

Crime Statistics

Crime statistics are collated and reported under a number of nationally agreed categories. For the purpose of this report, crime statistics will be presented in terms of three aggregated categories:

- Offences Against the Person;
- Offence Against Property; and
- Other Offences.

The type of offences included in the category Offences Against the Person generally relate to acts of violence directed toward another person. These offences often result in the injury of the victim and, in the more serious offences, may result in the permanent injury or death of the victim. These offences include murder, rape and assault.

The type of offences included in the category Offences Against Property generally relate to the damage or theft of property. These offences include arson, unlawful entry, wilful damage and unlawful use of motor vehicles.

The type of offences included in the category Other Offences generally relate to matters that constitute a breach of the peace, commonly referred to as 'street offences'. Drug offences are also included in this category.

The statistics contained in this Annual Report relate to reported crime, or those offences that have been entered onto the Service's Crime Reporting Information System for Police (CRISP).

In assessing the Service's performance with respect to crime statistics, it is important to consider the range of factors that can influence increases and decreases in reported crime. It is also important to consider whether an increase or decrease is an indicator of good performance by the Service.

Generally, good performance is associated with a decrease, or minimal increase, in the number of reported offences. However, this rule does not apply to the Other Offences category where the Service often associates good performance with an increase in the number of reported offences. This is because offences included in this category, such as unlawful possession of drugs, are detected and reported by police. Therefore, an increase in the number of reported drug offences indicates that police are actively identifying and charging offenders.



A police presence helps to assure the community of a safe and secure environment.

There are also exceptions to the general rule in relation to a number of specific offences such as domestic violence. For many years, domestic violence was a hidden crime that was characterised by low levels of reporting. The Service actively seeks to encourage the reporting of domestic violence offenders, as this provides the starting point for the delivery of support services to the victims of domestic violence and for appropriate action against offenders.

While the aggregated crime statistics presented in this report provide an initial picture of crime levels in Queensland, more detailed information on crime statistics is available in the Service's Statistical Review which can be accessed at www.police.qld.gov.au/statsnet.htm.

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In 2001-02, the total number of Offences Against the Person increased by 3% compared with 2000-01. When the population growth is taken into account, this represents an increase of 1%. Over the same period the total number of Offences Against Property decreased by 7%. Similarly, when the population growth is taken into account this represents a decrease of 9%.

The small increase in total Offences Against the Person largely reflects an increase in Assaults (3%), as the Person Offence total is dominated by assaults. However, increases in Homicide (Murder) (5%), Other Homicide (13%), Sexual Offences (7%), and Other Offences Against the Person (6%) also contributed to the overall increase. In the category of Other Homicide, the most significant increases were in Manslaughter (excluding by driving) and Driving



Police officers provide a service to outback regional communities.

Causing Death. These increases were offset by an 11% decrease in Robbery Offences, and reductions in Extortion, Kidnapping and Abduction Offences.*

The 7% reduction in total Offences Against Property reflects reductions in all property offence categories except Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry), which increased by 1%. There were significant reductions in high volume offences including Unlawful Entry (-9%), Other Property Damage (-18%) and Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle (-15%). There were also reductions in Arson (-1%), Fraud (-2%) and Handling Stolen Goods (-3%).*

There was a 3% increase in Other Offences as a result of a mix of increases and decreases in the major categories under this aggregate. This category of offences

differs from Offences Against the Person and Property in that offences are generally detected by police rather than reported to police by members of the community. Thus, changes in the number of offences reported are influenced by shifting levels of policing activity in response to identified problems and issues in local communities. In 2001-02, Drug and Stock Related Offences decreased by 8% and 23% respectively. The most significant increases in Other Offence categories were in Liquor Offences (16%), Prostitution Offences (45%) and Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Order Offences (14%).*

* NOTE: The figures in this paragraph do not take into account the growth in population.

REGIONS

In Far Northern Region, a decrease in Assault was offset by increases in Homicide, Sexual Offences, Robbery and Other Offences Against the Person, which resulted in an overall 7% increase in total Offences Against the Person. Increases in Arson, Other Property Damage, Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry) and Fraud contributed to a 4% increase in total Offences Against Property. However, Far Northern Region also reported reductions in Unlawful Entry, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle (formerly Motor Vehicle Theft) and Handling Stolen Goods.

Reported total Offences Against the Person remained stable in Northern Region. There were increases in the categories of Homicide, Assault and Other Offences Against the Person, but significant decreases in Sexual Offences and Robbery. Northern Region also recorded a 4% reduction in total Offences Against Property. This was largely the result of reductions in the following categories: Unlawful Entry; Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle; Other Property Damage; and Fraud. Increases were recorded in Arson, Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry) and Handling Stolen Goods Offences.

