

Queensland

There was virtually no change in the total number of Offences Against the Person reported in 2002-03 compared with the number reported in the previous year. On the other hand, total Offences Against Property decreased by 5%.



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A 2% increase in Assaults was offset by a 9% decrease in Sexual Offences and an 8% decrease in Robbery resulting in no change overall in Offences Against the Person for 2002-03. While there was no change in the number of reported Homicides (Murder), the number of Other Homicides decreased by 16% (as a result of decreases across all four sub-categories of Other Homicide, the most significant of which was a 15% decrease in Attempted Murder). Despite reductions of 15% in Extortion and 1% in Kidnapping Offences, Other Offences Against the Person increased by 7%.

The 5% reduction in total Offences Against Property was the result of reductions in all property offence categories except Fraud (which increased by 1%) and Handling Stolen Goods (which increased by 7%). Of particular note is the 7% decrease in Unlawful Entry offences and a 6% decrease in Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles. Arson offences also decreased (by 13%) while Other Property Damage offences decreased by 15%.

Other Offences increased by 14% as a result of increases across most of the major offence categories under this aggregate. This category of offences differs from Offences Against the Person and Property in that offences are generally detected by police officers rather than reported to police by members of the community. Thus, a change in the number of offences is influenced by shifting levels of police activity in response to identified problems and issues in local communities. In 2002-03, increases were reported in the following offence categories: Drug offences (15%); Prostitution offences (41%); Liquor offences (23%); Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders (16%); Trespassing & Vagrancy offences (14%); Weapons Act offences (5%); Good Order offences (11%); Traffic offences (18%) and Miscellaneous offences (4%). Decreases were reported for Gaming offences (42%) and Stock offences (43%).

Regions

For Far Northern Region, a 9% decrease in Assaults combined with a decrease in Sexual Offences (32%) and a decrease in Other Homicide (47%) and resulted in an overall 9% reduction in total Offences Against the Person. A 10% increase in Robbery did little to offset the overall decrease. Reductions in Unlawful Entry (1%), Arson (11%), Other Theft (2%) and Handling Stolen Goods (5%) were offset by increases in Other Property Damage (2%), Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle (2%) and Fraud (10%). The result was an unchanged total for Offences Against Property.

Increases in most of the person offence categories contributed to a 14% increase in total Offences Against the Person for Northern Region. Of particular note were a 14% increase in Assaults and an 18% increase in Robbery. On the other hand, the Region experienced reductions in all the property offence categories that resulted in an 11% decrease in total Offences Against Property. Specifically, Unlawful Entry decreased by 16%, Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles decreased by 5% and Other Theft decreased by 7%.

Central Region experienced an 18% increase in total Offences Against the Person largely due to a 3% increase in Assaults, a 66% increase in Sexual Offences (note: in Central Region, four offenders were charged with over 760 offences between them for offences occurring over many years) and a 9% increase in Robbery. Central Region also experienced a 46% increase in fraud largely due to four offenders charged with over 750 offences in the Region. On the other hand, reductions in Unlawful Entry (11%), Arson (30%), Other Property Damage (17%) and Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles (18%) contributed to an overall decrease (2%) in total Offences Against Property.

For North Coast Region, decreases in Other Homicide (3%), Sexual Offences (6%), Robbery (9%) and Other Offences Against the Person (2%) contributed to a 2% reduction in total Offences Against the Person. Assaults remained unchanged from the previous year. Reductions in all property offence categories except Handling Stolen Goods resulted in an overall 6% decrease in total Offences Against Property.

Despite a sizeable reduction in Robbery (14%), Southern Region experienced a 10% increase in total Offences Against the Person. Increases in Assaults (9%), Sexual Offences (3%) and Other Offences Against the Person (32%) contributed to this result. A 5% increase in Unlawful Entry and a 4% increase in Other Theft were predominantly responsible for an overall 3% increase in total Offences Against Property, and this despite decreases in Arson, Other Property Damage and Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles.

Decreases in Homicide (Murder), Sexual Offences (3%), Robbery (15%) and Other Offences Against the Person (4%) were offset by increases in Other Homicide (5%) and Assaults (7%) in South Eastern Region. The result was an overall increase of 1% in total Offences Against the Person. Similarly, a mix of increases and decreases in the property offence categories resulted in a 1% increase in total Offences Against Property. Reductions in Unlawful Entry, Arson and Other Property Damage were offset by increases in all other property offence categories.



Maintaining safety afloat.

