

OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Okanagan Similkameen Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Keremeos, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, and Summerland. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Penticton and the District of Summerland while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 90 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 54 members directly policed the City of Penticton and the District of Summerland while 36 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 98 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Okanagan Similkameen Regional District in 2007. This was 8% lower than the member workload of 107 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 85,124; the population served per member was 946.

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, 8,827 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 7% decrease (-667 offences) from the 9,494 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Okanagan Similkameen recorded a crime rate of 104, comparable to the provincial crime rate of 104, and 8% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 113 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 1,055 violent crimes were reported by police, a 3% increase (+34 offences) from the 1,021 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Okanagan Similkameen violent crime rate was 12.4 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2006 rate of 12.2. The region's 2007 violent crime rate was slightly 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, 783 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 4% rise (+30 offences) from the 753 reported in 2006. The 2007 Okanagan Similkameen common assault rate was 9.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2006 rate of 9.0. 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, 3,771 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 9% decrease (-390 offences) from the 4,161 reported in 2006. The 2007 Okanagan Similkameen property crime rate was 44 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2006 rate of 50. 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, 608 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 16% decrease (-118 offences) from the 726 reported in 2006. The 2007 Okanagan Similkameen motor vehicle theft rate was 7.1 offences per 1,000 population, an 18% decrease from the 2006 rate of 8.7. 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, 4,001 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 7% decrease (-311 offences) from the 4,312 reported in 2006. The 2007 Okanagan Similkameen other crime rate was 47 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% drop from the 2006 rate of 51. 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, 550 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 4% decrease (-21 offences) from the 571 reported in 2006. The 2007 Okanagan Similkameen drug crime rate was 6.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 6.8. The region's 2007 drug crime rate was comparable to 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 85,124, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 83,813.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally increased resulting in a 7% growth overall, from 79,786 in 1998 to 85,124 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	79,786	79,932	79,767	80,271	80,632	80,655	81,018	82,107	83,813	85,124
Police Strength	76	76	78	79	79	79	81	85	89	90
Case Load	107	111	98	105	112	133	123	120	107	98
Population Served Per Member	1,050	1,052	1,023	1,016	1,021	1,021	1,000	966	942	946
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	839	795	777	869	880	890	881	926	1,021	1,055
Crime Rate	10.5	9.9	9.7	10.8	10.9	11.0	10.9	11.3	12.2	12.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	4,142	4,342	3,917	4,178	4,285	5,243	4,643	4,804	4,161	3,771
Crime Rate	52	54	49	52	53	65	57	59	50	44
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,184	3,290	2,933	3,283	3,651	4,385	4,433	4,428	4,312	4,001
Crime Rate	40	41	37	41	45	54	55	54	51	47
Total Criminal Code Offences	8,165	8,427	7,627	8,330	8,816	10,518	9,957	10,158	9,494	8,827
Crime Rate	102	105	96	104	109	130	123	124	113	104
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	325	444	402	448	376	495	597	443	571	550
Crime Rate	4.1	5.6	5.0	5.6	4.7	6.1	7.4	5.4	6.8	6.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	609	599	558	668	653	619	618	628	753	783
Crime Rate	7.6	7.5	7.0	8.3	8.1	7.7	7.6	7.6	9.0	9.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	301	315	277	373	369	412	457	637	726	608
Crime Rate	3.8	3.9	3.5	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.6	7.8	8.7	7.1
AREA POLICED AS KEREMEOS PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	4,118	4,220	4,272	4,483	4,533	4,484	4,573	4,712	4,756	4,843
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	87	92	89	72	74	66	78	74	59	76
Population Served Per Member	824	844	854	897	907	897	915	942	951	969
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	38	48	43	36	44	30	46	46	37	54
Crime Rate	9.2	11.4	10.1	8.0	9.7	6.7	10.1	9.8	7.8	11.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	166	200	167	131	134	138	156	136	119	125
Crime Rate	40	47	39	29	30	31	34	29	25	26
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	229	214	235	191	191	161	189	189	137	200
Crime Rate	56	51	55	43	42	36	41	40	29	41
Total Criminal Code Offences	433	462	445	358	369	329	391	371	293	379
Crime Rate	105	109	104	80	81	73	86	79	62	78
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	28	35	32	26	42	21	29	12	12	24
Crime Rate	6.8	8.3	7.5	5.8	9.3	4.7	6.3	2.5	2.5	5.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	26	42	31	31	33	16	38	39	31	42
Crime Rate	6.3	10.0	7.3	6.9	7.3	3.6	8.3	8.3	6.5	8.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	11	9	12	8	3	11	24	15	14	12
Crime Rate	2.7	2.1	2.8	1.8	0.7	2.5	5.2	3.2	2.9	2.5

