

Nanaimo RCMP Annual Performance Plan 2026/2027



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Executive Summary Highlights

Overall Trends

In 2025, **Criminal Code violations increased slightly** from the previous year. Total Criminal Code offences rose by 4% (+475 files), though trends varied significantly across offence types.

Violent Crime

Violent crime accounted for 21.7% of all Criminal Code offences, **bringing Nanaimo's violent crime average 3.6% lower than the 2024 national average** (25.3%) and slightly below the 2024 provincial average (21.8%). Nanaimo's annual violent crime rate is trending downward, with a 2% decrease from 2024.

Property Crime

Property crimes remain the most frequent type of reported crime in Nanaimo, with little change from 2024 numbers. There were only 18 more offences reported in 2025. The most notable increases were in **mischief to property** (+172 files), **theft from vehicle** (+86 files), and **other theft** (+63 files). However, most other property crime types declined including **break and enters** (-120 files), **shoplifting** (-111 files), and **auto theft** (-53 files).

Other Offences and Occurrences

Cause a disturbance files saw a dramatic increase in 2025, with 435 more files than 2024, representing a 25% increase. **Mental health** related calls have dramatically increased across Nanaimo with 448 more files than last year (+20%). **Child sexual exploitation** has also seen a notable increase with 15 more reports made in 2025 (+33%).

Downtown District

The Downtown District saw local increases in file volume overall, particularly in **mental health related calls** (+163 files), **cause disturbance** offences (+140 files), and **mischief to property** offences (+89 files). However, other crime types in the Downtown District saw significant reductions including **drug possession** (-104 files), and **break and enters** (-52 files), and **violent crime offences** in general (-33 files).

Quarterly Offence Overview

Table 1 below provides summary statistics for all offences and occurrences that were reported within Nanaimo in 2025. Statistics for the total number of calls for service and general occurrences are also provided.

% Change Legend	
	Overall Decrease
	Small Increase (1-14%)
	Great Increase (>15%)
	New Occurrence

File Type	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD 2024	YTD 2025	Difference	% Change
Criminal Code Offences	2768	3011	3,202	2,870	11,376	11,851	475	4%
Persons Violent Crime	640	585	659	672	2,617	2,556	-61	-2%
Property Crime	1500	1627	1631	1556	6,296	6,314	18	0%
Other CC Offences	628	799	912	643	2,463	2,982	519	21%
Non-CC Offences	715	760	761	694	3,684	2,930	-754	-20%
CDSA Offences	85	110	88	47	475	330	-145	-31%
Federal Statutes	12	17	22	16	59	67	8	14%
Provincial Statutes	502	495	513	503	2,621	2013	-608	-23%
Traffic Offences	116	138	138	128	529	520	-9	-2%
Total Offences	3,483	3,771	3,963	3,564	15,060	14,781	-279	-2%
Total Calls for Service	9,333	10,815	11,467	9,360	42,359	40,975	-1,384	-3%
Total General Occurrences	9,440	10,932	11,596	9,479	42,745	41,447	-1,298	-3%

In 2025, Criminal Code offences increased by 4% (+475 files) compared to 2024. The peak of all crime types occurred during the summer months, in line with national trends.^[1]

- **Violent crime** decreased by 2% (-61 files).
- **Property crime** stayed relatively stable, with a marginal increase of only 18 files.
- **Other Criminal Code offences** increased by 21% (519 files).

Non-Criminal Code offences in 2025 decreased by 20% (-754) compared to 2024.

- **CDSA offences** decreased by 31% (-145 files)
- **Federal statute violations** increased by +14% (+8 files).
- **Provincial statute violations** decreased by 23% (-608 files).
- **Traffic offences** decreased by 2% (-9 files).

YTD totals for calls for service and total number of general occurrences both decreased by 3%.

- **Calls for service** generated 99% of all files (total general occurrences), with the remaining 1% of files being generated by proactive patrols, officer-initiated investigations, follow-up actions, etc.

Downtown Crime Summary

A summary of offences reported within Nanaimo's Downtown District is provided in Table 6 below. The downtown region is defined in Figure 8.

