



REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

SKEENA QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Skeena Queen Charlotte Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Masset, Prince Rupert, and Queen Charlotte City. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Prince Rupert while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 52 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 36 members directly policed the City of Prince Rupert while 16 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 81 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Skeena Queen Charlotte Region in 2008. This was 11% lower than the member workload of 91 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 19,697; the population served per member was 379.

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, 4,192 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was an 11% decrease from the 4,721 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Skeena Queen Charlotte recorded a crime rate of 213, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 11% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 240 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 712 violent crimes were reported by police, a 19% decrease from the 879 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Skeena Queen Charlotte violent crime rate was 36.1 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 19% decrease from the 2007 rate of 44.7. 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, 471 common assaults were reported within the region, a 27% drop from the 645 reported in 2007. The 2008 Skeena Queen Charlotte common assault rate was 23.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 27% decrease from the 2007 rate of 32.8. 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, 871 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 15% decrease from the 1,029 reported in 2007. The 2008 Skeena Queen Charlotte property crime rate was 44 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 15% decrease from the 2007 rate of 52. The region's 2008 property crime rate was slightly 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, motor vehicle thefts reported within the region remained stable at 31 offences. The 2008 Skeena Queen Charlotte motor vehicle theft rate also remained stable at 1.6 offences per 1,000 population. 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, 2,609 other crimes were reported within the region, a 7% decrease from the 2,813 reported in 2007. The 2008 Skeena Queen Charlotte other crime rate was 132 other crimes per 1,000 population, an 8% drop from the 2007 rate of 143. 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, 206 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 6% increase from the 195 reported in 2007. The 2008 Skeena Queen Charlotte drug crime rate was 10.5 offences per 1,000 population, a 6% increase from the 2007 rate of 9.9. 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 19,697, a less than 1% increase from the 2007 population of 19,667.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has decreased annually resulting in a 20% overall decline, from 24,512 in 1999 to 19,697 in 2008.

SKEENA QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGION DATA TABLES

REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	24,512	24,196	22,639	22,099	21,565	21,386	20,976	20,026	19,667	19,697
Police Strength	51	51	51	51	51	51	52	52	52	52
Case Load	83	84	82	84	84	88	83	85	91	81
Population Served Per Member	481	474	444	433	423	419	403	385	378	379
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	703	810	749	776	675	631	646	722	879	712
Crime Rate	28.7	33.5	33.1	35.1	31.3	29.5	30.8	36.1	44.7	36.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,392	1,069	1,200	1,151	1,103	1,168	1,303	1,200	1,029	871
Crime Rate	57	44	53	52	51	55	62	60	52	44
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,149	2,430	2,235	2,382	2,488	2,677	2,384	2,507	2,813	2,609
Crime Rate	88	100	99	108	115	125	114	125	143	132
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	4,244	4,309	4,184	4,309	4,266	4,476	4,333	4,429	4,721	4,192
CRIME RATE	173	178	185	195	198	209	207	221	240	213
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	280	276	307	308	368	320	257	266	195	206
Crime Rate	11.4	11.4	13.6	13.9	17.1	15.0	12.3	13.3	9.9	10.5
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	508	589	508	562	530	500	489	564	645	471
Crime Rate	20.7	24.3	22.4	25.4	24.6	23.4	23.3	28.2	32.8	23.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	46	41	41	42	45	33	63	36	31	31
Crime Rate	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.5	3.0	1.8	1.6	1.6
AREA POLICED AS MASSET PROV										
Population	2,751	2,752	2,787	2,760	2,756	2,773	2,773	2,382	2,330	2,338
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	7
Case Load	126	126	114	132	110	136	86	96	93	77
Population Served Per Member	550	550	557	552	459	462	396	340	333	334
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	134	143	138	116	113	94	99	111	84	81
Crime Rate	48.7	52.0	49.5	42.0	41.0	33.9	35.7	46.6	36.1	34.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	199	168	133	144	111	163	179	174	199	97
Crime Rate	72	61	48	52	40	59	65	73	85	41
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	298	320	297	402	438	561	327	387	368	364
Crime Rate	108	116	107	146	159	202	118	162	158	156
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	631	631	568	662	662	818	605	672	651	542
CRIME RATE	229	229	204	240	240	295	218	282	279	232
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	26	20	29	59	44	62	32	54	40	13
Crime Rate	9.5	7.3	10.4	21.4	16.0	22.4	11.5	22.7	17.2	5.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	106	101	97	89	91	77	86	84	64	49
Crime Rate	38.5	36.7	34.8	32.2	33.0	27.8	31.0	35.3	27.5	21.0
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	13	7	11	17	9	10	14	7	5	6
Crime Rate	4.7	2.5	3.9	6.2	3.3	3.6	5.0	2.9	2.1	2.6

