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Police Reported Crime Statistics in Canada, 2012

Western and Regina Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Details¹

The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) has highlighted four major categories in this report: total crime, violent crime, property crime (non-violent crime), and crime severity. The crime rate in the Regina CMA² was the lowest it has been since 1991 (the earliest year for which CCJS data is available at the CMA level). Below are some of the changes from 2011 to 2012 for the Regina CMA highlighted in the report.

	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>10 Yr. Trend</u>
1. Total Crime Rate* excluding traffic-related offences	-10%	-41%
2. Violent Crime Rate	-9%	-33%
• Number of Homicides	7	
• Robbery Rate	-17%	-52%
3. Property Crime Rate	-12%	-54%
• Break and Enter	-11%	-67%
• Motor Vehicle Theft	-3%	-65%
4. Police Reported Total Crime Severity Index (PRCSI)³	-6%	-48%
• Violent Crime Severity Index (PRVCSI)	-9%	-43%
• Non-Violent Crime Severity (NVCSI)	-5%	-49%

CCJS highlighted four specific crime classes of interest. In addition to the rates for Total Crime (excluding traffic), the report also included rates for Homicide, Robbery, Break and Enter, and Motor Vehicle Theft. From 2011 to 2012 in the Regina CMA, the rates of Total Crime, Total Violent Crime, Robbery, Motor Vehicle Theft and Break and Enter all decreased.

Population

In 2012, the recorded population in the Regina CMA was 228,599 according to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. From 2011 to 2012, Regina's CMA population increased by 3% and 14% over the last decade.⁴

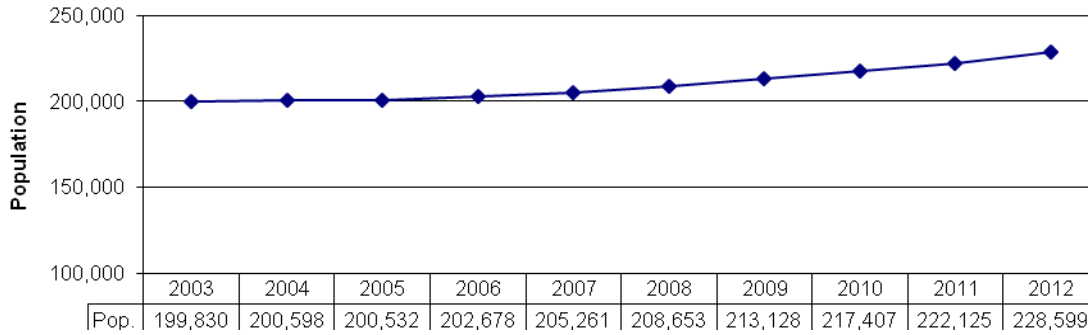
¹ Because the CCJS identifies "substantial regional differences in crime rates", this report tends to focus on the western region of Canada.

² The Regina CMA crime statistics are inclusive of the City of Regina as well as RCMP jurisdictions of Lumsden, Regina Beach, Belle Plaine, Pense, Rowatt, Richardson, White City, Pilot Butte, Balgonie, and Edenwold.

³ The crime severity index differs from the crime rate in that it includes all offences that are reported to police (Measuring Crime in Canada: Introducing the Crime Severity Index and Improvements to the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey Crime Severity Index.)

⁴ The population estimates are based on the data published by CCJS in the Beyond 20/20 Web Data Server July 25th 2013.