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CITY OF PENTICTON	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	32,349	32,371	32,318	32,340	32,291	32,434	32,242	32,120	33,550	34,002
Police Strength	36	36	38	38	38	38	40	42	44	45
Case Load	124	132	106	122	131	160	140	130	118	104
Population Served Per Member	899	899	850	851	850	854	806	765	763	756
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	452	432	383	434	471	474	449	485	591	602
Crime Rate	14.0	13.3	11.9	13.4	14.6	14.6	13.9	15.1	17.6	17.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,332	2,441	2,105	2,465	2,513	3,201	2,732	2,561	2,181	1,950
Crime Rate	72	75	65	76	78	99	85	80	65	57
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,692	1,863	1,535	1,739	1,985	2,392	2,417	2,398	2,419	2,133
Crime Rate	52	58	47	54	61	74	75	75	72	63
Total Criminal Code Offences	4,476	4,736	4,023	4,638	4,969	6,067	5,598	5,444	5,191	4,685
Crime Rate	138	146	124	143	154	187	174	169	155	138
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	141	180	155	184	138	207	264	188	235	257
Crime Rate	4.4	5.6	4.8	5.7	4.3	6.4	8.2	5.9	7.0	7.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	319	312	273	344	345	316	301	308	434	455
Crime Rate	9.9	9.6	8.4	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.3	9.6	12.9	13.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	143	189	147	186	197	230	252	333	395	346
Crime Rate	4.4	5.8	4.5	5.8	6.1	7.1	7.8	10.4	11.8	10.2
AREA POLICED AS PENTICTON PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	10,477	10,528	10,520	11,384	11,490	11,296	11,624	12,016	11,986	12,167
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Case Load	96	98	98	89	94	130	122	134	132	124
Population Served Per Member	1,746	1,755	1,753	1,897	1,915	1,883	1,937	2,003	1,998	2,028
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	88	60	75	69	61	66	68	82	101	86
Crime Rate	8.4	5.7	7.1	6.1	5.3	5.8	5.8	6.8	8.4	7.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	268	333	317	286	289	424	385	429	373	361
Crime Rate	26	32	30	25	25	38	33	36	31	30
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	221	192	197	177	213	290	280	291	319	294
Crime Rate	21	18	19	16	19	26	24	24	27	24
Total Criminal Code Offences	577	585	589	532	563	780	733	802	793	741
Crime Rate	55	56	56	47	49	69	63	67	66	61
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	31	34	38	32	17	37	27	34	42	44
Crime Rate	3.0	3.2	3.6	2.8	1.5	3.3	2.3	2.8	3.5	3.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	77	48	49	43	50	51	47	53	71	72
Crime Rate	7.3	4.6	4.7	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.4	5.9	5.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	28	19	41	42	37	35	47	62	82	73
Crime Rate	2.7	1.8	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.1	4.0	5.2	6.8	6.0