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CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	15,930	15,643	15,282	14,789	14,271	14,026	13,600	13,072	12,915	12,860
Police Strength	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
Case Load	82	86	87	86	81	83	85	86	96	87
Population Served Per Member	443	435	425	411	396	390	378	363	359	357
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	423	554	470	520	446	429	451	500	660	498
Crime Rate	26.6	35.4	30.8	35.2	31.3	30.6	33.2	38.2	51.1	38.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	966	707	917	836	807	780	901	819	659	648
Crime Rate	61	45	60	57	57	56	66	63	51	50
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,578	1,831	1,728	1,727	1,673	1,796	1,702	1,766	2,131	1,986
Crime Rate	99	117	113	117	117	128	125	135	165	154
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2,967	3,092	3,115	3,083	2,926	3,005	3,054	3,085	3,450	3,132
CRIME RATE	186	198	204	208	205	214	225	236	267	244
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	215	216	221	205	285	231	195	151	129	154
Crime Rate	13.5	13.8	14.5	13.9	20.0	16.5	14.3	11.6	10.0	12.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	305	412	320	379	351	346	335	398	487	348
Crime Rate	19.1	26.3	20.9	25.6	24.6	24.7	24.6	30.4	37.7	27.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	26	20	20	18	28	15	32	21	21	20
Crime Rate	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.1	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
AREA POLICED AS PRINCE RUPERT PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	3,019	3,035	2,600	2,580	2,570	2,588	2,591	2,111	2,035	2,077
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	66	56	58	54	77	73	73	75	74	58
Population Served Per Member	604	607	520	516	643	647	648	528	509	519
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	87	59	95	81	60	44	49	57	69	71
Crime Rate	28.8	19.4	36.5	31.4	23.3	17.0	18.9	27.0	33.9	34.2
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	96	78	84	74	53	75	69	75	77	40
Crime Rate	32	26	32	29	21	29	27	36	38	19
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	147	142	113	116	196	172	173	168	151	119
Crime Rate	49	47	43	45	76	66	67	80	74	57
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	330	279	292	271	309	291	291	300	297	230
CRIME RATE	109	92	112	105	120	112	112	142	146	111
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	24	30	29	14	11	10	11	12	13	17
Crime Rate	7.9	9.9	11.2	5.4	4.3	3.9	4.2	5.7	6.4	8.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	54	33	60	62	51	33	38	36	49	42
Crime Rate	17.9	10.9	23.1	24.0	19.8	12.8	14.7	17.1	24.1	20.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1	4	3	1	2	3	3	0	1	1
Crime Rate	0.3	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.5

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AREA POLICED AS QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,812	2,766	1,970	1,970	1,968	1,999	2,012	2,461	2,387	2,422
Police Strength	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	63	61	42	59	74	72	77	74	65	58
Population Served Per Member	562	553	394	394	394	400	402	492	477	484
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	59	54	46	59	56	64	47	54	66	62
Crime Rate	21.0	19.5	23.4	29.9	28.5	32.0	23.4	21.9	27.6	25.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	131	116	66	97	132	150	154	132	94	86
Crime Rate	47	42	34	49	67	75	77	54	39	36
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	126	137	97	137	181	148	182	186	163	140
Crime Rate	45	50	49	70	92	74	90	76	68	58
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	316	307	209	293	369	362	383	372	323	288
CRIME RATE	112	111	106	149	188	181	190	151	135	119
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	15	10	28	30	28	17	19	49	13	22
Crime Rate	5.3	3.6	14.2	15.2	14.2	8.5	9.4	19.9	5.4	9.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	43	43	31	32	37	44	30	46	45	32
Crime Rate	15.3	15.5	15.7	16.2	18.8	22.0	14.9	18.7	18.9	13.2
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	6	10	7	6	6	5	14	8	4	4
Crime Rate	2.1	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.5	7.0	3.3	1.7	1.7

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

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.



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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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