Population: Regina CMA, 10 Year Trend

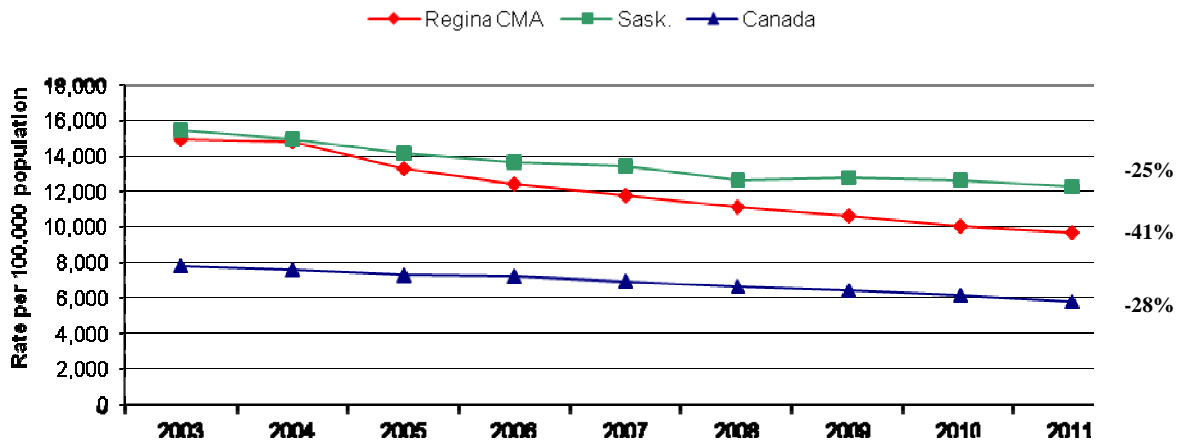


Total Crime

The Regina CMA reported a total crime rate (excluding traffic) of 8,755 per 100,000 population which is a **10%** decrease from the previous year⁵ and a 41% decrease from 2003. This was the lowest rate the Regina CMA reported in the past ten years and the lowest crime rate recorded for this area since 1991 (1991 to 2012 there was a reduction of 42%). The total crime rate (excluding traffic) for the Regina CMA was the second highest in Canada in 2012.

The crime rate reduction over the last decade in the Regina CMA was almost one and a half times the reduction for Canada generally and more than one and a half times the reduction in Saskatchewan.

Crime Rate for Regina, Saskatchewan and Canada 2003-2012

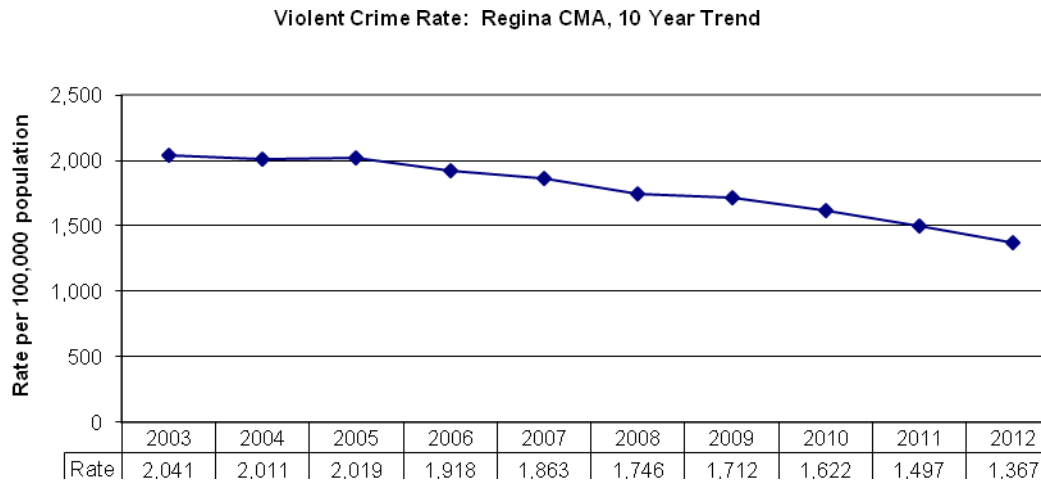


The reduction in crime rate in the Regina CMA between 2011 and 2012 was **10%** compared to a **3%** reduction for Canada.

