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# British Columbia Crime Trends, 2008 – 2017

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## Number of Offences

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,15</sup>	117	118	83	87	71	76	89	97	88	118
Attempted Murder	101	114	76	79	88	90	92	129	119	115
Sexual Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	15	19	49	17	9	21	15	19	19	28
Sexual Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	55	54	59	50	41	55	49	40	35	29
Sexual Assault Level 1	2,527	2,557	2,766	2,651	2,492	2,361	2,212	2,230	2,258	2,651
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	454	531	673	731	683	656	683	655	824	911
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	73	71	65
Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	423	412	447	445	388	364	346	331	324	352
Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	9,331	8,763	8,525	7,919	7,845	7,053	6,639	6,904	6,798	6,804
Assault Level 1	29,592	29,957	27,750	26,842	25,447	22,932	21,516	22,294	20,955	20,532
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	1,127	1,350	1,728	1,350	1,343	1,176	1,247	1,305	1,254	1,258
Other Assaults	805	397	336	237	232	293	245	302	243	193
Firearms	259	269	262	210	243	213	205	302	265	251
Robbery	5,413	5,136	4,901	4,492	4,523	3,581	3,392	3,645	2,968	2,476
Forcible Confinement/Kidnapping	447	444	340	324	297	309	312	367	338	365
Abduction	70	74	57	79	56	67	32	57	53	49
Extortion	270	371	313	318	300	308	370	496	539	548
Criminal Harassment	1,650	2,140	2,538	2,542	2,617	2,530	2,098	1,991	1,651	1,637
Uttering Threats	15,535	15,497	14,328	13,067	12,321	10,630	9,782	10,282	9,497	8,646
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	5,348	5,938	5,439	5,011	4,462	4,107	3,472	4,901	5,448	5,652
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	352	355	469	476	446	409	407	503	499	519
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>73,891</b>	<b>74,496</b>	<b>71,139</b>	<b>66,927</b>	<b>63,904</b>	<b>57,231</b>	<b>53,209</b>	<b>56,923</b>	<b>54,246</b>	<b>53,199</b>
Breaking and Entering	38,790	33,636	31,367	29,704	30,024	28,424	29,918	30,156	29,874	26,529
Possession of Stolen Property	4,231	4,189	3,815	2,954	2,679	2,852	2,817	3,106	3,206	3,458
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	0	34	37	51	41	27	48	99
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	22,738	19,551	15,966	13,171	12,565	11,544	15,009	14,720	13,968	14,473
Theft over \$5,000	3,054	2,680	2,561	2,448	2,507	2,336	2,563	2,742	2,819	3,530
Theft under \$5,000	114,661	110,257	106,374	100,377	105,634	103,388	113,030	117,005	122,530	117,080
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	14,107	14,524	13,036	12,145	11,956	12,128	13,371	15,749	17,289	17,885
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	0	0	1,740	1,841	2,129	2,529	2,645	2,711	3,252	3,437
Mischief	67,158	59,573	54,926	50,427	48,274	44,230	45,348	45,036	43,384	44,141
Arson	2,395	2,282	2,092	1,810	1,866	1,514	1,509	1,411	1,348	1,284
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	3	3	1	3	1	6	6
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>267,134</b>	<b>246,692</b>	<b>231,877</b>	<b>214,914</b>	<b>217,674</b>	<b>208,997</b>	<b>226,254</b>	<b>232,664</b>	<b>237,724</b>	<b>231,922</b>
Counterfeiting	106	166	225	139	53	111	102	102	120	146
Weapons	3,722	3,692	3,803	3,455	3,342	3,423	3,088	2,828	2,922	3,034
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	212	203	195	256	220	300	1,266	1,608	2,717	1,789
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	845	741	656	572	492	345	198	35	42	33
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	51,050	51,387	50,218	49,953	48,882	46,282	43,794	46,009	42,791	40,929
Administration of Justice	14,551	15,631	17,075	16,993	16,862	16,284	16,732	19,194	20,584	19,868
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	8,483	7,881	7,669	8,150	7,647	7,128	7,006	7,116	6,697	6,351
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>78,969</b>	<b>79,701</b>	<b>79,841</b>	<b>79,518</b>	<b>77,498</b>	<b>73,873</b>	<b>72,186</b>	<b>76,892</b>	<b>75,873</b>	<b>72,150</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES*</b>	<b>419,994</b>	<b>400,889</b>	<b>382,857</b>	<b>361,359</b>	<b>359,076</b>	<b>340,101</b>	<b>351,649</b>	<b>366,479</b>	<b>367,843</b>	<b>357,271</b>

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)

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## Crime Rates

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,14,15</sup>	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.4
Attempted Murder <sup>14</sup>	2.3	2.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.5	2.4
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	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	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)	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4
Assault Level 1	6.8	6.8	6.2	6.0	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.3
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other Assaults	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Firearms	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Robbery	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	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	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Criminal Harassment	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Uttering Threats	3.6	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Breaking and Entering	8.9	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.3	5.5
Possession of Stolen Property	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	5.2	4.4	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.0
Theft over \$5,000	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
Theft under \$5,000	26.4	25.0	23.8	22.3	23.2	22.5	24.3	24.9	25.8	24.3
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.7
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	..	..	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Mischief	15.4	13.5	12.3	11.2	10.6	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.1	9.2
Arson	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>48.1</b>
Counterfeiting	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Weapons	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	11.7	11.7	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.1	9.4	9.8	9.0	8.5
Administration of Justice	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.3	4.1
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES*</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>74.2</b>

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)

