

# Regional Comparisons

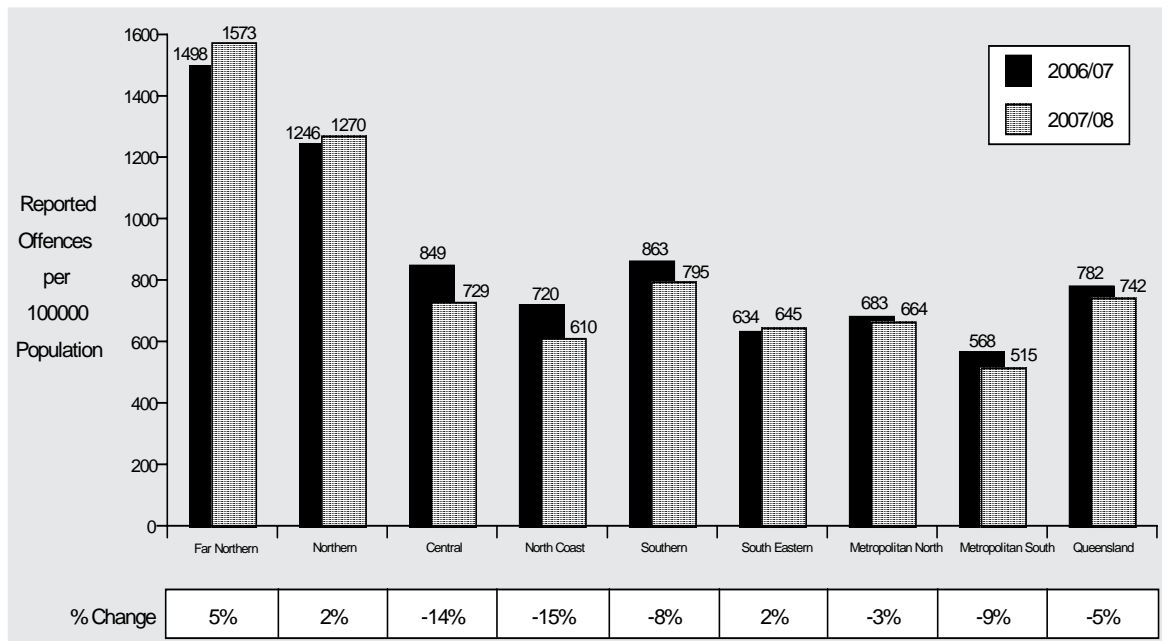
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100000 population from the 2006/07 to the 2007/08 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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.

