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British Columbia Regional District 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>

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British Columbia Regional Districts and Policing Jurisdictions

In an effort to recognize the “core city” effect and provide a more complete picture of crime in British Columbia, this publication aggregates the offences reported for policing jurisdictions in British Columbia into their Regional Districts. The “core city” effect can be seen in municipalities that serve as core centres for visitors from surrounding areas, who travel into and out of the municipal boundaries for work, entertainment, shopping, or other reasons. These regular visitors are not included in the population figures used to calculate crime rates. As a result, municipalities that are “core cities” often have higher crime rates compared to surrounding areas and may also have higher crime rates compared to municipalities that are not “core cities”.

For crime statistics separated into individual policing jurisdictions in British Columbia, please see **BC Policing Jurisdiction Crime Trends 2014-2023**.

Policing Jurisdiction	Region	Policing Category
Port Alberni Mun	Alberni Clayoquot	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Port Alberni Prov	Alberni Clayoquot	RCMP Provincial
Tofino Prov	Alberni Clayoquot	RCMP Provincial
Ucluelet Prov	Alberni Clayoquot	RCMP Provincial
Burns Lake Prov	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Fort St James Prov	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Fraser Lake Prov	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Houston/Granisle Prov ¹	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Smithers Mun	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Smithers Prov	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Takla Landing Prov	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Vanderhoof Prov	Bulkley Nechako	RCMP Provincial
Central Saanich Mun	Capital	Independent Municipal
Colwood Mun	Capital	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Langford Mun	Capital	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Metchosin Mun ²	Capital	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
North Saanich Mun	Capital	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Oak Bay Mun	Capital	Independent Municipal
Outer Gulf Islands Prov	Capital	RCMP Provincial
Saanich Mun	Capital	Independent Municipal
Saltspring Island Prov	Capital	RCMP Provincial
Sidney Mun	Capital	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Sidney Prov	Capital	RCMP Provincial
Sooke Mun	Capital	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Sooke Prov	Capital	RCMP Provincial
Victoria Mun ³	Capital	Independent Municipal
View Royal Mun	Capital	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
West Shore Prov	Capital	RCMP Provincial
Alexis Creek Prov	Cariboo	RCMP Provincial
Anahim Lake Prov	Cariboo	RCMP Provincial
One Hundred Mile House Prov	Cariboo	RCMP Provincial
Quesnel Mun	Cariboo	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Quesnel Prov	Cariboo	RCMP Provincial
Wells Prov	Cariboo	RCMP Provincial
Williams Lake Mun	Cariboo	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k



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Williams Lake Prov	Cariboo	RCMP Provincial
Bella Bella Prov	Central Coast	RCMP Provincial
Bella Coola Prov	Central Coast	RCMP Provincial
Castlegar Mun	Central Kootenay	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Castlegar Prov ⁴	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Creston Mun	Central Kootenay	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Creston Prov	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Kaslo Prov ⁴	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Nakusp Prov ⁴	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Nelson Mun	Central Kootenay	Independent Municipal
Nelson Prov ⁴	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Salmo Prov ⁴	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Slocan Lake Prov ⁴	Central Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Kelowna Mun	Central Okanagan	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Kelowna Prov	Central Okanagan	RCMP Provincial
Lake Country Mun	Central Okanagan	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Peachland Mun	Central Okanagan	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
West Kelowna Mun	Central Okanagan	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Falkland Prov	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Provincial
Golden Prov	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Provincial
Revelstoke Mun	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Revelstoke Prov	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Provincial
Salmon Arm Mun	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Salmon Arm Prov	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Provincial
Sicamous Prov	Columbia Shuswap	RCMP Provincial
Comox Mun	Comox Valley	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Comox Valley Prov	Comox Valley	RCMP Provincial
Courtenay Mun	Comox Valley	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Duncan Mun ²	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Duncan Prov	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Provincial
Ladysmith Mun	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Ladysmith Prov	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Provincial
Lake Cowichan Prov	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Provincial
North Cowichan Mun	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Shawnigan Lake Prov	Cowichan Valley	RCMP Provincial
Columbia Valley Prov	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Cranbrook Mun	East Kootenay	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Cranbrook Prov	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Elk Valley Prov ⁵	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Elkford Prov	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Fernie Mun ⁶	East Kootenay	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Fernie Prov	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Kimberley Mun	East Kootenay	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Kimberley Prov	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Sparwood Prov	East Kootenay	RCMP Provincial
Mackenzie Prov	Fraser Fort George	RCMP Provincial

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McBride Prov	Fraser Fort George	RCMP Provincial
Prince George Mun	Fraser Fort George	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Prince George Prov	Fraser Fort George	RCMP Provincial
Valemount Prov	Fraser Fort George	RCMP Provincial
Abbotsford Mun ⁷	Fraser Valley	Independent Municipal
Agassiz Prov	Fraser Valley	RCMP Provincial
Boston Bar Prov	Fraser Valley	RCMP Provincial
Chilliwack Mun ⁷	Fraser Valley	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Chilliwack Prov	Fraser Valley	RCMP Provincial
Hope Mun	Fraser Valley	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Hope Prov	Fraser Valley	RCMP Provincial
Kent Mun	Fraser Valley	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Mission Mun	Fraser Valley	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Mission Prov	Fraser Valley	RCMP Provincial
Atlin Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
Dease Lake Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
Kitimat Mun	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Kitimat Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
Lisims/Nass Valley Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
New Hazelton Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
Stewart Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
Terrace Mun	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Terrace Prov	Kitimat Stikine	RCMP Provincial
Grand Forks Prov ⁴	Kootenay Boundary	RCMP Provincial
Midway Prov ⁴	Kootenay Boundary	RCMP Provincial
Trail And Greater District Prov ⁴	Kootenay Boundary	RCMP Provincial
Trail Mun	Kootenay Boundary	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Barnston Island Prov ⁸	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Provincial
Bowen Island Prov	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Provincial
Burnaby Mun	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Coquitlam Mun ⁷	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Coquitlam Prov	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Provincial
Delta Mun ⁷	Metro Vancouver	Independent Municipal
Langley City Mun	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Langley Township Mun ⁷	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Maple Ridge Mun ^{7,9}	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
New Westminster Mun	Metro Vancouver	Independent Municipal
North Vancouver City Mun ^{7,10}	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
North Vancouver District Mun ^{7,10}	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
North Vancouver Prov ^{10,11}	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Provincial
Pitt Meadows Mun ⁹	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Port Coquitlam Mun ⁷	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Port Moody Mun	Metro Vancouver	Independent Municipal
Richmond Mun	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Ridge Meadows Prov ^{9,11}	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Provincial
Surrey Mun ⁸	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up