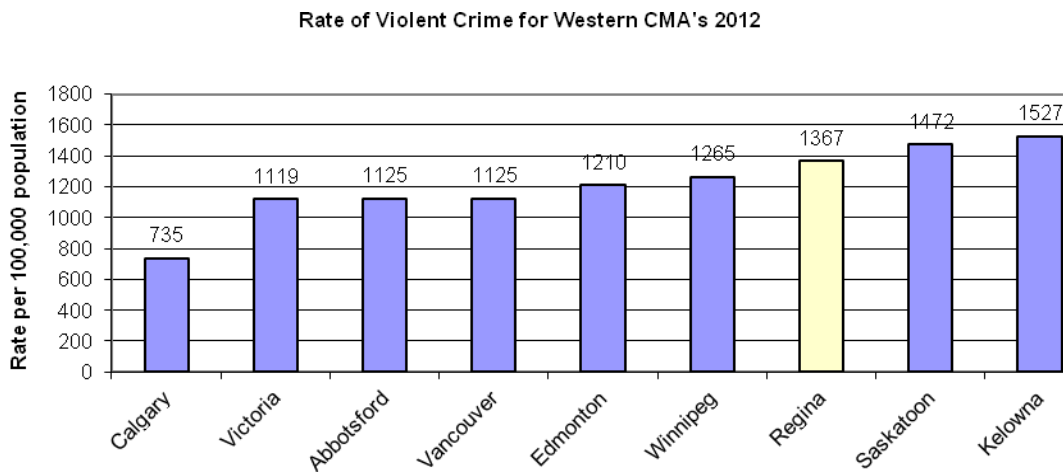
⁵ The crime rate includes all Criminal Code incidents but excludes all traffic, drug, and federal statute offences.

Violent Crime

From 2011 to 2012, the rate of violent crime decreased by **9%** and 33% over the last decade. Unlike property crimes that count the number of incidents, violent crime counts are counts of the number of victims, not the number of events. Therefore, if one robbery event occurs with three victims, the count of robbery would be 3 rather than 1. Conversely, one mischief with three victims would still be counted as one event.



The Regina CMA ranked third in the rate of violent crime in 2012 compared to some western CMA's but seventh in Canada.

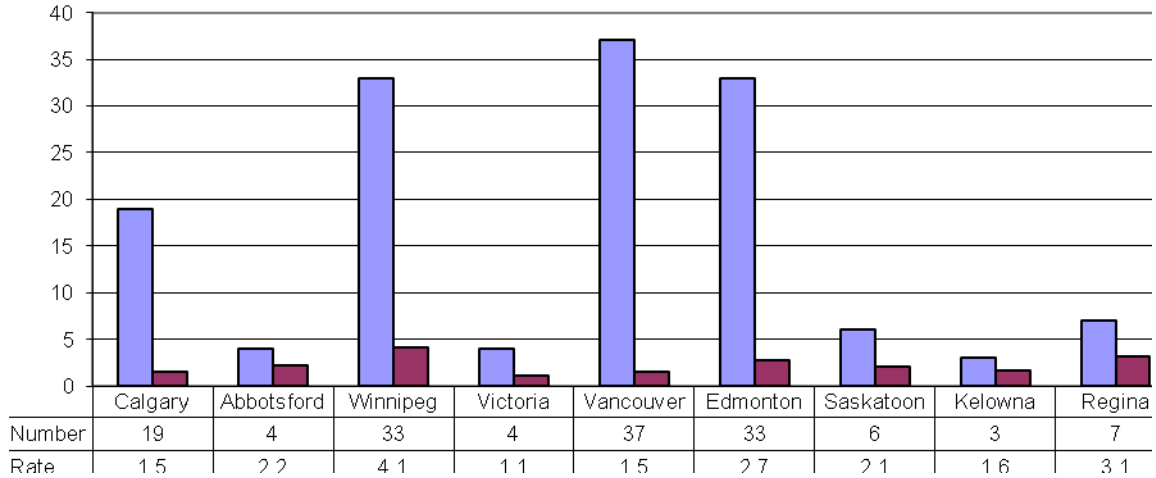


The reduction of 9% in the violent crime rate was three times the reduction of 3% in Canada from 2011 to 2012.

Homicide

There were 7 homicides in Regina in 2012 and in 2011. The rate of homicide in Regina was 3.1 in 2012.

