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British Columbia Crime Trends, 2014 - 2023

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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.

Factors Influencing Crime

For broader national context on crime trends, please refer to the Statistics Canada publication accompanying this year's data release:

- Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2023 <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/240725/dq240725b-eng.htm>

Other reporting and analysis is available on the Statistics Canada Crime and Justice Statistics page: https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects-start/crime_and_justice

Past articles can also be accessed through the Juristat publication archive: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/catalogue/85-002-X#wb-auto-2>

Impact of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Scoring Rule Changes

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

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

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

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

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

Number of Offences

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2)	89	97	88	119	90	90	100	125	155	123
Attempted murder (1)	92	129	119	115	88	101	99	67	128	67
Other violations causing death	16	18	19	11	21	24	21	14	12	8
Assault, level 1	21,516	22,294	20,955	20,634	22,528	29,375	28,035	27,760	28,431	29,223
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	6,639	6,904	6,798	6,847	7,333	8,966	10,074	10,623	11,023	11,833
Assault, level 3, aggravated	346	331	324	360	334	342	342	361	362	384
Other Assaults	245	302	243	201	180	311	277	233	319	412
Assaults against a peace officer	1,247	1,305	1,254	1,280	1,440	1,560	1,601	1,748	1,609	1,538
Extortion	370	496	539	564	1,060	1,052	1,320	1,531	2,427	3,228
Abduction	32	57	53	50	61	65	44	46	51	42
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	205	302	265	258	201	369	392	375	408	446
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	312	367	338	372	349	392	442	399	396	409
Robbery	3,392	3,645	2,968	2,487	2,482	2,866	2,707	2,743	2,982	2,880
Sexual assault, level 1	2212	2230	2258	2686	3213	4088	3822	4444	4498	4377
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	49	40	35	31	64	54	50	56	70	75
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	15	19	19	28	8	10	18	7	14	6
Sexual violations against children (3)	683	655	824	986	1,134	1,473	1,427	1,600	1,593	1,578
Sexual offence, occurred prior to 1983 (4)	-	-	-	-	56	66	57	54	55	64
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	6	73	71	64	107	152	121	78	70	90
Criminal harassment	2,098	1,991	1,651	1,635	1,619	2,272	2,184	2,219	2,140	2,206
Uttering threats	9,782	10,282	9,497	8,660	9,703	16,391	16,806	16,695	15,937	16,925
Indecent/harassing communication	3,472	4,901	5,448	5,651	6,447	9,022	9,583	9,360	9,010	9,426
Other violent offences (6)	391	485	480	501	570	772	776	775	765	865
Total violent offences	53,209	56,923	54,246	53,540	59,088	79,813	80,298	81,313	82,455	86,205
Breaking and entering	29,918	30,156	29,874	26,580	26,247	28,791	25,239	21,815	20,772	19,521
Possession of stolen property	2,817	3,106	3,206	3,488	3,552	5,275	4,318	3,742	3,691	3,662
Trafficking in stolen property	41	27	48	99	35	43	34	24	21	41
Theft of motor vehicle	15,009	14,720	13,968	14,484	12,594	13,356	10,586	10,662	10,762	9,738
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	2,563	2,742	2,819	3,531	4,564	5,346	5,401	4,969	5,052	4,483
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	113,030	117,005	122,530	117,184	121,209	133,276	100,019	93,719	98,464	98,269
Fraud	13,371	15,749	17,289	17,863	20,239	22,537	21,290	20,356	21,332	24,838
Identity fraud	2,366	2,426	2,838	3,036	3,229	4,097	4,414	3,871	3,622	3,461
Identity theft	279	285	414	422	479	549	561	534	488	470
Total mischief	45,348	45,036	43,384	44,275	45,288	54,843	56,881	58,221	56,670	58,959
Arson	1,509	1,411	1,348	1,297	1,356	1,555	1,795	2,206	2,202	2,285
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	3	1	6	5	7	1	3	9	2	4
Total property offences	226,254	232,664	237,724	232,264	238,799	269,669	230,541	220,128	223,078	225,731
Counterfeiting	102	102	120	156	172	158	125	76	62	37
Total weapons violations	3,088	2,828	2,922	3,090	3,284	4,366	4,651	4,631	4,368	4,731
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	0	879	2,496	1,615	1,596	2,737	4,201	3,866	6,302	12,443
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	1,266	729	221	220	294	482	491	868	589	750
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	198	35	42	20	26	41	16	3	9	1
Disturb the peace	43,794	46,009	42,791	41,007	42,025	50,338	49,847	50,019	48,797	50,451
Total administration of justice violations	16,732	19,194	20,584	19,949	19,666	23,606	23,718	22,135	21,555	21,428
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183	356
Total other violations (10)	7,006	7,116	6,697	5,951	6,667	8,553	7,698	7,263	6,530	6,503
Total other Criminal Code offences	72,186	76,892	75,873	72,008	73,730	90,281	90,747	88,861	88,395	96,700
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	351,649	366,479	367,843	357,812	371,617	439,763	401,586	390,302	393,928	408,636

Crime Rates*

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES CRIME RATE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2, 11)	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.2
Attempted murder (1)	2.0	2.7	2.4	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.3	2.4	1.2
Other violations causing death	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assault, level 1	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.5	5.8	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
Assault, level 3, aggravated	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Assaults	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Assaults against a peace officer	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Extortion	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6
Abduction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Robbery	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Sexual assault, level 1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
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 3, aggravated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sexual violations against children (3)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Sexual offence which occurred prior to 1983 (4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Criminal harassment	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Uttering threats	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.1
Indecent/harassing communication	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7
Other violent offences (6)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total violent offences Crime Rate	11.3	11.9	11.2	10.9	11.8	15.7	15.6	15.6	15.5	15.6
Breaking and entering	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.4	5.2	5.7	4.9	4.2	3.9	3.5
Possession of stolen property	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7
Trafficking in stolen property	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Theft of motor vehicle	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	24.0	24.5	25.2	23.8	24.2	26.2	19.4	18.0	18.5	17.8
Fraud	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.0	4.5
Identity fraud	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
Identity theft	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total mischief	9.6	9.4	8.9	9.0	9.0	10.8	11.0	11.2	10.7	10.7
Arson	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total property offences Crime Rate	48.1	48.7	48.9	47.1	47.7	52.9	44.7	42.2	41.9	40.9
Counterfeiting	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total weapons violations	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	2.3
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disturb the peace	9.3	9.6	8.8	8.3	8.4	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.2	9.1
Total administration of justice violations	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.1	3.9
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.1
Total other violations (10)	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2
Total other Criminal Code offences Crime Rate	15.3	16.1	15.6	14.6	14.7	17.7	17.6	17.0	16.6	17.5
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic) CRIME RATE*	74.7	76.7	75.7	72.6	74.2	86.3	77.8	74.8	74.1	74.0