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University Prov	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Provincial
Vancouver Mun ⁷	Metro Vancouver	Independent Municipal
West Vancouver Mun ⁷	Metro Vancouver	Independent Municipal
White Rock Mun	Metro Vancouver	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Alert Bay Prov	Mount Waddington	RCMP Provincial
Port Alice Prov	Mount Waddington	RCMP Provincial
Port Hardy Prov	Mount Waddington	RCMP Provincial
Port McNeill Prov	Mount Waddington	RCMP Provincial
Gabriola Island Prov	Nanaimo	RCMP Provincial
Nanaimo Mun ⁷	Nanaimo	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Nanaimo Prov	Nanaimo	RCMP Provincial
Oceanside Prov	Nanaimo	RCMP Provincial
Parksville Mun	Nanaimo	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Qualicum Beach Mun	Nanaimo	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Masset Prov	North Coast ¹²	RCMP Provincial
Prince Rupert Mun	North Coast	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Prince Rupert Prov	North Coast	RCMP Provincial
Queen Charlotte Prov	North Coast	RCMP Provincial
Armstrong Mun ⁶	North Okanagan	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Armstrong Prov	North Okanagan	RCMP Provincial
Coldstream Mun	North Okanagan	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Enderby Prov	North Okanagan	RCMP Provincial
Lumby Prov	North Okanagan	RCMP Provincial
Spallumcheen Mun	North Okanagan	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Vernon Mun	North Okanagan	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Vernon Prov	North Okanagan	RCMP Provincial
Northern Rockies Mun ¹³	Northern Rockies	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Northern Rockies Prov ¹³	Northern Rockies	RCMP Provincial
Keremeos Prov	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Provincial
Oliver Mun ²	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Oliver Prov	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Provincial
Osoyoos Mun ⁶	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Osoyoos Prov	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Provincial
Penticton Mun	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Penticton Prov	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Provincial
Princeton Prov	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Provincial
Summerland Mun	Okanagan Similkameen	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Tsay Keh Dene Prov	Peace River	RCMP Provincial
Chetwynd Prov	Peace River	RCMP Provincial
Dawson Creek Mun	Peace River	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Dawson Creek Prov	Peace River	RCMP Provincial
Fort St John Mun	Peace River	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Fort St John Prov	Peace River	RCMP Provincial
Hudson's Hope Prov	Peace River	RCMP Provincial
Tumbler Ridge Prov	Peace River	RCMP Provincial
Powell River Mun	qathet ¹⁴	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k

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Powell River Prov	qathet	RCMP Provincial
Texada Island Prov	qathet	RCMP Provincial
Lillooet Prov	Squamish Lillooet	RCMP Provincial
Pemberton Prov	Squamish Lillooet	RCMP Provincial
Squamish Mun	Squamish Lillooet	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Squamish Prov	Squamish Lillooet	RCMP Provincial
Stl'atl'imx FNAPS ¹⁵	Squamish Lillooet	First Nations Administered Police Service
Whistler Mun	Squamish Lillooet	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Whistler Prov	Squamish Lillooet	RCMP Provincial
Campbell River Mun	Strathcona	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Campbell River Prov	Strathcona	RCMP Provincial
Nootka Sound Prov	Strathcona	RCMP Provincial
Quadra Island Prov	Strathcona	RCMP Provincial
Sayward Prov	Strathcona	RCMP Provincial
Sechelt Mun	Sunshine Coast	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Sunshine Coast Prov	Sunshine Coast	RCMP Provincial
Ashcroft Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Barriere Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Chase Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Clearwater Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Clinton Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Kamloops Mun	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Mun 15k & Up
Logan Lake Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Lytton Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
Merritt Mun	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Mun 5k to 15k
Merritt Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial
TK'emlups Prov	Thompson Nicola	RCMP Provincial



