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British Columbia Crime Trends, 2012 - 2021

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Key Impacts on Crime Statistics

Comparisons of crime statistics between jurisdictions, provinces, and years should be made with caution, as many factors influence police-reported crime statistics other than actual changes in crime, such as: global events, demographic changes, social and economic trends, police reporting practices, public reporting practices to police, technological advancements, legislative amendments, local police service priorities, and social perceptions and attitudes towards certain crimes.

Impact of the Global COVID-19 Pandemic

Many shifts in crime trends in 2021 may be attributable to the global COVID-19 pandemic, as was also the case for 2020. The decreases in property crime first observed in 2020 continued throughout 2021 with people tending to stay home more often, reducing contact with others, and using the Internet more often than prior to the pandemic.

In contrast to the downward trend in property crime, there was an increase in violent crime incidents in 2021. While the violent crime rate did not change substantially from 2020, the Violent Crime Severity Index did increase considerably, indicating an increase in the number of serious violent crimes relative to other types. In particular, the number of incidents of sexual assault level 1 increased. This increase may have been partially attributable to more opportunities for strangers to commit sexual assaults, as pandemic restrictions on gatherings were relaxed. The loosening of pandemic restrictions may also have made it easier for victims to come forward and for third parties to be able to identify signs of abuse.

More analyses of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors influencing the 2021 police reported crime statistics can be found at:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2022001/article/00013-eng.htm>

Impact of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Scoring Rule Changes

In January 2018, Statistics Canada updated the definition of “founded” incidents to improve the tracking of offences with complex characteristics, such as sexual assault, and to address broader inconsistencies in how crime statistics were reported in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) survey.

Police agencies across BC implemented these scoring rule changes in January 2019 which may have affected BC’s crime data for 2019. It is anticipated that police services will become increasingly accustomed to the new standards and, as they do so, data should become more comparable.

More information about the UCR Survey and these scoring rule changes can be found at:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54973-eng.htm>

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2020001/article/00010-eng.htm>

Number of Offences

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide ^{1,2}	71	76	89	97	88	119	90	90	100	125
Attempted murder	88	90	92	129	119	115	88	101	99	70
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	9	21	15	19	19	28	8	10	18	9
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	41	55	49	40	35	31	64	54	50	56
Sexual assault, level 1	2,492	2,361	2,212	2,230	2,258	2,686	3,213	4,088	3,822	4,459
Sexual violations against children ³	683	656	683	655	824	986	1,134	1,473	1,427	1,541
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	57	50
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	73	71	64	107	152	121	77
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	388	364	346	331	324	360	334	342	342	359
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	7,845	7,053	6,639	6,904	6,798	6,847	7,333	8,966	10,074	10,501
Assault, level 1	25,447	22,932	21,516	22,294	20,955	20,634	22,528	29,375	28,035	27,680
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	1,343	1,176	1,247	1,305	1,254	1,280	1,440	1,560	1,601	1,728
Other assaults	232	293	245	302	243	201	180	311	277	229
Firearms	243	213	205	302	265	258	201	369	392	369
Robbery	4,523	3,581	3,392	3,645	2,968	2,487	2,482	2,866	2,707	2,740
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	297	309	312	367	338	372	349	392	442	398
Abduction	56	67	32	57	53	50	61	65	44	44
Extortion	300	308	370	496	539	564	1,060	1,052	1,320	1,528
Criminal harassment	2,617	2,530	2,098	1,991	1,651	1,635	1,619	2,272	2,184	2,209
Uttering threats	12,321	10,630	9,782	10,282	9,497	8,660	9,703	16,391	16,806	16,686
Indecent or harassing communications	4,462	4,107	3,472	4,901	5,448	5,651	6,447	9,022	9,583	9,306
Other violent offences ⁷	446	409	407	503	499	512	591	796	797	778
Total violent offences	63,904	57,231	53,203	56,923	54,246	53,540	59,032	79,813	80,298	80,942
Breaking and entering	30,024	28,424	29,918	30,156	29,874	26,580	26,247	28,791	25,239	21,757
Possession of stolen property	2,679	2,852	2,817	3,106	3,206	3,488	3,552	5,275	4,318	3,766
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	37	51	41	27	48	99	35	43	34	24
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	12,565	11,544	15,009	14,720	13,968	14,484	12,594	13,356	10,586	10,684
Theft over \$5,000	2,507	2,336	2,563	2,742	2,819	3,531	4,564	5,346	5,401	5,072
Theft under \$5,000	105,634	103,388	113,030	117,005	122,530	117,184	121,209	133,276	100,019	93,584
Fraud	11,956	12,128	13,371	15,749	17,289	17,863	20,239	22,537	21,290	20,348
Identity theft/fraud	2,129	2,529	2,645	2,711	3,252	3,458	3,708	4,646	4,975	4,352
Mischief	48,274	44,230	45,348	45,036	43,384	44,275	45,288	54,843	56,881	58,076
Arson	1,866	1,514	1,509	1,411	1,348	1,297	1,356	1,555	1,795	2,198
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	3	1	3	1	6	5	7	1	3	9
Total property offences	217,674	208,997	226,254	232,664	237,724	232,264	238,799	269,669	230,541	219,870
Counterfeiting	53	111	102	102	120	156	172	158	125	74
Weapons	3,342	3,423	3,088	2,828	2,922	3,090	3,284	4,366	4,651	4,629
Child pornography ¹¹	220	300	1,266	1,608	2,717	1,835	1,890	3,219	4,692	4,743
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	492	345	198	35	42	20	26	41	16	3
Disturb the peace	48,882	46,282	43,794	46,009	42,791	41,007	42,025	50,338	49,847	50,734
Administration of justice	16,862	16,284	16,732	19,194	20,584	19,949	19,666	23,606	23,718	22,114
Total other violations ¹³	7,647	7,128	7,006	7,116	6,697	5,951	6,667	8,553	7,698	7,251
Total other Criminal Code offences	77,498	73,873	72,186	76,892	75,873	72,008	73,730	90,281	90,747	89,548
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	359,076	340,101	351,643	366,479	367,843	357,812	371,561	439,763	401,586	390,360

Crime Rates*

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide ^{1,2,14}	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.4
Attempted murder ¹⁴	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.3
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sexual assault, level 1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9
Sexual violations against children ³	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0
Assault, level 1	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.8	5.4	5.3
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other assaults	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Firearms	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Robbery	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Abduction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extortion	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Criminal harassment	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Uttering threats	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	3.3	3.2
Indecent or harassing communications	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.8
Other violent offences ⁷	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Total violent offences	14.0	12.4	11.3	11.9	11.2	10.9	11.8	15.7	15.6	15.5
Breaking and entering	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.7	4.9	4.2
Possession of stolen property	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.0
Theft over \$5,000	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Theft under \$5,000	23.1	22.3	24.0	24.5	25.2	23.8	24.2	26.2	19.4	17.9
Fraud	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.9
Identity theft/fraud	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.8
Mischief	10.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	8.9	9.0	9.0	10.8	11.0	11.1
Arson	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total property offences	47.7	45.1	48.1	48.7	48.9	47.1	47.7	52.9	44.7	42.2
Counterfeiting	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Weapons	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
Child pornography ¹¹	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.9
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disturb the peace	10.7	10.0	9.3	9.6	8.8	8.3	8.4	9.9	9.7	9.7
Administration of justice	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.2
Total other violations ¹³	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.4
Total other Criminal Code offences	17.0	16.0	15.3	16.1	15.6	14.6	14.7	17.7	17.6	17.2

TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES

(excluding traffic) 78.6 73.5 74.7 76.7 75.7 72.6 74.2 86.3 77.8 74.9

*Crime rates are calculated per 1,000 population, with the exception of homicides and attempted murders, which are calculated per 100,000 population. Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

