

Table 9-10
Police personnel in municipal police services — British Columbia, 2011

Police service	2010 Population ¹	2011 Actual strength ²				2011 Authorized strength ⁵		2010 crime		
		Police officers			Police officers per 100,000 population ³	Other personnel ⁴	Total police	Police officers per 100,000 population ³	Crime Severity Index ⁶	Weighted clearance rate ⁷
		Male	Female	Total						
		number			rate	number		rate		
Population 100,000 and over										
Abbotsford	137,550	192	39	231	168	80	216	157	93.1	29.5
Delta	109,322	136	34	170	156	66	165	151	67.2	27.3
Saanich	116,885	119	35	154	132	48	154	132	57.3	32.1
Vancouver	660,496	1,069	307	1,376	208	380	1,327	201	110.4	29.0
Victoria	104,721	184	59	243	232	95	243	232	144.4	35.6
Royal Canadian Mounted Police ⁸										
Burnaby	230,009	221	81	302	131	4	274	119	99.8	21.5
Coquitlam ⁹	128,747	105	33	138	107	1	140	109	73.0	23.1
Kelowna	118,107	114	35	149	126	1	155	131	133.2	34.4
Langley Township	105,708	90	37	127	120	1	130	123	107.9	15.9
Richmond ⁹	196,856	178	51	229	116	2	229	116	83.3	19.7
Surrey ¹⁰	444,583	487	109	596	134	10	621	140	130.9	23.8
Population 50,000 to 99,999										
New Westminster	66,311	89	19	108	163	46	108	163	118.6	24.5
West Vancouver	50,269	68	16	84	167	22	81	161	51.1	37.3
Royal Canadian Mounted Police ⁸										
Chilliwack	79,357	76	26	102	129	1	102	129	120.0	21.8
Kamloops	85,840	92	30	122	142	2	122	142	118.2	32.6
Maple Ridge	77,202	64	25	89	115	0	86	111	103.0	22.3
Nanaimo	85,493	115	31	146	171	1	134	157	124.2	41.5
North Vancouver City	51,175	36	20	56	109	0	64	125	91.6	29.5
North Vancouver District	92,432	60	28	88	95	0	91	98	48.9	27.3
Port Coquitlam ⁹	59,039	49	15	64	108	0	63	107	73.7	20.0
Prince George	73,590	104	30	134	182	1	127	173	176.8	29.7
Population 15,000 to 49,999										
Central Saanich	16,844	23	4	27	160	4	24	142	40.4	38.8
Oak Bay	19,281	23	3	26	135	2	23	119	43.7	22.4
Port Moody	30,792	40	8	48	156	19	50	162	51.0	36.1
Royal Canadian Mounted Police ⁸										
Campbell River	30,990	33	11	44	142	0	43	139	122.1	48.3
Colwood	15,704	10	6	16	102	2	16	102	47.7	30.0
Courtenay	23,301	25	4	29	124	9	27	116	117.7	39.6
Cranbrook	19,525	18	8	26	133	0	26	133	100.8	35.3
Fort St. John	19,114	29	8	37	194	0	34	178	181.9	36.1
Langford	24,098	17	8	25	104	1	26	108	86.4	37.6
Langley	26,741	31	18	49	183	1	49	183	175.7	18.1
Mission ⁹	38,039	37	12	49	129	1	49	129	124.2	21.7
North Cowichan	29,604	23	8	31	105	0	30	101	84.5	29.7
Penticton	32,508	40	4	44	135	0	45	138	126.9	39.8
Pitt Meadows	17,546	14	7	21	120	0	22	125	63.4	22.5
Port Alberni	18,471	24	8	32	173	0	34	184	126.0	47.1
Salmon Arm	16,883	18	2	20	118	0	19	113	119.9	22.5
Squamish ⁹	17,500	13	9	22	126	0	24	137	105.4	31.5
Vernon	37,789	48	8	56	148	0	61	161	129.0	39.3
West Kelowna	29,741	16	7	23	77	0	21	71	66.6	39.2
White Rock	21,373	14	7	21	98	0	23	108	74.4	22.1
Population 5,000 to 14,999										
Nelson	9,849	16	1	17	173	8	17	173	110.3	37.2
Royal Canadian Mounted Police ⁸										
Castlegar	7,674	10	3	13	169	0	13	169	105.0	32.1
Coldstream D.M.	9,861	6	2	8	81	0	7	71	41.6	30.8
Comox	12,851	8	5	13	101	2	12	93	34.0	28.7
Dawson Creek	11,950	18	4	22	184	0	24	201	138.9	43.7
Duncan	5,444	5	3	8	147	0	8	147	200.0	40.8
Hope	6,879	10	3	13	189	0	13	189	132.5	38.3
Kent	5,652	4	1	5	88	0	5	88	94.9	25.9
Kimberley	6,616	7	0	7	106	0	8	121	67.0	31.8
Kitimat	9,228	13	3	16	173	0	15	163	86.6	32.8
Ladysmith	8,100	4	4	8	99	2	7	86	103.7	28.3
Lake Country	10,502	9	2	11	105	0	12	114	75.8	35.3
Merritt	7,521	11	3	14	186	0	15	199	181.5	41.9
North Saanich	11,676	7	6	13	111	0	13	111	38.9	29.5

