



REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

NANAIMO REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Nanaimo Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Nanaimo, Parksville, and Gabriola Island. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the Cities of Nanaimo and Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 165 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 144 members directly policed the Cities of Nanaimo and Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach while 21 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 91 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Nanaimo Region in 2008. This was 16% lower than the member workload of 108 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 146,266; the population served per member was 886.

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, 15,044 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 13% decrease from the 17,357 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Nanaimo recorded a crime rate of 103, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 15% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 121 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 1,353 violent crimes were reported by police, an 11% decrease from the 1,521 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Nanaimo violent crime rate was 9.3 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2007 rate of 10.6. 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, 957 common assaults were reported within the region, a 10% drop from the 1,059 reported in 2007. The 2008 Nanaimo common assault rate was 6.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2007 rate of 7.4. The region's 2008 common assault rate was comparable to the provincial common assault rate of 6.7 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 7,033 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 16% decrease from the 8,359 reported in 2007. The 2008 Nanaimo property crime rate was 48 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 17% decrease from the 2007 rate of 58. 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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- Motor vehicle theft includes the theft or attempted theft of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles. In 2008, 730 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 22% decrease from the 940 reported in 2007. The 2008 Nanaimo motor vehicle theft rate was 5.0 offences per 1,000 population, a 24% decrease from the 2007 rate of 6.6. The region's 2008 motor vehicle theft rate was slightly lower than the provincial motor vehicle theft rate of 5.2 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 6,658 other crimes were reported within the region, an 11% decrease from the 7,477 reported in 2007. The 2008 Nanaimo other crime rate was 46 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 12% drop from the 2007 rate of 52. 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, 838 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 5% increase from the 799 reported in 2007. The 2008 Nanaimo drug crime rate was 5.7 offences per 1,000 population, a 2% increase from the 2007 rate of 5.6. 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 146,266, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 143,407.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has increased steadily resulting in a 13% growth overall, from 129,784 in 1999 to 146,266 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	129,784	130,929	132,952	134,727	137,199	139,087	142,511	141,631	143,407	146,266
Police Strength	147	151	150	149	151	151	154	160	161	165
Case Load	99	99	99	109	117	126	125	117	108	91
Population Served Per Member	883	867	886	904	909	921	925	885	891	886
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,458	1,507	1,533	1,659	1,583	1,704	1,799	1,860	1,521	1,353
Crime Rate	11.2	11.5	11.5	12.3	11.5	12.3	12.6	13.1	10.6	9.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	7,895	7,850	8,054	8,169	9,450	10,367	9,115	8,190	8,359	7,033
Crime Rate	61	60	61	61	69	75	64	58	58	48
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	5,236	5,652	5,294	6,438	6,636	7,010	8,261	8,652	7,477	6,658
Crime Rate	40	43	40	48	48	50	58	61	52	46
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	14,589	15,009	14,881	16,266	17,669	19,081	19,175	18,702	17,357	15,044
CRIME RATE	112	115	112	121	129	137	135	132	121	103
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	756	691	809	813	777	891	768	719	799	838
Crime Rate	5.8	5.3	6.1	6.0	5.7	6.4	5.4	5.1	5.6	5.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	1,049	1,051	1,094	1,240	1,198	1,331	1,392	1,405	1,059	957
Crime Rate	8.1	8.0	8.2	9.2	8.7	9.6	9.8	9.9	7.4	6.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	495	431	498	584	788	1,159	838	871	940	730
Crime Rate	3.8	3.3	3.7	4.3	5.7	8.3	5.9	6.1	6.6	5.0
AREA POLICED AS GABRIOLA ISLAND PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	3,856	3,855	4,242	4,336	4,063	4,133	4,157	4,104	4,184	4,303
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	45	70	69	55	52	38	24	56	97	94
Population Served Per Member	1,285	1,285	1,414	1,445	1,354	1,378	1,386	1,368	1,395	1,434
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	12	21	26	23	20	16	15	18	25	31
Crime Rate	3.1	5.4	6.1	5.3	4.9	3.9	3.6	4.4	6.0	7.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	94	134	125	93	87	56	33	69	130	113
Crime Rate	24	35	29	21	21	14	8	17	31	26
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	28	55	55	50	48	41	25	82	136	138
Crime Rate	7	14	13	12	12	10	6	20	33	32
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	134	210	206	166	155	113	73	169	291	282
CRIME RATE	35	54	49	38	38	27	18	41	70	66
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	9	16	15	18	11	16	8	6	19	17
Crime Rate	2.3	4.2	3.5	4.2	2.7	3.9	1.9	1.5	4.5	4.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	9	15	19	18	13	13	13	15	22	27
Crime Rate	2.3	3.9	4.5	4.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.7	5.3	6.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	1	4	4	6	1	0	2	8	7
Crime Rate	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.5	1.9	1.6

