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Overview of Violence in Newfoundland and Labrador

- Newfoundland and Labrador also did not have the highest, or even amongst the highest, crime rate for any violent crime across Canada. In fact, the data indicates that many of the crime rates are also decreasing.
- According to the 2014 General Social Survey on Criminal Victimization (the most recent self-reported victimization rates available from Statistics Canada) Newfoundlanders and Labradorians also have the lowest self-reported levels of violent victimization.
- Newfoundland and Labrador does not rank within the highest region for any violent crime and in fact, ranks among the lowest for: homicide, attempted murder, major assault and sexual assault.
- Overall, Statistics Canada found Newfoundland and Labrador to have decreases in both the severity of violent crime (-5%) and overall crime (-9%) in 2017. This is due to decreases in breaking and entering (-21%), attempted murder (-37%), robbery (-17%) and homicide.
- Newfoundland and Labrador had the second lowest homicide rates in 2017 (0.76 per 100,000 population), following Prince Edward Island.
- According to most recent statistics, in 2016-17 Newfoundland and Labrador was slightly above the Canadian average when it comes to Intimate Partner Violence (321 versus 313).
- In 2016-17, Newfoundland and Labrador had the 6th highest (or 5th lowest) provincial rate of Intimate Partner Violence in Canada (not including territories).
- Although Newfoundland and Labrador accounted for 1% of the Intimate Partner Violence incidents reported in Canada from 2009-2017, incidents involving same-sex partners accounted for 5.1% of the incidents reported in the province—the largest provincial proportion in the country.
- Between 2015 and 2016, Newfoundland and Labrador saw a decline in family violence overall (-8%).
- Similar to Intimate Partner Violence, recent statistics indicate Newfoundland and Labrador's rates of child and youth victims of family violence are comparable to the rest of Canada.
- Newfoundland and Labrador is slightly above the Canadian average when it comes to child and youth victims of family violence (279 vs 247).
- In 2016-17, Newfoundland and Labrador had the 6th highest (or 5th lowest) provincial rate of child and youth victims of family violence in Canada.
- The rate of violence in Labrador is substantially higher than in the "provincial south" (the island portion of the province). This is the case for males and females however, as in the rest of Canada, young women and girls are at the highest risk of violence.

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- The rate of violence against young women and girls (aged 24 and under) in Labrador is 6,153 per 100,000 population. Comparatively, this rate is:
 - 1.7 times higher than Northern Canada average for young women and girls (3,643 per 100,000)
 - 1.8 times higher than the Provincial Northern average for young women and girls (3,391 per 100,000)
 - 4.6 times higher than in Newfoundland for young women and girls (1,351 per 100,000)
 - 5.5 times higher than in St. John's for young women and girls (1,113 per 100,000)
 - 2.4 times higher than the rate for young men and boys in Labrador (2,602 per 100,000)
 - 6.4 times higher than Canada overall (968 per 100,000)

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