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## British Columbia Regional District 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>

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## British Columbia Regional Districts and Policing Jurisdictions

In an effort to recognize the “core city” effect and provide a more complete picture of crime in British Columbia, this publication aggregates the offences reported for policing jurisdictions in British Columbia into their Regional Districts.

The “core city” effect can be seen in municipalities that serve as core centres for visitors from surrounding areas, who travel into and out of the municipal boundaries for work, entertainment, shopping, or other reasons. These regular visitors are not included in the population figures used to calculate crime rates. As a result, municipalities that are “core cities” often have higher crime rates compared to surrounding areas and may also have higher crime rates compared to municipalities that are not “core cities”.

For crime statistics separated into individual policing jurisdictions in British Columbia, please see **BC Policing Jurisdiction Crime Trends 2011-2020**.

REGION	POLICING JURISDICTION	TYPE OF POLICING
Alberni Clayoquot	Port Alberni Mun	RCMP Municipal
Alberni Clayoquot	Port Alberni Prov	RCMP Provincial
Alberni Clayoquot	Tofino Prov	RCMP Provincial
Alberni Clayoquot	Ucluelet Prov	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Burns Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Fort St James Prov	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Fraser Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Houston/Granisle Prov <sup>4</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Smithers Mun	RCMP Municipal
Bulkley Nechako	Smithers Prov	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Takla Landing Prov	RCMP Provincial
Bulkley Nechako	Vanderhoof Prov	RCMP Provincial
Capital	Central Saanich Mun	Independent Municipal
Capital	Colwood Mun	RCMP Municipal
Capital	Langford Mun	RCMP Municipal
Capital	North Saanich Mun	RCMP Municipal
Capital	Oak Bay Mun	Independent Municipal
Capital	Outer Gulf Islands Prov	RCMP Provincial
Capital	Saanich Mun	Independent Municipal
Capital	Saltspring Island Prov	RCMP Provincial
Capital	Sidney Mun	RCMP Municipal
Capital	Sidney Prov	RCMP Provincial
Capital	Sooke Mun	RCMP Municipal
Capital	Sooke Prov	RCMP Provincial
Capital	Victoria Mun <sup>5</sup>	Independent Municipal
Capital	View Royal Mun	RCMP Municipal
Capital	West Shore Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cariboo	Alexis Creek Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cariboo	Anahim Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cariboo	One Hundred Mile House Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cariboo	Quesnel Mun	RCMP Municipal
Cariboo	Quesnel Prov	RCMP Provincial



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REGION	POLICING JURISDICTION	TYPE OF POLICING
Cariboo	Wells Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cariboo	Williams Lake Mun	RCMP Municipal
Cariboo	Williams Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
Central Coast	Bella Bella Prov	RCMP Provincial
Central Coast	Bella Coola Prov	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Castlegar Mun	RCMP Municipal
Central Kootenay	Castlegar Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Creston Mun <sup>7</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Central Kootenay	Creston Prov <sup>7</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Kaslo Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Nakusp Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Nelson Mun	Independent Municipal
Central Kootenay	Nelson Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Salmo Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Kootenay	Slocan Lake Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Okanagan	Kelowna Mun	RCMP Municipal
Central Okanagan	Kelowna Prov <sup>7</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Central Okanagan	Lake Country Mun	RCMP Municipal
Central Okanagan	Peachland Mun <sup>7</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Central Okanagan	West Kelowna Mun	RCMP Municipal
Columbia Shuswap	Falkland Prov	RCMP Provincial
Columbia Shuswap	Golden Prov	RCMP Provincial
Columbia Shuswap	Revelstoke Mun	RCMP Municipal
Columbia Shuswap	Revelstoke Prov	RCMP Provincial
Columbia Shuswap	Salmon Arm Mun	RCMP Municipal
Columbia Shuswap	Salmon Arm Prov	RCMP Provincial
Columbia Shuswap	Sicamous Prov	RCMP Provincial
Comox Valley	Comox Mun	RCMP Municipal
Comox Valley	Comox Valley Prov	RCMP Provincial
Comox Valley	Courtenay Mun	RCMP Municipal
Cowichan Valley	Duncan Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cowichan Valley	Ladysmith Mun	RCMP Municipal
Cowichan Valley	Ladysmith Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cowichan Valley	Lake Cowichan Prov	RCMP Provincial
Cowichan Valley	North Cowichan Mun	RCMP Municipal
Cowichan Valley	Shawnigan Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
East Kootenay	Columbia Valley Prov	RCMP Provincial
East Kootenay	Cranbrook Mun	RCMP Municipal
East Kootenay	Cranbrook Prov	RCMP Provincial
East Kootenay	Elk Valley Prov <sup>8</sup>	RCMP Provincial
East Kootenay	Fernie Mun <sup>9</sup>	RCMP Municipal
East Kootenay	Kimberley Mun	RCMP Municipal
East Kootenay	Kimberley Prov	RCMP Provincial

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REGION	POLICING JURISDICTION	TYPE OF POLICING
Fraser Fort George	Mackenzie Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Fort George	McBride Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Fort George	Prince George Mun	RCMP Municipal
Fraser Fort George	Prince George Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Fort George	Tsay Keh Dene Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Fort George	Valemount Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Valley	Abbotsford Mun <sup>10</sup>	Independent Municipal
Fraser Valley	Agassiz Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Valley	Boston Bar Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Valley	Chilliwack Mun <sup>10</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Fraser Valley	Chilliwack Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Valley	Hope Mun	RCMP Municipal
Fraser Valley	Hope Prov	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Valley	Kent Mun	RCMP Municipal
Fraser Valley	Mission Mun	RCMP Municipal
Fraser Valley	Mission Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	Atlin Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	Dease Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	Kitimat Mun	RCMP Municipal
Kitimat Stikine	Kitimat Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	Lisims/Nass Valley Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	New Hazelton Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	Stewart Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Stikine	Terrace Mun	RCMP Municipal
Kitimat Stikine	Terrace Prov	RCMP Provincial
Kootenay Boundary	Grand Forks Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Kootenay Boundary	Midway Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Kootenay Boundary	Trail And Greater District Prov <sup>6</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Kootenay Boundary	Trail Mun	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Bowen Island Prov	RCMP Provincial
Metro Vancouver	Burnaby Mun	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Coquitlam Mun <sup>10</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Coquitlam Prov	RCMP Provincial
Metro Vancouver	Delta Mun <sup>10</sup>	Independent Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Langley City Mun	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Langley Township Mun <sup>10</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Maple Ridge Mun <sup>10,11</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	New Westminster Mun	Independent Municipal
Metro Vancouver	North Vancouver City Mun <sup>10,12</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	North Vancouver District Mun <sup>10,12</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	North Vancouver Prov <sup>12,13</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Metro Vancouver	Pitt Meadows Mun <sup>11</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Port Coquitlam Mun <sup>10</sup>	RCMP Municipal



