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KITIMAT STIKINE REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Kitimat Stikine Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Kitimat, New Aiyansh, New Hazelton, Stewart, and Terrace. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Terrace and the District of Kitimat while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 66 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 40 members directly policed the City of Terrace and the District of Kitimat while 26 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 74 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Kitimat Stikine Region in 2008. This was 16% 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 36,870; the population served per member was 559.

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, 4,862 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 16% decrease from the 5,809 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Kitimat Stikine recorded a crime rate of 132, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 17% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 159 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 779 violent crimes were reported by police, a 26% decrease from the 1,052 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Kitimat Stikine violent crime rate was 21.1 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 27% decrease from the 2007 rate of 28.9. 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, 560 common assaults were reported within the region, a 29% drop from the 784 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kitimat Stikine common assault rate was 15.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 29% decrease from the 2007 rate of 21.5. 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, 1,177 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 25% decrease from the 1,566 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kitimat Stikine property crime rate was 32 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 26% 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, 84 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 2% increase from the 82 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kitimat Stikine motor vehicle theft rate was 2.3 offences per 1,000 population, a 5% increase from the 2007 rate of 2.2. 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, 2,906 other crimes were reported within the region, a 9% decrease from the 3,191 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kitimat Stikine other crime rate was 79 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 10% drop from the 2007 rate of 88. 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, 224 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 26% decrease from the 302 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kitimat Stikine drug crime rate was 6.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 27% decrease from the 2007 rate of 8.3. The region's 2008 drug crime rate was slightly 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 36,870, a 1% increase from the 2007 population of 36,461.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased 13% overall, from 42,430 in 1999 to 36,870 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	42,430	42,084	40,998	40,296	39,905	39,729	39,072	37,143	36,461	36,870
Police Strength	65	65	65	65	66	66	66	66	66	66
Case Load	77	87	82	80	86	91	89	84	88	74
Population Served Per Member	653	647	631	620	605	602	592	563	552	559
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	990	997	929	922	1,085	1,063	1,153	1,026	1,052	779
Crime Rate	23.3	23.7	22.7	22.9	27.2	26.8	29.5	27.6	28.9	21.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,805	1,928	1,898	1,730	1,889	2,165	1,945	1,630	1,566	1,177
Crime Rate	43	46	46	43	47	54	50	44	43	32
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,179	2,757	2,520	2,517	2,716	2,777	2,758	2,905	3,191	2,906
Crime Rate	51	66	61	62	68	70	71	78	88	79
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	4,974	5,682	5,347	5,169	5,690	6,005	5,856	5,561	5,809	4,862
CRIME RATE	117	135	130	128	143	151	150	150	159	132
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	290	295	313	269	302	311	265	332	302	224
Crime Rate	6.8	7.0	7.6	6.7	7.6	7.8	6.8	8.9	8.3	6.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	734	715	665	651	805	805	847	772	784	560
Crime Rate	17.3	17.0	16.2	16.2	20.2	20.3	21.7	20.8	21.5	15.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	123	110	92	59	63	112	56	50	82	84
Crime Rate	2.9	2.6	2.2	1.5	1.6	2.8	1.4	1.3	2.2	2.3
DISTRICT OF KITIMAT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	11,163	10,881	10,733	10,438	10,173	10,123	9,788	9,328	9,044	9,182
Police Strength	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Case Load	54	61	50	46	54	64	49	50	64	68
Population Served Per Member	744	725	716	696	678	675	653	622	603	612
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	139	139	119	98	123	101	123	115	136	141
Crime Rate	12.5	12.8	11.1	9.4	12.1	10.0	12.6	12.3	15.0	15.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	319	346	300	282	349	392	253	256	277	293
Crime Rate	29	32	28	27	34	39	26	27	31	32
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	348	426	326	314	345	466	364	380	546	586
Crime Rate	31	39	30	30	34	46	37	41	60	64
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	806	911	745	694	817	959	740	751	959	1,020
CRIME RATE	72	84	69	66	80	95	76	81	106	111
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	87	84	96	82	69	58	52	65	65	46
Crime Rate	7.8	7.7	8.9	7.9	6.8	5.7	5.3	7.0	7.2	5.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	105	111	85	71	98	84	91	90	112	107
Crime Rate	9.4	10.2	7.9	6.8	9.6	8.3	9.3	9.6	12.4	11.7
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	14	23	11	3	14	16	5	8	11	29
Crime Rate	1.3	2.1	1.0	0.3	1.4	1.6	0.5	0.9	1.2	3.2

