



# REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

## EAST KOOTENAY REGION

### REGIONAL POLICING

- East Kootenay Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Invermere, Sparwood, Cranbrook, and Kimberley. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the Cities of Cranbrook and Kimberley while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 69 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 33 members directly policed the Cities of Cranbrook and Kimberley while 36 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 77 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for East Kootenay Region in 2008. This was 13% lower than the member workload of 88 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 59,024; the population served per member was 855.

### 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, 5,343 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 12% decrease from the 6,088 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, East Kootenay recorded a crime rate of 91, lower than the provincial crime rate of 96, and 14% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 106 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 662 violent crimes were reported by police, a 4% increase from the 636 recorded in 2007. The 2008 East Kootenay violent crime rate was 11.2 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 1% increase from the 2007 rate of 11.1. The region's 2008 violent crime rate was comparable to 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, 448 common assaults were reported within the region, a 4% rise from the 432 reported in 2007. The 2008 East Kootenay common assault rate was 7.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 1% increase from the 2007 rate of 7.5. 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, 1,828 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 26% decrease from the 2,482 reported in 2007. The 2008 East Kootenay property crime rate was 31 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 28% decrease from the 2007 rate of 43. 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, 143 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 35% decrease from the 220 reported in 2007. The 2008 East Kootenay motor vehicle theft rate was 2.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 37% decrease from the 2007 rate of 3.8. 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, 2,853 other crimes were reported within the region, a 4% decrease from the 2,970 reported in 2007. The 2008 East Kootenay other crime rate was 48 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% decrease from the 2007 rate of 52. 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, 356 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 2% decrease from the 364 reported in 2007. The 2008 East Kootenay drug crime rate was 6.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from the 2007 rate of 6.4. The region's 2008 drug crime rate was lower 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 59,024, a 3% increase from the 2007 population of 57,240.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region remained relatively stable decreasing less than 1% overall, from 59,233 in 1999 to 59,024 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	<b>59,233</b>	<b>59,415</b>	<b>58,730</b>	<b>58,422</b>	<b>58,174</b>	<b>58,039</b>	<b>57,993</b>	<b>56,096</b>	<b>57,240</b>	<b>59,024</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>
Case Load	92	87	90	87	98	94	92	84	88	77
Population Served Per Member	897	887	877	872	868	866	840	813	830	855
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	803	709	711	643	701	588	693	701	636	662
Crime Rate	13.6	11.9	12.1	11.0	12.1	10.1	11.9	12.5	11.1	11.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	2,884	2,789	2,900	2,804	2,954	2,799	2,775	2,342	2,482	1,828
Crime Rate	49	47	49	48	51	48	48	42	43	31
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	2,362	2,302	2,416	2,394	2,919	2,912	2,863	2,740	2,970	2,853
Crime Rate	40	39	41	41	50	50	49	49	52	48
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>6,027</b>	<b>5,841</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>6,299</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>5,783</b>	<b>6,088</b>	<b>5,343</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	291	263	427	365	372	318	368	334	364	356
Crime Rate	4.9	4.4	7.3	6.2	6.4	5.5	6.3	6.0	6.4	6.0
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	620	553	530	492	535	441	521	516	432	448
Crime Rate	10.5	9.3	9.0	8.4	9.2	7.6	9.0	9.2	7.5	7.6
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	171	119	130	153	148	179	197	199	220	143
Crime Rate	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.8	2.4
<b>AREA POLICED AS COLUMBIA VALLEY 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>	<b>8,955</b>	<b>9,151</b>	<b>8,763</b>	<b>8,683</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>9,323</b>	<b>9,823</b>	<b>10,429</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
Case Load	95	91	100	107	109	116	116	92	101	80
Population Served Per Member	896	915	876	868	880	928	784	777	819	869
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	106	71	111	94	100	89	130	119	118	132
Crime Rate	11.8	7.8	12.7	10.8	11.4	9.6	13.8	12.8	12.0	12.7
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	465	484	431	440	383	456	609	377	408	398
Crime Rate	52	53	49	51	44	49	65	40	42	38
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	374	354	457	531	611	616	651	603	681	433
Crime Rate	42	39	52	61	69	66	69	65	69	42
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>963</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	52	49	89	71	77	70	101	82	69	44
Crime Rate	5.8	5.4	10.2	8.2	8.8	7.5	10.7	8.8	7.0	4.2
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	80	54	87	61	80	66	103	93	82	91
Crime Rate	8.9	5.9	9.9	7.0	9.1	7.1	10.9	10.0	8.3	8.7
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	26	19	23	39	27	42	65	29	41	36
Crime Rate	2.9	2.1	2.6	4.5	3.1	4.5	6.9	3.1	4.2	3.5

