

# Increase in liquor related offences in Alberta

## ***Province-wide***

Before privatization, robberies of liquor stores averaged one per year.

There were 11 robberies in the first six months after privatization.

## ***Edmonton***

Charges for liquor related offences have more than doubled since the liquor distribution system was privatized.

Year	Charges
1993	1,116
1994	1,568
1995	1,993
1996	2,017
1997	2,498
1998	2,662
1999	2,951
Total increase:	164.4%

By comparison, the number of charges in drug-related offences increased only 7.2% in the same period.

*Source: Edmonton Police Department, June 13, 2000*

## ***Calgary***

In the first year after privatization of liquor, offences increased from 62 to 100.

*Source: Calgary Police*

## **Brooks**

When the number of liquor retail outlets increased from one to 12, robberies increased by 250%, and liquor act offences increased from 547 to 974.

'A significant change in the availability of liquor can be directly related to the increase in Liquor Act offences,' says the Brooks RCMP.

*Source: Brooks RCMP*

## **Impaired driving rates**

*Criminal Code impaired driving offences per 100,000 population, 2001*

Canada	291.0
British Columbia	299.2
Alberta	475.0

*Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM II, table 252-0013, July 12, 2002*