

SQUAMISH LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Squamish Lillooet Regional District is policed by Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service and the RCMP. The Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service provides police services to the St'at'imc Nation from offices located in Mount Currie and T'it'g'et (Lillooet). The RCMP provides municipal police services to the District of Sechelt and the Resort Municipality of Whistler while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the remainder of the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas through detachments located in Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, and Whistler.
- In 2007, there were 85 members assigned to police the region: 10 members policed within the St'at'imx Nation; 48 policed RCMP municipal areas; and 27 policed the region's rural areas.
- A case load of 76 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Squamish Lillooet Regional District in 2007. This was 12% lower than the member workload of 86 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 39,328; the population served per member was 463.

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, 6,445 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 7% decrease (-519 offences) from the 6,964 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Squamish Lillooet recorded a crime rate of 164, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, but 9% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 180 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 793 violent crimes were reported by police, an 5% increase (+35 offences) from the 758 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Squamish Lillooet violent crime rate was 20.2 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% increase from the 2006 rate of 19.6. 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, 528 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 4% drop (-22 offences) from the 550 reported in 2006. The 2007 Squamish Lillooet common assault rate was 13.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from the 2006 rate of 14.2. 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, 2,327 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 23% decrease (-698 offences) from the 3,025 reported in 2006. The 2007 Squamish Lillooet property crime rate was 59 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 24% decrease from the 2006 rate of 78. 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, 149 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 20% decrease (-38 offences) from the 187 reported in 2006. The 2007 Squamish Lillooet motor vehicle theft rate was 3.8 offences per 1,000 population, a 21% decrease from the 2006 rate of 4.8. 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, 3,325 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 5% increase (+144 offences) from the 3,181 reported in 2006. The 2007 Squamish Lillooet other crime rate was 85 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% rise from the 2006 rate of 82. 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 include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, and other CSDA drug offences. In 2007, 518 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 9% increase (+43 offences) from the 475 reported in 2006. The 2007 Squamish Lillooet drug crime rate was 13.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 7% increase from the 2006 rate of 12.3. 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 39,328, a 2% increase from the 2006 population of 38,733.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally increased resulting in a 9% increase overall, from 36,051 in 1998 to 39,328 in 2007.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	36,051	36,248	36,253	36,207	36,577	37,169	37,842	37,847	38,733	39,328
Police Strength	58	60	72	72	73	72	72	79	81	85
Case Load	94	93	77	87	89	104	92	85	86	76
Population Served Per Member	622	604	504	503	501	516	526	479	478	463
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	592	631	641	775	748	773	735	737	758	793
Crime Rate	16.4	17.4	17.7	21.4	20.5	20.8	19.4	19.5	19.6	20.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,954	2,891	2,665	2,879	3,022	3,411	2,957	2,966	3,025	2,327
Crime Rate	82	80	74	80	83	92	78	78	78	59
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,925	2,057	2,239	2,586	2,713	3,280	2,925	3,012	3,181	3,325
Crime Rate	53	57	62	71	74	88	77	80	82	85
Total Criminal Code Offences	5,471	5,579	5,545	6,240	6,483	7,464	6,617	6,715	6,964	6,445
Crime Rate	152	154	153	172	177	201	175	177	180	164
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	292	381	417	472	473	452	466	503	475	518
Crime Rate	8.1	10.5	11.5	13.0	12.9	12.2	12.3	13.3	12.3	13.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	452	472	489	561	568	573	544	541	550	528
Crime Rate	12.5	13.0	13.5	15.5	15.5	15.4	14.4	14.3	14.2	13.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	179	150	159	135	175	233	224	213	187	149
Crime Rate	5.0	4.1	4.4	3.7	4.8	6.3	5.9	5.6	4.8	3.8
AREA POLICED AS LILLOOET PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,017	4,967	3,977	3,716	3,648	3,603	3,678	3,604	3,637	3,657
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	82	74	72	74	75	80	81	68	73	61
Population Served Per Member	717	710	568	531	521	515	525	515	520	522
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	89	101	82	74	71	96	77	64	65	50
Crime Rate	17.7	20.3	20.6	19.9	19.5	26.6	20.9	17.8	17.9	13.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	276	227	208	154	186	138	158	119	146	143
Crime Rate	55	46	52	41	51	38	43	33	40	39
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	212	187	215	290	265	328	334	292	297	232
Crime Rate	42	38	54	78	73	91	91	81	82	63
Total Criminal Code Offences	577	515	505	518	522	562	569	475	508	425
Crime Rate	115	104	127	139	143	156	155	132	140	116
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	48	54	75	91	82	103	92	57	24	40
Crime Rate	9.6	10.9	18.9	24.5	22.5	28.6	25.0	15.8	6.6	10.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	63	68	66	48	57	59	51	43	48	28
Crime Rate	12.6	13.7	16.6	12.9	15.6	16.4	13.9	11.9	13.2	7.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	22	17	21	7	15	15	13	8	10	14
Crime Rate	4.4	3.4	5.3	1.9	4.1	4.2	3.5	2.2	2.7	3.8