## Number of Offences Cleared

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,15</sup>	62	61	52	54	40	36	60	60	46	51
Attempted Murder	72	64	52	59	65	62	65	64	60	70
Sexual Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	8	16	45	15	4	18	16	7	15	24
Sexual Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	27	31	30	24	23	33	25	23	26	12
Sexual Assault Level 1	1,278	1,373	1,592	1,433	1,356	1,330	1,182	1,276	1,222	1,345
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	229	372	437	447	430	437	457	468	550	663
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	26	29	29
Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	281	309	345	338	310	293	271	258	263	295
Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	5,092	4,973	5,218	4,807	4,728	4,528	4,208	4,351	4,310	4,307
Assault Level 1	18,261	19,136	18,712	18,094	17,155	16,279	15,251	15,314	15,090	14,484
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	1,089	1,290	1,585	1,311	1,312	1,174	1,218	1,232	1,234	1,206
Other Assaults	445	229	188	136	139	165	128	122	111	93
Firearms	95	136	107	89	91	99	87	113	122	116
Robbery	1,786	1,739	1,781	1,514	1,570	1,309	1,253	1,320	1,178	1,024
Forcible Confinement/Kidnapping	326	339	279	246	252	263	261	312	291	299
Abduction	21	23	16	26	23	25	23	32	22	18
Extortion	109	107	132	139	124	129	112	124	112	98
Criminal Harassment	946	1,053	1,326	1,196	1,212	1,214	1,071	995	920	888
Uttering Threats	6,206	6,688	6,511	5,893	5,652	5,215	4,897	4,869	4,934	4,355
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	1,054	1,259	1,078	806	723	597	416	585	789	750
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	153	166	215	236	221	235	206	281	272	238
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>37,540</b>	<b>39,364</b>	<b>39,701</b>	<b>36,863</b>	<b>35,430</b>	<b>33,441</b>	<b>31,210</b>	<b>31,832</b>	<b>31,596</b>	<b>30,365</b>
Breaking and Entering	3,267	2,932	2,756	2,750	2,697	2,724	2,714	2,898	2,761	2,658
Possession of Stolen Property	3,199	3,174	2,809	2,090	1,713	1,821	1,730	1,816	1,872	2,009
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	0	22	31	36	29	20	27	54
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	1,584	1,302	1,034	971	832	901	939	949	856	855
Theft over \$5,000	282	239	277	248	219	213	187	190	183	185
Theft under \$5,000	15,777	17,269	17,649	17,013	17,118	15,980	15,906	15,382	15,912	14,477
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	3,129	3,139	3,238	2,948	2,645	2,736	2,416	2,303	2,684	2,385
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	0	0	238	305	322	375	351	374	529	500
Mischief	7,492	8,081	7,816	7,509	7,133	6,590	6,751	7,011	7,491	7,856
Arson	228	219	182	148	170	173	139	125	163	139
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	1	1	0	1	0	1	3
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>34,958</b>	<b>36,355</b>	<b>35,999</b>	<b>34,005</b>	<b>32,881</b>	<b>31,549</b>	<b>31,163</b>	<b>31,068</b>	<b>32,479</b>	<b>31,121</b>
Counterfeiting	106	166	225	139	53	111	102	102	120	146
Weapons	2,489	2,456	2,529	2,279	2,102	2,267	1,984	1,961	2,001	2,065
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	83	80	72	97	86	129	160	169	145	137
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	422	362	277	222	197	131	48	4	8	8
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	16,352	17,311	17,433	17,320	17,179	16,818	14,189	13,110	13,611	12,660
Administration of Justice	12,710	14,013	15,463	15,332	15,270	14,799	15,491	17,467	19,141	18,211
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	3,423	3,437	3,420	3,699	3,513	3,399	3,295	3,288	3,284	3,008
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>35,585</b>	<b>37,825</b>	<b>39,419</b>	<b>39,088</b>	<b>38,400</b>	<b>37,654</b>	<b>35,269</b>	<b>36,101</b>	<b>38,310</b>	<b>36,235</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES*</b>	<b>108,083</b>	<b>113,544</b>	<b>115,119</b>	<b>109,956</b>	<b>106,711</b>	<b>102,644</b>	<b>97,642</b>	<b>99,001</b>	<b>102,385</b>	<b>97,721</b>

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)

# British Columbia Crime Trends, 2008 - 2017



## Clearance Rates

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,15</sup>	53.0%	51.7%	62.7%	62.1%	56.3%	47.4%	67.4%	61.9%	52.3%	43.2%
Attempted Murder	71.3%	56.1%	68.4%	74.7%	73.9%	68.9%	70.7%	49.6%	50.4%	60.9%
Sexual Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	53.3%	84.2%	91.8%	88.2%	44.4%	85.7%	106.7%	36.8%	78.9%	85.7%
Sexual Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	49.1%	57.4%	50.8%	48.0%	56.1%	60.0%	51.0%	57.5%	74.3%	41.4%
Sexual Assault Level 1	50.6%	53.7%	57.6%	54.1%	54.4%	56.3%	53.4%	57.2%	54.1%	50.7%
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	50.4%	70.1%	64.9%	61.1%	63.0%	66.6%	66.9%	71.5%	66.7%	72.8%
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	50.0%	35.6%	40.8%	44.6%
Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	66.4%	75.0%	77.2%	76.0%	79.9%	80.5%	78.3%	77.9%	81.2%	83.8%
Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	54.6%	56.7%	61.2%	60.7%	60.3%	64.2%	63.4%	63.0%	63.4%	63.3%
Assault Level 1	61.7%	63.9%	67.4%	67.4%	67.4%	71.0%	70.9%	68.7%	72.0%	70.5%
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	96.6%	95.6%	91.7%	97.1%	97.7%	99.8%	97.7%	94.4%	98.4%	95.9%
Other Assaults	55.3%	57.7%	56.0%	57.4%	59.9%	56.3%	52.2%	40.4%	45.7%	48.2%
Firearms	36.7%	50.6%	40.8%	42.4%	37.4%	46.5%	42.4%	37.4%	46.0%	46.2%
Robbery	33.0%	33.9%	36.3%	33.7%	34.7%	36.6%	36.9%	36.2%	39.7%	41.4%
Forcible Confinement/Kidnapping	72.9%	76.4%	82.1%	75.9%	84.8%	85.1%	83.7%	85.0%	86.1%	81.9%
Abduction	30.0%	31.1%	28.1%	32.9%	41.1%	37.3%	71.9%	56.1%	41.5%	36.7%
Extortion	40.4%	28.8%	42.2%	43.7%	41.3%	41.9%	30.3%	25.0%	20.8%	17.9%
Criminal Harassment	57.3%	49.2%	52.2%	47.0%	46.3%	48.0%	51.0%	50.0%	55.7%	54.2%
Uttering Threats	39.9%	43.2%	45.4%	45.1%	45.9%	49.1%	50.1%	47.4%	52.0%	50.4%
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	19.7%	21.2%	19.8%	16.1%	16.2%	14.5%	12.0%	11.9%	14.5%	13.3%
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	43.5%	46.8%	45.8%	49.6%	49.6%	57.5%	50.6%	55.9%	54.5%	45.9%
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>52.8%</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	<b>55.4%</b>	<b>58.4%</b>	<b>58.7%</b>	<b>55.9%</b>	<b>58.2%</b>	<b>57.1%</b>
Breaking and Entering	8.4%	8.7%	8.8%	9.3%	9.0%	9.6%	9.1%	9.6%	9.2%	10.0%
Possession of Stolen Property	75.6%	75.8%	73.6%	70.8%	63.9%	63.8%	61.4%	58.5%	58.4%	58.1%
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	..	64.7%	83.8%	70.6%	70.7%	74.1%	56.3%	54.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	7.0%	6.7%	6.5%	7.4%	6.6%	7.8%	6.3%	6.4%	6.1%	5.9%
Theft over \$5,000	9.2%	8.9%	10.8%	10.1%	8.7%	9.1%	7.3%	6.9%	6.5%	5.2%
Theft under \$5,000	13.8%	15.7%	16.6%	16.9%	16.2%	15.5%	14.1%	13.1%	13.0%	12.4%
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	22.2%	21.6%	24.8%	24.3%	22.1%	22.6%	18.1%	14.6%	15.5%	13.3%
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	..	..	13.7%	16.6%	15.1%	14.8%	13.3%	13.8%	16.3%	14.5%
Mischief	11.2%	13.6%	14.2%	14.9%	14.8%	14.9%	14.9%	15.6%	17.3%	17.8%
Arson	9.5%	9.6%	8.7%	8.2%	9.1%	11.4%	9.2%	8.9%	12.1%	10.8%
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	16.7%	50.0%
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>
Counterfeiting	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Weapons	66.9%	66.5%	66.5%	66.0%	62.9%	66.2%	64.2%	69.3%	68.5%	68.1%
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	39.2%	39.4%	36.9%	37.9%	39.1%	43.0%	12.6%	10.5%	5.3%	7.7%
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	49.9%	48.9%	42.2%	38.8%	40.0%	38.0%	24.2%	11.4%	19.0%	24.2%
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	32.0%	33.7%	34.7%	34.7%	35.1%	36.3%	32.4%	28.5%	31.8%	30.9%
Administration of Justice	87.3%	89.6%	90.6%	90.2%	90.6%	90.9%	92.6%	91.0%	93.0%	91.7%
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	40.4%	43.6%	44.6%	45.4%	45.9%	47.7%	47.0%	46.2%	49.0%	47.4%
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>45.1%</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>49.4%</b>	<b>49.2%</b>	<b>49.5%</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>48.9%</b>	<b>47.0%</b>	<b>50.5%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES*</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>30.1%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>29.7%</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)

