

Regional Comparisons

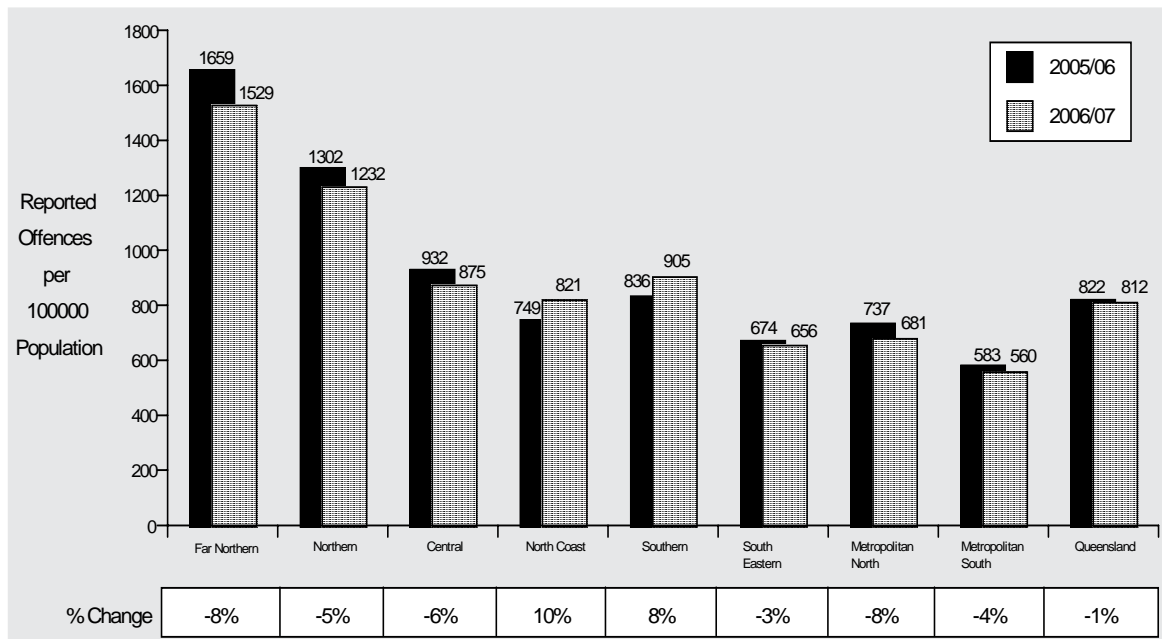
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100000 population from the 2005/06 to the 2006/07 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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.

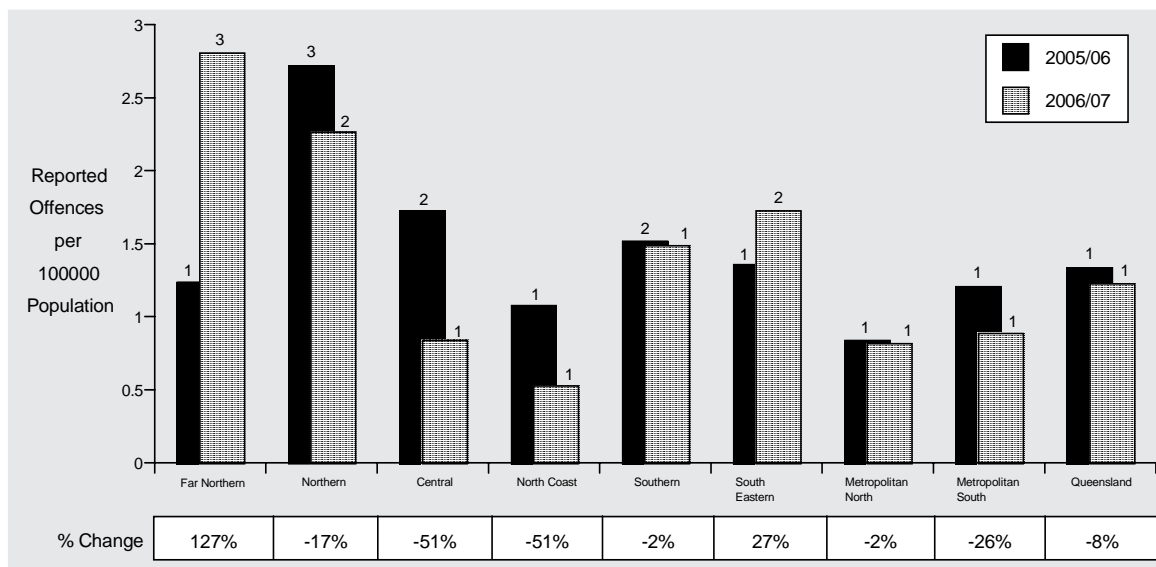
Offences Against the Person*



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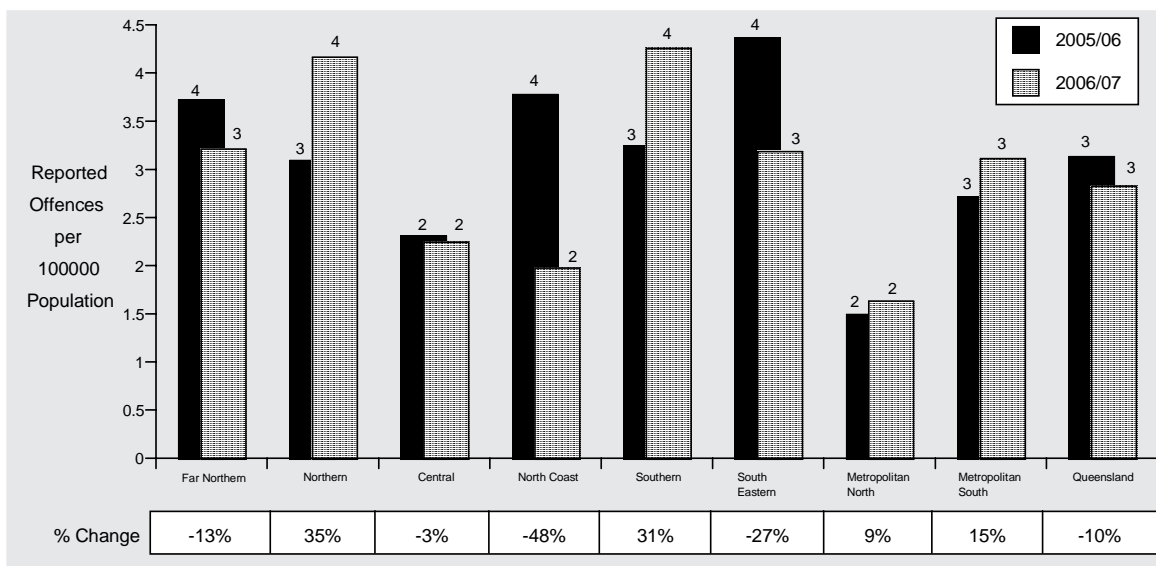
Homicide(Murder)*



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. North Coast Region experienced the lowest rate while Far Northern Region exhibited the largest increase resulting in this area recording the highest rate .

Other Homicide*



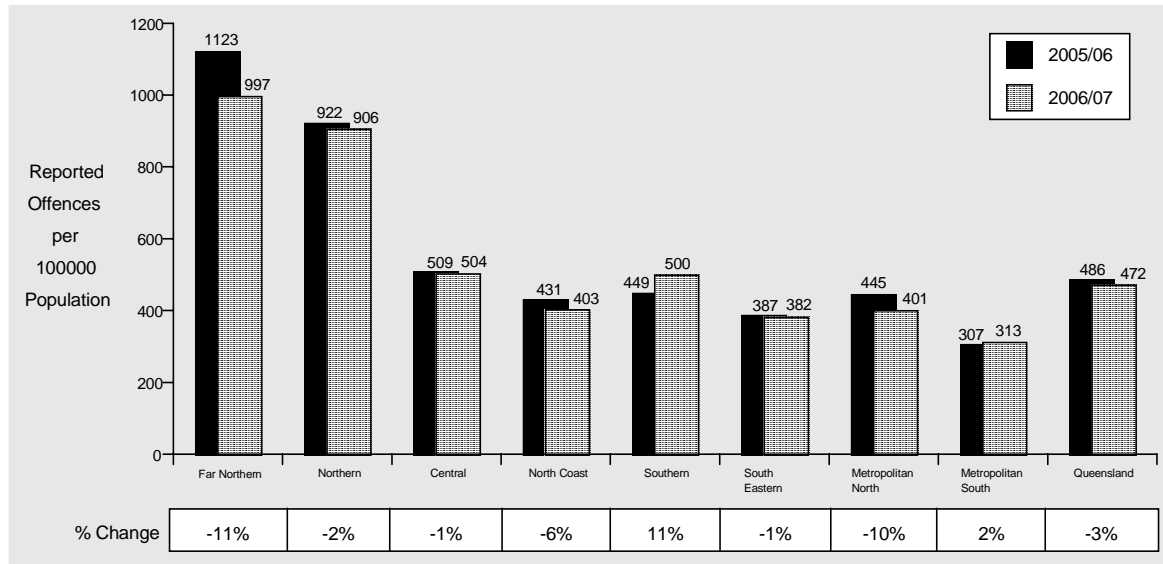
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide (Murder), caution should be exercised when

using percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2006/07 Southern Region recorded the highest rate of Other Homicide while Metropolitan North Region recorded the lowest.