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Number of Offences Cleared

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide ^{1,2}	40	36	60	60	46	63	39	48	46	43
Attempted murder	65	62	65	64	60	79	47	64	52	43
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	4	18	16	7	15	24	7	11	12	3
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	23	33	25	23	26	13	24	59	27	34
Sexual assault, level 1	1,356	1,330	1,182	1,276	1,222	1,377	1,555	1,654	1,758	1,848
Sexual violations against children ³	430	437	457	468	550	709	690	682	723	769
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	33	28
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	26	29	29	37	45	21	21
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	310	293	271	258	263	304	261	262	271	251
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	4,728	4,528	4,208	4,351	4,310	4,354	4,544	4,923	5,407	5,488
Assault, level 1	17,155	16,279	15,251	15,314	15,090	14,573	15,172	16,475	15,234	14,636
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	1,312	1,174	1,218	1,232	1,234	1,223	1,396	1,513	1,535	1,642
Other assaults	139	165	128	122	111	99	102	112	118	97
Firearms	91	99	87	113	122	119	93	161	182	168
Robbery	1,570	1,309	1,253	1,320	1,178	1,042	1,042	1,116	985	941
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	252	263	261	312	291	307	288	301	348	295
Abduction	23	25	23	32	22	18	22	22	14	15
Extortion	124	129	112	124	112	101	95	145	136	96
Criminal harassment	1,212	1,214	1,071	995	920	901	844	919	913	1,012
Uttering threats	5,652	5,215	4,897	4,869	4,934	4,412	4,727	5,524	5,352	5,105
Indecent or harassing communications	723	597	416	585	789	757	775	1,177	1,062	1,024
Other violent offences ⁷	221	235	206	281	272	244	267	328	335	326
Total violent offences	35,430	33,441	31,207	31,832	31,596	30,748	32,027	35,564	34,564	33,885
Breaking and entering	2,697	2,724	2,714	2,898	2,761	2,698	2,773	3,172	3,186	2,644
Possession of stolen property	1,713	1,821	1,730	1,816	1,872	2,039	1,847	2,107	1,729	1,427
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	31	36	29	20	27	53	27	12	9	9
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	832	901	939	949	856	884	911	1,003	936	846
Theft over \$5,000	219	213	187	190	183	189	221	284	292	299
Theft under \$5,000	17,118	15,980	15,906	15,382	15,912	14,575	13,591	15,132	10,340	9,253
Fraud	2,645	2,736	2,416	2,303	2,684	2,435	2,456	2,589	1,790	1,293
Identity theft/fraud	322	375	351	374	529	520	492	652	433	314
Mischief	7,133	6,590	6,751	7,011	7,491	7,941	9,204	10,416	10,240	10,280
Arson	170	173	139	125	163	140	140	154	173	239
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	1
Total property offences	32,881	31,549	31,163	31,068	32,479	31,477	31,663	35,522	29,128	26,605
Counterfeiting	53	111	102	102	120	156	172	158	125	74
Weapons	2,102	2,267	1,984	1,961	2,001	2,128	2,257	2,612	2,992	2,779
Child pornography ¹¹	86	129	160	169	145	141	176	191	203	217
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	197	131	48	4	8	1	12	5	3	0
Disturb the peace	17,179	16,818	14,189	13,110	13,611	12,723	12,793	14,223	11,960	11,040
Administration of justice	15,270	14,799	15,491	17,467	19,141	18,345	17,940	19,494	19,377	17,701
Total other violations ¹³	3,513	3,399	3,295	3,288	3,284	2,961	3,194	3,564	3,179	2,838
Total other Criminal Code offences	38,400	37,654	35,269	36,101	38,310	36,455	36,544	40,247	37,839	34,649
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	106,711	102,644	97,639	99,001	102,385	98,680	100,234	111,333	101,531	95,139

Clearance Rates

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide ^{1,2}	56.3%	47.4%	67.4%	61.9%	52.3%	52.9%	43.3%	53.3%	46.0%	34.4%
Attempted murder	73.9%	68.9%	70.7%	49.6%	50.4%	68.7%	53.4%	63.4%	52.5%	61.4%
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	44.4%	85.7%	106.7%	36.8%	78.9%	85.7%	87.5%	110.0%	66.7%	33.3%
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	56.1%	60.0%	51.0%	57.5%	74.3%	41.9%	37.5%	109.3%	54.0%	60.7%
Sexual assault, level 1	54.4%	56.3%	53.4%	57.2%	54.1%	51.3%	48.4%	40.5%	46.0%	41.4%
Sexual violations against children ³	63.0%	66.6%	66.9%	71.5%	66.7%	71.9%	60.8%	46.3%	50.7%	49.9%
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.8%	57.9%	56.0%
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	35.6%	40.8%	45.3%	34.6%	29.6%	17.4%	27.3%
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	79.9%	80.5%	78.3%	77.9%	81.2%	84.4%	78.1%	76.6%	79.2%	69.9%
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	60.3%	64.2%	63.4%	63.0%	63.4%	63.6%	62.0%	54.9%	53.7%	52.3%
Assault, level 1	67.4%	71.0%	70.9%	68.7%	72.0%	70.6%	67.3%	56.1%	54.3%	52.9%
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	97.7%	99.8%	97.7%	94.4%	98.4%	95.5%	96.9%	97.0%	95.9%	95.0%
Other assaults	59.9%	56.3%	52.2%	40.4%	45.7%	49.3%	56.7%	36.0%	42.6%	42.4%
Firearms	37.4%	46.5%	42.4%	37.4%	46.0%	46.1%	46.3%	43.6%	46.4%	45.5%
Robbery	34.7%	36.6%	36.9%	36.2%	39.7%	41.9%	42.0%	38.9%	36.4%	34.3%
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	84.8%	85.1%	83.7%	85.0%	86.1%	82.5%	82.5%	76.8%	78.7%	74.1%
Abduction	41.1%	37.3%	71.9%	56.1%	41.5%	36.0%	36.1%	33.8%	31.8%	34.1%
Extortion	41.3%	41.9%	30.3%	25.0%	20.8%	17.9%	9.0%	13.8%	10.3%	6.3%
Criminal harassment	46.3%	48.0%	51.0%	50.0%	55.7%	55.1%	52.1%	40.4%	41.8%	45.8%
Uttering threats	45.9%	49.1%	50.1%	47.4%	52.0%	50.9%	48.7%	33.7%	31.8%	30.6%
Indecent or harassing communications	16.2%	14.5%	12.0%	11.9%	14.5%	13.4%	12.0%	13.0%	11.1%	11.0%
Other violent offences ⁷	49.6%	57.5%	50.6%	55.9%	54.5%	47.7%	45.2%	41.2%	42.0%	41.9%
Total violent offences	55.4%	58.4%	58.7%	55.9%	58.2%	57.4%	54.3%	44.6%	43.0%	41.9%
Breaking and entering	9.0%	9.6%	9.1%	9.6%	9.2%	10.2%	10.6%	11.0%	12.6%	12.2%
Possession of stolen property	63.9%	63.8%	61.4%	58.5%	58.4%	58.5%	52.0%	39.9%	40.0%	37.9%
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	83.8%	70.6%	70.7%	74.1%	56.3%	53.5%	77.1%	27.9%	26.5%	37.5%
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	6.6%	7.8%	6.3%	6.4%	6.1%	6.1%	7.2%	7.5%	8.8%	7.9%
Theft over \$5,000	8.7%	9.1%	7.3%	6.9%	6.5%	5.4%	4.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.9%
Theft under \$5,000	16.2%	15.5%	14.1%	13.1%	13.0%	12.4%	11.2%	11.4%	10.3%	9.9%
Fraud	22.1%	22.6%	18.1%	14.6%	15.5%	13.6%	12.1%	11.5%	8.4%	6.4%
Identity theft/fraud	15.1%	14.8%	13.3%	13.8%	16.3%	15.0%	13.3%	14.0%	8.7%	7.2%
Mischief	14.8%	14.9%	14.9%	15.6%	17.3%	17.9%	20.3%	19.0%	18.0%	17.7%
Arson	9.1%	11.4%	9.2%	8.9%	12.1%	10.8%	10.3%	9.9%	9.6%	10.9%
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	16.7%	60.0%	14.3%	100.0%	0.0%	11.1%
Total property offences	15.1%	15.1%	13.8%	13.4%	13.7%	13.6%	13.3%	13.2%	12.6%	12.1%
Counterfeiting	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Weapons	62.9%	66.2%	64.2%	69.3%	68.5%	68.9%	68.7%	59.8%	64.3%	60.0%
Child pornography ¹¹	39.1%	43.0%	12.6%	10.5%	5.3%	7.7%	9.3%	5.9%	4.3%	4.6%
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	40.0%	38.0%	24.2%	11.4%	19.0%	5.0%	46.2%	12.2%	18.8%	0.0%
Disturb the peace	35.1%	36.3%	32.4%	28.5%	31.8%	31.0%	30.4%	28.3%	24.0%	21.8%
Administration of justice	90.6%	90.9%	92.6%	91.0%	93.0%	92.0%	91.2%	82.6%	81.7%	80.0%
Total other violations ¹³	45.9%	47.7%	47.0%	46.2%	49.0%	49.8%	47.9%	41.7%	41.3%	39.1%
Total other Criminal Code offences	49.5%	51.0%	48.9%	47.0%	50.5%	50.6%	49.6%	44.6%	41.7%	38.7%
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	29.7%	30.2%	27.8%	27.0%	27.8%	27.6%	27.0%	25.3%	25.3%	24.4%