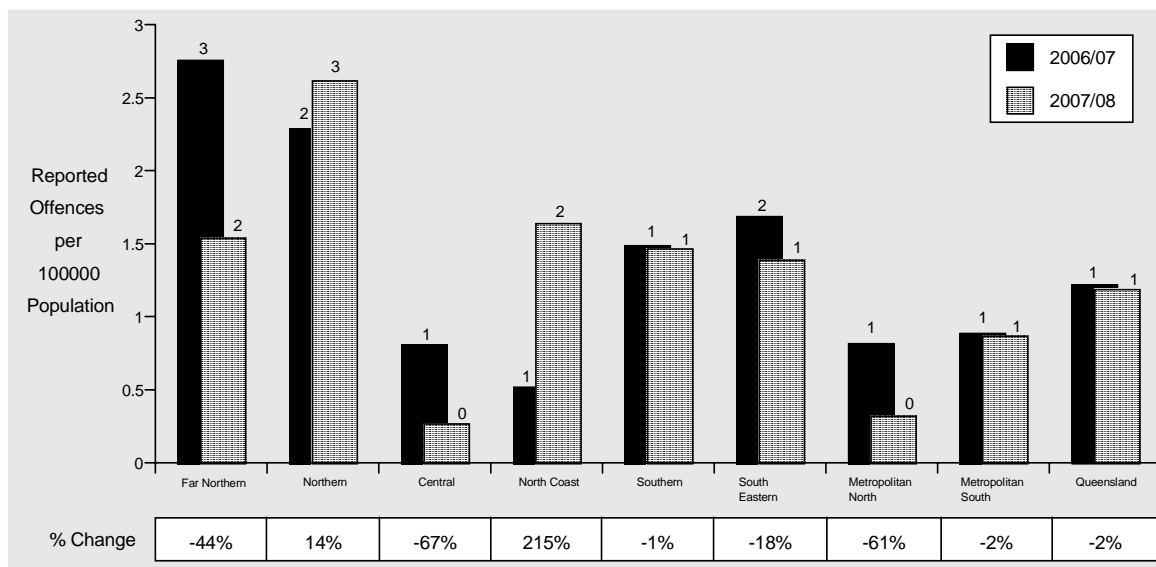
## Offences Against the Person\*



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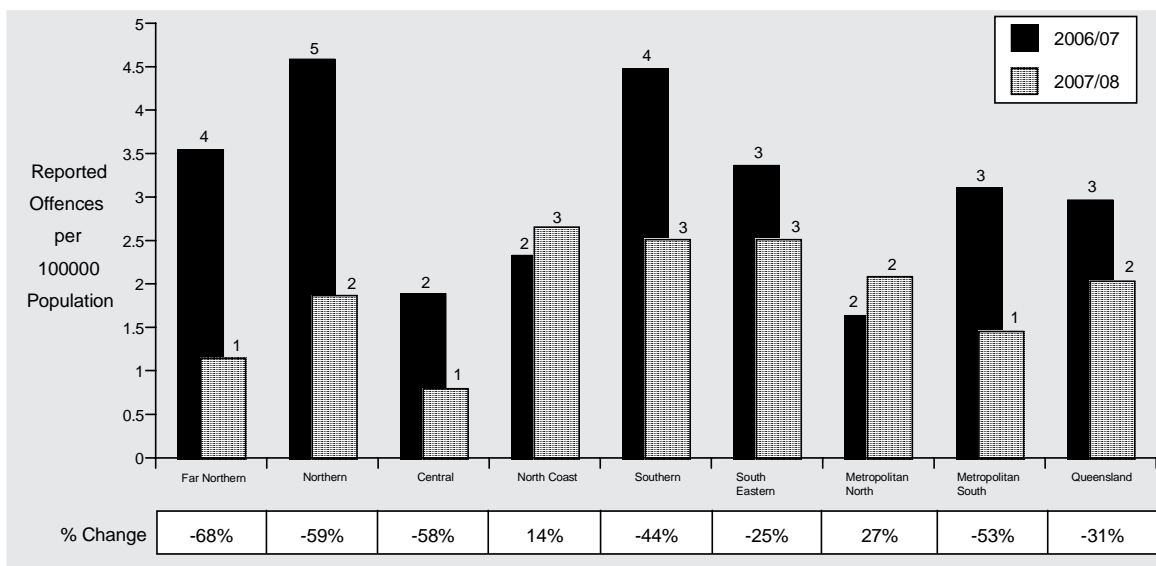
## Homicide(Murder)\*



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. Central Region experienced the lowest rate while North Coast Region exhibited the largest increase. The highest rate was recorded by Northern Region.

## Other Homicide\*



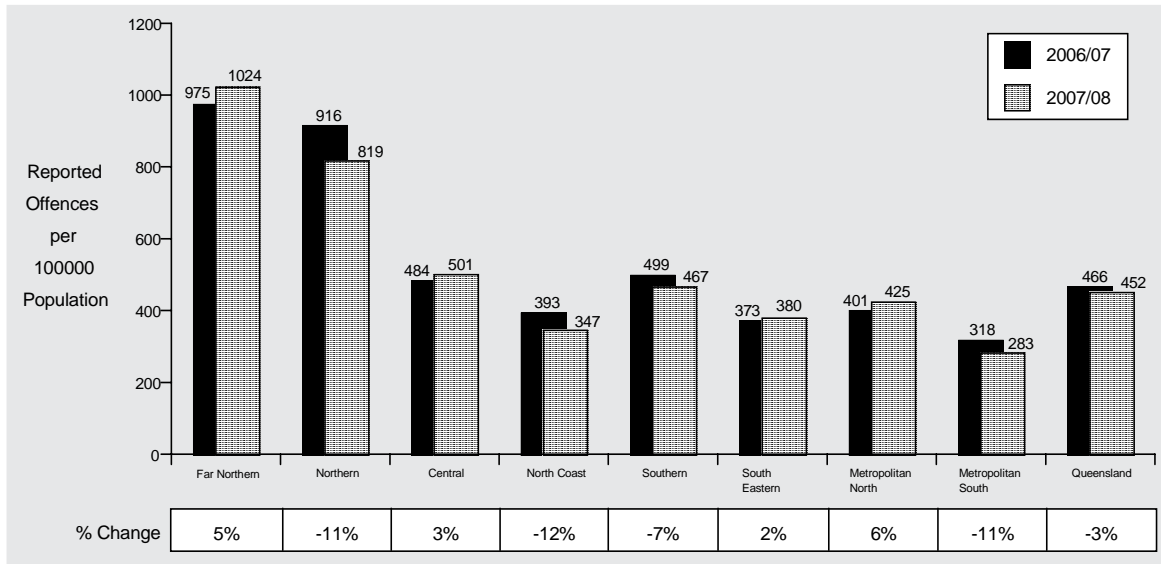
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide (Murder), caution should be exercised when

using percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2007/08 North Coast Region recorded the highest rate of Other Homicide while Central Region recorded the lowest.

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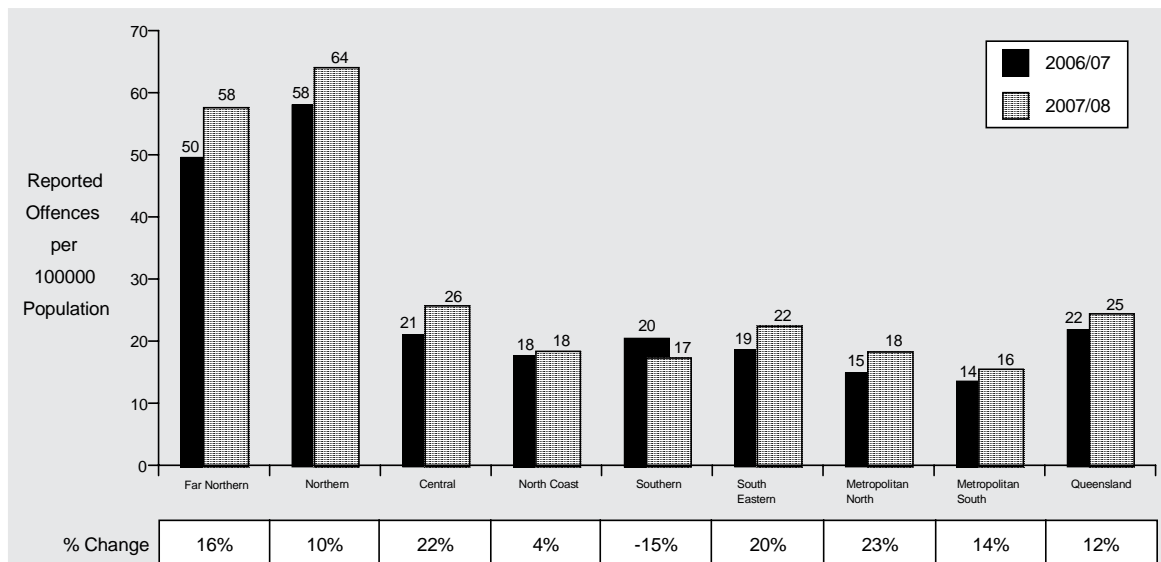
## Assault\*



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 2007/08. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate with North Coast Region experiencing the largest decrease of 12%.