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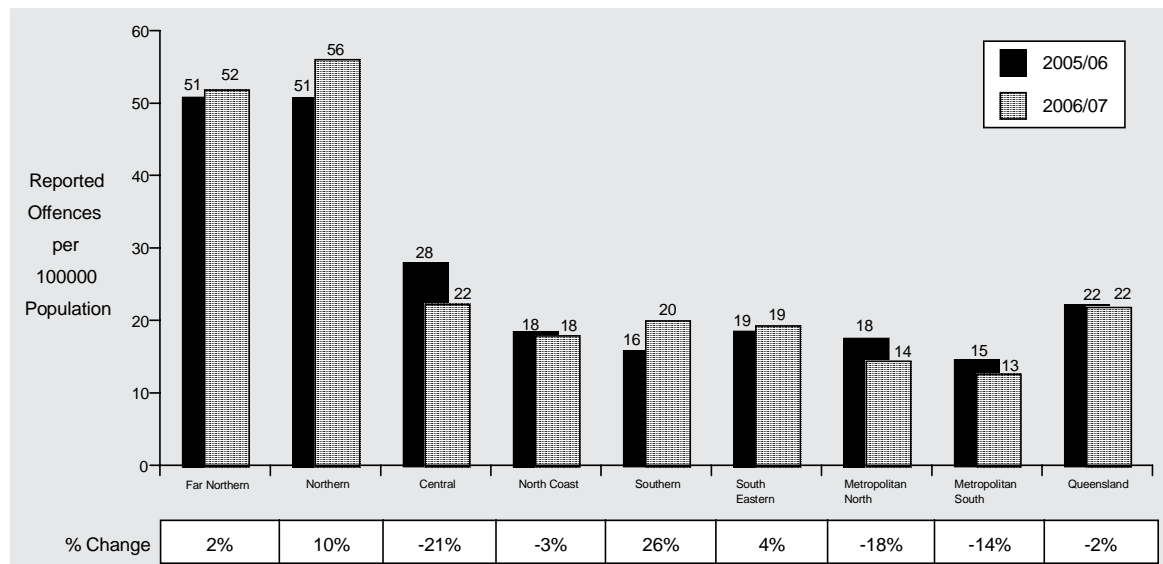
Assault*



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

remaining regions, all of which recorded similar Assault rates in 2006/07. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate with Far Northern Region experiencing the largest decrease.

Grievous Assault*



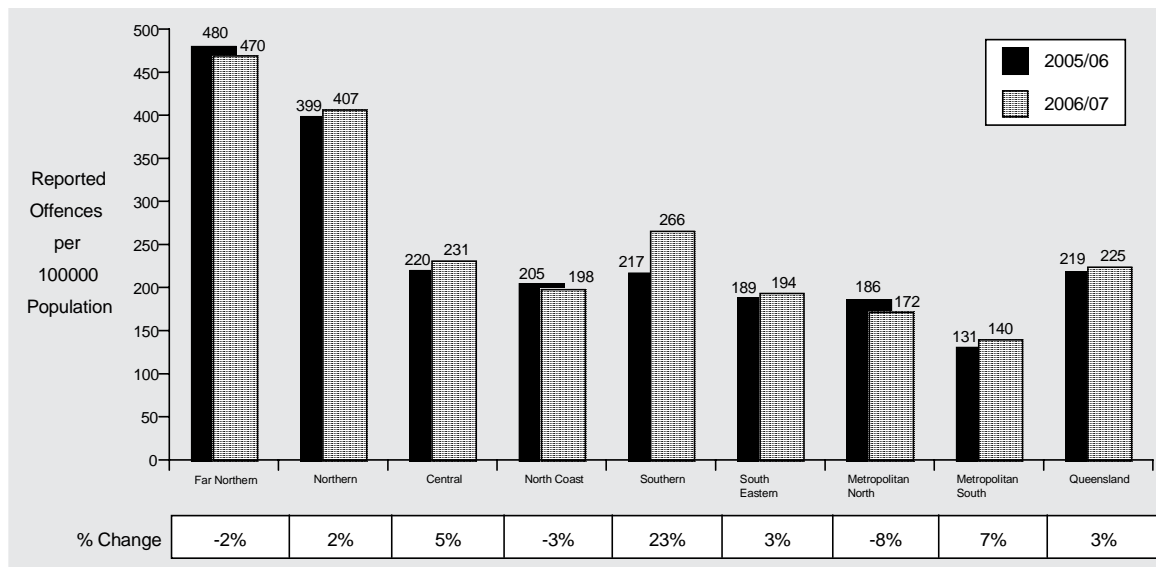
It should be noted that this is a low volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next. Far Northern and Northern

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

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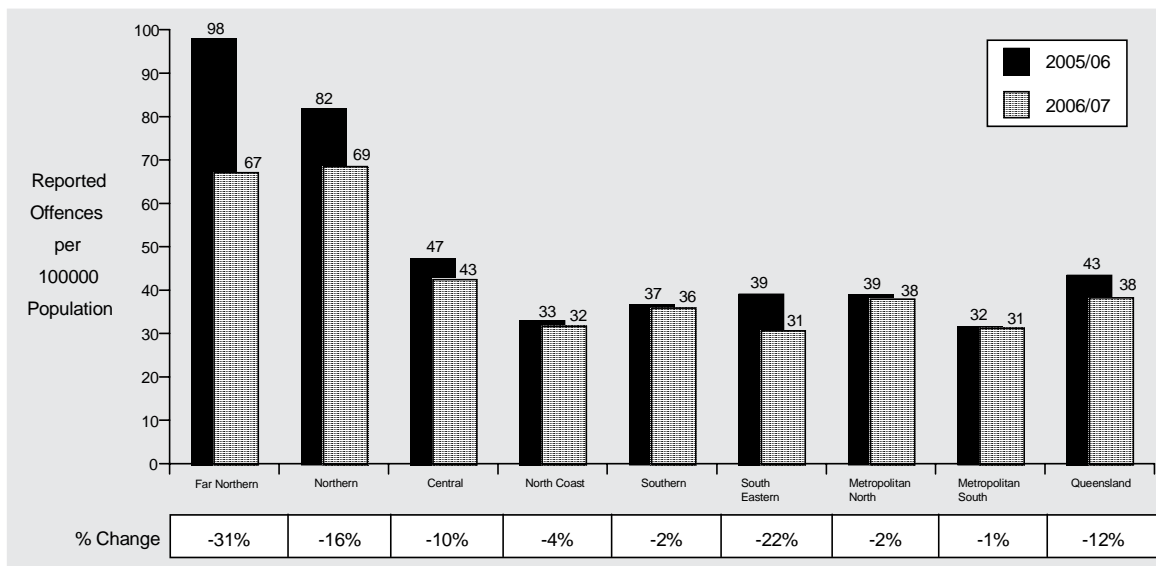
Serious Assault*



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

Regions have the highest rates of Serious Assaults in the State. Metropolitan South Region continues to record the lowest rate in the State.

Serious Assault (Other)*



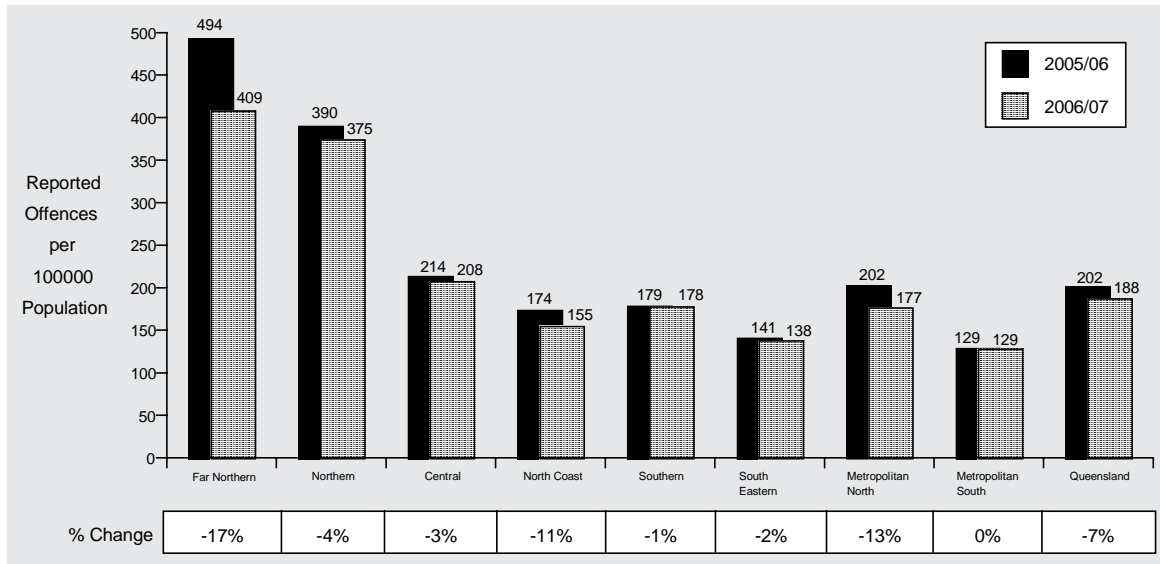
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rates of Serious Assault (Other) offences despite both regions recording large decreases in the rate of

offences this year. All regions recorded decreases for the current review period with South Eastern Region recording the lowest rate.

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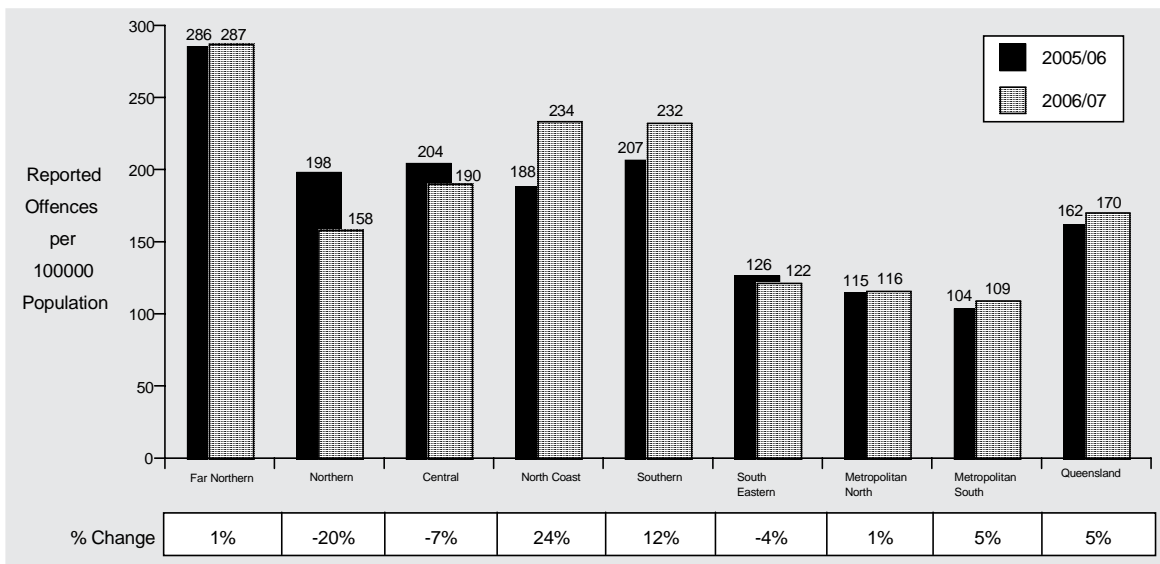
Common Assault*



Although Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease in Common Assault it was responsible for the highest rate. Decreases in Common Assault were

recorded by all regions in 2006/07. Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State.