## Number of Offences Cleared by Charge

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,15</sup>	58	58	50	51	36	32	51	53	43	46
Attempted Murder	71	62	51	57	65	60	64	63	58	67
Sexual Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	8	16	44	15	3	18	16	6	15	24
Sexual Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	24	31	29	23	23	33	23	23	25	12
Sexual Assault Level 1	1,076	1,191	1,407	1,283	1,212	1,187	1,049	1,131	1,073	1,160
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	201	336	377	394	374	389	419	420	513	610
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	10	11
Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	272	294	334	322	304	287	262	248	256	287
Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	3,969	3,978	4,202	3,912	3,746	3,634	3,407	3,570	3,526	3,512
Assault Level 1	12,025	12,683	12,531	12,034	11,423	10,989	10,118	10,503	10,228	9,876
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	865	1,048	1,280	1,028	1,039	918	936	976	987	917
Other Assaults	293	145	133	104	95	127	93	88	74	55
Firearms	64	108	91	67	74	86	71	93	97	96
Robbery	1,637	1,603	1,628	1,375	1,423	1,207	1,169	1,243	1,104	953
Forcible Confinement/Kidnapping	316	325	266	234	243	254	251	302	280	293
Abduction	18	19	12	20	21	25	21	26	17	17
Extortion	72	74	93	90	83	89	84	99	70	56
Criminal Harassment	582	572	728	628	624	657	564	631	595	568
Uttering Threats	3,335	3,350	3,357	3,121	3,056	2,875	2,783	2,884	2,915	2,612
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	67	81	92	65	65	64	38	60	105	101
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	120	124	168	176	187	186	170	224	203	161
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>25,073</b>	<b>26,098</b>	<b>26,873</b>	<b>24,999</b>	<b>24,096</b>	<b>23,117</b>	<b>21,590</b>	<b>22,647</b>	<b>22,194</b>	<b>21,434</b>
Breaking and Entering	2,237	1,988	1,949	1,952	1,950	2,079	2,049	2,261	2,102	1,986
Possession of Stolen Property	2,310	2,197	1,961	1,387	1,051	1,078	1,203	1,296	1,330	1,282
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	0	7	15	12	18	11	16	10
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	794	666	580	529	451	536	591	610	550	546
Theft over \$5,000	203	165	179	183	148	145	138	129	120	143
Theft under \$5,000	8,135	8,490	8,311	7,615	7,843	7,607	7,471	7,809	7,488	6,865
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	1,979	1,950	1,969	1,730	1,560	1,588	1,435	1,426	1,665	1,430
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	0	0	166	205	214	257	275	301	419	415
Mischief	2,402	2,429	2,223	2,067	1,800	1,735	1,691	1,872	1,568	1,499
Arson	100	98	87	78	92	98	77	76	100	94
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>18,160</b>	<b>17,983</b>	<b>17,425</b>	<b>15,754</b>	<b>15,125</b>	<b>15,135</b>	<b>14,948</b>	<b>15,791</b>	<b>15,359</b>	<b>14,272</b>
Counterfeiting	71	113	146	89	36	80	53	71	100	112
Weapons	1,089	987	937	898	887	971	930	969	1,007	987
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	73	64	57	70	65	94	107	129	110	108
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	177	132	162	174	116	59	13	3	0	5
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	1,296	1,645	2,308	2,204	1,768	1,619	1,283	1,016	823	694
Administration of Justice	10,689	11,649	12,594	12,433	12,266	12,168	12,719	14,456	15,536	14,568
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	1,752	1,714	1,734	1,814	1,775	1,771	1,753	1,715	1,719	1,603
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>15,147</b>	<b>16,304</b>	<b>17,938</b>	<b>17,682</b>	<b>16,913</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>16,858</b>	<b>18,359</b>	<b>19,295</b>	<b>18,077</b>

**TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES\*** 58,380 60,385 62,236 58,435 56,134 55,014 53,396 56,797 56,848 53,783

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)

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## Number of Offences Cleared Otherwise