Number of Offences Cleared by Charge

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Homicide ^{1,2}	36	32	51	53	43	57	36	37	43	33
Attempted murder	65	60	64	63	58	76	46	64	49	43
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	3	18	16	6	15	24	7	11	11	3
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	23	33	23	23	25	12	24	57	24	34
Sexual assault, level 1	1,212	1,187	1,049	1,131	1,073	1,189	1,365	1,389	1,532	1,590
Sexual violations against children ³	374	389	419	420	513	652	627	605	652	698
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	31	23
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	4	10	11	19	30	5	10
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	304	287	262	248	256	296	251	253	254	243
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	3,746	3,634	3,407	3,570	3,526	3,544	3,729	3,979	4,298	4,383
Assault, level 1	11,423	10,989	10,118	10,503	10,228	9,925	9,979	10,041	9,356	9,063
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	1,039	918	936	976	987	933	1,111	1,142	1,201	1,209
Other assaults	95	127	93	88	74	62	68	60	77	61
Firearms	74	86	71	93	97	97	79	138	148	152
Robbery	1,423	1,207	1,169	1,243	1,104	969	967	1,008	861	835
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	243	254	251	302	280	301	280	279	333	279
Abduction	21	25	21	26	17	17	18	19	13	13
Extortion	83	89	84	99	70	57	65	91	82	66
Criminal harassment	624	657	564	631	595	570	520	533	578	611
Uttering threats	3,056	2,875	2,783	2,884	2,915	2,647	2,821	2,879	2,762	2,613
Indecent or harassing communications	65	64	38	60	105	94	103	129	142	150
Other violent offences ⁷	187	186	170	224	203	164	188	254	233	252
Total violent offences	24,096	23,117	21,589	22,647	22,194	21,697	22,303	23,018	22,685	22,364
Breaking and entering	1,950	2,079	2,049	2,261	2,102	2,010	2,084	2,353	2,276	1,789
Possession of stolen property	1,051	1,078	1,203	1,296	1,330	1,304	1,203	1,358	1,096	945
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	15	12	18	11	16	9	15	10	5	8
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	451	536	591	610	550	566	572	568	535	467
Theft over \$5,000	148	145	138	129	120	144	173	202	193	205
Theft under \$5,000	7,843	7,607	7,471	7,809	7,488	6,890	6,350	6,893	4,297	3,448
Fraud	1,560	1,588	1,435	1,426	1,665	1,446	1,535	1,492	1,036	719
Identity theft/fraud	214	257	275	301	419	430	385	479	326	232
Mischief	1,800	1,735	1,691	1,872	1,568	1,515	1,805	1,753	1,726	1,791
Arson	92	98	77	76	100	95	94	80	105	150
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
Total property offences	15,125	15,135	14,948	15,791	15,359	14,411	14,217	15,189	11,595	9,754
Counterfeiting	36	80	53	71	100	116	138	111	83	41
Weapons	887	971	930	969	1,007	999	1,060	1,174	1,319	1,151
Child pornography ¹¹	65	94	107	129	110	111	127	117	108	120
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	116	59	13	3	0	0	6	4	0	0
Disturb the peace	1,768	1,619	1,283	1,016	823	697	695	760	474	405
Administration of justice	12,266	12,168	12,719	14,456	15,536	14,667	14,007	14,382	12,773	9,586
Total other violations ¹³	1,775	1,771	1,753	1,715	1,719	1,619	1,673	1,776	1,484	1,259
Total other Criminal Code offences	16,913	16,762	16,858	18,359	19,295	18,209	17,706	18,324	16,241	12,562
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	56,134	55,014	53,395	56,797	56,848	54,317	54,226	56,531	50,521	44,680

Number of Offences Cleared Otherwise

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide ^{1,2}	4	4	9	7	3	6	3	11	3	10
Attempted murder	0	2	1	1	2	3	1	0	3	0
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	3	0
Sexual assault, level 1	144	143	133	145	149	188	190	265	226	258
Sexual violations against children ³	56	48	38	48	37	57	63	77	71	71
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	22	19	18	18	15	16	11
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	6	6	9	10	7	8	10	9	17	8
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	982	894	801	781	784	810	815	944	1,109	1,105
Assault, level 1	5,732	5,290	5,133	4,811	4,862	4,648	5,193	6,434	5,878	5,573
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	273	256	282	256	247	290	285	371	334	433
Other assaults	44	38	35	34	37	37	34	52	41	36
Firearms	17	13	16	20	25	22	14	23	34	16
Robbery	147	102	84	77	74	73	75	108	124	106
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	9	9	10	10	11	6	8	22	15	16
Abduction	2	0	2	6	5	1	4	3	1	2
Extortion	41	40	28	25	42	44	30	54	54	30
Criminal harassment	588	557	507	364	325	331	324	386	335	401
Uttering threats	2,596	2,340	2,114	1,985	2,019	1,765	1,906	2,645	2,590	2,492
Indecent or harassing communications	658	533	378	525	684	663	672	1,048	920	874
Other violent offences ⁷	34	49	36	57	69	80	79	74	102	74
Total violent offences	11,334	10,324	9,618	9,185	9,402	9,051	9,724	12,546	11,879	11,521
Breaking and entering	747	645	665	637	659	688	689	819	910	855
Possession of stolen property	662	743	527	520	542	735	644	749	633	482
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	16	24	11	9	11	44	12	2	4	1
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	381	365	348	339	306	318	339	435	401	379
Theft over \$5,000	71	68	49	61	63	45	48	82	99	94
Theft under \$5,000	9,275	8,373	8,435	7,573	8,424	7,685	7,241	8,239	6,043	5,805
Fraud	1,085	1,148	981	877	1,019	989	921	1,097	754	574
Identity theft/fraud	108	118	76	73	110	90	107	173	107	82
Mischief	5,333	4,855	5,060	5,139	5,923	6,426	7,399	8,663	8,514	8,489
Arson	78	75	62	49	63	45	46	74	68	89
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total property offences	17,756	16,414	16,215	15,277	17,120	17,066	17,446	20,333	17,533	16,851
Counterfeiting	17	31	49	31	20	40	34	47	42	33
Weapons	1,215	1,296	1,054	992	994	1,129	1,197	1,438	1,673	1,628
Child pornography ¹¹	21	35	53	40	35	30	49	74	95	97
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	81	72	35	1	8	1	6	1	3	0
Disturb the peace	15,411	15,199	12,906	12,094	12,788	12,026	12,098	13,463	11,486	10,635
Administration of justice	3,004	2,631	2,772	3,011	3,605	3,678	3,933	5,112	6,604	8,115
Total other violations ¹³	1,738	1,628	1,542	1,573	1,565	1,342	1,521	1,788	1,695	1,579
Total other Criminal Code offences	21,487	20,892	18,411	17,742	19,015	18,246	18,838	21,923	21,598	22,087
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	50,577	47,630	44,244	42,204	45,537	44,363	46,008	54,802	51,010	50,459

