

Regional Comparisons

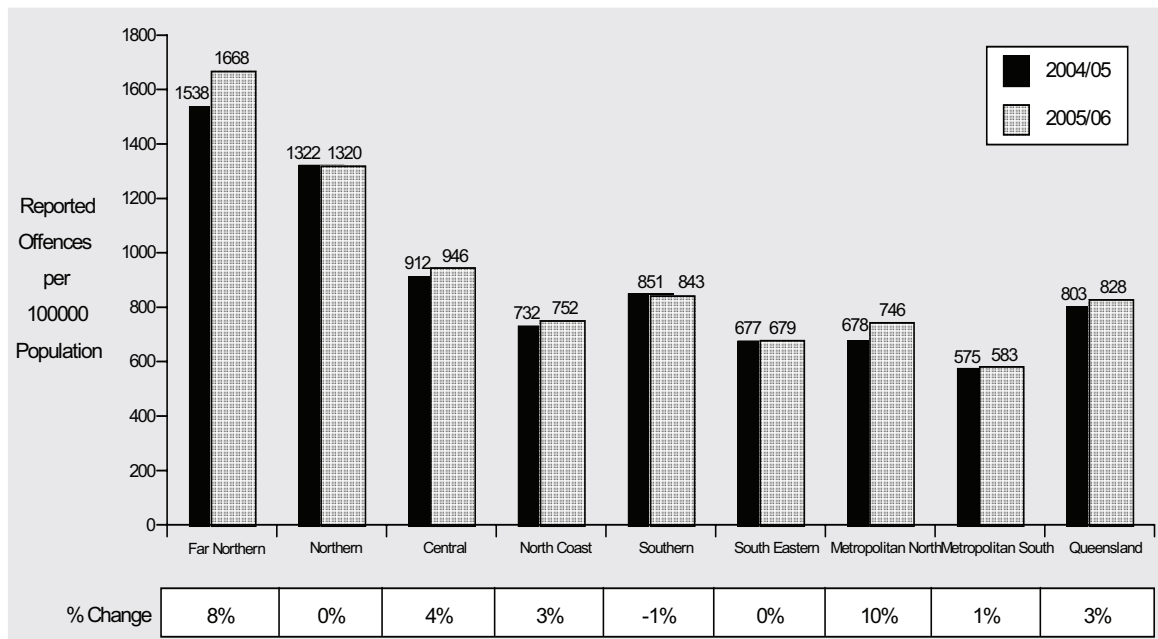
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100000 population from the 2004/05 to the 2005/06 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

The benefits of these graphs are twofold - the crime level of a region can be compared both with its own level in the previous financial year, and, secondly, with the crime levels of other regions. It should, however, be noted that each region faces unique policing issues. These graphs should not, therefore, be used as a comparative measure of

regional performance, but rather as a guide to crime trends and patterns across the State.

As with the rest of this Review, the offences per 100000 population calculations were performed using the Estimated Residential Population for 30 June each year, or a projection thereof, provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Office of Economic and Statistical Research, Queensland. All rates and percentage changes have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

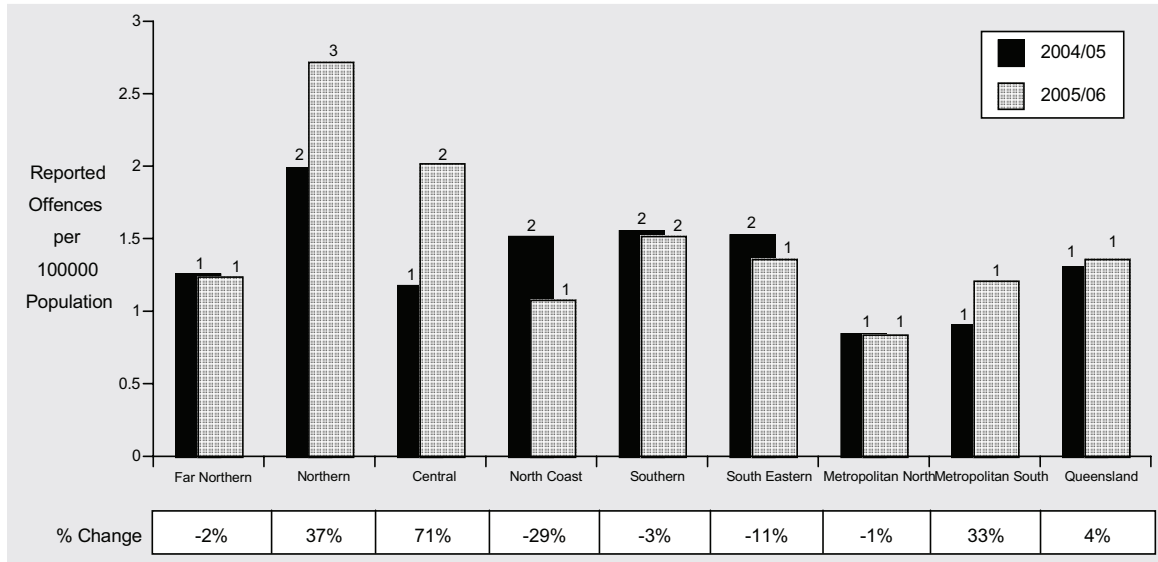
Offences Against the Person*



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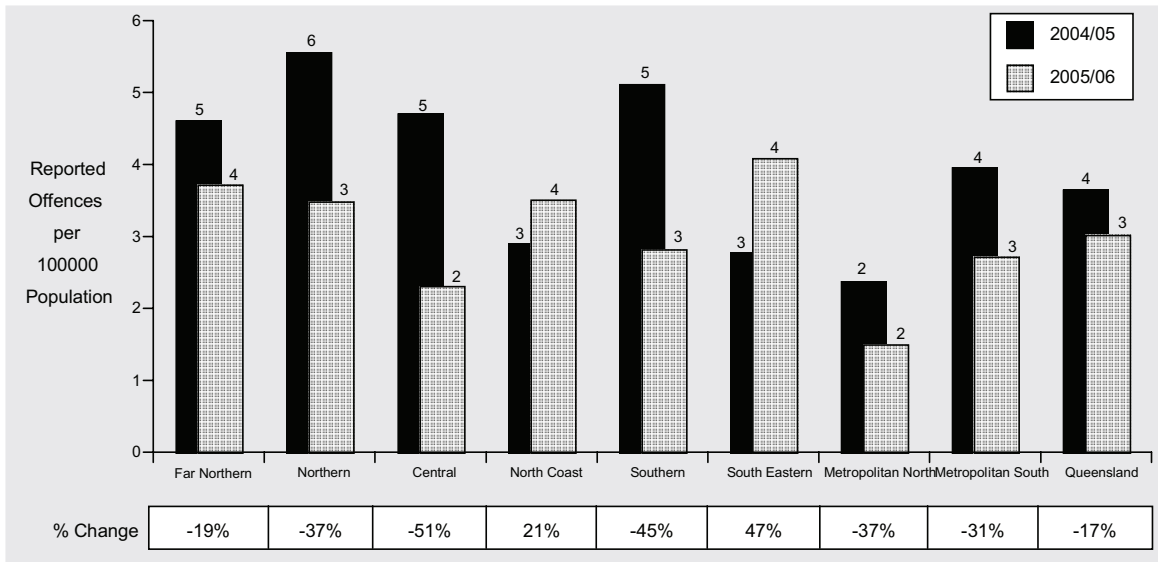
Homicide(Murder)*



Homicide (Murder) is a small volume offence and, as such, is subject to substantial fluctuations over areas and across time. Thus, caution should be exercised when using percentage changes as a measure of change

from one year to the next. Metropolitan North Region experienced the lowest rate while Northern Region exhibited the largest increase resulting in this area recording the highest rate .

Other Homicide*



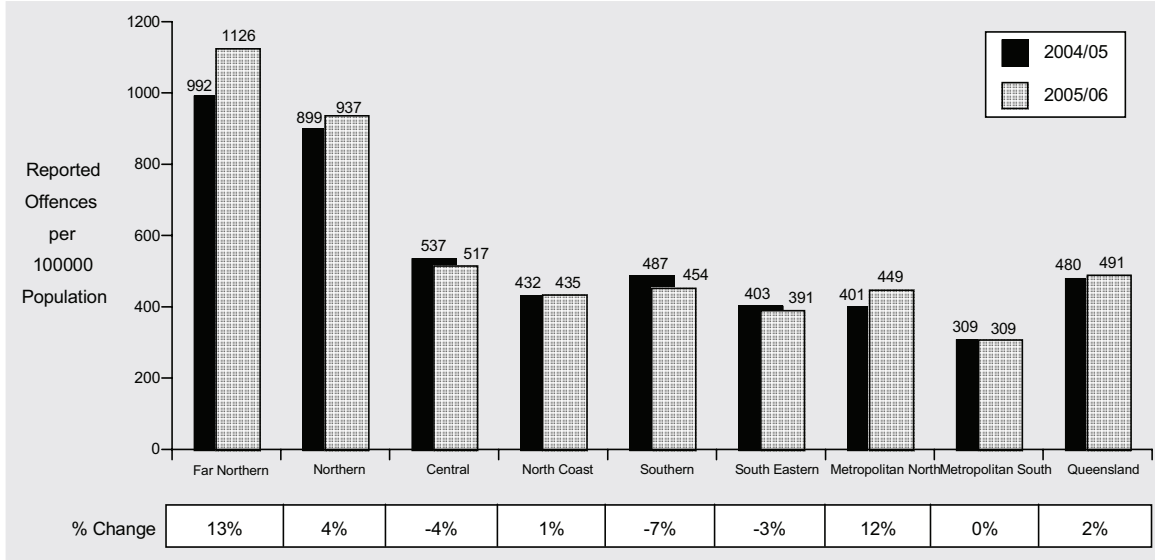
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide, caution should be exercised when using

percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2005/06 South Eastern Region recorded the highest rate while Metropolitan North Region recorded the lowest.