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,15</sup>	4	3	2	3	4	4	9	7	3	5
Attempted Murder	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	3
Sexual Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sexual Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sexual Assault Level 1	202	182	185	150	144	143	133	145	149	185
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	28	36	60	53	56	48	38	48	37	53
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	22	19	18
Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	9	15	11	16	6	6	9	10	7	8
Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	1,123	995	1,016	895	982	894	801	781	784	795
Assault Level 1	6,236	6,453	6,181	6,060	5,732	5,290	5,133	4,811	4,862	4,608
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	224	242	305	283	273	256	282	256	247	289
Other Assaults	152	84	55	32	44	38	35	34	37	38
Firearms	31	28	16	22	17	13	16	20	25	20
Robbery	149	136	153	139	147	102	84	77	74	71
Forcible Confinement/Kidnapping	10	14	13	12	9	9	10	10	11	6
Abduction	3	4	4	6	2	0	2	6	5	1
Extortion	37	33	39	49	41	40	28	25	42	42
Criminal Harassment	364	481	598	568	588	557	507	364	325	320
Uttering Threats	2,871	3,338	3,154	2,772	2,596	2,340	2,114	1,985	2,019	1,743
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	987	1,178	986	741	658	533	378	525	684	649
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	33	42	47	60	34	49	36	57	69	77
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>12,467</b>	<b>13,266</b>	<b>12,828</b>	<b>11,864</b>	<b>11,334</b>	<b>10,324</b>	<b>9,620</b>	<b>9,185</b>	<b>9,402</b>	<b>8,931</b>
Breaking and Entering	1,030	944	807	798	747	645	665	637	659	672
Possession of Stolen Property	889	977	848	703	662	743	527	520	542	727
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	0	15	16	24	11	9	11	44
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	790	636	454	442	381	365	348	339	306	309
Theft over \$5,000	79	74	98	65	71	68	49	61	63	42
Theft under \$5,000	7,642	8,779	9,338	9,398	9,275	8,373	8,435	7,573	8,424	7,612
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	1,150	1,189	1,269	1,218	1,085	1,148	981	877	1,019	955
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	0	0	72	100	108	118	76	73	110	85
Mischief	5,090	5,652	5,593	5,442	5,333	4,855	5,060	5,139	5,923	6,357
Arson	128	121	95	70	78	75	62	49	63	45
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>16,798</b>	<b>18,372</b>	<b>18,574</b>	<b>18,251</b>	<b>17,756</b>	<b>16,414</b>	<b>16,215</b>	<b>15,277</b>	<b>17,120</b>	<b>16,849</b>
Counterfeiting	35	53	79	50	17	31	49	31	20	34
Weapons	1,400	1,469	1,592	1,381	1,215	1,296	1,054	992	994	1,078
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	10	16	15	27	21	35	53	40	35	29
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	245	230	115	48	81	72	35	1	8	3
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	15,056	15,666	15,125	15,116	15,411	15,199	12,906	12,094	12,788	11,966
Administration of Justice	2,021	2,364	2,869	2,899	3,004	2,631	2,772	3,011	3,605	3,643
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	1,671	1,723	1,686	1,885	1,738	1,628	1,542	1,573	1,565	1,405
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>20,438</b>	<b>21,521</b>	<b>21,481</b>	<b>21,406</b>	<b>21,487</b>	<b>20,892</b>	<b>18,411</b>	<b>17,742</b>	<b>19,015</b>	<b>18,158</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES*</b>	<b>49,703</b>	<b>53,159</b>	<b>52,883</b>	<b>51,521</b>	<b>50,577</b>	<b>47,630</b>	<b>44,246</b>	<b>42,204</b>	<b>45,537</b>	<b>43,938</b>

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)

## Total Persons Charged

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide <sup>1,15</sup>	63	66	55	59	41	35	56	62	46	46
Attempted Murder	66	63	57	55	56	52	54	68	66	69
Sexual Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	8	12	19	16	3	25	18	5	16	12
Sexual Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	22	29	26	26	22	29	23	24	22	11
Sexual Assault Level 1	955	1,014	1,216	1,133	1,044	1,050	955	975	984	1,052
Sexual Violations Against Children <sup>2</sup>	148	249	290	301	333	324	344	360	462	525
Commodification of Sexual Activity <sup>3</sup>	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	10	11
Assault Level 3 (Aggravated)	288	293	348	364	297	297	268	272	278	295
Assault Level 2 (Weapon or bodily harm)	3,700	3,652	3,876	3,692	3,468	3,387	3,134	3,349	3,294	3,223
Assault Level 1	11,317	11,774	11,628	11,311	10,575	10,199	9,396	9,802	9,478	9,146
Assault Against Peace Officer <sup>4</sup>	834	1,045	1,057	826	852	748	754	779	778	759
Other Assaults	279	130	108	96	83	117	72	81	66	50
Firearms	73	111	70	55	66	79	58	89	89	93
Robbery	1,592	1,632	1,555	1,411	1,369	1,198	1,132	1,212	1,107	941
Forcible Confinement/Kidnapping	387	334	280	257	256	256	269	312	276	302
Abduction	17	19	13	13	21	20	16	18	15	12
Extortion	82	88	125	96	84	86	78	88	60	68
Criminal Harassment	490	500	648	580	560	586	503	547	530	515
Uttering Threats	2,773	2,675	2,689	2,498	2,431	2,289	2,216	2,313	2,265	2,085
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls	65	63	74	57	62	58	35	55	82	91
Other Violent Offences <sup>5</sup>	100	111	129	137	134	141	143	170	162	147
<b>Total Violent Offences</b>	<b>23,259</b>	<b>23,860</b>	<b>24,263</b>	<b>22,983</b>	<b>21,757</b>	<b>20,976</b>	<b>19,525</b>	<b>20,585</b>	<b>20,086</b>	<b>19,453</b>
Breaking and Entering	2,722	2,367	2,384	2,311	2,277	2,375	2,280	2,527	2,417	2,256
Possession of Stolen Property	2,793	2,617	2,345	1,681	1,217	1,221	1,369	1,507	1,537	1,518
Trafficking in Stolen Goods <sup>6</sup>	..	..	0	8	18	17	28	12	22	21
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>7</sup>	850	658	561	503	425	523	573	580	506	499
Theft over \$5,000	248	218	237	263	188	180	159	143	135	162
Theft under \$5,000	8,553	9,019	8,826	8,127	8,154	7,887	7,651	8,017	7,666	7,033
Fraud <sup>8</sup>	2,136	2,135	2,142	1,887	1,695	1,650	1,519	1,552	1,820	1,555
Identity theft/fraud <sup>8</sup>	0	0	168	223	223	270	310	321	451	458
Mischief	2,465	2,505	2,203	2,089	1,823	1,709	1,580	1,485	1,537	1,460
Arson	129	126	128	92	100	114	89	98	112	95
Altering/Removing/Destroying VIN <sup>9</sup>	..	..	..	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total Property Offences</b>	<b>19,896</b>	<b>19,645</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>17,185</b>	<b>16,121</b>	<b>15,946</b>	<b>15,558</b>	<b>16,242</b>	<b>16,204</b>	<b>15,059</b>
Counterfeiting	83	119	154	97	37	78	62	82	114	131
Weapons	1,206	1,111	1,065	992	1,000	1,068	1,026	1,053	1,105	1,075
Child Pornography <sup>10</sup>	76	65	59	71	64	96	110	132	113	108
Prostitution <sup>3,11</sup>	181	131	166	176	116	69	15	3	0	6
Disturbing the Peace <sup>12</sup>	1,523	1,987	2,723	2,569	2,008	1,807	1,442	1,132	884	741
Administration of Justice	10,328	11,317	12,167	12,049	11,896	11,714	12,360	13,985	15,142	14,329
Other Offences <sup>13</sup>	1,835	1,804	1,825	1,945	1,874	1,839	1,880	1,806	1,808	1,682
<b>Total Other Criminal Code Offences</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>16,534</b>	<b>18,159</b>	<b>17,899</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>16,671</b>	<b>16,895</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>19,166</b>	<b>18,072</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES*</b>	<b>58,387</b>	<b>60,039</b>	<b>61,416</b>	<b>58,067</b>	<b>54,873</b>	<b>53,593</b>	<b>51,978</b>	<b>55,020</b>	<b>55,456</b>	<b>52,584</b>