## Grievous Assault\*



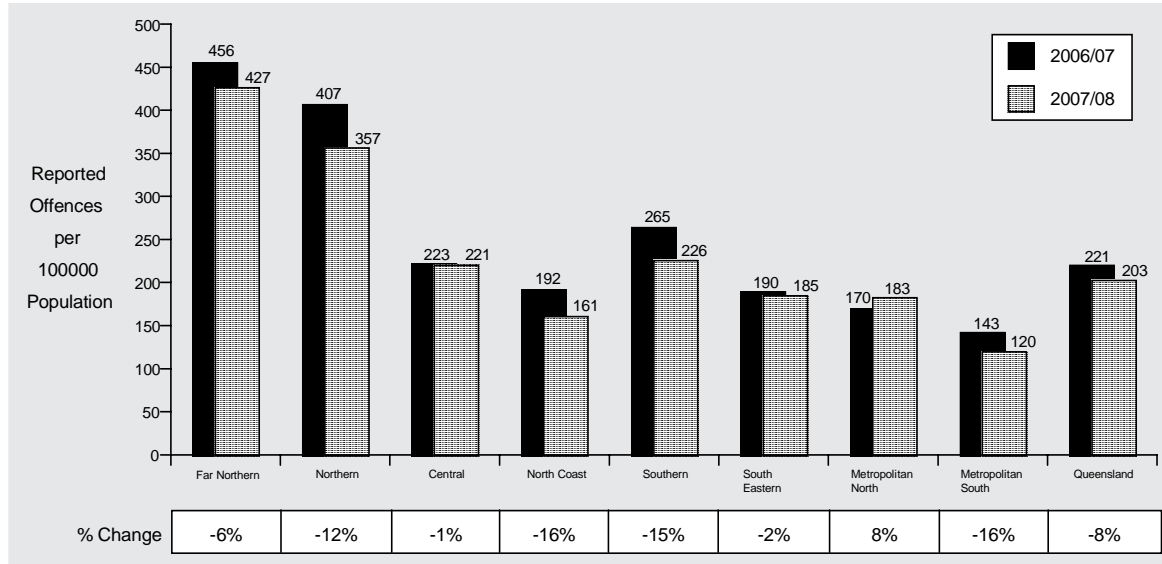
It should be noted that this is a low volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next. Far Northern and Northern

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

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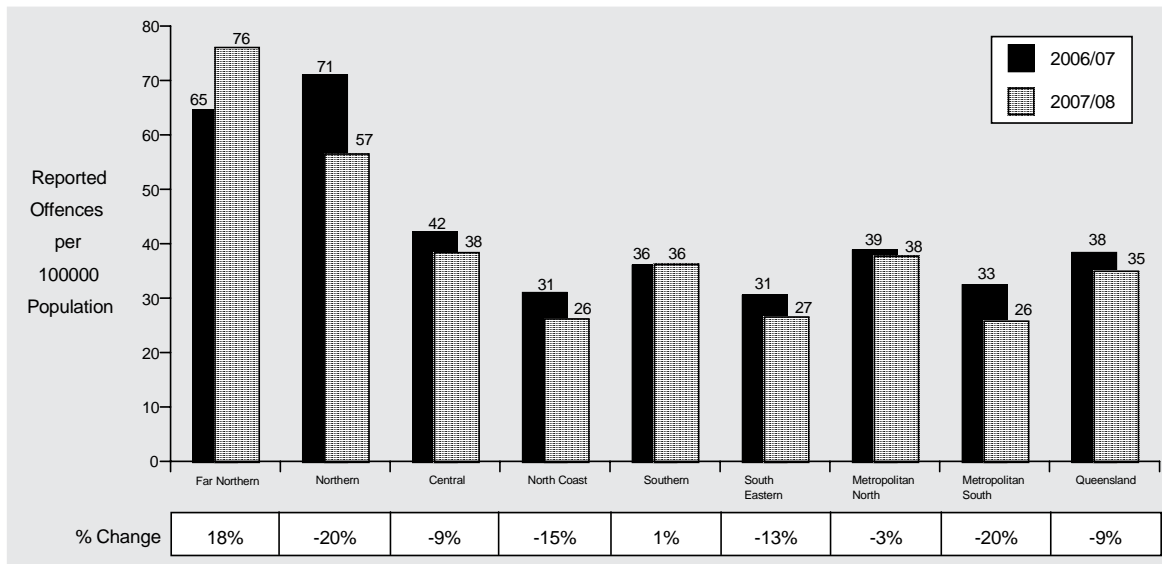
## Serious Assault\*



The largest decrease in Serious Assaults occurred in North Coast Region, while the only increase occurred in Metropolitan North 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)\*



