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STRATHCONA REGION

REGIONAL POLICING

- Strathcona Region is policed by RCMP detachments located in Campbell River, Gold River, Quathiaski Cove, and Sayward. The RCMP provides municipal police services to the City of Campbell River while the RCMP Provincial Force polices the region's unincorporated or rural areas.
- In 2008, there were 62 RCMP members assigned to police the region: 43 members directly policed the City of Campbell River while 19 were responsible for policing the region's unincorporated areas.
- A case load of 81 Criminal Code offences per RCMP member was recorded for Strathcona Region in 2008. This was 15% lower than the member workload of 95 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 43,467; the population served per member was 701.

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, 5,007 Criminal Code offences were recorded within the region. This was a 15% decrease from the 5,887 recorded in 2007.
- In 2008, Strathcona recorded a crime rate of 115, higher than the provincial crime rate of 96, but 17% lower than the region's 2007 crime rate of 138 offences per 1,000 population.
- In 2008, 550 violent crimes were reported by the RCMP, a 9% decrease from the 607 recorded in 2007. The 2008 Strathcona violent crime rate was 12.7 violent crimes per 1,000 population, an 11% decrease from the 2007 rate of 14.2. 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, 372 common assaults were reported within the region, a 3% decrease from the 385 reported in 2007. The 2008 Strathcona common assault rate was 8.6 offences per 1,000 population, a 4% decrease from the 2007 rate of 9.0. 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, 1,804 property crimes were recorded within the region, a 16% decrease from the 2,152 reported in 2007. The 2008 Strathcona property crime rate was 42 property crimes per 1,000 population, a 16% decrease from the 2007 rate of 50. 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, 124 motor vehicle thefts were reported within the region, a 35% decrease from the 192 reported in 2007. The 2008 Strathcona motor vehicle theft rate was 2.9 offences per 1,000 population, a 36% decrease from the 2007 rate of 4.5. 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, 2,653 other crimes were reported within the region, a 15% decrease from the 3,128 reported in 2007. The 2008 Strathcona other crime rate was 61 other crimes per 1,000 population, a 16% drop from the 2007 rate of 73. 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, 360 drug crimes were reported within the region, a 10% decrease from the 399 reported in 2007. The 2008 Strathcona drug crime rate was 8.3 offences per 1,000 population, an 11% decrease from the 2007 rate of 9.3. 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 43,467, a 2% increase from the 2007 population of 42,738.
- Over the past ten years, the population for the region has remained relatively stable declining less than 1%, from 43,611 in 1999 to 43,467 in 2008.



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REGION SUMMARY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	43,611	43,108	42,630	42,443	42,378	42,632	43,116	42,363	42,738	43,467
Police Strength	59	59	59	59	59	59	59	60	62	62
Case Load	115	109	95	100	114	118	115	109	95	81
Population Served Per Member	739	731	723	719	718	723	731	706	689	701
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	954	943	656	635	645	706	687	683	607	550
Crime Rate	21.9	21.9	15.4	15.0	15.2	16.6	15.9	16.1	14.2	12.7
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	3,594	3,216	2,821	2,847	3,190	3,036	2,864	2,458	2,152	1,804
Crime Rate	82	75	66	67	75	71	66	58	50	42
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,265	2,285	2,147	2,391	2,866	3,219	3,218	3,404	3,128	2,653
Crime Rate	52	53	50	56	68	76	75	80	73	61
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	6,813	6,444	5,624	5,873	6,701	6,961	6,769	6,545	5,887	5,007
CRIME RATE	156	149	132	138	158	163	157	154	138	115
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	343	238	341	299	316	309	321	348	399	360
Crime Rate	7.9	5.5	8.0	7.0	7.5	7.2	7.4	8.2	9.3	8.3
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	725	687	458	397	407	471	446	430	385	372
Crime Rate	16.6	15.9	10.7	9.4	9.6	11.0	10.3	10.2	9.0	8.6
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	208	223	195	196	250	243	236	179	192	124
Crime Rate	4.8	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.9	5.7	5.5	4.2	4.5	2.9
CITY OF CAMPBELL RIVER	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	30,120	29,759	29,700	29,596	29,848	29,991	30,474	30,054	30,415	30,981
Police Strength	39	39	39	40	40	40	40	41	43	43
Case Load	140	135	116	121	138	141	137	130	112	97
Population Served Per Member	772	763	762	740	746	750	762	733	707	720
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	790	768	523	511	520	549	542	529	485	433
Crime Rate	26.2	25.8	17.6	17.3	17.4	18.3	17.8	17.6	15.9	14.0
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	2,923	2,702	2,312	2,380	2,698	2,507	2,339	2,042	1,818	1,497
Crime Rate	97	91	78	80	90	84	77	68	60	48
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	1,755	1,790	1,691	1,945	2,316	2,596	2,584	2,776	2,528	2,252
Crime Rate	58	60	57	66	78	87	85	92	83	73
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	5,468	5,260	4,526	4,836	5,534	5,652	5,465	5,347	4,831	4,182
CRIME RATE	182	177	152	163	185	188	179	178	159	135
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	221	146	214	176	205	199	221	239	228	248
Crime Rate	7.3	4.9	7.2	5.9	6.9	6.6	7.3	8.0	7.5	8.0
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	611	572	355	310	316	362	346	309	309	293
Crime Rate	20.3	19.2	12.0	10.5	10.6	12.1	11.4	10.3	10.2	9.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	175	194	166	162	206	203	189	136	169	108
Crime Rate	5.8	6.5	5.6	5.5	6.9	6.8	6.2	4.5	5.6	3.5

