



File: 292-30/PSS-2022-21176

May 27, 2022

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Your request is for:

Records showing how many inmates were released from Kamloops regional correctional centre and dropped into the city of Kamloops in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021; Along with details on how many of the total inmates released during those years were Kamloops residents and non-Kamloops residents. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2019 To 12/31/2021)

With respect to how many individuals were released from Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre (KRCC) between 2019 and 2021 into the community, we can advise that 818 individuals were released in 2019; 553 individuals were released in 2020; and 439 individuals were released in 2021. Please note these figures may include individuals who were admitted and then released more than once per year.

While the residence is noted on an individual's file upon admission, BC Corrections business intelligence system is unable to aggregate this data. Upon release, BC Corrections, at minimum, is mandated to provide individuals with transportation back to the community where their court matter originated. Information on the court of origin for admissions into KRCC between 2019 and 2021 is as follows:

Top 10 courts of origin for those released from Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre, 2019-2021.

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Court that Issued Document	2019	2020	2021
	% (n)	% (n)	%/n
Kamloops Court	70% (570)	49% (269)	51% (223)
Merritt Court	4% (30)	3% (17)	2% (7)
Prince George Court	3% (27)	5% (30)	5% (24)
Salmon Arm Court	3% (22)	6% (35)	6% (28)
Fort St. John Court	3% (21)	3% (16)	1% (3)
Kelowna Law Courts	3% (21)	7% (36)	7% (29)
Williams Lake Court	2% (17)	2% (13)	4% (16)
Burnaby Court	2% (15)	3% (15)	5% (20)
Dawson Creek Court	1% (12)	3% (14)	0% (2)
Vernon Court	1% (6)	3% (14)	3% (13)

Notes:

Court of origin refers to the court that issued the most recent warrant for an individual in custody at KRCC. Note that most of the time, *though not all of the time*, court documents are issued where the offence took place. As such, these data should be interpreted with caution.

Your file is now closed.

This response will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Kristi Mowers, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-4114. This number can also be reached toll-free at 1 833 283-8200. Please provide the FOI request number, found at the top right of the first page of this letter, in any communications.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of Darlene Kotchonoski, Manager
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Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.