

Overdose Response in BC Communities

BCEHS is consistently monitoring the potential overdose/poisoning call volumes across the province and reporting out on the data. The yearly total reflects the number of overdose calls paramedics responded to in each community. Here are community overdose call volumes across BC.

MPDS Card 23 Events							
Top Communities	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
100 Mile House	17	13	14	9	10	31	30
Abbotsford	605	640	719	943	936	1,372	1,641
Agassiz	30	28	26	33	33	60	34
Armstrong	12	10	11	8	11	8	13
Burnaby	510	493	477	521	598	654	641
Burns Lake	14	10	7	20	18	18	28
Campbell River	152	200	230	177	249	404	525
Castlegar	16	29	15	32	17	33	44
Central Saanich	32	21	38	33	34	38	33
Chase	11	19	17	14	14	9	7
Chemainus	20	9	9	21	14	32	19
Chilliwack	350	487	558	560	548	823	715
Cobble Hill	5	11	11	16	13	15	13
Coldstream	18	15	10	15	15	20	18
Colwood	25	27	48	38	43	47	60
Comox	13	25	44	29	20	36	30
Coquitlam	284	341	362	315	386	519	469
Courtenay	92	178	169	138	206	467	419
Cranbrook	49	65	75	78	104	192	171
Creston	11	6	11	8	8	11	27
Cumberland	9	13	10	9	8	11	9
Dawson Creek	48	59	59	50	53	69	135
Delta	158	167	191	132	176	219	195
Duncan	162	184	235	263	414	485	507
Enderby	20	22	13	27	29	27	21
Esquimalt	70	83	75	77	71	75	48
Fort Nelson	10	10	6	6	20	20	25
Fort St James	17	13	13	19	26	43	42
Fort St John	86	78	89	77	125	97	137
Gibsons	17	23	34	32	24	37	43
Golden	7	10	10	14	15	9	15
Grand Forks	26	33	27	22	23	44	45
Hope	33	46	33	40	46	80	55
Houston	7	17	9	11	22	22	28
Kamloops	576	679	685	613	883	1,070	1,285
Kelowna	785	1,040	928	869	1,168	1,590	1,824
Keremeos	7	17	8	6	16	15	11
Kimberley	18	10	9	15	16	11	17
Kitimat	22	25	27	38	29	33	35

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Ladysmith	23	29	36	26	39	33	28
Lake Country	28	33	21	24	47	27	22
Lake Cowichan	15	17	15	12	15	14	23
Langford	89	99	123	122	123	155	163
Langley	468	531	454	500	593	770	735
Lantzville	6	13	8	14	6	4	14
Lillooet	13	5	10	12	5	9	8
Lumby	7	9	6	9	14	14	7
Mackenzie	7	10	3	9	13	9	16
Maple Ridge	428	431	382	406	492	910	791
Merritt	50	47	42	38	56	88	64
Mission	130	207	208	236	218	398	456
Nanaimo	512	651	637	561	664	891	1,059
Nelson	32	57	56	59	53	47	108
New Westminster	248	274	315	292	413	587	529
North Saanich	19	13	11	12	21	20	27
North Vancouver	253	225	212	223	215	324	259
Oak Bay	17	19	19	21	18	28	23
Oliver	24	30	19	28	32	34	37
Osoyoos	16	22	10	17	22	16	24
Parksville	56	55	67	73	81	116	115
Peachland	11	8	7	11	8	13	8
Penticton	157	220	263	253	474	748	661
Pitt Meadows	46	57	31	39	40	52	60
Port Alberni	95	131	179	167	213	302	375
Port Coquitlam	145	152	129	170	197	297	186
Port Hardy	28	31	40	35	32	37	27
Port Moody	48	50	51	49	38	45	56
Powell River	49	45	76	66	106	135	195
Prince George	362	481	594	626	999	1,307	1,466
Prince Rupert	44	41	53	55	78	71	81
Princeton	10	10	10	18	15	12	16
Qualicum Beach	26	28	29	22	27	28	24
Quesnel	62	86	84	120	210	157	160
Revelstoke	10	17	18	16	19	11	12
Richmond	227	217	231	229	256	383	356
Saanich	251	269	265	261	265	342	329
Salmon Arm	37	36	49	50	60	96	91
Salt Spring Island	9	22	15	18	26	22	16
Sechelt	25	39	39	41	87	83	142
Shawnigan Lake	11	10	9	15	14	23	20
Sidney	12	20	13	19	23	31	16
Smithers	30	24	41	31	52	42	59
Sooke	35	42	39	36	37	62	75
Squamish	39	50	44	39	47	88	86
Summerland	22	25	20	17	21	30	38
Surrey	2,367	2,554	2,473	2,151	2,467	3,684	2,864
Terrace	38	39	59	98	208	259	357
Thornhill	19	11	13	15	25	23	22
Tofino	15	18	17	19	21	28	27
Trail	40	38	44	41	51	106	90

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Vancouver	5,946	7,940	7,895	8,591	8,144	10,013	7,827
Vanderhoof	6	10	7	9	12	15	12
Vernon	170	322	285	247	316	457	513
Victoria	1,149	1,398	1,531	1,412	1,569	1,954	2,037
View Royal	37	39	38	33	28	48	48
West Kelowna	109	143	102	189	216	186	213
West Vancouver	59	74	61	71	69	76	65
Whistler	42	33	39	51	33	31	34
White Rock	45	40	62	51	38	51	55
Williams Lake	53	52	72	78	114	117	162
Other Communities	604	686	669	685	832	880	851
Total	19,275	23,441	23,662	24,166	27,068	35,585	33,654