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REGION	POLICING JURISDICTION	TYPE OF POLICING
Metro Vancouver	Port Moody Mun	Independent Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Richmond Mun	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	Ridge Meadows Prov <sup>11,13</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Metro Vancouver	Surrey Prov <sup>14</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Metro Vancouver	Surrey Mun	RCMP Municipal
Metro Vancouver	University Prov	RCMP Provincial
Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Mun <sup>10</sup>	Independent Municipal
Metro Vancouver	West Vancouver Mun <sup>10</sup>	Independent Municipal
Metro Vancouver	White Rock Mun	RCMP Municipal
Mount Waddington	Alert Bay Prov	RCMP Provincial
Mount Waddington	Port Alice Prov	RCMP Provincial
Mount Waddington	Port Hardy Prov	RCMP Provincial
Mount Waddington	Port McNeill Prov	RCMP Provincial
Nanaimo	Gabriola Island Prov	RCMP Provincial
Nanaimo	Nanaimo Mun <sup>10</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Nanaimo	Nanaimo Prov	RCMP Provincial
Nanaimo	Oceanside Prov	RCMP Provincial
Nanaimo	Parksville Mun	RCMP Municipal
Nanaimo	Qualicum Beach Mun	RCMP Municipal
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	Masset Prov	RCMP Provincial
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	Prince Rupert Mun	RCMP Municipal
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	Prince Rupert Prov	RCMP Provincial
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	Queen Charlotte Prov	RCMP Provincial
North Okanagan	Armstrong Mun <sup>9</sup>	RCMP Municipal
North Okanagan	Armstrong Prov <sup>7</sup>	RCMP Provincial
North Okanagan	Coldstream Mun	RCMP Municipal
North Okanagan	Enderby Prov	RCMP Provincial
North Okanagan	Lumby Prov	RCMP Provincial
North Okanagan	Spallumcheen Mun <sup>7</sup>	RCMP Municipal
North Okanagan	Vernon Mun	RCMP Municipal
North Okanagan	Vernon Prov	RCMP Provincial
Northern Rockies	Northern Rockies Mun <sup>15</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Northern Rockies	Northern Rockies Prov <sup>15</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Okanagan Similkameen	Keremeos Prov	RCMP Provincial
Okanagan Similkameen	Oliver Prov <sup>16</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Okanagan Similkameen	Osoyoos Mun <sup>9</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Okanagan Similkameen	Osoyoos Prov <sup>16</sup>	RCMP Provincial
Okanagan Similkameen	Penticton Mun	RCMP Municipal
Okanagan Similkameen	Penticton Prov	RCMP Provincial
Okanagan Similkameen	Princeton Prov	RCMP Provincial
Okanagan Similkameen	Summerland Mun	RCMP Municipal
Peace River	Chetwynd Prov	RCMP Provincial
Peace River	Dawson Creek Mun	RCMP Municipal

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Peace River	Dawson Creek Prov	RCMP Provincial
Peace River	Fort St John Mun	RCMP Municipal
Peace River	Fort St John Prov	RCMP Provincial
Peace River	Hudson's Hope Prov	RCMP Provincial
Peace River	Tumbler Ridge Prov	RCMP Provincial
qathet <sup>2</sup>	Powell River Mun	RCMP Municipal
qathet <sup>2</sup>	Powell River Prov	RCMP Provincial
qathet <sup>2</sup>	Texada Island Prov	RCMP Provincial
Squamish Lillooet	Lillooet Prov	RCMP Provincial
Squamish Lillooet	Pemberton Prov	RCMP Provincial
Squamish Lillooet	Squamish Mun <sup>10</sup>	RCMP Municipal
Squamish Lillooet	Squamish Prov	RCMP Provincial
Squamish Lillooet	Stl'atl'imx FNAPS <sup>17</sup>	First Nations Administered Police Service
Squamish Lillooet	Whistler Mun	RCMP Municipal
Squamish Lillooet	Whistler Prov	RCMP Provincial
Strathcona	Campbell River Mun	RCMP Municipal
Strathcona	Campbell River Prov	RCMP Provincial
Strathcona	Nootka Sound Prov	RCMP Provincial
Strathcona	Quadra Island Prov	RCMP Provincial
Strathcona	Sayward Prov	RCMP Provincial
Sunshine Coast	Sechelt Mun	RCMP Municipal
Sunshine Coast	Sunshine Coast Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Ashcroft Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Barriere Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Chase Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Clearwater Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Clinton Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Kamloops Mun	RCMP Municipal
Thompson Nicola	Logan Lake Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Lytton Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	Merritt Mun	RCMP Municipal
Thompson Nicola	Merritt Prov	RCMP Provincial
Thompson Nicola	T'Kumlups Prov	RCMP Provincial