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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Northern Rockies	5,681	9	2	11	194	0	11	194	152.3	40.9
Parksville	11,990	12	4	16	133	2	16	133	71.5	29.8
Powell River	13,620	15	3	18	132	0	18	132	69.7	33.3
Prince Rupert	13,090	22	6	28	214	0	36	275	190.7	39.4
Qualicum Beach	9,325	4	2	6	64	2	8	86	49.6	26.8
Quesnel	9,696	20	2	22	227	0	21	217	184.0	46.4
Revelstoke	7,609	8	2	10	131	0	12	158	79.3	25.9
Sechelt	9,250	5	5	10	108	0	11	119	86.7	36.3
Sidney	12,185	12	4	16	131	0	14	115	59.6	27.4
Smithers	5,302	8	1	9	170	0	9	170	124.2	41.0
Sooke	10,375	9	5	14	135	0	11	106	74.1	33.6
Summerland	11,002	7	3	10	91	0	9	82	44.8	16.8
Terrace	11,780	23	2	25	212	0	25	212	131.8	57.4
Trail	7,326	11	3	14	191	0	14	191	110.4	32.5
View Royal	9,450	6	1	7	74	1	8	85	69.0	39.1
Whistler	10,795	19	2	21	195	0	23	213	153.4	29.4
Williams Lake	11,129	22	4	26	234	0	24	216	211.6	42.2
Population less than 5,000 ¹¹										
Stl'at'imx Tribal	2,983	4	3	7	235	3	9	302	144.4	52.7
Other ¹²										
Lower Mainland Integrated Teams, Royal Canadian Mounted Police	...	155	37	192	...	21	216
South Coast BC Transportation Authority	...	146	21	167	...	59	167

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 actual number of permanent, fully-sworn police officers of all ranks (or their full-time equivalents) as of May 15, 2011.
3. 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.
4. Counts include civilian and other personnel (e.g., clerical, dispatch, management, cadets, special constables, security officers, school crossing guards, by-law enforcement officers) on the police department's payroll as of May 15.
5. 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.
6. 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. The Crime Severity Index is not available for police services or detachments with populations less than 1,000. Data for police services or detachments with populations less than 5,000 should be used with caution.
7. Criminal incidents can either be cleared by charge or cleared otherwise (for example, through extrajudicial means in instances where a charge could otherwise be laid). The weighted clearance rate is based on the same principle used to create the police-reported Crime Severity 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. The weighted clearance rate is not available for police services or detachments with populations less than 1,000. Data for police services or detachments with populations less than 5,000 should be used with caution.
8. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police authorized strength figures shown in this report may not match those reported by the British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General due to differences in the time frame reported, definitions of terms, and categories of included personnel.
9. Authorized strength totals for these detachments of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police exclude positions authorized for Lower Mainland Integrated Teams.
10. Included in this total are the positions that the Surrey detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police authorizes for the Lower Mainland Integrated Teams.
11. 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.
12. 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.