Metropolitan North Region experienced a sizeable 15% reduction in total Offences Against the Person. The main contributors were Assaults (down 3%), Sexual Offences (down 51%), Robbery (down 10%) and Other Offences Against the Person (down 5%). All property offence categories decreased resulting in an overall reduction of 11% in total Offences Against Property. Of particular note were a decrease in Unlawful Entry (12%) and a decrease in Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles (13%).

Metropolitan South Region recorded reductions in all person offence categories except Homicide (Murder) and Other Offences Against the Person. The result was an overall decrease of 5% in total Offences Against the Person. Similarly, reductions in all property offence categories except Arson, Other Theft and Handling Stolen Goods resulted in an overall decrease of 7% in total Offences Against Property. Unlawful Entry decreased by 9% while Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle decreased by 7%.

	Reported in 2002-03	Reported per 100,000 Population	Reported & Cleared in 2002-03	Cleared in 2002-03 Reported Previously	Percentage Cleared 2002-03	Percentage Change 2001-2002 to 2002-03 (Reported)
Personal Safety						
Homicide (Murder)	61	2	55	9	90	0
Other Homicide [^]	168	4	157	14	93	-16
Assault	19420	513	13979	2106	72	2
Sexual Assault	6077	161	4464	786	73	-9
Robbery	2023	53	788	122	39	-8
Other Offences Against the Person*	4719	125	2737	404	58	7
Offences Against the Person	32468	858	22180	3441	68	0
Property Security						
Unlawful Entry	65396	1728	9364	2452	14	-7
Arson	1436	38	205	38	14	-13
Other Property Damage	44438	1174	10529	1704	24	-15
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	16563	438	3672	798	22	-6
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	115996	3064	26845	3911	23	-1
Fraud	28768	760	17277	3393	60	1
Handling Stolen Goods	6398	169	6192	84	97	7
Offences Against Property	278995	7370	74084	12380	27	-5
Selected Other Offences						
Drug Offences	37275	985	-	-	-	15
Liquor Offences	2105	56	-	-	-	23
Prostitution Offences	1136	30	-	-	-	41
Stock Related Offences	34	1	-	-	-	-43
Drink Driving	27469	726	-	-	-	9
Other Traffic Offences	9807	259	-	-	-	58
Breach Domestic Violence Protection Order	7820	207	-	-	-	16
Weapons Act Offences	5179	137	-	-	-	5
Good Order Offences	28459	752	-	-	-	11

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Far Northern						
Homicide (Murder)	14	6	12	1	86	56
Other Homicide^	9	4	8	-	89	-47
Assault	2358	1023	1955	181	83	-9
Sexual Assault	559	242	458	39	82	-32
Robbery	103	45	56	4	54	10
Other Offences Against the Person*	454	197	377	18	83	41
Offences Against the Person	3497	1517	2866	243	82	-9
Unlawful Entry	3919	1700	1015	171	26	-1
Arson	47	20	22	1	47	-11
Other Property Damage	3080	1336	1124	82	36	2
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	528	229	239	15	45	2
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	6681	2897	2019	224	30	-2
Fraud	1511	655	1013	114	67	10
Handling Stolen Goods	387	168	371	2	96	-5
Offences Against Property	16153	7005	5803	609	36	0

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Northern						
Homicide (Murder)	7	3	7	-	100	0
Other Homicide^	14	6	14	2	100	-13
Assault	2285	933	1868	250	82	14
Sexual Assault	464	189	324	89	70	-3
Robbery	100	41	52	2	52	18
Other Offences Against the Person*	506	207	321	38	63	37
Offences Against the Person	3376	1379	2586	381	77	14
Unlawful Entry	4946	2020	1022	170	21	-16
Arson	71	29	21	6	30	-20
Other Property Damage	3834	1566	1016	118	26	-1
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	849	347	280	38	33	-5
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	6929	2830	1519	224	22	-7
Fraud	1025	419	524	165	51	-33
Handling Stolen Goods	382	156	367	3	96	-21
Offences Against Property	18036	7366	4749	724	26	-11

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Central						
Homicide (Murder)	4	1	4	-	100	-33
Other Homicide^	18	5	16	1	89	-22
Assault	1754	531	1413	199	81	3
Sexual Assault	1379	418	1281	63	93	66
Robbery	89	27	50	-	56	9
Other Offences Against the Person*	336	102	237	34	71	-13
Offences Against the Person	3580	1084	3001	297	84	18
Unlawful Entry	4046	1225	1024	170	25	-11
Arson	76	23	21	2	28	-30
Other Property Damage	3436	1040	1161	133	34	-17
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	554	168	271	44	49	-18
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	7787	2358	2513	223	32	0
Fraud	2746	831	2248	275	82	46
Handling Stolen Goods	424	128	412	3	97	4
Offences Against Property	19069	5774	7650	850	40	-2

