



# REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

## **CARIBOO REGION**

### **REGIONAL POLICING**

- Cariboo Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Alexis Creek, Anahim Lake, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, and Williams Lake. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the cities of Quesnel and Williams Lake while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 88 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 45 members directly policed the Cities of Quesnel and Williams Lake while 43 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 113 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Cariboo Region in 2008. This was 6% more than the member workload of 107 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 64,425; the population served per member was 732.

### **REGIONAL CRIME TRENDS**

- Police in BC record criminal activity using Statistics Canada's Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. Criminal Code (CC) offences are used in police workload and crime rate calculations. They include violent, property, and other CC crimes.
- In 2008, 9,965 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 4% increase from the 9,551 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Cariboo recorded a crime rate of 155, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, and 3% more than the region's 2007 crime rate of 151 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 1,331 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, an 8% increase from the 1,236 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Cariboo violent crime rate was 20.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% increase from 2007 rate of 19.5. 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, 843 common assaults were reported within the region, a less than 1% increase from the 840 reported in 2007. The 2008 Cariboo common assault rate was 13.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 2% decrease from the 2007 rate of 13.3. 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, 3,153 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 9% decrease from the 3,446 reported in 2007. The Cariboo property crime rate in 2008 was 49 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 9% decrease from the 2007 rate of 54. 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, 622 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, an 8% increase from the 574 reported in 2007. The 2008 Cariboo motor vehicle theft rate was 9.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 7% increase from the 2007 rate of 9.1. The region's 2008 motor vehicle theft rate was higher than the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 5.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 5,481 other crimes were reported within the region, a 13% increase from the 4,869 reported in 2007. The 2008 Cariboo other crime rate was 85 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 10% increase from the 2007 rate of 77. 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, 609 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 20% increase from the 506 reported in 2007. The 2008 Cariboo drug crime rate was 9.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 19% increase from the 2007 rate of 8.0. 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 64,425, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 63,317.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased 7%, from 69,395 in 1999 to 64,425 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	69,395	69,441	68,034	66,930	65,992	66,167	65,611	63,163	63,317	64,425
<b>Police Strength</b>	81	82	82	82	83	84	86	89	89	88
Case Load	92	100	108	101	108	108	101	103	107	113
Population Served Per Member	857	847	830	816	795	788	763	710	711	732
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,166	1,198	1,280	1,160	1,233	1,166	1,176	1,314	1,236	1,331
Crime Rate	16.8	17.3	18.8	17.3	18.7	17.6	17.9	20.8	19.5	20.7
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	3,231	3,218	3,534	3,424	3,691	3,763	3,262	3,412	3,446	3,153
Crime Rate	47	46	52	51	56	57	50	54	54	49
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	3,068	3,746	4,004	3,734	4,010	4,145	4,223	4,485	4,869	5,481
Crime Rate	44	54	59	56	61	63	64	71	77	85
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>7,465</b>	<b>8,162</b>	<b>8,818</b>	<b>8,318</b>	<b>8,934</b>	<b>9,074</b>	<b>8,661</b>	<b>9,211</b>	<b>9,551</b>	<b>9,965</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	323	417	521	432	360	381	428	361	506	609
Crime Rate	4.7	6.0	7.7	6.5	5.5	5.8	6.5	5.7	8.0	9.5
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	830	881	937	881	887	856	865	969	840	843
Crime Rate	12.0	12.7	13.8	13.2	13.4	12.9	13.2	15.3	13.3	13.1
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	350	344	427	399	443	431	317	378	574	622
Crime Rate	5.0	5.0	6.3	6.0	6.7	6.5	4.8	6.0	9.1	9.7
<b>AREA POLICED AS ALEXIS CREEK PROV</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Population</b>	2,467	2,466	2,087	2,050	2,023	2,023	2,006	1,802	1,810	1,851
<b>Police Strength</b>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Case Load	79	74	72	62	75	77	77	111	95	88
Population Served Per Member	617	617	522	513	506	506	502	360	362	370
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	73	63	63	73	76	56	66	120	123	104
Crime Rate	29.6	25.5	30.2	35.6	37.6	27.7	32.9	66.6	68.0	56.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	131	122	97	92	101	101	66	127	83	83
Crime Rate	53	49	46	45	50	50	33	70	46	45
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	112	109	128	84	123	149	175	310	269	251
Crime Rate	45	44	61	41	61	74	87	172	149	136
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	1	2	11	13	16	7	18	12	21	47
Crime Rate	0.4	0.8	5.3	6.3	7.9	3.5	9.0	6.7	11.6	25.4
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	45	36	43	51	40	37	52	84	71	53
Crime Rate	18.2	14.6	20.6	24.9	19.8	18.3	25.9	46.6	39.2	28.6
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	35	27	25	16	13	19	8	35	30	24
Crime Rate	14.2	10.9	12.0	7.8	6.4	9.4	4.0	19.4	16.6	13.0