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Number of *Criminal Code* Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	2,723	3,135	3,247	3,143	3,724	4,639	4,438	4,312	4,542	4,640
Bulkley Nechako	4,884	4,650	4,524	3,906	3,929	5,124	5,509	5,773	5,344	5,345
Capital	20,484	22,565	21,640	21,355	23,535	27,372	26,332	25,032	24,786	25,749
Cariboo	7,019	6,911	6,672	6,346	6,881	8,915	8,181	7,405	6,819	6,900
Central Coast	498	331	345	361	347	464	433	464	533	569
Central Kootenay	3,305	3,617	3,504	3,597	3,542	3,864	3,910	4,080	4,327	4,206
Central Okanagan	14,087	16,033	16,627	16,395	18,419	23,247	22,423	25,319	24,697	23,107
Columbia Shuswap	2,366	2,772	2,619	2,470	2,694	3,377	3,370	3,357	3,355	3,328
Comox Valley	3,801	4,220	3,918	4,617	4,309	5,575	5,890	6,119	6,145	5,984
Cowichan Valley	5,763	6,717	6,737	6,513	6,821	9,444	7,844	7,438	7,927	8,515
East Kootenay	3,318	3,426	3,214	3,462	3,501	3,855	3,737	4,291	4,507	4,893
Fraser Fort George	11,455	11,925	12,121	13,036	12,916	20,453	19,559	17,651	16,278	16,355
Fraser Valley	23,388	26,998	27,719	26,806	28,857	31,662	27,932	27,590	26,204	30,854
Kitimat Stikine	5,262	5,474	5,212	4,945	5,189	6,985	5,980	5,354	5,638	4,922
Kootenay Boundary	1,699	1,640	1,579	1,950	2,087	2,555	2,147	2,361	2,141	2,054
Metro Vancouver	182,324	184,772	185,699	178,535	179,831	198,090	174,695	163,638	168,224	177,825
Mount Waddington	1,273	1,344	1,236	1,064	1,135	2,014	1,752	1,833	1,662	2,004
Nanaimo	11,413	11,663	12,447	11,606	14,792	18,145	16,326	16,635	16,557	15,753
North Coast	3,048	3,206	2,801	2,471	2,817	3,587	3,268	2,758	2,976	2,830
North Okanagan	6,419	6,452	7,083	6,632	7,064	8,997	8,251	8,133	7,878	8,170
Northern Rockies	1,014	915	647	600	692	870	1,085	1,031	971	1,027
Okanagan Similkameen	6,687	7,581	7,662	8,322	9,191	12,259	11,457	11,404	11,163	10,637
Peace River	6,753	6,783	5,671	5,422	5,314	7,317	6,661	6,683	7,253	8,012
qathet	1,216	1,120	1,149	1,058	1,286	2,051	1,559	1,694	1,654	1,788
Squamish Lillooet	3,891	3,930	3,799	3,842	3,407	3,845	3,785	3,800	3,666	3,885
Strathcona	3,919	4,162	4,376	3,816	3,986	6,074	5,936	6,020	7,118	7,196
Sunshine Coast	1,318	1,532	1,262	1,199	1,300	1,929	2,015	2,008	2,150	2,496
Thompson Nicola	12,074	12,429	14,153	14,269	13,887	16,827	16,936	17,903	19,207	19,392
BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	351,649	366,479	367,843	357,812	371,617	439,763	401,586	390,302	393,928	408,636

*Total *Criminal Code* offences exclude traffic offences.

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Crime Rates – Total *Criminal Code* Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	86.4	98.8	100.6	96.5	112.9	138.4	131.2	125.9	130.3	129.3
Bulkley Nechako	121.2	116.2	112.7	97.4	97.8	127.3	137.0	142.6	130.7	133.8
Capital	53.0	57.5	54.0	52.5	57.0	65.2	61.8	57.9	56.3	56.8
Cariboo	110.5	108.4	103.9	98.2	105.8	136.5	125.3	113.1	103.7	104.3
Central Coast	135.3	90.1	91.5	95.2	90.0	120.1	111.2	117.7	132.9	139.6
Central Kootenay	54.6	58.9	56.2	57.1	55.7	60.2	60.5	62.7	66.1	62.1
Central Okanagan	73.2	81.2	81.9	79.0	86.6	106.9	100.7	110.9	105.4	94.2
Columbia Shuswap	48.8	56.2	52.0	48.2	51.7	63.8	63.2	62.1	60.8	59.0
Comox Valley	57.4	62.5	56.8	65.7	60.2	76.7	80.0	81.9	81.4	77.0
Cowichan Valley	68.7	79.0	77.6	73.7	76.3	104.7	86.3	80.9	85.5	89.8
East Kootenay	54.6	55.4	51.2	54.7	54.6	59.1	56.8	64.3	66.8	69.2
Fraser Fort George	118.8	122.3	122.6	130.1	126.7	198.3	187.9	169.2	156.7	157.0
Fraser Valley	79.3	89.8	89.7	84.7	88.9	95.6	83.4	81.2	75.9	87.4
Kitimat Stikine	135.5	141.1	134.5	127.9	133.6	178.2	150.7	133.5	139.0	121.8
Kootenay Boundary	55.6	53.4	50.6	62.0	65.6	79.9	67.0	73.2	65.6	61.7
Metro Vancouver	72.7	72.7	72.0	68.3	67.7	73.1	63.6	59.0	59.2	59.9
Mount Waddington	105.7	113.3	104.9	89.7	94.8	166.9	145.4	151.9	135.3	169.7
Nanaimo	73.5	73.6	76.9	70.4	88.2	106.5	94.8	95.5	93.6	85.8
North Coast	160.4	169.0	147.3	129.1	146.4	185.9	168.6	141.3	151.9	147.5
North Okanagan	74.5	74.0	79.6	73.4	77.2	97.2	87.9	85.5	81.4	80.3
Northern Rockies	168.2	158.2	114.5	111.7	133.9	171.3	218.0	208.8	198.1	221.5
Okanagan Similkameen	80.4	89.8	88.9	95.4	103.5	136.6	126.7	124.6	121.2	111.7
Peace River	103.2	102.9	86.0	81.9	79.6	109.0	99.2	99.0	107.8	122.3
qathet	60.8	56.0	56.4	51.6	62.3	99.0	74.7	80.4	77.8	80.2
Squamish Lillooet	87.7	87.1	80.3	79.3	69.5	77.4	75.5	75.8	71.1	68.3
Strathcona	88.3	92.4	95.0	81.4	83.5	125.6	121.2	121.0	141.3	140.4
Sunshine Coast	44.2	50.5	40.8	38.3	41.2	60.8	63.1	62.2	65.4	73.2
Thompson Nicola	88.1	89.7	100.3	99.4	94.3	112.8	112.5	118.1	124.8	121.1
BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	74.7	76.7	75.7	72.6	74.2	86.3	77.8	74.8	74.1	74.0