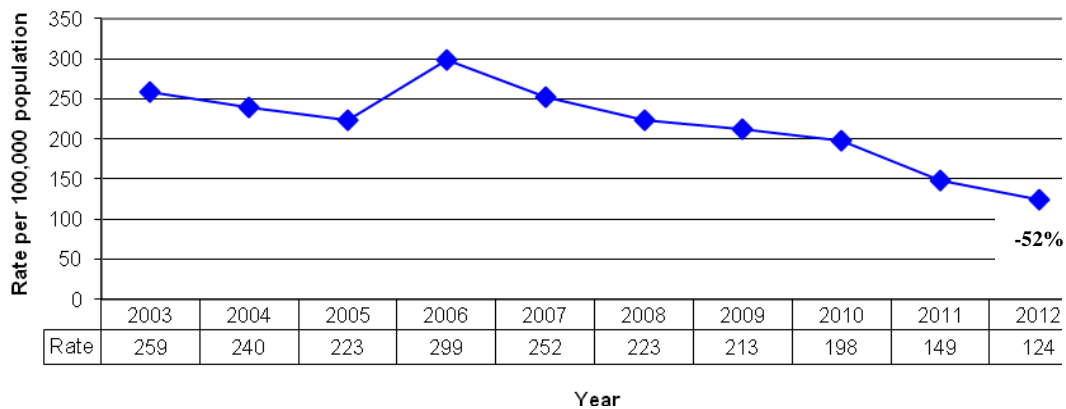
Number and Rate of Homicide Among Select Western CMA's, 2012



Robbery

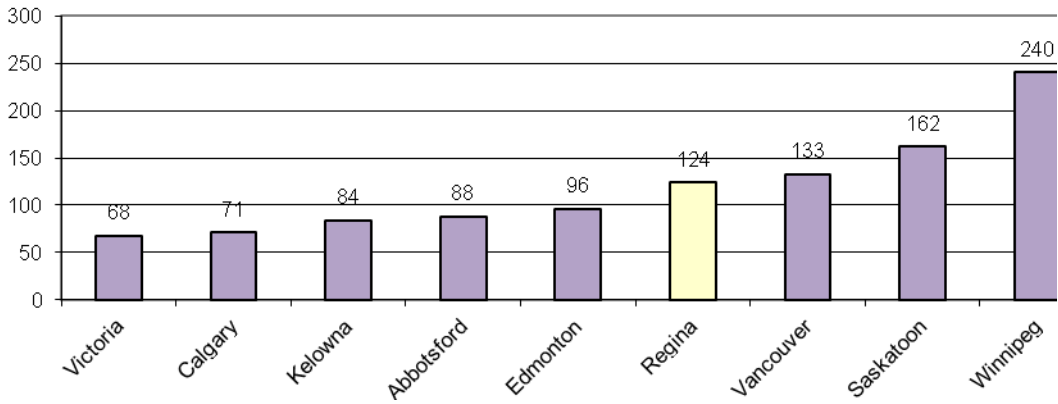
The rate of robbery decreased by **17%** from 2011 to 2012 and 52% over the last decade.

Robbery Rate: Regina CMA, 10 Year Trend



The Regina CMA reported the fourth highest rate of robbery in Canada in 2012. Over the last decade the decrease in the rate of robbery in the Regina CMA has been more than two times the reduction experienced in Canada. Compared to some other western CMA's, the rate of robbery in the Regina CMA was fourth highest.

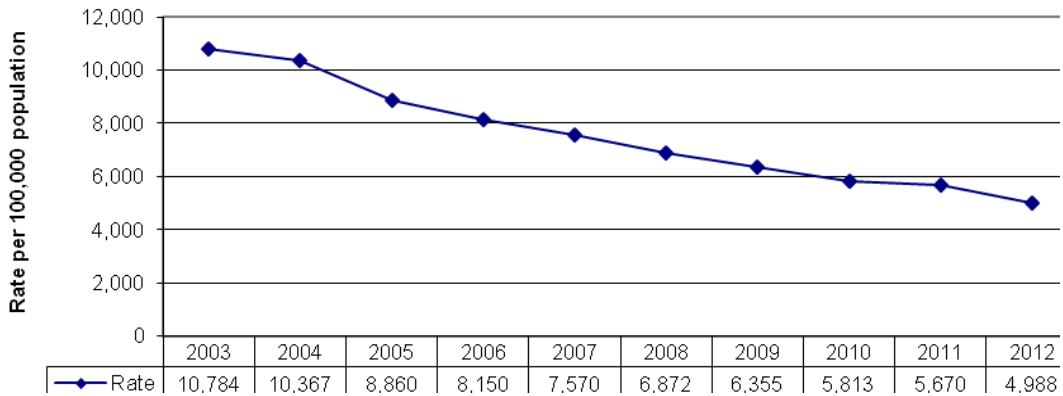
Rate of Robbery for Western CMA's 2012



Property Crime

From 2011 to 2012, the rate of property crime in the Regina CMA decreased by 12% and, 54% over the last decade. Property crime counts are based on the number of incidents reported to police, not the number of victims like in the case of violent crime.