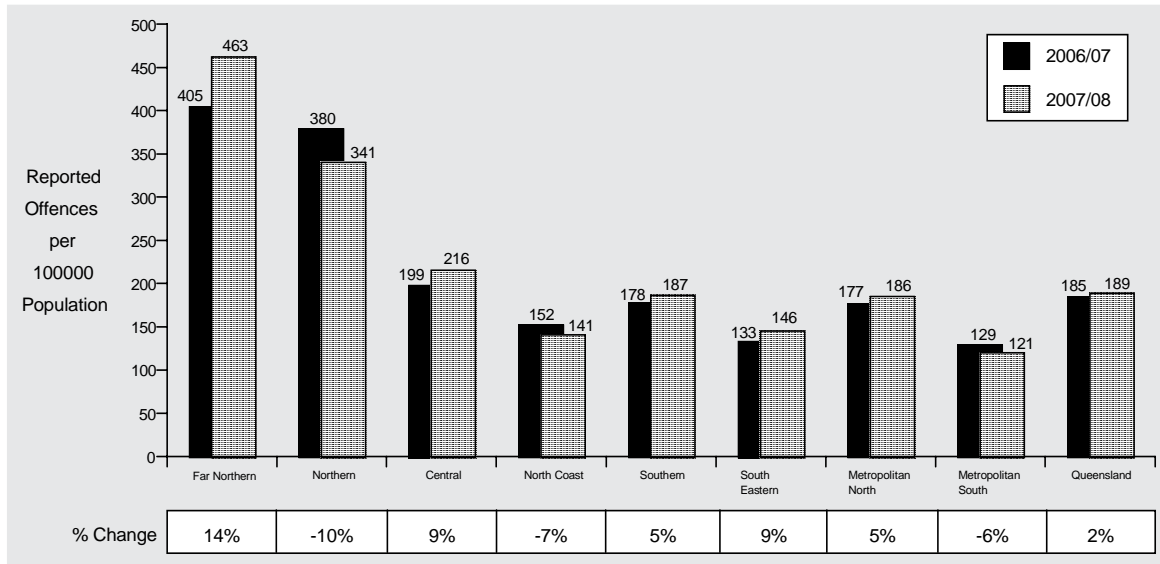
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rates of Serious Assault (Other) offences despite Northern Region recording a large decrease in the rate of

offences this year. Most regions recorded decreases for the current review period with North Coast Region recording the lowest rate.

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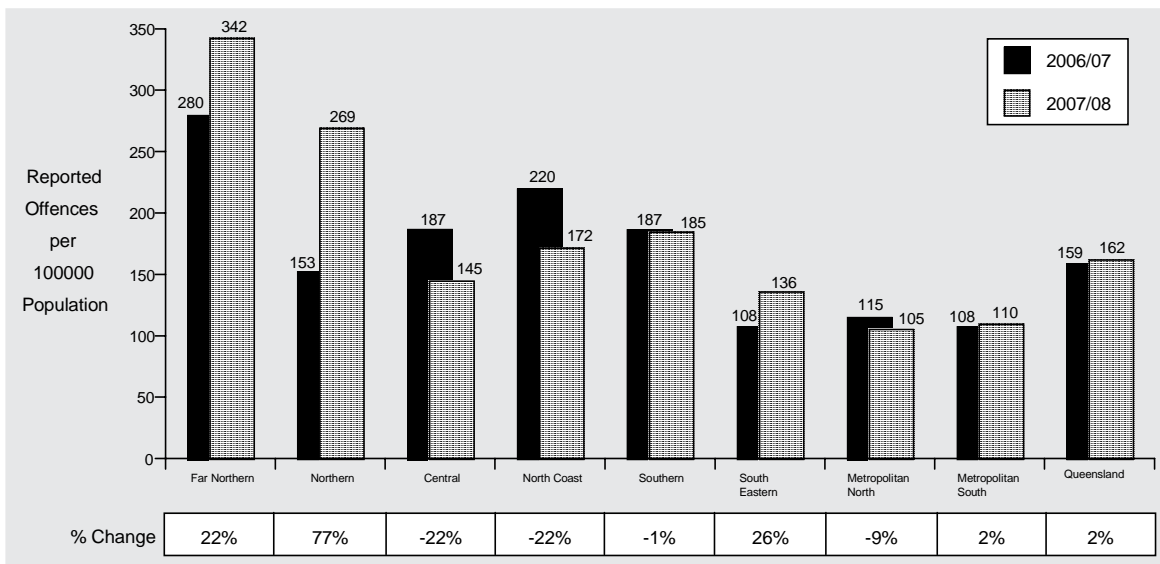
## Common Assault\*



Far Northern Region recorded the largest increase in Common Assault contributing to the the area recording the highest rate. Decreases in Common Assault were

recorded by three of the eight regions in 2007/08. Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State.

## Sexual Offences\*



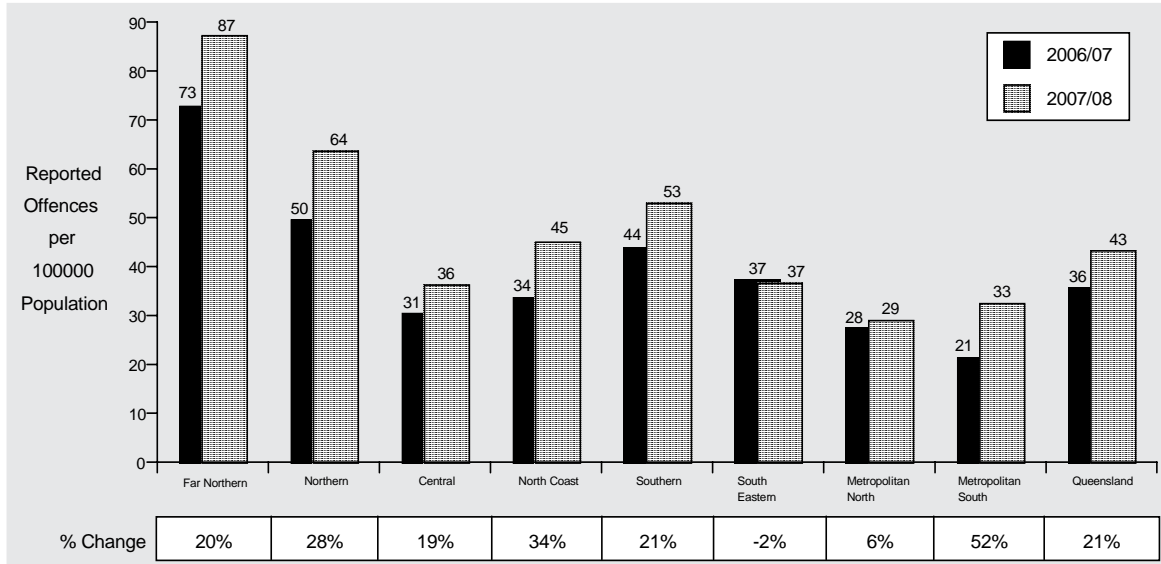
Four regions recorded increases in Sexual Offences in 2007/08. Northern and South Eastern Regions recorded the largest increases. Far Northern Region