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

Number of Offences Cleared

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2)	60	60	46	63	39	48	46	51	74	42
Attempted murder (1)	65	64	60	79	47	64	52	42	91	39
Other violations causing death	9	12	16	12	9	10	15	8	12	7
Assault, level 1	15,251	15,314	15,090	14,573	15,172	16,475	15,234	14,731	14,535	14,059
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	4,208	4,351	4,310	4,354	4,544	4,923	5,407	5,572	5,780	6,121
Assault, level 3, aggravated	271	258	263	304	261	262	271	257	283	275
Other Assaults	128	122	111	99	102	112	118	96	158	160
Assaults against a peace officer	1,218	1,232	1,234	1,223	1,396	1,513	1,535	1,657	1,559	1,459
Extortion	112	124	112	101	95	145	136	97	107	115
Abduction	23	32	22	18	22	22	14	16	21	28
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	87	113	122	119	93	161	182	165	182	201
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	261	312	291	307	288	301	348	293	288	287
Robbery	1,253	1,320	1,178	1,042	1,042	1,116	985	947	1,083	1,052
Sexual assault, level 1	1,182	1,276	1,222	1,377	1,555	1,654	1,758	1,889	1,927	1,725
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	25	23	26	13	24	59	27	35	50	45
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	16	7	15	24	7	11	12	3	7	6
Sexual violations against children (3)	457	468	550	709	690	682	723	788	670	589
Sexual offence occurred prior to 1983 (4)	-	-	-	-	29	23	33	30	28	26
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	3	26	29	29	37	45	21	21	16	18
Criminal harassment	1,071	995	920	901	844	919	913	1,026	913	888
Uttering threats	4,897	4,869	4,934	4,412	4,727	5,524	5,352	5,154	4,687	4,549
Indecent/harassing communication	416	585	789	757	775	1,177	1,062	1,035	897	853
Other violent offences (6)	197	269	256	232	258	318	320	325	315	292
Total violent offences cleared	31,210	31,832	31,596	30,748	32,056	35,564	34,564	34,238	33,683	32,836
Breaking and entering	2,714	2,898	2,761	2,698	2,773	3,172	3,186	2,673	2,670	2,599
Possession of stolen property	1,730	1,816	1,872	2,039	1,847	2,107	1,729	1,444	1,418	1,314
Trafficking in stolen property	29	20	27	53	27	12	9	9	12	24
Theft of motor vehicle	939	949	856	884	911	1,003	936	862	805	773
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	187	190	183	189	221	284	292	293	298	263
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	15,906	15,382	15,912	14,575	13,591	15,132	10,340	9,298	10,576	11,932
Fraud	2,416	2,303	2,684	2,435	2,456	2,589	1,790	1,317	1,208	1,348
Identity fraud	322	335	414	382	391	475	348	227	247	186
Identity theft	29	39	115	138	101	177	85	98	68	84
Total mischief	6,751	7,011	7,491	7,941	9,204	10,416	10,240	10,348	9,903	10,242
Arson	139	125	163	140	140	154	173	246	225	263
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	1
Total property offences cleared	31,163	31,068	32,479	31,477	31,663	35,522	29,128	26,816	27,430	29,029
Counterfeiting	102	102	120	156	172	158	125	76	62	37
Total weapons violations	1,984	1,961	2,001	2,128	2,257	2,612	2,992	2,818	2,328	2,452
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	0	16	53	57	95	109	132	118	81	113
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	160	153	92	84	81	82	71	112	76	74
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	48	4	8	1	12	5	3	0	1	0
Disturb the peace	14,189	13,110	13,611	12,723	12,793	14,223	11,960	11,018	10,051	9,869
Total administration of justice violations	15,491	17,467	19,141	18,345	17,940	19,494	19,377	17,810	17,289	16,778
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	44
Total other violations (10)	3,295	3,288	3,284	2,961	3,194	3,564	3,179	2,854	2,634	2,514
Total other Criminal Code offences cleared	35,269	36,101	38,310	36,455	36,544	40,247	37,839	34,806	32,547	31,881
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic) CLEARED	97,642	99,001	102,385	98,680	100,263	111,333	101,531	95,860	93,660	93,746

Clearance Rates

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2)	67.4%	61.9%	52.3%	52.9%	43.3%	53.3%	46.0%	40.8%	47.7%	34.1%
Attempted murder (1)	70.7%	49.6%	50.4%	68.7%	53.4%	63.4%	52.5%	62.7%	71.1%	58.2%
Other violations causing death	56.3%	66.7%	84.2%	109.1%	42.9%	41.7%	71.4%	57.1%	100.0%	87.5%
Assault, level 1	70.9%	68.7%	72.0%	70.6%	67.3%	56.1%	54.3%	53.1%	51.1%	48.1%
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	63.4%	63.0%	63.4%	63.6%	62.0%	54.9%	53.7%	52.5%	52.4%	51.7%
Assault, level 3, aggravated	78.3%	77.9%	81.2%	84.4%	78.1%	76.6%	79.2%	71.2%	78.2%	71.6%
Other Assaults	52.2%	40.4%	45.7%	49.3%	56.7%	36.0%	42.6%	41.2%	49.5%	38.8%
Assaults against a peace officer	97.7%	94.4%	98.4%	95.5%	96.9%	97.0%	95.9%	94.8%	96.9%	94.9%
Extortion	30.3%	25.0%	20.8%	17.9%	9.0%	13.8%	10.3%	6.3%	4.4%	3.6%
Abduction	71.9%	56.1%	41.5%	36.0%	36.1%	33.8%	31.8%	34.8%	41.2%	66.7%
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	42.4%	37.4%	46.0%	46.1%	46.3%	43.6%	46.4%	44.0%	44.6%	45.1%
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	83.7%	85.0%	86.1%	82.5%	82.5%	76.8%	78.7%	73.4%	72.7%	70.2%
Robbery	36.9%	36.2%	39.7%	41.9%	42.0%	38.9%	36.4%	34.5%	36.3%	36.5%
Sexual assault, level 1	53.4%	57.2%	54.1%	51.3%	48.4%	40.5%	46.0%	42.5%	42.8%	39.4%
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	51.0%	57.5%	74.3%	41.9%	37.5%	109.3%	54.0%	62.5%	71.4%	60.0%
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	106.7%	36.8%	78.9%	85.7%	87.5%	110.0%	66.7%	42.9%	50.0%	100.0%
Sexual violations against children (3)	66.9%	71.5%	66.7%	71.9%	60.8%	46.3%	50.7%	49.3%	42.1%	37.3%
Sexual offence which occurred prior to 1983 (4)	-	-	-	-	51.8%	34.8%	57.9%	55.6%	50.9%	40.6%
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	50.0%	35.6%	40.8%	45.3%	34.6%	29.6%	17.4%	26.9%	22.9%	20.0%
Criminal harassment	51.0%	50.0%	55.7%	55.1%	52.1%	40.4%	41.8%	46.2%	42.7%	40.3%
Uttering threats	50.1%	47.4%	52.0%	50.9%	48.7%	33.7%	31.8%	30.9%	29.4%	26.9%
Indecent/harassing communication	12.0%	11.9%	14.5%	13.4%	12.0%	13.0%	11.1%	11.1%	10.0%	9.0%
Other violent offences (6)	50.4%	55.5%	53.3%	46.3%	45.3%	41.2%	41.2%	41.9%	41.2%	33.8%
Total violent offences Clearance Rate	58.7%	55.9%	58.2%	57.4%	54.3%	44.6%	43.0%	42.1%	40.9%	38.1%
Breaking and entering	9.1%	9.6%	9.2%	10.2%	10.6%	11.0%	12.6%	12.3%	12.9%	13.3%
Possession of stolen property	61.4%	58.5%	58.4%	58.5%	52.0%	39.9%	40.0%	38.6%	38.4%	35.9%
Trafficking in stolen property	70.7%	74.1%	56.3%	53.5%	77.1%	27.9%	26.5%	37.5%	57.1%	58.5%
Theft of motor vehicle	6.3%	6.4%	6.1%	6.1%	7.2%	7.5%	8.8%	8.1%	7.5%	7.9%
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	7.3%	6.9%	6.5%	5.4%	4.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	14.1%	13.1%	13.0%	12.4%	11.2%	11.4%	10.3%	9.9%	10.7%	12.1%
Fraud	18.1%	14.6%	15.5%	13.6%	12.1%	11.5%	8.4%	6.5%	5.7%	5.4%
Identity fraud	13.6%	13.8%	14.6%	12.6%	12.1%	11.6%	7.9%	5.9%	6.8%	5.4%
Identity theft	10.4%	13.7%	27.8%	32.7%	21.1%	32.2%	15.2%	18.4%	13.9%	17.9%
Total mischief	14.9%	15.6%	17.3%	17.9%	20.3%	19.0%	18.0%	17.8%	17.5%	17.4%
Arson	9.2%	8.9%	12.1%	10.8%	10.3%	9.9%	9.6%	11.2%	10.2%	11.5%
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	33.3%	0.0%	16.7%	60.0%	14.3%	100.0%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	25.0%
Total property offences Clearance Rate	13.8%	13.4%	13.7%	13.6%	13.3%	13.2%	12.6%	12.2%	12.3%	12.9%
Counterfeiting	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total weapons violations	64.2%	69.3%	68.5%	68.9%	68.7%	59.8%	64.3%	60.9%	53.3%	51.8%
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	-	1.8%	2.1%	3.5%	6.0%	4.0%	3.1%	3.1%	1.3%	0.9%
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	12.6%	21.0%	41.6%	38.2%	27.6%	17.0%	14.5%	12.9%	12.9%	9.9%
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	24.2%	11.4%	19.0%	5.0%	46.2%	12.2%	18.8%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%
Disturb the peace	32.4%	28.5%	31.8%	31.0%	30.4%	28.3%	24.0%	22.0%	20.6%	19.6%
Total administration of justice violations	92.6%	91.0%	93.0%	92.0%	91.2%	82.6%	81.7%	80.5%	80.2%	78.3%
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.7%	12.4%
Total other violations (10)	47.0%	46.2%	49.0%	49.8%	47.9%	41.7%	41.3%	39.3%	40.3%	38.7%
Total other Criminal Code offences Clearance Rate	48.9%	47.0%	50.5%	50.6%	49.6%	44.6%	41.7%	39.2%	36.8%	33.0%
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic) CLEARANCE RATE	27.8%	27.0%	27.8%	27.6%	27.0%	25.3%	25.3%	24.6%	23.8%	22.9%