Sexual Offences*



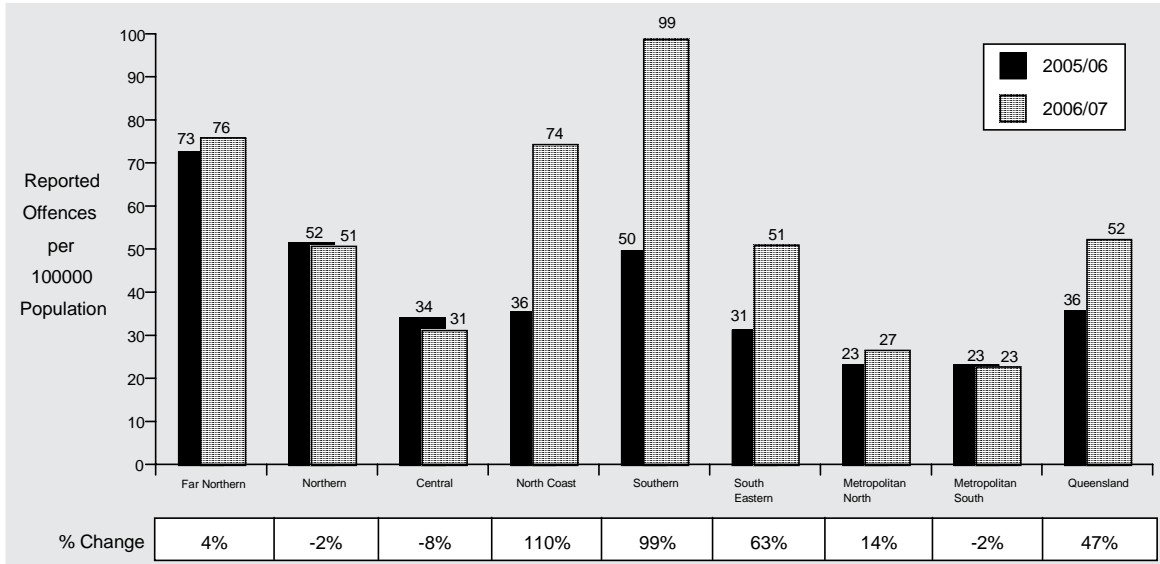
Five regions recorded increases in Sexual Offences in 2006/07. The large increases recorded by North Coast and Southern Regions were a result of the reporting of

historical offences. Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate of Sexual Offences whilst the lowest rate was represented in Metropolitan South Region.

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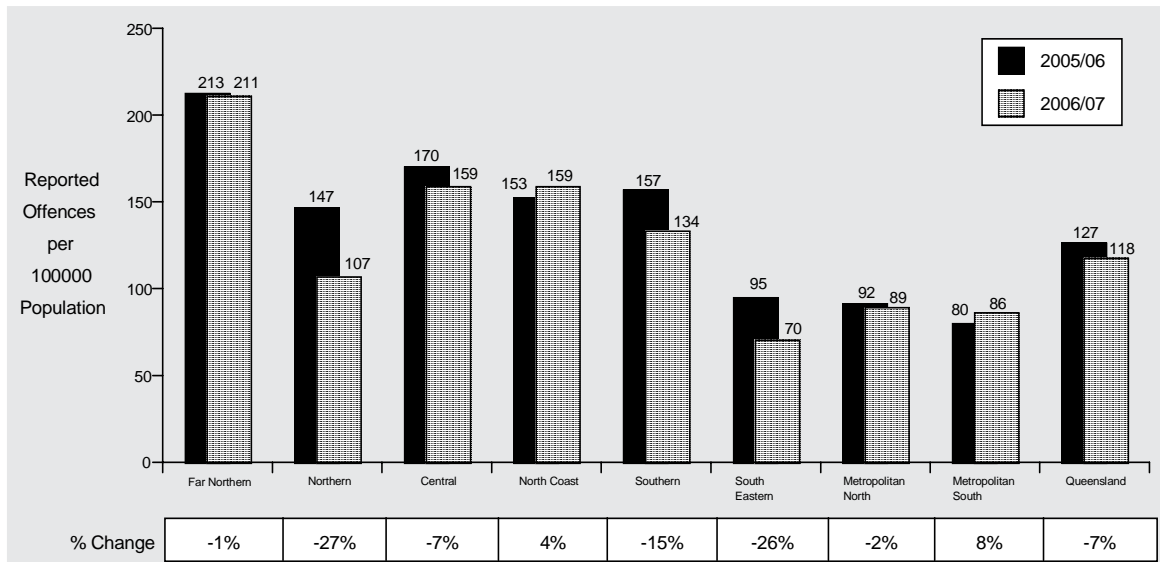
Rape and Attempted Rape*



Five of the eight regions recorded an increase in Rape and Attempted Rape, the largest of which were in North Coast and Southern Regions. The largest decrease was

exhibited by Central Region while the lowest rate of Rape and Attempted Rape was recorded by Metropolitan South Region.

Other Sexual Offences*



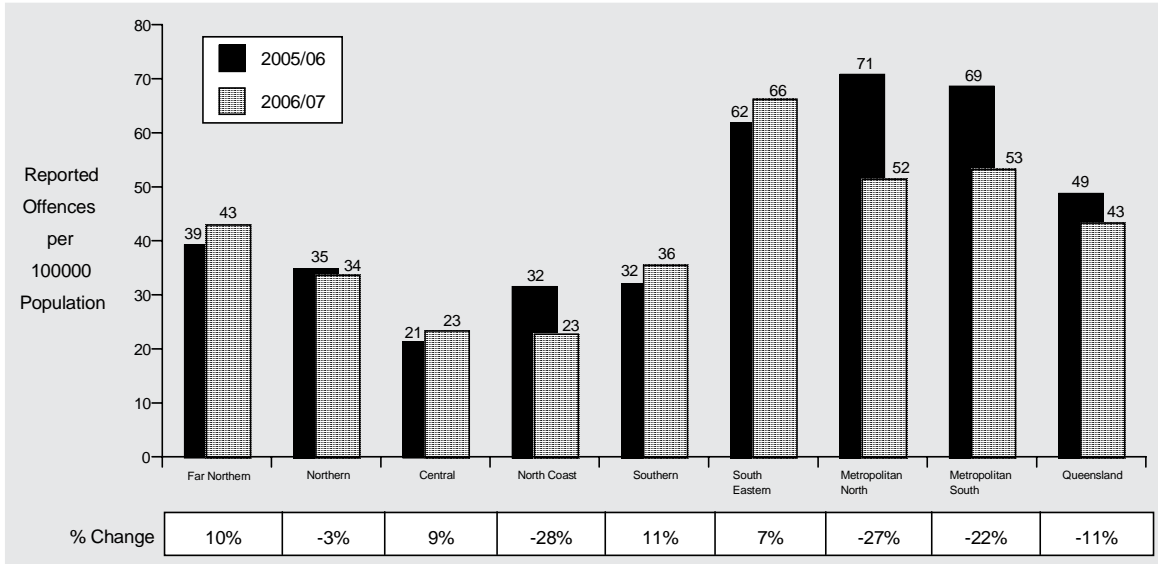
North Coast and Metropolitan South Regions were the only regions to record increases in Other Sexual Offences in 2006/07. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region. South Eastern Region recorded one

of the largest decreases attributing to the region recording the lowest rate. The majority of offences recorded in this category were Indecent Treatment of Children offences.

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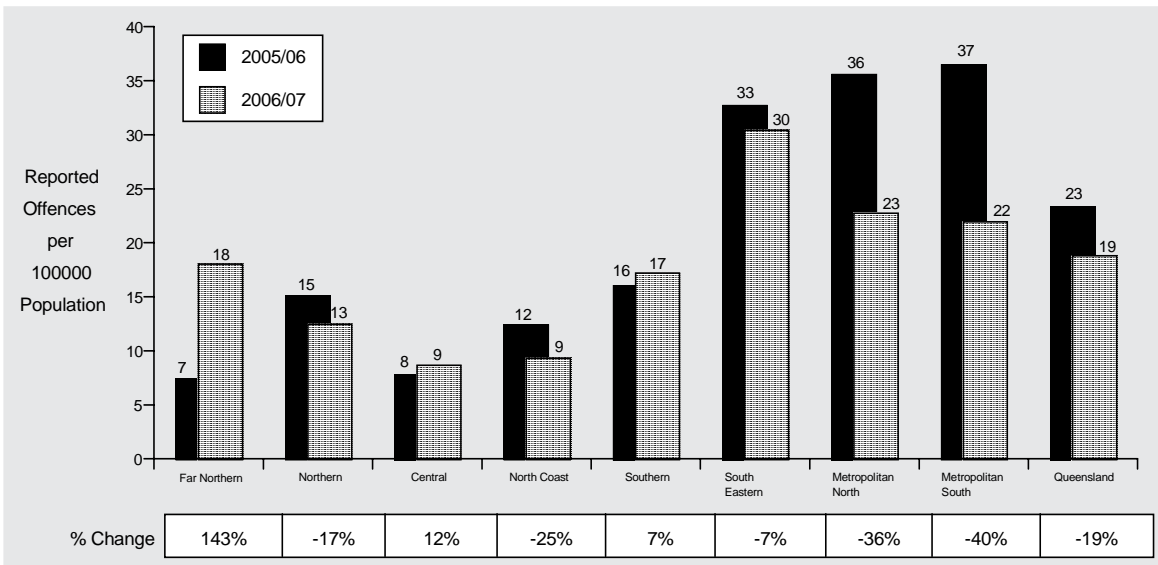
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically records the highest rates of Robbery and 2006/07 was no exception. North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate

as a direct result of recording the largest decrease. South Eastern Region recorded the highest rate of 66 reported offences per 10000 persons.

