



REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

CENTRAL COAST REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Central Coast Region is policed by the RCMP Provincial Force through detachments located in Waglisla (Bella Bella) and Bella Coola.
- In 2008, there were 8 members assigned to police the region's unincorporated or rural areas: 5 members policed from Bella Bella while 3 members policed from Bella Coola.
- A case load of 120 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Central Coast Region in 2008. This was 13% higher than the member workload of 106 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 3,488; the population served per member was 436.

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, 962 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 9% decrease from the 1,061 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Central Coast recorded a crime rate of 276, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 7% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 298 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 165 violent crimes were reported by police, a 15% decrease from the 195 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Central Coast violent crime rate was 47.3 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 14% decrease from the 2007 rate of 54.7. 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, 114 common assaults were reported within the region, an 11% decrease from the 128 reported in 2007. The 2008 Central Coast common assault rate was 32.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% decrease from the 2007 rate of 35.9. 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, 151 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 6% increase from the 142 reported in 2007. The 2008 Central Coast property crime rate was 43 property crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% increase from the 2007 rate of 40. The region's 2008 property crime rate was lower 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, 6 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 54% drop from the 13 reported in 2007. The 2008 Central Coast motor vehicle theft rate was 1.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 53% decrease from the 2007 rate of 3.6. 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, 646 other crimes were reported within the region, an 11% decrease from the 724 reported in 2007. The 2008 Central Coast other crime rate was 185 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 9% decrease from the 2007 rate of 203. 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, 66 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 35% increase from the 49 reported in 2007. The 2008 Central Coast drug crime rate was 18.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 37% increase from the 2007 rate of 13.8. 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 3,488, a 2% decrease from the 2007 population of 3,563.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region generally declined resulting in a 23% decrease overall, from 4,508 in 1999 to 3,488 in 2008.

CENTRAL COAST REGION DATA TABLES

REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	4,508	4,452	4,256	4,167	4,022	3,888	3,830	3,528	3,563	3,488
Police Strength	6	9	9	10	11	11	10	10	10	8
Case Load	161	97	50	41	132	129	109	110	106	120
Population Served Per Member	751	495	473	417	366	353	383	353	356	436
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	298	220	95	72	223	237	191	149	195	165
Crime Rate	66.1	49.4	22.3	17.3	55.4	61.0	49.9	42.2	54.7	47.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	204	235	141	104	233	246	168	180	142	151
Crime Rate	45	53	33	25	58	63	44	51	40	43
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	462	419	218	232	999	935	729	766	724	646
Crime Rate	102	94	51	56	248	240	190	217	203	185
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	964	874	454	408	1,455	1,418	1,088	1,095	1,061	962
CRIME RATE	214	196	107	98	362	365	284	310	298	276
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	49	45	35	37	98	106	107	99	49	66
Crime Rate	10.9	10.1	8.2	8.9	24.4	27.3	27.9	28.1	13.8	18.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	209	169	64	39	158	166	132	95	128	114
Crime Rate	46.4	38.0	15.0	9.4	39.3	42.7	34.5	26.9	35.9	32.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	5	6	4	10	18	24	7	11	13	6
Crime Rate	1.1	1.3	0.9	2.4	4.5	6.2	1.8	3.1	3.6	1.7
AREA POLICED AS BELLA BELLA PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,024	1,992	1,896	1,859	1,801	1,747	1,723	1,623	1,641	1,613
Police Strength	3	6	6	7	8	8	7	7	7	5
Case Load	217	102	18	10	134	122	100	98	100	120
Population Served Per Member	675	332	316	266	225	218	246	232	234	323
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	211	152	24	14	154	137	96	96	117	111
Crime Rate	104.2	76.3	12.7	7.5	85.5	78.4	55.7	59.1	71.3	68.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	111	138	16	11	134	121	84	91	86	96
Crime Rate	55	69	8	6	74	69	49	56	52	60
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	328	320	66	43	785	715	519	500	496	393
Crime Rate	162	161	35	23	436	409	301	308	302	244
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	650	610	106	68	1,073	973	699	687	699	600
CRIME RATE	321	306	56	37	596	557	406	423	426	372
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	36	27	1	9	70	92	100	64	29	29
Crime Rate	17.8	13.6	0.5	4.8	38.9	52.7	58.0	39.4	17.7	18.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	144	119	12	9	106	101	69	66	79	71
Crime Rate	71.1	59.7	6.3	4.8	58.9	57.8	40.0	40.7	48.1	44.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	3	0	1	0	5	6	1	3	2	0
Crime Rate	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	2.8	3.4	0.6	1.8	1.2	0.0

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AREA POLICED AS BELLA COOLA PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,484	2,460	2,360	2,308	2,221	2,141	2,107	1,905	1,922	1,875
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	105	88	116	113	127	148	130	136	121	121
Population Served Per Member	828	820	787	769	740	714	702	635	641	625
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	87	68	71	58	69	100	95	53	78	54
Crime Rate	35.0	27.6	30.1	25.1	31.1	46.7	45.1	27.8	40.6	28.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	93	97	125	93	99	125	84	89	56	55
Crime Rate	37	39	53	40	45	58	40	47	29	29
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	134	99	152	189	214	220	210	266	228	253
Crime Rate	54	40	64	82	96	103	100	140	119	135
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	314	264	348	340	382	445	389	408	362	362
CRIME RATE	126	107	147	147	172	208	185	214	188	193
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	13	18	34	28	28	14	7	35	20	37
Crime Rate	5.2	7.3	14.4	12.1	12.6	6.5	3.3	18.4	10.4	19.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	65	50	52	30	52	65	63	29	49	43
Crime Rate	26.2	20.3	22.0	13.0	23.4	30.4	29.9	15.2	25.5	22.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	6	3	10	13	18	6	8	11	6
Crime Rate	0.8	2.4	1.3	4.3	5.9	8.4	2.8	4.2	5.7	3.2

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.



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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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