Number of Offences Cleared by Charge

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2)	51	53	43	57	36	37	43	41	58	31
Attempted murder (1)	64	63	58	76	46	64	49	42	82	38
Other violations causing death	9	12	16	12	9	10	15	8	11	7
Assault, level 1	10,118	10,503	10,228	9,925	9,979	10,041	9,356	9,066	8,887	8,705
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	3,407	3,570	3,526	3,544	3,729	3,979	4,298	4,432	4,633	4,920
Assault, level 3, aggravated	262	248	256	296	251	253	254	249	274	269
Other Assaults	93	88	74	62	68	60	77	62	131	116
Assaults against a peace officer	936	976	987	933	1,111	1,142	1,201	1,212	1,107	1,038
Extortion	84	99	70	57	65	91	82	64	65	72
Abduction	21	26	17	17	18	19	13	14	18	24
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	71	93	97	97	79	138	148	145	152	172
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	251	302	280	301	280	279	333	278	281	268
Robbery	1,169	1,243	1,104	969	967	1,008	861	839	970	909
Sexual assault, level 1	1,049	1,131	1,073	1,189	1,365	1,389	1,532	1,612	1,635	1,472
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	23	23	25	12	24	57	24	34	47	44
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	16	6	15	24	7	11	11	3	7	6
Sexual violations against children (3)	419	420	513	652	627	605	652	714	612	534
Sexual offence which occurred prior to 1983 (4)					27	20	31	23	25	21
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	1	4	10	11	19	30	5	10	3	4
Criminal harassment	564	631	595	570	520	533	578	622	581	552
Uttering threats	2,783	2,884	2,915	2,647	2,821	2,879	2,762	2,617	2,352	2,423
Indecent/harassing communication	38	60	105	94	103	129	142	150	157	152
Other violent offences (6)	161	212	187	152	179	244	218	245	223	216
Total violent offences	21,590	22,647	22,194	21,697	22,330	23,018	22,685	22,482	22,311	21,993
Breaking and entering	2,049	2,261	2,102	2,010	2,084	2,353	2,276	1,798	1,839	1,769
Possession of stolen property	1,203	1,296	1,330	1,304	1,203	1,358	1,096	948	956	776
Trafficking in stolen property	18	11	16	9	15	10	5	8	11	15
Theft of motor vehicle	591	610	550	566	572	568	535	475	468	457
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	138	129	120	144	173	202	193	201	194	171
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	7,471	7,809	7,488	6,890	6,350	6,893	4,297	3,433	4,097	4,422
Fraud	1,435	1,426	1,665	1,446	1,535	1,492	1,036	717	645	722
Identity fraud	250	266	323	313	316	344	265	171	178	134
Identity theft	25	35	96	117	69	135	61	67	49	57
Total mischief	1,691	1,872	1,568	1,515	1,805	1,753	1,726	1,790	1,787	1,827
Arson	77	76	100	95	94	80	105	154	146	165
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Total property offences	14,948	15,791	15,359	14,411	14,217	15,189	11,595	9,762	10,370	10,516
Counterfeiting	53	71	100	116	138	111	83	42	31	23
Total weapons violations	930	969	1,007	999	1,060	1,174	1,319	1,142	990	1,040
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	0	8	40	42	67	62	66	62	44	42
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	107	121	70	69	60	55	42	66	43	46
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	13	3	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
Disturb the peace	1,283	1,016	823	697	695	760	474	403	464	422
Total administration of justice violations	12,719	14,456	15,536	14,667	14,007	14,382	12,773	9,615	8,866	8,914
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)									7	19
Total other violations (10)	1,753	1,715	1,719	1,619	1,673	1,776	1,484	1,278	1,215	1,114
Total other Criminal Code offences	16,858	18,359	19,295	18,209	17,706	18,324	16,241	12,608	11,660	11,620
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	53,396	56,797	56,848	54,317	54,253	56,531	50,521	44,852	44,341	44,129

