



REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

FRASER VALLEY REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Fraser Valley Region is policed by one independent municipal police force, and the RCMP. The City of Abbotsford is policed by an independent municipal police force while the RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Chilliwack, and the Districts of Hope and Mission. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's rural or unincorporated areas through detachments located in Agassiz, Boston Bar, Chilliwack, Hope, and Mission.
- In 2008, there were 397 members assigned to police the region: 204 policed the independent municipal force area, 160 policed RCMP municipal areas, and 33 policed the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 76 Criminal Code offences per member was recorded for Fraser Valley Region in 2008. This was 8% lower than the member workload of 83 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 276,023; the population served per member was 695.

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, 30,242 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 6% decrease from the 32,272 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Fraser Valley recorded a crime rate of 110, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 8% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 119 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 3,038 violent crimes were reported by police, a 4% increase from the 2,923 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Valley violent crime rate was 11.0 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2007 rate of 10.8. The region's 2008 violent crime rate was slightly 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, 1,723 common assaults were reported within the region, a 7% rise from the 1,612 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Valley common assault rate was 6.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 5% increase from the 2007 rate of 5.9. 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, 15,731 property crimes were recorded within the region, an 11% decrease from the 17,699 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Valley property crime rate was 57 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2007 rate of 65. 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, 2,470 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, an 8% decrease from the 2,695 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Valley motor vehicle theft rate was 8.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 10% decrease from the 2007 rate of 9.9. 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, 11,473 other crimes were reported within the region, a 2% decrease from the 11,650 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Valley other crime rate was 42 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 2% drop from the 2007 rate of 43. 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, 1,140 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 12% decrease from the 1,295 reported in 2007. The 2008 Fraser Valley drug crime rate was 4.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 15% decrease from the 2007 rate of 4.8. 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 276,023, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 271,405.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has increased annually resulting in a 14% overall increase, from 241,591 in 1999 to 276,023 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	241,591	243,794	247,851	251,094	254,230	261,147	265,107	266,502	271,405	276,023
Police Strength	307	316	320	325	336	352	371	380	387	397
Case Load	86	84	98	107	110	103	95	85	83	76
Population Served Per Member	787	772	775	773	757	742	715	701	701	695
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,344	3,142	3,193	3,353	3,481	3,324	3,229	3,117	2,923	3,038
Crime Rate	13.8	12.9	12.9	13.4	13.7	12.7	12.2	11.7	10.8	11.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	13,607	14,438	17,661	19,872	21,643	21,575	20,728	18,312	17,699	15,731
Crime Rate	56	59	71	79	85	83	78	69	65	57
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	9,417	8,920	10,461	11,657	11,697	11,489	11,322	10,937	11,650	11,473
Crime Rate	39	37	42	46	46	44	43	41	43	42
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	26,368	26,500	31,315	34,882	36,821	36,388	35,279	32,366	32,272	30,242
CRIME RATE	109	109	126	139	145	139	133	121	119	110
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	1,474	1,641	1,352	1,411	1,427	1,580	1,382	1,216	1,295	1,140
Crime Rate	6.1	6.7	5.5	5.6	5.6	6.1	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	2,422	2,342	2,249	2,437	2,500	2,368	2,167	1,950	1,612	1,723
Crime Rate	10.0	9.6	9.1	9.7	9.8	9.1	8.2	7.3	5.9	6.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1,479	1,380	2,359	3,250	3,979	3,771	3,766	3,297	2,695	2,470
Crime Rate	6.1	5.7	9.5	12.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	12.4	9.9	8.9
CITY OF ABBOTSFORD	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	116,368	118,253	121,119	123,362	124,488	128,288	129,413	129,423	131,390	133,637
Police Strength	138	143	148	153	158	173	187	195	199	204
Case Load	76	75	90	93	93	86	72	65	62	57
Population Served Per Member	843	827	818	806	788	742	692	664	660	655
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,284	1,136	1,279	1,304	1,257	1,256	1,177	1,221	1,212	1,229
Crime Rate	11.0	9.6	10.6	10.6	10.1	9.8	9.1	9.4	9.2	9.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	6,019	6,629	8,439	9,217	9,812	9,824	8,750	7,931	7,679	6,673
Crime Rate	52	56	70	75	79	77	68	61	58	50
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,158	2,958	3,666	3,705	3,678	3,732	3,600	3,493	3,523	3,821
Crime Rate	27	25	30	30	30	29	28	27	27	29
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	10,461	10,723	13,384	14,226	14,747	14,812	13,527	12,645	12,414	11,723
CRIME RATE	90	91	111	115	118	115	105	98	94	88
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	448	562	328	367	418	556	371	383	429	348
Crime Rate	3.8	4.8	2.7	3.0	3.4	4.3	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	892	850	890	916	859	893	722	665	629	685
Crime Rate	7.7	7.2	7.3	7.4	6.9	7.0	5.6	5.1	4.8	5.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	709	630	1,140	1,694	2,015	1,949	1,895	1,476	1,331	1,225
Crime Rate	6.1	5.3	9.4	13.7	16.2	15.2	14.6	11.4	10.1	9.2

