



REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

NORTH OKANAGAN REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- North Okanagan Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Armstrong, Lumby, and Vernon. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 93 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 64 members directly policed the City of Vernon and the District of Coldstream while 29 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 87 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for North Okanagan Region in 2008. This was slightly higher than the member workload of 86 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 82,085; the population served per member was 883.

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, 8,054 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 5% increase from the 7,668 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, North Okanagan recorded a crime rate of 98, slightly higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, and 3% higher than the region's 2007 crime rate of 95 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 903 violent crimes were reported by police, a 6% increase from the 851 recorded in 2007. The 2008 North Okanagan violent crime rate was 11.0 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 4% increase from the 2007 rate of 10.6. 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, 541 common assaults were reported within the region, a 10% drop from the 602 reported in 2007. The 2008 North Okanagan common assault rate was 6.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 12% decrease from the 2007 rate of 7.5. 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, 3,876 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 3% decrease from the 3,999 reported in 2007. The 2008 North Okanagan property crime rate was 47 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 6% decrease from the 2007 rate of 50. 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, 639 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 30% increase from the 491 reported in 2007. The 2008 North Okanagan motor vehicle theft rate was 7.8 offences per 1,000 population, a 28% increase from the 2007 rate of 6.1. 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, 3,275 other crimes were reported within the region, a 16% increase from the 2,818 reported in 2007. The 2008 North Okanagan other crime rate was 40 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 14% rise from the 2007 rate of 35. 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, 419 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 31% decrease from the 605 reported in 2007. The 2008 North Okanagan drug crime rate was 5.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 32% decrease from the 2007 rate of 7.5. 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 82,085, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 80,295.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally increased resulting in 7% growth overall, from 76,908 in 1999 to 82,085 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	76,908	76,542	77,608	78,229	78,826	79,821	81,076	79,022	80,295	82,085
Police Strength	74	74	74	75	78	81	85	85	89	93
Case Load	112	110	108	118	120	112	107	97	86	87
Population Served Per Member	1,039	1,034	1,049	1,043	1,011	985	954	930	902	883
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	853	882	853	812	915	896	950	860	851	903
Crime Rate	11.1	11.5	11.0	10.4	11.6	11.2	11.7	10.9	10.6	11.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	4,671	4,360	4,207	5,067	5,177	4,966	5,127	4,632	3,999	3,876
Crime Rate	61	57	54	65	66	62	63	59	50	47
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,795	2,863	2,920	2,948	3,242	3,227	2,999	2,795	2,818	3,275
Crime Rate	36	37	38	38	41	40	37	35	35	40
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	8,319	8,105	7,980	8,827	9,334	9,089	9,076	8,287	7,668	8,054
CRIME RATE	108	106	103	113	118	114	112	105	95	98
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	242	261	336	296	364	395	422	495	605	419
Crime Rate	3.1	3.4	4.3	3.8	4.6	4.9	5.2	6.3	7.5	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	642	681	645	612	708	673	668	599	602	541
Crime Rate	8.3	8.9	8.3	7.8	9.0	8.4	8.2	7.6	7.5	6.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	295	290	259	383	586	641	551	532	491	639
Crime Rate	3.8	3.8	3.3	4.9	7.4	8.0	6.8	6.7	6.1	7.8
AREA POLICED AS ARMSTRONG PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	10,013	9,935	10,284	10,256	10,175	10,335	10,311	9,836	9,885	10,025
Police Strength	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	8	8	8
Case Load	73	62	64	70	69	75	77	74	75	66
Population Served Per Member	1,113	1,104	1,143	1,140	1,131	1,292	1,146	1,230	1,236	1,253
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	78	65	68	70	60	57	67	65	54	51
Crime Rate	7.8	6.5	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.5	6.5	6.6	5.5	5.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	363	292	316	313	354	306	370	272	280	246
Crime Rate	36	29	31	31	35	30	36	28	28	25
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	218	197	196	248	211	239	252	253	265	234
Crime Rate	22	20	19	24	21	23	24	26	27	23
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	659	554	580	631	625	602	689	590	599	531
CRIME RATE	66	56	56	62	61	58	67	60	61	53
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	27	33	48	36	63	43	49	54	53	36
Crime Rate	2.7	3.3	4.7	3.5	6.2	4.2	4.8	5.5	5.4	3.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	63	52	57	57	50	48	53	53	43	23
Crime Rate	6.3	5.2	5.5	5.6	4.9	4.6	5.1	5.4	4.4	2.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	25	25	29	34	38	23	39	35	39	31
Crime Rate	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.7	2.2	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.1