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AREA POLICED AS ANAHIM LAKE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	908	975	1,034	1,016	1,003	1,002	994	992	997	1,019
<b>Police Strength</b>	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	97	101	109	105	108	105	84	71	95	75
Population Served Per Member	303	325	345	339	251	251	249	248	249	255
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	101	76	71	66	90	96	71	65	67	54
Crime Rate	111.2	77.9	68.7	65.0	89.7	95.8	71.4	65.5	67.2	53.0
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	63	59	71	63	89	73	62	40	72	69
Crime Rate	69	61	69	62	89	73	62	40	72	68
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	126	169	184	186	251	251	203	180	239	177
Crime Rate	139	173	178	183	250	250	204	181	240	174
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	0	8	10	9	8	23	15	12	14	13
Crime Rate	0.0	8.2	9.7	8.9	8.0	23.0	15.1	12.1	14.0	12.8
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	65	51	55	45	71	64	57	49	41	29
Crime Rate	71.6	52.3	53.2	44.3	70.8	63.9	57.3	49.4	41.1	28.5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	9	7	9	3	7	8	9	6	3	12
Crime Rate	9.9	7.2	8.7	3.0	7.0	8.0	9.1	6.0	3.0	11.8
<b>AREA POLICED AS 100 MILE HOUSE PROV</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Population</b>	14,168	14,148	13,903	13,723	13,591	13,632	13,562	13,468	13,531	13,804
<b>Police Strength</b>	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Case Load	93	73	86	78	85	62	80	101	85	76
Population Served Per Member	1,090	1,088	1,069	1,056	1,045	1,049	1,043	1,036	1,041	1,062
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	193	124	159	144	145	120	161	180	123	106
Crime Rate	13.6	8.8	11.4	10.5	10.7	8.8	11.9	13.4	9.1	7.7
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	544	456	547	548	463	327	361	512	455	347
Crime Rate	38	32	39	40	34	24	27	38	34	25
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	471	367	410	323	500	359	514	625	532	537
Crime Rate	33	26	29	24	37	26	38	46	39	39
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>990</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	104	138	103	101	118	74	72	77	75	109
Crime Rate	7.3	9.8	7.4	7.4	8.7	5.4	5.3	5.7	5.5	7.9
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	128	84	114	109	108	93	116	125	68	65
Crime Rate	9.0	5.9	8.2	7.9	7.9	6.8	8.6	9.3	5.0	4.7
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	36	30	51	50	42	28	40	37	45	38
Crime Rate	2.5	2.1	3.7	3.6	3.1	2.1	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.8



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CITY OF QUESNEL	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	10,238	10,367	10,481	10,261	10,045	10,008	9,907	9,475	9,452	9,567
<b>Police Strength</b>	18	19	19	19	19	20	20	21	21	21
Case Load	103	129	129	116	139	134	124	121	118	132
Population Served Per Member	569	546	552	540	529	500	495	451	450	456
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	221	299	310	231	271	276	322	286	304	314
Crime Rate	21.6	28.8	29.6	22.5	27.0	27.6	32.5	30.2	32.2	32.8
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	770	873	936	831	1,069	1,097	808	886	813	790
Crime Rate	75	84	89	81	106	110	82	94	86	83
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	862	1,276	1,209	1,143	1,298	1,309	1,356	1,365	1,357	1,670
Crime Rate	84	123	115	111	129	131	137	144	144	175
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>2,537</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>2,774</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	48	74	70	63	47	90	106	74	114	105
Crime Rate	4.7	7.1	6.7	6.1	4.7	9.0	10.7	7.8	12.1	11
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	181	228	241	177	187	199	222	220	222	212
Crime Rate	17.7	22.0	23.0	17.2	18.6	19.9	22.4	23.2	23.5	22.2
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	50	81	80	68	114	114	69	63	97	95
Crime Rate	4.9	7.8	7.6	6.6	11.3	11.4	7.0	6.6	10.3	9.9
<b>AREA POLICED AS QUESNEL PROV</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Population</b>	16,013	15,817	14,506	14,251	14,064	14,061	13,946	12,935	12,996	13,288
<b>Police Strength</b>	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Case Load	92	111	101	93	114	105	97	75	92	103
Population Served Per Member	1,779	1,757	1,612	1,583	1,563	1,562	1,550	1,437	1,444	1,476
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	100	141	126	102	100	114	106	91	100	130
Crime Rate	6.2	8.9	8.7	7.2	7.1	8.1	7.6	7.0	7.7	9.8
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	390	400	347	329	446	373	313	256	299	286
Crime Rate	24	25	24	23	32	27	22	20	23	22
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	341	456	435	402	482	457	458	326	428	509
Crime Rate	21	29	30	28	34	33	33	25	33	38
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>925</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	20	32	32	26	16	29	36	24	32	66
Crime Rate	1.2	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.1	2.1	2.6	1.9	2.5	5.0
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	66	114	95	83	70	81	83	68	76	87
Crime Rate	4.1	7.2	6.5	5.8	5.0	5.8	6.0	5.3	5.8	6.5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	45	63	43	49	77	45	34	28	60	67
Crime Rate	2.8	4.0	3.0	3.4	5.5	3.2	2.4	2.2	4.6	5.0