\*Total Criminal Code offences (excluding traffic offences)



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## Drug Offences

### CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)

Number of Offences	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cannabis: Possession	13,758	13,284	15,721	16,726	15,303	16,225	14,953	12,563	11,216	9,253
Cannabis: Trafficking	1,163	1,179	1,297	1,255	1,014	961	595	485	447	438
Cannabis: Importation/Exportation	58	23	24	30	18	31	25	63	102	68
Cannabis: Production	1,544	1,775	2,084	1,504	1,388	1,046	460	410	391	355
<b>Cannabis</b>	<b>16,523</b>	<b>16,261</b>	<b>19,126</b>	<b>19,515</b>	<b>17,723</b>	<b>18,263</b>	<b>16,033</b>	<b>13,521</b>	<b>12,156</b>	<b>10,114</b>
Cocaine: Possession	3,992	2,891	2,642	2,524	2,597	2,654	2,310	2,068	2,086	1,870
Cocaine: Trafficking	2,833	2,064	2,165	1,981	1,738	1,566	1,366	1,053	961	716
Cocaine: Importation/Exportation	39	44	50	41	29	19	22	12	25	16
Cocaine: Production	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>6,868</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>2,603</b>
Heroin: Possession	389	347	316	379	508	617	853	1,139	1,588	1,475
Heroin: Trafficking	110	111	131	162	226	253	249	276	348	366
Heroin: Importation/Exportation	10	12	13	6	5	8	5	10	6	6
Heroin: Production	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>1,847</b>
Methamphetamines: Possession	334	310	429	539	663	1,058	1,549	1,828	2,213	2,386
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	70	93	110	109	123	192	203	265	233	229
Methamphetamines: Import/Export	5	4	5	5	5	18	11	3	9	8
Methamphetamines: Production	18	15	24	28	28	19	17	22	15	11
<b>Methamphetamines</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>2,634</b>
Other Drugs: Possession	2,066	1,273	1,402	1,354	1,219	1,114	1,266	1,451	1,658	1,756
Other Drugs: Trafficking	489	440	426	447	502	453	350	348	339	481
Other Drugs: Importation/Exportation	137	58	69	63	56	103	74	117	97	145
Other Drugs: Production	12	22	19	14	17	6	8	9	17	11
Precursor/Equipment for Production/Trafficking <sup>16</sup>	..	..	..	11	16	10	4	9	7	17
<b>Other Drugs<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>1,889</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>2,410</b>
<b>TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES</b>	<b>27,032</b>	<b>23,948</b>	<b>26,928</b>	<b>27,178</b>	<b>25,455</b>	<b>26,354</b>	<b>24,321</b>	<b>22,132</b>	<b>21,759</b>	<b>19,608</b>

## CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)

Crime Rates	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cannabis: Possession	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.7	2.4	1.9
Cannabis: Trafficking	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Cannabis: Importation/Exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Production	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
<b>Cannabis</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Cocaine: Possession	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Cocaine: Trafficking	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Cocaine: Importation/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
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Heroin: Possession	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Heroin: Trafficking	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Heroin: Importation/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	..
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Methamphetamines: Possession	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines: Import/Export	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
<b>Methamphetamines</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Other Drugs: Possession	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Other Drugs: Trafficking	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Drugs: Importation/Exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Drugs: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Precursor/Equipment for Production/Trafficking <sup>16</sup>	..	..	..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Other Drugs<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>

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## CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)

Number of Offences Cleared	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cannabis: Possession	9,311	10,238	12,474	13,459	12,226	13,175	11,841	9,694	9,063	7,070
Cannabis: Trafficking	805	782	974	818	668	628	385	279	282	234
Cannabis: Importation/Exportation	30	4	6	5	9	16	18	65	92	60
Cannabis: Production	514	553	654	486	408	269	176	138	133	135
<b>Cannabis</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>14,108</b>	<b>14,768</b>	<b>13,311</b>	<b>14,088</b>	<b>12,420</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>9,570</b>	<b>7,499</b>
Cocaine: Possession	3,033	2,193	2,027	1,910	1,947	1,936	1,707	1,479	1,522	1,360
Cocaine: Trafficking	2,158	1,608	1,632	1,503	1,213	1,119	1,020	842	755	562
Cocaine: Importation/Exportation	12	18	11	9	8	4	12	6	14	8
Cocaine: Production	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>1,930</b>
Heroin: Possession	303	281	250	275	389	479	676	827	1,148	1,120
Heroin: Trafficking	88	103	113	128	198	217	213	249	289	314
Heroin: Importation/Exportation	10	3	3	0	3	2	4	3	5	3
Heroin: Production	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,437</b>
Methamphetamines: Possession	220	228	311	386	502	836	1,220	1,393	1,779	1,824
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	51	76	88	95	89	154	177	230	201	174
Methamphetamines: Import/Export	4	1	1	2	1	5	7	3	2	2
Methamphetamines: Production	4	6	5	12	3	6	6	7	5	3
<b>Methamphetamines</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>2,003</b>
Other Drugs: Possession	846	854	962	943	805	792	942	1,030	1,127	1,077
Other Drugs: Trafficking	221	212	221	188	183	217	202	206	185	312
Other Drugs: Importation/Exportation	69	11	17	32	23	53	43	71	54	63
Other Drugs: Production	8	5	11	1	7	2	4	6	6	5
Precursor/Equipment for Production/Trafficking <sup>16</sup>	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
<b>Other Drugs<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,458</b>
<b>TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES</b>	<b>17,690</b>	<b>17,177</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>20,252</b>	<b>18,682</b>	<b>19,911</b>	<b>18,654</b>	<b>16,530</b>	<b>16,662</b>	<b>14,327</b>

## CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)

Persons Charged	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cannabis: Possession	2,782	3,246	3,626	3,843	3,528	3,744	3,451	2,738	2,515	1,874
Cannabis: Trafficking	980	905	1,151	931	666	609	345	271	308	209
Cannabis: Importation/Exportation	11	1	1	4	12	0	6	8	0	3
Cannabis: Production	506	452	598	361	317	144	66	53	47	53
<b>Cannabis</b>	<b>4,279</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>3,070</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>2,139</b>
Cocaine: Possession	1,549	961	867	848	781	766	703	661	688	586
Cocaine: Trafficking	2,589	1,793	1,700	1,574	1,214	1,183	1,139	938	907	590
Cocaine: Importation/Exportation	6	32	16	7	8	1	8	4	5	5
Cocaine: Production	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Cocaine</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>2,429</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,181</b>
Heroin: Possession	145	109	105	107	174	199	296	351	444	398
Heroin: Trafficking	96	114	119	136	201	252	207	276	300	293
Heroin: Importation/Exportation	11	4	2	0	2	2	4	2	9	2
Heroin: Production	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>693</b>
Methamphetamines: Possession	116	99	131	187	248	411	511	667	834	809
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	76	89	103	110	94	160	161	211	192	192
Methamphetamines: Import/Export	4	1	1	2	3	2	2	3	0	1
Methamphetamines: Production	10	10	6	18	5	7	10	10	7	9
<b>Methamphetamines</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1,011</b>
Other Drugs: Possession	341	312	368	331	314	345	381	431	484	486
Other Drugs: Trafficking	213	188	195	176	164	190	182	175	186	408
Other Drugs: Importation/Exportation	10	10	14	27	12	4	7	9	11	4
Other Drugs: Production	9	4	15	2	10	1	4	5	7	5
Precursor/Equipment for Production/Trafficking <sup>16</sup>	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Other Drugs<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>573</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>903</b>
<b>TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES</b>	<b>9,457</b>	<b>8,330</b>	<b>9,018</b>	<b>8,664</b>	<b>7,753</b>	<b>8,021</b>	<b>7,483</b>	<b>6,814</b>	<b>6,944</b>	<b>5,927</b>

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## Criminal Code Traffic Offences

### CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC

Number of offences	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
IO*: Causing death	29	17	22	15	15	13	15	13	12	10
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	0	2	1	1	3	0	2	1	2	0
IO*: Causing bodily harm	107	105	80	74	59	55	45	56	44	40
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	1	2	3	4	3	2	1	1	5	6
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft <sup>18</sup>	13,283	15,931	14,898	17,113	12,869	12,275	11,165	9,632	9,470	9,067
IO*: (Drugs) vehicle, vessel, aircraft	53	260	248	300	347	281	295	377	504	521
IO*: Failure to provide breath sample <sup>19</sup>	818	912	918	1,173	1,056	960	1,129	1,523	1,455	1,381
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	1	1	3	1	4	8	2	9	1	9
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample <sup>19</sup>	12	18	13	6	8	7	2	3	5	7
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Total Impaired Driving Offences</b>	<b>14,304</b>	<b>17,248</b>	<b>16,186</b>	<b>18,687</b>	<b>14,364</b>	<b>13,601</b>	<b>12,657</b>	<b>11,615</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>11,042</b>
DO**: Causing death	27	20	22	22	14	14	11	11	13	5
DO**: Causing bodily harm	64	63	61	37	29	47	30	35	35	33
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	447	375	397	367	481	416	438	485	437	391
DO**: Evading police, causing death	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm	6	9	6	4	2	2	7	2	6	9
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police	489	434	576	539	477	462	598	994	1,119	1,171
Failure to stop or remain <sup>20</sup>	2,647	2,465	2,248	1,906	1,978	1,935	1,982	2,012	2,013	1,979
Driving while prohibited	1,009	954	941	929	627	624	535	510	539	554
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Violations	3	4	5	1	2	3	3	0	1	4
Criminal negligence causing death-street racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm-street racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
DO**: Causing death while street racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing	12	22	18	17	18	13	11	9	8	5
<b>Total Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Offences</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>3,516</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>4,171</b>	<b>4,151</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC</b>	<b>19,008</b>	<b>21,596</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>22,511</b>	<b>17,992</b>	<b>17,117</b>	<b>16,272</b>	<b>15,675</b>	<b>15,670</b>	<b>15,193</b>

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

## CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC

Crime Rates‡	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
IO*: Causing death	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IO*: Causing bodily harm	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.8
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft <sup>18</sup>	305.4	361.2	333.6	380.4	283.1	267.4	240.3	205.2	199.0	188.2
IO*: (Drugs) vehicle, vessel, aircraft	1.2	5.9	5.6	6.7	7.6	6.1	6.3	8.0	10.6	10.8
IO*: Failure to provide breath sample <sup>19</sup>	18.8	20.7	20.6	26.1	23.2	20.9	24.3	32.4	30.6	28.7
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample <sup>19</sup>	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Impaired Driving Offences</b>	<b>328.9</b>	<b>391.1</b>	<b>362.4</b>	<b>415.3</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>296.3</b>	<b>272.4</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>241.7</b>	<b>229.2</b>
DO**: Causing death	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
DO**: Causing bodily harm	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	10.3	8.5	8.9	8.2	10.6	9.1	9.4	10.3	9.2	8.1
DO**: Evading police, causing death	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police	11.2	9.8	12.9	12.0	10.5	10.1	12.9	21.2	23.5	24.3
Failure to stop or remain <sup>20</sup>	60.9	55.9	50.3	42.4	43.5	42.2	42.7	42.9	42.3	41.1
Driving while prohibited	23.2	21.6	21.1	20.6	13.8	13.6	11.5	10.9	11.3	11.5
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Violations	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Criminal negligence causing death-street racing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm-street racing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DO**: Causing death while street racing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Total Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Offences</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>95.7</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>86.2</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC</b>	<b>437.0</b>	<b>489.6</b>	<b>458.1</b>	<b>500.3</b>	<b>395.8</b>	<b>372.9</b>	<b>350.2</b>	<b>333.9</b>	<b>329.4</b>	<b>315.4</b>

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‡Crime rates for *Criminal Code* traffic offences are calculated per 100,000 population.