Armed Robbery*



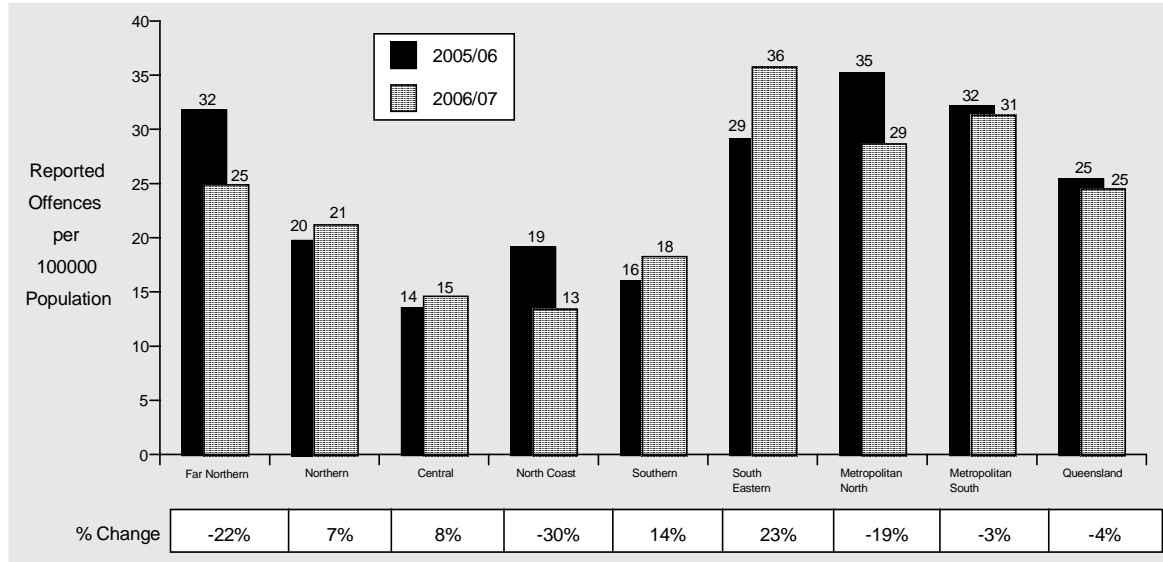
The south-east corner again recorded higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. South Eastern Region recorded the highest rate of Armed Robbery offences (30 offences per 10000 persons),

followed by Metropolitan North and Metropolitan South Regions although both these regions recorded the largest decreases. Far Northern Region recorded the largest increase of Armed Robbery offences.

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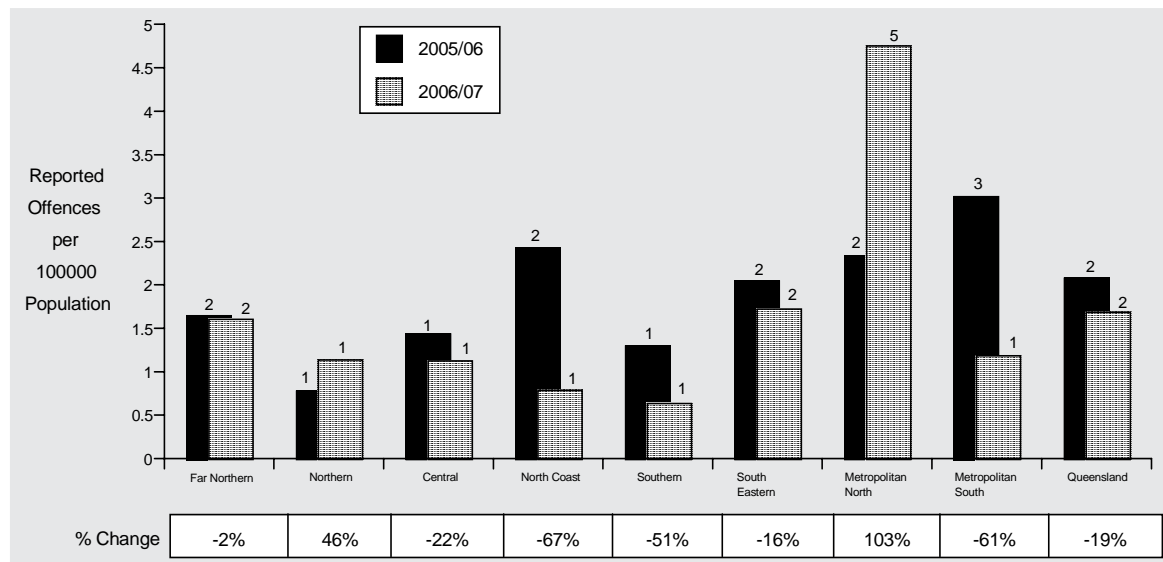
Unarmed Robbery*



Half of the eight regions recorded decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 30% decrease in North Coast Region resulting in this region

recording the lowest rate. South Eastern recorded the highest rate of Unarmed Robbery as well as recording the largest increase.

Extortion*



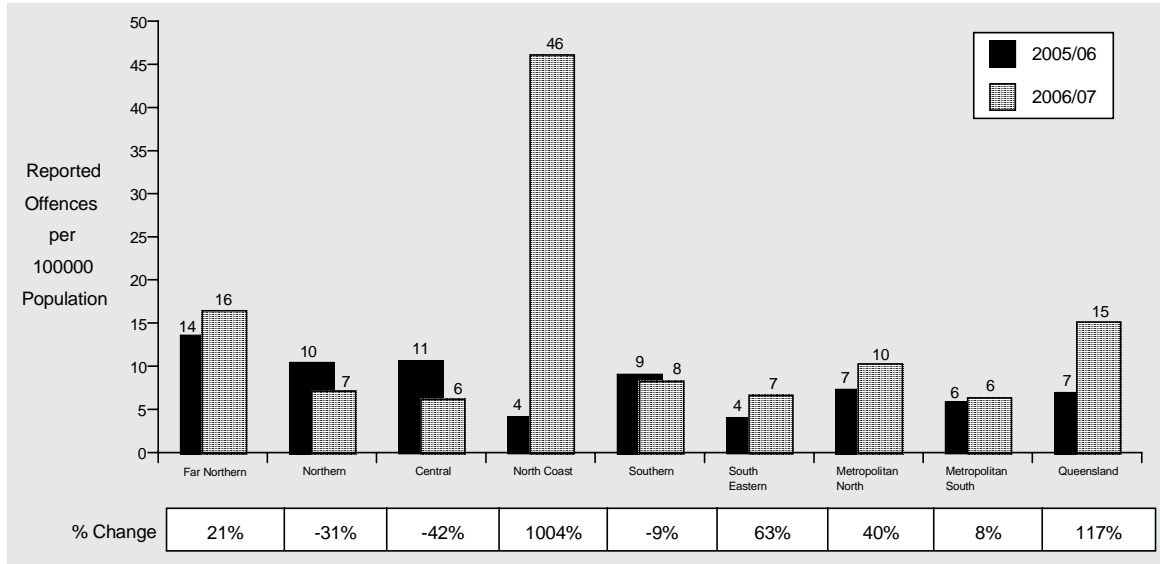
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. In 2006/07, only Northern and Metropolitan North Regions recorded

increases in Extortion Offences. The highest rate was recorded by Metropolitan North Region while the lowest rate was recorded by Southern Region.

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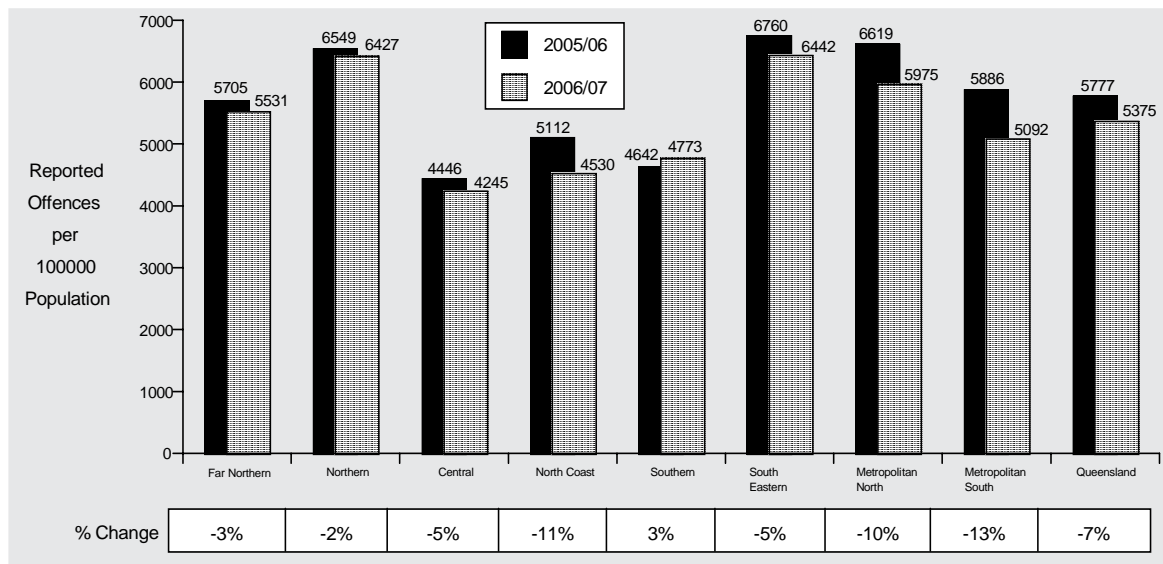
*Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.**



The highest rate of Kidnapping, Abduction, etc. offences occurred in North Coast Region as a result of the area recording the largest increase of 1004%. This was the

result of a single report covering offences that occurred between 1968 and 1971. The lowest rates occurred in Central and Metropolitan South Regions.