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CITY OF NANAIMO	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	75,333	75,538	76,476	77,365	78,630	79,620	81,077	84,711	85,519	87,083
Police Strength	107	111	111	111	112	112	114	118	118	122
Case Load	98	97	99	109	115	123	120	115	105	87
Population Served Per Member	704	681	689	697	702	711	711	718	725	714
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,056	1,160	1,122	1,261	1,195	1,282	1,344	1,388	1,109	1,023
Crime Rate	14.0	15.4	14.7	16.3	15.2	16.1	16.6	16.4	13.0	11.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	5,701	5,697	6,045	6,284	7,224	7,704	6,627	6,047	6,073	4,743
Crime Rate	76	75	79	81	92	97	82	71	71	54
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,715	3,865	3,786	4,501	4,448	4,773	5,750	6,190	5,249	4,837
Crime Rate	49	51	50	58	57	60	71	73	61	56
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	10,472	10,722	10,953	12,046	12,867	13,759	13,721	13,625	12,431	10,603
CRIME RATE	139	142	143	156	164	173	169	161	145	122
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	546	454	548	578	470	551	553	532	549	629
Crime Rate	7.2	6.0	7.2	7.5	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.3	6.4	7.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	754	790	797	937	902	1,001	1,038	1,045	764	722
Crime Rate	10.0	10.5	10.4	12.1	11.5	12.6	12.8	12.3	8.9	8.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	360	319	384	460	624	952	666	672	743	510
Crime Rate	4.8	4.2	5.0	5.9	7.9	12.0	8.2	7.9	8.7	5.9
AREA POLICED AS NANAIMO PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	12,048	12,476	10,149	10,376	13,197	13,557	13,643	9,947	10,056	10,249
Police Strength	6	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6
Case Load	126	116	137	168	186	210	163	156	133	125
Population Served Per Member	2,008	2,079	2,030	2,075	2,639	2,711	2,274	1,658	1,676	1,708
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	82	56	92	90	91	89	113	100	78	53
Crime Rate	6.8	4.5	9.1	8.7	6.9	6.6	8.3	10.1	7.8	5.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	403	379	372	440	520	653	479	424	388	402
Crime Rate	33	30	37	42	39	48	35	43	39	39
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	271	261	222	308	318	310	385	411	331	297
Crime Rate	22	21	22	30	24	23	28	41	33	29
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	756	696	686	838	929	1,052	977	935	797	752
CRIME RATE	63	56	68	81	70	78	72	94	79	73
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	33	40	30	39	21	21	29	16	44	37
Crime Rate	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.5	2.1	1.6	4.4	3.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	52	35	61	71	74	73	90	78	55	41
Crime Rate	4.3	2.8	6.0	6.8	5.6	5.4	6.6	7.8	5.5	4.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	27	24	28	30	35	57	48	59	51	50
Crime Rate	2.2	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.7	4.2	3.5	5.9	5.1	4.9



