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ALBERNI CLAYOQUOT REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Alberni Clayoquot Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Port Alberni, Tofino and Ucluelet. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Port Alberni while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 51 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 34 members directly policed the City of Port Alberni while 17 were responsible for policing the region's rural or unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 95 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Alberni Clayoquot Region in 2008. This was 8% less than the member workload of 103 recorded in 2007. The region's 2008 case load was higher than the provincial case load of 67.
- In 2008, the total population of the region was 31,279; the population served per member was 613.

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 2008, 4,857 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was an 8% drop from the 5,257 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Alberni Clayoquot recorded a crime rate of 155, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 8% less than the region's 2007 crime rate of 169 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 783 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, a 4% increase from the 755 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Alberni Clayoquot violent crime rate was 25.0 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 3% increase from the 2007 rate of 24.3. The region's 2008 violent crime rate was higher than the provincial violent crime rate of 11.4 violent offences per 1,000 population.
- The volume of Level 1 Assaults (common assault) is the major driver of the violent crime rate. In 2008, 543 common assaults were reported within the region, a 2% decrease from the 554 reported in 2007. The 2008 Alberni Clayoquot common assault rate was 17.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 2% decrease from the 2007 rate of 17.8. The region's 2008 common assault rate was higher than the provincial common assault rate of 6.7 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 1,649 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 13% decrease from the 1,886 reported in 2007. The 2008 Alberni Clayoquot property crime rate was 53 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 13% decrease from the 2007 rate of 61. The region's 2008 property crime rate was higher than the provincial property crime rate of 45 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 2008, 130 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 30% decrease from the 187 reported in 2007. The 2008 Alberni Clayoquot motor vehicle theft rate was 4.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 30% decrease from the 2007 rate of 6.0. The region's 2008 motor vehicle theft rate was lower than the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 5.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 2,425 other crimes were reported within the region, a 7% decline from the 2,616 reported in 2007. The 2008 Alberni Clayoquot other crime rate was 78 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 7% drop from the 2007 rate of 84. The region's 2008 other crime rate was higher than the provincial other crime rate of 39 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 2008, 226 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 7% decrease from the 244 reported in 2008. The 2008 Alberni Clayoquot drug crime rate was 7.2 offences per 1,000 population, an 8% decline from the 2007 rate of 8.5. The region's 2008 drug crime rate was higher than the provincial drug crime rate of 6.3 offences per 1,000 population.

REGIONAL POPULATION

- In 2008, Census estimates indicated that the population for the region was 31,279, a 1% increase from the 2007 population of 31,102.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased 3%, from 32,395 in 1999 to 31,279 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	32,395	32,301	31,665	31,509	31,526	31,789	32,005	31,077	31,102	31,279
Police Strength	49	49	49	50	50	50	51	51	51	51
Case Load	97	104	97	91	97	108	106	113	103	95
Population Served Per Member	661	659	646	630	631	636	628	609	610	613
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	752	810	792	742	695	774	806	804	755	783
Crime Rate	23.2	25.1	25.0	23.5	22.0	24.3	25.2	25.9	24.3	25.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,010	2,278	1,864	1,858	2,012	2,128	2,266	2,166	1,886	1,649
Crime Rate	62	71	59	59	64	67	71	70	61	53
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,998	2,026	2,098	1,948	2,147	2,519	2,310	2,768	2,616	2,425
Crime Rate	62	63	66	62	68	79	72	89	84	78
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	4,760	5,114	4,754	4,548	4,854	5,421	5,382	5,738	5,257	4,857
CRIME RATE	147	158	150	144	154	171	168	185	169	155
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	185	190	213	229	206	213	229	275	244	226
Crime Rate	5.7	5.9	6.7	7.3	6.5	6.7	7.2	8.8	7.8	7.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	550	594	579	544	520	585	601	592	554	543
Crime Rate	17.0	18.4	18.3	17.3	16.5	18.4	18.8	19.0	17.8	17.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	104	119	142	125	135	180	157	185	187	130
Crime Rate	3.2	3.7	4.5	4.0	4.3	5.7	4.9	6.0	6.0	4.2
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	18,707	18,530	18,399	18,297	18,285	18,370	18,414	17,614	17,400	17,311
Police Strength	33	33	33	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Case Load	101	113	105	91	100	107	114	117	101	93
Population Served Per Member	567	562	558	538	538	540	542	518	512	509
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	503	547	540	506	477	516	557	531	494	527
Crime Rate	26.9	29.5	29.3	27.7	26.1	28.1	30.2	30.1	28.4	30.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,444	1,686	1,376	1,272	1,410	1,438	1,701	1,572	1,321	1,152
Crime Rate	77	91	75	70	77	78	92	89	76	67
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,389	1,496	1,537	1,327	1,506	1,677	1,631	1,881	1,623	1,492
Crime Rate	74	81	84	73	82	91	89	107	93	86
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	3,336	3,729	3,453	3,105	3,393	3,631	3,889	3,984	3,438	3,171
CRIME RATE	178	201	188	170	186	198	211	226	198	183
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	118	128	126	108	108	130	143	151	128	134
Crime Rate	6.3	6.9	6.8	5.9	5.9	7.1	7.8	8.6	7.4	7.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	369	416	409	365	363	402	418	393	365	375
Crime Rate	19.7	22.5	22.2	19.9	19.9	21.9	22.7	22.3	21.0	21.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	74	88	107	83	84	127	106	119	116	75
Crime Rate	4.0	4.7	5.8	4.5	4.6	6.9	5.8	6.8	6.7	4.3

