

Table 3-1
Police officers and crime rates — Police officers in census metropolitan areas, 2011

Census metropolitan area	2010 population ¹	2011 number of police officers ²	2011 police officers per 100,000 population ³	Percentage change in rate of officers 2010 to 2011	2010 Crime Severity Index ⁴
	number		rate	percent	rate
Saint John	103,196	206	200	-1	91.9
Regina	218,517	425	194	0	131.4
Thunder Bay	119,908	232	193	2	111.3
Winnipeg ⁵	781,012	1,460	187	2	122.3
Saskatoon	272,887	496	182	-3	128.1
Montréal	3,865,268	7,021	182	0	83.7
Windsor	330,060	597	181	1	66.1
St. John's	186,242	336	180	2	101.9
Toronto	5,697,027	10,213	179	-1	57.8
St. Catharines-Niagara	443,866	761	171	-1	69.8
Halifax ⁵	403,437	689	171	-2	96.8
Brantford	139,687	235	168	-1	99.1
Vancouver ^{5, 6}	2,392,202	3,955	165	-3	101.2
Edmonton	1,178,989	1,930	164	-2	102.0
Peterborough	121,229	198	163	1	67.8
Abbotsford-Mission	175,589	280	159	1	99.8
Calgary	1,248,215	1,988	159	-2	76.5
Greater Sudbury	164,357	260	158	2	84.2
Barrie	197,797	307	155	1	60.1
London	493,118	765	155	0	82.4
Victoria	358,478	556	155	2	83.7
Hamilton	720,837	1,110	154	1	70.9
Guelph	124,130	190	153	-1	50.4
Kingston	160,174	236	147	1	62.3
Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo	522,968	757	145	-2	68.0
Ottawa ⁷	939,821	1,346	143	-4	60.1
Gatineau ⁸	306,307	413	135	2	69.3
Sherbrooke	187,572	248	132	-1	70.7
Québec	753,039	961	128	0	56.1
Trois-Rivières	149,728	190	127	0	69.4
Saguenay	145,689	179	123	-1	73.4
Moncton	136,362	156	114	-3	71.8
Kelowna	178,845	201	112	2	113.1

1. Populations are based on preliminary postcensal estimates for 2010, Statistics Canada, Demography Division. Populations are adjusted to follow policing boundaries. Census metropolitan area populations for 2011 are not yet available.
2. Represents the actual number of permanent, fully-sworn police officers of all ranks (or their full-time equivalents) as of May 15, 2011. This number also includes officers who are deployed to contract positions and who are not available for general policing duties in their community. Police officers on long-term leave who are not being paid by the police service's annual budget are excluded.
3. Based on the number of police officers in 2011 and census metropolitan area populations for 2010. Census metropolitan area populations for 2011 are not yet available.
4. The Crime Severity Index takes into account both the volume and the seriousness of crime. In the calculation of the Crime Severity Index, each offence is assigned a weight, derived from average sentences handed down by criminal courts. The more serious the average sentence, the higher the weight for that offence. As a result, more serious offences have a greater impact on changes in the index. All *Criminal Code* offences, including traffic offences and other federal statute offences, are included in the Crime Severity Index.
5. Police officer counts include officers deployed to contract positions (e.g. airport, port, United Nations Mission).
6. The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority and the British Columbia Lower Mainland Integrated Teams are included as of 2009, resulting in a higher rate of police officer strength than in past years.
7. Represents the Ontario portion of the Ottawa-Gatineau census metropolitan area.
8. Represents the Quebec portion of the Ottawa-Gatineau census metropolitan area.

Note(s): A census metropolitan area consists of one or more neighbouring municipalities situated around a central core. A census metropolitan area must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more live in the central core. To be included in the census metropolitan area, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree of integration with the central core, as measured by commuting flows derived from census data. A census metropolitan area typically comprises more than one police service. The numbers in table 3-1 do not agree with those in table 3-2 (which report data at the level of individual police services) because most census metropolitan areas comprise more than one police service. The census metropolitan area of Oshawa is not included due to incongruities between policing jurisdiction and census metropolitan area boundaries. Crimes investigated by Royal Canadian Mounted Police federal personnel within census metropolitan areas are included; however, police officer counts do not include Royal Canadian Mounted Police federal police officers. While table 3-1 may be used to compare major metropolitan areas, table 3-2 may be used to compare major police services in Canada.

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