



# REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

## **KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGION**

### **REGIONAL POLICING**

- Kootenay Boundary Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Grand Forks and Trail. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Trail while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 38 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 14 members directly policed the City of Trail while 24 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 66 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Kootenay Boundary Region in 2008. This was 5% higher than the member workload of 63 recorded in 2007. The region's 2008 case load was slightly lower than the provincial case load of 67.
- In 2008, the total population of the region was 30,698; the population served per member was 808.

### **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, 2,505 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 7% increase from the 2,349 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Kootenay Boundary recorded a crime rate of 82, lower than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 5% higher than the region's 2007 crime rate of 78 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 299 violent crimes were reported by police, a 9% decrease from the 327 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Kootenay Boundary violent crime rate was 9.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 10% decrease from the 2007 rate of 10.8. 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, 189 common assaults were reported within the region, a 9% drop from the 207 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kootenay Boundary common assault rate was 6.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 10% decrease from the 2007 rate of 6.9. 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, 993 property crimes were recorded within the region, an 11% increase from the 893 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kootenay Boundary property crime rate was 32 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 7% increase from the 2007 rate of 30. 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, 99 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 22% increase from the 81 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kootenay Boundary motor vehicle theft rate was 3.2 offences per 1,000 population, a 19% increase from the 2007 rate of 2.7. 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, 1,213 other crimes were reported within the region, a 7% increase from the 1,129 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kootenay Boundary other crime rate was 40 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% rise from the 2007 rate of 37. 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, 147 drug crimes were reported within the region, an 11% increase from the 133 reported in 2007. The 2008 Kootenay Boundary drug crime rate was 4.8 offences per 1,000 population, a 9% increase from the 2007 rate of 4.4. 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 30,698, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 30,217.
- Over the last ten years, the population for the region has generally been decreasing with a 6% decline overall, from 32,753 in 1999 to 30,698 in 2008.



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## KOOTENAY BOUNDARY REGION DATA TABLES

REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	<b>32,753</b>	<b>32,615</b>	<b>32,169</b>	<b>32,105</b>	<b>31,992</b>	<b>31,547</b>	<b>31,723</b>	<b>29,654</b>	<b>30,217</b>	<b>30,698</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>
Case Load	81	73	69	71	74	72	80	71	63	66
Population Served Per Member	963	959	946	1,003	941	928	933	872	817	808
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	384	305	295	304	304	333	285	239	327	299
Crime Rate	11.7	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.5	10.6	9.0	8.1	10.8	9.7
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,132	994	1,038	953	1,059	1,082	1,097	896	893	993
Crime Rate	35	30	32	30	33	34	35	30	30	32
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	1,232	1,181	997	1,021	1,156	1,040	1,340	1,266	1,129	1,213
Crime Rate	38	36	31	32	36	33	42	43	37	40
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2,505</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	201	134	107	172	232	246	212	176	133	147
Crime Rate	6.1	4.1	3.3	5.4	7.3	7.8	6.7	5.9	4.4	4.8
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	227	222	201	231	225	242	158	154	207	189
Crime Rate	6.9	6.8	6.2	7.2	7.0	7.7	5.0	5.2	6.9	6.2
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	63	51	53	48	43	58	115	102	81	99
Crime Rate	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.8	3.6	3.4	2.7	3.2
<b>AREA POLICED AS BOUNDARY 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>12,194</b>	<b>12,201</b>	<b>12,582</b>	<b>12,540</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>12,524</b>	<b>11,743</b>	<b>11,859</b>	<b>12,179</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Case Load	97	84	70	73	71	70	86	66	64	72
Population Served Per Member	1,016	1,017	1,049	1,045	1,046	1,036	1,044	979	912	870
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	116	92	107	123	112	122	109	77	94	112
Crime Rate	9.5	7.5	8.5	9.8	8.9	9.8	8.7	6.6	7.9	9.2
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	565	460	391	361	355	361	490	385	418	508
Crime Rate	46	38	31	29	28	29	39	33	35	42
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	478	459	346	395	380	352	435	328	325	394
Crime Rate	39	38	27	31	30	28	35	28	27	32
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1,014</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	126	81	50	81	112	122	101	100	84	51
Crime Rate	10.3	6.6	4.0	6.5	8.9	9.8	8.1	8.5	7.1	4.2
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	75	65	74	101	76	83	47	42	56	69
Crime Rate	6.2	5.3	5.9	8.1	6.1	6.7	3.8	3.6	4.7	5.7
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	42	29	29	27	13	24	78	61	46	44
Crime Rate	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.0	1.9	6.2	5.2	3.9	3.6

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AREA POLICED	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>AS TRAIL AND GREATER DISTRICT PROV</b>										
<b>Population</b>	12,708	12,374	11,682	11,599	11,549	11,305	11,356	10,663	10,900	11,170
<b>Police Strength</b>	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	10	10	10
Case Load	57	54	49	67	70	69	54	51	59	54
Population Served Per Member	1,271	1,237	1,168	1,450	1,155	1,131	1,136	1,066	1,090	1,117
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	87	69	56	64	71	73	61	55	95	66
Crime Rate	6.8	5.6	4.8	5.5	6.1	6.5	5.4	5.2	8.7	5.9
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	236	209	196	207	316	331	227	178	189	189
Crime Rate	19	17	17	18	27	29	20	17	17	17
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	251	261	239	264	314	281	253	277	302	283
Crime Rate	20	21	20	23	27	25	22	26	28	25
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	57	25	24	38	61	66	45	31	14	35
Crime Rate	4.5	2.0	2.1	3.3	5.3	5.8	4.0	2.9	1.3	3.1
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	66	48	44	49	58	56	37	35	57	38
Crime Rate	5.2	3.9	3.8	4.2	5.0	5.0	3.3	3.3	5.2	3.4
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	11	11	8	6	14	16	16	24	14	24
Crime Rate	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.3	1.3	2.1
<b>CITY OF TRAIL</b>										
<b>Population</b>	7,851	8,040	7,905	7,966	7,895	7,816	7,843	7,248	7,458	7,349
<b>Police Strength</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	14
Case Load	85	78	83	72	81	78	96	92	66	68
Population Served Per Member	654	670	659	664	658	651	654	604	533	525
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	181	144	132	117	121	138	115	107	138	121
Crime Rate	23.1	17.9	16.7	14.7	15.3	17.7	14.7	14.8	18.5	16.5
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	331	325	451	385	388	390	380	333	286	296
Crime Rate	42	40	57	48	49	50	48	46	38	40
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	503	461	412	362	462	407	652	661	502	536
Crime Rate	64	57	52	45	59	52	83	91	67	73
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>953</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	18	28	33	53	59	58	66	45	35	61
Crime Rate	2.3	3.5	4.2	6.7	7.5	7.4	8.4	6.2	4.7	8.3
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	86	109	83	81	91	103	74	77	94	82
Crime Rate	11.0	13.6	10.5	10.2	11.5	13.2	9.4	10.6	12.6	11.2
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	10	11	16	15	16	18	21	17	21	31
Crime Rate	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.8	4.2



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## **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**

1. Police strengths represent an areas 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 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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