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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Abbotsford ²	94	97	89	75	68	14,337	15,259	15,388	14,098	13,289	153	158	173	187	195
Central Saanich	36	35	36	39	35	755	737	755	825	729	21	21	21	21	21
Delta	47	51	48	50	49	6,553	7,221	6,955	7,532	7,335	139	141	145	151	151
Nelson City	93	92	88	80	68	1,581	1,561	1,495	1,362	1,149	17	17	17	17	17
New Westminster	81	89	96	88	76	8,558	9,394	10,261	9,374	8,177	106	106	107	107	107
Oak Bay	42	60	58	54	42	913	1,326	1,284	1,188	924	22	22	22	22	22
Port Moody ²	52	53	55	47	46	1,652	1,816	1,986	1,898	1,859	32	34	36	40	40
Saanich	42	44	45	43	43	5,990	6,219	6,449	6,346	6,394	141	141	144	147	147
Vancouver ²	66	65	68	58	56	71,791	73,534	76,649	68,635	68,262	1,096	1,124	1,124	1,174	1,214
Victoria ^{1,2}	84	91	86	82	78	18,251	19,223	18,063	17,583	17,212	216	211	211	215	221
West Vancouver ²	45	44	40	33	35	3,475	3,382	3,126	2,583	2,772	77	77	79	79	79
INDEPENDENT FORCES	66	68	68	61	58	133,856	139,672	142,411	131,424	128,102	2,020	2,052	2,079	2,160	2,214

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Burnaby	96	105	118	100	90	23,109	25,345	28,383	25,278	23,948	241	241	241	253	265
Campbell River	120	139	142	138	131	4,810	5,564	5,675	5,509	5,363	40	40	40	40	41
Castlegar ²	88	94	87	109	111	971	1,035	957	1,204	1,223	11	11	11	11	11
Chilliwack	126	141	131	140	125	10,930	12,792	11,908	12,721	11,340	87	91	91	91	91
Coldstream	62	80	74	55	50	370	478	442	382	351	6	6	6	7	7
Colwood ²	73	79	76	71	89	1,095	1,183	1,137	1,134	1,423	15	15	15	16	16
Comox	112	94	81	72	57	1,008	847	811	715	566	9	9	10	10	10
Coquitlam	107	118	104	96	85	12,096	13,831	12,586	12,219	11,356	113	117	121	127	134
Courtenay	188	196	176	154	132	4,500	4,911	4,398	4,004	3,421	24	25	25	26	26
Cranbrook	99	124	119	109	100	2,373	2,987	2,857	2,608	2,391	24	24	24	24	24
Dawson Creek	102	96	124	116	104	2,138	2,014	2,605	2,562	2,291	21	21	21	22	22
Fort St. John	160	170	164	157	136	4,000	4,244	4,094	4,075	3,795	25	25	25	26	28
Hope	117	138	134	92	91	1,401	1,654	1,605	1,193	1,180	12	12	12	13	13
Kamloops	120	137	124	118	111	12,494	14,208	13,886	13,948	13,344	104	104	112	118	120
Kelowna	103	121	149	126	111	12,484	14,663	17,989	16,548	15,399	121	121	121	131	139
Kimberley	58	71	66	61	57	523	642	598	545	512	9	9	9	9	9
Kitimat	46	54	64	49	50	690	815	955	737	751	15	15	15	15	15
Ladysmith	93	94	110	85	81	651	660	771	592	567	7	7	7	7	7
Lake Country	80	83	118	104	76	640	665	945	933	687	8	8	8	9	9
Langford ²	101	102	106	102	119	2,424	2,456	2,536	2,444	2,974	24	24	24	24	25
Langley City	115	127	125	103	97	4,926	5,203	5,138	4,542	4,454	43	41	41	44	46
Langley Township	93	99	100	86	84	10,565	11,232	11,726	10,602	10,364	114	114	117	123	123
Mackenzie	58	66	64	74	53	461	528	515	592	423	8	8	8	8	8

