Finding Data and Statistics

CANADA

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT
http://www.parl.gc.ca/About/Library/VirtualLibrary/ResearchPublications-e.asp

You can find great background information, in a Canadian context, at the Library of Parliament website. Click on CURRENT publications. Once you click on a PUBLICATION CATEGORY, you will have the option to browse the ARCHIVES (see ARCHIVES link at top right of page).

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
data.gc.ca
Try a keyword search on your topic.

STATISTICS CANADA
http://www.statcan.ca
Canada's national statistical agency with data on population, education, labour, health, families, justice and crime.
- Browse by Subject
  - Crime & Justice section: check right-hand sidebar for recent & relevant publications. JURISTAT reports provide detailed statistics and analysis on a variety of topics and issues concerning Canada's justice system. Annual Juristats are produced on areas such as: crime, homicide, youth and adult courts, and corrections. Additional Juristats are also produced each year on current topics of interest to the justice community. Some are available in-print in the Library
  - Use the SEARCH box to find statistics by keyword

CANSIM
Google Search: CANSIM
CANSIM is Statistics Canada's key socioeconomic database.

CENSUS DATA AND NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DATA
Google Search: NHS DATA TABLES
Statistical information about the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Canadians.

BRITISH COLUMBIA
data.gov.bc.ca
DataBC is your place to find data, applications and geographic services.

www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca
BC Stats is the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia. It has the provincial government’s largest concentration of statistical products, services and expertise.
  - Hint: use the “sidebars” for quick access to topical subjects and resources
  - For example, left-hand sidebar, click on Socio-Economic Profiles and use the links provided to get “snapshot” information such as population, age distribution, community facts, census characteristics etc.

Census information for British Columbia:
http://www.welcomebc.ca/Live/about-bc/facts-landing/census-reports.aspx
MUNICIPALITIES
City of Vancouver: data.vancouver.ca
You won’t believe what you can find here! Click on View List of Datasets to find data on topics ranging from Animals-Lost and Found to Water (Fire) Hydrants.

City of Surrey: data.surrey.ca

INTERNATIONAL
http://data.worldbank.org/
World Bank provides data about development in countries around the globe
http://data.un.org/
United Nations, including data from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

OTHER STATISTICAL SOURCES OF INTEREST:
JIBC Library
www.jibc.ca/library
To find books and journal articles, do a keyword search in the Search Me! Box. For example, Canadian Crime Statistics.

Police Services (Ministry of Justice)
http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc
A wealth of detailed information on BC crime statistics and trends.

To find crime statistics, or, other statistics for particular regions, try a Google Search.
For example:
City of Victoria crime statistics

VISUALIZE THAT DATA!!

Free/ Cheap Data Visualization Tools:
Datawrapper, Tableau Public, Google Fusion Tables

CITE THOSE SOURCES!!

Remember to cite your sources!! Cite as closely to APA as you can, using the JIBC APA Subject Guide for help
http://libguides.jibc.ca/apa

Statistics Canada example:
Rule of thumb:
Statistics Canada. (year). Title of article or report. (Catalogue number). Only include the retrieval date if the content you are citing is likely to change. I.e. Retrieved March 10, 2008, from http://www.fullurl.htm
Otherwise, include URL without retrieval date, as in the example below.