

Community Policing Services

Community Well-Being & Trust

Community well-being contributes to community vibrancy by supporting social well-being, protecting vulnerable citizens, and improving road safety.

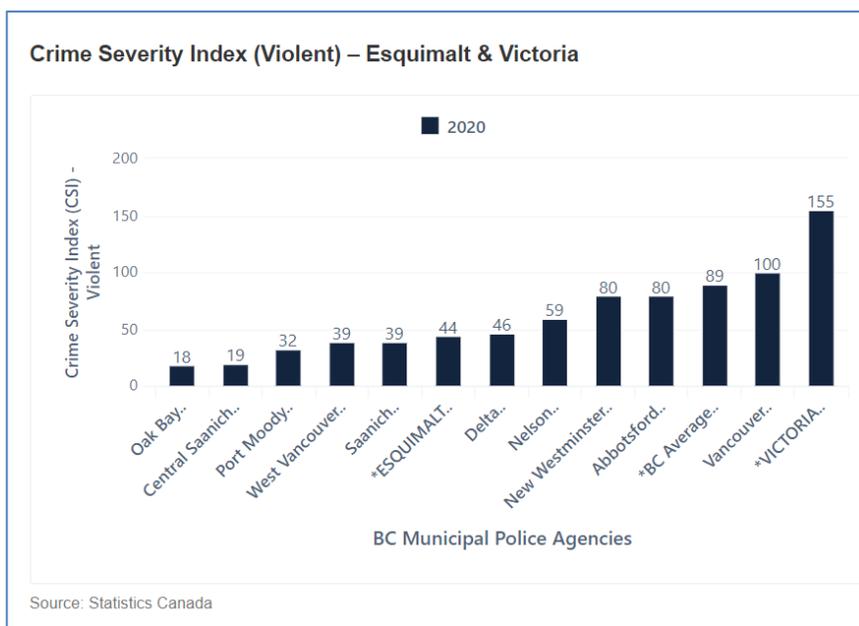
The Crime Severity Index (CSI) published by Statistics Canada, monitors the severity level of police-related crime. It measures the overall seriousness of crime from one year to the next by tracking the prevalence of crime within a community and the seriousness of the crimes committed. The level of seriousness is based on actual sentences handed down by the courts in all provinces and territories.

It's important to measure the CSI as higher levels of serious crime impact a community's safety and quality of life.

Comparison with Similar Municipalities

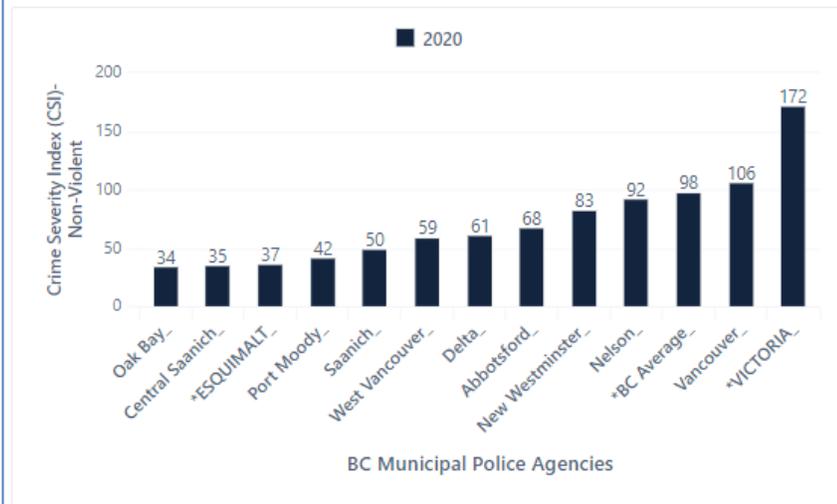
An analysis was conducted of 13 municipalities across B.C. that are comparable to Esquimalt, all with populations of 15,000-25,000 residents. Included in the comparison were municipalities in the Capital Regional District (CRD), with the exception of Highlands and Metchosin, two rural municipalities with populations of less than 5,000 residents.

Community Well-Being



In 2020, the CSI for violent crimes in Esquimalt was 111 points lower than Victoria and 45 points lower than the B.C. average.