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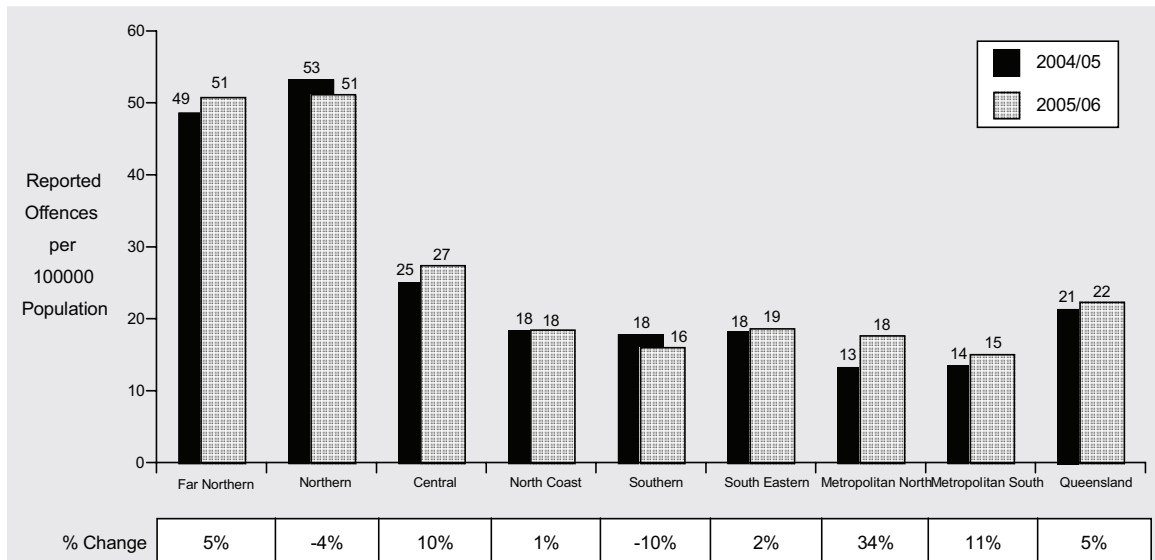
Assault*



Far Northern Region remains the highest in the State for rates of Assault despite experiencing decreases during the preceding years. In fact, both Far Northern and Northern Regions exhibited higher rates than the

remaining regions, all of which experienced similar Assault rates in 2005/06. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate with Southern Region experiencing the largest decrease.

Grievous Assault*



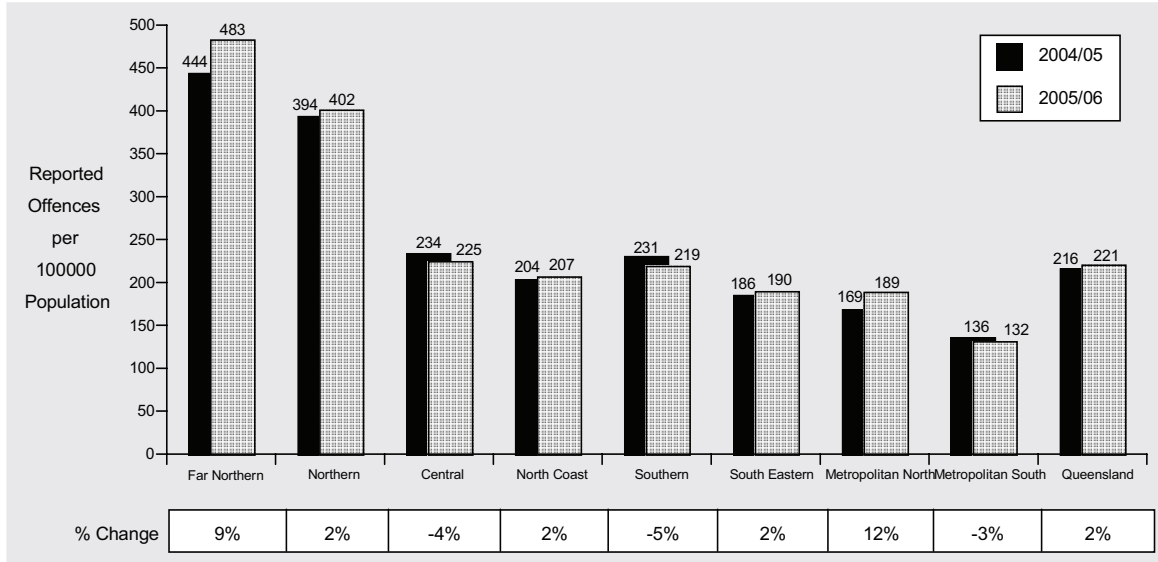
It should be noted that this is a low-volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next. Far Northern and Northern

Regions recorded the highest rates while Southern Region recorded the largest decrease. Metropolitan South Region exhibited the lowest rate again this year.

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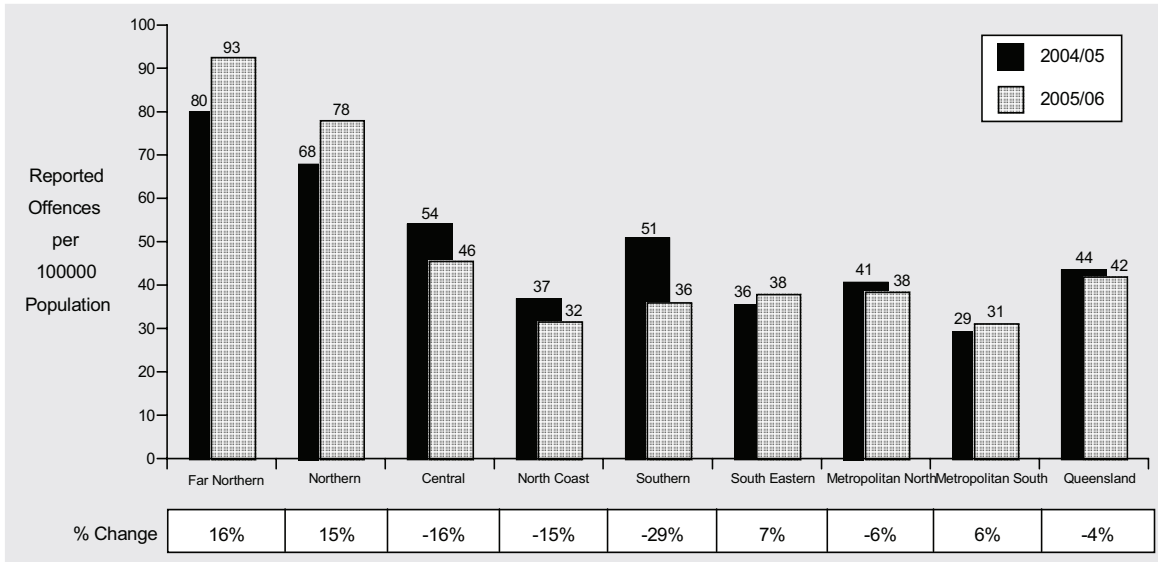
Serious Assault*



The largest decrease occurred in Southern Region, while the largest increase occurred in Metropolitan North Region. Northern and Far Northern Regions have the

highest rates in the State. Metropolitan South Region continues to record the lowest rate in the State.

Serious Assault (Other)*



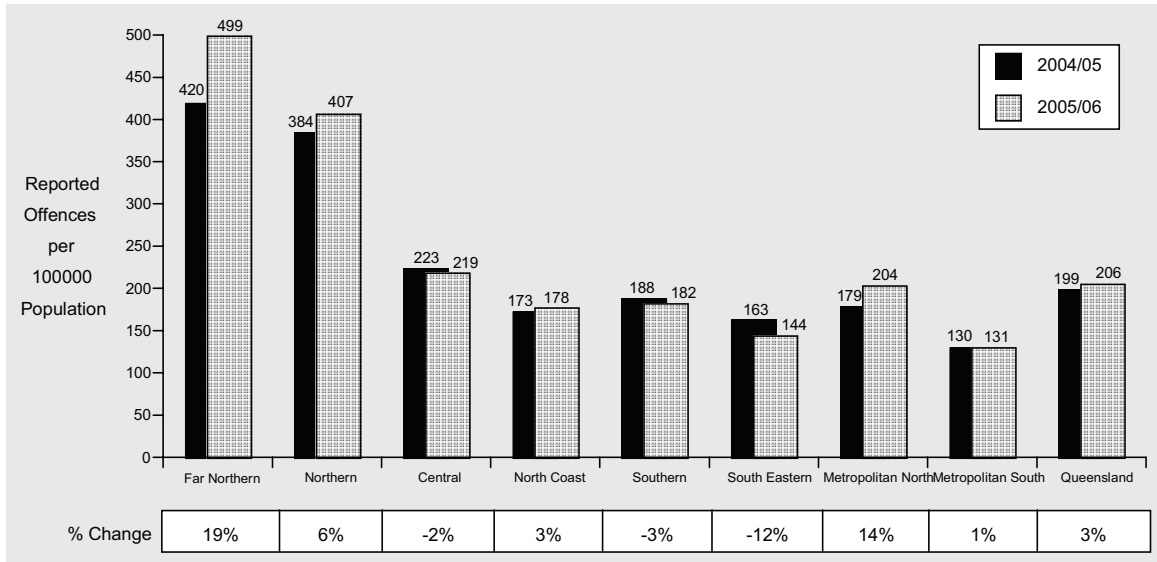
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rates of offences due to both regions experiencing the largest increases in the rate of offences

this year. Southern Region experienced the largest decrease while Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate of Serious Assault (Other) offences.