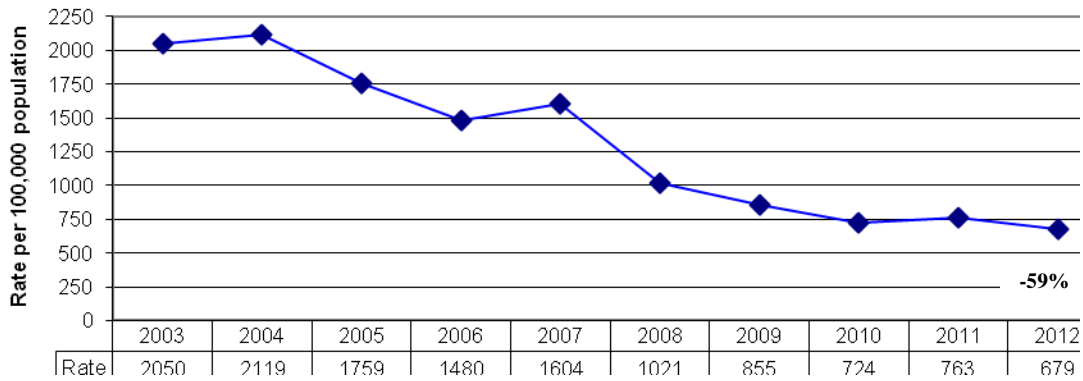
Property Crime Rate: Regina CMA, 10 Year Trend



Break and Enter

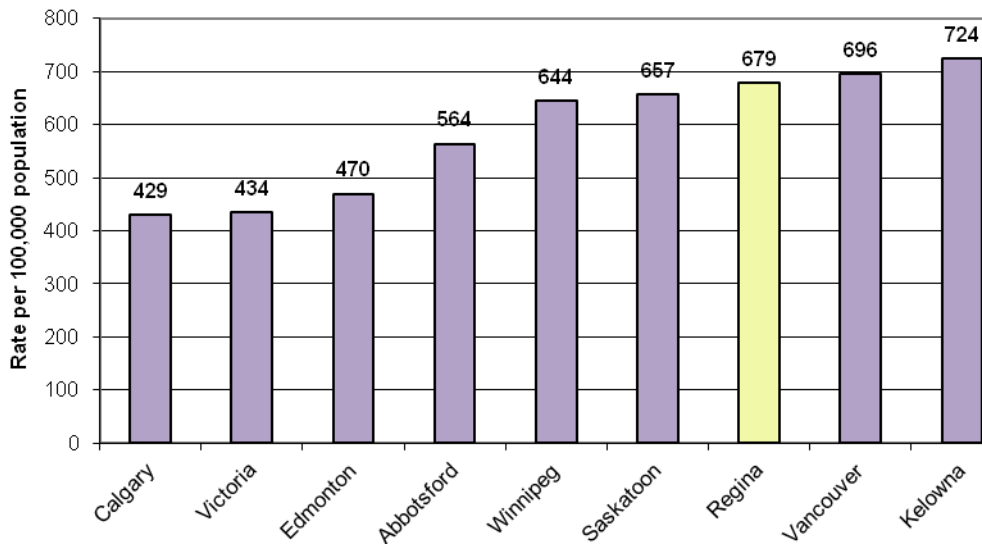
The rate of Break and Enter **decreased by 11%** from 2011 to 2012, and **-67%** since 2003.

Break and Enter Rate: Regina CMA, 10 Year Trend



The Regina CMA ranked fifth in the rate of break and enter compared to 33 other CMA's, and second highest compared to some western CMA's. The rate of reduction in the Regina CMA over the last decade has exceeded the rate decrease for Canada at one and a half times (Regina -67% compared to Canada, -44%).