recorded the highest rate of Sexual Offences whilst the lowest rate was represented in Metropolitan North Region.

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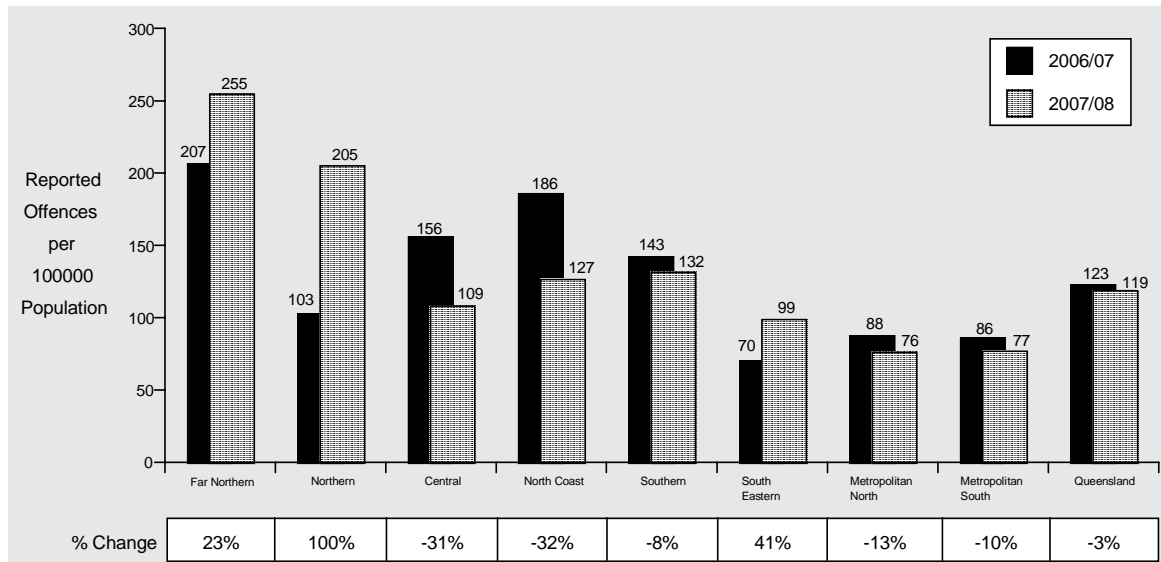
## Rape and Attempted Rape\*



Seven of the eight regions recorded an increase in Rape and Attempted Rape, the largest of which were in North Coast and Metropolitan South Regions. The only

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

## Other Sexual Offences\*



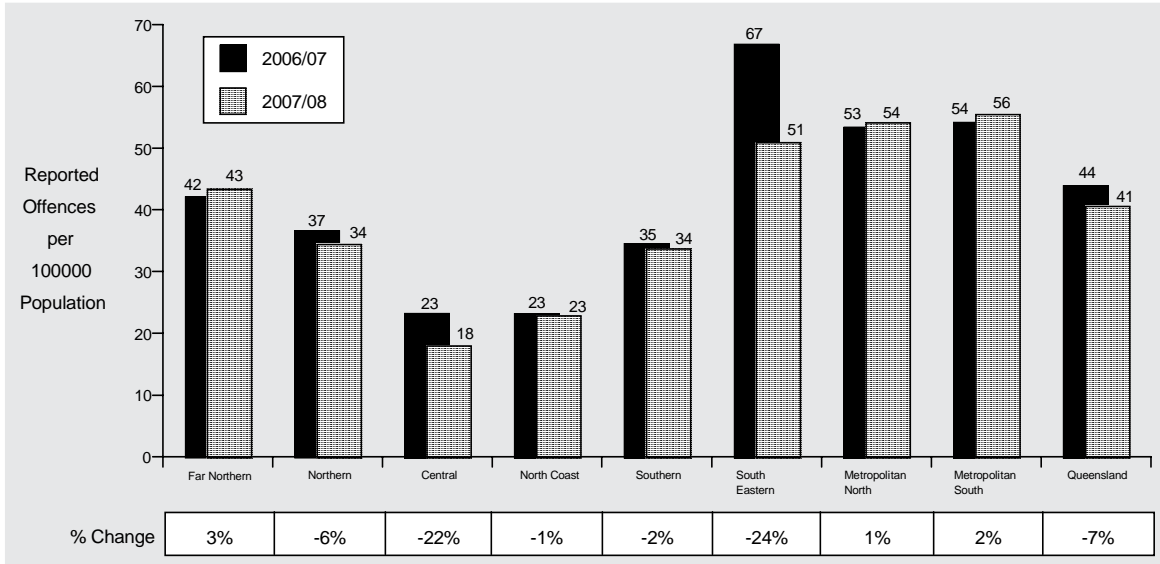
Far Northern, Northern and South Eastern Regions were the only regions to record increases in Other Sexual Offences in 2007/08. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region. North Coast Region recorded the

largest decrease while the lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan North Region. The majority of offences recorded in this category were Indecent Treatment of Children offences.