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Total Persons Charged

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide ^{1,2}	41	35	56	62	46	57	46	43	40	36
Attempted murder	56	52	54	68	66	73	49	51	49	38
Sexual assault, level 3 (aggravated)	3	25	18	5	16	12	6	12	11	3
Sexual assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	22	29	23	24	22	11	22	36	22	29
Sexual assault, level 1	1,044	1,050	955	975	984	1,071	1,248	1,261	1,404	1,392
Sexual violations against children ³	333	324	344	360	462	563	510	508	567	600
Sexual offences before 1983 ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	19	17
Offences in relation to sexual services ⁵	-	-	-	4	10	11	20	30	5	11
Assault, level 3 (aggravated)	297	297	268	272	278	302	270	270	262	250
Assault, level 2 (weapon or bodily harm)	3,468	3,387	3,134	3,349	3,294	3,252	3,418	3,685	3,940	3,999
Assault, level 1	10,575	10,199	9,396	9,802	9,478	9,187	9,241	9,276	8,615	8,354
Assaults against a peace officer ⁶	852	748	754	779	778	765	882	888	917	886
Other assaults	83	117	72	81	66	53	53	53	64	54
Firearms	66	79	58	89	89	94	75	120	142	147
Robbery	1,369	1,198	1,132	1,212	1,107	954	965	1,072	891	844
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	256	256	269	312	276	309	301	281	334	274
Abduction	21	20	16	18	15	12	16	16	14	10
Extortion	84	86	78	88	60	69	61	86	73	66
Criminal harassment	560	586	503	547	530	522	470	478	509	537
Uttering threats	2,431	2,289	2,216	2,313	2,265	2,115	2,197	2,292	2,171	2,072
Indecent or harassing communications	62	58	35	55	82	85	84	122	118	133
Other violent offences ⁷	134	141	143	170	162	145	131	196	212	265
Total violent offences	21,757	20,976	19,524	20,585	20,086	19,662	20,065	20,794	20,379	20,017
Breaking and entering	2,277	2,375	2,280	2,527	2,417	2,281	2,400	2,636	2,487	1,989
Possession of stolen property	1,217	1,221	1,369	1,507	1,537	1,536	1,407	1,568	1,237	1,076
Trafficking in stolen property ⁸	18	17	28	12	22	20	17	15	6	11
Theft of motor vehicle ⁹	425	523	573	580	506	507	491	442	435	385
Theft over \$5,000	188	180	159	143	135	163	189	239	219	233
Theft under \$5,000	8,154	7,887	7,651	8,017	7,666	7,054	6,457	7,039	4,356	3,441
Fraud	1,695	1,650	1,519	1,552	1,820	1,574	1,618	1,651	1,117	764
Identity theft/fraud	223	270	310	321	451	474	411	493	343	239
Mischief	1,823	1,709	1,580	1,485	1,537	1,480	1,628	1,762	1,662	1,796
Arson	100	114	89	98	112	96	91	78	110	142
Altering, removing or destroying VIN ¹⁰	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
Total property offences	16,121	15,946	15,558	16,242	16,204	15,187	14,710	15,924	11,972	10,076
Counterfeiting	37	78	62	82	114	133	145	127	85	42
Weapons	1,000	1,068	1,026	1,053	1,105	1,085	1,141	1,278	1,407	1,236
Child pornography ¹¹	64	96	110	132	113	111	131	120	102	111
Other offences in relation to sexual services ^{5,12}	116	69	15	3	0	0	6	4	0	0
Disturb the peace	2,008	1,807	1,442	1,132	884	745	748	818	506	428
Administration of justice	11,896	11,714	12,360	13,985	15,142	14,424	13,797	14,210	12,542	9,360
Total other violations ¹³	1,874	1,839	1,880	1,806	1,808	1,697	1,753	1,861	1,538	1,400
Total other Criminal Code offences	16,995	16,671	16,895	18,193	19,166	18,195	17,721	18,418	16,180	12,577
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	54,873	53,593	51,977	55,020	55,456	53,044	52,496	55,136	48,531	42,670

Drug Offences

Number of Offences	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	15,303	16,225	14,953	12,563	11,216	9,417	6,950	0	0	0
Cannabis: Trafficking	1,014	961	595	485	447	456	402	0	0	0
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	18	31	25	63	102	77	248	352	103	8
Cannabis: Production	1,388	1,046	460	410	391	356	222	0	0	0
Cannabis¹⁵	17,723	18,263	16,033	13,521	12,156	10,306	7,822	352	103	8
Cocaine: Possession	2,597	2,654	2,310	2,068	2,086	1,913	1,914	1,948	1,672	1,327
Cocaine: Trafficking	1,738	1,566	1,366	1,053	961	711	887	1,458	1,201	765
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	29	19	22	12	25	17	50	91	115	101
Cocaine: Production	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	2
Cocaine	4,364	4,240	3,699	3,133	3,072	2,642	2,854	3,498	2,990	2,195
Heroin: Possession	508	617	853	1,139	1,588	1,504	1,465	1,450	1,099	588
Heroin: Trafficking	226	253	249	276	348	374	208	245	175	70
Heroin: Importation and exportation	5	8	5	10	6	5	9	15	13	32
Heroin: Production	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Heroin	739	878	1,107	1,426	1,943	1,883	1,682	1,711	1,287	690
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	665	1,218	2,010	2,104
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	-	-	-	-	-	-	476	715	844	834
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	14	3	22
Non-heroin opioids: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	15	10
Non-heroin opioids¹⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,154	1,953	2,872	2,970
Methamphetamines: Possession	663	1,058	1,549	1,828	2,213	2,435	2,530	2,665	2,658	1,962
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	123	192	203	265	233	232	383	472	446	305
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	5	18	11	3	9	7	71	104	84	101
Methamphetamines: Production	28	19	17	22	15	11	8	26	21	15
Methamphetamines	819	1,287	1,780	2,118	2,470	2,685	2,992	3,267	3,209	2,383
Other drugs: Possession	1,219	1,114	1,266	1,451	1,658	1,680	1,701	2,902	2,543	2,187
Other drugs: Trafficking	502	453	350	348	339	375	507	1,600	1,517	1,026
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	56	103	74	117	97	139	243	853	906	781
Other drugs: Production	17	6	8	9	17	9	12	33	22	21
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking ¹⁷	16	10	4	9	7	17	12	26	28	18
Other drugs¹⁸	1,810	1,686	1,702	1,934	2,118	2,220	2,475	5,414	5,016	4,033
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES	25,455	26,354	24,321	22,132	21,759	19,736	18,979	16,195	15,477	12,279
CANNABIS ACT¹⁹										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	419	203	141
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	48	40
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138	125	73
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2517	4268	4933
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197	172	110
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3802	5461	5859
TOTAL CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,148	10,277	11,156
TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES²⁰	25,455	26,354	24,321	22,132	21,759	19,736	18,979	23,343	25,754	23,435