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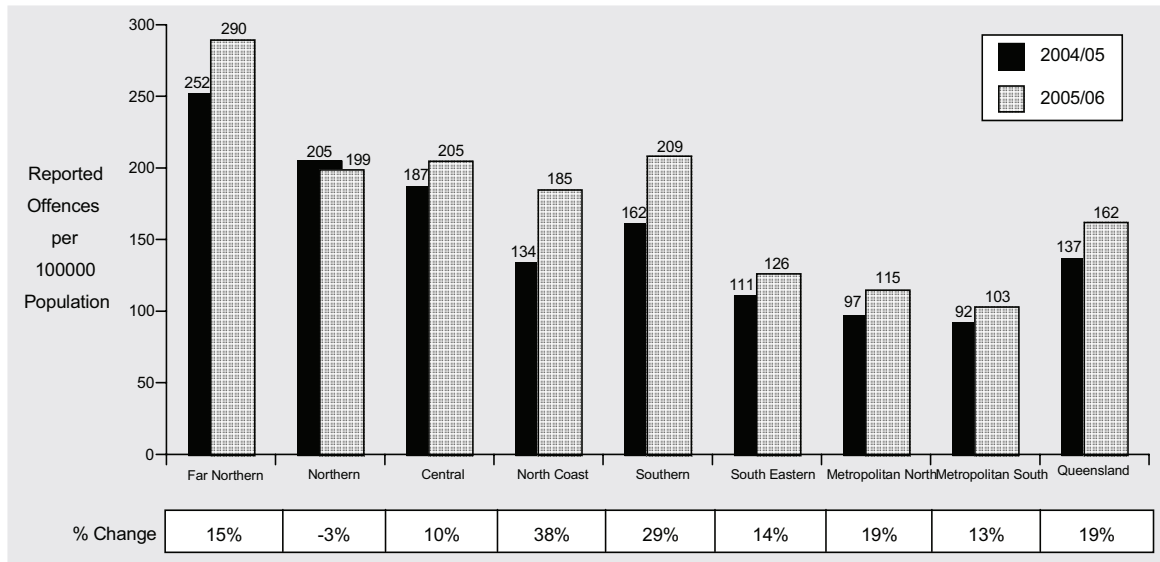
Common Assault*



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Common Assault rates in the State. Far Northern Region experienced the largest increase while South Eastern Region experienced the largest decrease. Metropolitan

South Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State. All regions other than the two northern regions recorded similar rates of Common Assault as with previous years.

Sexual Offences*



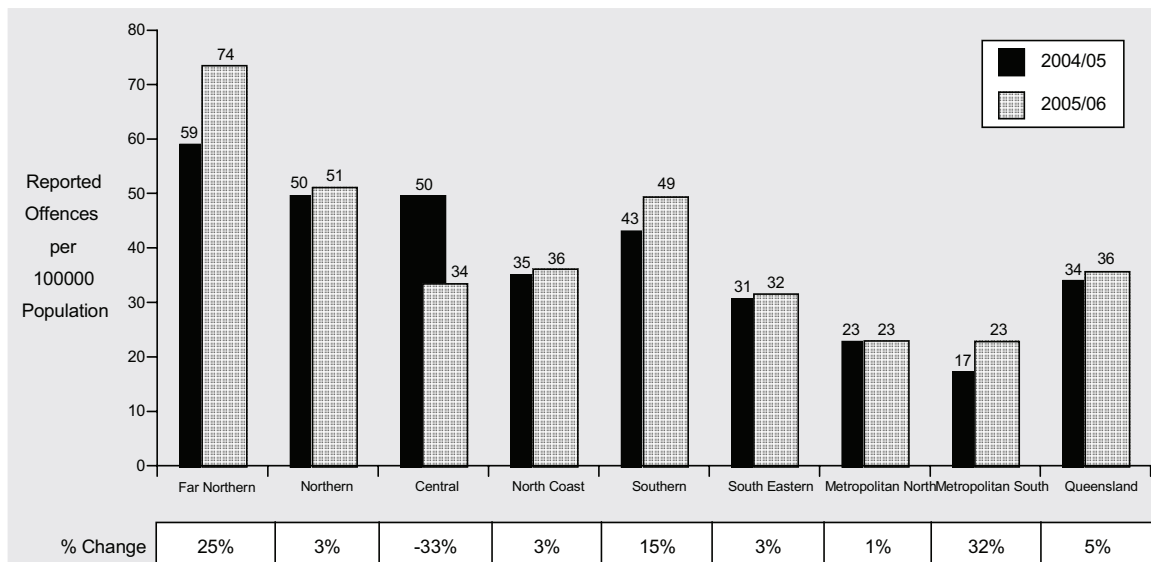
Most regions exhibited substantial increases in Sexual Offences in 2005/06. Northern Region was the sole area to record a decrease in offences (3%). The largest

increase was exhibited by North Coast Region while Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate.

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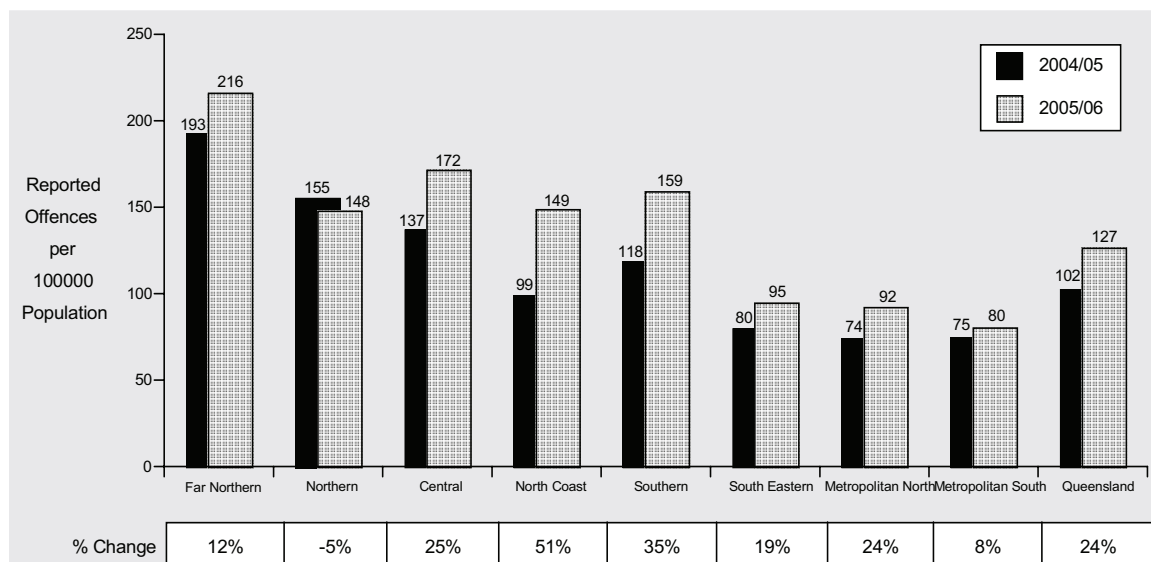
Rape and Attempted Rape*



Seven of the eight regions recorded an increase in Rape and Attempted Rape, the largest of which was a 32% increase in Metropolitan South Region. The only decrease was exhibited by Central Region while the

lowest rate was experienced by Metropolitan South Region (22.9 offences per 100000 persons). Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate (just over twice that of the State average).

Other Sexual Offences*



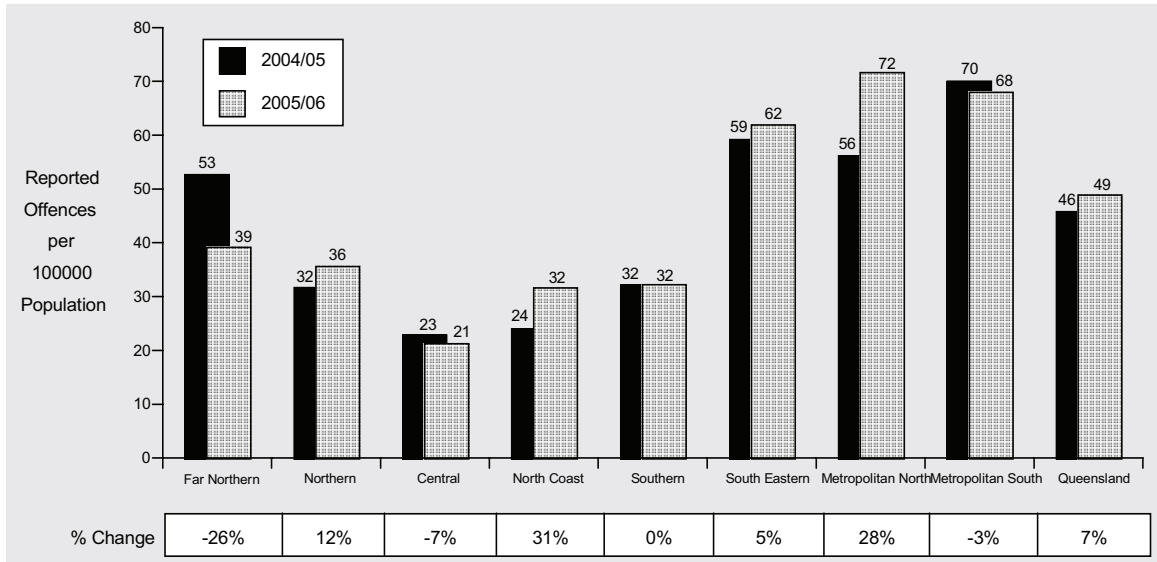
Northern was the only region to record a decrease in the 2005/06 fiscal year. The lowest increase was exhibited by Metropolitan South Region which attributed to this region recording the lowest rate.

The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region. The majority of offences recorded in this category were Indecent Treatment of Children offences.