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AREA POLICED AS WELLS PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	293	321	300	300	295	317	303	335	318	333
<b>Police Strength</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Case Load	13	23	17	19	15	21	11	12	7	10
Population Served Per Member	147	161	150	150	148	159	101	112	106	111
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	3	7	2	10	3	6	2	3	0	3
Crime Rate	10.2	21.8	6.7	33.3	10.2	18.9	6.6	9.0	0.0	9.0
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	16	25	18	20	20	21	19	21	12	14
Crime Rate	55	78	60	67	68	66	63	63	38	42
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	7	13	13	8	7	14	13	13	9	13
Crime Rate	24	40	43	27	24	44	43	39	28	39
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	2	2
Crime Rate	6.8	0.0	6.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	9.9	6.0	6.3	6.0
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	3	5	2	7	2	5	2	2	0	2
Crime Rate	10.2	15.6	6.7	23.3	6.8	15.8	6.6	6.0	0.0	6.0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	1	0	1	1	5	2	2	1	0	2
Crime Rate	3.4	0.0	3.3	3.3	16.9	6.3	6.6	3.0	0.0	6.0
<b>CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Population</b>	11,612	11,725	11,639	11,493	11,316	11,473	11,353	11,082	11,077	11,133
<b>Police Strength</b>	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24
Case Load	98	108	134	129	122	141	129	132	147	156
Population Served Per Member	505	510	506	500	492	499	494	462	462	464
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	323	338	429	406	431	395	344	454	414	470
Crime Rate	27.8	28.8	36.9	35.3	38.1	34.4	30.3	41.0	37.4	42.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,040	1,052	1,291	1,235	1,239	1,464	1,357	1,283	1,384	1,325
Crime Rate	90	90	111	107	109	128	120	116	125	119
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	901	1,087	1,372	1,319	1,130	1,381	1,267	1,439	1,722	1,945
Crime Rate	78	93	118	115	100	120	112	130	155	175
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>2,968</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>3,740</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>336</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	126	126	246	184	123	124	142	125	166	176
Crime Rate	10.9	10.7	21.1	16.0	10.9	10.8	12.5	11.3	15.0	15.8
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
<b>Number of Offences</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Crime Rate</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>25.2</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	137	102	190	167	148	157	114	144	278	309
Crime Rate	11.8	8.7	16.3	14.5	13.1	13.7	10.0	13.0	25.1	27.8



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## CARIBOO REGION DATA TABLES

AREA POLICED AS WILLIAMS LAKE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	<b>13,696</b>	<b>13,622</b>	<b>14,084</b>	<b>13,836</b>	<b>13,655</b>	<b>13,651</b>	<b>13,540</b>	<b>13,074</b>	<b>13,136</b>	<b>13,430</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
Case Load	75	72	67	78	67	71	62	63	75	85
Population Served Per Member	1,522	1,514	1,565	1,537	1,517	1,517	1,354	1,307	1,314	1,492
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	152	150	120	128	117	103	104	115	105	150
Crime Rate	11.1	11.0	8.5	9.3	8.6	7.5	7.7	8.8	8.0	11.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	277	231	227	306	264	307	276	287	328	239
Crime Rate	20	17	16	22	19	22	20	22	25	18
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	248	269	253	269	219	225	237	227	313	379
Crime Rate	18	20	18	19	16	16	18	17	24	28
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>768</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	22	37	47	35	32	34	36	35	82	91
Crime Rate	1.6	2.7	3.3	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.7	6.2	6.8
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	113	106	85	100	85	75	81	89	78	114
Crime Rate	8.3	7.8	6.0	7.2	6.2	5.5	6.0	6.8	5.9	8.5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	37	34	28	45	37	58	41	64	61	75
Crime Rate	2.7	2.5	2.0	3.3	2.7	4.2	3.0	4.9	4.6	5.6

## 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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