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COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Columbia Shuswap Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Falkland, Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, and Sicamous. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the Cities of Revelstoke and Salmon Arm while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 57 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 30 members directly policed the Cities of Revelstoke and Salmon Arm while 27 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 76 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Columbia Shuswap Region in 2008. This was 13% lower than the member workload of 87 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 49,393; the population served per member was 867.

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, 4,311 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was an 11% decrease from the 4,857 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Columbia Shuswap recorded a crime rate of 87, lower than the provincial crime rate of 96, and 14% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 101 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 480 violent crimes were reported by police, a 14% decrease from the 555 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Columbia Shuswap violent crime rate was 9.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 16% decrease from the 2007 rate of 11.5. The region's 2008 violent crime rate was lower 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, 291 common assaults were reported within the region, a 26% drop from the 394 reported in 2007. The 2008 Columbia Shuswap common assault rate was 5.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 28% decrease from the 2007 rate of 8.2. The region's 2008 common assault rate was lower than the provincial common assault rate of 6.7 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 1,839 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 19% decrease from the 2,284 reported in 2007. The Columbia Shuswap property crime rate decreased 21% to 37 property crimes per 1,000 population. 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, 250 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, an 8% increase from the 232 reported in 2007. The 2008 Columbia Shuswap motor vehicle theft rate was 5.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 6% increase from the 2007 rate of 4.8. The region's 2008 motor vehicle theft rate was comparable to the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 5.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 1,992 other crimes were reported within the region, a 1% decrease from the 2,018 reported in 2007. The 2008 Columbia Shuswap other crime rate was 40 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 5% decrease from the 2007 rate of 42. The region's 2008 other crime rate was slightly 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, 447 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 6% increase from the 420 reported in 2007. The 2008 Columbia Shuswap drug crime rate was 9.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 3% increase from the 2007 rate of 8.7. 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 49,393, a 3% increase from the 2007 population of 48,131.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region increased 7%, from 45,992 in 1999 to 49,393 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	45,992	46,224	46,066	46,151	46,202	46,764	47,155	47,292	48,131	49,393
Police Strength	47	47	47	49	50	50	54	55	56	57
Case Load	81	87	93	87	87	92	84	84	87	76
Population Served Per Member	979	983	980	942	924	935	873	860	859	867
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	464	490	439	441	445	473	513	557	555	480
Crime Rate	10.1	10.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	10.1	10.9	11.8	11.5	9.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,934	2,013	2,260	2,026	2,292	2,280	2,232	2,252	2,284	1,839
Crime Rate	42.1	44	49	44	50	49	47	48	47	37
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,431	1,582	1,659	1,779	1,605	1,833	1,767	1,813	2,018	1,992
Crime Rate	31	34	36	39	35	39	37	38	42	40
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	3,829	4,085	4,358	4,246	4,342	4,586	4,512	4,622	4,857	4,311
CRIME RATE	83	88	95	92	94	98	96	98	101	87
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	351	335	443	603	552	459	402	399	420	447
Crime Rate	7.6	7.2	9.6	13.1	11.9	9.8	8.5	8.4	8.7	9.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	332	362	340	317	349	347	399	436	394	291
Crime Rate	7.2	7.8	7.4	6.9	7.6	7.4	8.5	9.2	8.2	5.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	143	143	146	162	188	179	185	193	232	250
Crime Rate	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.8	5.1
AREA POLICED AS FALKLAND PROV										
Population	2,763	2,757	2,595	2,611	2,621	2,680	2,731	2,771	2,835	2,919
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	46	44	57	61	70	49	40	39	65	51
Population Served Per Member	921	919	865	870	874	893	910	924	945	973
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	17	17	19	13	25	12	16	8	30	15
Crime Rate	6.2	6.2	7.3	5.0	9.5	4.5	5.9	2.9	10.6	5.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	82	69	70	107	115	74	62	61	94	77
Crime Rate	30	25	27	41	44	28	23	22	33	26
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	40	47	82	64	69	61	42	48	72	60
Crime Rate	14	17	32	25	26	23	15	17	25	21
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	139	133	171	184	209	147	120	117	196	152
CRIME RATE	50	48	66	70	80	55	44	42	69	52
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	9	19	24	26	28	15	16	16	14	15
Crime Rate	3.3	6.9	9.2	10.0	10.7	5.6	5.9	5.8	4.9	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	9	14	13	11	17	9	12	5	23	9
Crime Rate	3.3	5.1	5.0	4.2	6.5	3.4	4.4	1.8	8.1	3.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	4	10	6	28	5	14	8	19	12
Crime Rate	1.4	1.5	3.9	2.3	10.7	1.9	5.1	2.9	6.7	4.1

