

STIKINE REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Stikine Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Atlin and Dease Lake. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the entire area encompassing the regional district.
- In 2007, there were 9 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 3 members policed from Atlin while 6 policed from Dease Lake.
- A case load of 35 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Stikine Regional District in 2007. This was 13% lower than the member workload of 40 recorded in 2006. The region's 2007 case load was lower than the provincial case load of 72.
- In 2007, the total population of the regional district was 1,861; the population served per member was 207.

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, 314 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was a 13% decrease (-46 offences) from the 360 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Stikine recorded a crime rate of 169, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, but 11% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 190 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 79 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, an 18% increase (+12 offences) from the 67 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Stikine violent crime rate was 42.5 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 20% increase from the 2006 rate of 35.3. 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, 59 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 28% increase (+13 offences) from the 46 reported in 2006. The 2007 Stikine common assault rate was 31.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 31% increase from the 2006 rate of 24.2. 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, 41 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 32% decrease (-19 offences) from the 60 reported in 2006. The 2007 Stikine property crime rate was 22 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 31% decrease from the 2006 rate of 32. 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, 3 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 25% decrease (-1 offences) from the 4 reported in 2006. The 2007 Stikine motor vehicle theft rate was 1.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 24% decrease from the 2006 rate of 2.1. 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, 194 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 17% decrease (-39 offences) from the 233 reported in 2006. The 2007 Stikine other crime rate was 104 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 15% drop from the 2006 rate of 123. 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, 16 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 7% increase (+1 offence) from the 15 reported in 2006. The 2007 Stikine drug crime rate was 8.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% increase from the 2006 rate of 7.9. 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 1,861, a 2% decrease from the 2006 population of 1,897.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally decreased resulting in an 11% decline overall, from 2,087 in 1998 to 1,861 in 2007.

STIKINE REGIONAL DISTRICT DATA TABLES

REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	2,087	2,029	2,022	2,100	2,012	2,025	1,965	1,947	1,897	1,861
Police Strength	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Case Load	31	37	37	44	57	48	42	46	40	35
Population Served Per Member	232	225	225	233	224	225	218	216	211	207
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	87	90	90	109	124	105	89	91	67	79
Crime Rate	41.7	44.4	44.5	51.9	61.6	51.9	45.3	46.7	35.3	42.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	77	98	99	120	128	104	83	69	60	41
Crime Rate	37	48	49	57	64	51	42	35	32	22
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	116	143	146	169	263	220	202	250	233	194
Crime Rate	56	70	72	80	131	109	103	128	123	104
Total Criminal Code Offences	280	331	335	398	515	429	374	410	360	314
Crime Rate	134	163	166	190	256	212	190	211	190	169
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	10	6	4	7	14	13	29	34	15	16
Crime Rate	4.8	3.0	2.0	3.3	7.0	6.4	14.8	17.5	7.9	8.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	65	58	79	79	105	82	64	64	46	59
Crime Rate	31.1	28.6	39.1	37.6	52.2	40.5	32.6	32.9	24.2	31.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	8	3	7	7	7	6	7	8	4	3
Crime Rate	3.8	1.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.1	2.1	1.6
AREA POLICED AS ATLIN PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	565	583	581	572	538	542	517	510	491	478
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	12	39	30	39	36	22	17	35	26	23
Population Served Per Member	188	194	194	191	179	181	172	170	164	159
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	10	28	28	19	22	15	16	26	11	13
Crime Rate	17.7	48.0	48.2	33.2	40.9	27.7	30.9	51.0	22.4	27.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	6	36	19	49	32	20	12	17	17	17
Crime Rate	11	62	33	86	59	37	23	33	35	36
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	19	54	44	49	54	32	24	63	51	40
Crime Rate	34	93	76	86	100	59	46	124	104	84
Total Criminal Code Offences	35	118	91	117	108	67	52	106	79	70
Crime Rate	62	202	157	205	201	124	101	208	161	146
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	2	3	3	4	1	2	3	2	1	1
Crime Rate	3.5	5.1	5.2	7.0	1.9	3.7	5.8	3.9	2.0	2.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	7	22	27	18	19	13	12	18	7	8
Crime Rate	12.4	37.7	46.5	31.5	35.3	24.0	23.2	35.3	14.3	16.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	1
Crime Rate	3.5	1.7	3.4	3.5	1.9	0.0	1.9	5.9	4.1	2.1

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AREA POLICED AS DEASE LAKE PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	1,522	1,446	1,441	1,528	1,474	1,483	1,448	1,437	1,406	1,383
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Case Load	41	36	41	47	68	60	54	51	47	41
Population Served Per Member	254	241	240	255	246	247	241	240	234	231
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	77	62	62	90	102	90	73	65	56	66
Crime Rate	50.6	42.9	43.0	58.9	69.2	60.7	50.4	45.2	39.8	47.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	71	62	80	71	96	84	71	52	43	24
Crime Rate	47	43	56	46	65	57	49	36	31	17
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	97	89	102	120	209	188	178	187	182	154
Crime Rate	64	62	71	79	142	127	123	130	129	111
Total Criminal Code Offences	245	213	244	281	407	362	322	304	281	244
Crime Rate	161	147	169	184	276	244	222	212	200	176
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	8	3	1	3	13	11	26	32	14	15
Crime Rate	5.3	2.1	0.7	2.0	8.8	7.4	18.0	22.3	10.0	10.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	58	36	52	61	86	69	52	46	39	51
Crime Rate	38.1	24.9	36.1	39.9	58.3	46.5	35.9	32.0	27.7	36.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	6	2	5	5	6	6	6	5	2	2
Crime Rate	3.9	1.4	3.5	3.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.5	1.4	1.4

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.



REGIONAL PROFILE 2007

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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