



REGIONAL PROFILE 2007

STRATHCONA REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGIONAL POLICING

- Strathcona Regional District is policed by RCMP detachments located in Campbell River, Gold River, Quathiaski Cove, and Sayward. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Campbell River while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the regional district's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2007, there were 62 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 43 members directly policed the City of Campbell River while 19 were responsible for policing the regional district's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 95 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Strathcona Regional District in 2007. This was 14% lower than the member workload of 110 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 44,342; the population served per member was 715.

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, 5,868 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the regional district. This was an 11% decrease (-722 offences) from the 6,590 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, Strathcona recorded a crime rate of 132, higher than the provincial crime rate of 104, but 12% lower than the region's 2006 crime rate of 150 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2007, 600 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, a 12% decrease (-82 offences) from the 682 recorded in 2006. The 2007 Strathcona violent crime rate was 13.5 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 13% decrease from the 2006 rate of 15.6. 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, 376 common assaults were reported by within the regional district, a 13% decrease (-54 offences) from the 430 reported in 2006. The 2007 Strathcona common assault rate was 8.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 13% decrease from the 2006 rate of 9.8. 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, 2,149 property crimes were recorded within the regional district, a 13% decrease (-309 offences) from the 2,458 reported in 2006. The 2007 Strathcona property crime rate was 48 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 14% decrease from the 2006 rate of 56. 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, 191 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the regional district, a 7% increase (+12 offences) from the 179 reported in 2006. The 2007 Strathcona motor vehicle theft rate was 4.3 offences per 1,000 population, a 5% increase from the 2006 rate of 4.1. 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, 3,119 other crimes were reported within the regional district, a 10% decrease (-331 offences) from the 3,450 reported in 2006. The 2007 Strathcona other crime rate was 70 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 11% drop from the 2006 rate of 79. 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, 394 drug crimes were reported within the regional district, a 13% increase (+46 offences) from the 348 reported in 2006. The 2007 Strathcona drug crime rate was 8.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 13% 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 44,342, slightly more than a 1% increase from the 2006 population of 43,823.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has increased less than 1%, from 44,287 in 1998 to 44,342 in 2007.

STRATHCONA REGIONAL DISTRICT DATA TABLES

REGIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	44,287	43,611	43,108	42,630	42,443	42,378	42,632	43,116	43,823	44,342
Police Strength	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	60	62
Case Load	108	117	109	95	99	114	118	115	110	95
Population Served Per Member	751	739	731	723	719	718	723	731	730	715
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	788	961	940	656	635	645	706	686	682	600
Crime Rate	17.8	22.0	21.8	15.4	15.0	15.2	16.6	15.9	15.6	13.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,063	3,602	3,216	2,821	2,847	3,190	3,036	2,864	2,458	2,149
Crime Rate	69	83	75	66	67	75	71	66	56	48
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,527	2,349	2,282	2,130	2,362	2,892	3,238	3,262	3,450	3,119
Crime Rate	57	54	53	50	56	68	76	76	79	70
Total Criminal Code Offences	6,378	6,912	6,438	5,607	5,844	6,727	6,980	6,812	6,590	5,868
Crime Rate	144	158	149	132	138	159	164	158	150	132
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	313	342	238	341	299	316	309	321	348	394
Crime Rate	7.1	7.8	5.5	8.0	7.0	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.9	8.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	606	731	687	458	397	407	471	446	430	376
Crime Rate	13.7	16.8	15.9	10.7	9.4	9.6	11.0	10.3	9.8	8.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	194	205	223	195	196	250	243	236	179	191
Crime Rate	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.9	5.7	5.5	4.1	4.3

CITY OF CAMPBELL RIVER	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	30,591	30,120	29,759	29,700	29,596	29,848	29,991	30,474	31,078	31,553
Police Strength	39	39	39	39	40	40	40	40	41	43
Case Load	126	143	135	116	120	139	142	138	131	112
Population Served Per Member	784	772	763	762	740	746	750	762	758	734
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	598	795	765	523	511	520	549	541	528	479
Crime Rate	19.5	26.4	25.7	17.6	17.3	17.4	18.3	17.8	17.0	15.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,459	2,930	2,702	2,312	2,380	2,698	2,507	2,339	2,042	1,815
Crime Rate	80	97	91	78	80	90	84	77	66	58
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,853	1,837	1,789	1,677	1,919	2,346	2,619	2,629	2,815	2,524
Crime Rate	61	61	60	56	65	79	87	86	91	80
Total Criminal Code Offences	4,910	5,562	5,256	4,512	4,810	5,564	5,675	5,509	5,385	4,818
Crime Rate	161	185	177	152	163	186	189	181	173	153
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	198	219	146	214	176	205	199	221	239	225
Crime Rate	6.5	7.3	4.9	7.2	5.9	6.9	6.6	7.3	7.7	7.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	478	614	572	355	310	316	362	346	309	300
Crime Rate	15.6	20.4	19.2	12.0	10.5	10.6	12.1	11.4	9.9	9.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	158	173	194	166	162	206	203	189	136	169
Crime Rate	5.2	5.7	6.5	5.6	5.5	6.9	6.8	6.2	4.4	5.4