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AREA POLICED AS AGASSIZ PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	8,383	8,496	8,689	8,643	8,674	8,873	9,019	9,352	9,403	9,498
Police Strength	10	10	10	10	11	10	12	12	12	12
Case Load	106	104	118	119	114	150	112	107	99	95
Population Served Per Member	838	850	869	864	789	887	752	779	784	792
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	158	124	135	173	195	180	201	149	142	170
Crime Rate	18.8	14.6	15.5	20.0	22.5	20.3	22.3	15.9	15.1	17.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	534	545	625	553	626	828	695	660	555	453
Crime Rate	64	64	72	64	72	93	77	71	59	48
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	372	375	420	464	428	487	442	473	488	521
Crime Rate	44	44	48	54	49	55	49	51	52	55
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	1,064	1,044	1,180	1,190	1,249	1,495	1,338	1,282	1,185	1,144
CRIME RATE	127	123	136	138	144	168	148	137	126	120
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	70	78	72	80	64	46	65	75	53	61
Crime Rate	8.4	9.2	8.3	9.3	7.4	5.2	7.2	8.0	5.6	6.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	112	83	96	115	133	124	123	100	66	110
Crime Rate	13.4	9.8	11.0	13.3	15.3	14.0	13.6	10.7	7.0	11.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	29	41	60	62	71	158	140	118	88	64
Crime Rate	3.5	4.8	6.9	7.2	8.2	17.8	15.5	12.6	9.4	6.7
AREA POLICED AS BOSTON BAR PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	1,149	1,122	629	631	640	658	684	643	657	670
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	49	46	44	45	55	51	41	45	47	48
Population Served Per Member	383	374	210	210	213	219	228	214	219	223
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	29	29	19	18	30	15	20	23	17	18
Crime Rate	25.2	25.8	30.2	28.5	46.9	22.8	29.2	35.8	25.9	26.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	64	64	63	78	80	67	49	61	65	68
Crime Rate	56	57	100	124	125	102	72	95	99	101
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	55	45	51	39	56	71	53	51	59	58
Crime Rate	48	40	81	62	88	108	77	79	90	87
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	148	138	133	135	166	153	122	135	141	144
CRIME RATE	129	123	211	214	259	233	178	210	215	215
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	22	22	23	17	16	5	10	10	15	11
Crime Rate	19.1	19.6	36.6	26.9	25.0	7.6	14.6	15.6	22.8	16.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	23	19	18	13	23	12	17	20	12	15
Crime Rate	20.0	16.9	28.6	20.6	35.9	18.2	24.9	31.1	18.3	22.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	4	6	4	8	12	9	5	2	4	3
Crime Rate	3.5	5.3	6.4	12.7	18.8	13.7	7.3	3.1	6.1	4.5