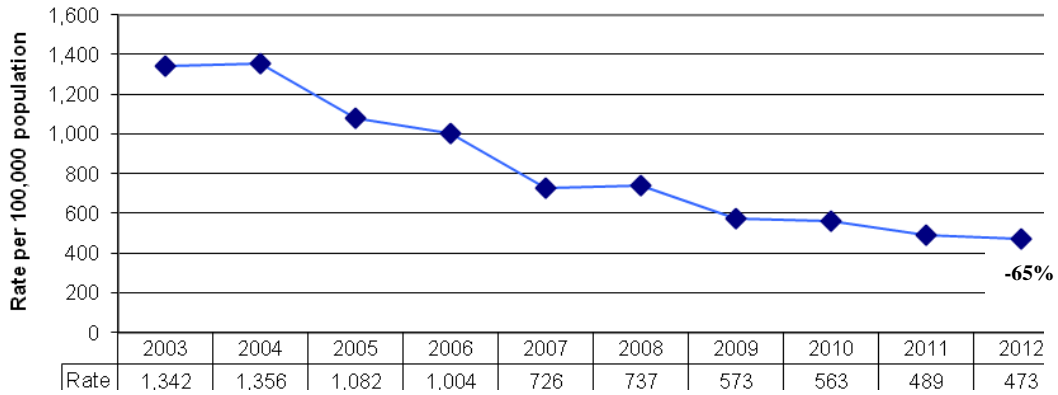
2012 Rate of Break and Enter Offences for Select Western CMA's



Motor Vehicle Theft

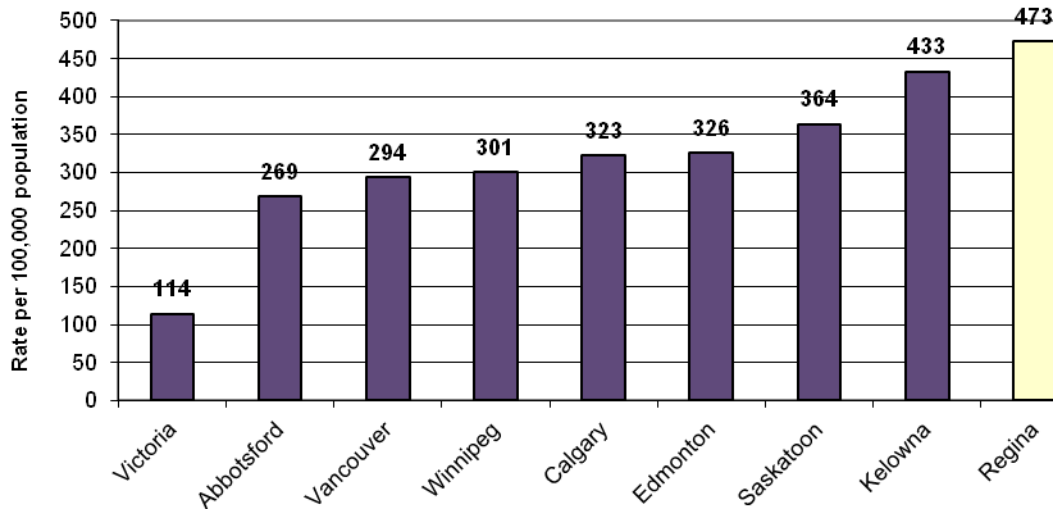
The rate of Motor Vehicle Theft from 2011 to 2012 decreased by 3%, and -65% since 2003. The year 2012 showed the lowest rate of motor vehicle theft since 1991.

Motor Vehicle Rate: Regina CMA, 10 Year Trend



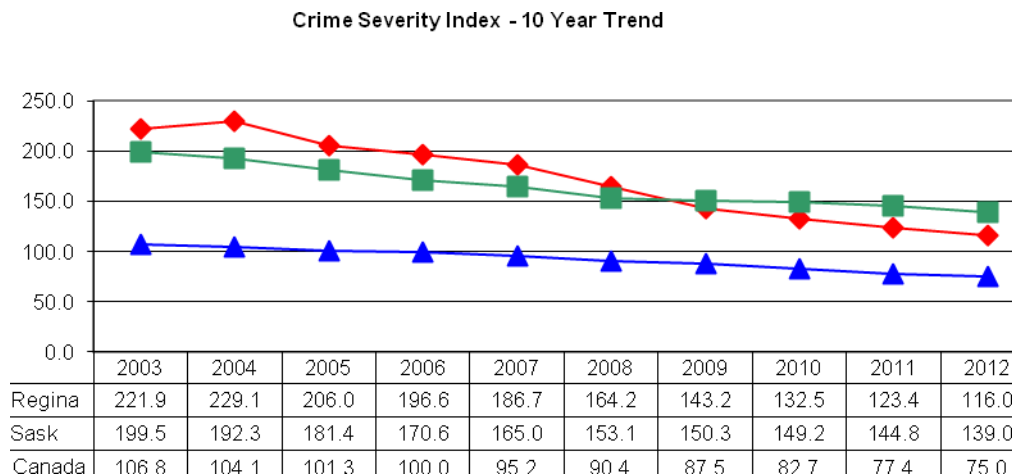
Despite these successes the rate of Motor Vehicle Theft in the Regina CMA reported the highest rate in the country in 2012 and the highest rate among select western CMA's. Over the last decade the reduction of motor vehicle thefts in the Regina CMA has exceeded the reduction for Canada (Regina -65%, Canada -60%).