*Offences Against Property**



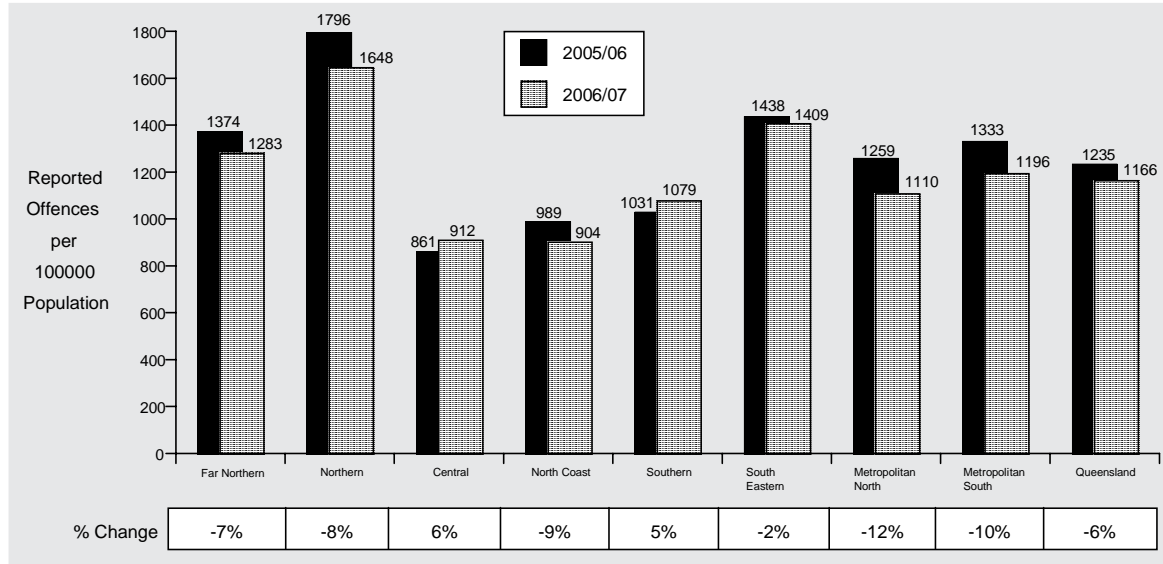
All regions, except Southern, recorded decreases in total Offences Against Property, the largest of which was a 13% decrease in Metropolitan South Region. South

Eastern Region recorded the highest rate while the lowest rate occurred in Central Region for the fifth consecutive year.

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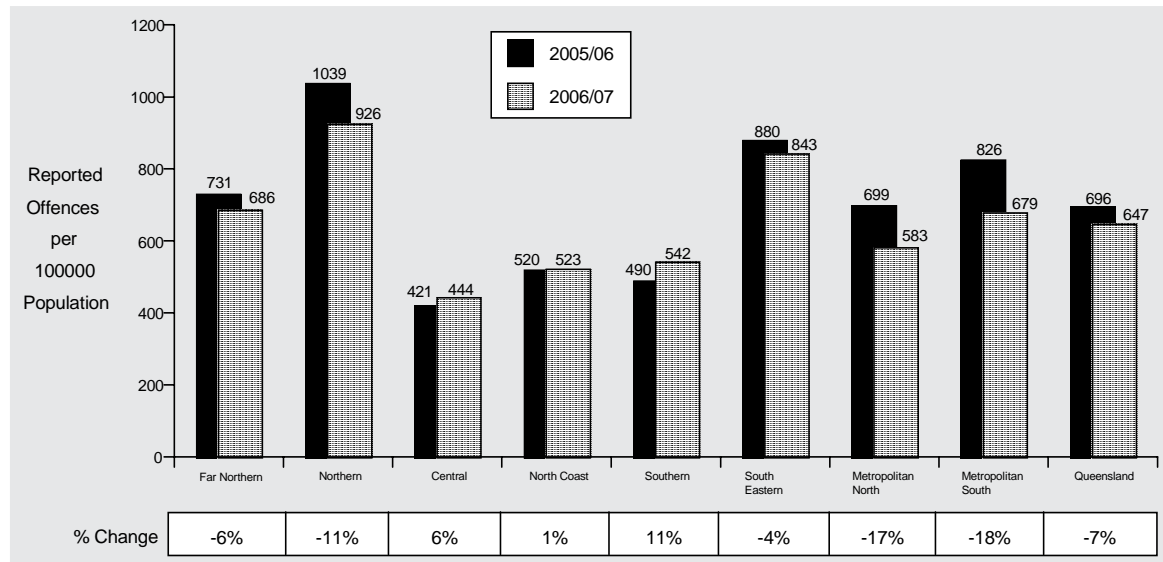
*Unlawful Entry with Intent**



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 Southern and Central Regions, recorded decreases in

the current year, the largest of which was recorded by Metropolitan North Region. The highest rate was recorded by Northern Region, as with previous years, while the lowest rate occurred in North Coast Region.

*Unlawful Entry - Dwellings**



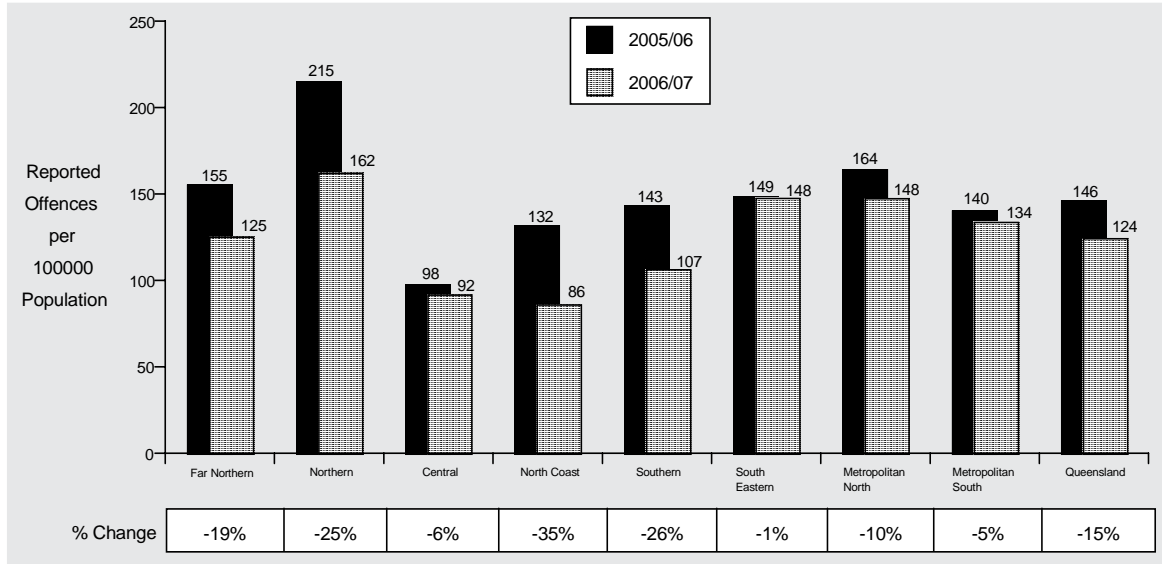
The largest decreases in the rate of Unlawful Entry - Dwellings, occurred in the two metropolitan regions. The lowest rate in the State occurred in Central

Region, as with previous years, while the highest rate was recorded by Northern Region.

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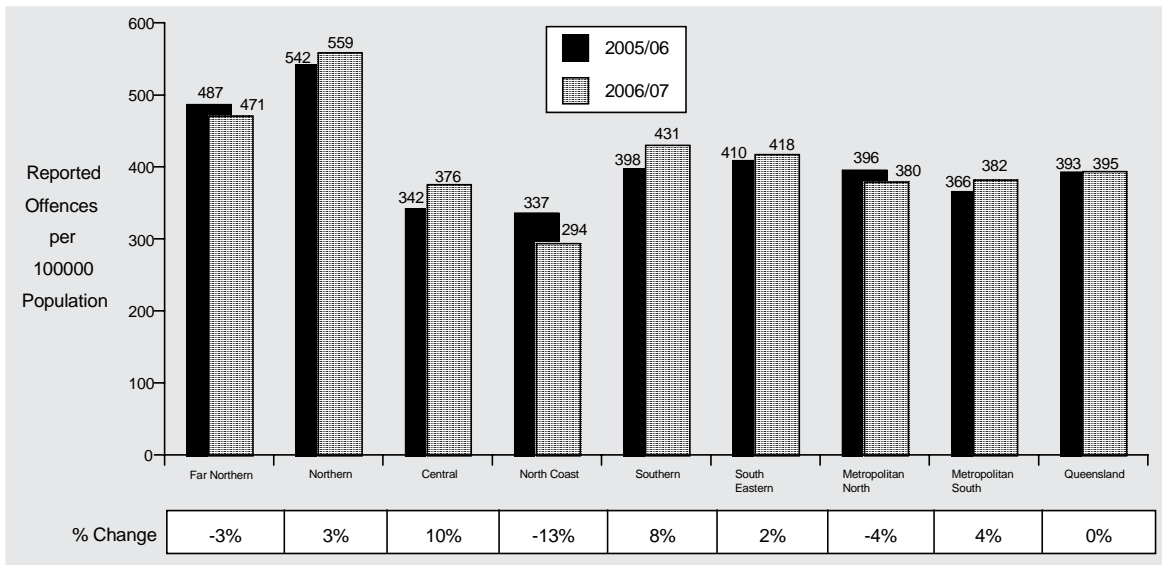
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