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### Number of *Criminal Code* Offences<sup>a</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	3,399	3,348	2,723	3,135	3,247	3,143	3,724	4,639	4,438	4,298
Bulkley Nechako	5,634	5,406	4,884	4,650	4,524	3,906	3,929	5,124	5,509	5,728
Capital	22,264	19,829	20,484	22,565	21,640	21,355	23,535	27,372	26,332	24,969
Cariboo	7,608	7,337	7,019	6,911	6,672	6,346	6,881	8,915	8,181	7,361
Central Coast	787	493	498	331	345	361	347	464	433	449
Central Kootenay	3,878	3,841	3,305	3,617	3,504	3,597	3,542	3,864	3,910	4,072
Central Okanagan	16,329	13,785	14,087	16,033	16,627	16,395	18,419	23,247	22,423	25,361
Columbia Shuswap	3,316	2,889	2,366	2,772	2,619	2,470	2,694	3,377	3,370	3,352
Comox Valley	3,713	3,667	3,801	4,220	3,918	4,617	4,309	5,575	5,890	6,124
Cowichan Valley	6,211	5,979	5,763	6,717	6,737	6,513	6,821	9,444	7,844	7,463
East Kootenay	4,344	3,859	3,318	3,426	3,214	3,462	3,501	3,855	3,737	4,286
Fraser Fort George	13,454	11,717	11,637	12,115	12,329	13,322	13,106	20,805	19,977	18,719
Fraser Valley	22,042	21,824	23,388	26,998	27,719	26,806	28,857	31,662	27,932	27,512
Kitimat Stikine	5,930	5,625	5,262	5,474	5,212	4,945	5,189	6,985	5,980	5,371
Kootenay Boundary	2,160	1,704	1,699	1,640	1,579	1,950	2,087	2,555	2,147	2,359
Metro Vancouver	174,366	169,430	182,324	184,772	185,699	178,535	179,831	198,090	174,695	163,503
Mount Waddington	1,385	1,308	1,273	1,344	1,236	1,064	1,135	2,014	1,752	1,831
Nanaimo	11,770	11,215	11,413	11,663	12,447	11,606	14,792	18,145	16,326	16,656
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	4,205	3,381	3,048	3,206	2,801	2,471	2,817	3,587	3,268	2,752
North Okanagan	6,330	6,258	6,419	6,452	7,083	6,632	7,064	8,997	8,251	8,064
Northern Rockies	1,242	1,135	1,014	915	647	600	692	870	1,085	1,039
Okanagan Similkameen	6,984	5,856	6,687	7,581	7,662	8,322	9,191	12,259	11,457	11,479
Peace River	6,759	6,153	6,571	6,593	5,463	5,136	5,124	6,965	6,243	6,300
qathet <sup>2</sup>	1,441	1,257	1,216	1,120	1,149	1,058	1,286	2,051	1,559	1,697
Squamish Lillooet	4,926	4,457	3,891	3,930	3,799	3,842	3,407	3,845	3,785	3,641
Strathcona	4,101	3,767	3,919	4,162	4,376	3,816	3,986	6,074	5,936	5,978
Sunshine Coast	1,725	1,430	1,318	1,532	1,262	1,199	1,300	1,929	2,015	2,008
Thompson Nicola	12,533	12,943	12,074	12,429	14,153	14,269	13,887	16,827	16,936	17,805
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>359,076</b>	<b>340,101</b>	<b>351,649</b>	<b>366,479</b>	<b>367,843</b>	<b>357,812</b>	<b>371,617</b>	<b>439,763</b>	<b>401,586</b>	<b>390,360</b>

<sup>a</sup>Total *Criminal Code* offences exclude traffic offences.



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## Crime Rates – Total *Criminal Code* Offences<sup>b</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	108.1	106.8	86.4	98.8	100.6	96.5	112.9	138.4	131.2	125.5
Bulkley Nechako	139.6	134.3	121.2	116.2	112.7	97.4	97.8	127.3	137.0	141.4
Capital	59.5	52.1	53.0	57.5	54.0	52.5	57.0	65.2	61.8	57.8
Cariboo	120.5	116.1	110.5	108.4	103.9	98.2	105.8	136.5	125.3	112.5
Central Coast	216.7	133.4	135.3	90.1	91.5	95.2	90.0	120.1	111.2	113.9
Central Kootenay	64.8	63.9	54.6	58.9	56.2	57.1	55.7	60.2	60.5	62.5
Central Okanagan	88.1	73.2	73.2	81.2	81.9	79.0	86.6	106.9	100.7	111.1
Columbia Shuswap	68.9	59.8	48.8	56.2	52.0	48.2	51.7	63.8	63.2	62.0
Comox Valley	57.1	56.1	57.4	62.5	56.8	65.7	60.2	76.7	80.0	82.0
Cowichan Valley	75.9	72.4	68.7	79.0	77.6	73.7	76.3	104.7	86.3	81.2
East Kootenay	74.1	64.8	54.6	55.4	51.2	54.7	54.6	59.1	56.8	64.3
Fraser Fort George	141.6	121.9	120.0	123.6	124.0	132.2	127.8	200.5	190.8	178.4
Fraser Valley	76.6	75.0	79.3	89.8	89.7	84.7	88.9	95.6	83.4	81.0
Kitimat Stikine	156.8	147.3	135.5	141.1	134.5	127.9	133.6	178.2	150.7	133.9
Kootenay Boundary	70.7	56.0	55.6	53.4	50.6	62.0	65.6	79.9	67.0	73.1
Metro Vancouver	72.1	68.9	72.8	72.7	72.0	68.3	67.7	73.2	63.6	59.0
Mount Waddington	114.3	108.8	105.7	113.3	104.9	89.7	94.8	166.9	145.4	151.8
Nanaimo	78.0	73.4	73.5	73.6	76.9	70.4	88.2	106.5	94.8	95.6
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	220.3	177.6	160.4	169.0	147.3	129.1	146.4	185.9	168.6	141.0
North Okanagan	74.9	73.6	74.5	74.0	79.6	73.4	77.2	97.2	87.9	84.7
Northern Rockies	196.5	184.6	168.2	158.2	114.5	111.7	133.9	171.3	218.0	210.5
Okanagan Similkameen	85.6	71.5	80.4	89.8	88.9	95.4	103.5	136.6	126.7	125.4
Peace River	107.8	96.5	101.3	100.9	83.6	78.3	77.5	104.7	93.8	94.2
qathet <sup>2</sup>	72.8	63.2	60.8	56.0	56.4	51.6	62.3	99.0	74.7	80.6
Squamish Lillooet	116.8	103.6	87.7	87.1	80.3	79.3	69.5	77.4	75.5	72.7
Strathcona	93.8	85.7	88.3	92.4	95.0	81.4	83.5	125.6	121.2	120.2
Sunshine Coast	59.2	48.8	44.2	50.5	40.8	38.3	41.2	60.8	63.1	62.2
Thompson Nicola	93.2	95.3	88.1	89.7	100.3	99.4	94.3	112.8	112.5	117.5
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>74.9</b>