2012 Rate of Motor Vehicle Theft for Select Western CMA's

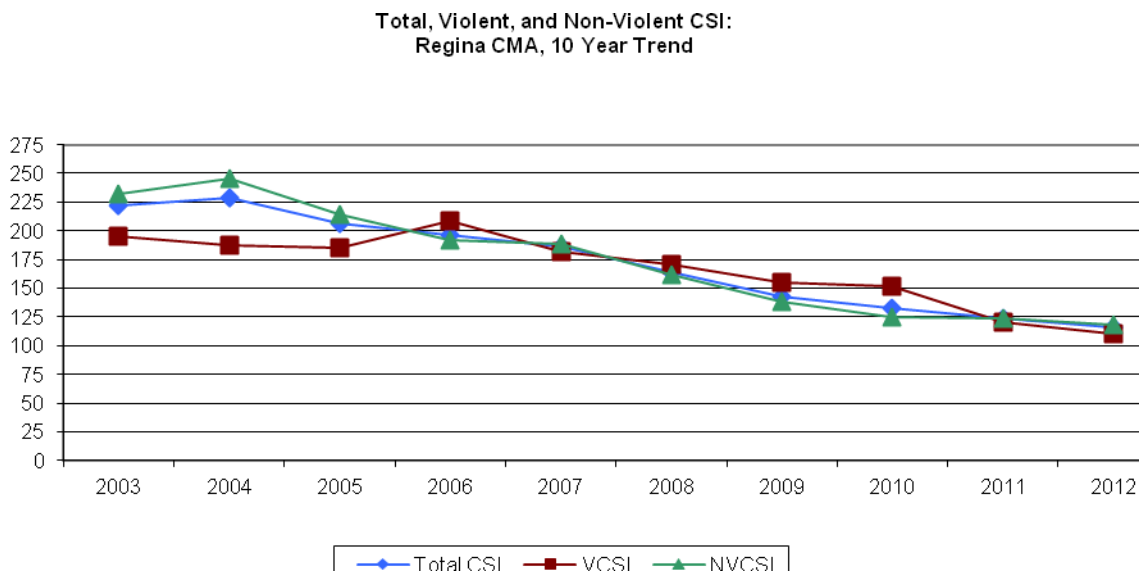


Crime Severity Index

Over the last decade, the Police Reported Crime Severity Index (PRCSI) for the Regina CMA has decreased by 48%, over one and a half times the reduction than Saskatchewan (-30%) and Canada (-30%).



Despite reporting the highest total crime severity and non-violent crime severity in Canada, Regina reported the fourth highest violent crime severity in the country from 2011 to 2012.



An analysis of the top ten contributors to the total crime severity index for the Regina CMA has shown that some are crime types that have already been recognized and are currently being addressed through strategies at the Regina Police Service. These include break and enter offences accounting for 21% of our total CSI in the CMA, as well as robbery which accounted for 9%. Among the top ten contributors were also mischief, motor vehicle theft, fraud, cocaine – trafficking, theft under and over \$5000, assault level two, and fail to comply with order.

The ten year trend of total Crime Severity has shown that the difference between the Crime Severity Index in Regina and other western Canadian CMAs compared to the CMAs in central and eastern Canada was more pronounced. In other words, there was less spread across the country in 2012 indicating that the gap between Regina and others CMA's is once again narrowing.

Crime Severity Index - 2003 & 2012