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AREA POLICED AS PORT ALBERNI PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	9,079	9,091	8,332	8,347	8,338	8,396	8,483	8,323	8,476	8,660
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	77	83	82	79	85	94	76	101	80	68
Population Served Per Member	1,297	1,299	1,190	1,192	1,191	1,199	1,212	1,189	1,211	1,237
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	79	100	102	96	72	81	83	93	78	65
Crime Rate	8.7	11.0	12.2	11.5	8.6	9.6	9.8	11.2	9.2	7.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	256	268	220	249	319	356	239	325	248	220
Crime Rate	28	29	26	30	38	42	28	39	29	25
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	203	211	252	210	202	218	210	292	234	192
Crime Rate	22	23	30	25	24	26	25	35	28	22
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	538	579	574	555	593	655	532	710	560	477
CRIME RATE	59	64	69	66	71	78	63	85	66	55
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	27	25	31	35	52	27	22	25	50	32
Crime Rate	3.0	2.7	3.7	4.2	6.2	3.2	2.6	3.0	5.9	3.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	54	68	71	82	49	63	64	66	57	46
Crime Rate	5.9	7.5	8.5	9.8	5.9	7.5	7.5	7.9	6.7	5.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	16	21	30	22	32	38	24	40	39	31
Crime Rate	1.8	2.3	3.6	2.6	3.8	4.5	2.8	4.8	4.6	3.6
AREA POLICED AS TOFINO PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,463	2,505	3,004	3,010	3,088	3,110	3,226	3,305	3,358	3,429
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6
Case Load	105	104	89	109	112	143	106	114	140	139
Population Served Per Member	493	501	601	602	618	622	538	551	560	572
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	110	109	102	82	106	117	106	119	127	124
Crime Rate	44.7	43.5	34.0	27.2	34.3	37.6	32.9	36.0	37.8	36.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	186	213	179	214	169	219	216	167	189	181
Crime Rate	76	85	60	71	55	70	67	51	56	53
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	230	197	164	250	286	380	312	396	521	529
Crime Rate	93	79	55	83	93	122	97	120	155	154
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	526	519	445	546	561	716	634	682	837	834
CRIME RATE	214	207	148	181	182	230	197	206	249	243
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	13	18	23	37	32	31	32	48	24	35
Crime Rate	5.3	7.2	7.7	12.3	10.4	10.0	9.9	14.5	7.1	10.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	77	66	64	54	73	75	71	87	90	72
Crime Rate	31.3	26.3	21.3	17.9	23.6	24.1	22.0	26.3	26.8	21.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	5	3	16	14	12	18	13	22	11
Crime Rate	2.8	2.0	1.0	5.3	4.5	3.9	5.6	3.9	6.6	3.2



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AREA POLICED AS UCLUELET PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,146	2,175	1,930	1,855	1,815	1,913	1,882	1,835	1,868	1,879
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	90	72	71	86	77	105	82	91	106	94
Population Served Per Member	537	544	483	464	454	478	471	459	467	470
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	60	54	48	58	40	60	60	61	56	67
Crime Rate	28.0	24.8	24.9	31.3	22.0	31.4	31.9	33.2	30.0	35.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	124	111	89	123	114	115	110	102	128	96
Crime Rate	58	51	46	66	63	60	58	56	69	51
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	176	122	145	161	153	244	157	199	238	212
Crime Rate	82	56	75	87	84	128	83	108	127	113
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	360	287	282	342	307	419	327	362	422	375
CRIME RATE	168	132	146	184	169	219	174	197	226	200
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	27	19	33	49	14	25	32	51	42	25
Crime Rate	12.6	8.7	17.1	26.4	7.7	13.1	17.0	27.8	22.5	13.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	50	44	35	43	35	45	48	46	42	50
Crime Rate	23.3	20.2	18.1	23.2	19.3	23.5	25.5	25.1	22.5	26.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	5	2	4	5	3	9	13	10	13
Crime Rate	3.3	2.3	1.0	2.2	2.8	1.6	4.8	7.1	5.4	6.9

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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