

**Table 3-2**  
**Police officers and crime rates — Police officers in the 30 largest municipal police services**

Police service	2010 <sup>1</sup> population	2011 authorized strength <sup>2</sup>	Actual strength <sup>3</sup>		2010 Crime Severity Index <sup>5</sup>
			2011 number of police officers	2011 police officers per 100,000 population <sup>4</sup>	
			number	rate	
<b>Toronto census metropolitan area police services <sup>6</sup></b>					
Toronto Police	2,720,024	5,587	5,776	212	74.0
Peel Regional Police	1,273,348	1,922	1,908	150	51.9
York Regional Police	1,040,165	1,461	1,466	141	43.2
<b>Montréal census metropolitan area police services <sup>6</sup></b>					
Montréal Police	1,934,082	4,585	4,533	234	103.3
Longueuil Police	401,764	546	536	133	77.6
Laval Police	398,667	516	530	133	69.2
<b>Vancouver census metropolitan area police services <sup>6</sup></b>					
Vancouver Police <sup>7</sup>	660,496	1,327	1,376	208	110.4
Surrey, Royal Canadian Mounted Police <sup>8</sup>	444,583	621	596	134	130.9
Burnaby, Royal Canadian Mounted Police	230,009	274	302	131	99.8
Richmond, Royal Canadian Mounted Police <sup>7</sup>	196,856	229	229	116	83.3
<b>Other large police services</b>					
Halifax Regional Police <sup>9</sup>	225,822	509	509	225	96.8
Windsor Police	221,310	473	466	211	85.3
Winnipeg Police <sup>7</sup>	684,061	1,393	1,393	204	132.1
Regina Police	198,322	386	389	196	137.8
Edmonton Police	830,496	1,588	1,607	193	110.4
Saskatoon Police <sup>10</sup>	229,342	430	440	192	141.9
St. John's, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary	186,242	342	336	180	101.9
Calgary Police	1,138,393	1,938	1,883	165	75.8
Niagara Regional Police	443,866	702	728	164	69.5
Greater Sudbury Police	164,357	264	260	158	84.2
London Police	378,809	591	587	155	92.8
Hamilton Police	533,280	784	816	153	82.3
Durham Regional Police <sup>11</sup>	620,427	871	920	148	51.3
Ottawa Police	896,529	1,362	1,273	142	61.3
Gatineau Police	260,809	363	363	139	71.7
Waterloo Regional Police	522,968	724	725	139	67.6
Québec Police	547,102	721	716	131	61.6
Sherbrooke Regional Police	155,583	200	200	129	69.4
Halton Regional Police <sup>11</sup>	506,900	628	637	126	37.5
Richelieu-Saint-Laurent Police	189,388	212	212	112	48.0

1. Populations are based on preliminary postcensal estimates for 2010, Statistics Canada, Demography Division. Populations are adjusted to follow policing boundaries. Populations for 2011 are not yet available.
2. Represents the number of fully-sworn police officer positions that the police department was allowed to fill during the calendar or fiscal year, whether or not that number of officers was hired.
3. 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.
4. Based on the number of police officers in 2011 and populations for 2010. Populations are adjusted to follow policing boundaries. Populations for 2011 are not yet available.
5. 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.
6. The police services listed under the Toronto, Montréal and Vancouver census metropolitan areas do not represent all the police services in these census metropolitan areas.
7. Police officer counts include officers deployed to contract positions (e.g. airport, port, United Nation mission).
8. Included in this total are the positions that the Surrey detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police authorizes for the Lower Mainland Integrated Teams.
9. Crime statistics include the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Halifax District Detachment.
10. Saskatoon reports that there may have been a problem with their 2010 clearance statistics and that the current rate may be revised in time for next year's report.
11. Note that 63% of the crime handled by Halton Regional Police, and 30% of the crime handled by Durham Regional Police fall within Toronto census metropolitan area boundaries.

**Note(s):** 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.