crime Rate	35	36	29	31	31	35	30	36	27	27
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	260	227	197	202	258	235	279	287	284	274
Crime Rate	26	23	20	20	25	23	27	28	28	27
Total Criminal Code Offences	687	670	554	586	641	649	642	724	621	606
Crime Rate	68	67	56	57	63	64	62	70	61	59
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	35	27	33	48	36	63	43	49	54	52
Crime Rate	3.5	2.7	3.3	4.7	3.5	6.2	4.2	4.8	5.3	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	54	64	52	57	57	50	48	53	53	44
Crime Rate	5.4	6.4	5.2	5.5	5.6	4.9	4.6	5.1	5.2	4.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	28	25	25	29	34	38	23	39	35	38
Crime Rate	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.7	2.2	3.8	3.4	3.7

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DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	9,451	9,450	9,478	9,504	9,544	9,661	9,690	9,794	9,953	10,218
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7
Case Load	73	89	64	62	62	80	74	55	50	53
Population Served Per Member	1,575	1,575	1,580	1,584	1,591	1,610	1,615	1,399	1,422	1,460
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	38	23	23	24	24	36	25	27	26	27
Crime Rate	4.0	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	236	304	209	228	222	292	250	211	220	212
Crime Rate	25	32	22	24	23	30	26	22	22	21
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	164	204	154	119	124	150	167	144	106	135
Crime Rate	17	22	16	13	13	16	17	15	11	13
Total Criminal Code Offences	438	531	386	371	370	478	442	382	352	374
Crime Rate	46	56	41	39	39	49	46	39	35	37
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	5	6	19	11	11	11	18	13	13	15
Crime Rate	0.5	0.6	2.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	34	19	19	18	21	22	19	19	21	19
Crime Rate	3.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	26	15	10	10	15	28	31	19	29	32
Crime Rate	2.8	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.6	2.9	3.2	1.9	2.9	3.1
AREA POLICED AS ENDERBY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	8,161	8,004	7,591	7,080	7,134	7,131	7,245	7,346	7,488	7,713
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	8
Case Load	108	95	108	101	94	110	89	126	97	96
Population Served Per Member	1,166	1,143	1,084	1,011	1,019	1,019	906	1,049	936	964
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	130	85	111	98	97	115	86	109	95	68
Crime Rate	15.9	10.6	14.6	13.8	13.6	16.1	11.9	14.8	12.7	8.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	302	301	305	322	271	326	338	448	334	331
Crime Rate	37	38	40	45	38	46	47	61	45	43
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	325	278	339	289	290	328	289	323	348	367
Crime Rate	40	35	45	41	41	46	40	44	46	48
Total Criminal Code Offences	757	664	755	709	658	769	713	880	777	766
Crime Rate	93	83	99	100	92	108	98	120	104	99
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	27	21	42	54	17	29	36	59	77	134
Crime Rate	3.3	2.6	5.5	7.6	2.4	4.1	5.0	8.0	10.3	17.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	102	67	86	76	77	96	71	82	81	53
Crime Rate	12.5	8.4	11.3	10.7	10.8	13.5	9.8	11.2	10.8	6.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	27	10	23	17	20	30	20	50	50	45
Crime Rate	3.3	1.2	3.0	2.4	2.8	4.2	2.8	6.8	6.7	5.8

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AREA POLICED AS LUMBY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,530	5,479	5,465	5,233	5,279	5,255	5,374	5,469	5,582	5,767
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	97	118	92	95	122	90	81	95	78	55
Population Served Per Member	1,106	1,096	1,093	1,047	1,056	1,051	1,075	1,094	1,116	1,153
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	62	71	57	60	81	67	74	63	64	39
Crime Rate	11.2	13.0	10.4	11.5	15.3	12.7	13.8	11.5	11.5	6.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	212	276	199	199	299	215	148	222	158	121
Crime Rate	38	50	36	38	57	41	28	41	28	21
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	211	244	202	216	228	169	185	191	168	114
Crime Rate	38	45	37	41	43	32	34	35	30	20
Total Criminal Code Offences	485	591	458	475	608	451	407	476	390	274
Crime Rate	88	108	84	91	115	86	76	87	70	48
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	20	16	25	36	43	51	29	70	52	49
Crime Rate	3.6	2.9	4.6	6.9	8.1	9.7	5.4	12.8	9.3	8.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	54	46	45	42	68	52	60	49	53	24
Crime Rate	9.8	8.4	8.2	8.0	12.9	9.9	11.2	9.0	9.5	4.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	20	20	9	9	33	33	18	28	24	20
Crime Rate	3.6	3.7	1.6	1.7	6.3	6.3	3.3	5.1	4.3	3.5

CITY OF VERNON	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	34,278	34,277	34,657	34,957	35,327	35,892	36,155	36,925	37,716	38,518
Police Strength	39	39	39	39	40	43	46	49	49	53
Case Load	156	136	136	135	150	149	141	123	115	96
Population Served Per Member	879	879	889	896	883	835	786	754	770	727
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	546	529	557	544	467	557	578	604	536	586
Crime Rate	15.9	15.4	16.1	15.6	13.2	15.5	16.0	16.4	14.2	15.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,765	3,095	3,005	2,785	3,584	3,526	3,496	3,387	3,165	2,712
Crime Rate	110	90	87	80	101	98	97	92	84	70
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,770	1,699	1,753	1,932	1,964	2,303	2,411	2,059	1,948	1,793
Crime Rate	52	50	51	55	56	64	67	56	52	47
Total Criminal Code Offences	6,081	5,323	5,315	5,261	6,015	6,386	6,485	6,050	5,649	5,091
Crime Rate	177	155	153	150	170	178	179	164	150	132
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	121	157	122	161	162	182	241	216	260	306
Crime Rate	3.5	4.6	3.5	4.6	4.6	5.1	6.7	5.8	6.9	7.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	425	398	428	406	333	427	418	407	338	409
Crime Rate	12.4	11.6	12.3	11.6	9.4	11.9	11.6	11.0	9.0	10.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	238	201	193	163	252	415	501	379	345	316
Crime Rate	6.9	5.9	5.6	4.7	7.1	11.6	13.9	10.3	9.1	8.2

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AREA POLICED AS VERNON PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	9,792	9,685	9,416	10,550	10,689	10,712	11,022	11,231	11,507	11,909
Police Strength	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Case Load	88	74	79	76	74	100	93	95	88	73
Population Served Per Member	1,224	1,211	1,177	1,319	1,336	1,339	1,378	1,404	1,438	1,489
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	73	66	67	55	72	79	73	76	68	73
Crime Rate	7.5	6.8	7.1	5.2	6.7	7.4	6.6	6.8	5.9	6.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	436	333	350	357	378	464	428	489	483	339
Crime Rate	45	34	37	34	35	43	39	44	42	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	196	193	214	192	139	254	239	194	153	174
Crime Rate	20	20	23	18	13	24	22	17	13	15
Total Criminal Code Offences	705	592	631	604	589	797	740	759	704	586
Crime Rate	72	61	67	57	55	74	67	68	61	49
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	25	18	20	26	27	28	28	15	39	40
Crime Rate	2.6	1.9	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	1.3	3.4	3.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	58	49	51	46	56	61	57	58	53	58
Crime Rate	5.9	5.1	5.4	4.4	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	46	24	30	31	29	42	48	36	49	40
Crime Rate	4.7	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.9	4.4	3.2	4.3	3.4

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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