Number of Offences Cleared Otherwise

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2)	9	7	3	6	3	11	3	10	16	11
Attempted murder (1)	1	1	2	3	1	0	3	0	9	1
Other violations causing death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Assault, level 1	5,133	4,811	4,862	4,648	5,193	6,434	5,878	5,665	5,648	5,354
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	801	781	784	810	815	944	1,109	1,140	1,147	1,201
Assault, level 3, aggravated	9	10	7	8	10	9	17	8	9	6
Other Assaults	35	34	37	37	34	52	41	34	27	44
Assaults against a peace officer	282	256	247	290	285	371	334	445	452	421
Extortion	28	25	42	44	30	54	54	33	42	43
Abduction	2	6	5	1	4	3	1	2	3	4
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	16	20	25	22	14	23	34	20	30	29
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	10	10	11	6	8	22	15	15	7	19
Robbery	84	77	74	73	75	108	124	108	113	143
Sexual assault, level 1	133	145	149	188	190	265	226	277	292	253
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	2	0	1	1	0	2	3	1	3	1
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual violations against children (3)	38	48	37	57	63	77	71	74	58	55
Sexual offence which occurred prior to 1983 (4)					2	3	2	7	3	5
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	2	22	19	18	18	15	16	11	13	14
Criminal harassment	507	364	325	331	324	386	335	404	332	336
Uttering threats	2,114	1,985	2,019	1,765	1,906	2,645	2,590	2,537	2,335	2,126
Indecent/harassing communication	378	525	684	663	672	1,048	920	885	740	701
Other violent offences (6)	36	57	69	80	79	74	102	80	92	76
Total violent offences	9,620	9,185	9,402	9,051	9,726	12,546	11,879	11,756	11,372	10,843
Breaking and entering	665	637	659	688	689	819	910	875	831	830
Possession of stolen property	527	520	542	735	644	749	633	496	462	538
Trafficking in stolen property	11	9	11	44	12	2	4	1	1	9
Theft of motor vehicle	348	339	306	318	339	435	401	387	337	316
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	49	61	63	45	48	82	99	92	104	92
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	8,435	7,573	8,424	7,685	7,241	8,239	6,043	5,865	6,479	7,510
Fraud	981	877	1,019	989	921	1,097	754	600	563	626
Identity fraud	72	69	91	69	75	131	83	56	69	52
Identity theft	4	4	19	21	32	42	24	31	19	27
Total mischief	5,060	5,139	5,923	6,426	7,399	8,663	8,514	8,558	8,116	8,415
Arson	62	49	63	45	46	74	68	92	79	98
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total property offences	16,215	15,277	17,120	17,066	17,446	20,333	17,533	17,054	17,060	18,513
Counterfeiting	49	31	20	40	34	47	42	34	31	14
Total weapons violations	1,054	992	994	1,129	1,197	1,438	1,673	1,676	1,338	1,412
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	0	8	13	15	28	47	66	56	37	71
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	53	32	22	15	21	27	29	46	33	28
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	35	1	8	1	6	1	3	0	1	0
Disturb the peace	12,906	12,094	12,788	12,026	12,098	13,463	11,486	10,615	9,587	9,447
Total administration of justice violations	2,772	3,011	3,605	3,678	3,933	5,112	6,604	8,195	8,423	7,864
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)									18	25
Total other violations (10)	1,542	1,573	1,565	1,342	1,521	1,788	1,695	1,576	1,419	1,400
Total other Criminal Code offences	18,411	17,742	19,015	18,246	18,838	21,923	21,598	22,198	20,887	20,261
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	44,246	42,204	45,537	44,363	46,010	54,802	51,010	51,008	49,319	49,617

Total Persons Charged

CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide (1,2)	56	62	46	57	46	43	40	44	65	32
Attempted murder (1)	54	68	66	73	49	51	49	37	63	30
Other violations causing death	10	15	20	13	8	10	18	10	9	8
Assault, level 1	9,396	9,802	9,478	9,187	9,241	9,276	8,615	8,355	8,167	8,022
Assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	3,134	3,349	3,294	3,252	3,418	3,685	3,940	4,043	4,231	4,475
Assault, level 3, aggravated	268	272	278	302	270	270	262	256	287	286
Other Assaults	72	81	66	53	53	53	64	56	100	110
Assaults against a peace officer	754	779	778	765	882	888	917	886	831	751
Extortion	78	88	60	69	61	86	73	64	68	73
Abduction	16	18	15	12	16	16	14	11	15	19
Firearms, use of, discharge, pointing	58	89	89	94	75	120	142	148	128	154
Forcible confinement/kidnapping	269	312	276	309	301	281	334	273	275	288
Robbery	1,132	1,212	1,107	954	965	1,072	891	848	948	969
Sexual assault, level 1	955	975	984	1,071	1,248	1,261	1,404	1,399	1,487	1,338
Sexual assault, level 2, weapon or bodily harm	23	24	22	11	22	36	22	29	43	42
Sexual assault, level 3, aggravated	18	5	16	12	6	12	11	3	7	6
Sexual violations against children (3)	344	360	462	563	510	508	567	614	521	471
Sexual offence which occurred prior to January 4, 1983 (4)					19	18	19	17	15	17
Offences in relation to sexual services (5)	1	4	10	11	20	30	5	11	3	3
Criminal harassment	503	547	530	522	470	478	509	548	541	494
Uttering threats	2,216	2,313	2,265	2,115	2,197	2,292	2,171	2,065	1,897	1,927
Indecent/harassing communication	35	55	82	85	84	122	118	130	118	141
Other violent offences (6)	133	155	142	132	123	186	194	253	230	174
Total violent offences	19,525	20,585	20,086	19,662	20,084	20,794	20,379	20,100	20,049	19,830
Breaking and entering	2,280	2,527	2,417	2,281	2,400	2,636	2,487	1,999	2,096	1,947
Possession of stolen property	1,369	1,507	1,537	1,536	1,407	1,568	1,237	1,068	1,096	913
Trafficking in stolen property	28	12	22	20	17	15	6	11	17	22
Theft of motor vehicle	573	580	506	507	491	442	435	392	405	398
Theft over \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	159	143	135	163	189	239	219	229	206	198
Theft under \$5,000 (non-motor vehicle)	7,651	8,017	7,666	7,054	6,457	7,039	4,356	3,429	4,112	4,444
Fraud	1,519	1,552	1,820	1,574	1,618	1,651	1,117	766	720	819
Identity fraud	284	283	351	354	344	356	278	174	188	134
Identity theft	26	38	100	120	67	137	65	68	49	57
Total mischief	1,580	1,485	1,537	1,480	1,628	1,762	1,662	1,791	1,725	1,762
Arson	89	98	112	96	91	78	110	147	143	163
Altering, removing or destroying vehicle identification number	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Total property offences	15,558	16,242	16,204	15,187	14,710	15,924	11,972	10,074	10,757	10,858
Counterfeiting	62	82	114	133	145	127	85	43	30	28
Total weapons violations	1,026	1,053	1,105	1,085	1,141	1,278	1,407	1,226	1,071	1,114
Making/Distribution of child pornography (7)	0	8	43	42	70	64	66	59	44	43
Possession of, or accessing child pornography (7)	110	124	70	69	61	56	36	60	43	47
Other offences in relation to sexual services (5, 8)	15	3	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
Disturb the peace	1,442	1,132	884	745	748	818	506	423	487	466
Total administration of justice violations	12,360	13,985	15,142	14,424	13,797	14,210	12,542	9,386	8,646	8,685
Total violations related to animal cruelty (9)									6	21
Total other violations (10)	1,880	1,806	1,808	1,697	1,753	1,861	1,538	1,419	1,222	1,143
Total other Criminal Code offences	16,895	18,193	19,166	18,195	17,721	18,418	16,180	12,616	11,549	11,547
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE OFFENCES (excluding traffic)	51,978	55,020	55,456	53,044	52,515	55,136	48,531	42,790	42,355	42,235