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AREA POLICED AS KITIMAT PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	739	706	551	547	550	550	549	520	530	540
Police Strength	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	42	35	32	32	31	33	37	37	32	27
Population Served Per Member	370	353	276	274	275	275	275	260	265	270
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	21	17	16	18	8	13	14	14	13	7
Crime Rate	28.4	24.1	29.0	32.9	14.5	23.6	25.5	26.9	24.5	13.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	32	21	17	26	26	16	14	10	17	18
Crime Rate	43	30	31	48	47	29	26	19	32	33
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	31	32	30	19	27	37	46	49	34	29
Crime Rate	42	45	54	35	49	67	84	94	64	54
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	84	70	63	63	61	66	74	73	64	54
CRIME RATE	114	99	114	115	111	120	135	140	121	100
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	4	2	3	1	1	2	1	8	7	7
Crime Rate	5.4	2.8	5.4	1.8	1.8	3.6	1.8	15.4	13.2	13.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	14	12	11	14	2	7	8	11	9	6
Crime Rate	18.9	17.0	20.0	25.6	3.6	12.7	14.6	21.2	17.0	11.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Crime Rate	0.0	1.4	3.6	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0

AREA POLICED AS LISIMS NASS VALLEY PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	1,796	1,825	2,064	2,049	2,058	2,059	2,053	1,945	1,982	2,020
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	128	143	150	155	125	108	138	125	161	123
Population Served Per Member	599	608	688	683	515	515	513	486	496	505
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	97	83	89	98	91	104	135	112	143	116
Crime Rate	54.0	45.5	43.1	47.8	44.2	50.5	65.8	57.6	72.1	57.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	66	85	105	84	81	93	95	84	108	69
Crime Rate	37	47	51	41	39	45	46	43	54	34
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	221	261	256	282	328	234	322	305	391	305
Crime Rate	123	143	124	138	159	114	157	157	197	151
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	384	429	450	464	500	431	552	501	642	490
CRIME RATE	214	235	218	226	243	209	269	258	324	243
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	9	7	6	13	11	24	21	30	27	21
Crime Rate	5.0	3.8	2.9	6.3	5.3	11.7	10.2	15.4	13.6	10.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	67	65	60	58	68	72	96	76	100	80
Crime Rate	37.3	35.6	29.1	28.3	33.0	35.0	46.8	39.1	50.5	39.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	8	6	5	0	1	6	6	3	4	3
Crime Rate	4.5	3.3	2.4	0.0	0.5	2.9	2.9	1.5	2.0	1.5

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AREA POLICED AS NEW HAZELTON PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	6,599	6,571	6,263	6,213	6,183	6,159	6,102	6,010	6,042	6,168
Police Strength	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Case Load	82	102	95	103	129	131	113	101	102	15
Population Served Per Member	660	657	626	621	618	616	610	601	604	617
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	294	284	264	273	330	280	292	229	208	36
Crime Rate	44.6	43.2	42.2	43.9	53.4	45.5	47.9	38.1	34.4	5.8
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	205	276	231	248	297	356	245	169	169	36
Crime Rate	31	42	37	40	48	58	40	28	28	6
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	317	464	458	510	661	675	590	612	642	76
Crime Rate	48	71	73	82	107	110	97	102	106	12
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	816	1,024	953	1,031	1,288	1,311	1,127	1,010	1,019	148
CRIME RATE	124	156	152	166	208	213	185	168	169	24
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	34	58	88	48	123	106	83	91	63	17
Crime Rate	5.2	8.8	14.1	7.7	19.9	17.2	13.6	15.1	10.4	2.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	219	188	194	200	253	212	211	173	151	22
Crime Rate	33.2	28.6	31.0	32.2	40.9	34.4	34.6	28.8	25.0	3.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	21	28	27	12	21	21	7	7	3	8
Crime Rate	3.2	4.3	4.3	1.9	3.4	3.4	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.3
AREA POLICED AS STEWART PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	708	716	960	938	923	903	852	496	488	476
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	21	21	26	27	19	17	18	19	18	17
Population Served Per Member	236	239	320	313	308	301	284	165	163	159
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	10	9	7	12	6	7	8	4	9	7
Crime Rate	14.1	12.6	7.3	12.8	6.5	7.8	9.4	8.1	18.4	14.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	21	32	25	25	21	20	15	27	17	18
Crime Rate	30	45	26	27	23	22	18	54	35	38
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	32	23	45	43	31	23	30	26	29	26
Crime Rate	45	32	47	46	34	25	35	52	59	55
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	63	64	77	80	58	50	53	57	55	51
CRIME RATE	89	89	80	85	63	55	62	115	113	107
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	13	7	0	2	2	1	3	5	9	31
Crime Rate	18.4	9.8	0.0	2.1	2.2	1.1	3.5	10.1	18.4	65.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	6	1	3	7	2	4	6	3	6	3
Crime Rate	8.5	1.4	3.1	7.5	2.2	4.4	7.0	6.0	12.3	6.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	0
Crime Rate	4.2	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	4.1	0.0