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



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Number of Violent Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	557	631	607	630	670	1,009	990	945	975	997
Bulkley Nechako	1,046	1,004	1,053	1,005	1,135	1,532	1,708	1,570	1,432	1,401
Capital	4,034	4,501	4,379	4,586	4,957	5,632	6,038	6,597	6,444	6,478
Cariboo	1,413	1,357	1,197	1,022	1,152	1,635	1,604	1,547	1,597	1,674
Central Coast	142	99	130	130	124	156	155	203	199	190
Central Kootenay	668	736	753	744	779	938	961	930	1,031	969
Central Okanagan	1,968	2,116	1,858	1,749	2,042	3,332	3,957	4,494	4,414	4,679
Columbia Shuswap	434	515	455	423	469	686	728	677	720	637
Comox Valley	706	765	670	679	747	1,026	1,204	1,336	1,252	1,305
Cowichan Valley	1,047	1,202	1,188	979	1,251	2,043	1,871	1,917	1,926	2,127
East Kootenay	743	860	857	881	897	1,081	1,020	996	1,170	1,272
Fraser Fort George	1,846	1,760	1,736	1,802	2,009	3,505	3,406	3,069	2,895	3,092
Fraser Valley	3,618	4,012	3,924	3,578	4,412	6,142	6,195	6,126	6,362	7,231
Kitimat Stikine	1,075	1,103	956	996	1,064	1,489	1,374	1,343	1,406	1,326
Kootenay Boundary	305	330	311	382	340	470	398	463	461	447
Metro Vancouver	23,702	26,058	24,447	24,292	26,082	33,045	32,245	31,716	32,322	33,895
Mount Waddington	282	252	242	212	298	532	530	578	508	552
Nanaimo	1,507	1,535	1,554	1,624	1,862	2,675	2,858	3,433	3,380	3,378
North Coast	607	652	596	630	768	942	982	847	901	884
North Okanagan	953	991	1,114	1,019	1,169	1,708	1,566	1,664	1,664	1,705
Northern Rockies	255	256	165	155	208	254	298	267	286	348
Okanagan Similkameen	868	897	901	829	1,027	1,962	1,941	1,991	2,014	2,078
Peace River	1,365	1,433	1,096	1,086	1,085	1,691	1,692	1,755	1,888	1,953
qathet	230	231	239	247	266	451	414	458	429	451
Squamish Lillooet	818	824	725	774	881	852	964	957	959	1,065
Strathcona	594	635	674	581	637	1,250	1,257	1,329	1,488	1,532
Sunshine Coast	228	275	269	232	282	532	491	456	472	547
Thompson Nicola	2,188	1,883	2,140	2,269	2,464	3,237	3,442	3,625	3,852	3,979

BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	53,209	56,923	54,246	53,540	59,088	79,813	80,298	81,313	82,455	86,205
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*Violent crimes include the offences of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, sexual offences against children, abduction, forcible confinement or kidnapping, firearms, robbery, criminal harassment, extortion, uttering threats, indecent or harassing communications, and other violent offences.

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Number of Property Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	1,236	1,530	1,574	1,597	2,042	2,467	2,164	2,062	2,152	2,051
Bulkley Nechako	2,051	1,925	1,765	1,465	1,382	2,010	2,148	2,414	2,319	2,269
Capital	13,320	14,467	13,927	13,730	15,448	17,728	16,035	14,106	14,040	14,238
Cariboo	2,936	2,921	3,249	3,347	3,719	4,798	4,353	3,830	3,453	3,526
Central Coast	234	122	115	112	109	167	117	136	211	210
Central Kootenay	1,868	2,022	1,847	1,880	1,874	2,089	2,166	2,358	2,316	2,498
Central Okanagan	9,105	10,483	11,258	11,363	12,714	15,393	13,357	14,730	14,460	12,397
Columbia Shuswap	1,356	1,607	1,589	1,470	1,585	1,883	1,709	1,790	1,790	1,832
Comox Valley	2,142	2,341	2,133	2,750	2,385	3,076	3,239	3,301	3,338	3,029
Cowichan Valley	3,390	3,931	4,100	4,170	4,269	5,278	4,184	4,082	4,259	4,326
East Kootenay	1,847	1,877	1,679	1,827	1,860	1,960	1,839	2,382	2,346	2,495
Fraser Fort George	5,353	5,799	6,183	7,165	7,238	11,295	10,756	10,720	9,894	9,598
Fraser Valley	14,757	17,513	18,262	17,401	18,538	18,606	14,856	14,715	13,401	15,856
Kitimat Stikine	2,183	1,995	2,013	1,732	1,773	2,915	2,244	2,108	2,245	1,882
Kootenay Boundary	964	938	888	1,085	1,327	1,450	1,121	1,236	1,031	994
Metro Vancouver	129,308	126,622	129,893	124,766	122,487	128,773	106,810	96,633	100,090	103,513
Mount Waddington	540	612	512	453	462	811	534	583	500	633
Nanaimo	7,655	7,736	8,341	7,694	10,306	12,028	9,503	9,268	9,485	8,547
North Coast	1,198	1,307	1,010	1,002	1,100	1,379	1,130	1,013	1,103	1,055
North Okanagan	4,136	4,150	4,606	4,407	4,582	5,460	4,780	4,553	4,384	4,399
Northern Rockies	461	436	294	250	273	381	541	591	500	462
Okanagan Similkameen	4,472	5,322	5,094	5,501	6,056	7,670	6,671	6,676	6,434	5,920
Peace River	3,270	3,515	2,976	3,039	3,252	4,102	3,514	3,440	3,903	4,319
qathet	731	617	628	536	658	1,175	820	899	812	947
Squamish Lillooet	1,949	1,917	1,885	1,925	1,599	1,859	1,727	1,862	1,796	1,857
Strathcona	1,843	2,117	2,206	1,973	2,292	3,291	3,208	3,228	4,145	4,067
Sunshine Coast	785	863	700	681	729	933	1,047	934	1,118	1,234
Thompson Nicola	6,934	7,824	8,840	8,875	8,597	10,486	9,811	10,324	11,361	11,398

BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	226,254	232,664	237,724	232,264	238,799	269,669	230,541	220,128	223,078	225,731
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*Property crimes include the offences of breaking and entering, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, trafficking in stolen property, fraud, mischief, identity theft or fraud, arson, and altering/removing/destroying a vehicle identification number.