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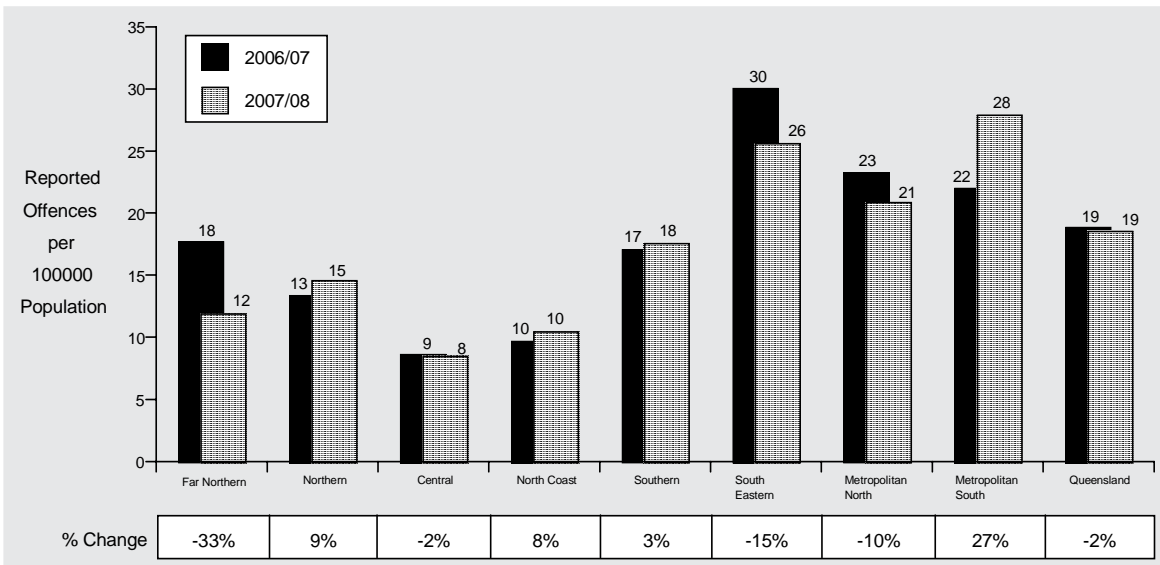
## Robbery\*



The south-east corner of the State typically records the highest rates of Robbery and 2007/08 was no exception. Central Region recorded the lowest rate as a

direct result of recording one of the largest decreases. Metropolitan South Region recorded the highest rate of 56 reported offences per 100000 persons.

## Armed Robbery\*



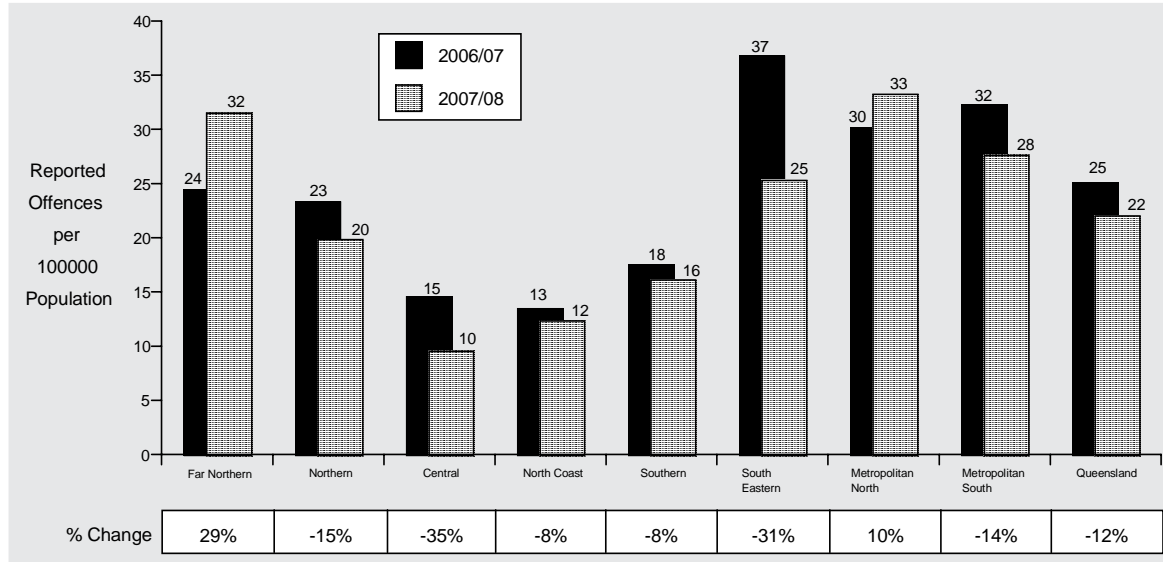
The south-east corner again recorded higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. Metropolitan South Region recorded the highest rate of Armed Robbery offences (28 offences per 100000

persons), followed by South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions although both these regions recorded decreases. Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest increase of Armed Robbery offences.

