

This report summarizes all inmate deaths in federal and provincial correctional facilities that were investigated by the BC Coroners Service between January 1, 2008, and May 31, 2017.

- Includes cases still under investigation
- Includes deaths of inmates transferred to hospital for medical treatment
- Excludes deaths at halfway houses for parolees
- Excludes deaths in police custody, such as in a municipal police or RCMP cell/lock-up

There were 119 deaths in correctional facilities in BC from Jan. 1, 2008 to May 31, 2017.

- 64.7% were federal inmates.
- 35.3% were provincial inmates.

The BCCS operates in a live database environment. Data are subject to change, and are not directly comparable to published counts from previous years. Data for more recent years are preliminary and subject to change until all investigations and inquests have been completed.

Classification of Death

| Classification | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017* | Total |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Natural | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 59 |
| Accidental | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | - | 5 | 2 | - | 19 |
| Suicide | 1 | 3 | - | - | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | - | 18 |
| Undetermined | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Homicide | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | 11 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 6 | 119 |

*Data to May 31, 2017.

Health Authority of Injury

| Health Authority | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017* | Total |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Fraser | 13 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 102 |
| Vancouver Island | - | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Interior | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 6 |
| Northern | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Vancouver Coastal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 6 | 119 |

*Data to May 31, 2017.

| Gender | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Gender | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017* | Total |
| Female | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| Male | 11 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 18 | 14 | 5 | 112 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 6 | 119 |

*Data to May 31, 2017.

| Age Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Age Group | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017* | Total |
| 19-29 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | - | 15 |
| 30-39 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 25 |
| 40-49 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 21 |
| 50-59 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 2 | - | 21 |
| 60-69 | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | - | 3 | 25 |
| 70+ | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 6 | 119 |

*Data to May 31, 2017.

| Facility | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Facility Name | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017* | Total |
| Federal Facilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chilliwack Community CC | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Fraser Valley Institution | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Kent Institution | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 7 |
| Matsqui Institution | - | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 6 |
| Mission Institution ^a | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 5 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| Mountain Institution | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 13 |
| Pacific Institution | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 31 |
| William Head Institution | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Federal Subtotal | 7 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 77 |
| Provincial Facilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alouette RCC | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Fraser RCC | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 8 |
| Kamloops RCC | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 6 |
| Nanaimo RCC | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| North Fraser Pretrial Centre | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 4 | - | 9 ^b |
| Prince George RCC | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 3 |
| Surrey Pretrial Centre | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Vancouver Island RCC | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Provincial Subtotal | 6 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 42 |
| Total | 13 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 6 | 119 |

*Data to May 31, 2017.

^aMission Institution includes both Mission Medium Security and Mission Minimum Security, the latter of which was formerly known as Ferndale Institution.

^bIncludes one case in which death occurred in sheriff's vehicle during transport to facility.