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AREA POLICED AS PRINCETON PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,591	5,725	5,739	5,304	5,370	5,362	5,399	5,509	5,532	5,580
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	70	86	87	92	75	86	85	93	64	77
Population Served Per Member	799	818	820	758	767	766	771	787	790	797
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	63	71	70	82	63	67	81	83	56	50
Crime Rate	11.3	12.4	12.2	15.5	11.7	12.5	15.0	15.1	10.1	9.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	252	276	266	284	222	261	235	260	197	248
Crime Rate	45	48	46	54	41	49	44	47	36	44
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	173	252	271	275	243	272	282	305	192	240
Crime Rate	31	44	47	52	45	51	52	55	35	43
Total Criminal Code Offences	488	599	607	641	528	600	598	648	445	538
Crime Rate	87	105	106	121	98	112	111	118	80	96
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	21	12	22	40	56	82	122	121	88	62
Crime Rate	3.8	2.1	3.8	7.5	10.4	15.3	22.6	22.0	15.9	11.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	50	50	53	65	47	54	57	68	45	38
Crime Rate	8.9	8.7	9.2	12.3	8.8	10.1	10.6	12.3	8.1	6.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	12	20	5	26	13	23	18	20	12	27
Crime Rate	2.1	3.5	0.9	4.9	2.4	4.3	3.3	3.6	2.2	4.8

AREA POLICED AS SOUTH OKANAGAN PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	16,210	16,018	15,817	15,579	15,739	15,777	15,939	16,400	16,595	16,969
Police Strength	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	16	18	18
Case Load	109	95	95	103	110	122	117	132	113	96
Population Served Per Member	1,081	1,068	1,054	1,039	1,049	1,052	1,063	1,025	922	943
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	155	115	151	172	167	189	158	154	156	166
Crime Rate	9.6	7.2	9.5	11.0	10.6	12.0	9.9	9.4	9.4	9.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	862	745	711	761	782	773	796	1,131	988	756
Crime Rate	53	47	45	49	50	49	50	69	60	45
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	616	564	562	618	702	865	796	830	889	802
Crime Rate	38	35	36	40	45	55	50	51	54	47
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,633	1,424	1,424	1,551	1,651	1,827	1,750	2,115	2,033	1,724
Crime Rate	101	89	90	100	105	116	110	129	123	102
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	95	171	140	128	95	105	99	54	118	112
Crime Rate	5.9	10.7	8.9	8.2	6.0	6.7	6.2	3.3	7.1	6.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	104	84	109	127	125	134	119	106	115	118
Crime Rate	6.4	5.2	6.9	8.2	7.9	8.5	7.5	6.5	6.9	7.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	90	61	34	93	84	71	93	180	172	114
Crime Rate	5.6	3.8	2.1	6.0	5.3	4.5	5.8	11.0	10.4	6.7

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DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	11,041	11,070	11,101	11,181	11,209	11,302	11,241	11,350	11,394	11,563
Police Strength	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	9	9
Case Load	80	89	77	76	92	114	111	86	82	84
Population Served Per Member	1,577	1,581	1,586	1,398	1,401	1,413	1,405	1,261	1,266	1,285
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	43	69	55	76	74	64	79	76	80	97
Crime Rate	3.9	6.2	5.0	6.8	6.6	5.7	7.0	6.7	7.0	8.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	262	347	351	251	345	446	339	287	303	331
Crime Rate	24	31	32	22	31	39	30	25	27	29
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	253	205	133	283	317	405	469	415	356	332
Crime Rate	23	19	12	25	28	36	42	37	31	29
Total Criminal Code Offences	558	621	539	610	736	915	887	778	739	760
Crime Rate	51	56	49	55	66	81	79	69	65	66
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	9	12	15	38	28	43	56	34	76	51
Crime Rate	0.8	1.1	1.4	3.4	2.5	3.8	5.0	3.0	6.7	4.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	33	63	43	58	53	48	56	54	57	58
Crime Rate	3.0	5.7	3.9	5.2	4.7	4.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	17	17	38	18	35	42	23	27	51	36
Crime Rate	1.5	1.5	3.4	1.6	3.1	3.7	2.0	2.4	4.5	3.1

ENDNOTES

- Drug crimes include heroin, cocaine, cannabis and other CDSA drug offences. These data are not included in Total Criminal Code offences.
- 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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DATA QUALIFIERS Cont'd

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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