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Crime Rates*	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Trafficking	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Production	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis¹⁵	3.9	3.9	3.4	2.8	2.5	2.1	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.0
Cocaine: Possession	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Cocaine: Trafficking	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4
Heroin: Possession	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Heroin: Trafficking	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-heroin opioids: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-heroin opioids¹⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6
Methamphetamines: Possession	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Other drugs: Possession	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4
Other drugs: Trafficking	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1
Other drugs: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking ¹⁷	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other drugs¹⁸	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.0	0.8
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES	5.6	5.7	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.8	3.2	3.0	2.4
CANNABIS ACT¹⁹										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.8	0.9
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.7	1.1	1.1
TOTAL CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	2.0	2.1
TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES²⁰	5.6	5.7	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.8	4.6	5.0	4.5

*Crime rates for the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act* are calculated per 1,000 population. Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

Number of Offences Cleared	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	12,226	13,175	11,841	9,694	9,063	7,297	5,148	31	4	0
Cannabis: Trafficking	668	628	385	279	282	247	167	7	0	2
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	9	16	18	65	92	65	90	19	2	0
Cannabis: Production	408	269	176	138	133	145	70	2	3	0
Cannabis¹⁵	13,311	14,088	12,420	10,176	9,570	7,754	5,475	59	9	2
Cocaine: Possession	1,947	1,936	1,707	1,479	1,522	1,394	1,253	977	931	689
Cocaine: Trafficking	1,213	1,119	1,020	842	755	571	547	505	505	398
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	8	4	12	6	14	10	13	19	13	5
Cocaine: Production	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cocaine	3,168	3,060	2,740	2,327	2,291	1,975	1,814	1,501	1,449	1,093
Heroin: Possession	389	479	676	827	1,148	1,152	1,003	691	648	344
Heroin: Trafficking	198	217	213	249	289	322	151	120	72	22
Heroin: Importation and exportation	3	2	4	3	5	2	0	2	0	0
Heroin: Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	590	698	893	1,079	1,442	1,476	1,154	813	720	366
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	512	921	1,515	1,358
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	-	-	-	-	-	-	382	511	582	489
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	0	0
Non-heroin opioids: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	2	3
Non-heroin opioids¹⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	895	1,437	2,099	1,850
Methamphetamines: Possession	502	836	1,220	1,393	1,779	1,884	1,941	1,878	1,901	1,321
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	89	154	177	230	201	177	328	273	256	178
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	1	5	7	3	2	2	5	6	5	1
Methamphetamines: Production	3	6	6	7	5	3	2	0	0	2
Methamphetamines	595	1,001	1,410	1,633	1,987	2,066	2,276	2,157	2,162	1,502
Other drugs: Possession	805	792	942	1,030	1,127	1,049	982	965	1,139	983
Other drugs: Trafficking	183	217	202	206	185	248	234	213	268	252
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	23	53	43	71	54	66	46	139	49	13
Other drugs: Production	7	2	4	6	6	5	2	4	2	3
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking ¹⁷	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	6	2
Other drugs¹⁸	1,018	1,064	1,191	1,315	1,372	1,369	1,264	1,325	1,464	1,253
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES	18,682	19,911	18,654	16,530	16,662	14,640	12,878	7,292	7,903	6,066
CANNABIS ACT¹⁹										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189	110	74
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	32	28
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	32	23
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	270	232	7
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	37	19
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	685	648	355
TOTAL CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,234	1,091	506
TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES²⁰	18,682	19,911	18,654	16,530	16,662	14,640	12,878	8,526	8,994	6,572

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Persons Charged	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	3,528	3,744	3,451	2,738	2,515	1,937	1,364	4	1	0
Cannabis: Trafficking	666	609	345	271	308	208	141	17	1	2
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	12	0	6	8	0	3	2	0	4	0
Cannabis: Production	317	144	66	53	47	58	18	1	1	0
Cannabis¹⁵	4,523	4,497	3,868	3,070	2,870	2,206	1,525	22	7	2
Cocaine: Possession	781	766	703	661	688	598	491	350	280	202
Cocaine: Trafficking	1,214	1,183	1,139	938	907	580	447	447	471	363
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	8	1	8	4	5	6	3	5	5	4
Cocaine: Production	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cocaine	2,003	1,951	1,850	1,603	1,600	1,184	941	802	756	571
Heroin: Possession	174	199	296	351	444	402	315	184	121	54
Heroin: Trafficking	201	252	207	276	300	295	170	121	50	11
Heroin: Importation and exportation	2	2	4	2	9	1	0	1	0	0
Heroin: Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	377	453	507	629	753	698	485	306	171	65
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	253	383	513	238
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	-	-	-	-	-	-	310	468	503	456
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0
Non-heroin opioids: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8	4	7
Non-heroin opioids¹⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	564	860	1,020	701
Methamphetamines: Possession	248	411	511	667	834	818	783	742	647	317
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	94	160	161	211	192	193	239	201	214	153
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	3	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	7	0
Methamphetamines: Production	5	7	10	10	7	9	10	0	0	1
Methamphetamines	350	580	684	891	1,033	1,021	1,034	944	868	471
Other drugs: Possession	314	345	381	431	484	461	375	365	366	267
Other drugs: Trafficking	164	190	182	175	186	301	201	137	209	177
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	12	4	7	9	11	4	13	3	2	6
Other drugs: Production	10	1	4	5	7	5	0	6	2	4
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking ¹⁷	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other drugs¹⁸	500	540	574	621	688	771	589	513	579	454
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES	7,753	8,021	7,483	6,814	6,944	5,880	5,138	3,447	3,401	2,264
CANNABIS ACT¹⁹										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	49	25
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	15
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	20	12
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	5
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	27	18
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	212	197	195
TOTAL CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	343	304	270
TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES²⁰	7,753	8,021	7,483	6,814	6,944	5,880	5,138	3,790	3,705	2,534

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC²¹

Number of Offences	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IO*: Causing death ²²	15	13	15	13	12	15	14	8	10	11
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	3	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	2
IO*: Causing bodily harm ²²	59	55	45	56	44	51	31	52	38	46
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	3	2	1	1	5	6	4	9	11	11
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft ^{22,23}	12,869	12,275	11,165	9,632	9,470	9,144	10,313	15,326	12,947	11,686
IO*: (Drugs) Vehicle, vessel, aircraft ²⁴	347	281	295	377	504	525	676	1,625	1,799	1,860
IO*: Failure to comply or refusal ²⁵	1,056	960	1,129	1,523	1,455	1,375	1,265	1,201	1,060	1,039
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs)	4	8	2	9	1	7	9	18	38	44
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample ²⁶	8	7	2	3	5	6	4	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) ²⁶	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total impaired driving offences	14,364	13,601	12,657	11,615	11,499	11,130	12,319	18,240	15,904	14,699
DO**: Causing death	14	14	11	11	13	7	14	26	10	13
DO**: Causing bodily harm	29	47	30	35	35	32	35	50	42	39
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	481	416	438	485	437	433	481	552	692	878
DO**: Evading police, causing death ²⁷	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm ²⁷	2	2	7	2	6	9	6	0	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police ²⁷	477	462	598	994	1,119	959	1,070	1,156	1,567	1,964
Total fail to stop or remain ²⁸	1,978	1,935	1,982	2,012	2,013	1,975	2,030	2,135	1,919	1,919
Driving while prohibited	627	624	535	510	539	573	645	762	809	569
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic violations	2	3	3	0	1	4	6	0	0	0
Criminal negligence causing death - street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	-
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm - street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Causing death while street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing ²⁹	18	13	11	9	8	5	5	0	-	-
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	3,628	3,516	3,615	4,060	4,171	3,997	4,292	4,681	5,039	5,382

TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

17,992 17,117 16,272 15,675 15,670 15,127 16,611 22,921 20,943 20,081

*IO = Impaired Operation, **DO = Dangerous Operation

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CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC²¹

Crime Rates‡	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IO*: Causing death ²²	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
IO*: Causing bodily harm ²²	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.9
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft ^{22,23}	281.8	265.1	237.2	201.7	194.9	185.5	205.8	300.8	251.0	224.1
IO*: (Drugs) Vehicle, vessel, aircraft ²⁴	7.6	6.1	6.3	7.9	10.4	10.7	13.5	31.9	34.9	35.7
IO*: Failure to comply or refusal ²⁵	23.1	20.7	24.0	31.9	29.9	27.9	25.2	23.6	20.5	19.9
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs)	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample ²⁶	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) ²⁶	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total impaired driving offences	314.5	293.8	268.9	243.2	236.6	225.8	245.9	358.0	308.3	281.9
DO**: Causing death	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2
DO**: Causing bodily harm	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	10.5	9.0	9.3	10.2	9.0	8.8	9.6	10.8	13.4	16.8
DO**: Evading police, causing death ²⁷	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm ²⁷	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police ²⁷	10.4	10.0	12.7	20.8	23.0	19.5	21.4	22.7	30.4	37.7
Total fail to stop or remain ²⁸	43.3	41.8	42.1	42.1	41.4	40.1	40.5	41.9	37.2	36.8
Driving while prohibited	13.7	13.5	11.4	10.7	11.1	11.6	12.9	15.0	15.7	10.9
Other Criminal Code traffic violations	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Criminal negligence causing death - street racing ²⁹	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm - street racing ²⁹	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
DO**: Causing death while street racing ²⁹	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing ²⁹	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing ²⁹	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-	-
Total other Criminal Code traffic offences	79.4	75.9	76.8	85.0	85.8	81.1	85.7	91.9	97.7	103.2

TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

394.0 369.7 345.7 328.2 322.5 306.9 331.5 449.9 406.0 385.1

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‡Crime rates for Criminal Code traffic offences are calculated per 100,000 population. Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC²¹

Number of Offences Cleared	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IO*: Causing death ²²	15	12	10	16	9	9	22	5	9	9
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	3	0	2
IO*: Causing bodily harm ²²	57	53	49	46	53	43	37	46	38	46
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	1	5	1	1	4	7	3	8	11	8
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft ^{22,23}	11,582	11,279	10,256	8,698	8,628	8,224	8,947	8,952	7,872	7,456
IO*: (Drugs) Vehicle, vessel, aircraft ²⁴	281	217	226	294	412	405	455	543	767	906
IO*: Failure to comply or refusal ²⁵	1,050	943	1,119	1,478	1,420	1,352	1,237	1,187	1,049	1,033
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs)	4	7	3	8	2	7	6	19	34	47
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample ²⁶	5	10	2	3	4	7	4	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) ²⁶	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total impaired driving offences	12,997	12,527	11,669	10,544	10,535	10,056	10,712	10,763	9,780	9,507
DO**: Causing death	18	15	7	11	13	11	11	19	16	13
DO**: Causing bodily harm	30	35	29	29	33	29	26	43	45	38
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	353	308	307	333	316	296	328	357	437	498
DO**: Evading police, causing death ²⁷	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm ²⁷	2	2	7	2	5	9	6	1	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police ²⁷	271	278	301	409	427	421	441	460	579	643
Total fail to stop or remain ²⁸	535	552	541	502	497	527	608	559	547	414
Driving while prohibited	608	593	521	483	520	550	595	695	734	523
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic violations	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0
Criminal negligence causing death - street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm - street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Causing death while street racing ²⁹	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing ²⁹	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing ²⁹	5	5	3	3	4	1	4	0	-	-
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	1,824	1,793	1,716	1,772	1,817	1,846	2,022	2,134	2,358	2,129
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES	14,821	14,320	13,385	12,316	12,352	11,902	12,734	12,897	12,138	11,636

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CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC²¹

Number of Persons Charged	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
IO*: Causing death ²²	13	12	9	15	9	9	22	5	8	9
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	3	0	2
IO*: Causing bodily harm ²²	53	51	45	46	51	39	36	43	37	44
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	1	5	1	1	3	7	3	7	9	7
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft ^{22,23}	5,127	3,183	2,975	2,679	2,582	2,442	2,604	2,536	2,304	1,972
IO*: (Drugs) Vehicle, vessel, aircraft ²⁴	204	151	120	187	282	285	301	377	473	611
IO*: Failure to comply or refusal ²⁵	438	262	344	460	426	353	288	292	325	282
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs)	4	7	3	8	2	7	6	17	29	35
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample ²⁶	4	9	0	3	3	6	3	0	0	0
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) ²⁶	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total impaired driving offences	5,846	3,681	3,500	3,399	3,361	3,150	3,264	3,280	3,185	2,962
DO**: Causing death	21	17	7	11	13	11	12	20	16	13
DO**: Causing bodily harm	28	34	31	27	32	27	23	41	44	35
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	327	297	278	298	290	268	304	323	373	448
DO**: Evading police, causing death ²⁷	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm ²⁷	2	2	7	2	4	9	6	1	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police ²⁷	248	259	278	372	384	370	409	409	498	545
Total fail to stop or remain ²⁸	429	457	439	431	416	436	509	457	436	331
Driving while prohibited	586	568	503	471	501	525	575	677	701	507
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic violations	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Criminal negligence causing death - street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm - street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Causing death while street racing ²⁹	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing ²⁹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing ²⁹	5	8	4	5	5	1	2	0	-	-
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	1,646	1,644	1,547	1,617	1,648	1,647	1,842	1,928	2,068	1,879
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES	7,492	5,325	5,047	5,016	5,009	4,797	5,106	5,208	5,253	4,841

*IO = Impaired Operation, **DO = Dangerous Operation

Crime Severity Index

Crime Severity Index (CSI) is a tool developed by the Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics (CCJCSS) in 2009 for measuring police-reported crime in Canada. CSIs account for the change in the level of severity of crime from year to year in comparison to other crimes. CSIs use weights which assign higher values to more serious crimes and lower values to less serious high-volume crimes based on actual sentences handed down by the courts in all provinces and territories. The CSI includes all *Criminal Code* violations including traffic, as well as drug violations and other federal statutes. Each index has been standardized at 100 for the base year of 2006.

A jurisdiction with a higher proportion of more serious crimes will have a higher CSI value while a jurisdiction with a higher proportion of less serious crimes will have a lower CSI value. The CSI is not available for policing jurisdictions with populations less than 1,000. Data for policing jurisdictions with populations less than 5,000 should be used with caution.

The CSI weights are periodically updated, and CSI values have been calculated back to 1998.