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AREA POLICED AS PEMBERTON PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	4,700	4,933	3,436	3,220	3,398	3,555	3,770	4,057	4,131	4,136
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	10
Case Load	122	126	68	74	78	70	57	41	47	28
Population Served Per Member	940	987	687	644	680	711	754	580	590	414
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	116	136	29	53	44	44	34	31	27	31
Crime Rate	24.7	27.6	8.4	16.5	12.9	12.4	9.0	7.6	6.5	7.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	205	202	119	124	164	182	116	120	120	69
Crime Rate	44	41	35	39	48	51	31	30	29	17
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	289	292	193	193	183	124	134	135	184	184
Crime Rate	61	59	56	60	54	35	36	33	45	44
Total Criminal Code Offences	610	630	341	370	391	350	284	286	331	284
Crime Rate	130	128	99	115	115	98	75	70	80	69
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	40	27	24	29	35	20	41	53	36	25
Crime Rate	8.5	5.5	7.0	9.0	10.3	5.6	10.9	13.1	8.7	6.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	93	105	21	40	35	34	21	26	14	17
Crime Rate	19.8	21.3	6.1	12.4	10.3	9.6	5.6	6.4	3.4	4.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	17	14	9	15	20	19	6	2	10	7
Crime Rate	3.6	2.8	2.6	4.7	5.9	5.3	1.6	0.5	2.4	1.7
DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	15,241	15,151	15,020	15,145	15,099	15,240	15,421	15,621	16,029	16,436
Police Strength	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Case Load	80	84	75	87	103	132	114	130	117	101
Population Served Per Member	610	606	601	606	604	610	617	625	641	657
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	226	239	235	266	245	247	222	259	256	277
Crime Rate	14.8	15.8	15.6	17.6	16.2	16.2	14.4	16.6	16.0	16.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	870	887	711	688	881	1,343	1,169	1,333	1,168	746
Crime Rate	57	59	47	45	58	88	76	85	73	45
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	909	965	940	1,217	1,451	1,719	1,449	1,654	1,498	1,513
Crime Rate	60	64	63	80	96	113	94	106	93	92
Total Criminal Code Offences	2,005	2,091	1,886	2,171	2,577	3,309	2,840	3,246	2,922	2,536
Crime Rate	132	138	126	143	171	217	184	208	182	154
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	93	108	109	141	119	95	120	154	167	153
Crime Rate	6.1	7.1	7.3	9.3	7.9	6.2	7.8	9.9	10.4	9.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	188	197	190	208	198	208	183	204	201	199
Crime Rate	12.3	13.0	12.6	13.7	13.1	13.6	11.9	13.1	12.5	12.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	75	68	73	63	77	114	116	129	86	51
Crime Rate	4.9	4.5	4.9	4.2	5.1	7.5	7.5	8.3	5.4	3.1