Drug Offences

Number of Offences	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	14,953	12,563	11,216	9,417	6,950	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis: Trafficking	595	485	447	456	402	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	25	63	102	77	248	352	103	8	2	0
Cannabis: Production	460	410	391	356	222	0	0	0	0	0
Cannabis (12)	1,080	958	940	889	872	352	103	8	2	0
Cocaine: Possession	2,310	2,068	2,086	1,913	1,914	1,948	1,672	1,362	1,091	523
Cocaine: Trafficking	1,366	1,053	961	711	887	1,458	1,201	782	742	755
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	22	12	25	17	50	91	115	101	213	64
Cocaine: Production	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	1	0
Cocaine	3,699	3,133	3,072	2,642	2,854	3,498	2,990	2,247	2,047	1,342
Heroin: Possession	853	1,139	1,588	1,504	1,465	1,450	1,099	608	262	64
Heroin: Trafficking	249	276	348	374	208	245	175	70	40	24
Heroin: Importation and exportation	5	10	6	5	9	15	13	32	30	15
Heroin: Production	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Heroin	1,107	1,426	1,943	1,883	1,682	1,711	1,287	710	332	104
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	0	0	0	94	665	1218	2010	2,217	1,663	628
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	0	0	0	94	476	715	844	845	701	834
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	0	0	0	6	8	14	3	22	13	20
Non-heroin opioids: Production	0	0	0	3	5	6	15	11	5	4
Non-heroin opioids (13)	0	0	0	197	1,154	1,953	2,872	3,095	2,382	1,486
Methamphetamines: Possession	1,549	1,828	2,213	2,435	2,530	2,665	2,658	2,010	1,536	526
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	203	265	233	232	383	472	446	310	220	232
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	11	3	9	7	71	104	84	99	244	98
Methamphetamines: Production	17	22	15	11	8	26	21	17	10	4
Methamphetamines	1,780	2,118	2,470	2,685	2,992	3,267	3,209	2,436	2,010	860
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Possession	136	173	93	80	79	72	50	32	25	18
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Trafficking	23	29	25	28	42	30	26	10	10	13
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Importation and exportation	3	7	5	1	32	40	32	36	77	30
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Production	4	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine	166	211	126	109	154	143	108	79	114	61
Other drugs: Possession	1,130	1,278	1,565	1,600	1,622	2,830	2,493	2,017	1,692	701
Other drugs: Trafficking	327	319	314	347	465	1,570	1,491	1,005	784	789
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	71	110	92	138	211	813	874	750	3,394	1,334
Other drugs: Production	4	7	14	9	11	32	22	20	18	19
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking (14)	4	9	7	17	12	26	28	15	25	7
Other drugs (15)	1,536	1,723	1,992	2,111	2,321	5,271	4,908	3,807	5,913	2,850
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES	24,321	22,132	21,759	19,933	18,979	16,195	15,477	12,382	12,800	6,703
CANNABIS ACT (16)										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	127	419	203	142	113	82
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	14	75	48	39	33	29
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	22	138	125	76	59	58
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	34	2517	4268	4950	4418	2381
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	20	197	172	108	37	25
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	48	269	353	304	247	190
TOTAL CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	265	3,615	5,169	5,619	4,907	2,765
TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES (17)	24,321	22,132	21,759	19,933	19,244	19,810	20,646	18,001	17,707	9,468

Drug Offences – Crime Rate

Crime Rates	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	3.2	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Trafficking	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis: Production	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis (12)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine: Possession	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Cocaine: Trafficking	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cocaine	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2
Heroin: Possession	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Heroin: Trafficking	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heroin	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-heroin opioids: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-heroin opioids (13)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3
Methamphetamines: Possession	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methamphetamines	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Possession	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Trafficking	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other drugs: Possession	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1
Other drugs: Trafficking	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.2
Other drugs: Production	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking (14)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other drugs (15)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.1	0.5
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES CRIME RATE	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.8	3.2	3.0	2.4	2.4	1.2

CANNABIS ACT (16)

Cannabis Act: Possession	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Sale	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Distribution	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.4
Cannabis Act: Production	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cannabis Act: Other	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0

TOTAL CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES CRIME RATE	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5
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TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES CRIME RATE (17)	5.2	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.3	1.7
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*Crime rates for the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act* are calculated per 1,000 population. Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

Drug Offences - Continued

Number of Offences Cleared	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	11,841	9,694	9,063	7,297	5,148	31	4	0	0	0
Cannabis: Trafficking	385	279	282	247	167	7	0	2	0	0
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	18	65	92	65	90	19	2	0	0	0
Cannabis: Production	176	138	133	145	70	2	3	0	3	0
Cannabis (12)	579	482	507	457	327	28	5	2	3	0
Cocaine: Possession	1,707	1,479	1,522	1,394	1,253	977	931	718	581	270
Cocaine: Trafficking	1,020	842	755	571	547	505	505	420	369	360
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	12	6	14	10	13	19	13	5	7	6
Cocaine: Production	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Cocaine	2,740	2,327	2,291	1,975	1,814	1,501	1,449	1,144	957	636
Heroin: Possession	676	827	1,148	1,152	1,003	691	648	354	136	22
Heroin: Trafficking	213	249	289	322	151	120	72	25	18	9
Heroin: Importation and exportation	4	3	5	2	0	2	0	0	1	1
Heroin: Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	893	1,079	1,442	1,476	1,154	813	720	379	155	32
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	0	0	0	63	512	921	1515	1,449	1,042	350
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	0	0	0	72	382	511	582	522	431	490
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1
Non-heroin opioids: Production	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	4	2	3
Non-heroin opioids (13)	0	0	0	136	895	1,437	2,099	1,975	1,475	844
Methamphetamines: Possession	1,220	1,393	1,779	1,884	1,941	1,878	1,901	1,387	1,012	304
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	177	230	201	177	328	273	256	186	135	124
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	7	3	2	2	5	6	5	4	3	5
Methamphetamines: Production	6	7	5	3	2	0	0	2	0	0
Methamphetamines	1,410	1,633	1,987	2,066	2,276	2,157	2,162	1,579	1,150	433
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Possession	103	145	71	47	61	38	34	17	13	8
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Trafficking	22	24	24	26	36	11	13	2	6	7
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Importation and exportation	2	3	4	0	5	5	1	2	5	5
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Production	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine	127	174	100	73	102	54	48	21	25	20
Other drugs: Possession	839	885	1,056	1,002	921	927	1,105	936	768	302
Other drugs: Trafficking	180	182	161	222	198	202	255	256	231	221
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	41	68	50	66	41	134	48	14	38	46
Other drugs: Production	4	4	5	5	2	4	2	4	4	1
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking (14)	0	2	0	1	0	4	6	2	4	0
Other drugs (15)	1,064	1,141	1,272	1,296	1,162	1,271	1,416	1,212	1,045	570
TOTAL CDSA DRUG OFFENCES CLEARED	18,654	16,530	16,662	14,776	12,878	7,292	7,903	6,312	4,810	2,535
CANNABIS ACT (16)										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	58	80	49	25	16	11
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	1	9	11	15	5	9
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	1	19	20	12	12	8
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	0	3	0	2	4	5
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	4	20	27	17	2	1
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	18	49	50	62	51	32
TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED - CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	82	180	157	133	90	66
TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED - DRUG OFFENCES (17)	7,483	6,814	6,944	6,052	5,220	3,627	3,558	2,423	1,728	1,275