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CITY OF CHILLIWACK	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	66,945	67,184	68,220	68,837	70,025	71,721	73,127	74,016	76,186	77,796
Police Strength	83	87	87	87	91	91	91	91	94	95
Case Load	90	92	107	124	132	127	135	119	116	105
Population Served Per Member	807	772	784	791	770	788	804	813	810	819
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	935	1,057	1,085	1,071	1,120	1,006	1,080	1,032	889	850
Crime Rate	14.0	15.7	15.9	15.6	16.0	14.0	14.8	13.9	11.7	10.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,918	4,149	4,919	5,910	6,725	6,635	7,228	6,200	5,664	5,133
Crime Rate	59	62	72	86	96	93	99	84	74	66
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,640	2,774	3,266	3,838	4,188	3,884	3,938	3,621	4,396	3,945
Crime Rate	39	41	48	56	60	54	54	49	58	51
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	7,493	7,980	9,270	10,819	12,033	11,525	12,246	10,853	10,949	9,928
CRIME RATE	112	119	136	157	172	161	167	147	144	128
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	450	519	447	475	480	408	464	339	317	281
Crime Rate	6.7	7.7	6.6	6.9	6.9	5.7	6.3	4.6	4.2	3.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	713	814	768	785	860	726	768	723	508	489
Crime Rate	10.7	12.1	11.3	11.4	12.3	10.1	10.5	9.8	6.7	6.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	378	365	574	809	1,201	1,009	1,070	1,106	730	699
Crime Rate	5.6	5.4	8.4	11.8	17.2	14.1	14.6	14.9	9.6	9.0
AREA POLICED AS CHILLIWACK PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	3,620	3,575	4,391	4,406	4,464	4,592	4,772	5,005	5,113	5,213
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
Case Load	96	91	66	81	106	55	55	49	93	103
Population Served Per Member	517	511	627	629	638	656	597	626	639	652
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	96	105	46	55	60	57	46	38	61	92
Crime Rate	26.5	29.4	10.5	12.5	13.4	12.4	9.6	7.6	11.9	17.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	289	303	216	252	430	203	243	210	401	381
Crime Rate	80	85	49	57	96	44	51	42	78	73
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	285	227	201	260	252	126	152	145	280	348
Crime Rate	79	63	46	59	56	27	32	29	55	67
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	670	635	463	567	742	386	441	393	742	821
CRIME RATE	185	178	105	129	166	84	92	79	145	157
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	66	52	31	38	21	21	5	15	73	48
Crime Rate	18.2	14.5	7.1	8.6	4.7	4.6	1.0	3.0	14.3	9.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	62	74	34	37	45	45	30	25	38	51
Crime Rate	17.1	20.7	7.7	8.4	10.1	9.8	6.3	5.0	7.4	9.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	28	26	26	41	46	26	28	35	47	53
Crime Rate	7.7	7.3	5.9	9.3	10.3	5.7	5.9	7.0	9.2	10.2

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DISTRICT OF HOPE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	6,553	6,491	6,455	6,439	6,450	6,475	6,459	6,243	6,159	6,193
Police Strength	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13
Case Load	96	85	106	115	133	130	90	89	110	91
Population Served Per Member	546	541	538	537	538	540	497	480	474	476
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	115	122	104	95	126	153	131	113	115	136
Crime Rate	17.5	18.8	16.1	14.8	19.5	23.6	20.3	18.1	18.7	22.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	448	437	536	640	901	778	653	594	747	519
Crime Rate	68	67	83	99	140	120	101	95	121	84
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	592	465	626	639	563	625	390	456	573	528
Crime Rate	90	72	97	99	87	97	60	73	93	85
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	1,155	1,024	1,266	1,374	1,590	1,556	1,174	1,163	1,435	1,183
CRIME RATE	176	158	196	213	247	240	182	186	233	191
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	62	85	142	124	174	183	106	107	105	101
Crime Rate	9.5	13.1	22.0	19.3	27.0	28.3	16.4	17.1	17.0	16.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	88	88	84	75	93	108	97	78	77	78
Crime Rate	13.4	13.6	13.0	11.6	14.4	16.7	15.0	12.5	12.5	12.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	34	37	56	61	93	77	74	42	80	41
Crime Rate	5.2	5.7	8.7	9.5	14.4	11.9	11.5	6.7	13.0	6.6
AREA POLICED AS HOPE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	857	832	1,180	1,184	1,200	1,234	1,283	1,301	1,329	1,355
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	5
Case Load	53	46	78	81	84	58	39	58	40	38
Population Served Per Member	286	277	393	395	400	309	257	260	266	271
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	19	15	20	22	38	30	16	28	24	26
Crime Rate	22.2	18.0	16.9	18.6	31.7	24.3	12.5	21.5	18.1	19.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	91	67	106	131	125	119	116	179	120	94
Crime Rate	106	81	90	111	104	96	90	138	90	69
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	49	55	107	89	88	84	63	84	54	71
Crime Rate	57	66	91	75	73	68	49	65	41	52
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	159	137	233	242	251	233	195	291	198	191
CRIME RATE	186	165	197	204	209	189	152	224	149	141
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	92	90	103	83	44	110	58	45	50	28
Crime Rate	107.4	108.2	87.3	70.1	36.7	89.1	45.2	34.6	37.6	20.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	15	7	6	21	29	23	10	16	19	12
Crime Rate	17.5	8.4	5.1	17.7	24.2	18.6	7.8	12.3	14.3	8.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	7	7	9	18	12	12	17	22	9	11
Crime Rate	8.2	8.4	7.6	15.2	10.0	9.7	13.3	16.9	6.8	8.1



