

SKEENA QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Masset, Prince Rupert, and Queen Charlotte City. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Prince Rupert while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 52 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 36 members directly policed the City of Prince Rupert while 16 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 91 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District in 2007. This was 7% higher than the member workload of 85 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 20,610; the population served per member was 396.

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, 4,723 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 7% increase (+289 offences) from the 4,434 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Skeena Queen Charlotte recorded a crime rate of 229, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, and 8% higher than the region's 2006 crime rate of 213 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 880 violent crimes were reported by police, a 22% increase (+158 offences) from the 722 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Skeena Queen Charlotte violent crime rate was 42.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 23% increase from the 2006 rate of 34.7. 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, 647 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 15% rise (+83 offences) from the 564 reported in 2006. The 2007 Skeena Queen Charlotte common assault rate was 31.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 16% decrease from the 2006 rate of 27.1. 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, 1,022 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 15% decrease (-178 offences) from the 1,200 reported in 2006. The 2007 Skeena Queen Charlotte property crime rate was 50 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 14% decrease from the 2006 rate of 58. 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, 31 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 14% decrease (-5 offences) from the 36 reported in 2006. The 2007 Skeena Queen Charlotte motor vehicle theft rate was 1.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2006 rate of 1.7. 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, 2,821 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 12% increase (+309 offences) from the 2,512 reported in 2006. The 2007 Skeena Queen Charlotte other crime rate was 137 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 13% rise from the 2006 rate of 121. 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, 194 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 27% decrease (-72 offences) from the 266 reported in 2006. The 2007 Skeena Queen Charlotte drug crime rate was 9.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 27% decrease from the 2006 rate of 12.8. 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 20,610, a less than 1% decrease from the 2006 population of 20,807.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased annually resulting in a 17% overall decline, from 24,901 in 1998 to 20,610 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	24,901	24,512	24,196	22,639	22,099	21,565	21,386	20,976	20,807	20,610
Police Strength	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	52	52	52
Case Load	85	83	84	82	84	84	88	84	85	91
Population Served Per Member	488	481	474	444	433	423	419	403	400	396
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	705	702	810	749	776	675	631	646	722	880
Crime Rate	28.3	28.6	33.5	33.1	35.1	31.3	29.5	30.8	34.7	42.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,698	1,389	1,069	1,200	1,151	1,103	1,168	1,303	1,200	1,022
Crime Rate	68	57	44	53	52	51	55	62	58	50
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,944	2,144	2,405	2,219	2,372	2,482	2,707	2,396	2,512	2,821
Crime Rate	78	87	99	98	107	115	127	114	121	137
Total Criminal Code Offences	4,347	4,235	4,284	4,168	4,299	4,260	4,506	4,345	4,434	4,723
Crime Rate	175	173	177	184	195	198	211	207	213	229
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	278	281	276	307	308	368	320	257	266	194
Crime Rate	11.2	11.5	11.4	13.6	13.9	17.1	15.0	12.3	12.8	9.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	475	508	589	508	562	530	500	489	564	647
Crime Rate	19.1	20.7	24.3	22.4	25.4	24.6	23.4	23.3	27.1	31.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	43	45	41	41	42	45	33	63	36	31
Crime Rate	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.0	1.7	1.5

AREA POLICED AS MASSET PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,624	2,751	2,752	2,787	2,760	2,756	2,773	2,773	2,499	2,476
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7
Case Load	94	127	125	113	131	110	135	86	96	93
Population Served Per Member	525	550	550	557	552	459	462	396	357	354
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	93	133	143	138	116	113	94	99	111	83
Crime Rate	35.4	48.3	52.0	49.5	42.0	41.0	33.9	35.7	44.4	33.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	150	199	168	133	144	111	163	179	174	200
Crime Rate	57	72	61	48	52	40	59	65	70	81
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	229	302	314	294	395	435	551	325	385	366
Crime Rate	87	110	114	105	143	158	199	117	154	148
Total Criminal Code Offences	472	634	625	565	655	659	808	603	670	649
Crime Rate	180	230	227	203	237	239	291	217	268	262
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	5	26	20	29	59	44	62	32	54	40
Crime Rate	1.9	9.5	7.3	10.4	21.4	16.0	22.4	11.5	21.6	16.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	67	106	101	97	89	91	77	86	84	63
Crime Rate	25.5	38.5	36.7	34.8	32.2	33.0	27.8	31.0	33.6	25.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	9	13	7	11	17	9	10	14	7	5
Crime Rate	3.4	4.7	2.5	3.9	6.2	3.3	3.6	5.0	2.8	2.0