<sup>b</sup>**Crime rate** is the number of *Criminal Code* offences (excluding traffic) reported for every 1,000 persons



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### Number of Violent Offences<sup>c</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	706	691	557	631	607	630	670	1,009	990	942
Bulkley Nechako	1,363	1,216	1,046	1,004	1,053	1,005	1,135	1,532	1,708	1,567
Capital	4,172	3,852	4,034	4,501	4,379	4,586	4,957	5,632	6,038	6,578
Cariboo	1,757	1,567	1,413	1,357	1,197	1,022	1,152	1,635	1,604	1,536
Central Coast	232	167	142	99	130	130	124	156	155	197
Central Kootenay	904	829	668	736	753	744	779	938	961	924
Central Okanagan	2,813	2,103	1,968	2,116	1,858	1,749	2,042	3,332	3,957	4,519
Columbia Shuswap	642	588	434	515	455	423	469	686	728	678
Comox Valley	842	670	706	765	670	679	747	1,026	1,204	1,342
Cowichan Valley	1,094	1,138	1,047	1,202	1,188	979	1,251	2,043	1,871	1,923
East Kootenay	1,048	963	743	860	857	881	897	1,081	1,020	991
Fraser Fort George	2,619	2,167	1,898	1,809	1,798	1,896	2,092	3,612	3,552	3,255
Fraser Valley	3,754	3,480	3,618	4,012	3,924	3,578	4,412	6,142	6,195	6,082
Kitimat Stikine	1,338	1,222	1,075	1,103	956	996	1,064	1,489	1,374	1,349
Kootenay Boundary	481	378	305	330	311	382	340	470	398	462
Metro Vancouver	27,873	24,958	23,702	26,058	24,447	24,292	26,082	33,045	32,245	31,515
Mount Waddington	310	281	282	252	242	212	298	532	530	577
Nanaimo	1,839	1,827	1,507	1,535	1,554	1,624	1,862	2,675	2,858	3,432
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	837	636	607	652	596	630	768	942	982	844
North Okanagan	1,262	1,242	953	991	1,114	1,019	1,169	1,708	1,566	1,654
Northern Rockies	251	290	255	256	165	155	208	254	298	262
Okanagan Similkameen	1,130	869	868	897	901	829	1,027	1,962	1,941	1,990
Peace River	1,523	1,297	1,313	1,384	1,034	992	1,002	1,584	1,546	1,612
qathet <sup>2</sup>	277	281	230	231	239	247	266	451	414	457
Squamish Lillooet	1,051	946	818	824	725	774	881	852	964	885
Strathcona	761	660	594	635	674	581	637	1,250	1,257	1,313
Sunshine Coast	336	261	228	275	269	232	282	532	491	455
Thompson Nicola	2,681	2,639	2,188	1,883	2,140	2,269	2,464	3,237	3,442	3,581
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>63,904</b>	<b>57,231</b>	<b>53,209</b>	<b>56,923</b>	<b>54,246</b>	<b>53,540</b>	<b>59,088</b>	<b>79,813</b>	<b>80,298</b>	<b>80,942</b>

<sup>c</sup>**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.

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## Number of Property Offences<sup>d</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	1,589	1,548	1,236	1,530	1,574	1,597	2,042	2,467	2,164	2,061
Bulkley Nechako	2,152	2,084	2,051	1,925	1,765	1,465	1,382	2,010	2,148	2,406
Capital	15,223	13,044	13,320	14,467	13,927	13,730	15,448	17,728	16,035	14,072
Cariboo	3,276	3,064	2,936	2,921	3,249	3,347	3,719	4,798	4,353	3,817
Central Coast	382	222	234	122	115	112	109	167	117	135
Central Kootenay	2,096	2,181	1,868	2,022	1,847	1,880	1,874	2,089	2,166	2,356
Central Okanagan	10,371	8,877	9,105	10,483	11,258	11,363	12,714	15,393	13,357	14,750
Columbia Shuswap	1,812	1,582	1,356	1,607	1,589	1,470	1,585	1,883	1,709	1,790
Comox Valley	1,901	2,080	2,142	2,341	2,133	2,750	2,385	3,076	3,239	3,302
Cowichan Valley	3,166	3,093	3,390	3,931	4,100	4,170	4,269	5,278	4,184	4,087
East Kootenay	2,298	2,121	1,847	1,877	1,679	1,827	1,860	1,960	1,839	2,380
Fraser Fort George	5,799	5,090	5,398	5,859	6,252	7,248	7,297	11,443	10,867	10,793
Fraser Valley	13,875	13,961	14,757	17,513	18,262	17,401	18,538	18,606	14,856	14,704
Kitimat Stikine	2,406	2,419	2,183	1,995	2,013	1,732	1,773	2,915	2,244	2,111
Kootenay Boundary	1,128	861	964	938	888	1,085	1,327	1,450	1,121	1,234
Metro Vancouver	116,002	114,163	129,308	126,622	129,893	124,766	122,487	128,773	106,810	96,595
Mount Waddington	615	598	540	612	512	453	462	811	534	583
Nanaimo	7,017	6,830	7,655	7,736	8,341	7,694	10,306	12,028	9,503	9,267
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	1,374	1,204	1,198	1,307	1,010	1,002	1,100	1,379	1,130	1,011
North Okanagan	3,784	3,638	4,136	4,150	4,606	4,407	4,582	5,460	4,780	4,506
Northern Rockies	527	493	461	436	294	250	273	381	541	524
Okanagan Similkameen	4,116	3,642	4,472	5,322	5,094	5,501	6,056	7,670	6,671	6,760
Peace River	3,175	2,968	3,225	3,455	2,907	2,956	3,193	3,954	3,403	3,338
qathet <sup>2</sup>	827	704	731	617	628	536	658	1,175	820	902
Squamish Lillooet	2,587	2,367	1,949	1,917	1,885	1,925	1,599	1,859	1,727	1,820
Strathcona	1,926	1,745	1,843	2,117	2,206	1,973	2,292	3,291	3,208	3,203
Sunshine Coast	862	792	785	863	700	681	729	933	1,047	937
Thompson Nicola	7,164	7,439	6,934	7,824	8,840	8,875	8,597	10,486	9,811	10,276
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>217,674</b>	<b>208,997</b>	<b>226,254</b>	<b>232,664</b>	<b>237,724</b>	<b>232,264</b>	<b>238,799</b>	<b>269,669</b>	<b>230,541</b>	<b>219,870</b>