A 15% decrease in the rate of Unlawful Entry - Shops in the State was a result of decreases being recorded in all regions. The largest decrease was recorded by North

Coast Region which resulted in this area recording the lowest rate. The highest rate was recorded by Northern Region.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



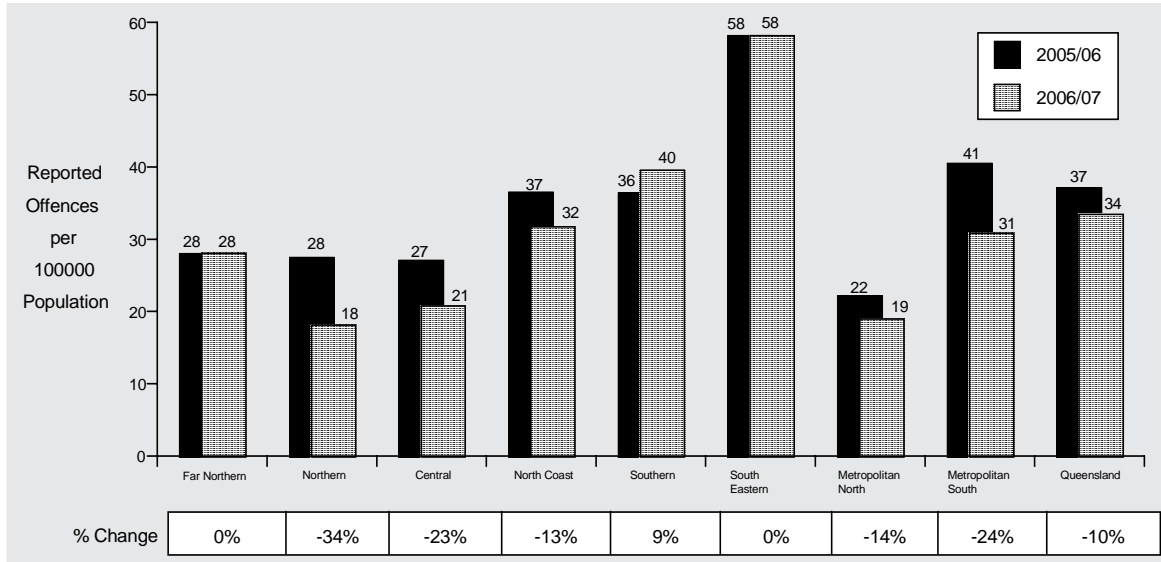
The rate of Unlawful Entry - Other Premises in the State remained stable when comparing 2006/07 to the previous year. The highest rate was recorded by Northern Region and the largest increase was recorded

by Central Region. North Coast Region recorded the greatest decrease (13%) which attributed to this region recording the lowest rate of 294 offences per 100,000 persons.

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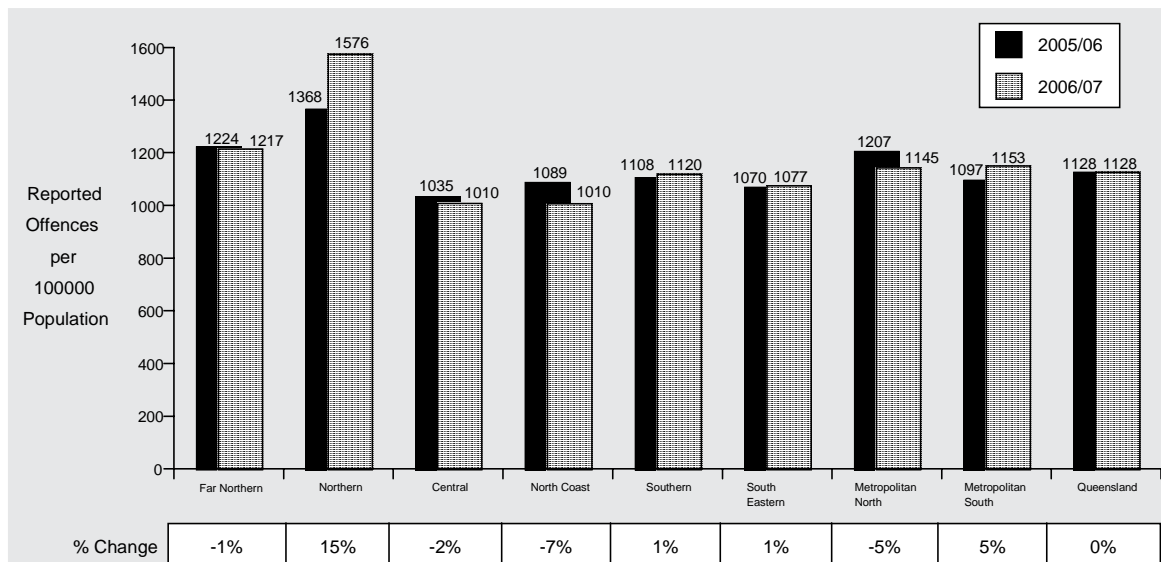
Arson*



Two regions recorded increases in the rate of Arson offences this year. Despite these increases, the State recorded a decrease of 10%, dropping from a rate of 37 to 34 offences per 100,000 persons. The largest

decrease occurred in Northern Region attributing to this region recording the lowest rate. Similar to last year, the highest rate was recorded in South Eastern Region.

Other Property Damage*



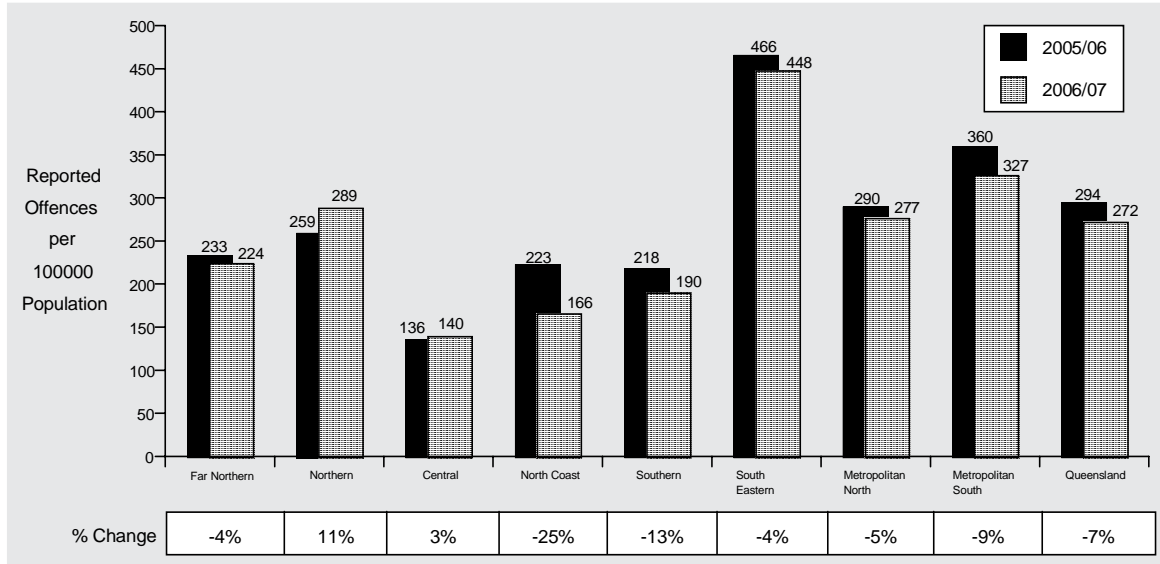
Although Northern Region recorded an increase of 15%, the decreases in other regions offset this resulting in the State remaining stable when comparing Other Property Damage offences occurring within the 2005/06

and 2006/07 periods. The lowest rates were recorded by North Coast and Central Regions. The largest decrease was exhibited by North Coast Region while the highest rate was recorded by Northern Region.

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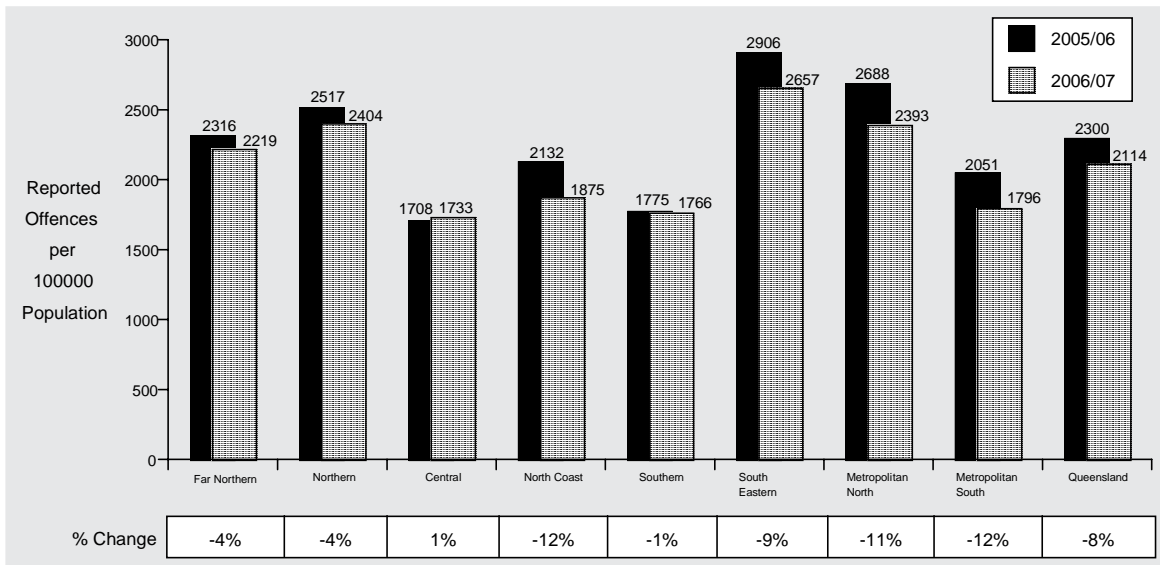
*Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle**



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the south-east corner of the State and 2006/07 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 recorded the highest rate in the State while Central again exhibited the lowest. The largest decrease was exhibited by North Coast Region.

*Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)**



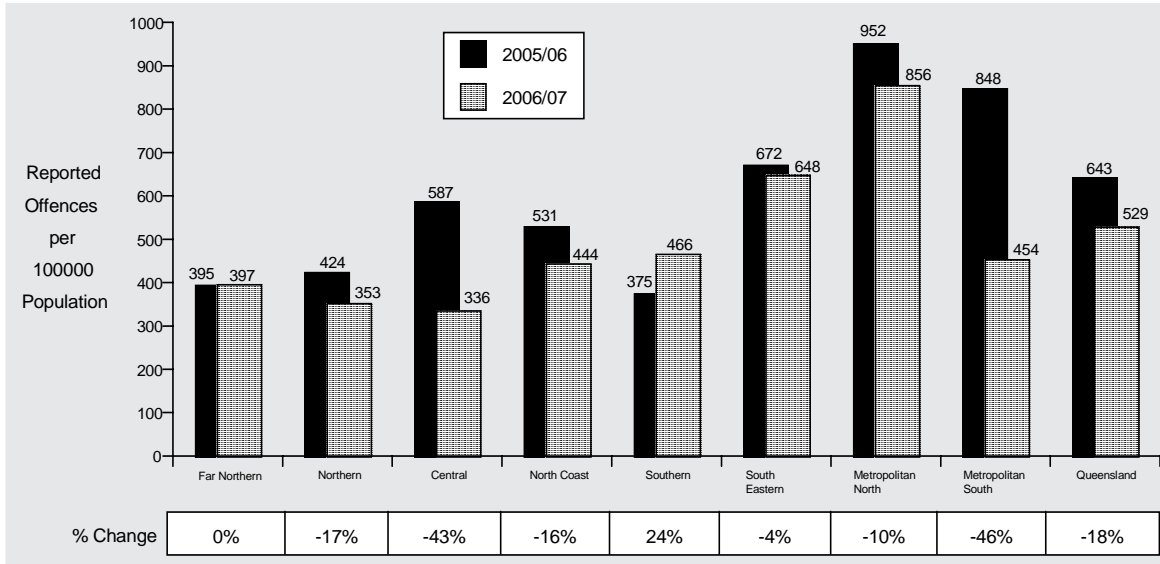
During 2006/07, all regions recorded decreases (except Central Region) resulting in an 8% decrease recorded by Queensland overall. The highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Northern Regions despite

recording decreases of 9% and 4% respectively. Metropolitan South and North Coast Regions recorded the largest decreases while Central Region recorded the lowest rate.

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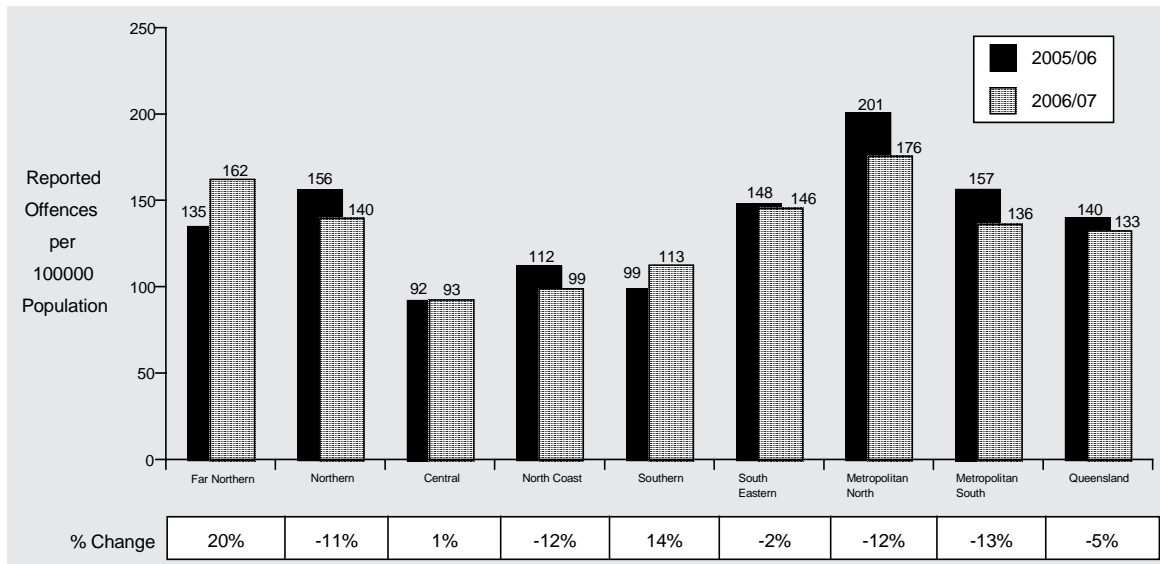
*Fraud**



The south-eastern corner of the State recorded the highest rate of Fraud offences in 2006/07. The largest decrease was recorded by Metropolitan South Region

followed closely by Central Region. Central Region recorded the lowest rate while Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate in the State.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



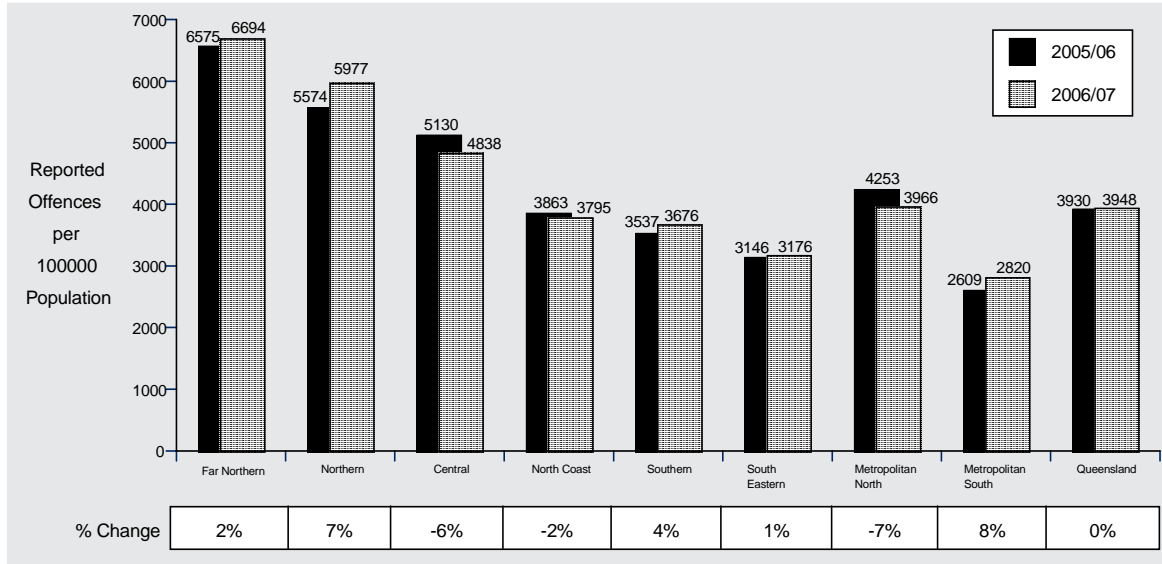
Most regions recorded decreases in Handling Stolen Goods offences resulting in a sizeable 5% decrease for the State overall. Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate in the State, as in previous years, while

Central Region recorded the lowest at 93 offences per 100,000 persons. Far Northern Region exhibited the largest increase while the largest decrease was recorded by Metropolitan South Region.

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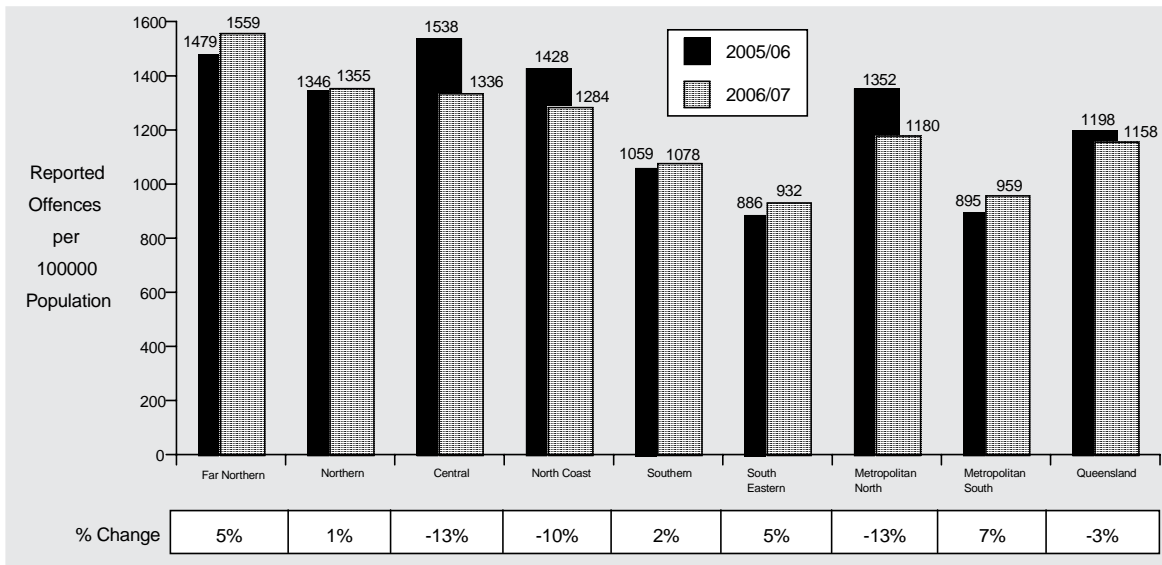
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2006/07 was no exception. In fact, for the ninth consecutive year, Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate. Similarly,

Metropolitan South recorded the lowest rate for the ninth year running. The largest increase was recorded by Metropolitan South Region while the largest decrease was recorded by Metropolitan North Region.