There are four CSIs:

- The **Overall CSI** is based on the total volume of police-reported federal statute offences and measures the relative severity of overall crime.
- The **Violent CSI** is based on the total volume of police-reported violent federal statute offences and measures the relative severity of violent crime.
- The **Non-violent CSI** is based on the total volume of police-reported federal statute offences not considered violent in nature and measures the relative severity of non-violent crime.
- The **Youth CSI** is based on the same principles as the Overall CSI, which reflects the relative seriousness of different offences, but uses the number of youths accused instead of an incident count to measure the relative severity of crimes committed by youth.

CRIME SEVERITY INDEX (CSI)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Violent CSI	90.6	79.7	76.1	81.6	73.5	74.5	75.2	91.7	91.2	95.2
Non-violent CSI	95.8	90.5	95.1	96.5	98.1	91.5	93.5	108.6	99.3	91.8
Overall CSI	94.5	87.7	90.2	92.7	91.7	87.1	88.8	104.3	97.4	92.9

YOUTH CRIME SEVERITY INDEX (CSI)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Youth CSI	57.5	51.3	40.0	38.9	36.0	37.4	33.9	38.8	29.4	26.9

Endnotes

1. **Homicide data** are extracted from the Homicide Survey database. Homicides are counted according to the year in which police file the report.
2. In general, the UCR Survey counts an **adult or youth charged** for the year in which the charge was recommended. The **homicide** totals count an adult or youth charged with a homicide that occurred in the year the crime was reported to the police, regardless of the year in which the charge was recommended.
3. **Sexual violations against children** include *Criminal Code* violations that specifically concern offences involving child and youth victims. This category excludes incidents of child pornography and also excludes incidents of sexual assault levels 1, 2, and 3 against children and youth, which are counted within those three violation categories. In August of 2012, Bill C-10, the *Safe Streets Act*, came into effect making it an offence to make sexually explicit material available to a child, while the already existing crime of luring a child via computer was simultaneously expanded. In July of 2015, Bill C-26, the *Tougher Penalties for Child Predators Act*, was enacted, which affected determinations made by police regarding the most serious offence in an incident and thus which crime gets reported by the CCJCSS; as such, comparisons of this category's incident counts to previous years should be made with caution.
4. In 2019, the UCR added a new violation code to collect information on **sexual offences which occurred prior to January 4, 1983**, and as such, this category only includes data from 2018 onwards. While most violations are not typically reported years after their occurrence, sexual violations may be reported by a victim long after the incident took place due to a variety of reasons. On January 4, 1983, Canadian legislation surrounding sexual offences changed considerably. In order to reflect these changes, the UCR added the new violation code rather than collect historical offences under an existing violation code that did not reflect the state of Canadian legislation at the time of the offence. All offences which occurred prior to January 4, 1983 which had previously been classified as sexual offences under the current legislation have been reclassified in the UCR.
5. **Offences in relation to sexual services** is a new offence category created in December 2014 by the passage of Bill C-36, the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*. It is classified as a violent offence and includes: obtaining sexual services for consideration; material benefit from sexual services; procuring; and advertising sexual services. Other offences related to sexual services continue to be considered non-violent offences and are categorized in these publications under **other offences in relation to sexual services**, rather than prostitution, to reflect the component offences more accurately. These offences include: public communication to sell sexual services; and offences related to impeding traffic to buy or sell sexual services. As a result of these changes, comparisons between offences related to sexual services before and after December 2014 should be made with caution and take these changes into account.
6. **Assault against a peace officer** includes level 1 (common assault), level 2 (assault with a weapon), and level 3 (aggravated assault).
7. **Other violent offences** include conspiracy to commit murder, sexual exploitation of a person with a disability, incest, corrupting morals of a child, bestiality, voyeurism, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, trap likely to or cause bodily harm, hostage taking, trafficking in persons, intimidation of a (non)justice system participant or a journalist, explosives causing death or bodily harm, arson (disregard for human life), and other violent violations.
8. In 2011, the *Criminal Code* was amended creating a new offence for **trafficking property obtained by crime**. The UCR introduced a new violation code.
9. In 2011, a new UCR violation code for **motor vehicle theft** was created, replacing the previous UCR violations of motor vehicle theft over \$5,000 and motor vehicle theft \$5,000 and under.
10. In 2011, the *Criminal Code* was amended to make it illegal for anyone to **alter, destroy, or remove a vehicle identification number**. The UCR introduced a new violation code to collect this information.
11. The British Columbia Integrated Child Exploitation Unit (BC ICE) takes a proactive approach to tracking Internet Protocol (IP) addresses in possession of, and possibly sharing, child pornography. This results in an increase in reported **child pornography** violations in different parts of the province in different years (e.g., Surrey starting in 2014, Victoria in 2015, and Vancouver in 2016). Notably, due to the online nature of the offences, the incidents and/or offenders are not necessarily limited to the geographic area targeted.

12. On December 20, 2013, the Supreme Court of Canada found laws surrounding sexual services to be unconstitutional and gave Parliament 12 months to review and rewrite the legislation. As a result of this, a large number of incidents related to sexual services were no longer being reported, leading to a large decrease in the number of these incidents in 2014. New legislation came into force December 6, 2014; as a result, comparisons between offences related to sexual services before and after December 2014 should be made with caution and take these changes into account.
13. **Other “other” offences** include gaming and betting related offences, indecent acts, corrupting morals, obstructing a peace officer, trespassing at night, uttering threats to property/animals, public incitement of hatred, advocating genocide, unauthorized recording of a movie, offences against public order, offences relating to terrorist activity, invasion of privacy, offences against person or reputation, offences against rights of property, freezing of property/disclosure/audit, fraudulent transactions relating to contracts and trade, offences relating to currency, proceeds of crime, attempts/conspiracies/accessories, public morals/disorderly conduct, firearms and other offensive weapons, offences related to criminal organizations, and other offences.
14. The crime rates for **homicides** (including 1st degree murder, 2nd degree murder, manslaughter, and infanticide) and **attempted murders** are calculated on a per 100,000 population basis due to the small number of offences. *Criminal Code* traffic offence crime rates are also calculated per 100,000 population. All other crime rates are calculated on a per 1,000 population basis.
15. **Cannabis** includes all cannabis-related offences that were under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA). When the *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018, all prior cannabis-related legislation under the CDSA was replaced with the *Cannabis Act*, and cannabis possession became legal, except under certain circumstances. After 2018, there were still cannabis offences recorded under the CDSA. However, as these offences should have been expired at the end of 2018, percentage changes for these CDSA offences have not been included after 2018, and comparisons of incident counts after 2018 should be made with caution.
16. **Non-heroin opioids** include opioids such as fentanyl. In November 2017, the UCR Survey began counting violations involving opioids (other than heroin) under their own unique violation codes. Prior to this, violations involving non-heroin opioids (including fentanyl) were counted within the category of **other drugs**. Because non-heroin opioid offences only represent the last two months for 2017, comparisons of incident counts between 2017 and later years should be made with caution.
17. In 2011, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* was amended to make it illegal for anyone to possess, produce, sell, or import anything knowing it will be used to produce or traffic in crystal meth or ecstasy. The UCR Survey introduced a new violation code for possession, sale, etc., for use in production of or trafficking in substance (crystal meth or ecstasy). In 2017, this violation was expanded to include all substances listed in Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. As such, comparisons of incident counts before and after this change should be made with caution.
18. **Other drugs** include methylenedioxymphetamines (ecstasy), the illicit use of prescription drugs (except for non-heroin opioids), and other drugs. Before the UCR Survey introduced unique violation codes for non-heroin opioids in November 2017, non-heroin opioids had been included in the category of **other drugs**. Consequently, comparisons of incident counts for **other drugs** before and after this change should be made with caution.
19. The *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018. Consequently, there are no comparisons to *Cannabis Act* offences from years prior to 2018, and 2018 *Cannabis Act* offences only represent the final three months of the year. As such, comparisons of incident counts with 2018 figures should be made with caution.
20. **Total drug offences** include *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and *Cannabis Act* offences.
21. The passage of Bill C-46, *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Offences Relating to Conveyances) and to Make Consequential Amendments to Other Acts*, led to changes to impaired driving and other traffic offences in the *Criminal Code*. Part 1 came into effect on June 21, 2018, and Part 2 came into effect on December 18, 2018. As a result of Bill C-46, the UCR Survey added, changed, or expired codes related to impaired driving and other traffic offences.
22. For the purposes of this report, these categories include **impaired operations** where the cause of impairment is **alcohol**, a **combination of both alcohol and drugs**, or **unspecified**. As a result of Part 1 of Bill C-46 coming into effect on June 21, 2018, the UCR Survey added new codes for impaired operations where the cause of impairment is unspecified and where the cause of impairment is a combination of both alcohol and drugs.
23. In September 2010, Immediate Roadside Prohibition (IRP) provisions were introduced to the *Motor Vehicle Act* in British Columbia as an alternative method for officers to sanction impaired drivers. The use of IRPs for impaired driving incidents that meet the elements of the *Criminal Code* was temporarily suspended from November 30, 2011 to June 15, 2012 while government amended legislation.