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	16,417	15,930	15,643	15,282	14,789	14,271	14,026	13,600	13,588	13,435
Police Strength	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
Case Load	90	82	85	86	86	81	85	85	86	96
Population Served Per Member	456	443	435	425	411	396	390	378	377	373
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	475	423	554	470	520	446	429	451	500	660
Crime Rate	28.9	26.6	35.4	30.8	35.2	31.3	30.6	33.2	36.8	49.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,319	965	707	917	836	807	780	901	819	653
Crime Rate	80	61	45	60	57	57	56	66	60	49
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,454	1,568	1,813	1,716	1,722	1,673	1,835	1,710	1,772	2,140
Crime Rate	89	98	116	112	116	117	131	126	130	159
Total Criminal Code Offences	3,248	2,956	3,074	3,103	3,078	2,926	3,044	3,062	3,091	3,453
Crime Rate	198	186	197	203	208	205	217	225	227	257
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	251	216	216	221	205	285	231	195	151	128
Crime Rate	15.3	13.6	13.8	14.5	13.9	20.0	16.5	14.3	11.1	9.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	323	305	412	320	379	351	346	335	398	487
Crime Rate	19.7	19.1	26.3	20.9	25.6	24.6	24.7	24.6	29.3	36.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	26	26	20	20	18	28	15	32	21	21
Crime Rate	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.1	2.4	1.5	1.6
AREA POLICED AS PRINCE RUPERT PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,014	3,019	3,035	2,600	2,580	2,570	2,588	2,591	2,169	2,139
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	71	66	56	58	54	77	72	73	75	74
Population Served Per Member	603	604	607	520	516	643	647	648	542	535
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	81	87	59	95	81	60	44	49	57	71
Crime Rate	26.9	28.8	19.4	36.5	31.4	23.3	17.0	18.9	26.3	33.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	120	95	78	84	74	53	75	69	75	75
Crime Rate	40	31	26	32	29	21	29	27	35	35
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	152	148	142	112	117	195	169	173	168	151
Crime Rate	50	49	47	43	45	76	65	67	77	71
Total Criminal Code Offences	353	330	279	291	272	308	288	291	300	297
Crime Rate	117	109	92	112	105	120	111	112	138	139
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	7	24	30	29	14	11	10	11	12	13
Crime Rate	2.3	7.9	9.9	11.2	5.4	4.3	3.9	4.2	5.5	6.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	46	54	33	60	62	51	33	38	36	52
Crime Rate	15.3	17.9	10.9	23.1	24.0	19.8	12.8	14.7	16.6	24.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	1	4	3	1	2	3	3	0	1
Crime Rate	0.7	0.3	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.5

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AREA POLICED AS QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,846	2,812	2,766	1,970	1,970	1,968	1,999	2,012	2,551	2,560
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	55	63	61	42	59	73	73	78	75	65
Population Served Per Member	569	562	553	394	394	394	400	402	510	512
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	56	59	54	46	59	56	64	47	54	66
Crime Rate	19.7	21.0	19.5	23.4	29.9	28.5	32.0	23.4	21.2	25.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	109	130	116	66	97	132	150	154	132	94
Crime Rate	38	46	42	34	49	67	75	77	52	37
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	109	126	136	97	138	179	152	188	187	164
Crime Rate	38	45	49	49	70	91	76	93	73	64
Total Criminal Code Offences	274	315	306	209	294	367	366	389	373	324
Crime Rate	96	112	111	106	149	186	183	193	146	127
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	15	15	10	28	30	28	17	19	49	13
Crime Rate	5.3	5.3	3.6	14.2	15.2	14.2	8.5	9.4	19.2	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	39	43	43	31	32	37	44	30	46	45
Crime Rate	13.7	15.3	15.5	15.7	16.2	18.8	22.0	14.9	18.0	17.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	6	5	10	7	6	6	5	14	8	4
Crime Rate	2.1	1.8	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.5	7.0	3.1	1.6

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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