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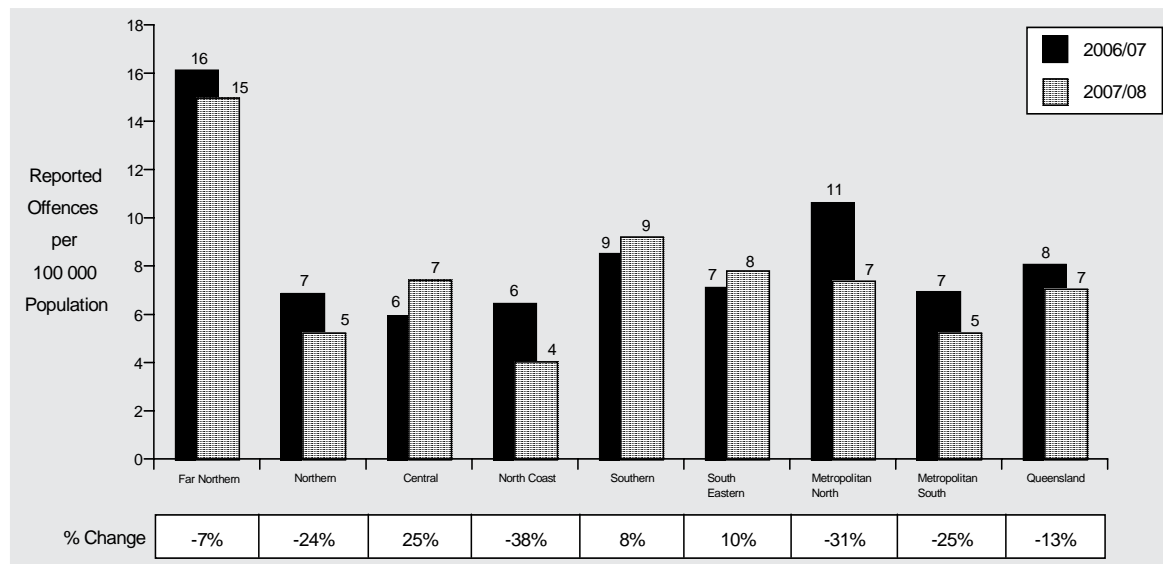
## Unarmed Robbery\*



Six of the eight regions recorded decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 35% decrease in Central Region resulting in this region recording the

lowest rate. Metropolitan North recorded the highest rate of Unarmed Robbery as well as being one of only two regions to exhibit increases.

## Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.\*



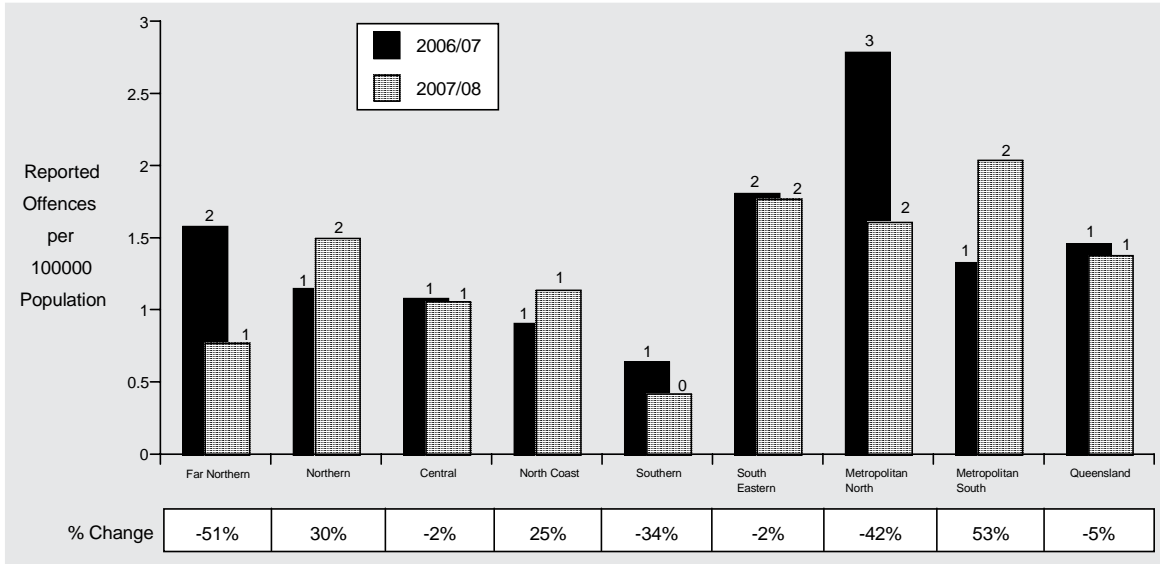
The highest rate of Kidnapping, Abduction, etc. offences occurred in Far Northern Region despite the area recording a decrease of 7%. The largest decrease

occurred in North Coast Region attributing to this area recording the lowest rate.

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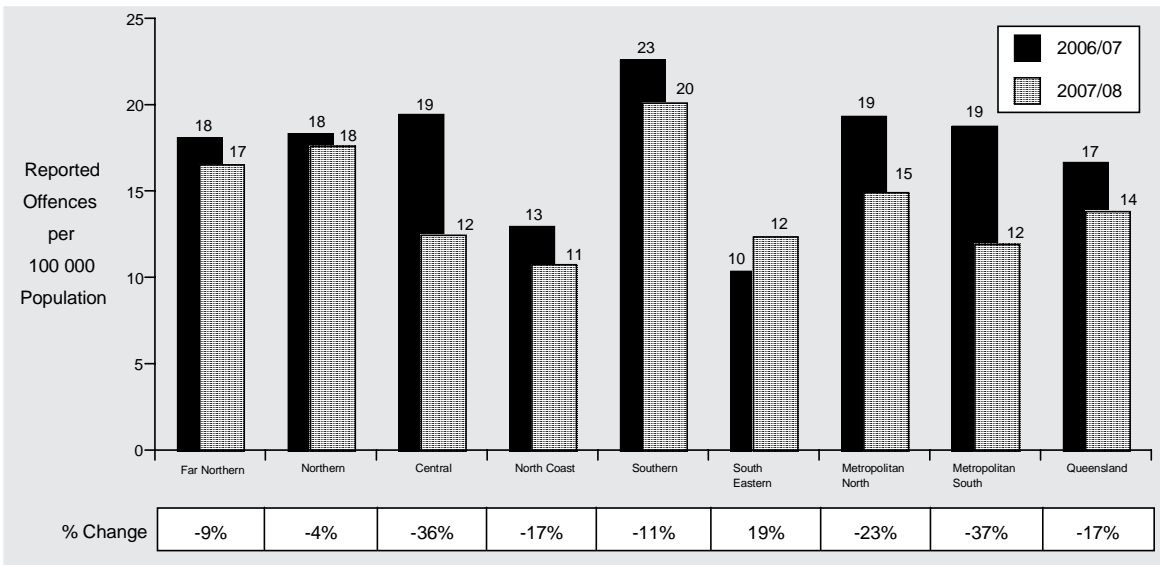
## Extortion\*