Overall, violent crime has decreased in the Downtown District by 6% (-33 files), including:

- Assaults (-22 files, -7%)
- Robbery (-2 files, -13%)

Other significant decreases include:

- Drug possession (-104 files, -38%)
- B&Es (-52 files, -34%)
- Shoplifting (-38 files, -20%)
- Check well-being (-19, -3%)
- Assaults (-22 files, -7%)
- Weapons offences (all) (-16 files, -17%)
- Drug trafficking (-11 files, -22%)

The most significant increases include:

- Mental health related calls (+163 files, +37%)
- Disturbances (+140 files, +20%)
- Mischief to property (+89 files, +13%)
- Theft from vehicle (+26 files, +16%)

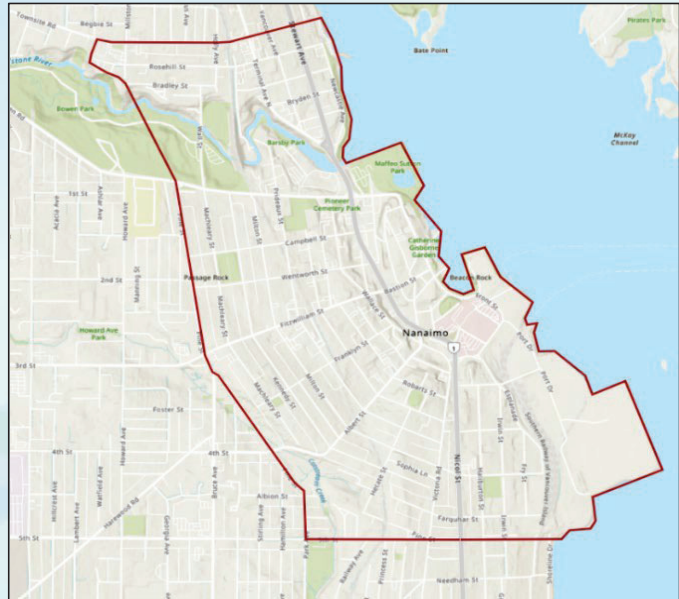


Table 6. 2025 Downtown Summary

Offence Type	2024	2025	% of All (2025)	Difference	YTD % Change
Persons Violent Crime	518	485	19%	-33	-6%
Assaults (All Types)	299	277	24%	-22	-7%
Robbery	16	14	30%	-2	-13%
Property Crime	1,546	1,613	26%	67	4%
Auto Theft	48	30	15%	-18	-38%
Break & Enter (All Types)	151	99	29%	-52	-34%
Mischief to Property	675	764	30%	89	13%
Shoplifting	190	152	20%	-38	-20%
Theft from Vehicle	158	184	28%	26	16%
Weapons Offences (All)	96	80	44%	-16	-17%
Drug Possession	272	168	66%	-104	-38%
Drug Trafficking	51	40	54%	-11	-22%
Cause a Disturbance	687	827	39%	140	20%
Check Well-Being	745	726	679%	-19	-3%
Mental Health Related	440	603	135%	163	37%



2026 – 2027 Nanaimo Detachment APP Priorities

- 1) Crime Reduction
 - a. REVOII / C-POII / SITE (Special Investigation and Targeted Enforcement) - Offender Management. Criminal Charges.
 - b. PTEP (Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority) – Led by our Drug Team. Seeking funding to support CDSA investigation into known PTEP identified drug traffickers.

- 2) Youth – Officer visibility and engagements in schools / Managing high risk youth.



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- 3) Road Safety – Combat impaired driving. Improving Road Safety through education/enforcement.
- 4) Employee Wellness
 - a. ODS management / morale of the members and support staff.
 - b. Ensuring employee wellness through education, awareness.
- 5) Inclusion & Reconciliation
 - a. Engagement
 - b. Building trust through enhanced communication



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- 6) Community Public Safety
 - a. Addressing mental health issues specifically. Liaison with Island Health, and other partners to address the continuing mental health issues in the community. Expansion of the MHLO program.
 - b. Increasing referrals to Restorative Justice program.
- 7) Recruiting
 - a. Proactive recruiting from the detachment

Questions?

