

FRASER FORT GEORGE REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Fraser Fort George Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, and Valemount. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Prince George and the District of Mackenzie while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 154 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 128 members directly policed the City of Prince George and the District of Mackenzie while 26 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 80 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Fraser Fort George Region in 2008. This was 21% lower than the member workload of 102 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 96,382; the population served per member was 626.

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, 12,391 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 21% decrease from the 15,781 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Fraser Fort George recorded a crime rate of 129, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 22% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 164 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 1,519 violent crimes were reported by police, a 27% decrease from the 2,080 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Fort George violent crime rate was 15.8 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 27% decrease from the 2007 rate of 21.7. 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, 898 common assaults were reported within the region, a 28% drop from the 1,247 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Fort George common assault rate was 9.3 offences per 1,000 population, a 28% decrease from the 2007 rate of 13.0. 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, 4,622 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 33% decrease from the 6,910 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Fort George property crime rate was 48 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 33% decrease from the 2007 rate of 72. 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, 601 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 44% decrease from the 1,079 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Fort George motor vehicle theft rate was 6.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 45% decrease from the 2007 rate of 11.2. 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, 6,250 other crimes were reported within the region, an 8% decrease from the 6,791 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Fort George other crime rate was 65 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% drop from the 2007 rate of 71. 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, 652 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 6% decrease from the 690 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Fort George drug crime rate was 6.8 offences per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from the 2007 rate of 7.2. 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 96,382, a less than 1% increase from the 2007 population of 95,939.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased 6%, from 102,607 in 1999 to 96,382 in 2008.

FRASER FORT GEORGE REGION DATA TABLES

REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	102,607	102,684	99,892	98,763	99,078	99,782	98,248	94,852	95,939	96,382
Police Strength	146	146	146	146	146	146	147	150	154	154
Case Load	104	99	100	109	119	105	107	112	102	80
Population Served Per Member	703	703	684	676	679	683	668	632	623	626
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,941	1,808	1,678	1,689	1,504	1,616	1,856	2,202	2,080	1,519
Crime Rate	18.9	17.6	16.8	17.1	15.2	16.2	18.9	23.2	21.7	15.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	7,091	6,468	6,281	7,337	9,024	7,033	6,568	7,136	6,910	4,622
Crime Rate	69	63	63	74	91	70	67	75	72	48
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	6,102	6,248	6,615	6,916	6,876	6,728	7,359	7,477	6,791	6,250
Crime Rate	59	61	66	70	69	67	75	79	71	65
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	15,134	14,524	14,574	15,942	17,404	15,377	15,783	16,815	15,781	12,391
CRIME RATE	147	141	146	161	176	154	161	177	164	129
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	501	556	568	670	713	666	741	694	690	652
Crime Rate	4.9	5.4	5.7	6.8	7.2	6.7	7.5	7.3	7.2	6.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	1,222	1,183	1,096	1,089	981	995	1,161	1,375	1,247	898
Crime Rate	11.9	11.5	11.0	11.0	9.9	10.0	11.8	14.5	13.0	9.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	774	658	722	771	938	917	1,050	1,118	1,079	601
Crime Rate	7.5	6.4	7.2	7.8	9.5	9.2	10.7	11.8	11.2	6.2
AREA POLICED AS MACKENZIE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	6,100	5,949	5,635	5,506	5,325	5,267	5,133	4,745	4,856	4,745
Police Strength	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Case Load	76	72	49	52	62	60	68	52	52	40
Population Served Per Member	610	595	564	551	533	527	513	475	486	475
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	89	107	64	86	93	104	126	118	98	69
Crime Rate	14.6	18.0	11.4	15.6	17.5	19.7	24.5	24.9	20.2	14.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	287	187	175	186	214	206	221	135	172	117
Crime Rate	47	31	31	34	40	39	43	28	35	25
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	380	428	247	246	308	290	335	265	245	210
Crime Rate	62	72	44	45	58	55	65	56	50	44
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	756	722	486	518	615	600	682	518	515	396
CRIME RATE	124	121	86	94	115	114	133	109	106	83
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	32	53	61	65	61	78	96	145	105	38
Crime Rate	5.2	8.9	10.8	11.8	11.5	14.8	18.7	30.6	21.6	8.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	67	82	49	71	60	84	87	89	69	49
Crime Rate	11.0	13.8	8.7	12.9	11.3	15.9	16.9	18.8	14.2	10.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	20	11	22	27	14	11	21	7	27	18
Crime Rate	3.3	1.8	3.9	4.9	2.6	2.1	4.1	1.5	5.6	3.8