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AREA POLICED AS OCEANSIDE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	21,070	21,265	24,088	24,615	23,080	23,467	23,605	23,263	23,710	24,386
Police Strength	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
Case Load	103	117	110	116	141	142	140	140	115	98
Population Served Per Member	1,756	1,772	2,007	2,238	1,923	1,956	1,967	1,939	1,976	2,032
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	129	124	130	144	128	148	162	183	141	91
Crime Rate	6.1	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.9	7.9	5.9	3.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	668	720	715	561	791	845	788	804	719	683
Crime Rate	32	34	30	23	34	36	33	35	30	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	433	562	476	568	768	708	729	688	521	398
Crime Rate	21	26	20	23	33	30	31	30	22	16
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	1,230	1,406	1,321	1,273	1,687	1,701	1,679	1,675	1,381	1,172
CRIME RATE	58	66	55	52	73	72	71	72	58	48
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	90	115	149	118	195	165	93	96	83	51
Crime Rate	4.3	5.4	6.2	4.8	8.4	7.0	3.9	4.1	3.5	2.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	98	98	97	112	93	118	127	139	105	69
Crime Rate	4.7	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.0	5.0	5.4	6.0	4.4	2.8
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	47	34	39	35	70	72	56	85	63	84
Crime Rate	2.2	1.6	1.6	1.4	3.0	3.1	2.4	3.7	2.7	3.4
CITY OF PARKSVILLE	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	10,339	10,592	10,773	10,752	10,854	10,935	11,258	11,090	11,317	11,579
Police Strength	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	14	15	15
Case Load	114	110	99	102	115	139	155	112	115	101
Population Served Per Member	795	815	829	827	835	841	866	792	754	772
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	144	111	131	111	108	133	126	139	105	108
Crime Rate	13.9	10.5	12.2	10.3	10.0	12.2	11.2	12.5	9.3	9.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	786	692	588	552	624	818	874	593	736	713
Crime Rate	76	65	55	51	57	75	78	53	65	62
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	552	628	563	668	759	861	1,018	837	877	697
Crime Rate	53	59	52	62	70	79	90	75	77	60
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	1,482	1,431	1,282	1,331	1,491	1,812	2,018	1,569	1,718	1,518
CRIME RATE	143	135	119	124	137	166	179	141	152	131
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	61	46	56	43	58	85	66	57	78	73
Crime Rate	5.9	4.3	5.2	4.0	5.3	7.8	5.9	5.1	6.9	6.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	111	86	100	81	84	100	93	104	71	73
Crime Rate	10.7	8.1	9.3	7.5	7.7	9.1	8.3	9.4	6.3	6.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	47	37	27	41	36	55	50	40	39	41
Crime Rate	4.5	3.5	2.5	3.8	3.3	5.0	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.5

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TOWN OF QUALICUM BEACH	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	7,138	7,203	7,224	7,283	7,375	7,375	8,771	8,516	8,621	8,666
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7
Case Load	86	91	72	102	90	107	118	104	106	102
Population Served Per Member	1,190	1,201	1,204	1,214	1,229	1,229	1,462	1,217	1,232	1,238
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	35	35	32	30	41	36	39	32	63	47
Crime Rate	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.1	5.6	4.9	4.4	3.8	7.3	5.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	243	228	209	239	204	291	314	253	313	379
Crime Rate	34	32	29	33	28	39	36	30	36	44
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	237	281	192	343	295	317	354	444	363	291
Crime Rate	33	39	27	47	40	43	40	52	42	34
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	515	544	433	612	540	644	707	729	739	717
CRIME RATE	72	76	60	84	73	87	81	86	86	83
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	17	20	11	17	22	53	19	12	26	31
Crime Rate	2.4	2.8	1.5	2.3	3.0	7.2	2.2	1.4	3.0	3.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	25	27	20	21	32	26	31	24	42	25
Crime Rate	3.5	3.7	2.8	2.9	4.3	3.5	3.5	2.8	4.9	2.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	12	16	16	14	17	22	18	13	36	38
Crime Rate	1.7	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.3	3.0	2.1	1.5	4.2	4.4

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.
- 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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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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