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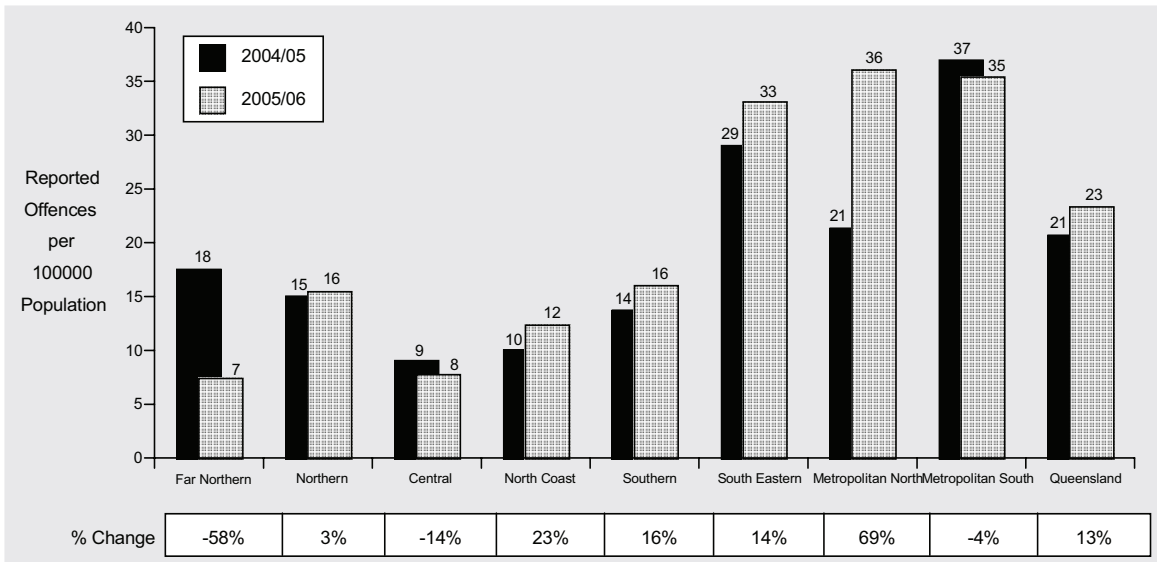
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically experiences the highest rates of Robbery and 2005/06 was no exception. The lowest rate again occurred in Central

Region while Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease. Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate of 72 reported offences per 100000 persons.

Armed Robbery*



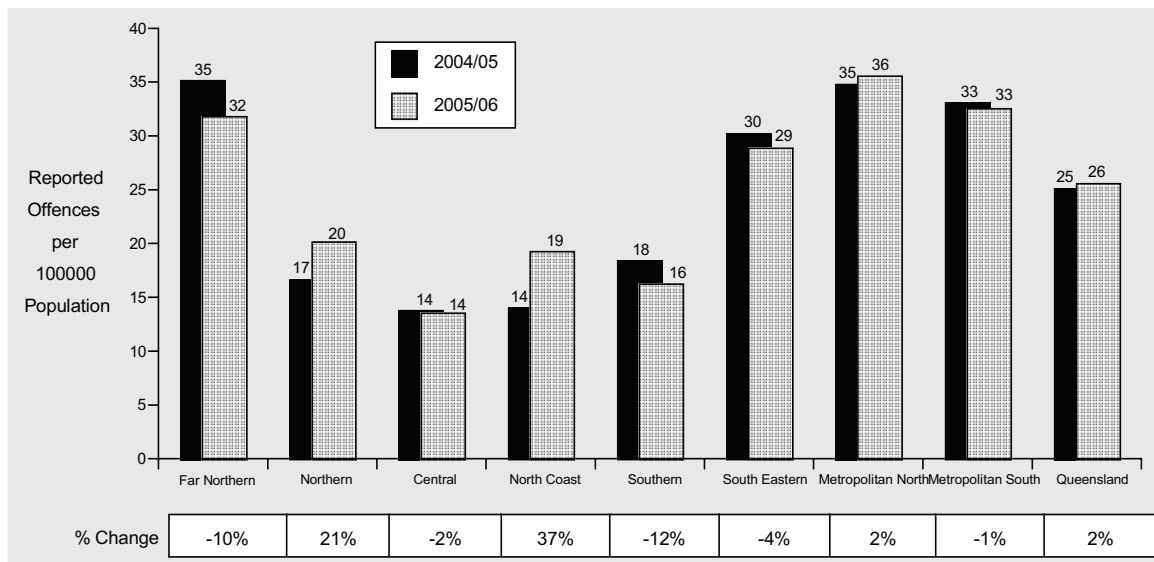
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. Far Northern Region exhibited the lowest rate in the State as a result of the area recording the largest decrease.

Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate (36 offences per 100000 persons), followed by Metropolitan South and South Eastern Regions which both recorded rates of 35 and 33 offences per 100000 persons respectively.

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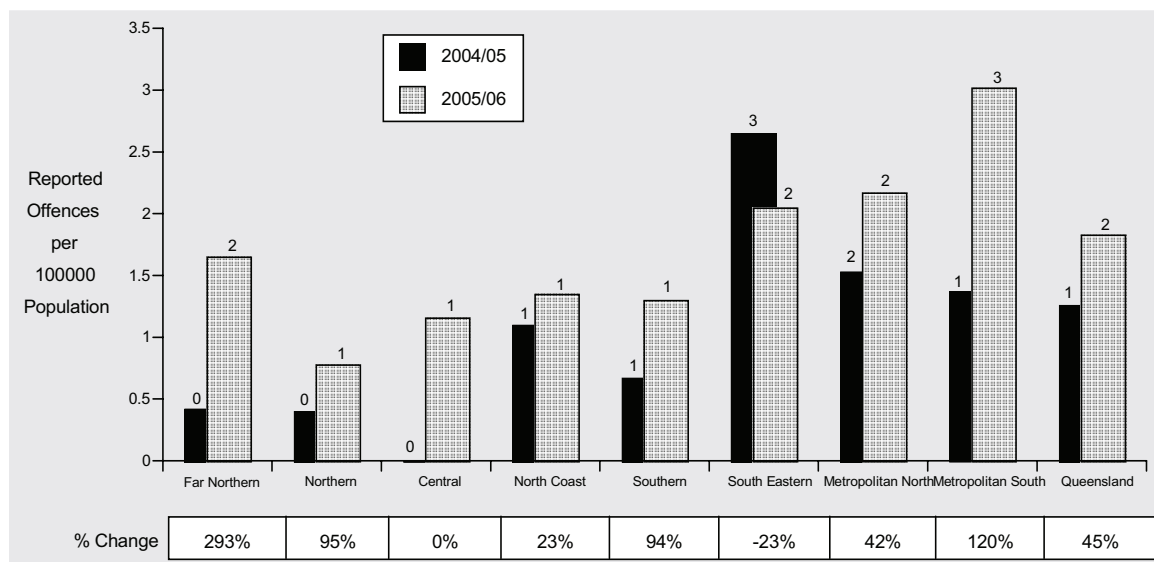
Unarmed Robbery*



Five of the eight regions experienced decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 12% decrease in Southern Region. Central Region recorded the lowest rate followed closely by Southern Region

while Metropolitan North Region exhibited the highest rate. Despite North Coast Region recording the largest increase (37%), it exhibited one of the lowest rates overall.

Extortion*



Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. In 2005/06, most regions recorded increases except for South Eastern Region which experienced a 23% decrease. The highest

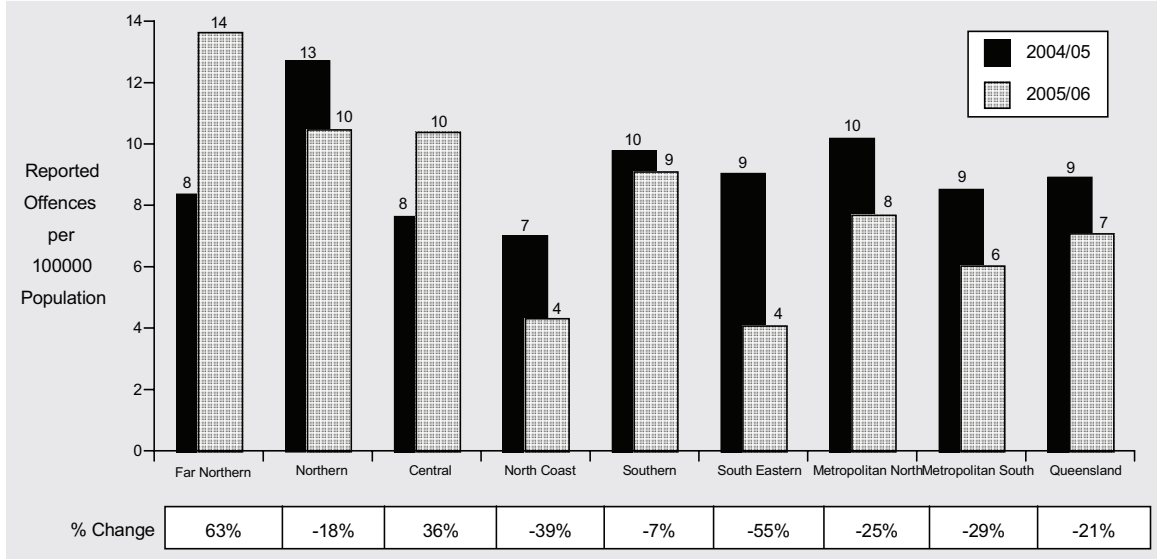
rate was exhibited by Metropolitan South Region while the largest increase was recorded by Far Northern Region.

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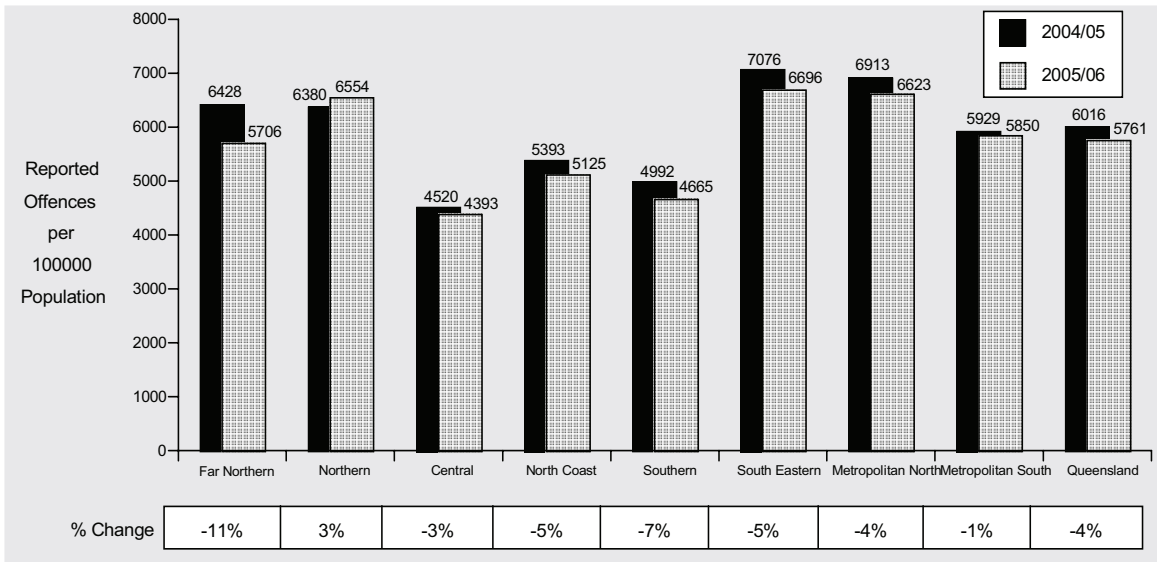
*Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.**



Again, caution should be exercised when using percentage change as a measure of change over time. The highest rate occurred in Far Northern Region as a result of the area recording the largest increase of 63%.