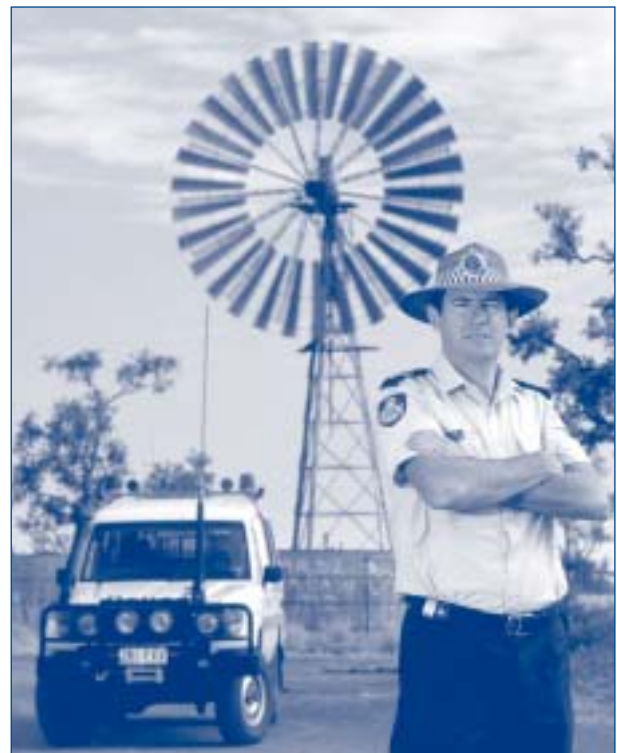
In Central Region, despite reductions in Homicide (Murder), Assault and Robbery Offences, increases in Other Homicide, Sexual Offences and Other Offences Against the Person resulted in an 11% increase in total Offences Against the Person. However, there were reductions in all property offence categories, excluding Arson, resulting in a 9% reduction in total Offences Against Property. There were particularly significant reductions in offence categories such as Unlawful Entry, Other Property Damage and Fraud Offences.

North Coast Region experienced a 9% increase in total Offences Against the Person, primarily due to an increase in Assault. However, this was partially offset by reductions in Robbery and Homicide (Murder). Reductions in all property offence categories, except Fraud, contributed to an overall 5% reduction in Offences Against Property. This includes substantial reductions in Unlawful Entry, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Other Property Damage.

Southern Region experienced an overall decrease in both Offences Against the Person (-6%) and Offences Against Property (-15%). An increase in the low volume offence of Homicide (Murder) was offset by reductions in Sexual Offences, Robbery and Other Offences Against the Person. Other Homicide and Assault Offences remained stable. Decreases in all property offence categories contributed to the significant reduction in total Offences Against Property. Again, there were particularly significant reductions in the high volume offences of Unlawful Entry, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle, Other Property Damage and Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry).

Small increases in Homicide (Murder), Assault, Robbery and Other Offences Against the Person contributed to a 1% increase in total Offences Against the Person in South Eastern Region. South Eastern Region recorded a 2% reduction in total Offences Against Property, with increases in Arson, Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry), Fraud, Handling Stolen Goods offset by decreases in Unlawful Entry, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Other Property Damage.

A 32% increase in Sexual Offences largely contributed to an overall 9% increase in Offences Against the Person in Metropolitan North Region. This is the result of a single offender charged with in excess of 660 offences during the period. There were also increases in Homicide (Murder), Assault and Other Offences Against the Person. These were offset by decreases in Robbery and Other Homicide. Decreases in all property offence categories, except Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry), contributed to an 8% decrease in total Offences Against Property. There were particularly significant decreases in a number of high volume offences, including Unlawful Entry, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Other Property Damage.



Effectively policing Queensland's diverse communities requires a commitment to delivering responsive and flexible services to meet local needs.

A significant reduction in Robbery Offences contributed to an overall 4% reduction in total Offences Against the Person in Metropolitan South Region. There were also decreases in Sexual Offences, Homicide (Murder) and Other Offences Against the Person. There was a marginal increase in Assault Offences. Decreases in all property offence categories resulted in a 12% reduction in total Offences Against Property. As with other regions, there were particularly significant decreases in Unlawful Entry, Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle and Other Property Damage.

