

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Powell River Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Gillies Bay and Powell River. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Powell River while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 25 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 18 members directly policed the City of Powell River while 7 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 81 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Powell River Regional District in 2007. This was 1% lower than the member workload of 82 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 20,576; the population served per member was 823.

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, 2,023 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 1% decrease (-25 offences) from the 2,048 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Powell River recorded a crime rate of 98, lower than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 2% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 100 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 240 violent crimes were reported by police, a 4% decrease (-9 offences) from the 249 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Powell River violent crime rate was 11.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 12.2. The region's 2007 violent crime rate was slightly 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, 182 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 3% drop (-6 offences) from the 188 reported in 2006. The 2007 Powell River common assault rate was 8.8 offences per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2006 rate of 9.2. 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, 705 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 12% decrease (-94 offences) from the 799 reported in 2006. The 2007 Powell River property crime rate was 34 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 13% decrease from the 2006 rate of 39. 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, 30 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 35% decrease (-16 offences) from the 46 reported in 2006. The 2007 Powell River motor vehicle theft rate was 1.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 35% decrease from the 2006 rate of 2.3. 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, 1,078 other crimes were reported within the regional district, an 8% increase (+78 offences) from the 1,000 reported in 2006. The 2007 Powell River other crime rate was 52 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% rise from the 2006 rate of 49. 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, 122 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 42% decrease (-90 offences) from the 212 reported in 2006. The 2007 Powell River drug crime rate was 5.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 43% decrease from the 2006 rate of 10.4. 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 20,576, a 1% increase from the 2006 population of 20,396.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has remained stable, increasing less than 1%, from 20,417 in 1998 to 20,576 in 2007.

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT DATA TABLES

REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	20,417	20,312	20,130	20,378	20,264	20,179	20,165	20,225	20,396	20,576
Police Strength	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	25	25	25
Case Load	87	88	95	100	106	108	94	85	82	81
Population Served Per Member	851	846	839	849	844	841	840	809	816	823
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	266	230	258	278	284	250	253	245	249	240
Crime Rate	13.0	11.3	12.8	13.6	14.0	12.4	12.5	12.1	12.2	11.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,010	1,051	1,112	1,148	1,229	1,174	995	933	799	705
Crime Rate	50	52	55	56	61	58	49	46	39	34
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	816	841	921	981	1,019	1,177	1,012	949	1,000	1,078
Crime Rate	40	41	46	48	50	58	50	47	49	52
Total Criminal Code Offences	2,092	2,122	2,291	2,407	2,532	2,601	2,260	2,127	2,048	2,023
Crime Rate	102	104	114	118	125	129	112	105	100	98
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	95	240	174	173	211	266	200	243	212	122
Crime Rate	4.7	11.8	8.6	8.5	10.4	13.2	9.9	12.0	10.4	5.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	203	177	179	207	214	199	190	164	188	182
Crime Rate	9.9	8.7	8.9	10.2	10.6	9.9	9.4	8.1	9.2	8.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	39	64	40	68	71	56	31	48	46	30
Crime Rate	1.9	3.2	2.0	3.3	3.5	2.8	1.5	2.4	2.3	1.5
CITY OF POWELL RIVER	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	13,737	13,667	13,558	13,550	13,472	13,420	13,464	13,499	13,643	13,818
Police Strength	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Case Load	88	87	94	97	104	108	96	88	83	90
Population Served Per Member	763	759	753	753	748	746	748	750	758	768
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	180	155	185	199	219	191	172	167	163	169
Crime Rate	13.1	11.3	13.6	14.7	16.3	14.2	12.8	12.4	11.9	12.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	809	792	854	824	896	876	778	738	623	566
Crime Rate	59	58	63	61	67	65	58	55	46	41
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	591	612	661	720	753	879	769	681	709	879
Crime Rate	43	45	49	53	56	65	57	50	52	64
Total Criminal Code Offences	1,580	1,559	1,700	1,743	1,868	1,946	1,719	1,586	1,495	1,614
Crime Rate	115	114	125	129	139	145	128	117	110	117
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	60	86	68	81	102	130	124	137	123	65
Crime Rate	4.4	6.3	5.0	6.0	7.6	9.7	9.2	10.1	9.0	4.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	133	119	127	155	165	154	134	108	128	127
Crime Rate	9.7	8.7	9.4	11.4	12.2	11.5	10.0	8.0	9.4	9.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	29	44	22	41	40	27	18	26	34	22
Crime Rate	2.1	3.2	1.6	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.3	1.9	2.5	1.6

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AREA POLICED AS POWELL RIVER PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,525	5,512	5,464	5,655	5,625	5,596	5,548	5,568	5,590	5,594
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6	5
Case Load	104	116	127	140	151	136	93	81	80	72
Population Served Per Member	1,381	1,378	1,366	1,414	1,406	1,399	1,110	928	932	1,119
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	80	65	62	66	61	53	71	68	82	71
Crime Rate	14.5	11.8	11.3	11.7	10.8	9.5	12.8	12.2	14.7	12.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	177	223	235	267	308	255	187	177	152	124
Crime Rate	32	40	43	47	55	46	34	32	27	22
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	157	176	210	227	236	235	209	242	248	163
Crime Rate	28	32	38	40	42	42	38	43	44	29
Total Criminal Code Offences	414	464	507	560	605	543	467	487	482	358
Crime Rate	75	84	93	99	108	97	84	87	86	64
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	15	25	39	35	33	70	38	51	53	27
Crime Rate	2.7	4.5	7.1	6.2	5.9	12.5	6.8	9.2	9.5	4.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	65	50	44	47	48	41	49	47	57	55
Crime Rate	11.8	9.1	8.1	8.3	8.5	7.3	8.8	8.4	10.2	9.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	10	19	17	25	31	28	11	21	11	7
Crime Rate	1.8	3.4	3.1	4.4	5.5	5.0	2.0	3.8	2.0	1.3

AREA POLICED AS TEXADA ISLAND PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	1,155	1,133	1,108	1,173	1,167	1,163	1,153	1,158	1,163	1,164
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2
Case Load	49	50	42	52	30	56	74	54	71	26
Population Served Per Member	578	567	554	587	584	582	1,153	1,158	1,163	582
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	6	10	11	13	4	6	10	10	4	0
Crime Rate	5.2	8.8	9.9	11.1	3.4	5.2	8.7	8.6	3.4	0.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	24	36	23	57	25	43	30	18	24	15
Crime Rate	21	32	21	49	21	37	26	16	21	13
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	68	53	50	34	30	63	34	26	43	36
Crime Rate	59	47	45	29	26	54	29	22	37	31
Total Criminal Code Offences	98	99	84	104	59	112	74	54	71	51
Crime Rate	85	87	76	89	51	96	64	47	61	44
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	20	129	67	57	76	66	38	55	36	30
Crime Rate	17.3	113.9	60.5	48.6	65.1	56.7	33.0	47.5	31.0	25.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	5	8	8	5	1	4	7	9	3	0
Crime Rate	4.3	7.1	7.2	4.3	0.9	3.4	6.1	7.8	2.6	0.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1
Crime Rate	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.7	0.0	0.9	1.7	0.9	0.9	0.9

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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