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Number of Other *Criminal Code* Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	930	974	1,066	916	1,012	1,163	1,284	1,305	1,415	1,592
Bulkley Nechako	1,787	1,721	1,706	1,436	1,412	1,582	1,653	1,789	1,593	1,675
Capital	3,130	3,597	3,334	3,039	3,130	4,012	4,259	4,329	4,302	5,033
Cariboo	2,670	2,633	2,226	1,977	2,010	2,482	2,224	2,028	1,769	1,700
Central Coast	122	110	100	119	114	141	161	125	123	169
Central Kootenay	769	859	904	973	889	837	783	792	980	739
Central Okanagan	3,014	3,434	3,511	3,283	3,663	4,522	5,109	6,095	5,823	6,031
Columbia Shuswap	576	650	575	577	640	808	933	890	845	859
Comox Valley	953	1,114	1,115	1,188	1,177	1,473	1,447	1,482	1,555	1,650
Cowichan Valley	1,326	1,584	1,449	1,364	1,301	2,123	1,789	1,439	1,742	2,062
East Kootenay	728	689	678	754	744	814	878	913	991	1,126
Fraser Fort George	4,256	4,366	4,202	4,069	3,669	5,653	5,397	3,862	3,489	3,665
Fraser Valley	5,013	5,473	5,533	5,827	5,907	6,914	6,881	6,749	6,441	7,767
Kitimat Stikine	2,004	2,376	2,243	2,217	2,352	2,581	2,362	1,903	1,987	1,714
Kootenay Boundary	430	372	380	483	420	635	628	662	649	613
Metro Vancouver	29,314	32,092	31,359	29,477	31,262	36,272	35,640	35,289	35,812	40,417
Mount Waddington	451	480	482	399	375	671	688	672	654	819
Nanaimo	2,251	2,392	2,552	2,288	2,624	3,442	3,965	3,934	3,692	3,828
North Coast	1,243	1,247	1,195	839	949	1,266	1,156	898	972	891
North Okanagan	1,330	1,311	1,363	1,206	1,313	1,829	1,905	1,916	1,830	2,066
Northern Rockies	298	223	188	195	211	235	246	173	185	217
Okanagan Similkameen	1,347	1,362	1,667	1,992	2,108	2,627	2,845	2,737	2,715	2,639
Peace River	2,118	1,835	1,599	1,297	977	1,524	1,455	1,488	1,462	1,740
qathet	255	272	282	275	362	425	325	337	413	390
Squamish Lillooet	1,124	1,189	1,189	1,143	927	1,134	1,094	981	911	963
Strathcona	1,482	1,410	1,496	1,262	1,057	1,533	1,471	1,463	1,485	1,597
Sunshine Coast	305	394	293	286	289	464	477	618	560	715
Thompson Nicola	2,952	2,722	3,173	3,125	2,826	3,104	3,683	3,954	3,994	4,015
BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	72,186	76,892	75,873	72,008	73,730	90,281	90,747	88,861	88,395	96,700

*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.

British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2014 - 2023



Number of Homicide Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	0	1	2	1	3	0	1	3	2	4
Bulkley Nechako	1	3	1	1	2	1	4	0	2	3
Capital	4	9	1	7	2	2	7	5	5	2
Cariboo	5	1	3	4	8	3	3	4	3	2
Central Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Kootenay	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	3	0
Central Okanagan	3	4	6	6	2	1	3	4	8	5
Columbia Shuswap	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
Comox Valley	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Cowichan Valley	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	3	3	1
East Kootenay	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	2	2
Fraser Fort George	3	4	4	4	1	5	2	6	5	9
Fraser Valley	9	9	12	15	11	7	7	9	14	11
Kitimat Stikine	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	1
Kootenay Boundary	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Metro Vancouver	46	47	43	53	45	41	48	61	74	48
Mount Waddington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nanaimo	2	0	0	3	1	0	3	7	6	4
North Coast	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	3
North Okanagan	1	1	1	3	1	0	6	1	4	5
Northern Rockies	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Okanagan Similkameen	0	2	0	4	2	4	2	6	7	2
Peace River	2	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	9
qathet	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Squamish Lillooet	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	0
Strathcona	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sunshine Coast	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Thompson Nicola	4	1	6	2	2	9	5	6	5	6

BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	89	97	88	119	90	90	100	125	155	123
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*Homicide data are extracted from the Homicide Survey database. Homicides are counted according to the year in which police file the report and include the following offences: Murder, first degree, Murder, second degree, Manslaughter and Infanticide.



British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2014 - 2023

Number of Motor Vehicle Theft Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	23	55	53	54	66	58	48	69	90	56
Bulkley Nechako	53	70	65	66	73	97	105	82	99	94
Capital	401	400	405	482	460	555	488	458	352	310
Cariboo	218	220	267	292	266	296	253	256	239	203
Central Coast	2	5	5	7	5	7	7	3	4	7
Central Kootenay	71	92	91	82	101	70	86	104	105	103
Central Okanagan	604	687	626	718	815	965	790	975	890	570
Columbia Shuswap	123	155	115	112	178	133	118	145	182	159
Comox Valley	75	86	100	168	65	80	101	120	111	83
Cowichan Valley	147	160	127	140	156	197	167	123	182	164
East Kootenay	69	86	82	56	83	89	85	153	121	141
Fraser Fort George	353	345	338	446	433	497	395	423	405	374
Fraser Valley	1,186	1,569	1,717	1,576	1,431	1,495	1,194	1,216	1,018	1,079
Kitimat Stikine	75	48	36	45	50	93	49	60	61	43
Kootenay Boundary	34	73	33	62	77	57	42	58	54	50
Metro Vancouver	9,548	8,378	7,917	8,106	6,260	6,122	4,692	4,256	4,310	3,951
Mount Waddington	9	8	7	10	7	25	17	13	14	15
Nanaimo	406	474	381	363	412	394	296	314	460	358
North Coast	25	24	13	11	22	28	18	26	19	19
North Okanagan	315	260	294	213	268	269	257	313	235	230
Northern Rockies	19	28	19	6	22	13	24	12	21	43
Okanagan Similkameen	378	563	429	497	447	673	428	422	383	379
Peace River	277	321	266	405	385	399	297	304	369	387
qathet	12	10	10	12	22	21	25	21	22	23
Squamish Lillooet	60	83	86	83	56	64	62	94	76	64
Strathcona	77	66	92	83	59	121	68	62	80	120
Sunshine Coast	25	13	16	20	10	34	21	23	35	34
Thompson Nicola	419	438	374	364	355	502	445	555	822	678
BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	15,009	14,720	13,968	14,484	12,594	13,356	10,586	10,662	10,762	9,738

*Motor vehicle theft includes all motor vehicle thefts (automobiles, trucks, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, motorized farming and industrial vehicles).