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AREA POLICED AS SQUAMISH PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,114	2,096	2,053	2,318	2,339	2,374	2,396	2,413	2,449	2,455
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	6	6
Case Load	47	71	80	108	82	110	82	39	36	24
Population Served Per Member	705	699	684	773	780	791	799	483	408	409
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	13	20	15	20	15	14	17	13	12	17
Crime Rate	6.1	9.5	7.3	8.6	6.4	5.9	7.1	5.4	4.9	6.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	82	120	141	203	166	227	150	98	127	81
Crime Rate	39	57	69	88	71	96	63	41	52	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	46	73	84	100	66	90	79	85	78	47
Crime Rate	22	35	41	43	28	38	33	35	32	19
Total Criminal Code Offences	141	213	240	323	247	331	246	196	217	145
Crime Rate	67	102	117	139	106	139	103	81	89	59
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	6	12	18	11	8	13	14	8	13	11
Crime Rate	2.8	5.7	8.8	4.7	3.4	5.5	5.8	3.3	5.3	4.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	9	15	10	14	9	13	13	8	9	12
Crime Rate	4.3	7.2	4.9	6.0	3.8	5.5	5.4	3.3	3.7	4.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	5	6	4	6	9	10	4	5	9	6
Crime Rate	2.4	2.9	1.9	2.6	3.8	4.2	1.7	2.1	3.7	2.4
STL'ATL'IMX TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE*										
Population	—	—	2,537	2,525	2,572	2,608	2,689	2,707	2,771	2,767
Police Strength	—	—	10	10	10	9	9	10	10	10
Case Load	—	—	44	45	49	58	60	49	56	58
Population Served Per Member	—	—	254	253	257	290	299	271	277	277
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	—	112	131	170	166	190	169	184	169
Crime Rate	—	—	44.1	51.9	66.1	63.7	70.7	62.4	66.4	61.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	—	128	96	144	121	131	89	102	90
Crime Rate	—	—	50	38	56	46	49	33	37	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	—	—	197	221	180	235	220	236	271	325
Crime Rate	—	—	78	88	70	90	82	87	98	117
Total Criminal Code Offences	—	—	437	448	494	522	541	494	557	584
Crime Rate	—	—	172	177	192	200	201	182	201	211
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	—	—	8	8	16	27	27	39	26	26
Crime Rate	—	—	3.2	3.2	6.2	10.4	10.0	14.4	9.4	9.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	—	—	85	92	115	114	135	123	112	96
Crime Rate	—	—	33.5	36.4	44.7	43.7	50.2	45.4	40.4	34.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	—	—	16	6	13	9	13	7	5	8
Crime Rate	—	—	6.3	2.4	5.1	3.5	4.8	2.6	1.8	2.9

* Police service began reporting in 2000.

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RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	8,843	8,965	9,094	8,998	9,228	9,487	9,575	9,127	9,388	9,542
Police Strength	17	19	21	21	22	22	22	23	23	23
Case Load	125	111	100	112	101	105	95	86	103	103
Population Served Per Member	520	472	433	428	419	431	435	397	408	415
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	148	135	168	231	203	205	195	200	214	246
Crime Rate	16.7	15.1	18.5	25.7	22.0	21.6	20.4	21.9	22.8	25.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,512	1,444	1,326	1,568	1,448	1,354	1,223	1,201	1,334	1,105
Crime Rate	171	161	146	174	157	143	128	132	142	116
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	465	538	607	560	561	757	671	572	832	1,014
Crime Rate	53	60	67	62	61	80	70	63	89	106
Total Criminal Code Offences	2,125	2,117	2,101	2,359	2,212	2,316	2,089	1,973	2,380	2,365
Crime Rate	240	236	231	262	240	244	218	216	254	248
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	104	180	181	191	211	191	172	190	208	261
Crime Rate	11.8	20.1	19.9	21.2	22.9	20.1	18.0	20.8	22.2	27.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	99	87	117	159	154	144	141	137	166	176
Crime Rate	11.2	9.7	12.9	17.7	16.7	15.2	14.7	15.0	17.7	18.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	57	45	35	37	41	65	71	62	66	54
Crime Rate	6.4	5.0	3.8	4.1	4.4	6.9	7.4	6.8	7.0	5.7

AREA POLICED AS WHISTLER PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	136	136	136	285	293	302	313	318	328	335
Police Strength	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4
Case Load	13	13	35	51	40	74	48	23	16	27
Population Served Per Member	136	136	136	285	293	302	313	159	109	84
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
Crime Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.1	0.0	9.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	9	11	32	46	33	46	10	6	28	93
Crime Rate	66	81	235	161	113	152	32	19	85	278
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	4	2	3	5	7	27	38	38	21	10
Crime Rate	29	15	22	18	24	89	121	119	64	30
Total Criminal Code Offences	13	13	35	51	40	74	48	45	49	106
Crime Rate	96	96	257	179	137	245	153	142	149	316
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	1	0	2	1	2	3	0	2	1	2
Crime Rate	7.4	0.0	14.7	3.5	6.8	9.9	0.0	6.3	3.0	6.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Crime Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	9
Crime Rate	22.1	0.0	7.4	3.5	0.0	3.3	3.2	0.0	3.0	26.9



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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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