



# REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

## MOUNT WADDINGTON REGION

### REGIONAL POLICING

- Mount Waddington Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, and Port McNeill. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the entire area encompassing the region.
- In 2008, there were 25 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 3 members policed from Alert Bay, 2 from Port Alice, 12 from Port Hardy and 8 from Port McNeill.
- A case load of 80 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Mount Waddington Region in 2008. This was 13% lower than the member workload of 92 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 11,968; the population served per member was 479.

### 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, 1,999 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 13% decrease from the 2,296 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Mount Waddington recorded a crime rate of 167, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 13% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 192 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 322 violent crimes were reported by police, a 13% decrease from the 371 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Mount Waddington violent crime rate was 26.9 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 13% decrease from the 2007 rate of 30.9. 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, 223 common assaults were reported within the region, a 17% drop from the 269 reported in 2007. The 2008 Mount Waddington common assault rate was 18.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 17% decrease from the 2007 rate of 22.4. 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, 493 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 22% decrease from the 631 reported in 2007. The 2008 Mount Waddington property crime rate was 41 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 23% decrease from the 2007 rate of 53. 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, 37 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 3% decrease from the 38 reported in 2007. The 2008 Mount Waddington motor vehicle theft rate was 3.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 3% decrease from the 2007 rate of 3.2. 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, 1,184 other crimes were reported within the region, a 9% decrease from the 1,294 reported in 2007. The 2008 Mount Waddington other crime rate was 99 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% drop from the 2007 rate of 108. 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, 89 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 26% decrease from the 120 reported in 2007. The 2008 Mount Waddington drug crime rate was 7.4 offences per 1,000 population, a 26% decrease from the 2007 rate of 10.0. 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 11,968, a less than 1% decrease from the 2007 population of 11,989.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally decreased resulting in a 19% decline overall, from 14,780 in 1999 to 11,968 in 2008.



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## MOUNT WADDINGTON REGION DATA TABLES

REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	14,780	14,477	14,057	13,695	13,337	13,402	12,937	12,205	11,989	11,968
<b>Police Strength</b>	23	23	23	23	23	23	25	25	25	25
Case Load	75	75	77	74	77	90	92	97	92	80
Population Served Per Member	643	629	611	595	580	583	517	488	480	479
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	350	322	329	284	333	281	366	392	371	322
Crime Rate	23.7	22.2	23.4	20.7	25.0	21.0	28.3	32.1	30.9	26.9
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	674	607	668	577	583	686	720	622	631	493
Crime Rate	46	42	48	42	44	51	56	51	53	41
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	699	801	783	838	864	1,095	1,214	1,410	1,294	1,184
Crime Rate	47	55	56	61	65	82	94	116	108	99
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>1,999</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	123	140	179	121	90	99	127	167	120	89
Crime Rate	8.3	9.7	12.7	8.8	6.7	7.4	9.8	13.7	10.0	7.4
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	255	251	245	204	247	220	273	317	269	223
Crime Rate	17.3	17.3	17.4	14.9	18.5	16.4	21.1	26.0	22.4	18.6
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	36	28	44	20	36	29	53	44	38	37
Crime Rate	2.4	1.9	3.1	1.5	2.7	2.2	4.1	3.6	3.2	3.1
<b>AREA POLICED AS ALERT BAY 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>	1,593	1,582	1,622	1,613	1,612	1,602	1,594	2,186	2,136	2,170
<b>Police Strength</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	100	118	89	99	67	50	72	86	105	103
Population Served Per Member	531	527	541	538	537	534	531	729	712	723
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	60	59	70	64	46	27	47	65	93	65
Crime Rate	37.7	37.3	43.2	39.7	28.5	16.9	29.5	29.7	43.5	30.0
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	95	73	62	50	40	38	45	56	52	50
Crime Rate	60	46	38	31	25	24	28	26	24	23
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	146	221	136	184	115	86	125	138	170	195
Crime Rate	92	140	84	114	71	54	78	63	80	90
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	19	49	29	29	14	5	7	17	17	12
Crime Rate	11.9	31.0	17.9	18.0	8.7	3.1	4.4	7.8	8.0	5.5
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	42	42	49	40	32	15	40	60	59	44
Crime Rate	26.4	26.5	30.2	24.8	19.9	9.4	25.1	27.4	27.6	20.3
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	5	2	6	1	3	1	5	1	1	0
Crime Rate	3.1	1.3	3.7	0.6	1.9	0.6	3.1	0.5	0.5	0.0