British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2014 - 2023



Number of Administration of Justice Offences*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	473	450	454	404	408	497	535	568	620	791
Bulkley Nechako	466	675	730	593	608	671	675	640	532	568
Capital	1,238	1,499	1,421	1,476	1,548	2,038	1,770	1,736	1,605	1,805
Cariboo	491	492	546	487	620	791	963	725	621	593
Central Coast	33	29	31	37	26	35	17	27	6	29
Central Kootenay	221	202	243	298	295	304	319	343	412	272
Central Okanagan	776	1,122	1,318	1,017	830	1,009	1,433	1,996	2,060	1,823
Columbia Shuswap	108	116	114	167	169	187	191	231	225	173
Comox Valley	243	302	296	298	285	326	327	382	449	420
Cowichan Valley	345	464	455	474	525	614	531	364	680	779
East Kootenay	190	193	210	248	249	346	343	371	284	257
Fraser Fort George	1,160	1,320	1,355	1,364	1,220	1,357	1,425	1,542	1,413	1,239
Fraser Valley	941	1,119	1,191	1,111	1,187	1,391	1,549	1,301	1,204	1,316
Kitimat Stikine	711	593	636	722	808	910	981	962	877	487
Kootenay Boundary	149	120	142	206	143	198	210	224	225	202
Metro Vancouver	5,397	6,447	7,115	6,774	6,759	8,026	7,784	6,033	5,690	5,587
Mount Waddington	240	251	211	207	158	229	138	117	149	177
Nanaimo	552	616	688	581	549	725	637	629	536	716
North Coast	260	278	244	291	304	397	381	281	314	275
North Okanagan	438	423	338	391	350	472	545	626	719	699
Northern Rockies	98	67	64	76	87	93	97	72	106	118
Okanagan Similkameen	266	304	568	693	673	719	676	772	840	760
Peace River	508	580	547	481	417	649	735	829	689	794
qathet	41	73	69	64	90	117	74	91	85	119
Squamish Lillooet	144	158	169	173	120	172	209	151	140	160
Strathcona	509	564	552	451	351	426	318	282	320	389
Sunshine Coast	99	109	104	85	98	89	85	211	152	243
Thompson Nicola	631	627	771	780	787	815	765	624	600	633
BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	16,732	19,194	20,584	19,949	19,666	23,606	23,718	22,135	21,555	21,428

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



British Columbia Regional District Crime Trends, 2014 - 2023

Number of Drug Offences (CDSA and Cannabis Act)*

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	181	119	149	177	138	113	80	81	65	63
Bulkley Nechako	176	191	193	171	221	205	286	253	168	121
Capital	1,486	1,333	935	891	694	504	535	441	426	300
Cariboo	599	480	494	429	518	344	418	276	203	143
Central Coast	20	16	10	10	15	16	8	7	9	16
Central Kootenay	490	517	526	330	283	198	155	113	81	53
Central Okanagan	1,579	1,368	1,366	1,441	1,351	906	1,197	749	662	309
Columbia Shuswap	528	362	283	176	200	110	126	131	66	33
Comox Valley	253	220	201	219	175	217	190	162	156	84
Cowichan Valley	509	525	518	528	532	843	826	581	302	156
East Kootenay	327	281	247	194	155	112	93	102	83	63
Fraser Fort George	873	902	857	853	899	1,177	814	549	422	223
Fraser Valley	1,127	995	1,027	971	945	1,274	1,347	1,162	1,032	556
Kitimat Stikine	337	239	239	196	169	180	109	115	90	50
Kootenay Boundary	204	185	262	141	107	93	118	136	85	33
Metro Vancouver	10,703	10,241	9,709	9,109	9,369	9,791	10,846	10,377	11,418	5,942
Mount Waddington	117	77	54	29	36	44	39	30	26	25
Nanaimo	839	724	732	685	551	738	550	530	488	258
North Coast	186	203	138	107	150	128	89	72	76	65
North Okanagan	479	346	409	331	401	548	544	426	322	159
Northern Rockies	50	69	46	41	35	16	23	13	74	12
Okanagan Similkameen	556	398	484	408	407	383	348	197	158	81
Peace River	363	303	313	317	207	278	275	205	182	137
qathet	122	82	108	98	109	159	90	97	56	20
Squamish Lillooet	527	545	547	450	340	220	174	98	124	87
Strathcona	262	193	231	218	207	385	340	313	214	144
Sunshine Coast	110	90	102	108	70	12	23	41	83	33
Thompson Nicola	1,311	1,117	1,564	1,305	950	808	1,002	728	635	301

BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁶	24,321	22,132	21,759	19,933	19,244	19,810	20,646	18,001	17,707	9,468
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*Drug offences are crimes committed under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act*. CDSA drug offences include possession, trafficking, production, and distribution of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, non-heroin opioids (including fentanyl), and methamphetamines (crystal meth), and other drug offences. When the *Cannabis Act* came into force on October 17, 2018, all prior cannabis-related legislation under the CDSA was replaced with the *Cannabis Act*, and cannabis possession became legal, except under certain circumstances. Drug offences are not included in the Total *Criminal Code* offences. 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.