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AREA POLICED AS GOLDEN PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	7,530	7,554	7,183	7,216	7,175	7,195	7,185	7,024	7,125	7,290
Police Strength	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	11	11	11
Case Load	100	108	113	109	115	115	72	69	63	66
Population Served Per Member	941	944	898	902	897	899	719	639	648	663
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	117	92	121	104	64	63	76	85	75	88
Crime Rate	15.5	12.2	16.8	14.4	8.9	8.8	10.6	12.1	10.5	12.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	381	403	430	413	464	421	315	363	300	288
Crime Rate	51	53	60	57	65	59	44	52	42	40
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	300	372	353	353	392	439	328	314	318	345
Crime Rate	40	49	49	49	55	61	46	45	45	47
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	798	867	904	870	920	923	719	762	693	721
CRIME RATE	106	115	126	121	128	128	100	108	97	99
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	69	64	94	227	162	82	65	73	105	133
Crime Rate	9.2	8.5	13.1	31.5	22.6	11.4	9.0	10.4	14.7	18.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	85	69	99	80	55	45	66	78	52	53
Crime Rate	11.3	9.1	13.8	11.1	7.7	6.3	9.2	11.1	7.3	7.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	21	27	16	29	29	38	21	30	35	46
Crime Rate	2.8	3.6	2.2	4.0	4.0	5.3	2.9	4.3	4.9	6.3
CITY OF REVELSTOKE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	7,985	7,888	7,827	7,828	7,720	7,680	7,631	7,288	7,270	7,261
Police Strength	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Case Load	62	70	68	75	59	74	75	68	69	79
Population Served Per Member	726	717	712	712	702	698	694	663	661	660
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	69	74	73	66	69	81	93	100	77	70
Crime Rate	8.6	9.4	9.3	8.4	8.9	10.5	12.2	13.7	10.6	9.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	289	344	290	279	297	335	358	267	263	395
Crime Rate	36	44	37	36	38	44	47	37	36	54
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	321	350	380	477	280	394	379	378	421	409
Crime Rate	40	44	49	61	36	51	50	52	58	56
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	679	768	743	822	646	810	830	745	761	874
CRIME RATE	85	97	95	105	84	105	109	102	105	120
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	28	39	57	41	57	72	101	97	90	81
Crime Rate	3.5	4.9	7.3	5.2	7.4	9.4	13.2	13.3	12.4	11.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	52	52	55	50	54	61	77	82	54	41
Crime Rate	6.5	6.6	7.0	6.4	7.0	7.9	10.1	11.3	7.4	5.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	31	18	29	39	31	25	17	20	27	57
Crime Rate	3.9	2.3	3.7	5.0	4.0	3.3	2.2	2.7	3.7	7.9



