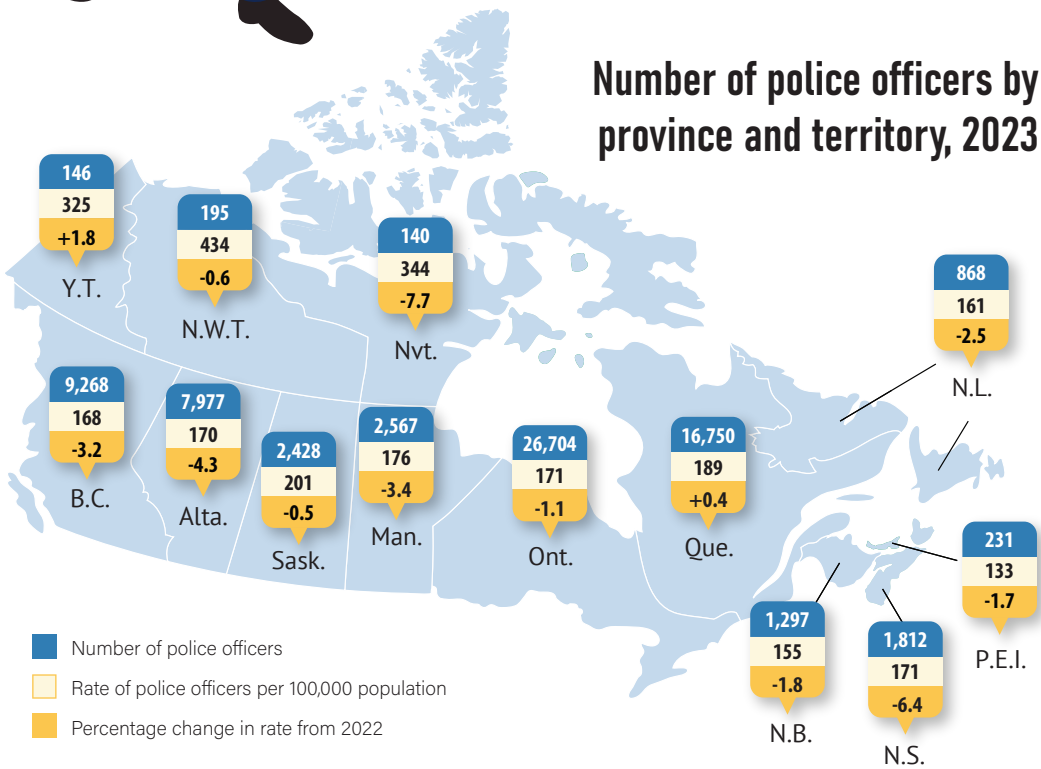




# POLICE PERSONNEL AND EXPENDITURES IN CANADA, 2023

As of May 15, 2023, there were **71,472** police officers in Canada, **892 more** than in 2022. This represents a rate of police strength of **178** officers per 100,000 population, a **decrease of almost 2%** from 2022.<sup>1</sup>



## Police personnel

68%

Police officers

28%

Civilians

2%

Special constables

2%

Recruits

## WOMEN IN POLICING

### Gender representation of police officers



77%  
Men



23%  
Women

In 2023, there were **324 more women police officers** than in 2022.

Women accounted for **69%** of civilian employees, **35%** of special constables and **22%** of recruits.

## Indigenous and racialized police officers<sup>2</sup>



**8%** of police officers were racialized.

**4%** of police officers were Indigenous.



## Calls for service

Across Canada, police services received **11.6 million** calls for service.

## Police operating expenditures

In 2022/2023, operating expenditures for policing totalled **\$19.7 billion**, up 6% from 2021/2022.

Correction notice: A correction was made to women police officers' data for the 2023 reference year. This change affects one of the figures in the infographic.

1. Data for Canada include Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) personnel assigned to operations, corporate headquarters, RCMP Academy, Depot Division, and forensic labs. They are not represented on the map.

2. Data are collected from police services through self-identification by personnel.

**Note:** Data on overall police personnel, women in policing, and Indigenous and racialized personnel are based on a "snapshot date" of May 15, 2023. The other data in this infographic represent the calendar year ending December 31, 2022 (or March 31, 2023, as some police services operate on a fiscal year basis). Percentages may not add up because of rounding.

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