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North Coast						
Homicide (Murder)	9	1	9	2	100	29
Other Homicide [^]	30	4	29	3	97	-3
Assault	3216	475	2304	415	72	0
Sexual Assault	999	147	678	108	68	-6
Robbery	208	31	97	15	47	-9
Other Offences Against the Person*	769	114	436	81	57	-2
Offences Against the Person	5231	772	3553	624	68	-2
Unlawful Entry	9806	1448	1680	598	17	-4
Arson	254	37	40	12	16	-8
Other Property Damage	7627	1126	1863	493	24	-12
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	2178	322	598	223	27	-13
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	18819	2778	4901	1157	26	-1
Fraud	3577	528	2334	551	65	-19
Handling Stolen Goods	860	127	827	11	96	3
Offences Against Property	43121	6366	12243	3045	28	-6

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Southern						
Homicide (Murder)	5	1	5	1	100	0
Other Homicide	27	6	27	-	100	13
Assault	2265	522	1753	278	77	9
Sexual Assault	632	146	442	127	70	3
Robbery	157	36	75	8	48	-14
Other Offences Against the Person*	611	141	375	37	61	32
Offences Against the Person	3697	851	2677	451	72	10
Unlawful Entry	6417	1478	1291	247	20	5
Arson	198	46	25	5	13	-19
Other Property Damage	5045	1162	1388	188	28	-5
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	1234	284	342	65	28	-15
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	9827	2263	2612	344	27	4
Fraud	2887	665	1896	357	66	19
Handling Stolen Goods	615	142	586	15	95	10
Offences Against Property	26223	6038	8140	1221	31	3

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South Eastern						
Homicide (Murder)	4	1	4	1	100	-69
Other Homicide [^]	22	3	20	2	91	5
Assault	3073	452	1827	336	59	7
Sexual Assault	865	127	599	149	69	-3
Robbery	453	67	151	38	33	-15
Other Offences Against the Person*	665	98	310	60	47	-4
Offences Against the Person	5082	747	2911	586	57	1
Unlawful Entry	13217	1943	1147	438	9	-3
Arson	435	64	22	7	5	-16
Other Property Damage	8059	1185	1292	281	16	-17
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	5282	776	867	178	16	6
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	27106	3984	5000	769	18	3
Fraud	6883	1012	2971	643	43	23
Handling Stolen Goods	1368	201	1333	18	97	39
Offences Against Property	62350	9165	12632	2334	20	1

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Metropolitan North						
Homicide (Murder)	11	2	8	1	73	57
Other Homicide [^]	28	5	24	2	86	0
Assault	2474	441	1616	235	65	-3
Sexual Assault	603	108	336	84	56	-51
Robbery	484	86	165	32	34	-10
Other Offences Against the Person*	715	128	322	86	45	-5
Offences Against the Person	4315	770	2471	440	57	-15
Unlawful Entry	10784	1924	1045	282	10	-12
Arson	109	19	24	3	22	-13
Other Property Damage	6795	1212	1507	191	22	-26
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	2754	491	534	120	19	-13
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	21196	3781	4844	519	23	-6
Fraud	5560	992	3451	538	62	-11
Handling Stolen Goods	1274	227	1240	17	97	-3
Offences Against Property	48472	8647	12645	1670	26	-11

Metropolitan South						
Homicide (Murder)	7	1	6	3	86	0
Other Homicide [^]	20	3	19	4	95	-49
Assault	1995	318	1243	212	62	-2
Sexual Assault	576	92	346	127	60	-19
Robbery	429	68	142	23	33	-8
Other Offences Against the Person*	663	106	359	50	54	5
Offences Against the Person	3690	588	2115	419	57	-5
Unlawful Entry	12261	1955	1140	376	9	-9
Arson	246	39	30	2	12	3
Other Property Damage	6561	1046	1178	218	18	-23
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	3184	508	541	115	17	-7
Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)	17650	2814	3437	451	19	0
Fraud	4579	730	2840	750	62	-8
Handling Stolen Goods	1088	173	1056	15	97	10
Offences Against Property	45569	7266	10222	1927	22	-7

* 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 (2002-03).
- Other Offences Against the Person includes the offence categories Extortion, Kidnapping and 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.
- The offence aggregate Offences Against Property includes the following offence categories: Unlawful Entry; Arson; Other Property Damage; Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle; Other Theft (excl. 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 add to the Queensland total.
- Offences detected or under investigation involving covert 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.