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AREA POLICED AS REVELSTOKE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	585	592	637	643	646	662	677	665	683	704
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	44	34	49	39	36	58	46	34	43	32
Population Served Per Member	293	296	319	322	323	331	339	333	342	352
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	6	10	7	6	3	7	6	8	12	6
Crime Rate	10.3	16.9	11.0	9.3	4.6	10.6	8.9	12.0	17.6	8.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	57	46	59	44	49	60	66	45	27	30
Crime Rate	97	78	93	68	76	91	97	68	40	43
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	24	12	31	27	19	49	20	15	46	28
Crime Rate	41	20	49	42	29	74	30	23	67	40
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	87	68	97	77	71	116	92	68	85	64
CRIME RATE	149	115	152	120	110	175	136	102	124	91
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	95	90	78	106	88	115	52	29	38	41
Crime Rate	162.4	152.0	122.4	164.9	136.2	173.7	76.8	43.6	55.6	58.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	4	8	4	3	2	7	4	6	9	5
Crime Rate	6.8	13.5	6.3	4.7	3.1	10.6	5.9	9.0	13.2	7.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1	3	6	2	4	3	7	4	1	6
Crime Rate	1.7	5.1	9.4	3.1	6.2	4.5	10.3	6.0	1.5	8.5
CITY OF SALMON ARM	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	15,854	15,824	16,058	16,033	16,238	16,480	16,706	16,305	16,627	16,993
Police Strength	14	14	14	16	16	16	17	17	18	19
Case Load	101	102	115	92	103	107	97	106	113	89
Population Served Per Member	1,132	1,130	1,147	1,002	1,015	1,030	983	959	924	894
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	174	176	152	169	194	216	204	212	237	198
Crime Rate	11.0	11.1	9.5	10.5	11.9	13.1	12.2	13.0	14.3	11.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	720	732	946	767	935	877	868	982	1,068	694
Crime Rate	45	46	59	48	58	53	52	60	64	41
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	518	517	506	528	522	612	578	606	726	794
Crime Rate	33	33	32	33	32	37	35	37	44	47
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	1,412	1,425	1,604	1,464	1,651	1,705	1,650	1,800	2,031	1,686
CRIME RATE	89	90	100	91	102	103	99	110	122	99
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	70	73	119	121	131	109	101	90	109	124
Crime Rate	4.4	4.6	7.4	7.5	8.1	6.6	6.0	5.5	6.6	7.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	134	127	119	115	153	153	149	144	158	113
Crime Rate	8.5	8.0	7.4	7.2	9.4	9.3	8.9	8.8	9.5	6.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	59	62	55	48	65	74	85	74	101	75
Crime Rate	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.1	4.5	6.1	4.4

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AREA POLICED AS SALMON ARM PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	6,607	6,915	7,389	7,454	7,491	7,674	7,850	9,012	9,255	9,536
Police Strength	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	73	75	76	82	62	71	96	119	127	91
Population Served Per Member	1,652	1,729	1,847	1,864	1,498	1,535	1,570	1,802	1,851	1,907
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	44	62	28	40	37	44	74	85	86	70
Crime Rate	6.7	9.0	3.8	5.4	4.9	5.7	9.4	9.4	9.3	7.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	165	131	167	173	176	195	238	306	319	193
Crime Rate	25	19	23	23	23	25	30	34	34	20
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	81	107	109	113	95	116	166	206	232	191
Crime Rate	12	15	15	15	13	15	21	23	25	20
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	290	300	304	326	308	355	478	597	637	454
CRIME RATE	44	43	41	44	41	46	61	66	69	48
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	34	17	33	37	52	26	30	54	37	28
Crime Rate	5.1	2.5	4.5	5.0	6.9	3.4	3.8	6.0	4.0	2.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	22	54	22	28	27	33	56	72	69	50
Crime Rate	3.3	7.8	3.0	3.8	3.6	4.3	7.1	8.0	7.5	5.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	9	12	16	27	19	13	22	39	28	24
Crime Rate	1.4	1.7	2.2	3.6	2.5	1.7	2.8	4.3	3.0	2.5
AREA POLICED AS SICAMOUS PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	4,668	4,694	4,377	4,366	4,311	4,393	4,375	4,227	4,336	4,690
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6
Case Load	85	105	107	101	107	106	104	89	76	60
Population Served Per Member	934	939	875	873	862	879	729	705	723	782
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	37	59	39	43	53	50	44	59	38	33
Crime Rate	7.9	12.6	8.9	9.8	12.3	11.4	10.1	14.0	8.8	7.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	240	288	298	243	256	318	325	228	213	162
Crime Rate	51	61	68	56	59	72	74	54	49	35
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	147	177	198	217	228	162	254	246	203	165
Crime Rate	31	38	45	50	53	37	58	58	47	35
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	424	524	535	503	537	530	623	533	454	360
CRIME RATE	91	112	122	115	125	121	142	126	105	77
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	46	33	38	45	34	40	37	40	27	25
Crime Rate	9.9	7.0	8.7	10.3	7.9	9.1	8.5	9.5	6.2	5.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	26	38	28	30	41	39	35	49	29	20
Crime Rate	5.6	8.1	6.4	6.9	9.5	8.9	8.0	11.6	6.7	4.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	18	17	14	11	12	21	19	18	21	30
Crime Rate	3.9	3.6	3.2	2.5	2.8	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.8	6.4



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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.
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. 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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