<sup>d</sup>**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.

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### Number of Other *Criminal Code* Offences<sup>e</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	1,104	1,109	930	974	1,066	916	1,012	1,163	1,284	1,295
Bulkley Nechako	2,119	2,106	1,787	1,721	1,706	1,436	1,412	1,582	1,653	1,755
Capital	2,869	2,933	3,130	3,597	3,334	3,039	3,130	4,012	4,259	4,319
Cariboo	2,575	2,706	2,670	2,633	2,226	1,977	2,010	2,482	2,224	2,008
Central Coast	173	104	122	110	100	119	114	141	161	117
Central Kootenay	878	831	769	859	904	973	889	837	783	792
Central Okanagan	3,145	2,805	3,014	3,434	3,511	3,283	3,663	4,522	5,109	6,092
Columbia Shuswap	862	719	576	650	575	577	640	808	933	884
Comox Valley	970	917	953	1,114	1,115	1,188	1,177	1,473	1,447	1,480
Cowichan Valley	1,951	1,748	1,326	1,584	1,449	1,364	1,301	2,123	1,789	1,453
East Kootenay	998	775	728	689	678	754	744	814	878	915
Fraser Fort George	5,036	4,460	4,341	4,447	4,279	4,178	3,717	5,750	5,558	4,671
Fraser Valley	4,413	4,383	5,013	5,473	5,533	5,827	5,907	6,914	6,881	6,726
Kitimat Stikine	2,186	1,984	2,004	2,376	2,243	2,217	2,352	2,581	2,362	1,911
Kootenay Boundary	551	465	430	372	380	483	420	635	628	663
Metro Vancouver	30,491	30,309	29,314	32,092	31,359	29,477	31,262	36,272	35,640	35,393
Mount Waddington	460	429	451	480	482	399	375	671	688	671
Nanaimo	2,914	2,558	2,251	2,392	2,552	2,288	2,624	3,442	3,965	3,957
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	1,994	1,541	1,243	1,247	1,195	839	949	1,266	1,156	897
North Okanagan	1,284	1,378	1,330	1,311	1,363	1,206	1,313	1,829	1,905	1,904
Northern Rockies	464	352	298	223	188	195	211	235	246	253
Okanagan Similkameen	1,738	1,345	1,347	1,362	1,667	1,992	2,108	2,627	2,845	2,729
Peace River	2,061	1,888	2,033	1,754	1,522	1,188	929	1,427	1,294	1,350
qathet <sup>2</sup>	337	272	255	272	282	275	362	425	325	338
Squamish Lillooet	1,288	1,144	1,124	1,189	1,189	1,143	927	1,134	1,094	936
Strathcona	1,414	1,362	1,482	1,410	1,496	1,262	1,057	1,533	1,471	1,462
Sunshine Coast	527	377	305	394	293	286	289	464	477	616
Thompson Nicola	2,688	2,865	2,952	2,722	3,173	3,125	2,826	3,104	3,683	3,948
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>77,498</b>	<b>73,873</b>	<b>72,186</b>	<b>76,892</b>	<b>75,873</b>	<b>72,008</b>	<b>73,730</b>	<b>90,281</b>	<b>90,747</b>	<b>89,548</b>

<sup>e</sup>**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.

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## Number of Homicide Offences<sup>f</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	1	1	0	1	2	1	3	0	1	3
Bulkley Nechako	3	4	1	3	1	1	2	1	4	0
Capital	4	1	4	9	1	7	2	2	7	5
Cariboo	0	0	5	1	3	4	8	3	3	4
Central Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Kootenay	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3
Central Okanagan	3	3	3	4	6	6	2	1	3	4
Columbia Shuswap	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Comox Valley	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0
Cowichan Valley	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	3
East Kootenay	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0
Fraser Fort George	3	1	3	4	4	4	1	5	2	6
Fraser Valley	6	4	9	9	12	15	11	7	7	9
Kitimat Stikine	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0
Kootenay Boundary	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Metro Vancouver	38	43	46	47	43	53	45	41	48	61
Mount Waddington	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nanaimo	0	3	2	0	0	3	1	0	3	7
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1
North Okanagan	0	3	1	1	1	3	1	0	6	1
Northern Rockies	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Okanagan Similkameen	0	3	0	2	0	4	2	4	2	6
Peace River	3	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	2
qathet <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Squamish Lillooet	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	1
Strathcona	0	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sunshine Coast	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Thompson Nicola	5	2	4	1	6	2	2	9	5	6
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>

<sup>f</sup>Homicide data are extracted from the Homicide Survey database. Homicides are counted according to the year in which police file the report.