Drug Offences - Continued

Persons Charged	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CONTROLLED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES ACT (CDSA)										
Cannabis: Possession	3,451	2,738	2,515	1,937	1,364	4	1	0	0	0
Cannabis: Trafficking	345	271	308	208	141	17	1	2	0	0
Cannabis: Importation and exportation	6	8	0	3	2	0	4	0	0	0
Cannabis: Production	66	53	47	58	18	1	1	0	4	0
Cannabis (12)	3,868	3,070	2,870	2,206	1,525	22	7	2	4	0
Cocaine: Possession	703	661	688	598	491	350	280	204	114	82
Cocaine: Trafficking	1,139	938	907	580	447	447	471	352	290	245
Cocaine: Importation and exportation	8	4	5	6	3	5	5	4	1	3
Cocaine: Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cocaine	1,850	1,603	1,600	1,184	941	802	756	562	405	330
Heroin: Possession	296	351	444	402	315	184	121	54	21	9
Heroin: Trafficking	207	276	300	295	170	121	50	13	11	4
Heroin: Importation and exportation	4	2	9	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Heroin: Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heroin	507	629	753	698	485	306	171	67	33	14
Non-heroin opioids: Possession	0	0	0	34	253	383	513	253	184	80
Non-heroin opioids: Trafficking	0	0	0	135	310	468	503	470	319	389
Non-heroin opioids: Importation and exportation	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Non-heroin opioids: Production	0	0	0	3	0	8	4	10	3	6
Non-heroin opioids (13)	0	0	0	172	564	860	1,020	733	506	475
Methamphetamines: Possession	511	667	834	818	783	742	647	335	219	85
Methamphetamines: Trafficking	161	211	192	193	239	201	214	151	83	74
Methamphetamines: Importation and exportation	2	3	0	1	2	1	7	2	4	3
Methamphetamines: Production	10	10	7	9	10	0	0	1	0	0
Methamphetamines	684	891	1,033	1,021	1,034	944	868	489	306	162
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Possession	26	24	15	11	16	17	9	4	2	1
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Trafficking	16	20	27	32	33	6	10	2	6	6
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Importation and exportation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Methylenedioxyamphetamine: Production	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Methylenedioxyamphetamine	42	46	45	45	49	23	19	6	9	8
Other drugs: Possession	355	407	469	450	359	348	357	249	186	89
Other drugs: Trafficking	166	155	159	269	168	131	199	171	173	124
Other drugs: Importation and exportation	7	9	10	4	13	3	2	7	5	4
Other drugs: Production	4	3	5	3	0	6	2	4	9	3
Possession, sale, etc., for production/trafficking (14)	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Other drugs (15)	532	575	643	726	540	490	560	431	375	220
TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED - CDSA DRUG OFFENCES	7,483	6,814	6,944	6,052	5,138	3,447	3,401	2,290	1,638	1,209
CANNABIS ACT (16)										
Cannabis Act: Possession	-	-	-	-	58	80	49	25	16	11
Cannabis Act: Sale	-	-	-	-	1	9	11	15	5	9
Cannabis Act: Distribution	-	-	-	-	1	19	20	12	12	8
Cannabis Act: Importation and exportation	-	-	-	-	0	3	0	2	4	5
Cannabis Act: Production	-	-	-	-	4	20	27	17	2	1
Cannabis Act: Other	-	-	-	-	18	49	50	62	51	32
TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED - CANNABIS ACT OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	82	180	157	133	90	66
TOTAL PERSONS CHARGED - DRUG OFFENCES (17)	7,483	6,814	6,944	6,052	5,220	3,627	3,558	2,423	1,728	1,275

Criminal Code Traffic Offences¹⁸

Number of Offences	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total impaired driving offences (19)*	12,657	11,615	11,499	11,130	12,319	18,240	15,904	14,785	14,374	14,130
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences (20)*	3,615	4,060	4,171	3,997	4,292	4,681	5,039	5,444	5,099	5,043
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES	16,272	15,675	15,670	15,127	16,611	22,921	20,943	20,229	19,473	19,173

*Complete breakdowns of these categories are available in the correlating Excel attachments.

Crime Rates	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total impaired driving offences	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.6
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.3	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.5

Crime rates for *Criminal Code* traffic offences are calculated per 1,000 population. Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

Number of Offences Cleared	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total impaired driving offences	11,669	10,544	10,535	10,056	10,712	10,763	9,780	9,617	9,947	9,893
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	1,716	1,772	1,817	1,846	2,022	2,134	2,358	2,167	1,951	1,945
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES	13,385	12,316	12,352	11,902	12,734	12,897	12,138	11,784	11,898	11,838

Number of Persons Charged	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total impaired driving offences	3,500	3,399	3,361	3,150	3,264	3,280	3,185	2,944	2,409	2,309
Total other <i>Criminal Code</i> traffic offences	1,547	1,617	1,648	1,647	1,842	1,928	2,068	1,905	1,704	1,670
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE TRAFFIC OFFENCES	5,047	5,016	5,009	4,797	5,106	5,208	5,253	4,849	4,113	3,979

Crime Severity Index

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

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

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

There are six CSIs:

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA CRIME SEVERITY INDEX (CSI)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Violent CSI	76.1	81.6	73.5	74.5	75.2	91.7	91.3	95.4	101.3	96.9
Non-violent CSI	95.1	96.5	98.1	91.5	93.5	108.6	99.4	97.7	100.8	107.9
Overall CSI	90.2	92.7	91.7	87.1	88.8	104.3	97.4	96.4	100.4	104.1

YOUTH CRIME SEVERITY INDEX (CSI)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Youth Violent CSI	39.7	40.2	37.0	41.8	38.6	50.5	40.3	38.8	44.8	49.4
Youth Non-violent CSI	40.1	37.8	34.9	34.0	30.4	30.5	21.7	19.4	21.4	23.2
Youth Overall CSI	40.0	38.9	36.0	37.4	33.9	38.8	29.4	27.4	31.0	34.0