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Populations

REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alberni Clayoquot	31,503	31,743	32,287	32,579	32,978	33,516	33,832	34,244	34,867	35,897
Bulkley Nechako	40,292	40,027	40,134	40,118	40,157	40,253	40,214	40,496	40,891	39,959
Capital	386,307	392,200	400,562	406,681	413,014	419,828	426,120	432,064	439,949	453,435
Cariboo	63,537	63,770	64,203	64,618	65,053	65,288	65,299	65,452	65,758	66,185
Central Coast	3,681	3,675	3,771	3,793	3,856	3,864	3,895	3,943	4,010	4,075
Central Kootenay	60,562	61,447	62,391	62,968	63,644	64,137	64,639	65,120	65,443	67,712
Central Okanagan	192,395	197,414	203,097	207,485	212,778	217,555	222,564	228,256	234,237	245,239
Columbia Shuswap	48,506	49,340	50,341	51,286	52,099	52,907	53,364	54,100	55,197	56,415
Comox Valley	66,207	67,554	68,934	70,266	71,527	72,662	73,597	74,726	75,483	77,692
Cowichan Valley	83,849	85,062	86,828	88,312	89,453	90,207	90,918	91,889	92,735	94,857
East Kootenay	60,727	61,882	62,781	63,285	64,146	65,235	65,774	66,700	67,459	70,737
Fraser Fort George	96,454	97,473	98,861	100,202	101,956	103,131	104,086	104,340	103,862	104,169
Fraser Valley	294,810	300,654	309,179	316,410	324,713	331,230	335,099	339,715	345,297	353,055
Kitimat Stikine	38,841	38,797	38,739	38,669	38,832	39,193	39,682	40,110	40,570	40,406
Kootenay Boundary	30,542	30,686	31,231	31,471	31,805	31,981	32,026	32,261	32,661	33,300
Metro Vancouver	2,506,070	2,543,077	2,580,758	2,615,469	2,657,150	2,707,850	2,745,062	2,771,739	2,841,319	2,969,538
Mount Waddington	12,040	11,860	11,782	11,864	11,975	12,068	12,051	12,064	12,282	11,807
Nanaimo	155,377	158,382	161,866	164,969	167,796	170,430	172,221	174,173	176,835	183,622
North Coast	18,999	18,973	19,021	19,137	19,238	19,297	19,386	19,517	19,595	19,191
North Okanagan	86,141	87,227	89,009	90,324	91,460	92,591	93,878	95,168	96,746	101,717
Northern Rockies	6,027	5,782	5,652	5,371	5,167	5,079	4,978	4,937	4,901	4,637
Okanagan Similkameen	83,147	84,402	86,146	87,266	88,770	89,717	90,432	91,541	92,085	95,207
Peace River	65,412	65,916	65,939	66,183	66,736	67,128	67,138	67,471	67,260	65,492
qathet	19,996	19,994	20,367	20,494	20,638	20,724	20,877	21,066	21,269	22,302
Squamish Lillooet	44,367	45,146	47,330	48,475	49,039	49,649	50,163	50,116	51,533	56,841
Strathcona	44,403	45,021	46,049	46,859	47,749	48,376	48,977	49,733	50,372	51,260
Sunshine Coast	29,837	30,359	30,952	31,268	31,551	31,738	31,910	32,307	32,865	34,104
Thompson Nicola	137,074	138,525	141,040	143,562	147,196	149,162	150,546	151,557	153,843	160,162
BRITISH COLUMBIA ¹⁷	4,707,103	4,776,388	4,859,250	4,929,384	5,010,476	5,094,796	5,158,728	5,214,805	5,319,324	5,519,013



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Endnotes

1. In July 2014, Houston Prov and Granisle Prov were formally amalgamated. Prior to this amalgamation, Houston/Granisle operated in an informally amalgamated manner from two detachment offices, the main office in the District of Houston and the second in the Village of Granisle. The Granisle office remains and functions as a Community Policing Office.
2. According to the 2021 Canada Census, the municipalities of Duncan, Metchosin, and Oliver all went over 5,000 population and, as a result, became responsible for providing policing and law enforcement services within their own municipal boundaries. Each of these municipalities signed a Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the provincial government for the provision of RCMP Municipal services effective April 1, 2022.
3. The Victoria Police Department polices the City of Victoria and the Town of Esquimalt. Starting with the 2020 police-reported crime statistics, Statistics Canada has reported the statistics for Victoria Mun and Esquimalt Mun separately; however, in these publications, statistics for these municipalities are combined to reflect the full Victoria Police Department and to remain consistent and comparable with previous years.
4. The Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment includes nine provincial policing jurisdictions: Castlegar Prov, Grand Forks Prov, Kaslo Prov, Midway Prov, Nakusp Prov, Nelson Prov, Salmo Prov, Slocan Lake Prov, and Trail and Greater District Prov. The Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment authorized strength total includes eight shared GD/GIS (General Duty and General Investigative Services) members (3 Officers in Charge and 5 GIS) assigned to the detachment as a whole.
5. The Elk Valley Integrated Detachment includes Elkford Prov, Fernie Prov, and Sparwood Prov.
6. According to the 2016 Canada Census, the municipalities of Armstrong Mun, Fernie Mun, and Osoyoos Mun all went over 5,000 population and, as a result, became responsible for providing policing within their own municipal boundaries. Each of these municipalities signed a Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the provincial government for the provision of RCMP Municipal services effective April 1, 2017.
7. Population figures also include First Nations Reserve populations for Abbotsford Mun, Chilliwack Mun, Coquitlam Mun, Delta Mun, Langley Township Mun, Maple Ridge Mun, Nanaimo Mun, North Vancouver City Mun, North Vancouver District Mun, Port Coquitlam Mun, Squamish Mun, Vancouver Mun, and West Vancouver Mun.
8. In 2022, "Surrey Prov" was renamed "Barnston Island Prov". Furthermore, until 2021 statistics for Surrey Prov / Barnston Island Prov were included in Surrey Mun, but are now presented separately.
9. The integrated Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment is comprised of the following: the City of Maple Ridge Mun; the City of Pitt Meadows Mun; and the Ridge Meadows Prov policing jurisdictions. In 2013/14, the RCMP revised the map boundaries that reside in PRIME-BC for each of the jurisdictions within the Ridge Meadows Detachment. This realignment of jurisdictional boundaries likely resulted in changes in reporting; as a result, criminal incident volumes prior to 2014 for these individual jurisdictions should be used with caution.
10. Within the boundaries of North Vancouver City Mun and North Vancouver District Mun, there are a total of three First Nations reserve lands. The designated land title names for these reserve lands are: Mission 1 (North Vancouver City), Seymour Creek 2, and Burrard Inlet 3 (North Vancouver District). Due to inconsistencies in scoring crime data to the appropriate jurisdictions, the populations for these reserve lands were assigned to North Vancouver Prov (from 2006 to 2018); prior to 2006, the populations were assigned to North Vancouver District. In 2019, the populations for the reserve lands were realigned from North Vancouver Prov and added to the appropriate municipality. This realignment may result in changes in reporting; crime statistics should be used with caution.
11. Provincial parks are located within the policing jurisdictions of North Vancouver Prov and Ridge Meadows Prov. Crime rates have not been included for these jurisdictions because they are not a meaningful indicator due to the small residential population.