	Reported in 2001-02	Reported per 100,000 Population	Reported & Cleared in 2001-02	Cleared in 2001-02 Reported Previously	Percentage Cleared 2001-02	Percentage Change 2000-2001 to 2001-02 (Reported)
Personal Safety						
Homicide (Murder)	64	2	56	11	88	5
Other Homicide	197	5	184	25	93	13
Assault	19216	519	13082	1794	68	3
Sexual Assault	6504	176	4876	917	75	7
Robbery	2205	60	833	107	38	-11
Other Offences Against the Person*	4398	119	2312	388	53	6
Offences Against the Person	32584	881	21343	3242	66	3
Property Security						
Unlawful Entry	70088	1894	9327	2766	13	-9
Arson	1657	45	246	36	15	-1
Other Property Damage	52348	1415	10934	1752	21	-18
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	17643	477	3981	786	23	-15
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	116882	3159	24621	3382	21	1
Fraud	28075	759	17993	4160	64	-2
Handling Stolen Goods	5969	161	5762	113	97	-3
Offences Against Property	292662	7910	72864	12995	25	-7
Selected Other Offences						
Drug Offences	32458	877	-	-	-	-8
Liquor Offences	1700	46	-	-	-	16
Prostitution Offences	805	22	-	-	-	45
Stock Offences	55	1	-	-	-	-23
Drink Driving	25175	680	-	-	-	7
Other Traffic Offences	6176	167	-	-	-	5
Breach Domestic Violence Protection Order	6862	185	-	-	-	14
Weapons Act Offences	4922	133	-	-	-	6
Good Order Offences	25607	692	-	-	-	8

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Far Northern						
Homicide(Murder)	11	5	8	0	73	83
Other Homicide	17	8	17	1	100	113
Assault	2610	1155	2178	162	83	-3
Sexual Assault	822	364	732	90	89	43
Robbery	95	42	45	1	47	4
Other Offences Against the Person*	322	142	223	20	69	15
Offences Against the Person	3877	1715	3203	274	83	7
Unlawful Entry	3980	1761	1164	218	29	-1
Arson	53	23	15	1	28	61
Other Property Damage	3017	1335	1222	108	41	5
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	520	230	211	23	41	-1
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	6801	3009	2051	171	30	6
Fraud	1374	608	1065	179	78	14
Handling Stolen Goods	406	180	393	18	97	-21
Offences Against Property	16151	7145	6121	718	38	4
Northern						
Homicide(Murder)	7	3	7	0	100	133
Other Homicide	15	6	15	2	100	67
Assault	2008	831	1506	228	75	2
Sexual Assault	433	179	309	154	71	-10
Robbery	85	35	34	7	40	-21
Other Offences Against the Person*	366	152	245	43	67	10
Offences Against the Person	2914	1206	2116	434	73	0
Unlawful Entry	5899	2442	1109	257	19	-4
Arson	88	36	13	6	15	17
Other Property Damage	3877	1605	959	132	25	-14
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	892	369	322	42	36	-11
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	7409	3067	1687	208	23	3
Fraud	1535	635	1158	331	75	-7
Handling Stolen Goods	484	200	466	8	96	16
Offences Against Property	20184	8355	5714	984	28	-4
Central						
Homicide(Murder)	7	2	6	3	86	-22
Other Homicide	23	7	22	5	96	53
Assault	1721	530	1273	174	74	-1
Sexual Assault	822	253	706	93	86	46
Robbery	85	26	44	4	52	-20
Other Offences Against the Person*	393	121	254	28	65	19
Offences Against the Person	3051	940	2305	307	76	11
Unlawful Entry	4564	1407	1051	301	23	-8
Arson	110	34	36	9	33	33
Other Property Damage	4127	1272	1229	188	30	-11
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	677	209	292	45	43	-6
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	7808	2406	2147	354	27	-4
Fraud	1913	590	1364	219	71	-24
Handling Stolen Goods	410	126	396	9	97	-8
Offences Against Property	19609	6043	6515	1125	33	-9