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## CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC

Number of offences cleared	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
IO*: Causing death	23	20	17	21	15	12	10	16	9	10
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1
IO*: Causing bodily harm	103	100	86	71	57	53	49	46	53	37
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	0	2	3	4	1	5	1	1	4	7
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft <sup>18</sup>	12,422	14,466	14,023	15,530	11,582	11,279	10,256	8,698	8,628	8,126
IO*: (Drugs) vehicle, vessel, aircraft	38	191	186	209	281	217	226	294	412	390
IO*: Failure to provide breath sample <sup>19</sup>	786	874	898	1,156	1,050	943	1,119	1,478	1,420	1,356
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0	2	3	1	4	7	3	8	2	9
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample <sup>19</sup>	14	15	13	7	5	10	2	3	4	8
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Impaired Driving Offences</b>	<b>13,386</b>	<b>15,672</b>	<b>15,230</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>12,997</b>	<b>12,527</b>	<b>11,669</b>	<b>10,544</b>	<b>10,535</b>	<b>9,945</b>
DO**: Causing death	28	18	21	22	18	15	7	11	13	10
DO**: Causing bodily harm	56	60	55	38	30	35	29	29	33	32
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	346	276	303	274	353	308	307	333	316	275
DO**: Evading police, causing death	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm	5	9	4	4	2	2	7	2	5	9
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police	323	263	295	302	271	278	301	409	427	447
Failure to stop or remain <sup>20</sup>	713	782	681	506	535	552	541	502	497	512
Driving while prohibited	935	888	915	865	608	593	521	483	520	530
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Violations	0	2	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	2
Criminal negligence causing death-street racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm-street racing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
DO**: Causing death while street racing	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing	11	17	10	8	5	5	3	3	4	1
<b>Total Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Offences</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>1,818</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC</b>	<b>15,804</b>	<b>17,989</b>	<b>17,517</b>	<b>19,022</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>14,320</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>12,316</b>	<b>12,352</b>	<b>11,763</b>

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## CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC

Number of persons charged	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
IO*: Causing death	23	18	17	21	13	12	9	15	9	10
IO*: (Drugs) Causing death	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1
IO*: Causing bodily harm	93	92	76	67	53	51	45	46	51	35
IO*: (Drugs) Causing bodily harm	0	1	2	3	1	5	1	1	3	7
IO*: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft <sup>18</sup>	8,988	10,913	9,000	4,486	5,127	3,183	2,975	2,679	2,582	2,386
IO*: (Drugs) vehicle, vessel, aircraft	23	125	105	113	204	151	120	187	282	279
IO*: Failure to provide breath sample <sup>19</sup>	658	764	688	436	438	262	344	460	426	362
Failure to comply or refusal (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0	1	3	1	4	7	3	8	2	9
IO*: Failure to provide blood sample <sup>19</sup>	10	13	13	6	4	9	0	3	3	7
Failure to provide blood sample (Drugs) <sup>19</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total Impaired Driving Offences</b>	<b>9,795</b>	<b>11,928</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>5,134</b>	<b>5,846</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,399</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>3,097</b>
DO**: Causing death	30	16	21	22	21	17	7	11	13	11
DO**: Causing bodily harm	55	58	53	37	28	34	31	27	32	30
DO**: Of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	324	246	288	261	327	297	278	298	290	250
DO**: Evading police, causing death	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
DO**: Evading police, causing bodily harm	5	10	4	4	2	2	7	2	4	9
DO**: Of motor vehicle evading police	296	249	266	281	248	259	278	372	384	399
Failure to stop or remain <sup>20</sup>	608	667	576	416	429	457	439	431	416	423
Driving while prohibited	910	868	882	839	586	568	503	471	501	507
Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Violations	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Criminal negligence causing death-street racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm-street racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
DO**: Causing death while street racing	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
DO**: Causing bodily harm while street racing	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DO**: Of motor vehicle while street racing	13	21	14	9	5	8	4	5	5	1
<b>Total Other <i>Criminal Code</i> Traffic Offences</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>2,107</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,630</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC</b>	<b>12,036</b>	<b>14,065</b>	<b>12,012</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>7,492</b>	<b>5,325</b>	<b>5,047</b>	<b>5,016</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>4,727</b>

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## Crime Severity Index

**Crime Severity Index (CSI)** is a tool developed by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) 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 all 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 police services with populations less than 1,000. Data for police services 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.
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- 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)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Violent CSI</b>	115.9	112.8	104.0	96.0	91.0	80.4	77.1	83.0	75.1	75.5
<b>Non-violent CSI</b>	124.1	111.5	104.2	96.8	96.2	91.2	96.4	98.2	100.2	93.6
<b>Overall CSI</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>88.9</b>

YOUTH CRIME SEVERITY INDEX (CSI)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Youth CSI</b>	72.2	73.7	70.7	60.3	57.2	51.0	40.1	39.3	36.7	37.4

## 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. **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 for the purposes of facilitating sexual offences against children/youth, 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 violation in an incident and thus which crime gets reported to the CCJS; as such, comparisons of this category's incident counts to previous years should be made with caution.
3. **Commodification of sexual activity** is a new offence 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: the purchasing of sexual services or communicating for that purpose; receiving a material benefit deriving from the purchase of sexual services; procuring of persons for the purpose of prostitution; and advertising sexual services offered for sale. Other prostitution-related offences continue to be considered non-violent offences, including: communicating to provide sexual services for consideration; and stopping or impeding traffic for the purpose of offering, providing, or obtaining sexual services for consideration. As a result of all this, comparisons between prostitution-related offences before December 2014 and after December 2014 should be made with caution and take these changes into account.
4. **Assault against a Peace Officer** includes level 1 (common assault), level 2 (assault with a weapon), and level 3 (aggravated assault). In 2009, legislation was introduced to create the offences of assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm to a peace officer (level 2) and aggravated assault to a peace officer (level 3). As a result, the large increases in assaults against police officers may be the result of increased reporting and should be interpreted with caution. Additionally, the introduction of these new codes into the UCR Survey created a system anomaly which resulted in some non-peace officer assaults being coded as peace officer assaults in 2010. Comparisons to 2010 should be made with caution.
5. **Other violent offences** include conspiracy to commit murder, other sexual violations, 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), criminal negligence causing death and other violations causing death, and other violent violations.
6. In 2011, the *Criminal Code* was amended creating a new offence for **trafficking property obtained by crime**. The UCR introduced a new violation code. This new offence has led to a decrease in the number of possession of stolen property offences in 2011 as a result.
7. In 2011, a new UCR violation code for **motor vehicle theft** was created, replacing the current UCR violations of motor vehicle theft over \$5000 and motor vehicle theft \$5000 and under.
8. In 2010, the *Criminal Code* was amended to include two new offences: **Identity theft and identity fraud**. The UCR was modified to create new violation codes for these offences. Prior to 2010, these offences would have been coded as fraud.
9. In 2011, the *Criminal Code* was amended to make it illegal for anyone to **alter, destroy, or remove a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)**. The UCR introduced a new violation code to collect this information.
10. 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.
11. On December 20, 2013 the Supreme Court of Canada found laws surrounding **prostitution** to be unconstitutional, and gave parliament 12 months to review and rewrite the legislation. As a result of this, a large number of incidents of prostitution were no longer being reported, leading to a large decrease in the number of prostitution incidents in 2014. New legislation came into force December 6, 2014; as a result, comparisons between prostitution-related offences before December 2014 and after December 2014 should be made with caution and take these changes into account.
12. Any increase in **disturbing the peace** offences may be, in part, attributable to a national data quality initiative undertaken by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to properly account for the types of offences that are aggregated under this offence.