The lowest rates occurred in North Coast and South Eastern Regions after experiencing the largest decreases of 39% and 55% respectively.

*Offences Against Property**



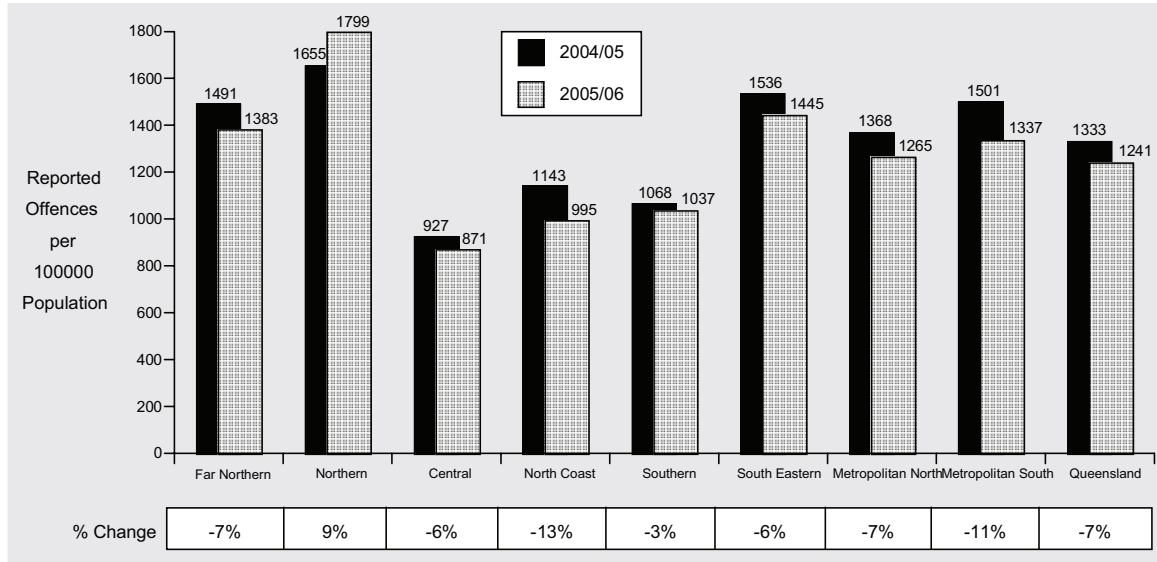
The south-east corner traditionally experiences higher rates of property offences and 2005/06 was no exception. All regions, except Northern, experienced decreases in total property offences, the largest of

which was a 11% decrease in Far Northern Region. South Eastern Region exhibited the highest rate while the lowest rate again occurred in Central Region for the fourth consecutive year.

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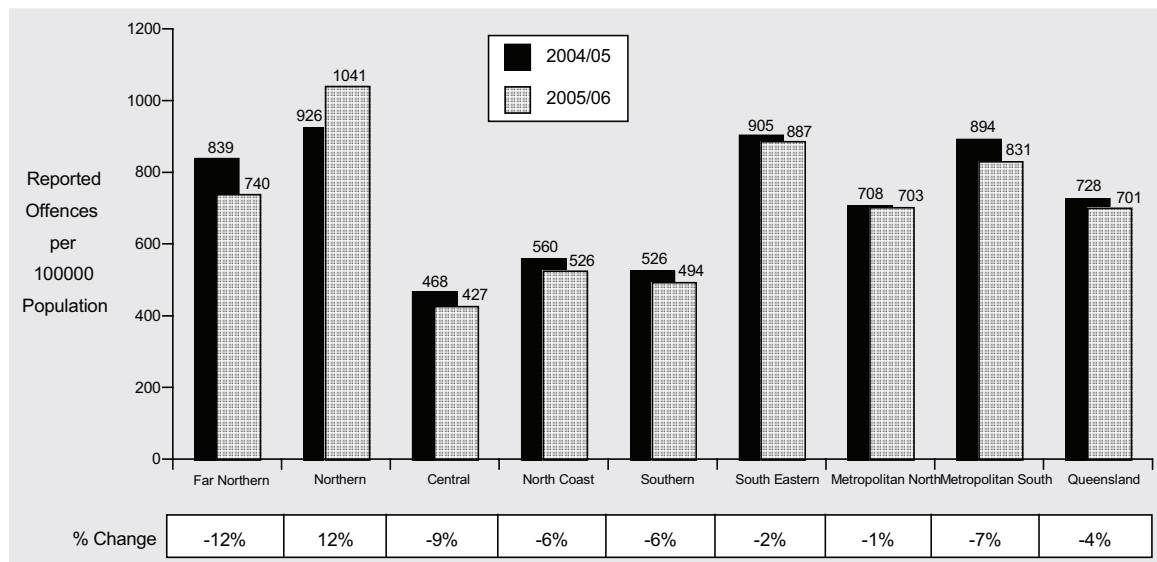
*Unlawful Entry With Intent**



Unlawful Entry tends to dominate the Offences Against Property aggregate as is evidenced by the similarity in the distribution of property crime. All regions, except Northern Region, experienced decreases in the current

year, the largest of which was exhibited by North Coast Region. The highest rate in the State was again exhibited by Northern Region while the lowest rate occurred in Central Region.

*Unlawful Entry - Dwellings**



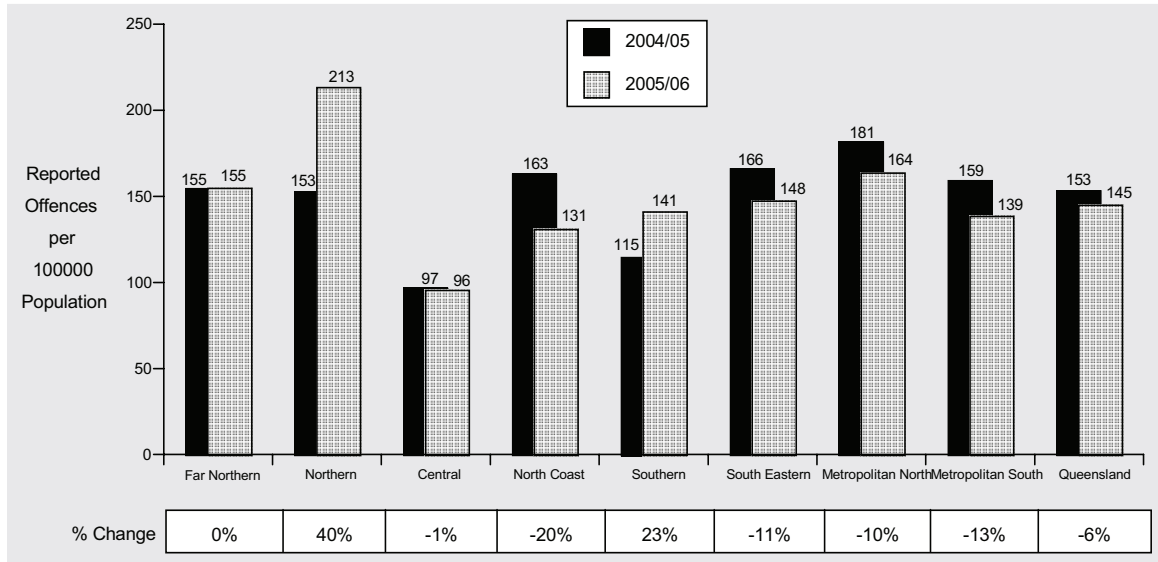
Most regions recorded decreases in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Dwelling offences (except for Northern Region), the largest of which was a 12% decrease in Far Northern

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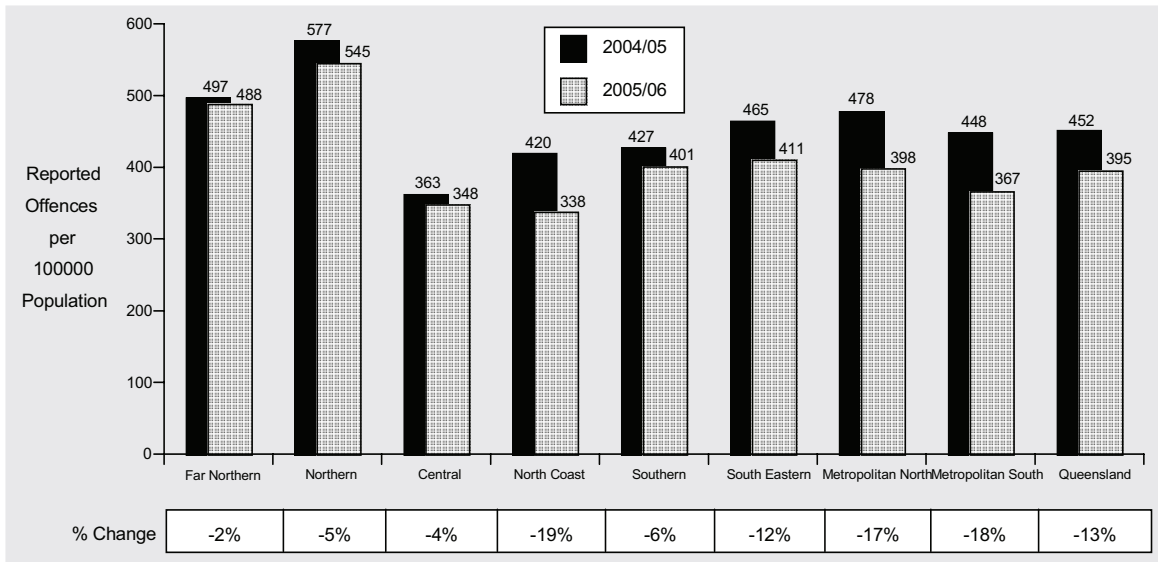
*Unlawful Entry - Shops**



A 40% increase in Unlawful Entry of Shop offences in Northern Region led to the region recording the highest rate for 2005/06. Central Region recorded the lowest

rate while North Coast Region recorded the largest decrease. Overall, the State recorded a substantive 6% reduction in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Shops.

