

Table 9-10
Police personnel in municipal police services — British Columbia, 2010

	2009 population ¹	2010 actual strength				2010 authorized strength			2009 crime	
		Police officers			Police officers per 100,000 population	Other personnel	Total police	Police officers per 100,000 population	Crime Severity Index ²	Weighted clearance rate
		Male	Female	Total						
		number			rate	number		rate		
Population 100,000 and over										
Abbotsford	134,991	182	38	220	163	79	210	156	106.5	28.9
Delta	106,394	134	36	170	160	68	165	155	77.1	24.5
Saanich	114,825	122	29	151	132	45	151	132	57.6	29.2
Vancouver	640,963	1,110	317	1,427	223	377	1,327	207	119.8	27.7
Victoria	102,455	183	58	241	235	94	241	235	157.5	19.4
Royal Canadian Mounted Police										
Burnaby ⁴	223,410	209	78	287	128	3	280	125	121.2	18.8
Coquitlam	125,359	108	33	141	112	1	140	112	80.3	21.8
Kelowna	118,049	111	37	148	125	1	155	131	143.8	33.0
Langley Township	102,898	85	39	124	121	1	127	123	108.1	18.8
Richmond	191,376	171	53	224	117	2	237	124	84.1	20.8
Surrey ⁵	432,527	474	124	598	138	7	623	141	139.8	20.5
Population 50,000 to 99,999										
New Westminster	64,421	88	20	108	168	45	108	168	127.3	23.8
Royal Canadian Mounted Police										
Chilliwack ⁴	77,883	69	31	100	128	1	106	136	138.0	18.5
Kamloops	86,451	98	25	123	142	1	123	142	114.8	31.5
Maple Ridge	75,257	67	23	90	120	0	86	114	114.5	21.3
Nanaimo	88,731	110	26	136	153	1	124	140	129.3	37.5
North Vancouver District	89,976	61	28	89	99	0	91	101	53.8	19.8
Port Coquitlam	57,528	47	13	60	104	0	63	110	73.2	22.0
Prince George	74,119	108	28	136	183	1	127	171	166.0	29.5
Population 15,000 to 49,999										
Central Saanich	16,563	23	4	27	163	4	23	139	50.5	28.6
Oak Bay	18,921	24	2	26	137	2	23	122	45.0	25.9
Port Moody ⁴	30,000	39	7	46	153	18	50	167	54.2	32.6
West Vancouver	48,802	62	17	79	162	26	81	166	63.3	32.7
Royal Canadian Mounted Police										
Campbell River	31,153	30	12	42	135	0	43	138	111.2	38.4
Colwood ⁴	15,474	7	5	12	78	0	15	97	56.0	26.8
Courtenay	23,398	22	3	25	107	9	28	120	129.2	42.7
Cranbrook	19,651	16	8	24	122	0	26	132	95.9	32.3
Fort St. John	18,982	29	7	36	190	0	32	169	188.2	27.0
Langford ⁴	23,898	15	10	25	105	0	27	113	107.2	34.0
Langley	25,965	33	16	49	189	0	52	200	169.4	17.6
Mission	37,390	40	13	53	142	1	48	128	129.1	23.9
North Cowichan	29,121	24	8	32	110	0	30	103	85.4	32.6
North Vancouver	49,709	34	24	58	117	0	64	129	100.7	24.1
Penticton	33,375	41	3	44	132	0	45	135	139.6	43.3
Pitt Meadows	17,066	16	5	21	123	0	21	123	83.7	19.8
Port Alberni	18,298	25	7	32	175	0	34	186	148.7	50.0
Salmon Arm	17,043	18	2	20	117	0	19	111	112.5	19.2
Squamish	17,219	15	9	24	139	0	24	139	100.8	22.8
Vernon	38,345	52	9	61	159	0	61	159	143.2	31.0
West Kelowna	31,696	15	5	20	63	0	21	66	74.5	26.1
White Rock	20,682	15	9	24	116	0	23	111	62.5	26.1
Population 5,000 to 14,999										
Nelson	9,796	16	1	17	174	8	17	174	103.8	40.4
Royal Canadian Mounted Police										
Castlegar	7,700	10	3	13	169	0	13	169	109.6	21.2
Coldstream District Municipal	9,987	5	2	7	70	0	7	70	51.0	22.0
Comox	12,882	7	5	12	93	4	12	93	49.1	46.5
Dawson Creek	11,895	17	4	21	177	0	23	193	130.1	34.2
Duncan	5,359	8	1	9	168	0	8	149	114.9	41.8
Hope	6,734	12	1	13	193	0	13	193	153.8	29.0
Kent	5,541	3	2	5	90	0	5	90	49.0	20.9
Kimberley	6,628	8	2	10	151	0	9	136	61.8	24.5
Kitimat	9,317	11	4	15	161	0	15	161	97.0	30.0
Ladysmith	7,980	6	2	8	100	2	7	88	92.9	21.0
Lake Country	10,516	8	3	11	105	0	11	105	91.1	31.3
Merritt	7,547	9	4	13	172	0	15	199	215.1	39.0
North Saanich	11,461	4	6	10	87	0	13	113	43.1	29.1
Parksville	11,861	13	2	15	126	2	15	126	120.2	29.7

