BC CORONERS SERVICE
Alcohol / Drug Overdose Deaths in BC 1996 to 2003

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Policing and Community Safety Branch

Ethnicity X Age Category

FIRST NATIONS

Age Category	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
13 - 19 years	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
20 - 29 years	4	3	9	1	4	8	9	5
30 - 39 years	4	6	3	9	8	16	20	21
40 - 49 years	15	7	10	3	6	17	7	11
50 - 59 years	2	2	2	4	5	5	3	4
60 - 69 years	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1
70 - 79 years	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
80 years and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUB TOTAL	**27**	**18**	**26**	**20**	**24**	**47**	**39**	**44**

NON FIRST NATIONS

Age Category	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
12 years and under	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
13 - 19 years	4	4	10	7	7	8	7	13
20 - 29 years	45	51	51	48	66	81	64	80
30 - 39 years	73	99	127	125	133	184	162	150
40 - 49 years	109	122	132	132	136	185	143	131
50 - 59 years	59	64	76	65	66	74	62	44
60 - 69 years	20	23	25	22	13	30	19	19
70 - 79 years	7	12	13	13	10	15	16	14
80 years and over	8	6	5	6	7	3	2	8
SUB TOTAL	**325**	**382**	**440**	**418**	**438**	**580**	**476**	**459**
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

Ethnicity X Gender

FIRST NATIONS

Gender	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Female	16	5	18	9	11	21	20	22
Male	11	13	8	11	13	26	19	22
SUB TOTAL	**27**	**18**	**26**	**20**	**24**	**47**	**39**	**44**

NON FIRST NATIONS

Gender	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Female	95	137	142	128	124	143	108	124
Male	230	245	298	290	314	437	368	335
SUB TOTAL	**325**	**382**	**440**	**418**	**438**	**580**	**476**	**459**
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

Ethnicity X Poisoning Category

FIRST NATIONS

Category	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
ILLICIT DRUG	16	5	7	10	13	30	25	24
PRESCRIPTION DRUG	4	6	10	1	6	6	5	6
NON-PRESCRIPTION D	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0
ALCOHOL / DRUG	5	3	2	4	1	2	0	5
ALCOHOL	2	4	7	4	4	6	7	9
SUB TOTAL	**27**	**18**	**26**	**20**	**24**	**47**	**39**	**44**

NON FIRST NATIONS

Category	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
ILLICIT DRUG	162	165	238	238	264	387	285	288
PRESCRIPTION DRUG	108	157	146	127	116	130	133	131
NON-PRESCRIPTION D	13	17	11	9	11	14	19	8
ALCOHOL / DRUG	22	27	25	31	26	25	15	21
ALCOHOL	20	16	20	13	21	24	24	11
SUB TOTAL	**325**	**382**	**440**	**418**	**438**	**580**	**476**	**459**
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

Classification

Classification	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
ACCIDENT	236	267	336	334	353	501	411	391
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
NATURAL	3	1	2	1	0	3	1	0
SUICIDE	94	112	111	89	84	111	96	106
UNDETERMINED	19	20	17	13	25	12	7	6
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

Month

Month	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
January	34	30	44	38	40	43	58	41
February	23	27	43	43	38	43	38	44
March	29	40	43	39	40	61	33	53
April	31	33	40	36	37	74	42	47
May	25	30	51	47	39	61	39	58
June	26	35	31	31	36	44	40	45
July	35	43	34	32	39	53	44	37
August	33	40	38	32	36	55	42	46
September	25	33	37	24	36	44	49	34
October	27	32	34	45	40	53	46	40
November	36	28	42	33	39	49	38	24
December	28	29	29	38	42	47	46	33
NOT GIVEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

Region

Region	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
FRASER	96	102	124	132	140	157	148	136
INTERIOR	66	80	80	67	55	74	50	55
ISLAND	70	85	100	87	93	107	91	78
METRO	97	107	137	132	151	260	198	208
NORTH	23	26	25	20	23	29	28	26
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