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Maple Ridge	137	126	124	127	107	9,303	9,054	9,439	10,033	8,630	68	72	76	79	81
Merritt	139	104	134	133	139	1,666	1,357	1,746	1,726	1,806	12	13	13	13	13
Mission	126	126	123	125	109	5,663	5,800	5,778	5,857	5,225	45	46	47	47	48
Nanaimo	109	117	128	125	120	12,128	13,105	14,296	14,237	14,179	111	112	112	114	118
North Cowichan	96	103	114	100	99	2,580	2,768	3,086	2,810	2,774	27	27	27	28	28
North Saanich ²	54	51	43	38	38	485	458	389	383	417	9	9	9	10	11
North Vancouver City	82	85	94	87	76	5,090	5,281	5,831	5,543	4,858	62	62	62	64	64
North Vancouver District	58	62	67	65	55	5,284	5,643	6,065	5,899	5,039	91	91	91	91	91
Parksville	102	114	139	157	116	1,320	1,481	1,801	2,040	1,625	13	13	13	13	14
Penticton	131	160	140	130	118	4,969	6,067	5,598	5,444	5,183	38	38	40	42	44
Pitt Meadows	80	83	81	89	77	1,365	1,485	1,459	1,689	1,548	17	18	18	19	20
Port Alberni	91	100	108	116	118	3,095	3,406	3,675	3,929	4,016	34	34	34	34	34
Port Coquitlam	112	123	104	109	96	5,605	6,419	5,619	6,458	5,923	50	52	54	59	62
Powell River	104	108	96	88	83	1,868	1,946	1,719	1,586	1,487	18	18	18	18	18
Prince George	116	129	114	115	122	14,016	15,557	13,741	13,882	15,087	121	121	121	121	124
Prince Rupert	86	81	85	85	86	3,078	2,926	3,044	3,062	3,087	36	36	36	36	36
Qualicum Beach	102	90	107	118	105	611	540	644	710	736	6	6	6	6	7
Quesnel	116	140	137	125	120	2,203	2,653	2,744	2,492	2,520	19	19	20	20	21
Revelstoke	76	60	78	76	69	832	656	858	839	755	11	11	11	11	11
Richmond ^{2,3}	72	99	93	86	75	13,516	18,813	17,617	16,335	14,480	189	190	190	191	193
Salmon Arm	92	106	113	103	112	1,466	1,688	1,808	1,754	1,896	16	16	16	17	17
Sechelt	113	86	90	86	89	1,016	863	904	855	893	9	10	10	10	10
Sidney ²	49	47	48	46	52	637	614	670	645	723	13	13	14	14	14
Smithers	162	180	174	184	145	1,456	1,619	1,566	1,660	1,302	9	9	9	9	9
Sooke ²	264	196	90	93	109	1,056	979	899	932	1,086	4	5	10	10	10
Spallumcheen	65	71	69	87	63	194	212	207	260	188	3	3	3	3	3
Squamish	103	132	114	130	117	2,577	3,309	2,840	3,246	2,921	25	25	25	25	25
Summerland	92	114	111	86	82	736	915	887	778	737	8	8	8	9	9
Surrey	114	117	103	91	85	47,437	50,428	50,562	50,107	48,560	416	432	491	552	570
Terrace	85	94	100	103	98	2,131	2,357	2,490	2,587	2,454	25	25	25	25	25
Trail ²	72	81	78	97	94	860	975	941	1,163	1,123	12	12	12	12	12
Vernon	150	149	141	123	115	6,015	6,386	6,485	6,050	5,622	40	43	46	49	49
View Royal ²	79	75	94	92	126	634	603	751	732	1,008	8	8	8	8	8
Whistler	101	105	95	86	104	2,212	2,316	2,089	1,973	2,383	22	22	22	23	23
White Rock	81	84	83	72	77	1,865	1,928	1,911	1,657	1,762	23	23	23	23	23
Williams Lake	129	123	142	131	133	2,967	2,834	3,257	3,002	3,183	23	23	23	23	24
RCMP FORCES	104	113	111	103	96	282,595	311,398	315,933	307,442	293,339	2,714	2,753	2,847	2,982	3,058

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ The following municipal policing jurisdictions have been opened or closed subsequent to Canada Census results or departmental amalgamations. Where jurisdictions have been amalgamated, the data shown reflect the total reporting for both the present jurisdiction and the absorbed jurisdiction up to and including the year in which the jurisdictions were amalgamated.
 - In 2003, Esquimalt Police Department was amalgamated into the Victoria Police Department.
- ² The following years contain crime data estimates.
 - In 2001, the data include estimates for the Cities of Vancouver and Port Moody. For each jurisdiction, the estimates cover the phase-in period required for PRIME-BC. The estimates for Vancouver cover the reporting period of February to April 2001 and are based on the Department's 2000 reporting under the UCR Incident-Based Survey. The estimates for Port Moody cover the reporting period of March to April 2001 and are based on the Department's 2000 reporting under the UCR Survey.
 - In 2003, the data include estimates for the Cities of Victoria and Richmond. The estimates for Victoria cover the reporting month of December 2003, while the estimates for Richmond cover the reporting months of May and July 2003. The estimates are based on each Department's 2002 reporting under the UCR Survey.
 - In 2004, the data include estimates for the Cities of Castlegar and Trail. For each jurisdiction, the estimates cover the phase-in period required for PRIME-BC. The estimates cover the reporting period of May to December 2004 and are based on each Department's 2003 reporting under the UCR Survey.
 - In 2005, the data include estimates for the municipalities of West Vancouver, and Abbotsford as well as six municipalities included in the "Capital Region PRIME Sign-on". For each jurisdiction, the estimates cover the phase-in period required for PRIME-BC. The estimates for West Vancouver cover the reporting months of February and March 2005 while the estimates for Abbotsford cover the reporting period of February to April 2005. The estimates for the six "Capital Region PRIME Sign-on" municipalities were applied in the following manner: estimates for Langford, Sooke, View Royal and Colwood cover the reporting period of March to October 2005 while the estimates for North Saanich, and Sidney cover the reporting period of April to August 2005. All of these estimates are based on each jurisdiction's 2004 reporting under the UCR Survey.
- ³ Police strength data for Richmond does not include 20 positions in 2001 and 2002, and 24 positions in 2003, 2004, and 2005, and 26 in 2006 for Vancouver Airport protective security. These positions are administered through Richmond RCMP detachment, and the Vancouver Airport Authority reimburses 100% of the cost to the City of Richmond.

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3. Criminal Code offences represents only those offences 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. The Criminal Code offence 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, e.g., if a single criminal incident contains a number of violations of the law, then only the most serious one is recorded for UCR purposes. **Details of UCR jurisdictional data estimates imputed for 2006 will be available at a later date.**
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6. The data contained in this report may vary when compared with previous reports produced by Police Services. Where variances occur, the report produced at the latest date will reflect the most current data available.