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24. For the purposes of this report, this category includes **impaired operations** where the cause of impairment is **drugs** or **low blood drug concentration**. As a result of Part 1 of Bill C-46 coming into effect on June 21, 2018, the UCR Survey added a new code for impaired operations where the cause of impairment is low blood drug concentration.
25. For the purposes of this report, this category includes **failure or refusal to comply with demand** where the cause of impairment is **alcohol**, a **combination of both alcohol and drugs**, or **unspecified**. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 coming into effect on December 18, 2018, the UCR Survey added new codes for failure to comply with demand where the cause of impairment is unspecified and where the cause of impairment is a combination of both alcohol and drugs.
26. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 coming into effect on December 18, 2018, UCR Survey codes for **failure to provide blood sample** were expired. Offences previously associated with these codes now fall under **failure or refusal to comply**.
27. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 coming into effect on December 18, 2018, UCR Survey codes for **evading police causing bodily harm or death** were expired. **Evading police** now only has one UCR Survey code.
28. As of April 2011, **failure to stop** has been divided into three offence categories: failure to stop causing death, failure to stop causing bodily harm and failure to stop or remain. For the purposes of this report, these are displayed under the overarching category **failure to stop**.
29. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 coming into effect on December 18, 2018, all UCR Survey codes for **street racing** offences were expired.

Definitions and Data Qualifiers

- **Population figures** are estimates prepared annually by BC Stats, based on the results of the Canada Census, which is conducted every five years. These estimates reflect only the permanent residential population of a jurisdiction. Where a jurisdiction serves as a resort, business, or entertainment centre, it may have substantial “part-time” or transient/seasonal populations in addition to its permanent resident population, such as tourists, cabin owners, commuters, students, and seasonal staff. These temporary population groups are counted in population figures within the jurisdiction of their place of residence and not the jurisdiction in which they may be temporarily visiting or working. **Note:** The 2020 population estimates provided by BC Stats were based on the Statistics Canada 2016 Census boundary geographies adjusted in accordance with current police jurisdiction boundaries.
- The crime data contained in these reports have been recorded by the police using the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey scoring rules and guidelines. **Offences** are counted by number of separate criminal incidents. For violent criminal events, a separate incident is counted for each victim of violence. Offences are categorized by the most serious offence in an incident. **Criminal incidents** represent crimes reported to, or discovered by, the police; this includes third party reports. However, criminal incident counts do not include incidents where after police investigation, police have found credible evidence to prove that the crime did not occur nor was it attempted. As well, crime data in these reports do not represent nor imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, information sworn, or convictions obtained.
- **Total Criminal Code offences** (excluding traffic) include property, violent, and other crimes.
- **Violent crimes** include the offences of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, sexual offences against children, abduction, forcible confinement or kidnapping, firearms, robbery, criminal harassment, extortion, uttering threats, indecent or harassing communications, and other violent offences.
- **Property crimes** include the offences of breaking and entering, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, trafficking in stolen property, fraud, mischief, identity theft or fraud, arson, and altering/removing/destroying a vehicle identification number.
- **Other crimes** include *Criminal Code* offences not classified as either violent or property crimes, such as offences related to counterfeiting, offensive weapons, child pornography, disturbing the peace, the administration of justice, and other “other” offences.
- **Drug offences** are crimes committed under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act*. CDSA drug offences include possession, trafficking, production, and distribution of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, non-heroin opioids (including fentanyl), and methamphetamines (crystal meth), and other drug offences. When the *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018, all prior cannabis-related legislation under the CDSA was replaced with the *Cannabis Act*, and cannabis possession became legal, except under certain circumstances. Drug offences are not included in the Total *Criminal Code* offences.
- **Youth offences** are crimes committed by youth. There is no offence specifically known as a youth crime. An accused person is deemed to be a youth based on their age at the time an offence is committed. In BC, a youth is defined as any individual between the ages of 12 and 17.
- **Crime rate** is the number of *Criminal Code* offences or crimes (excluding drugs and traffic) reported for every 1,000 persons. It is a better measure of trends in crime than the actual number of offences because it accounts for **population** differences. Crime rates for the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act* are calculated per 1,000 population basis. Since the number of homicides and attempted murders reported is small, rates are calculated on a per 100,000 population basis. Crime rates for *Criminal Code* traffic offences are also calculated per 100,000 population basis.

A high crime rate may indicate that a municipality is a “core city”, i.e., a business and/or entertainment centre for many people who reside outside, as well as inside, the municipality. As a result, “core cities” may have large part-time or temporary populations which are excluded from both their population bases and their crime rate calculations.
- **Offences cleared** represent the number of offences where the police have identified at least one offender in relation to an offence and have sufficient evidence to solve the offence.
- **Offences cleared by charge** are reported when police have filed a Report to Crown Counsel (RCC) recommending charges be laid. Once an RCC is forwarded, the police consider the incident to be cleared by charge and this status is reported in the UCR Survey.

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- **Offences cleared by other means** or “cleared otherwise” are recorded in situations where sufficient evidence exists to proceed with charges, but police, given a certain set of circumstances, do not recommend charges and decide upon another course of action, e.g., diversion.
- **Clearance rate** is the number of crimes cleared by police during the year as a percentage of the number of crimes reported by police during that year. The process of solving crimes is often time-consuming and a crime may be solved months or years after it was reported to the police. This may result in the number of offences cleared in a year to be greater than the total number of offences reported to the police that year, which results in a clearance rate exceeding 100%.
- **Persons charged** data represent a count of the number of persons for whom charges were recommended for each incident rather than the total number of recommended charges. When an offence is **cleared by charge**, the number of persons recommended for charge by the police is recorded in the UCR Survey. An offender who is simultaneously recommended for charge on more than one offence is counted only once against the most serious offence (MSO) occurring in the police-reported incident. In addition, an offender is counted as a person charged each time the police recommends charges against them for separate incidents. In incidents with multiple accused involving multiple violations, each individual in the incident will be coded with the MSO even if this was not the violation that the person was accused of committing. As a result, the correlation of **persons charged** data with court data is difficult.
- Crime data from the previous years may be revised by Statistics Canada to reflect any updates or changes that have been received from the police services. Due to this and other factors, the data contained in this report may vary when compared with previous reports produced by Policing and Security Branch. Where variances occur, the report produced at the latest date will reflect the most current data available.
- The population estimates reported in this document and used to calculate crime rates are provided by BC Stats and may vary from those provided by Statistics Canada.
- Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

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