

Annual crime data release will be significantly different in 2024, after push for changes by 11 Western Canadian municipalities

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Langley City, B.C. – Statistics Canada has planned a series of changes in response to issues identified by several communities earlier this year surrounding the annual Crime Severity Index. The changes will be part of the annual data release by Statistics Canada.

Since the 11 Western Canadian communities participated in a [conference in Saskatoon on February 29, 2024](#), the group has worked directly with Statistics Canada and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to further outline the impacts on communities which are consistently identified as the top-ranked communities by Crime Severity Index weights. Statistics Canada has confirmed that several changes have been implemented by the organization to mitigate the concerns outlined by the communities and Indigenous leadership which were present at the conference.

“This is a great example to demonstrate the power of shared advocacy, and we look forward to seeing the proposed changes by Statistics Canada in action.,” commented Councillor Delaney Mack, Langley City representative on the Western Canadian Steering Committee.

The annual data release from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, which includes Crime Severity Index data, is slated for July 25, 2024.

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