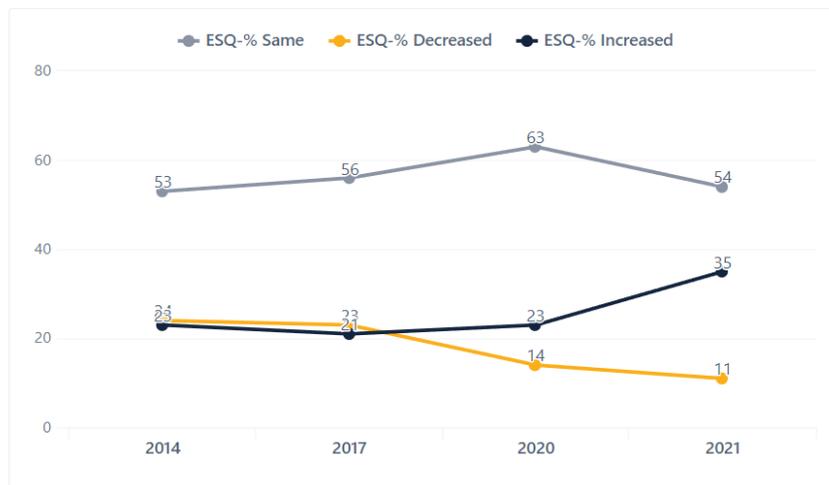
Crime Severity Index (Non-Violent) – Esquimalt & Victoria



Source: Statistics Canada

In 2020, the CSI for non-violent crimes in Esquimalt was 135 points lower than Victoria and 61 points lower than the B.C. average.

Perception of Crime (Esquimalt)



Source: VicPD

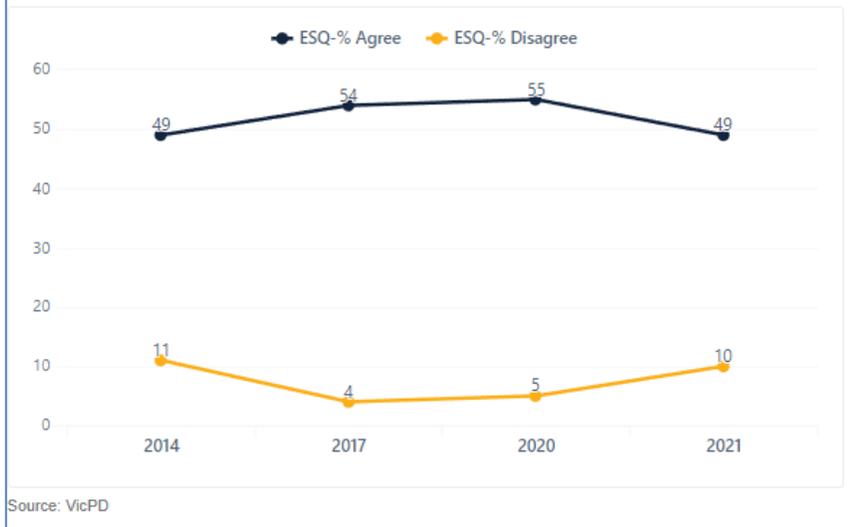
In 2021, 54% of Esquimalt survey respondents thought crime rates were the same as in 2020, whereas 35% thought crime rates had increased and 11% thought it decreased.

“Do you think that crime in Esquimalt has increased, decreased or remained the same during the last 5 years?”

Public Trust

Build public trust is built through meaningful on-going engagement and dialogue with the public through partnerships, community events, public safety campaigns, and collaboration with diverse communities. Trust is also built through transparency, accountability, open communication, two-way dialogue and open data.

Perception of Accountability – Esquimalt



In 2021, 49% of Esquimalt survey respondents thought Victoria Police is accountable, whereas 10% disagreed that Victoria Police is accountable.

“Based on your own personal experience, or what you may have read or heard, please indicate whether you agree or disagree that the Victoria Police is accountable.”

Public Satisfaction – Esquimalt



In 2021, 86% of Esquimalt survey respondents were very or somewhat satisfied with the work of Victoria Police.

“Overall, how satisfied are you with the work of the Victoria Police?”