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12. On September 19, 2016, the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District formally changed its name to the North Coast Regional District.
13. In this report, for the years 2013 to 2016, Northern Rockies Mun had a separate crime rate from Northern Rockies Prov. However, according to the 2016 Canada Census, Northern Rockies Mun went under 5,000 population and, as a result, responsibility for policing the municipality again reverted to the provincial service (Northern Rockies Prov) effective April 1, 2017 (the municipality was no longer responsible for providing police services within its municipal boundaries).
14. On July 5, 2018, the Powell River Regional District formally changed its name to the qathet Regional District.
15. Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service is a First Nations Self-Administered Police Service. It is a designated policing unit established under the Police Act.
16. The BC total crime statistics include additional reporting from the following specialized units: Canadian National Railway Police, Canadian Pacific Railway Police, and Metro Vancouver Transit Police. These specialized units provide supplemental policing in BC; that is, they are mandated to provide policing in geographic areas already served by provincial or municipal police services but for a specific purpose. For example, in the Lower Mainland area of the province, Metro Vancouver Transit Police provides policing on and around the transit system, which is supplemental to the jurisdictional police. Similarly, the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railway police services provide specialized law enforcement within the province. These police services provide policing along the railway and do not have a specific jurisdiction population for which they are responsible. Also included within the BC total are Vancouver (Division Headquarters) and Vancouver (offshore) both associated with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RMCP), which provides policing services outside the city's municipal limits
17. Provincial population totals reflect the sum of populations by agency for each year, which may differ slightly from other provincial population sources (provincial or federal).

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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:** The 2020 population estimates provided by BC Stats were based on the Statistics Canada 2016 Census boundary geographies adjusted in accordance with current police jurisdiction boundaries.
- The crime data contained in these reports have been recorded by the police using the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey scoring rules and guidelines. **Offences** are counted by number of separate criminal incidents. For violent criminal events, a separate incident is counted for each victim of violence. Offences are categorized by the most serious offence in an incident. **Criminal incidents** represent crimes reported to, or discovered by, the police; this includes third party reports. However, criminal incident counts do not include incidents where after police investigation, police have found credible evidence to prove that the crime did not occur nor was it attempted. As well, crime data in these reports do not represent nor imply a count of the number of charges laid, prosecutions conducted, information sworn, or convictions obtained.
- **Total Criminal Code offences** (excluding traffic) include property, violent, and other crimes.
- **Crime rate** is the number of *Criminal Code* offences or crimes (excluding drugs and traffic) reported for every 1,000 persons. It is a better measure of trends in crime than the actual number of offences because it allows for **population** differences. Crime rates for the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) and the *Cannabis Act* are calculated per 1,000 population basis. Since the number of homicides and attempted murders reported is small, rates are calculated on a per 100,000 population basis. Crime rates for *Criminal Code* traffic offences are also calculated per 1,000 population basis.

A high crime rate may indicate that a municipality is a "core city", i.e., a business and/or entertainment centre for many people who reside outside, as well as inside, the municipality. As a result, "core cities" may have large part-time or temporary populations which are excluded from both their population bases and their crime rate calculations.
- **Violent crimes** include the offences of homicide, attempted murder, sexual and non-sexual assault, sexual offences against children, abduction, forcible confinement or kidnapping, firearms, robbery, criminal harassment, extortion, uttering threats, indecent or harassing communications, and other violent offences.
- **Property crimes** include the offences of breaking and entering, theft, motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, trafficking in stolen property, fraud, mischief, identity theft or fraud, arson, and altering/removing/destroying a vehicle identification number.
- **Other crimes** include *Criminal Code* offences not classified as either violent or property crimes, such as offences related to counterfeiting, offensive weapons, child pornography, disturbing the peace, the administration of justice, and other "other" offences.

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- **Homicide** data are extracted from the Homicide Survey database. Homicides are counted according to the year in which police file the report.
- **Administration of justice** includes the following offences: fail to comply with order, escape or helps to escape from lawful custody, prisoner unlawfully at large, fail to appear, breach of probation, and other violations against the administration of law and justice.
- **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.
- Crime data from the previous years may be revised by Statistics Canada to reflect any updates or changes that have been received from the police services. Due to this and other factors, the data contained in this report may vary when compared with previous reports produced by Policing and Security Branch. Where variances occur, the report produced at the latest date will reflect the most current data available.
- The policing jurisdictions used in this report reflect operational policing in BC and may vary from those provided by Statistics Canada.
- The population estimates reported in this document and used to calculate crime rates are provided by BC Stats and may vary from those provided by Statistics Canada.
- Rates have been rounded to the nearest 0.1 which may affect calculations.

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