## British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2012 - 2021

### Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offences<sup>9</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	64	46	23	55	53	54	66	58	48	69
Bulkley Nechako	86	90	53	70	65	66	73	97	105	81
Capital	424	313	401	400	405	482	460	555	488	456
Cariboo	246	290	218	220	267	292	266	296	253	253
Central Coast	3	8	2	5	5	7	5	7	7	3
Central Kootenay	84	88	71	92	91	82	101	70	86	104
Central Okanagan	795	489	604	687	626	718	815	965	790	981
Columbia Shuswap	148	171	123	155	115	112	178	133	118	149
Comox Valley	73	44	75	86	100	168	65	80	101	121
Cowichan Valley	139	116	147	160	127	140	156	197	167	123
East Kootenay	142	114	69	86	82	56	83	89	85	153
Fraser Fort George	265	292	353	345	339	446	436	499	402	426
Fraser Valley	985	1,113	1,186	1,569	1,717	1,576	1,431	1,495	1,194	1,215
Kitimat Stikine	60	91	75	48	36	45	50	93	49	60
Kootenay Boundary	32	40	34	73	33	62	77	57	42	58
Metro Vancouver	7,275	6,615	9,548	8,378	7,917	8,106	6,260	6,122	4,692	4,266
Mount Waddington	13	15	9	8	7	10	7	25	17	13
Nanaimo	320	277	406	474	381	363	412	394	296	314
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	21	26	25	24	13	11	22	28	18	26
North Okanagan	247	249	315	260	294	213	268	269	257	312
Northern Rockies	46	28	19	28	19	6	22	13	24	12
Okanagan Similkameen	277	184	378	563	429	497	447	673	428	423
Peace River	295	286	277	321	265	405	382	397	290	302
qathet <sup>2</sup>	20	23	12	10	10	12	22	21	25	21
Squamish Lillooet	75	69	60	83	86	83	56	64	62	92
Strathcona	66	37	77	66	92	83	59	121	68	62
Sunshine Coast	28	24	25	13	16	20	10	34	21	23
Thompson Nicola	331	404	419	438	374	364	355	502	445	564
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>12,565</b>	<b>11,544</b>	<b>15,009</b>	<b>14,720</b>	<b>13,968</b>	<b>14,484</b>	<b>12,594</b>	<b>13,356</b>	<b>10,586</b>	<b>10,684</b>

<sup>9</sup>**Motor vehicle theft** includes motor vehicle theft automobile, motor vehicle theft truck, motor vehicle theft motorcycle, and motor vehicle theft other (e.g., snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, motorized farming and industrial vehicles). 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.

# British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2012 - 2021



## Number of Administration of Justice Offences<sup>h</sup>

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	437	531	473	450	454	404	408	497	535	561
Bulkley Nechako	546	578	466	675	730	593	608	671	675	639
Capital	1,097	1,128	1,238	1,499	1,421	1,476	1,548	2,038	1,770	1,725
Cariboo	585	591	491	492	546	487	620	791	963	723
Central Coast	87	37	33	29	31	37	26	35	17	25
Central Kootenay	295	265	221	202	243	298	295	304	319	344
Central Okanagan	574	688	776	1,122	1,318	1,017	830	1,009	1,433	1,993
Columbia Shuswap	173	144	108	116	114	167	169	187	191	217
Comox Valley	299	264	243	302	296	298	285	326	327	382
Cowichan Valley	379	418	345	464	455	474	525	614	531	367
East Kootenay	249	224	190	193	210	248	249	346	343	371
Fraser Fort George	1,199	1,204	1,194	1,355	1,375	1,402	1,244	1,394	1,526	1,642
Fraser Valley	811	861	941	1,119	1,191	1,111	1,187	1,391	1,549	1,296
Kitimat Stikine	657	581	711	593	636	722	808	910	981	967
Kootenay Boundary	210	168	149	120	142	206	143	198	210	224
Metro Vancouver	5,431	4,979	5,397	6,447	7,115	6,774	6,759	8,026	7,784	6,049
Mount Waddington	243	202	240	251	211	207	158	229	138	117
Nanaimo	567	541	552	616	688	581	549	725	637	629
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	353	223	260	278	244	291	304	397	381	281
North Okanagan	335	368	438	423	338	391	350	472	545	625
Northern Rockies	109	76	98	67	64	76	87	93	97	69
Okanagan Similkameen	363	301	266	304	568	693	673	719	676	774
Peace River	483	450	474	545	527	443	393	612	634	753
qathet <sup>2</sup>	51	76	41	73	69	64	90	117	74	92
Squamish Lillooet	191	181	144	158	169	173	120	172	209	133
Strathcona	416	419	509	564	552	451	351	426	318	283
Sunshine Coast	104	108	99	109	104	85	98	89	85	210
Thompson Nicola	617	675	631	627	771	780	787	815	765	620
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>16,862</b>	<b>16,284</b>	<b>16,732</b>	<b>19,194</b>	<b>20,584</b>	<b>19,949</b>	<b>19,666</b>	<b>23,606</b>	<b>23,718</b>	<b>22,114</b>

<sup>h</sup>**Administration of justice** includes the following offences: fail to comply with order, escape or helps to escape from lawful custody, prisoner unlawfully at large, fail to appear, breach of probation, and other violations against the administration of law and justice.