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AREA POLICED AS CAMPBELL RIVER PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	5,645	5,604	5,540	5,545	5,568	5,430	5,452	5,520	5,579	5,597
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	79	99	74	70	71	81	90	88	79	63
Population Served Per Member	806	801	791	792	795	776	779	789	797	800
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	73	81	64	56	50	55	65	58	58	43
Crime Rate	12.9	14.5	11.6	10.1	9.0	10.1	11.9	10.5	10.4	7.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	232	417	261	263	241	249	258	268	205	147
Crime Rate	41	74	47	47	43	46	47	49	37	26
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	248	196	196	168	204	263	309	291	288	254
Crime Rate	44	35	35	30	37	48	57	53	52	45
Total Criminal Code Offences	553	694	521	487	495	567	632	617	551	444
Crime Rate	98	124	94	88	89	104	116	112	99	79
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	41	33	16	36	26	34	35	46	37	28
Crime Rate	7.3	5.9	2.9	6.5	4.7	6.3	6.4	8.3	6.6	5.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	49	63	41	42	38	33	44	33	43	23
Crime Rate	8.7	11.2	7.4	7.6	6.8	6.1	8.1	6.0	7.7	4.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	18	25	22	19	27	32	28	31	33	14
Crime Rate	3.2	4.5	4.0	3.4	4.8	5.9	5.1	5.6	5.9	2.5

AREA POLICED AS NOOTKA SOUND PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,215	3,005	2,968	2,559	2,444	2,380	2,460	2,345	2,348	2,376
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	59	48	50	47	48	67	53	58	60	56
Population Served Per Member	459	429	424	366	489	476	492	469	470	475
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	61	52	70	52	41	40	51	55	43	43
Crime Rate	19.0	17.3	23.6	20.3	16.8	16.8	20.7	23.5	18.3	18.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	120	108	118	124	86	131	99	119	106	74
Crime Rate	37	36	40	48	35	55	40	51	45	31
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	231	176	162	156	114	163	114	118	150	162
Crime Rate	72	59	55	61	47	68	46	50	64	68
Total Criminal Code Offences	412	336	350	332	241	334	264	292	299	279
Crime Rate	128	112	118	130	99	140	107	125	127	117
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	22	19	29	36	26	29	23	13	18	24
Crime Rate	6.8	6.3	9.8	14.1	10.6	12.2	9.3	5.5	7.7	10.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	39	33	44	39	24	31	35	38	34	24
Crime Rate	12.1	11.0	14.8	15.2	9.8	13.0	14.2	16.2	14.5	10.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	6	3	1	3	2	9	3	6	3	4
Crime Rate	1.9	1.0	0.3	1.2	0.8	3.8	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7

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AREA POLICED AS QUADRA ISLAND PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	3,714	3,782	3,759	3,801	3,816	3,722	3,737	3,783	3,824	3,836
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	126	69	55	49	42	39	65	72	64	46
Population Served Per Member	1,238	1,261	1,253	1,267	954	931	934	946	956	959
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	47	21	20	12	21	20	32	26	36	28
Crime Rate	12.7	5.6	5.3	3.2	5.5	5.4	8.6	6.9	9.4	7.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	201	100	67	68	75	66	105	89	62	57
Crime Rate	54	26	18	18	20	18	28	24	16	15
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	131	85	78	68	71	70	124	173	157	98
Crime Rate	35	22	21	18	19	19	33	46	41	26
Total Criminal Code Offences	379	206	165	148	167	156	261	288	255	183
Crime Rate	102	54	44	39	44	42	70	76	67	48
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	34	60	22	25	52	21	28	25	22	43
Crime Rate	9.2	15.9	5.9	6.6	13.6	5.6	7.5	6.6	5.8	11.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	35	11	13	9	16	19	23	24	31	25
Crime Rate	9.4	2.9	3.5	2.4	4.2	5.1	6.2	6.3	8.1	6.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	12	2	3	3	4	0	5	8	3	3
Crime Rate	3.2	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.0	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.8

AREA POLICED AS SAYWARD PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	1,122	1,100	1,082	1,025	1,019	998	992	994	994	980
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	41	38	49	43	44	35	49	35	33	48
Population Served Per Member	374	367	361	342	340	333	331	331	331	327
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	9	12	21	13	12	10	9	6	17	7
Crime Rate	8.0	10.9	19.4	12.7	11.8	10.0	9.1	6.0	17.1	7.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	51	47	68	54	65	46	67	49	43	56
Crime Rate	46	43	63	53	64	46	68	49	43	57
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	64	55	57	61	54	50	72	51	40	81
Crime Rate	57	50	53	60	53	50	73	51	40	83
Total Criminal Code Offences	124	114	146	128	131	106	148	106	100	144
Crime Rate	111	104	135	125	129	106	149	107	101	147
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	18	11	25	30	19	27	24	16	32	74
Crime Rate	16.0	10.0	23.1	29.3	18.6	27.1	24.2	16.1	32.2	75.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	5	10	17	13	9	8	7	5	13	4
Crime Rate	4.5	9.1	15.7	12.7	8.8	8.0	7.1	5.0	13.1	4.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	0	2	3	4	1	3	4	2	4	1
Crime Rate	0.0	1.8	2.8	3.9	1.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	1.0

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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