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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 right of property, freezing of property/disclosure/audit, fraudulent transactions relating to contracts and trade, offences relating to currency, proceeds of crime, attempts/conspiracies/accessories, sexual offences/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. In general, the UCR2 Survey counts an **adult or youth charged** for the year in which the charge was recommended. The **homicide** totals, which come from the Homicide Survey, 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.
16. 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 **Precursor/Equipment for Production/Trafficking**.
17. **Other drugs** include methylenedioxyamphetamines (ecstasy), the illicit use of prescription drugs including fentanyl, and other drugs.
18. 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.
19. Impaired operation and **failure to provide blood sample** now includes the separation between alcohol and drugs (or combination of drugs). Fail/refuse to provide breath sample and failure to comply or refusal (drugs) will now have a maximum penalty of 25 years.
20. 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.” 2011 and 2012 data are comparable to other years.

## Definitions and Data Qualifiers

1. **Population figures** are estimates prepared annually by BC Stats, based on the results of the Canada Census which is conducted every five years. **Note:** In the 2011 Census, Statistics Canada adjusted the census boundary geographies and, as a result, the population estimates provided by BC Stats have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the updated census boundaries according to current police jurisdiction boundaries. Ten year population estimates included in this document may significantly differ from estimates included in the Policing and Security Branch's publications from prior years. This change affects crime rates.

Population figures reflect only the permanent or resident population of a jurisdiction. Where a jurisdiction serves as a business and/or entertainment centre, it may have substantial "part-time" and "resident non-resident" populations relative to its resident or "late night" population, i.e., tourists, cabin owners, commuters, students, and seasonal staff. These temporary populations, whose permanent residence is within another jurisdiction, are excluded from a jurisdiction's population figures.

2. **Number of offences** represent only those crimes reported to, or discovered by the police which, upon preliminary investigation, have been deemed to have occurred or been attempted; these data do not represent nor imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, information sworn or convictions obtained. The crime data contained in these reports have been recorded by the police utilizing the Uniform Crime Reporting 2 (UCR2) Survey scoring rules and guidelines. If a single criminal incident contains a number of violations of the law, then only the most serious violation is recorded for UCR2 purposes.
3. **Total Criminal Code offences** (excluding traffic) include property, violent, and other crimes.
4. **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.
5. **Property crimes** include the offences of breaking and entering, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, trafficking in stolen goods, fraud, mischief, identity theft, identity fraud, arson, and altering/removing/destroying a vehicle identification number.
6. **Other crimes** include *Criminal Code* offences not classified as either violent or property crimes, e.g., gaming and betting, offensive weapons, offences related to currency, offences against the administration of justice, offences against public order, the possession and/or distribution of child pornography, etc.
7. **Drug offences** are crimes committed under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA). Drug offences include possession, trafficking, production, and distribution of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamines (crystal meth), and other drug offences. These are not included in the Total *Criminal Code* offences.
8. **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.

**Youth crime** in British Columbia may be somewhat undercounted due to the Crown charge-approval system in place whereby, even for minor offences, there must be approval by the Crown before charges are laid after police have made an arrest. This approval is based on the substantial likelihood of conviction. This may affect comparisons in youth offences with other provinces.

9. **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) 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.

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Municipal crime rates do not necessarily reflect the relative safety of one municipality over another. More often than not, a high crime rate indicates 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.

10. **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.
11. **Offences cleared by charge** clearance 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 UCR2 Survey.
12. **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 but decide upon another course of action, e.g., diversion.
13. **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%. Any comparison of clearance rates among police services should be made with caution. The reporting practices of some agencies could result in high levels of citizen reporting, including minor offences, to help track neighbourhood crime trends. These minor, generally less-serious offences (e.g., mischief, minor thefts) tend to be high-volume and, by their very nature, tend to have low clearance rates. Police services reporting higher levels of these minor offences will tend to have lower than average overall clearance rates.
14. **Persons charged** represent the number of people for whom charges were recommended, rather than the number of charges recommended (e.g., several charges recommended for one person resulting from a single incident counts as one person charged). When an offence is cleared by charge, the number of persons recommended for charge by the police is recorded in the UCR2 Survey. The UCR2 Survey reporting rules dictate that offenders who are simultaneously recommended for charge on more than one offence are counted only once against the most serious offence. In addition, offenders are counted each time the police recommend charges against them for separate incidents. As a result, the correlation of persons charged data with court data is difficult because the UCR2 Survey does not contain information regarding the total number of recommended charges. Total persons charged are the total of adults charged and youth charged.

In general, the UCR2 Survey counts an adult or youth charged for the year in which the charge was recommended. The homicide totals, which come from the Homicide Survey, 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.

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16. Crime data from the previous years are revised to reflect any updates or changes that have been received from the police services. Therefore, crime statistics may vary slightly from year to year publications.
17. Generally, year-over-year comparisons should be made with caution as many non-criminally-related factors can affect data from one year to another (e.g., openings, closures or reorganizations of police departments, redistribution of municipalities serviced among different police departments, significant population increases, etc.).
18. 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.
19. The policing jurisdictions utilized in this report reflect operational policing in BC and may vary from those provided by Statistics Canada.
20. The population estimates reported in this document and used to calculate crime rates, are provided by BC Stats and may vary from that provided by Statistics Canada.

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