## British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2012 - 2021

### Number of Drug Offences (CDSA and Cannabis Act)<sup>i</sup>

REGION	2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alberni Clayoquot	196	179	181	119	149	177	138	113	80	80
Bulkley Nechako	303	282	176	191	193	171	221	205	286	251
Capital	1,641	1,523	1,486	1,333	935	891	694	504	535	432
Cariboo	622	664	599	480	494	429	518	344	418	276
Central Coast	23	20	20	16	10	10	15	16	8	7
Central Kootenay	737	713	490	517	526	330	283	198	155	116
Central Okanagan	1,151	1,544	1,579	1,368	1,366	1,441	1,351	906	1,197	741
Columbia Shuswap	563	637	528	362	283	176	200	110	126	132
Comox Valley	371	351	253	220	201	219	175	217	190	159
Cowichan Valley	597	574	509	525	518	528	532	843	826	580
East Kootenay	384	316	327	281	247	194	155	112	93	100
Fraser Fort George	681	735	878	905	859	865	901	1,184	832	568
Fraser Valley	1,646	1,510	1,127	995	1,027	971	945	1,274	1,347	1,106
Kitimat Stikine	338	365	337	239	239	196	169	180	109	115
Kootenay Boundary	195	205	204	185	262	141	107	93	118	133
Metro Vancouver	10,684	11,413	10,703	10,241	9,709	9,109	9,369	9,791	10,846	10,378
Mount Waddington	87	110	117	77	54	29	36	44	39	30
Nanaimo	960	838	839	724	732	685	551	738	550	522
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	164	235	186	203	138	107	150	128	89	68
North Okanagan	500	438	479	346	409	331	401	548	544	414
Northern Rockies	107	68	50	69	46	41	35	16	23	13
Okanagan Similkameen	576	531	556	398	484	408	407	383	348	197
Peace River	357	417	358	300	311	305	205	271	257	181
qathet <sup>2</sup>	114	135	122	82	108	98	109	159	90	96
Squamish Lillooet	473	529	527	545	547	450	340	220	174	97
Strathcona	364	443	262	193	231	218	207	385	340	291
Sunshine Coast	126	137	110	90	102	108	70	12	23	38
Thompson Nicola	1,489	1,433	1,311	1,117	1,564	1,305	950	808	1,002	743
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>25,455</b>	<b>26,354</b>	<b>24,321</b>	<b>22,132</b>	<b>21,759</b>	<b>19,933</b>	<b>19,244</b>	<b>19,810</b>	<b>20,646</b>	<b>17,880</b>

<sup>i</sup>**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.



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## Populations

REGION	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alberni Clayoquot	31,444	31,335	31,503	31,743	32,287	32,579	32,978	33,516	33,832	34,244
Bulkley Nechako	40,358	40,267	40,292	40,027	40,134	40,118	40,157	40,253	40,214	40,496
Capital	374,298	380,836	386,307	392,200	400,562	406,681	413,014	419,828	426,120	432,064
Cariboo	63,157	63,193	63,537	63,770	64,203	64,618	65,053	65,288	65,299	65,452
Central Coast	3,631	3,695	3,681	3,675	3,771	3,793	3,856	3,864	3,895	3,943
Central Kootenay	59,819	60,108	60,562	61,447	62,391	62,968	63,644	64,137	64,639	65,120
Central Okanagan	185,255	188,218	192,395	197,414	203,097	207,485	212,778	217,555	222,564	228,256
Columbia Shuswap	48,126	48,335	48,506	49,340	50,341	51,286	52,099	52,907	53,364	54,100
Comox Valley	65,061	65,335	66,207	67,554	68,934	70,266	71,527	72,662	73,597	74,726
Cowichan Valley	81,878	82,569	83,849	85,062	86,828	88,312	89,453	90,207	90,918	91,889
East Kootenay	58,618	59,544	60,727	61,882	62,781	63,285	64,146	65,235	65,774	66,700
Fraser Fort George	94,986	96,159	96,973	98,032	99,459	100,806	102,558	103,740	104,691	104,934
Fraser Valley	287,581	290,962	294,810	300,654	309,179	316,410	324,713	331,230	335,099	339,715
Kitimat Stikine	37,825	38,190	38,841	38,797	38,739	38,669	38,832	39,193	39,682	40,110
Kootenay Boundary	30,532	30,454	30,542	30,686	31,231	31,471	31,805	31,981	32,026	32,261
Metro Vancouver	2,417,665	2,458,151	2,506,070	2,543,077	2,580,758	2,615,469	2,657,150	2,707,850	2,745,062	2,771,739
Mount Waddington	12,119	12,019	12,040	11,860	11,782	11,864	11,975	12,068	12,051	12,064
Nanaimo	150,962	152,770	155,377	158,382	161,866	164,969	167,796	170,430	172,221	174,173
North Coast <sup>1</sup>	19,090	19,037	18,999	18,973	19,021	19,137	19,238	19,297	19,386	19,517
North Okanagan	84,554	85,018	86,141	87,227	89,009	90,324	91,460	92,591	93,878	95,168
Northern Rockies	6,321	6,147	6,027	5,782	5,652	5,371	5,167	5,079	4,978	4,937
Okanagan Similkameen	81,584	81,955	83,147	84,402	86,146	87,266	88,770	89,717	90,432	91,541
Peace River	62,683	63,780	64,893	65,357	65,341	65,579	66,134	66,519	66,533	66,877
qathet <sup>2</sup>	19,781	19,881	19,996	19,994	20,367	20,494	20,638	20,724	20,877	21,066
Squamish Lillooet	42,167	43,033	44,367	45,146	47,330	48,475	49,039	49,649	50,163	50,116
Strathcona	43,711	43,953	44,403	45,021	46,049	46,859	47,749	48,376	48,977	49,733
Sunshine Coast	29,158	29,319	29,837	30,359	30,952	31,268	31,551	31,738	31,910	32,307
Thompson Nicola	134,405	135,814	137,074	138,525	141,040	143,562	147,196	149,162	150,546	151,557
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>4,566,769</b>	<b>4,630,077</b>	<b>4,707,103</b>	<b>4,776,388</b>	<b>4,859,250</b>	<b>4,929,384</b>	<b>5,010,476</b>	<b>5,094,796</b>	<b>5,158,728</b>	<b>5,214,805</b>