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AREA POLICED AS MCBRIDE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,154	2,102	2,144	2,116	2,079	2,098	2,085	1,949	1,958	2,003
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	38	31	41	58	47	84	67	75	54	41
Population Served Per Member	718	701	715	705	693	699	695	650	653	668
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	9	13	13	10	8	21	27	15	16	10
Crime Rate	4.2	6.2	6.1	4.7	3.8	10.0	12.9	7.7	8.2	5.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	51	40	49	55	52	102	71	99	102	56
Crime Rate	24	19	23	26	25	49	34	51	52	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	54	40	62	110	80	130	104	110	45	57
Crime Rate	25	19	29	52	38	62	50	56	23	28
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	114	93	124	175	140	253	202	224	163	123
CRIME RATE	53	44	58	83	67	121	97	115	83	61
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	9	11	11	7	9	28	54	33	16	14
Crime Rate	4.2	5.2	5.1	3.3	4.3	13.3	25.9	16.9	8.2	7.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	6	9	8	4	4	16	25	10	8	3
Crime Rate	2.8	4.3	3.7	1.9	1.9	7.6	12.0	5.1	4.1	1.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	8	6	12	10	8	5	4	12	10	8
Crime Rate	3.7	2.9	5.6	4.7	3.8	2.4	1.9	6.2	5.1	4.0
CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	76,990	77,018	75,568	74,742	75,559	76,208	75,028	72,889	73,846	74,092
Police Strength	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	124	128	128
Case Load	109	105	106	116	128	112	114	120	110	85
Population Served Per Member	636	637	625	618	624	630	620	588	577	579
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,690	1,501	1,414	1,424	1,280	1,352	1,558	1,872	1,796	1,258
Crime Rate	22.0	19.5	18.7	19.1	16.9	17.7	20.8	25.7	24.3	17.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	6,212	5,784	5,603	6,617	8,261	6,309	5,861	6,481	6,233	4,142
Crime Rate	81	75	74	89	109	83	78	89	84	56
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	5,245	5,360	5,788	6,025	5,989	5,894	6,435	6,585	6,051	5,543
Crime Rate	68	70	77	81	79	77	86	90	82	75
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	13,147	12,645	12,805	14,066	15,530	13,555	13,854	14,938	14,080	10,943
CRIME RATE	171	164	169	188	206	178	185	205	191	148
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	399	431	432	378	405	467	479	409	455	518
Crime Rate	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.1	5.4	6.1	6.4	5.6	6.2	7.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	1,051	982	920	914	839	815	956	1,141	1,051	746
Crime Rate	13.7	12.8	12.2	12.2	11.1	10.7	12.7	15.7	14.2	10.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	648	561	604	669	839	843	938	1,006	965	506
Crime Rate	8.4	7.3	8.0	9.0	11.1	11.1	12.5	13.8	13.1	6.8

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AREA POLICED AS PRINCE GEORGE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	13,926	14,237	14,221	14,132	13,937	14,048	13,913	13,217	13,323	13,600
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	106	87	97	83	81	81	86	98	87	73
Population Served Per Member	1,989	2,034	2,032	2,019	1,991	2,007	1,988	1,888	1,903	1,943
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	77	75	94	66	41	53	55	82	77	64
Crime Rate	5.5	5.3	6.6	4.7	2.9	3.8	4.0	6.2	5.8	4.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	415	328	320	290	302	284	293	329	294	207
Crime Rate	30	23	23	21	22	20	21	25	22	15
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	251	205	268	226	225	231	252	276	238	237
Crime Rate	18	14	19	16	16	16	18	21	18	17
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	743	608	682	582	568	568	600	687	609	508
CRIME RATE	53	43	48	41	41	40	43	52	46	37
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	18	26	29	35	69	36	71	55	39	54
Crime Rate	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.5	5.0	2.6	5.1	4.2	2.9	4.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	43	52	64	37	29	25	41	60	53	37
Crime Rate	3.1	3.7	4.5	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.9	4.5	4.0	2.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	81	68	62	49	52	48	73	80	66	53
Crime Rate	5.8	4.8	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.4	5.2	6.1	5.0	3.9
AREA POLICED AS TSAY KEH DENE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	391	381	419	412	409	450	442	437	434	443
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	98	119	111	139	128	106	120	129	122	114
Population Served Per Member	196	191	210	206	205	225	221	219	217	222
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	59	77	51	71	61	62	71	90	72	99
Crime Rate	150.9	202.1	121.7	172.3	149.1	137.8	160.6	205.9	165.9	223.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	47	35	38	37	50	54	29	26	25	27
Crime Rate	120	92	91	90	122	120	66	59	58	61
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	90	126	133	170	145	96	139	142	146	102
Crime Rate	230	331	317	413	355	213	314	325	336	230
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	196	238	222	278	256	212	239	258	243	228
CRIME RATE	501	625	530	675	626	471	541	590	560	515
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	8	5	5	18	5	4	15	19	2	2
Crime Rate	20.5	13.1	11.9	43.7	12.2	8.9	33.9	43.5	4.6	4.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	44	38	25	38	38	34	39	60	46	49
Crime Rate	112.5	99.7	59.7	92.2	92.9	75.6	88.2	137.3	106.0	110.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	13	8	6	5	6	3	5	4	4	2
Crime Rate	33.2	21.0	14.3	12.1	14.7	6.7	11.3	9.2	9.2	4.5

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AREA POLICED AS VALEMOUNT PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	3,046	2,997	1,905	1,855	1,769	1,711	1,647	1,615	1,522	1,499
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
Case Load	59	73	85	108	98	63	52	48	43	48
Population Served Per Member	1,015	999	635	618	590	570	412	404	381	375
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	17	35	42	32	21	24	19	25	21	19
Crime Rate	5.6	11.7	22.0	17.3	11.9	14.0	11.5	15.5	13.8	12.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	79	94	96	152	145	78	93	66	84	73
Crime Rate	26	31	50	82	82	46	56	41	55	49
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	82	89	117	139	129	87	94	99	66	101
Crime Rate	27	30	61	75	73	51	57	61	43	67
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	178	218	255	323	295	189	206	190	171	193
CRIME RATE	58	73	134	174	167	110	125	118	112	129
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	35	30	30	167	164	53	26	33	73	26
Crime Rate	11.5	10.0	15.7	90.0	92.7	31.0	15.8	20.4	48.0	17.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	11	20	30	25	11	21	13	15	20	14
Crime Rate	3.6	6.7	15.7	13.5	6.2	12.3	7.9	9.3	13.1	9.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	4	16	11	19	7	9	9	7	14
Crime Rate	1.3	1.3	8.4	5.9	10.7	4.1	5.5	5.6	4.6	9.3

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.

DATA QUALIFIERS Cont'd

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, counterfeiting, 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, information 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 Canadian 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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