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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Powell River	13,512	16	3	19	141	0	18	133	78.8	29.5
Prince Rupert	13,005	27	4	31	238	0	36	277	203.8	41.4
Qualicum Beach	9,174	3	3	6	65	2	7	76	67.9	16.7
Quesnel	9,788	19	2	21	215	0	21	215	262.7	37.6
Revelstoke	7,679	11	1	12	156	0	11	143	89.2	23.3
Sechelt	9,099	6	5	11	121	0	11	121	81.0	42.8
Sidney	11,954	12	3	15	125	0	14	117	71.5	40.3
Smithers	5,345	7	2	9	168	0	9	168	194.6	37.6
Sooke	10,221	6	3	9	88	0	11	108	98.5	27.7
Summerland	11,251	8	3	11	98	0	9	80	51.9	13.4
Terrace	11,794	23	2	25	212	0	25	212	157.3	39.4
Trail	7,523	10	5	15	199	0	14	186	110.3	34.1
View Royal	9,286	7	1	8	86	0	8	86	93.5	30.9
Whistler	10,597	17	4	21	198	0	23	217	157.7	22.0
Williams Lake	11,209	24	3	27	241	0	24	214	230.0	44.9
Population less than 5,000 ⁶										
Stl'at'imx Tribal Police	2,938	3	3	6	204	3	9	306	160.9	48.9
Other ⁷										
Lower Mainland Integrated Teams, Royal Canadian Mounted Police	...	143	39	182	...	21	215	...	...	...
South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority	...	142	16	158	...	57	170	...	...	...

1. Populations are based on July 1st preliminary postcensal populations for 2009 (based on the 2006 Census), Demography Division, Statistics Canada. Populations are adjusted to follow policing boundaries. Populations for 2010 are not yet available.

2. The police-reported Crime Severity Index measures changes in the severity of crime from year to year. Each type of offence is assigned a weight derived from actual sentences handed down by courts.

3. The weighted clearance rate is based on the same principle used to create the Crime Index, whereby more serious offences are assigned a higher weight than less serious offences. Applying this concept to clearance rates means that, for example, the clearance of a homicide, robbery or break and enter receives a higher weight than the clearance of less serious offences such as minor theft, mischief and disturbing the peace.

4. The authorized strength figures shown in this report may not match the authorized strength figures reported by the British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General based on differences in the time frame reported, definitions of terms, and categories of included personnel.

5. Included in this total are the 54 positions Surrey Royal Canadian Mounted Police authorizes for the Lower Mainland Integrated Teams.

6. All municipalities under 5,000 and unincorporated areas are policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police provincial force. The police force listed in the publication in this category is a First Nations Administered Police Service.

7. The police forces listed in the publication in this category provide policing services within Vancouver and surrounding municipalities. Because these forces operate in collaboration with, and within the jurisdictions of, other police forces, neither the police-reported crime statistics nor the populations associated with these areas are included in this table.

Note(s): Use caution in comparing forces: The number of officers may not reflect the number available for general community policing because some officers in certain communities are restricted to specific locations (e.g. ports, airports). Note for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police municipal contracts: Civilian employees provided by the municipality are not included under "Other personnel".

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Police Administration Survey and Uniform Crime Reporting Survey.