



REGIONAL PROFILE 2008

STIKINE REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Stikine Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Atlin and Dease Lake. The RCMP Provincial Force polices the entire area encompassing the region.
- In 2008, there were 9 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 3 members policed from Atlin while 6 policed from Dease Lake.
- A case load of 32 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Stikine Region in 2008. This was 11% lower than the member workload of 36 recorded in 2007. The region's 2008 case load was lower than the provincial case load of 67.
- In 2008, the total population of the region was 1,867; the population served per member was 207.

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, 286 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was an 11% decrease from the 321 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Stikine recorded a crime rate of 153, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 13% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 176 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 72 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, an 11% decrease from the 81 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Stikine violent crime rate was 38.6 violent crimes per 1,000 population, a 13% decrease from the 2007 rate of 44.5. 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, 44 common assaults were reported within the region, a 28% decrease from the 61 reported in 2007. The 2008 Stikine common assault rate was 23.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 30% decrease from the 2007 rate of 33.5. 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, 59 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 40% increase from the 42 reported in 2007. The 2008 Stikine property crime rate was 32 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 39% increase from the 2007 rate of 23. 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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- Motor vehicle theft includes the theft or attempted theft of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles. In 2008, 4 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 33% increase from the 3 reported in 2007. The 2008 Stikine motor vehicle theft rate was 2.1 offences per 1,000 population, a 31% increase from the 2007 rate of 1.6. 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, 155 other crimes were reported within the region, a 22% decrease from the 198 reported in 2007. The 2008 Stikine other crime rate was 83 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 24% drop from the 2007 rate of 109. 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, 16 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 7% increase from the 15 reported in 2007. The 2008 Stikine drug crime rate was 8.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 5% increase from the 2007 rate of 8.2. 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 1,867, a 3% increase from the 2007 population of 1,820.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has generally decreased resulting in an 8% decline overall, from 2,029 in 1999 to 1,867 in 2008.

STIKINE REGION DATA TABLES

REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	2,029	2,022	2,100	2,012	2,025	1,965	1,947	1,836	1,820	1,867
Police Strength	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Case Load	36	37	44	57	48	42	46	40	36	32
Population Served Per Member	225	225	233	224	225	218	216	204	202	207
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	89	90	109	124	105	89	91	67	81	72
Crime Rate	43.9	44.5	51.9	61.6	51.9	45.3	46.7	36.5	44.5	38.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	94	99	120	128	104	83	69	60	42	59
Crime Rate	46	49	57	64	51	42	35	33	23	32
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	144	146	170	263	221	202	250	233	198	155
Crime Rate	71	72	81	131	109	103	128	127	109	83
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	327	335	399	515	430	374	410	360	321	286
CRIME RATE	161	166	190	256	212	190	211	196	176	153
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	6	4	7	14	13	29	34	15	15	16
Crime Rate	3.0	2.0	3.3	7.0	6.4	14.8	17.5	8.2	8.2	8.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	57	79	79	105	82	64	64	46	61	44
Crime Rate	28.1	39.1	37.6	52.2	40.5	32.6	32.9	25.1	33.5	23.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	7	7	7	6	7	8	4	3	4
Crime Rate	1.0	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.1	2.2	1.6	2.1
AREA POLICED AS ATLIN PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	583	581	572	538	542	517	510	305	297	306
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	38	30	39	36	22	17	35	26	24	22
Population Served Per Member	194	194	191	179	181	172	170	102	99	102
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	27	28	19	22	15	16	26	11	14	20
Crime Rate	46.3	48.2	33.2	40.9	27.7	30.9	51.0	36.1	47.1	65.4
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	33	19	49	32	20	12	17	17	17	15
Crime Rate	57	33	86	59	37	23	33	56	57	49
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	54	44	49	54	32	24	63	51	40	32
Crime Rate	93	76	86	100	59	46	124	167	135	105
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	114	91	117	108	67	52	106	79	71	67
CRIME RATE	196	157	205	201	124	101	208	259	239	219
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	3	3	4	1	2	3	2	1	1	8
Crime Rate	5.1	5.2	7.0	1.9	3.7	5.8	3.9	3.3	3.4	26.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	21	27	18	19	13	12	18	7	9	6
Crime Rate	36.0	46.5	31.5	35.3	24.0	23.2	35.3	23.0	30.3	19.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1	2	2	1	0	1	3	2	1	2
Crime Rate	1.7	3.4	3.5	1.9	0.0	1.9	5.9	6.6	3.4	6.5

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AREA POLICED AS DEASE LAKE PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	1,446	1,441	1,528	1,474	1,483	1,448	1,437	1,531	1,523	1,561
Police Strength	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Case Load	36	41	47	68	61	54	51	47	42	37
Population Served Per Member	241	240	255	246	247	241	240	255	254	260
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	62	62	90	102	90	73	65	56	67	52
Crime Rate	42.9	43.0	58.9	69.2	60.7	50.4	45.2	36.6	44.0	33.3
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	61	80	71	96	84	71	52	43	25	44
Crime Rate	42	56	46	65	57	49	36	28	16	28
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	90	102	121	209	189	178	187	182	158	123
Crime Rate	62	71	79	142	127	123	130	119	104	79
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	213	244	282	407	363	322	304	281	250	219
CRIME RATE	147	169	185	276	245	222	212	184	164	140
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	3	1	3	13	11	26	32	14	14	8
Crime Rate	2.1	0.7	2.0	8.8	7.4	18.0	22.3	9.1	9.2	5.1
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	36	52	61	86	69	52	46	39	52	38
Crime Rate	24.9	36.1	39.9	58.3	46.5	35.9	32.0	25.5	34.1	24.3
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	1	5	5	6	6	6	5	2	2	2
Crime Rate	0.7	3.5	3.3	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.5	1.3	1.3	1.3

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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