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### Endnotes

1. On September 19, 2016, the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District formally changed its name to the North Coast Regional District.
2. On July 5, 2018, the Powell River Regional District formally changed its name to the qathet Regional District.
3. The BC total crime statistics include additional reporting from the following specialized units: Canadian National Railway Police, Canadian Pacific Railway Police, and Metro Vancouver Transit Police. These specialized units provide supplemental policing in BC; that is, they are mandated to provide policing in geographic areas already served by provincial or municipal police services but for a specific purpose. For example, in the Lower Mainland area of the province, Metro Vancouver Transit Police provides policing on and around the transit system, which is supplemental to the jurisdictional police. Similarly, the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railway police services provide specialized law enforcement within the province. These police services provide policing along the railway and do not have a specific jurisdiction population for which they are responsible.
4. In 2014, Houston Prov and Granisle Prov were formally amalgamated. Prior to this amalgamation, Houston/Granisle operated in an informally amalgamated manner from two detachment offices, the main office in the District of Houston and the second in the Village of Granisle. The Granisle office remains and functions as a Community Policing Office.
5. The Victoria Police Department polices the City of Victoria and the Town of Esquimalt. Starting with the 2020 police-reported crime statistics, Statistics Canada has reported the statistics for Victoria Mun and Esquimalt Mun separately; however, in these publications, statistics for these municipalities are combined to reflect the full Victoria Police Department and to remain consistent and comparable with previous years.
6. The Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment includes nine provincial policing jurisdictions: Castlegar Prov, Grand Forks Prov, Kaslo Prov, Midway Prov, Nakusp Prov, Nelson Prov, Salmo Prov, Slocan Lake Prov, and Trail and Greater District Prov. The Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment authorized strength total includes eight shared GD/GIS (General Duty and General Investigative Services) members (3 Officers in Charge and 5 GIS) assigned to the detachment as a whole.
7. According to the 2011 Canada Census, the municipalities of Creston, Peachland, and Spallumcheen all went over 5,000 population and, as a result, became responsible for providing police services within their municipal boundaries. Each of these municipalities signed a Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the provincial government for the provision of RCMP municipal services effective April 1, 2012. Prior to 2012, Creston was policed by Creston Prov; Peachland was policed by Kelowna Prov; and Spallumcheen was policed by Armstrong Prov.
8. Elk Valley Prov is an integrated detachment which has historically included three provincial policing jurisdictions: Elkford Prov, Fernie Prov, and Sparwood Prov. The Elk Valley Detachment authorized strength total included one GIS assigned to the detachment as a whole.
9. According to the 2016 Canada Census, Armstrong Mun, Fernie Mun, and Osoyoos Mun all went over 5,000 population and, as a result, became responsible for providing policing within their own municipal boundaries. Each of these municipalities signed a Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the provincial government for the provision of RCMP Municipal services effective April 1, 2017.
10. Population figures also include First Nations Reserve populations for Abbotsford Mun, Chilliwack Mun, Coquitlam Mun, Delta Mun, Langley Township Mun, Maple Ridge Mun, Nanaimo Mun, North Vancouver City Mun, North Vancouver District Mun, Port Coquitlam Mun, Squamish Mun, Vancouver Mun, and West Vancouver Mun.
11. The integrated Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment is comprised of the following: the City of Maple Ridge Mun; the City of Pitt Meadows Mun; and the Ridge Meadows Prov policing jurisdictions. In 2013/14, the RCMP revised the map boundaries that reside in PRIME-BC for each of the jurisdictions within the Ridge Meadows Detachment. This realignment of jurisdictional boundaries likely resulted in changes in reporting; as a result, criminal incident volumes prior to 2014 for these individual jurisdictions should be used with caution.

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12. Within the boundaries of North Vancouver City Mun and North Vancouver District Mun, there are a total of three First Nations reserve lands. The designated land title names for these reserve lands are: Mission 1 (North Vancouver City), Seymour Creek 2, and Burrard Inlet 3 (North Vancouver District). Due to inconsistencies in scoring crime data to the appropriate jurisdictions, the populations for these reserve lands were assigned to North Vancouver Prov (from 2006 to 2018); prior to 2006, the populations were assigned to North Vancouver District. In 2019, the populations for the reserve lands were realigned from North Vancouver Prov and added to the appropriate municipality. This realignment may result in changes in reporting; crime statistics should be used with caution.
13. Provincial parks are located within the policing jurisdictions of North Vancouver Prov and Ridge Meadows Prov. Crime rates have not been included for these jurisdictions because they are not a meaningful indicator due to the small residential population and the relatively large amount of crimes occurring within the provincial parks.
14. Until 2021, statistics for Surrey Prov were included in Surrey Mun.
15. Since the incorporation of Northern Rockies Mun in 2009, until they signed a Municipal Police Unit Agreement effective April 1, 2010, Northern Rockies Mun continued to be policed by the Provincial Police Service. From April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012, the municipality was policed by Northern Rockies Mun with the remaining area policed by Northern Rockies Prov. Due to data inconsistencies, for the years 2010 to 2012, data for Northern Rockies Mun were included in data for Northern Rockies Prov. According to the 2011 Canada Census, Northern Rockies Mun went under 5,000 population and, as a result, returned to being a provincial responsibility as of April 1, 2012 (the municipality was no longer responsible for providing police services within its municipal boundaries). A subsequent investigation by Statistics Canada showed that the jurisdiction was over 5,000 population and, as a result, responsible for its own policing; Northern Rockies Mun then signed a Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the provincial government for the provision of RCMP Municipal services effective April 1, 2013. In this report, for the years 2013 to 2016, Northern Rockies Mun is showing its own data. However, according to the 2016 Canada Census, Northern Rockies Mun went under 5,000 population and, as a result, responsibility for policing the municipality again reverted back to the provincial service (Northern Rockies Prov) effective April 1, 2017 (the municipality was no longer responsible for providing police services within its municipal boundaries).
16. In 2003, Keremeos, Oliver, and Osoyoos Prov Detachments were restructured into the integrated South Okanagan Detachment. However, in 2007, only Oliver and Osoyoos Prov Detachments were amalgamated as the South Okanagan Detachment. Effective 2013, Oliver Prov and Osoyoos Prov operate as stand-alone detachments.
17. Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service is a First Nations Self-Administered Police Service. It is a designated policing unit established under the *Police Act*.

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### 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.
- **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 allows 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.

- **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.
- **Homicide** data are extracted from the Homicide Survey database. Homicides are counted according to the year in which police file the report.
- **Administration of justice** includes the following offences: fail to comply with order, escape or helps to escape from lawful custody, prisoner unlawfully at large, fail to appear, breach of probation, and other violations against the administration of law and justice.

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- **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.
- 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 policing jurisdictions used in this report reflect operational policing in BC and may vary from those provided by Statistics Canada.
- 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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