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AREA POLICED AS PORT ALICE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	1,320	1,257	1,213	1,157	1,063	1,092	963	868	881	882
<b>Police Strength</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Case Load	36	37	41	50	48	44	43	54	44	39
Population Served Per Member	660	629	607	579	532	546	482	434	441	441
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	16	12	10	11	10	5	6	13	14	15
Crime Rate	12.1	9.5	8.2	9.5	9.4	4.6	6.2	15.0	15.9	17.0
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	21	33	26	40	37	44	54	37	33	23
Crime Rate	16	26	21	35	35	40	56	43	37	26
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	34	29	45	49	48	38	26	57	40	40
Crime Rate	26	23	37	42	45	35	27	66	45	45
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	5	7	9	5	5	8	7	15	7	8
Crime Rate	3.8	5.6	7.4	4.3	4.7	7.3	7.3	17.3	7.9	9.1
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	11	4	6	3	8	5	6	12	10	9
Crime Rate	8.3	3.2	4.9	2.6	7.5	4.6	6.2	13.8	11.4	10.2
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	7	3	2
Crime Rate	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.0	1.9	0.9	0.0	8.1	3.4	2.3
<b>AREA POLICED AS PORT HARDY 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>	6,458	6,279	6,224	6,040	5,829	5,900	5,594	5,337	5,212	5,205
<b>Police Strength</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Case Load	80	75	81	74	82	95	117	124	111	91
Population Served Per Member	538	523	519	503	486	492	466	445	434	434
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	208	187	191	162	223	188	213	243	163	158
Crime Rate	32.2	29.8	30.7	26.8	38.3	31.9	38.1	45.5	31.3	30.4
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	397	325	359	307	313	324	442	355	368	258
Crime Rate	62	52	58	51	54	55	79	67	71	50
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	352	386	417	415	452	632	751	884	801	681
Crime Rate	55	61	67	69	78	107	134	166	154	131
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,097</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	67	63	103	56	56	64	74	81	42	31
Crime Rate	10.4	10.0	16.5	9.3	9.6	10.8	13.2	15.2	8.1	6.0
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	161	150	143	124	160	152	152	189	120	108
Crime Rate	24.9	23.9	23.0	20.5	27.4	25.8	27.2	35.4	23.0	20.7
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	16	13	14	13	18	16	33	16	16	11
Crime Rate	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	3.1	2.7	5.9	3.0	3.1	2.1



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AREA POLICED AS PORT MCNEILL PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Population</b>	<b>5,409</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>4,998</b>	<b>4,885</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>4,808</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>3,814</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>3,711</b>
<b>Police Strength</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
Case Load	66	68	77	70	83	113	74	72	70	64
Population Served Per Member	902	893	833	814	806	801	598	477	470	464
<b>Violent Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	66	64	58	47	54	61	100	71	101	84
Crime Rate	12.2	11.9	11.6	9.6	11.2	12.7	20.9	18.6	26.9	22.6
<b>Property Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	161	176	221	180	193	280	179	174	178	162
Crime Rate	30	33	44	37	40	58	37	46	47	44
<b>Other Crimes</b>										
Number of Offences	167	165	185	190	249	339	312	331	283	268
Crime Rate	31	31	37	39	52	71	65	87	75	72
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>CRIME RATE</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Drug Crimes<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	32	21	38	31	15	22	39	54	54	38
Crime Rate	5.9	3.9	7.6	6.3	3.1	4.6	8.1	14.2	14.4	10.2
<b>Assault: Level 1</b>										
Number of Offences	41	55	47	37	47	48	75	56	80	62
Crime Rate	7.6	10.3	9.4	7.6	9.7	10.0	15.7	14.7	21.3	16.7
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Offences	13	11	23	6	13	11	15	20	18	24
Crime Rate	2.4	2.1	4.6	1.2	2.7	2.3	3.1	5.2	4.8	6.5

### 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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## **DATA QUALIFIERS** Cont'd

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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