*Unlawful Entry - Other Premises**



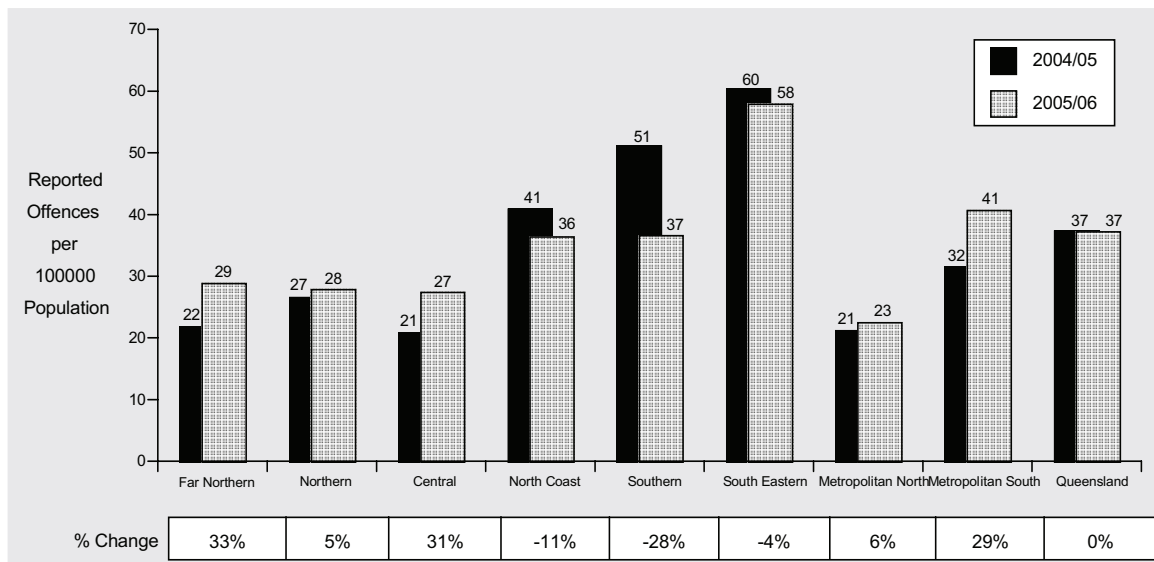
All Regions experienced sizeable decreases in Unlawful Entry of Other Premises. In fact, the decrease in North Coast Region resulted in the region recording the lowest

rate in the State. The highest rate was again recorded in Northern Region despite its sizeable decrease. The State recorded an overall decrease of 13% this year.

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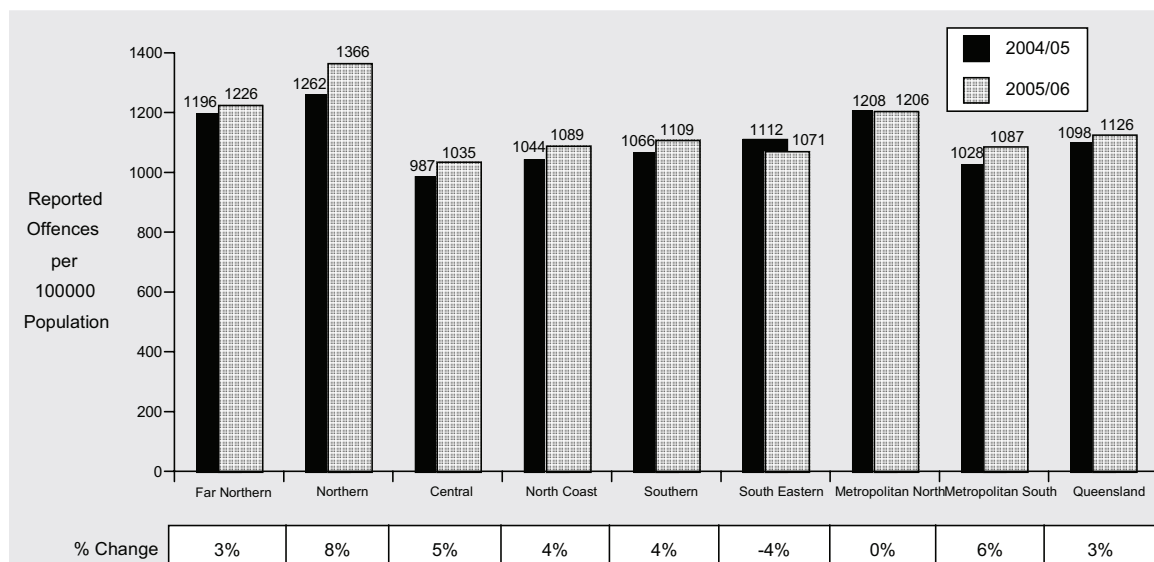
Arson*



Five regions recorded increases in the rate of Arson offences this year. Despite these increases, the State remained constant at 37 offences per 100000 persons. The largest decrease occurred in Southern Region.

Central and Metropolitan North Regions again recorded the lowest rates while the highest rate was recorded in South Eastern Region.

Other Property Damage*



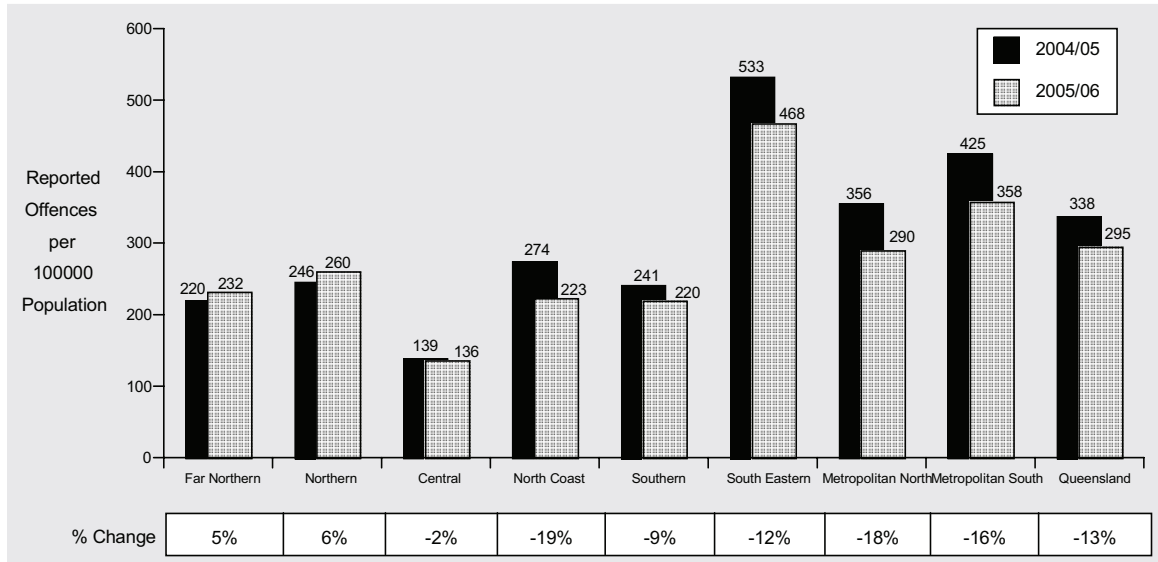
Six of the eight regions recorded increases in the rate of Other Property Damage offences, the largest of which was an 8% increase in Northern Region. This increase resulted in Northern Region recording the highest rate in the State. The lowest rate was recorded by Central

Region (1035 reported offences per 100000 persons). South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions were the only areas to record decreases in the current period although the decrease in Metropolitan North Region was negligible (0.2%).

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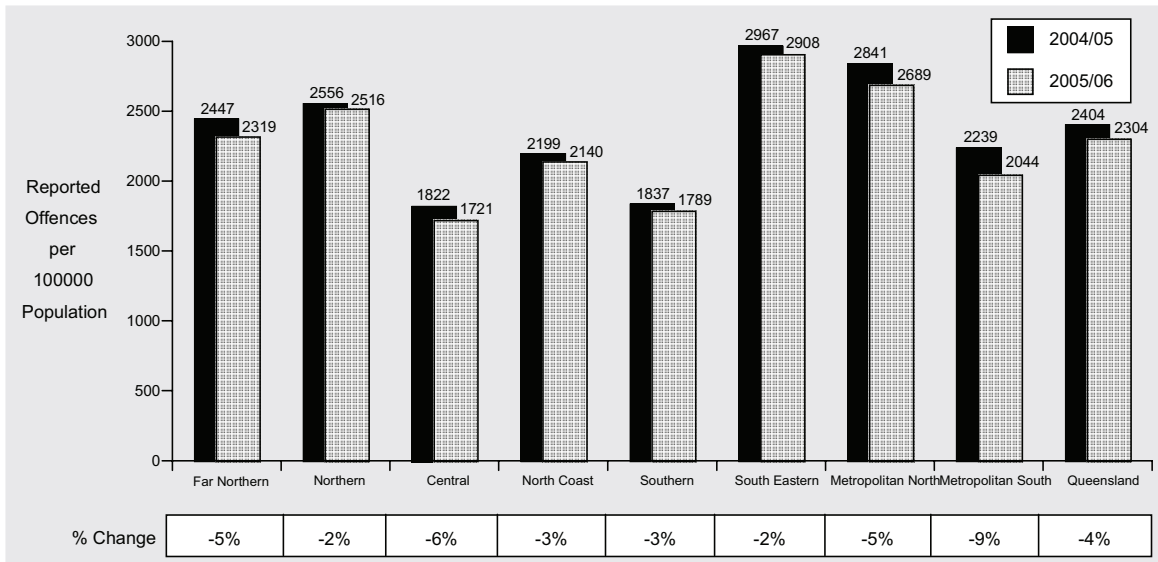
*Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle**



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the south-east corner of the State and 2005/06 was no exception despite decreases in this area. In fact, all regions except two recorded decreases which

resulted in a sizeable decrease for the State as a whole. South Eastern again experienced the highest rate in the State while Central again experienced the lowest. The largest decrease was exhibited by North Coast Region.

*Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)**



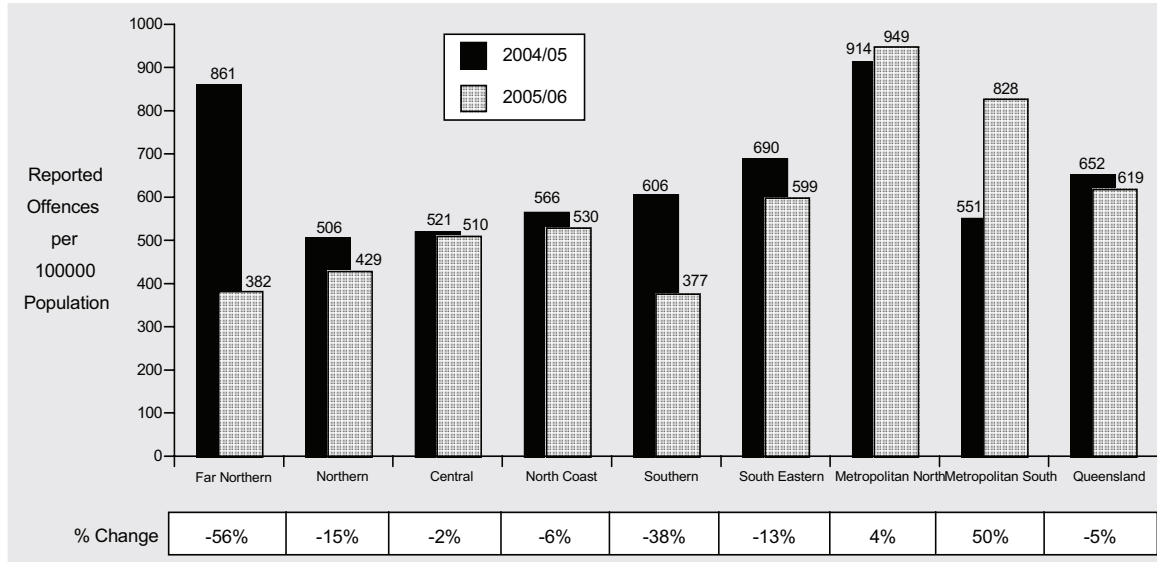
During 2005/06, all regions experienced decreases resulting in a 4% decrease exhibited by Queensland overall. As with previous years, the highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Metropolitan

North Regions despite recording decreases of 2% and 5% respectively. Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest decrease while Central Region exhibited the lowest rate of 1721 offences per 10000 persons.

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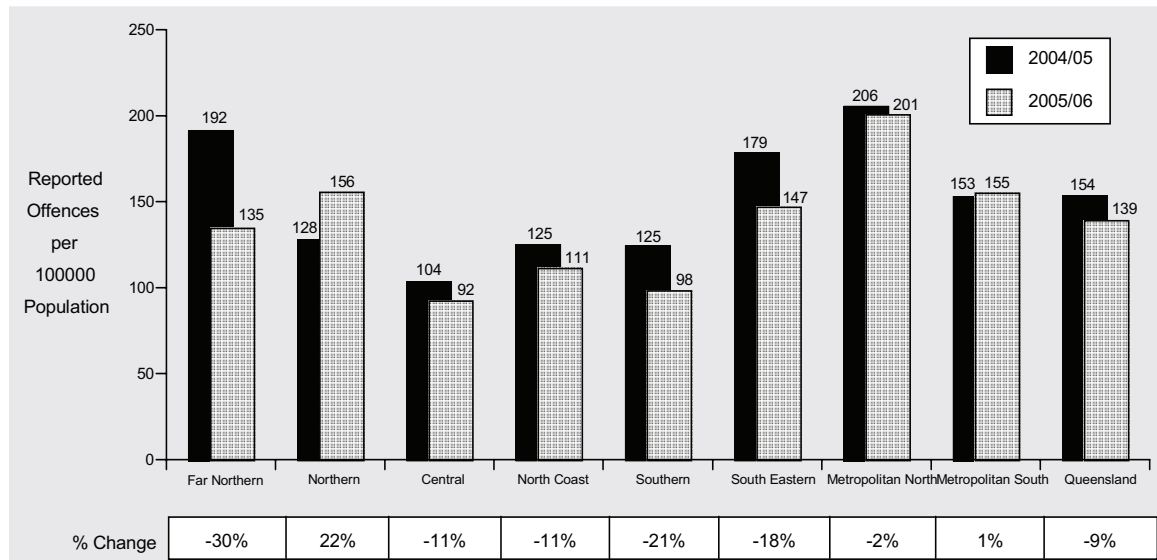
*Fraud**



One offender was apprehended for 1394 Fraud Offences in 2006 resulting in Metropolitan South Region recording a significant increase of 50% for 2005/06.

Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease while Southern Region exhibited the lowest rate. The highest rate was seen in Metropolitan North Region.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



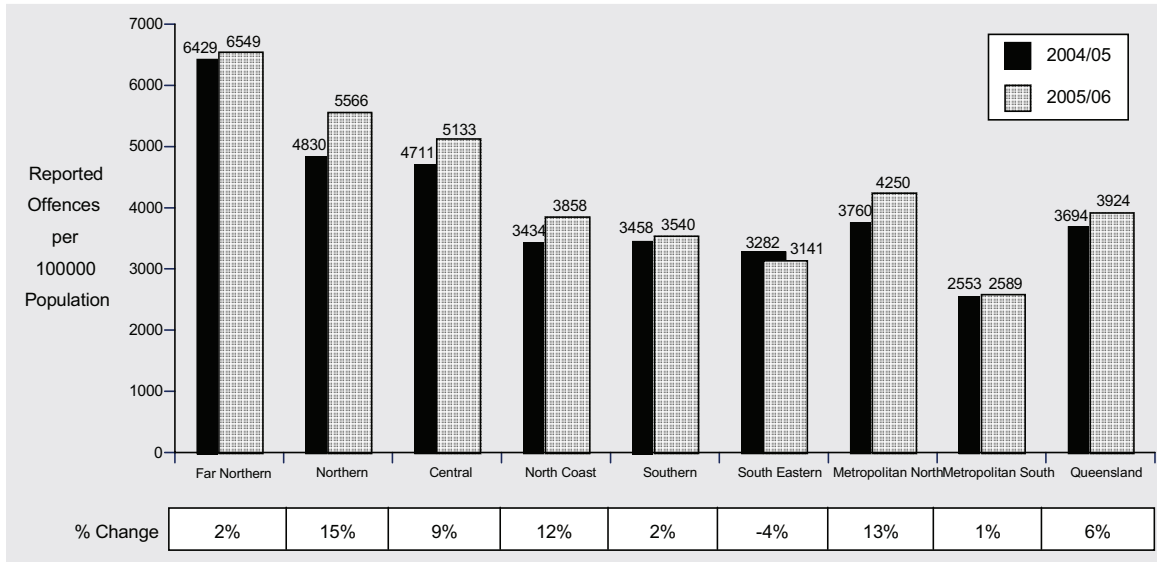
Most regions experienced decreases in Handling Stolen Goods Offences resulting in a sizeable 9% decrease for the State overall. Metropolitan North Region again

exhibited the highest rate in the State while Central Region recorded the lowest resulting from a substantial decrease in offences (11%).

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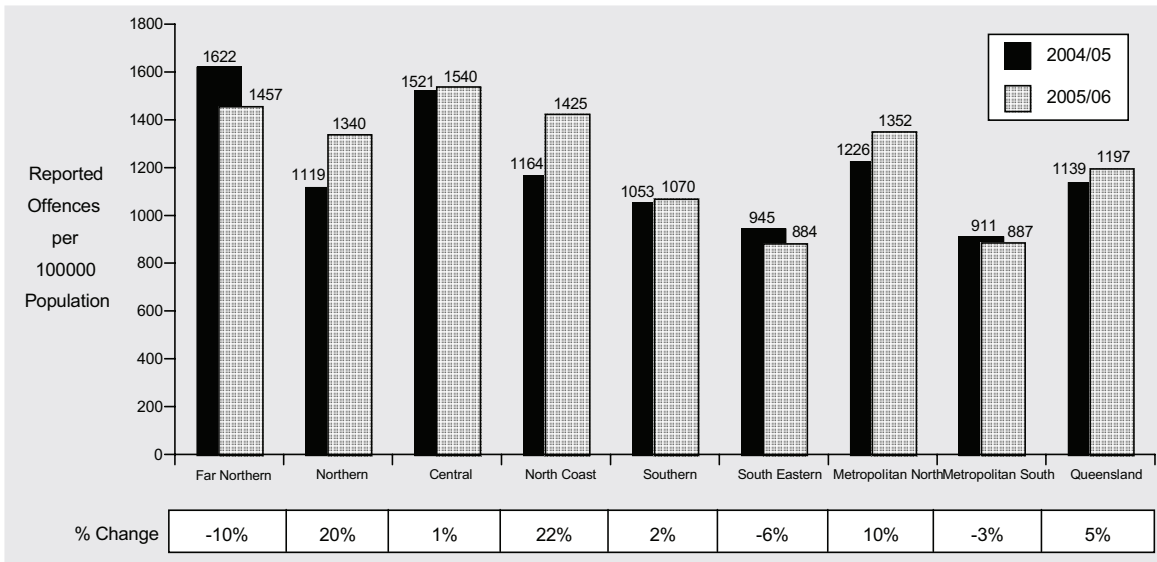
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2005/06 was no exception. In fact, for the eighth consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate. Similarly,

Metropolitan South experienced the lowest rate for the eighth year running. Most regions recorded increases (except for South Eastern which exhibited a 4% decrease), the largest of which was recorded by Northern.