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DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	9,450	9,478	9,504	9,544	9,661	9,690	9,794	9,674	9,818	10,094
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7
Case Load	89	64	62	62	79	74	55	50	53	70
Population Served Per Member	1,575	1,580	1,584	1,591	1,610	1,615	1,399	1,382	1,403	1,442
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	23	23	24	24	36	25	27	26	27	32
Crime Rate	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	305	209	228	222	292	250	211	220	212	268
Crime Rate	32	22	24	23	30	26	22	23	22	27
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	204	154	118	123	148	167	144	106	135	191
Crime Rate	22	16	12	13	15	17	15	11	14	19
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	532	386	370	369	476	442	382	352	374	491
CRIME RATE	56	41	39	39	49	46	39	36	38	49
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	6	19	11	11	11	18	13	13	17	14
Crime Rate	0.6	2.0	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.4
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	19	19	18	21	22	19	19	21	19	21
Crime Rate	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.9	2.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	15	10	10	15	28	31	19	29	32	48
Crime Rate	1.6	1.1	1.1	1.6	2.9	3.2	1.9	3.0	3.3	4.8
AREA POLICED AS ENDERBY PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	8,004	7,591	7,080	7,134	7,131	7,245	7,346	6,959	7,056	7,184
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	8	8
Case Load	96	109	102	93	109	86	125	97	95	56
Population Served Per Member	1,143	1,084	1,011	1,019	1,019	906	1,049	870	882	898
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	86	111	98	97	115	86	109	95	68	65
Crime Rate	10.7	14.6	13.8	13.6	16.1	11.9	14.8	13.7	9.6	9.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	302	305	322	271	326	338	448	334	334	174
Crime Rate	38	40	45	38	46	47	61	48	47	24
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	284	345	295	285	325	263	317	343	355	207
Crime Rate	35	45	42	40	46	36	43	49	50	29
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	672	761	715	653	766	687	874	772	757	446
CRIME RATE	84	100	101	92	107	95	119	111	107	62
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	21	42	54	17	29	36	59	77	137	54
Crime Rate	2.6	5.5	7.6	2.4	4.1	5.0	8.0	11.1	19.4	7.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	67	86	76	77	96	71	82	81	53	25
Crime Rate	8.4	11.3	10.7	10.8	13.5	9.8	11.2	11.6	7.5	3.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	10	23	17	20	30	20	50	50	45	39
Crime Rate	1.2	3.0	2.4	2.8	4.2	2.8	6.8	7.2	6.4	5.4



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AREA POLICED AS LUMBY PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	5,479	5,465	5,233	5,279	5,255	5,374	5,469	5,842	5,967	6,121
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	118	92	95	122	88	80	95	76	54	79
Population Served Per Member	1,096	1,093	1,047	1,056	1,051	1,075	1,094	1,168	1,193	1,224
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	71	57	60	81	67	74	63	64	38	46
Crime Rate	13.0	10.4	11.5	15.3	12.7	13.8	11.5	11.0	6.4	7.5
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	276	199	199	299	215	148	222	158	121	149
Crime Rate	50	36	38	57	41	28	41	27	20	24
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	243	203	218	229	156	178	188	160	111	200
Crime Rate	44	37	42	43	30	33	34	27	19	33
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	590	459	477	609	438	400	473	382	270	395
CRIME RATE	108	84	91	115	83	74	86	65	45	65
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	16	25	36	43	51	29	70	52	49	31
Crime Rate	2.9	4.6	6.9	8.1	9.7	5.4	12.8	8.9	8.2	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	46	45	42	68	52	60	49	53	24	34
Crime Rate	8.4	8.2	8.0	12.9	9.9	11.2	9.0	9.1	4.0	5.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	20	9	9	33	33	18	28	24	20	31
Crime Rate	3.7	1.6	1.7	6.3	6.3	3.3	5.1	4.1	3.4	5.1
CITY OF VERNON	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	34,277	34,657	34,957	35,327	35,892	36,155	36,925	36,922	37,614	38,444
Police Strength	39	39	39	40	43	46	49	49	53	57
Case Load	135	136	134	149	145	135	120	112	96	97
Population Served Per Member	879	889	896	883	835	786	754	754	710	674
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	529	559	548	468	558	581	608	542	590	628
Crime Rate	15.4	16.1	15.7	13.2	15.5	16.1	16.5	14.7	15.7	16.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,092	3,005	2,785	3,584	3,526	3,496	3,387	3,165	2,712	2,677
Crime Rate	90	87	80	101	98	97	92	86	72	70
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,649	1,750	1,899	1,925	2,153	2,140	1,906	1,779	1,779	2,231
Crime Rate	48	50	54	54	60	59	52	48	47	58
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	5,270	5,314	5,232	5,977	6,237	6,217	5,901	5,486	5,081	5,536
CRIME RATE	154	153	150	169	174	172	160	149	135	144
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	155	122	161	162	182	241	216	260	309	256
Crime Rate	4.5	3.5	4.6	4.6	5.1	6.7	5.8	7.0	8.2	6.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	398	428	406	333	427	418	407	338	405	386
Crime Rate	11.6	12.3	11.6	9.4	11.9	11.6	11.0	9.2	10.8	10.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	201	193	163	252	415	501	379	345	315	434
Crime Rate	5.9	5.6	4.7	7.1	11.6	13.9	10.3	9.3	8.4	11.3

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AREA POLICED AS VERNON PROV	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population	9,685	9,416	10,550	10,689	10,712	11,022	11,231	9,789	9,955	10,217
Police Strength	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Case Load	75	79	76	74	99	93	95	88	73	82
Population Served Per Member	1,211	1,177	1,319	1,336	1,339	1,378	1,404	1,224	1,244	1,277
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	66	67	55	72	79	73	76	68	74	81
Crime Rate	6.8	7.1	5.2	6.7	7.4	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.4	7.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	333	350	357	378	464	428	489	483	340	362
Crime Rate	34	37	34	35	43	39	44	49	34	35
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	197	214	194	138	249	240	192	154	173	212
Crime Rate	20	23	18	13	23	22	17	16	17	21
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	596	631	606	588	792	741	757	705	587	655
CRIME RATE	62	67	57	55	74	67	67	72	59	64
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	17	20	26	27	28	28	15	39	40	28
Crime Rate	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	1.3	4.0	4.0	2.7
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	49	51	46	56	61	57	58	53	58	52
Crime Rate	5.1	5.4	4.4	5.2	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	24	30	31	29	42	48	36	49	40	56
Crime Rate	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.9	4.4	3.2	5.0	4.0	5.5

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, 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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