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CITY OF TERRACE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	13,060	12,849	12,639	12,379	12,251	12,164	11,979	11,475	10,865	10,830
Police Strength	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Case Load	85	96	94	86	94	99	104	98	98	101
Population Served Per Member	522	514	506	495	490	487	479	459	435	433
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	308	372	347	315	427	452	464	420	418	371
Crime Rate	23.6	29.0	27.5	25.4	34.9	37.2	38.7	36.6	38.5	34.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	860	825	911	795	842	966	1,008	809	772	580
Crime Rate	66	64	72	64	69	79	84	71	71	54
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	948	1,201	1,102	1,035	1,085	1,068	1,122	1,230	1,272	1,585
Crime Rate	73	93	87	84	89	88	94	107	117	146
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2,116	2,398	2,360	2,145	2,354	2,486	2,594	2,459	2,462	2,536
CRIME RATE	162	187	187	173	192	204	217	214	227	234
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	106	96	84	88	63	88	71	86	86	68
Crime Rate	8.1	7.5	6.6	7.1	5.1	7.2	5.9	7.5	7.9	6.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	226	269	255	227	311	339	352	324	316	262
Crime Rate	17.3	20.9	20.2	18.3	25.4	27.9	29.4	28.2	29.1	24.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	43	23	26	19	16	41	16	16	37	28
Crime Rate	3.3	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.3	3.4	1.3	1.4	3.4	2.6
AREA POLICED AS TERRACE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	8,365	8,536	7,788	7,732	7,767	7,771	7,749	7,369	7,510	7,654
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	101	112	100	99	87	100	102	101	87	80
Population Served Per Member	1,195	1,219	1,113	1,105	1,110	1,110	1,107	1,053	1,073	1,093
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	121	93	87	108	100	106	117	132	125	101
Crime Rate	14.5	10.9	11.2	14.0	12.9	13.6	15.1	17.9	16.6	13.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	302	343	309	270	273	322	315	275	206	163
Crime Rate	36	40	40	35	35	41	41	37	27	21
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	282	350	303	314	239	274	284	303	277	299
Crime Rate	34	41	39	41	31	35	37	41	37	39
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	705	786	699	692	612	702	716	710	608	563
CRIME RATE	84	92	90	89	79	90	92	96	81	74
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	37	41	36	35	33	32	34	47	45	34
Crime Rate	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.4	6.4	6.0	4.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	97	69	57	74	71	87	83	95	90	80
Crime Rate	11.6	8.1	7.3	9.6	9.1	11.2	10.7	12.9	12.0	10.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	34	28	19	23	10	27	21	15	25	16
Crime Rate	4.1	3.3	2.4	3.0	1.3	3.5	2.7	2.0	3.3	2.1



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ENDNOTES

- ¹ Drug crimes include heroin, cocaine, cannabis and other CDSA drug offences. These data are not included in 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 area's authorized police strength as of December 31st of each calendar year as submitted annually to Police Services Division.
2. Case burdens are defined as the number of Criminal Code offences per authorized police strength. They represent workload per officer, and as a result, are a better indicator of the demand for police services than 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, 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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