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AREA POLICED AS CAMPBELL RIVER PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	5,604	5,540	5,545	5,568	5,430	5,452	5,520	5,477	5,477	5,542
Police Strength	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Case Load	99	75	70	71	82	91	88	79	64	50
Population Served Per Member	801	791	792	795	776	779	789	782	782	792
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	80	64	56	50	55	65	58	58	44	38
Crime Rate	14.3	11.6	10.1	9.0	10.1	11.9	10.5	10.6	8.0	6.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	416	261	263	241	249	258	268	205	148	114
Crime Rate	74	47	47	43	46	47	49	37	27	21
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	194	198	171	206	268	314	293	290	259	197
Crime Rate	35	36	31	37	49	58	53	53	47	36
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	690	523	490	497	572	637	619	553	451	349
CRIME RATE	123	94	88	89	105	117	112	101	82	63
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	33	16	36	26	34	35	46	37	30	29
Crime Rate	5.9	2.9	6.5	4.7	6.3	6.4	8.3	6.8	5.5	5.2
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	62	41	42	38	33	44	33	43	23	25
Crime Rate	11.1	7.4	7.6	6.8	6.1	8.1	6.0	7.9	4.2	4.5
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	26	22	19	27	32	28	31	33	15	11
Crime Rate	4.6	4.0	3.4	4.8	5.9	5.1	5.6	6.0	2.7	2.0
AREA POLICED AS NOOTKA SOUND PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	3,005	2,968	2,559	2,444	2,380	2,460	2,345	2,316	2,345	2,391
Police Strength	7	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Case Load	48	50	48	48	67	53	58	60	56	41
Population Served Per Member	429	424	366	489	476	492	469	463	469	478
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	51	70	52	41	40	51	55	43	43	42
Crime Rate	17.0	23.6	20.3	16.8	16.8	20.7	23.5	18.6	18.3	17.6
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	108	118	124	86	131	99	119	106	73	59
Crime Rate	36	40	48	35	55	40	51	46	31	25
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	176	163	157	114	163	114	117	150	165	106
Crime Rate	59	55	61	47	68	46	50	65	70	44
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	335	351	333	241	334	264	291	299	281	207
CRIME RATE	111	118	130	99	140	107	124	129	120	87
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	19	29	36	26	29	23	13	18	24	19
Crime Rate	6.3	9.8	14.1	10.6	12.2	9.3	5.5	7.8	10.2	7.9
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	31	44	39	24	31	35	38	34	24	26
Crime Rate	10.3	14.8	15.2	9.8	13.0	14.2	16.2	14.7	10.2	10.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	3	1	3	2	9	3	6	3	4	2
Crime Rate	1.0	0.3	1.2	0.8	3.8	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.8

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AREA POLICED AS QUADRA ISLAND PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	3,782	3,759	3,801	3,816	3,722	3,737	3,783	3,682	3,682	3,725
Police Strength	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Case Load	69	55	49	42	39	65	72	62	45	40
Population Served Per Member	1,261	1,253	1,267	954	931	934	946	921	921	931
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	21	20	12	21	20	32	26	36	28	22
Crime Rate	5.6	5.3	3.2	5.5	5.4	8.6	6.9	9.8	7.6	5.9
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	100	67	68	75	66	105	89	62	57	83
Crime Rate	26	18	18	20	18	28	24	17	15	22
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	85	77	67	71	69	123	173	148	96	54
Crime Rate	22	20	18	19	19	33	46	40	26	14
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	206	164	147	167	155	260	288	246	181	159
CRIME RATE	54	44	39	44	42	70	76	67	49	43
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	59	22	25	52	21	28	25	22	43	17
Crime Rate	15.6	5.9	6.6	13.6	5.6	7.5	6.6	6.0	11.7	4.6
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	11	13	9	16	19	23	24	31	25	19
Crime Rate	2.9	3.5	2.4	4.2	5.1	6.2	6.3	8.4	6.8	5.1
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	3	3	4	0	5	8	3	3	2
Crime Rate	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.0	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.8	0.5
AREA POLICED AS SAYWARD PROV	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	1,100	1,082	1,025	1,019	998	992	994	834	819	828
Police Strength	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Case Load	38	49	43	44	35	49	35	33	48	37
Population Served Per Member	367	361	342	340	333	331	331	278	273	276
Violent Crimes										
Number of Offences	12	21	13	12	10	9	6	17	7	15
Crime Rate	10.9	19.4	12.7	11.8	10.0	9.1	6.0	20.4	8.5	18.1
Property Crimes										
Number of Offences	47	68	54	65	46	67	49	43	56	51
Crime Rate	43	63	53	64	46	68	49	52	68	62
Other Crimes										
Number of Offences	55	57	61	55	50	72	51	40	80	44
Crime Rate	50	53	60	54	50	73	51	48	98	53
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	114	146	128	132	106	148	106	100	143	110
CRIME RATE	104	135	125	130	106	149	107	120	175	133
Drug Crimes¹										
Number of Offences	11	25	30	19	27	24	16	32	74	47
Crime Rate	10.0	23.1	29.3	18.6	27.1	24.2	16.1	38.4	90.4	56.8
Assault: Level 1										
Number of Offences	10	17	13	9	8	7	5	13	4	9
Crime Rate	9.1	15.7	12.7	8.8	8.0	7.1	5.0	15.6	4.9	10.9
Motor Vehicle Theft²										
Number of Offences	2	3	4	1	3	4	2	4	1	1
Crime Rate	1.8	2.8	3.9	1.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	4.8	1.2	1.2



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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.
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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