Endnotes

- 1 **Homicide data** are extracted from the Homicide Survey database. Homicides are counted according to the year in which police file the report.
- 2 In general, the UCR Survey counts an adult or youth **charged** for the year in which the charge was recommended. The **homicide** totals, 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.
- 3 **Sexual violations against children** include *Criminal Code* violations that specifically concern offences involving child and youth victims. This category excludes incidents of child pornography and also excludes incidents of sexual assault levels 1, 2, and 3 against children and youth, which are counted within those three violation categories. In August of 2012, Bill C-10, the *Safe Streets Act*, came into effect making it an offence to make sexually explicit material available to a child, while the already existing crime of luring a child via computer was simultaneously expanded. In July of 2015, Bill C-26, the *Tougher Penalties for Child Predators Act*, was enacted, which affected determinations made by police regarding the most serious offence in an incident and thus which crime gets reported by the CCJCSS; as such, comparisons of this category's incident counts to previous years should be made with caution.
- 4 In 2019, the UCR added a new violation code to collect information on **sexual offences which occurred prior to January 4, 1983**, and as such, this category only includes data from 2018 onwards. While most violations are not typically reported years after their occurrence, sexual violations may be reported by a victim long after the incident took place due to a variety of reasons. On January 4, 1983, Canadian legislation surrounding sexual offences changed considerably. In order to reflect these changes, the UCR added the new violation code rather than collect historical offences under an existing violation code that did not reflect the state of Canadian legislation at the time of the offence. All offences which occurred prior to January 4, 1983 which had previously been classified as sexual offences under the current legislation have been reclassified in the UCR.
- 5 **Offences in relation to sexual services** is a new offence category created in December 2014 by the passage of Bill C-36, the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*. It is classified as a violent offence and includes: obtaining sexual services for consideration; material benefit from sexual services; procuring; and advertising sexual services. Other offences related to sexual services continue to be considered non-violent offences and are categorized in these publications under **other offences in relation to sexual services**, rather than prostitution, to reflect the component offences more accurately. These offences include: public communication to sell sexual services; and offences related to impeding traffic to buy or sell sexual services. As a result of these changes, comparisons between offences related to sexual services before and after December 2014 should be made with caution and take these changes into account.
- 6 **Other violent offences** include conspiracy to commit murder, sexual exploitation of a person with a disability, other sexual violations, incest, corrupting morals of a child, bestiality, voyeurism, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, trap likely to or causing bodily harm, hostage-taking, trafficking in persons, intimidation (justice participant or a journalist, non-justice participant), explosives causing death or bodily harm, arson (disregard for human life), failure to comply with mandatory safeguards in relation to medical assistance in dying, forging or destroying documents related to assistance requests with criminal intent, and other violent violations.
- 7 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.
- 8 On December 20, 2013, the Supreme Court of Canada found laws surrounding **sexual services** to be unconstitutional and gave Parliament 12 months to review and rewrite the legislation. As a result of this, a large number of incidents related to sexual services were no longer being reported, leading to a large decrease in the number of these incidents in 2014. New legislation came into force December 6, 2014; as a result, comparisons between offences related to sexual services before and after December 2014 should be made with caution and take these changes into account.
- 9 **Total violations related to animal cruelty** is reported separately by Statistics Canada as of 2022.
- 10 **Total "other" violations** 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, offences against public order, offences relating to terrorist activity, invasion of privacy, offences against person or reputation, offences against rights of property, freezing of property/disclosure/audit, fraudulent transactions relating to contracts and trade, offences relating to currency, proceeds of crime, attempts/conspiracies/accessories, public morals/disorderly conduct, firearms and other offensive weapons, offences related to criminal organizations, and other offences.
- 11 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. All other crime rates are calculated on a per 1,000 population basis. Criminal Code traffic offence crime rates are also calculated per 1,000 population.

- 12 **Cannabis** includes all cannabis-related offences that were under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA). When the *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018, all prior cannabis-related legislation under the CDSA was replaced with the *Cannabis Act*, and cannabis possession became legal, except under certain circumstances. After 2018, there were still cannabis offences recorded under the CDSA. However, as these offences should have been expired at the end of 2018, percentage changes for these CDSA offences have not been included after 2018, and comparisons of incident counts after 2018 should be made with caution.
- 13 **Non-heroin opioids** include opioids such as fentanyl. In November 2017, the UCR Survey began counting violations involving opioids (other than heroin) under their own unique violation codes. Prior to this, violations involving non-heroin opioids (including fentanyl) were counted within the category of **other drugs**. Because non-heroin opioid offences only represent the last two months for 2017, comparisons of incident counts between 2017 and later years should be made with caution.
- 14 In 2011, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* was amended to make it illegal for anyone to possess, produce, sell, or import anything knowing it will be used to produce or traffic in crystal meth or ecstasy. The UCR Survey introduced a new violation code for possession, sale, etc., for use in production of or trafficking in substance (crystal meth or ecstasy). In 2017, this violation was expanded to include all substances listed in Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. As such, comparisons of incident counts before and after this change should be made with caution.
- 15 **Other drugs** include the illicit use of prescription drugs (except for non-heroin opioids), and other drugs. Before the UCR Survey introduced unique violation codes for non-heroin opioids in November 2017, non-heroin opioids had been included in the category of **other drugs**. Consequently, comparisons of incident counts for **other drugs** before and after this change should be made with caution.
- 16 The *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018. Consequently, there are no comparisons to *Cannabis Act* offences from years prior to 2018, and 2018 *Cannabis Act* offences only represent the final three months of the year. As such, comparisons of incident counts with 2018 figures should be made with caution.
**Cannabis Act offences were erroneously inflated in the 2021 Crime Statistics in BC publication. This has been corrected, so listed totals may differ from past publications.*
- 17 **Total drug offences** include *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and *Cannabis Act* offences.
- 18 The passage of Bill C-46, *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Offences Relating to Conveyances) and to Make Consequential Amendments to Other Acts*, led to changes to impaired driving and other traffic offences in the *Criminal Code*. Part 1 came into effect on June 21, 2018, and Part 2 came into effect on December 18, 2018. As a result of Bill C-46, the UCR Survey added, changed, or expired codes related to impaired driving and other traffic offences.
- 19 Impaired Driving offences include the following categories: Operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs, alcohol, drugs and unspecified), Failure to provide blood or breath sample, failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol and drugs, alcohol, drugs and unspecified), failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm or death (Alcohol and drugs, alcohol, drugs and unspecified). Also included is the category low blood concentration which as a result of Part 1 of Bill C-46 came into effect on June 21, 2018. For the purposes of this report, this category includes impaired operations where the cause of impairment is alcohol, a combination of both alcohol and drugs, or unspecified. As a result of Part 1 of Bill C-46 which came into effect on June 21, 2018, the UCR Survey added new codes for impaired operations where the cause of impairment is unspecified and where the cause of impairment is a combination of both alcohol and drugs. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 which came into effect on December 18, 2018, UCR Survey codes for failure to provide blood sample were expired. Offences previously associated with these codes now fall under failure or refusal to comply.
- 20 Other Criminal Code traffic Offences include the following: Dangerous operation, causing bodily harm or death, Dangerous operation of motor vehicles evading police and while street racing, Dangerous operation of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft, Driving while prohibited, Fail to stop or remain and other criminal code traffic violations. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 which came into effect on December 18, 2018, all UCR Survey codes for street racing offences were expired. As a result of Part 2 of Bill C-46 which came into effect on December 18, 2018, UCR Survey codes for evading police causing bodily harm or death were expired. Evading police now only has one UCR Survey code.

