

## Policing and Crime

Crime Rates in Local Health Areas										
Local Health Areas**	Composite		Offences per 1,000 Population Avg 03-05						# of Serious Crimes Avg 03-05	
			Serious Violent Crime		Serious Property Crime		Total Serious Crime		Per Police Officer	
	Index	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank
Quesnel	0.46	19	2.8	27	13.4	20	16.3	24	15.1	5
Bella Coola Valley	1.09	1	6	1	18.5	2	24.5	2	14.6	6
Hope	0.98	2	3.7	14	21.8	1	25.5	1	12.6	25
Upper Skeena	0.87	3	4.9	5	15.6	7	20.5	7	13.8	11
Nisga'a	0.86	4	4.7	6	17.4	4	22	3	10.3	47
Vancouver	0.84	5	5.5	3	16.1	5	21.6	4	11	44
Burnaby	0.83	6	3.8	13	15.1	9	18.9	9	15.7	2
New Westminster	0.83	7	5.4	4	15.8	6	21.3	5	11.5	37
Chilliwack	0.82	8	2.7	29	18	3	20.7	6	16.1	1
Prince George	0.74	9	4.3	8	14.8	11	19	8	13.2	18
Campbell River/Vanc Isl. West	0.69	10	4	10	14.3	12	18.3	13	13.5	15
Agassiz - Harrison	0.66	11	3	21	15.3	8	18.3	12	14.5	8
Peace River South	0.61	12	3.5	16	14.1	14	17.6	14	13.7	12
Surrey	0.56	13	3.8	12	13.2	25	17	17	13.3	17
Terrace	0.52	14	3.9	11	13.2	24	17.1	15	12	32
Queen Charlotte	0.51	15	3.4	18	15.1	10	18.4	11	9	57
Peace River North	0.5	16	4.4	7	11.9	38	16.3	22	14.4	10
Penticton	0.49	17	2.9	26	13.5	19	16.4	21	15.2	3
Merritt	0.47	18	3.5	17	13.6	16	17.1	16	11.4	39
Fort Nelson	0.45	20	5.5	2	13.1	27	18.6	10	8.8	58
Cariboo - Chilcotin	0.38	21	2.9	24	13.6	18	16.5	20	11.9	33
Alberni	0.36	22	3	22	13.7	15	16.6	19	10.9	45
Burns Lake	0.35	23	3	20	12.9	30	15.9	28	12.4	26
Mission	0.33	24	3	23	13	29	15.9	27	12.1	30
Kamloops	0.33	25	2.7	28	13.2	22	15.9	26	12.6	24

Source: BC Stats, 2006. Socio-Economic Indices – Local Health Areas. URL: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/sep/i\\_lha/data/data.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/sep/i_lha/data/data.asp). Accessed March 9, 2008.

Crime rates for the city of Quesnel are typically calculated based on the population living inside city limits, which does not take into account the large population living near the city but outside the official city limits. By using the local health area, crime statistics take this

into account, reflecting what is likely the more accurate per capita crime rate as experienced by citizens of Quesnel and the surrounding area.

## **Protective services**

### *Emergency 9-1-1*

Quesnel and area is serviced by the 9-1-1 emergency service.

## **Police**

- R.C.M.P under contract
- Total 35 members, including 4 Serious Crime, 1 Drug Investigator, 1 School Liaison Officer, 1 Community Policing Officer, 5 Traffic Services and 23 General Duty.
- 15 positions, including 4 Dispatchers, 5 Guards, 1 Victim Services Coordinator and 1 Assistant, 1 Community Policing Administrative Coordinator, 1 Records Manager and 2 Clerks

## **Additional Services**

- Victim Services
- 2 City of Quesnel By-Law Officers
- Community Policing Access Centre with programs: Crime Stoppers, Block Watch, Drug Education, School Liaison, Business Watch, Rural Crime Watch, Block Parents, Citizens on Patrol, Speed Watch and Community Accountability

## **Equipment in Use**

14 police vehicles and 1 Community Policing Van

## **Local court facilities**

- Provincial Court 4 days weekly; Supreme Court 6 days per month
- Private Security Guard and Patrol Services are also available locally.