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North Coast						
Homicide(Murder)	6	1	5	2	83	-40
Other Homicide	31	5	30	6	97	0
Assault	3285	497	2152	293	66	16
Sexual Assault	1056	160	735	188	70	1
Robbery	230	35	106	13	46	-15
Other Offences Against the Person*	764	116	382	66	50	3
Offences Against the Person	5372	813	3410	568	63	9
Unlawful Entry	10182	1542	1515	353	15	-7
Arson	277	42	39	6	14	-16
Other Property Damage	8701	1318	1903	290	22	-13
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	2516	381	704	141	28	-16
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	18937	2868	4474	690	24	-2
Fraud	4290	650	2897	476	68	16
Handling Stolen Goods	837	127	807	10	96	0
Offences Against Property	45740	6926	12339	1966	27	-5
Southern						
Homicide(Murder)	6	1	5	0	83	20
Other Homicide	25	6	23	1	92	0
Assault	2117	495	1485	205	70	0
Sexual Assault	605	142	406	83	67	-23
Robbery	182	43	92	12	51	-7
Other Offences Against the Person*	459	107	244	38	53	-8
Offences Against the Person	3394	794	2255	339	66	-6
Unlawful Entry	6110	1429	1026	401	17	-24
Arson	246	58	59	5	24	-7
Other Property Damage	5311	1242	1281	209	24	-20
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	1450	339	408	67	28	-15
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	9423	2204	2306	306	24	-8
Fraud	2400	561	1617	288	67	-5
Handling Stolen Goods	558	131	538	11	96	-8
Offences Against Property	25498	5964	7235	1287	28	-15
South Eastern						
Homicide(Murder)	13	2	11	3	85	8
Other Homicide	20	3	17	6	85	-29
Assault	2878	434	1625	299	56	2
Sexual Assault	858	129	595	82	69	-9
Robbery	527	79	157	15	30	2
Other Offences Against the Person*	698	105	342	62	49	9
Offences Against the Person	4994	753	2747	467	55	1
Unlawful Entry	13667	2060	1133	336	8	-5
Arson	520	78	51	2	10	11
Other Property Damage	9654	1455	1418	271	15	-18
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	4973	750	817	139	16	-7
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	26439	3985	4449	683	17	5
Fraud	5559	838	3193	737	57	11
Handling Stolen Goods	978	147	936	16	96	13
Offences Against Property	61790	9314	11997	2184	19	-2

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Metropolitan North						
Homicide(Murder)	7	1	7	1	100	17
Other Homicide	28	5	27	2	96	-22
Assault	2547	467	1595	221	63	4
Sexual Assault	1225	225	952	148	78	32
Robbery	541	99	193	30	36	-10
Other Offences Against the Person*	758	139	319	55	42	12
Offences Against the Person	5106	936	3093	457	61	9
Unlawful Entry	12253	2246	1090	411	9	-6
Arson	125	23	14	0	11	-18
Other Property Damage	9131	1674	1600	258	18	-22
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	3179	583	598	141	19	-17
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	22475	4120	4516	521	20	2
Fraud	6163	1130	3712	1309	60	-12
Handling Stolen Goods	1312	241	1269	33	97	-10
Offences Against Property	54638	10017	12799	2673	23	-8

Metropolitan South

Homicide(Murder)	7	1	7	2	100	-30
Other Homicide	38	6	33	2	87	73
Assault	2050	335	1268	211	62	2
Sexual Assault	683	112	441	78	65	-9
Robbery	460	75	162	25	35	-23
Other Offences Against the Person*	638	104	303	76	47	-2
Offences Against the Person	3876	634	2214	394	57	-4
Unlawful Entry	13433	2198	1239	489	9	-14
Arson	238	39	19	7	8	-12
Other Property Damage	8530	1396	1322	296	15	-27
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	3436	562	629	188	18	-24
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	17589	2878	2991	449	17	-1
Fraud	4836	791	2982	621	62	-2
Handling Stolen Goods	983	161	957	7	97	-1
Offences Against Property	49045	8026	10139	2057	21	-12

* Other Offences Against the Person includes the offence categories of Extortion, Kidnapping & Abduction etc. and Other Offences Against the Person.

^ Other Homicide includes the offence categories of Attempted Murder, Conspiracy to Murder, Manslaughter (excl. by driving) and Driving Causing Death.

Notes:

- Percentage of cleared offences refers to the percentage of offences reported and cleared within the same statistical period (2001-02).
- Other Offences Against the Person is an amalgam of three offence categories reported separately in the Statistical Review: Extortion; Kidnapping and Abduction etc; and Other.
- Other Homicide includes the offence categories of Attempted Murder, Conspiracy to Murder, Manslaughter (excluding by driving) and Driving Causing Death.
- The offence aggregate Offences Against Property includes the following offence categories: Unlawful Entry; Arson, Other Property Damage; Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle (formerly Motor Vehicle Theft); Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry); Fraud; and Handling Stolen Goods.
- Figures for the rate of offences per 100,000 population have been rounded. Therefore, offence subtotals may not add to the total for each of the three aggregate categories of offences.
- Due to rounding, region totals may not equate to the Queensland total.
- Offences detected or under investigation involving covert drug operations or sensitive issues such as sexual child abuse are not geographically classified until after the completion of all inquiries in the interest of strict confidentiality. For this reason, a temporary holding geographical classification, the Drug Enforcement Region, has been created. Offences classified to this area are included only in Queensland offence counts in this report.