Definitions and Data Qualifiers

- 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. Many shifts in crime trends in 2020 (and the years that followed) may be attributable to the global COVID-19 pandemic, which brought widespread and unprecedented changes to daily life. As well, crime trends in 2018 and 2019 may be attributable in part to Statistics Canada's changes in its reporting methodology for police services across Canada to represent a "victim-centred approach" to recording crimes. Many police agencies across Canada implemented these changes at varying points throughout 2018, and BC's roll-out of these changes occurred in 2019.
- **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:** Earlier population estimates provided by BC Stats were based on the Statistics Canada 2016 Census boundary geographies adjusted in accordance with current police jurisdiction boundaries.
- The crime data contained in these reports have been recorded by the police using the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey scoring rules and guidelines. **Offences** are counted by number of separate criminal incidents. For violent criminal events, a separate incident is counted for each victim of violence. Offences are categorized by the most serious offence in an incident. **Criminal incidents** represent crimes reported to, or discovered by, the police; this includes third party reports. However, criminal incident counts do not include incidents where after police investigation, police have found credible evidence to prove that the crime did not occur nor was it attempted. As well, crime data in these reports do not represent nor imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, information sworn, or convictions obtained.
- **Total Criminal Code offences** (excluding traffic) include property, violent, and other crimes.
- **Violent crimes** include the offences of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, sexual offences against children, abduction, forcible confinement or kidnapping, firearms, robbery, criminal harassment, extortion, uttering threats, indecent or harassing communications, and other violent offences.
- **Property crimes** include the offences of breaking and entering, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, trafficking in stolen property, fraud, mischief, identity theft or fraud, arson, and altering/removing/destroying a vehicle identification number.
- **Other crimes** include *Criminal Code* offences not classified as either violent or property crimes, such as offences related to counterfeiting, offensive weapons, child pornography, disturbing the peace, the administration of justice, and other "other" offences.
- **Drug offences** are crimes committed under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act*. CDSA drug offences include possession, trafficking, production, and distribution of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, non-heroin opioids (including fentanyl), and methamphetamines (crystal meth), and other drug offences. When the *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018, all prior cannabis-related legislation under the CDSA was replaced with the *Cannabis Act*, and cannabis possession became legal, except under certain circumstances. Drug offences are not included in the Total *Criminal Code* offences. The Province of British Columbia received a three-year exemption under the CDSA from Health Canada for the decriminalization of personal possession of small amounts of certain illegal drugs in British Columbia. The exemption came into effect on January 31, 2023, and will be in place until January 31, 2026. In May 2024, the Province applied for an update to the exemption to specify certain locations (e.g., private homes, shelters, and outpatient addiction, overdose prevention and drug-checking service locations) where the exemption applies.
- **Youth offences** are crimes committed by youth. There is no offence specifically known as a youth crime. An accused person is deemed to be a youth based on their age at the time an offence is committed. In BC, a youth is defined as any individual between the ages of 12 and 17.
- **Crime rate** is the number of *Criminal Code* offences or crimes (excluding drugs and traffic) reported for every 1,000 persons. It is a better measure of trends in crime than the actual number of offences because it accounts for **population** differences. Crime rates for the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act* are calculated per 1,000 population basis. Crime rates for *Criminal Code* traffic offences are also 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.

A high crime rate may indicate that a municipality is a “core city”, i.e., a business and/or entertainment centre for many people who reside outside, as well as inside, the municipality. As a result, “core cities” may have large part-time or temporary populations which are excluded from both their population bases and their crime rate calculations.

- **Offences cleared** represent the number of offences where the police have identified at least one offender in relation to an offence and have sufficient evidence to solve the offence.
- **Offences cleared by charge** are reported when police have filed a Report to Crown Counsel (RCC) recommending charges be laid. Once an RCC is forwarded, the police consider the incident to be cleared by charge and this status is reported in the UCR Survey.
- **Offences cleared by other means** or “cleared otherwise” are recorded in situations where sufficient evidence exists to proceed with charges, but police, given a certain set of circumstances, do not recommend charges and decide upon another course of action, e.g., diversion.
- **Clearance rate** is the number of crimes cleared by police during the year as a percentage of the number of crimes reported by police during that year. The process of solving crimes is often time-consuming and a crime may be solved months or years after it was reported to the police. This may result in the number of offences cleared in a year to be greater than the total number of offences reported to the police that year, which results in a clearance rate exceeding 100%.
- **Persons charged** data represent a count of the number of persons for whom charges were recommended for each incident rather than the total number of recommended charges. When an offence is **cleared by charge**, the number of persons recommended for charge by the police is recorded in the UCR Survey. An offender who is simultaneously recommended for charge on more than one offence is counted only once against the most serious offence (MSO) occurring in the police-reported incident. In addition, an offender is counted as a person charged each time the police recommends charges against them for separate incidents. In incidents with multiple accused involving multiple violations, each individual in the incident will be coded with the MSO even if this was not the violation that the person was accused of committing. As a result, the correlation of **persons charged** data with court data is difficult.
- **Crime Severity Index (CSI)** is a tool developed by the Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics (CCJCSS) in 2009 for measuring police-reported crime in Canada. CSIs account for the change in the level of severity of crime in from year to year in comparison to other crimes. CSIs use weights which assign higher values to more serious crimes and lower values to less serious high-volume crimes based on actual sentences handed down by the courts in all provinces and territories. The CSI includes all *Criminal Code* violations including traffic, as well as drug violations and other federal statutes. Each index has been standardized at 100 for the base year of 2006. A jurisdiction with a higher proportion of more serious crimes will have a higher CSI value while a jurisdiction with a higher proportion of less serious crimes will have a lower CSI value. The CSI is not available for policing jurisdictions with populations less than 1,000. Data for policing jurisdictions with populations less than 5,000 should be used with caution. The CSI weights are periodically updated, and CSI values have been calculated back to 1998.

There are six CSIs:

- The **Overall CSI** is based on the total volume of police-reported federal statute offences and measures the relative severity of overall crime;
- The **Violent CSI** is based on the total volume of police-reported violent federal statute offences and measures the relative severity of violent crime;
- The **Non-violent CSI** is based on the total volume of police-reported federal statute offences not considered violent in nature and measures the relative severity of non-violent crime; and
- 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.
- The **Youth Violent CSI** is based on the same principles as the Violent 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.
- The **Youth Non-violent CSI** is based on the same principles as the Non-Violent 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.

with previous reports produced by Policing and Security Branch. Where variances occur, the report produced at the latest date will reflect the most current data available.

- The population estimates reported in this document and used to calculate crime rates are provided by BC Stats and may vary from those provided by Statistics Canada.
- Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

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