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DISTRICT OF MISSION	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	32,304	32,403	32,767	33,177	33,816	34,704	35,567	35,741	36,287	36,684
Police Strength	45	45	45	45	46	47	47	48	48	52
Case Load	104	96	105	125	118	120	119	105	100	91
Population Served Per Member	718	720	728	737	735	738	757	745	756	705
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	643	496	443	552	600	563	504	465	426	484
Crime Rate	19.9	15.3	13.5	16.6	17.7	16.2	14.2	13.0	11.7	13.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,014	2,021	2,434	2,756	2,698	2,845	2,650	2,195	2,240	2,217
Crime Rate	62	62	74	83	80	82	75	61	62	60
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,006	1,790	1,856	2,313	2,152	2,227	2,451	2,388	2,124	2,014
Crime Rate	62	55	57	70	64	64	69	67	59	55
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	4,663	4,307	4,733	5,621	5,450	5,635	5,605	5,048	4,790	4,715
CRIME RATE	144	133	144	169	161	162	158	141	132	129
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	240	220	173	198	176	236	287	216	225	244
Crime Rate	7.4	6.8	5.3	6.0	5.2	6.8	8.1	6.0	6.2	6.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	471	368	313	435	427	387	360	295	235	261
Crime Rate	14.6	11.4	9.6	13.1	12.6	11.2	10.1	8.3	6.5	7.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	252	241	445	499	478	488	483	443	358	344
Crime Rate	7.8	7.4	13.6	15.0	14.1	14.1	13.6	12.4	9.9	9.4
AREA POLICED AS MISSION PROV										
Population	5,412	5,438	4,401	4,415	4,473	4,602	4,783	4,778	4,881	4,977
Police Strength	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	93	85	131	142	119	119	126	111	84	79
Population Served Per Member	902	906	880	883	895	920	957	956	976	995
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	65	58	62	63	55	64	54	48	37	33
Crime Rate	12.0	10.7	14.1	14.3	12.3	13.9	11.3	10.0	7.6	6.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	230	223	323	335	246	276	344	282	228	193
Crime Rate	43	41	73	76	55	60	72	59	47	39
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	260	231	268	310	292	253	233	226	153	167
Crime Rate	48	42	61	70	65	55	49	47	31	34
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	555	512	653	708	593	593	631	556	418	393
CRIME RATE	103	94	148	160	133	129	132	116	86	79
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	24	13	33	29	34	15	16	26	28	18
Crime Rate	4.4	2.4	7.5	6.6	7.6	3.3	3.3	5.4	5.7	3.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	46	39	40	40	31	50	40	28	28	22
Crime Rate	8.5	7.2	9.1	9.1	6.9	10.9	8.4	5.9	5.7	4.4
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	38	27	45	58	51	43	54	53	48	30
Crime Rate	7.0	5.0	10.2	13.1	11.4	9.3	11.3	11.1	9.8	6.0



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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 Division. RCMP Municipal Force strengths do not reflect municipal contributions to integrated teams or functions.
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 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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