Drug Offences*



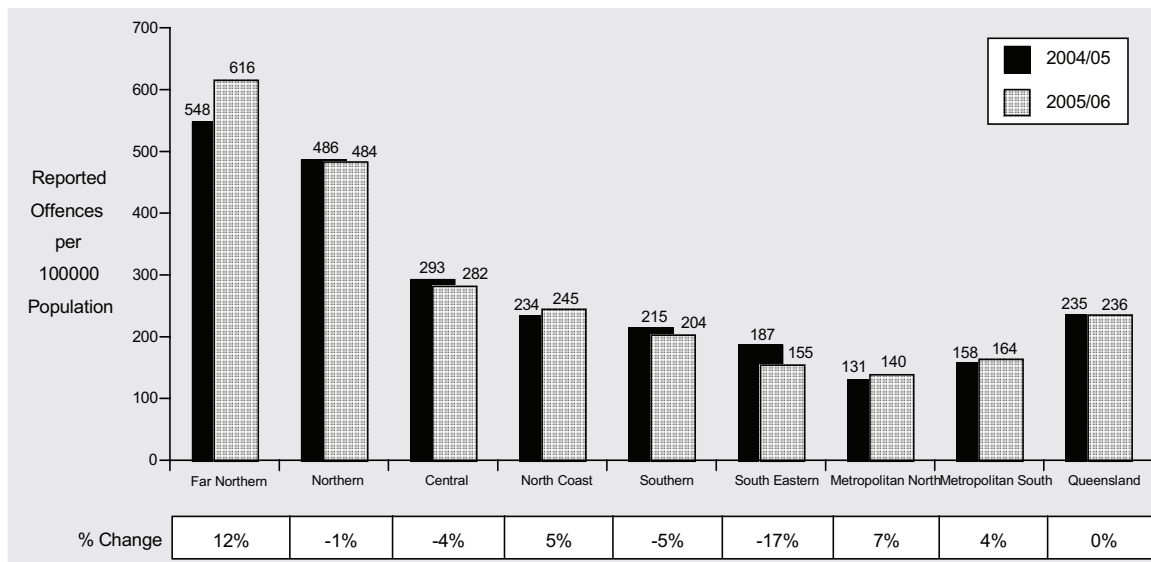
Traditionally, Far Northern Region records one of the highest rates in the State and 2005/06 was no exception despite the region recording a 10% decrease. This year, the highest rate was recorded by Central

Region. The largest increase was exhibited by North Coast Region while the lowest rate was exhibited by South Eastern Region.

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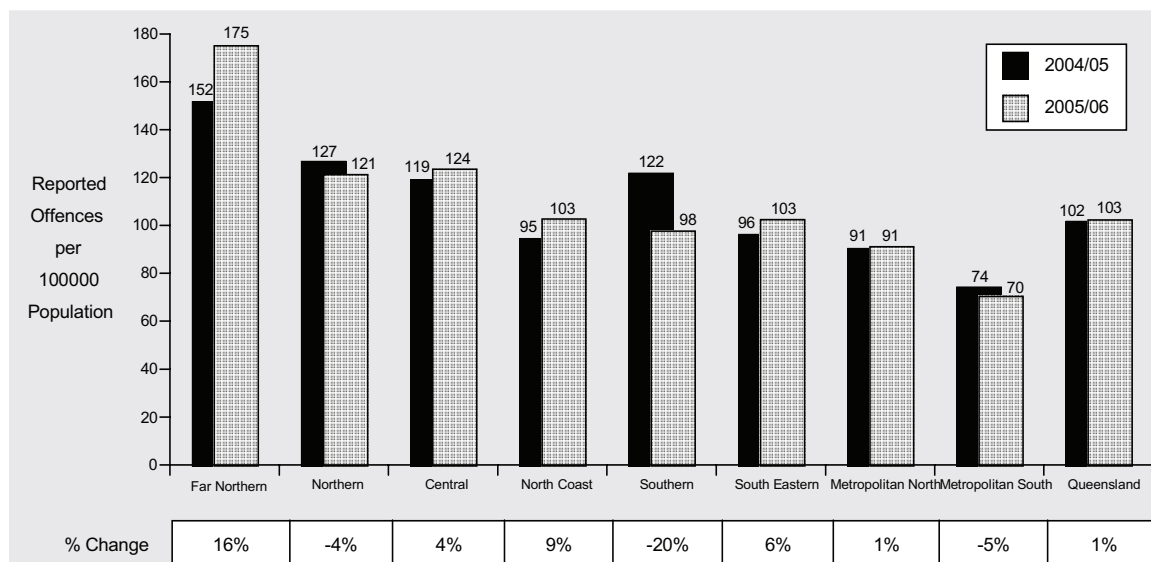
*Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders**



As in past years, the northern part of the State, Far Northern and Northern Regions, recorded the highest rates of Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders. Also typically, the south eastern regions recorded the

lowest rates. Far Northern Region recorded the largest increase (12%) while the largest decrease was experienced by South Eastern Region. The lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan North Region.

*Weapons Act Offences**



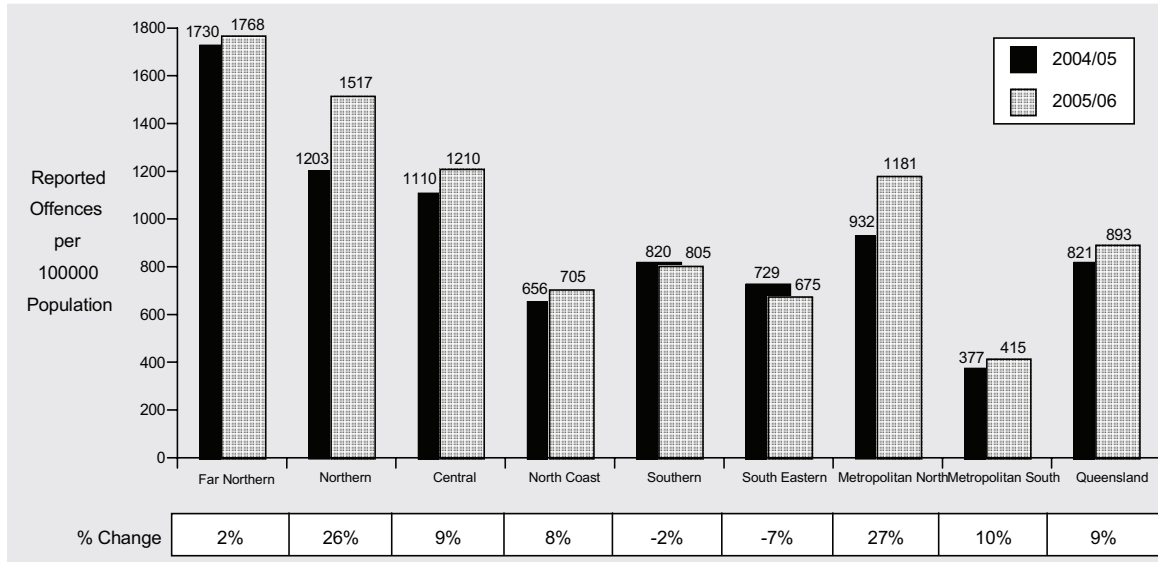
Most regions recorded increases in Weapons Act Offences, the largest of which was a 16% increase in Far Northern Region resulting in this area recording the highest rate in the State. Metropolitan South Region

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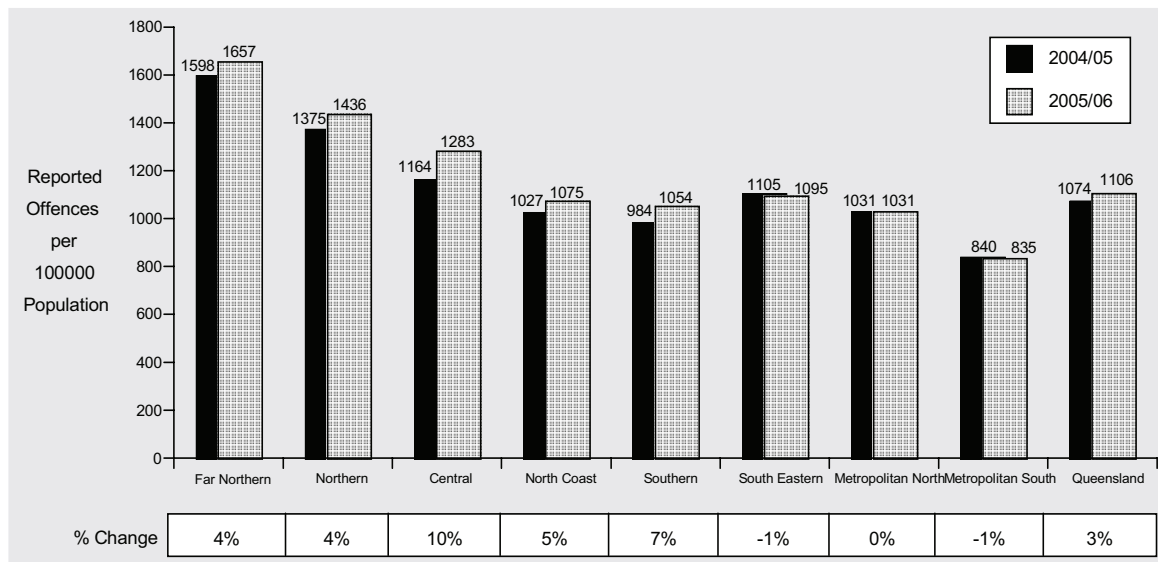
Good Order Offences*



There are usually large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions and 2005/06 was no exception. The lowest rate again occurred in Metropolitan South Region while the highest again

occurred in Far Northern Region. Only two regions recorded decreases. The largest increases occurred in Northern and Metropolitan North Regions (26% and 27% respectively).

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, increased in six of the eight regions this year. The northern regions again

recorded the highest rates of Traffic Offences while Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest. The largest increase was exhibited by Central Region.

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