Drug Offences*



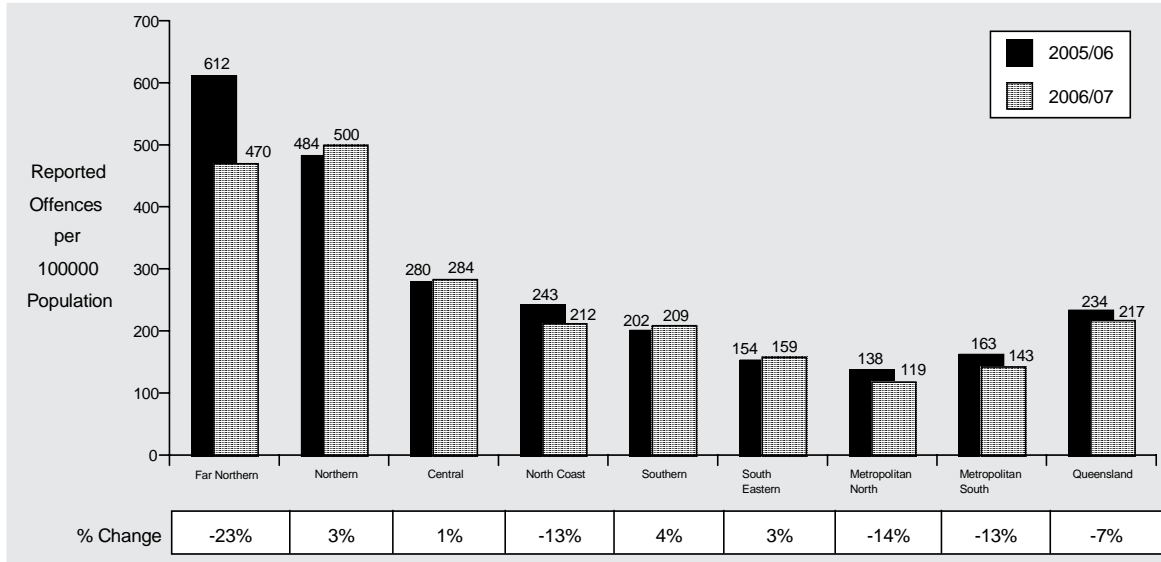
This year, the highest rate of Drug Offences was recorded by Far Northern Region while South Eastern Region recorded the lowest rate. Although Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest increase, the region

recorded one of the lowest rates of Drug Offences in the State. The largest decreases were recorded in Central Region and Metropolitan North Region (13% in each area).

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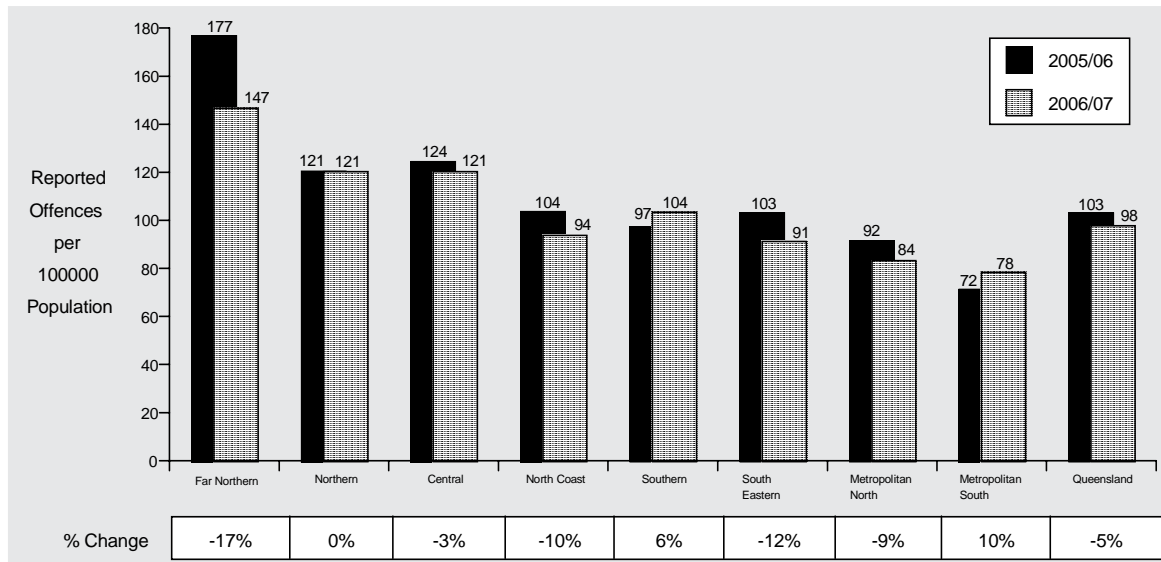
Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders*



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 decrease (23%) while the largest increase was recorded by Southern Region. The lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan North Region.

Weapons Act Offences*



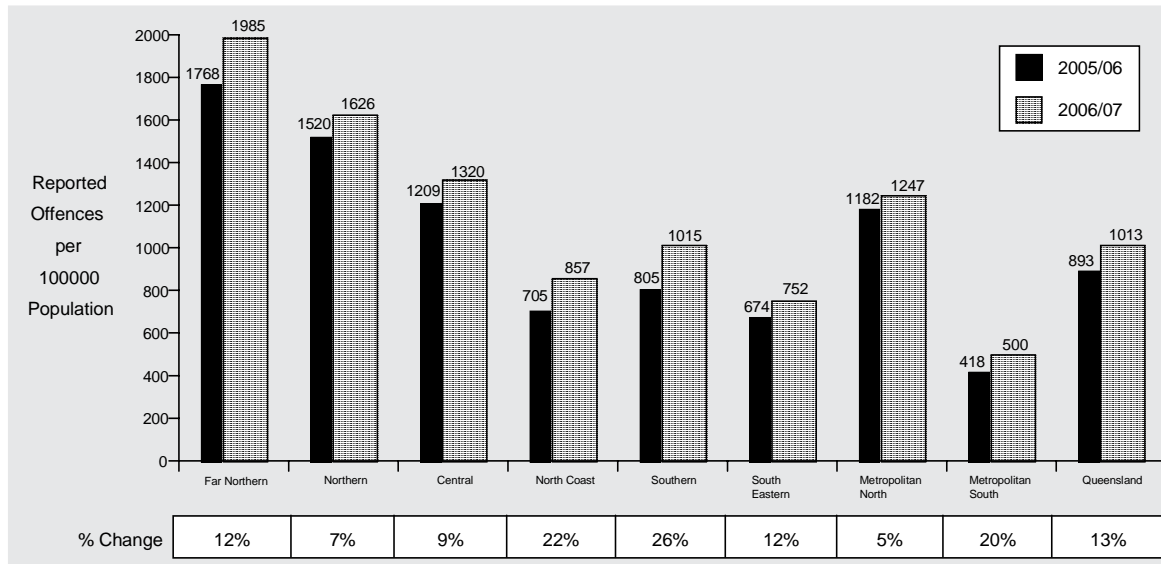
Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate in Weapons Act Offences, as in previous years, despite recording the largest decrease. Although Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest increase, the region

exhibited the lowest rate in the State. Overall, the State experienced a 5% decrease as a result of decreases in six of the eight regions.

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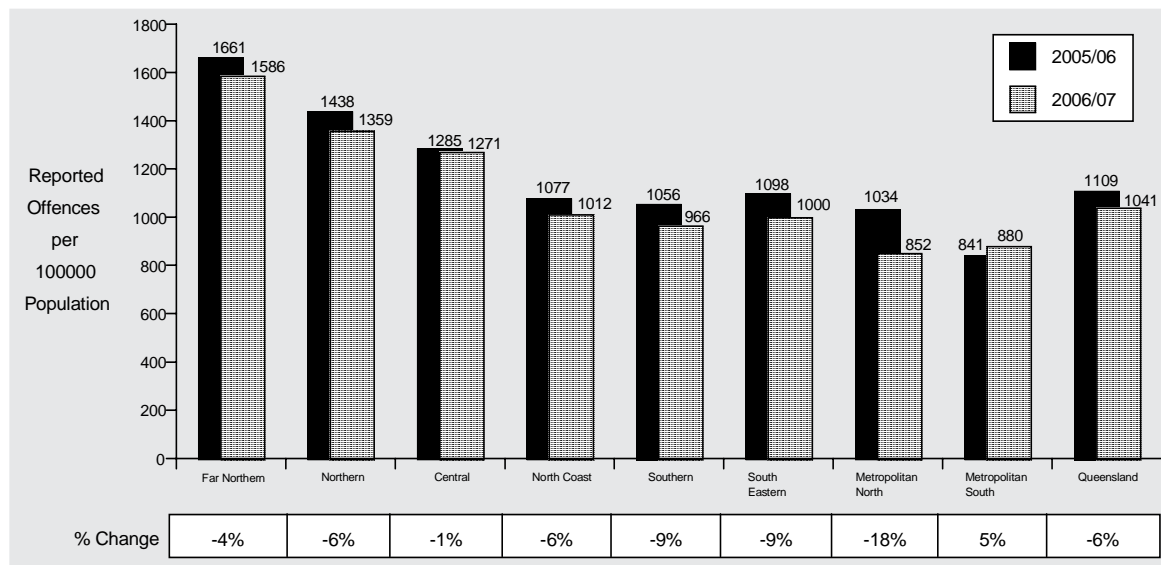
Good Order Offences*



As a result of all regions recording increases in 2006/07, the State recorded a 13% increase overall. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region while the

largest increase was recorded by Southern Region. The lowest rate occurred in Metropolitan South Region, as in previous years.

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, decreased in all regions, except Metropolitan South Region, which recorded a 5% increase. The northern regions again

recorded the highest rates of Traffic Offences. Metropolitan North Region recorded the largest decrease resulting in this region exhibiting the lowest rate.

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