Town / City

Town / City	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
100 Mile House	0	2	1	2	0	2	1	3
70 Mile House	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Abbotsford	8	5	17	23	11	7	11	14
Agassiz	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1
Ahousaht	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aldergrove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Alert Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anahim Lake	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Armstrong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ashcroft	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Balfour	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Barriere	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Bella Bella	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Black Creek	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Brentwood Bay	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
Burnaby	12	5	20	15	16	32	18	27
Burns Lake	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cache Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbell River	6	2	3	3	2	12	5	3
Canal Flats	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canim Lake	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cassidy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Castlegar	1	1	0	0	2	4	1	1
Chase	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Chemainus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chetwynd	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
Chilliwack	8	5	3	5	8	12	9	5
Clearwater	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Cloverdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cobble Hill	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Comox	1	1	1	5	2	1	0	1
Coombs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Coquitlam	4	11	6	7	7	13	9	4
Cortes Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Courtenay	2	6	5	2	3	5	9	5
Cranbrook	1	3	0	2	0	2	1	4
Crawford Bay	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crescent Valley	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Creston	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
Crofton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cultus Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumberland	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
D'Arcy	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dawson Creek	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	0
Dease Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	6	7	8	3	2	4	6	4
Denman Island	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deroche	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Drury Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Duncan	3	4	2	0	1	5	3	1
Elko	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Enderby	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Erickson	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Errington	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fairmont Hot Spri	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fanny Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fernie	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Forest Grove	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fort Fraser	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fort Langley	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Fort Nelson	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Fort St James	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort St John	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	3
Fruitvale	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gabriola Island	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Gibsons	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1
Gillies Bay	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gold River	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Golden	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Grand Forks	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	1
Harrison Hot Spri	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Harrison Mills	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hazelton	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hixon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hope	1	1	3	2	0	2	3	2
Hornby Island	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hudsons Hope	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Invermere	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Iskut	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kamloops	9	10	12	11	10	17	17	17
Kaslo	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelowna	14	26	23	13	13	14	14	8
Keremeos	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kimberley	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
Kingcome Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kitimat	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Kitkatla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kyuquot	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lac Le Jeune	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ladner	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ladysmith	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	1
Lake Cowichan	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	0
Langley	8	7	3	2	9	5	2	5
Lantzville	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lillooet	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Little Fort	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Logan Lake	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
Lone Butte	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Lower Nicola	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Lumby	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lytton	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mackenzie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Malahat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Maple Ridge	7	8	4	10	7	6	3	3
Mara	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massett	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Mclure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merritt	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Metchosin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mill Bay	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mission	2	6	1	2	4	6	6	8
Monte Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nakusp	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Nanaimo	11	20	11	12	13	15	12	9
Nanoose Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Naramata	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	0
New Hazelton	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
New Westminste	5	8	17	12	13	5	21	15
North Bend	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
North Vancouver	6	4	8	6	8	10	8	12
Okanagan Falls	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	1
Oliver	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
Osoyoos	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oyama	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Parksville	1	1	3	1	1	2	0	0
Peachland	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pemberton	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pender Harbour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pender Island	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Penticton	1	4	4	5	4	1	1	2
Pitt Meadows	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Port Alberni	1	2	1	3	4	3	4	6
Port Clements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Coquitlam	4	1	4	4	1	4	7	1
Port Edward	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Port Hardy	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	2
Port McNeill	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Port Moody	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
Port Simpson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Powell River	2	1	4	2	0	4	1	1
Prince George	9	7	9	9	10	9	8	10
Prince Rupert	1	1	1	2	3	2	5	3
Princeton	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Qualicum Beach	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Queen Charlotte	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Quesnel	2	6	3	1	1	2	3	0
Radium	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revelstoke	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Richmond	6	4	6	1	4	10	8	9
Ridge Meadows	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riondel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Roberts Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rosebery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosedale	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Saanich	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Saanichton	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Salmon Arm	5	2	1	1	0	2	2	1
Saltspring Island	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sandspit	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sardis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sayward	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Scotch Creek	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sechelt	0	2	1	3	2	0	1	0
Shawnigan Lake	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sicamous	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sidney	0	1	0	1	0	6	3	2
Skidegate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smithers	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Sointula	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sooke	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0
Squamish	0	0	2	4	2	5	2	2
Stuart Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sumas	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Summerland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Surrey	33	39	25	42	54	42	35	30
Taghum	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tappen	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Terrace	0	4	1	2	2	3	2	2
Three Valley Gap	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tofino	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Trail	0	3	2	1	1	2	1	1
Ucluelet	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Valemount	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vancouver	79	88	123	115	136	240	183	188
Vanderhoof	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vavenby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vernon	14	10	9	6	2	8	3	8
Victoria	35	37	51	48	57	46	37	36
Warfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Wasa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wells	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
West Vancouver	0	3	2	3	2	0	2	3
Westbank	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Whistler	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
White Rock	3	1	1	0	3	3	2	3
Williams Lake	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1
Winfield	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wycliffe	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yahk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ymir	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**352**	**400**	**466**	**438**	**462**	**627**	**515**	**503**

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