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CITY OF CRANBROOK	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	19,460	19,196	19,281	19,405	19,230	19,119	19,058	18,493	18,599	18,903
<b>Police Strength</b>	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Case Load	108	98	100	99	124	116	108	97	109	93
Population Served Per Member	811	800	803	809	801	797	794	771	775	788
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	368	323	300	290	336	259	288	299	261	283
Crime Rate	18.9	16.8	15.6	14.9	17.5	13.5	15.1	16.2	14.0	15.0
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,240	1,197	1,233	1,259	1,444	1,332	1,214	1,025	1,075	695
Crime Rate	64	62	64	65	75	70	64	55	58	37
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	987	843	861	816	1,193	1,185	1,078	1,011	1,277	1,246
Crime Rate	51	44	45	42	62	62	57	55	69	66
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>2,613</b>	<b>2,224</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	88	83	125	72	68	76	124	116	154	178
Crime Rate	4.5	4.3	6.5	3.7	3.5	4.0	6.5	6.3	8.3	9.4
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	284	262	225	220	256	197	210	214	185	207
Crime Rate	14.6	13.6	11.7	11.3	13.3	10.3	11.0	11.6	9.9	11.0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	76	48	56	56	43	72	75	71	82	43
Crime Rate	3.9	2.5	2.9	2.9	2.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	4.4	2.3
<b>AREA POLICED AS CRANBROOK 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>	6,432	6,482	6,935	6,861	6,921	6,679	6,726	6,622	6,768	7,026
<b>Police Strength</b>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	77	74	78	67	85	70	91	71	80	68
Population Served Per Member	1,608	1,621	1,734	1,715	1,730	1,670	1,682	1,656	1,692	1,757
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	42	49	54	38	40	44	60	36	49	34
Crime Rate	6.5	7.6	7.8	5.5	5.8	6.6	8.9	5.4	7.2	4.8
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	167	139	157	135	162	121	160	139	135	96
Crime Rate	26	21	23	20	23	18	24	21	20	14
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	100	107	99	93	139	114	142	108	135	142
Crime Rate	16	17	14	14	20	17	21	16	20	20
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	15	14	22	17	22	25	15	21	29	26
Crime Rate	2.3	2.2	3.2	2.5	3.2	3.7	2.2	3.2	4.3	3.7
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	30	35	36	28	27	35	51	29	28	23
Crime Rate	4.7	5.4	5.2	4.1	3.9	5.2	7.6	4.4	4.1	3.3
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	18	15	11	13	23	14	14	30	22	19
Crime Rate	2.8	2.3	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.1	2.1	4.5	3.3	2.7



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AREA POLICED AS ELK VALLEY PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	<b>15,396</b>	<b>15,703</b>	<b>14,930</b>	<b>14,802</b>	<b>14,648</b>	<b>14,440</b>	<b>14,301</b>	<b>13,423</b>	<b>13,643</b>	<b>13,978</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Case Load	80	78	84	82	77	78	75	81	77	69
Population Served Per Member	855	872	829	822	814	802	795	746	758	777
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	177	162	170	153	132	132	164	175	148	142
Crime Rate	11.5	10.3	11.4	10.3	9.0	9.1	11.5	13.0	10.8	10.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	690	601	658	629	629	587	499	548	622	397
Crime Rate	45	38	44	42	43	41	35	41	46	28
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	578	643	687	696	630	679	686	741	622	698
Crime Rate	38	41	46	47	43	47	48	55	46	50
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>1,237</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	85	55	106	144	145	105	72	64	62	68
Crime Rate	5.5	3.5	7.1	9.7	9.9	7.3	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.9
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	142	119	127	128	103	95	120	125	102	85
Crime Rate	9.2	7.6	8.5	8.6	7.0	6.6	8.4	9.3	7.5	6.1
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	32	21	25	29	30	35	24	46	62	35
Crime Rate	2.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.4	1.7	3.4	4.5	2.5
<b>CITY OF KIMBERLEY</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>	<b>6,768</b>	<b>6,767</b>	<b>6,767</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>6,538</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>6,184</b>	<b>6,311</b>	<b>6,512</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
Case Load	82	79	74	58	71	66	59	55	52	64
Population Served Per Member	846	752	752	738	725	726	723	687	701	724
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	94	96	64	57	69	55	47	61	40	67
Crime Rate	13.9	14.2	9.5	8.6	10.6	8.4	7.2	9.9	6.3	10.3
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	279	310	347	257	276	266	233	201	213	210
Crime Rate	41	46	51	39	42	41	36	33	34	32
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	285	305	254	208	296	272	255	233	219	301
Crime Rate	42	45	38	31	45	42	39	38	35	46
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>578</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	38	52	62	50	43	29	32	41	36	33
Crime Rate	5.6	7.7	9.2	7.5	6.6	4.4	4.9	6.6	5.7	5.1
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	71	76	47	45	53	41	34	46	27	41
Crime Rate	10.5	11.2	6.9	6.8	8.1	6.3	5.2	7.4	4.3	6.3
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	16	11	11	11	18	12	12	11	10	9
Crime Rate	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.4

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AREA POLICED AS KIMBERLEY PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	2,222	2,116	2,054	2,033	2,050	1,979	1,992	2,051	2,096	2,176
<b>Police Strength</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	49	58	72	73	67	46	58	54	43	35
Population Served Per Member	1,111	1,058	1,027	1,017	1,025	990	996	1,026	1,048	1,088
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	16	8	12	11	24	9	4	11	20	4
Crime Rate	7.2	3.8	5.8	5.4	11.7	4.5	2.0	5.4	9.5	1.8
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	43	58	74	84	60	37	60	52	29	32
Crime Rate	19	27	36	41	29	19	30	25	14	15
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	38	50	58	50	50	46	51	44	36	33
Crime Rate	17	24	28	25	24	23	26	21	17	15
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	13	10	23	11	17	13	24	10	14	7
Crime Rate	5.9	4.7	11.2	5.4	8.3	6.6	12.0	4.9	6.7	3.2
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	13	7	8	10	16	7	3	9	8	1
Crime Rate	5.9	3.3	3.9	4.9	7.8	3.5	1.5	4.4	3.8	0.5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	3	5	4	5	7	4	7	12	3	1
Crime Rate	1.4	2.4	1.9	2.5	3.4	2.0	3.5	5.9	1.4	0.5

### ENDNOTES

- <sup>1</sup> Drug crimes include heroin, cocaine, cannabis and other CDSA drug offences. These data are not included in Total Criminal Code offences.
- <sup>2</sup> 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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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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