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 2007/08, only Northern, North Coast and Metropolitan South Regions

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

## Stalking\*



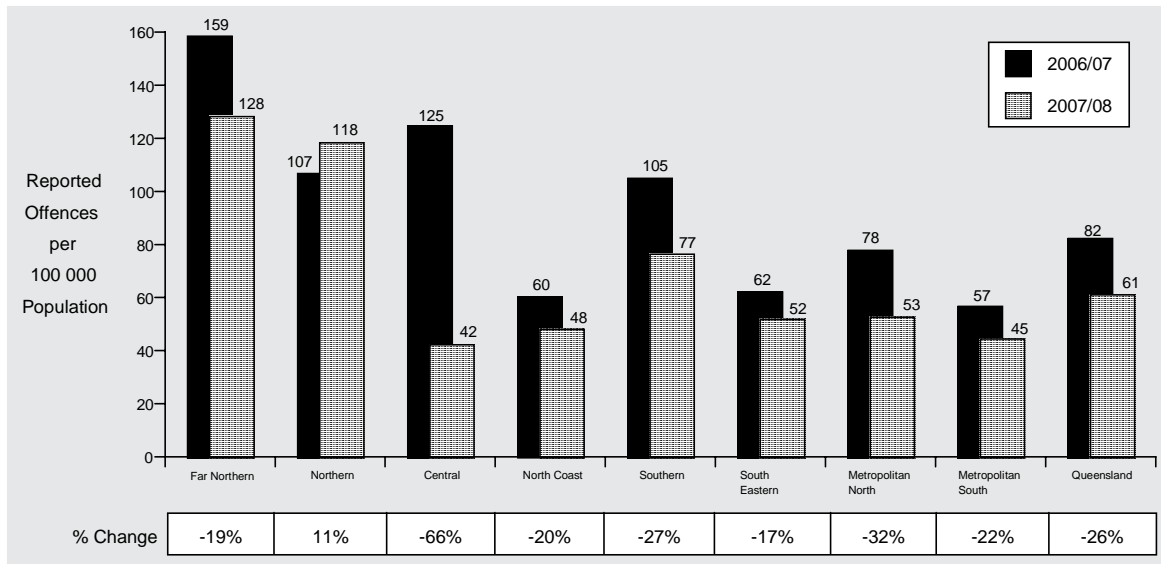
This offence sub-category is presented separately for the first time in the current publication. All regions, except South Eastern, recorded decreases in Stalking Offences, the largest of which was a 37% decrease in

Metropolitan South Region. Southern Region recorded the highest rate while the lowest rate occurred in North Coast Region.

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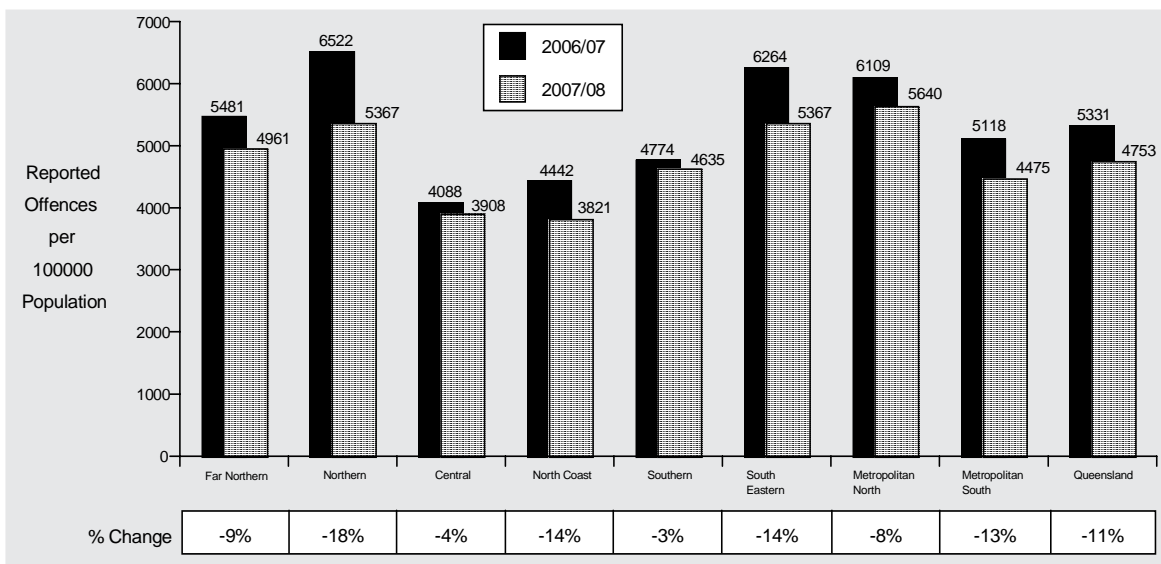
## Life Endangering Acts\*



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in Life Endangering Acts. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region while the lowest rate was recorded by Central Region.

## Offences Against Property\*



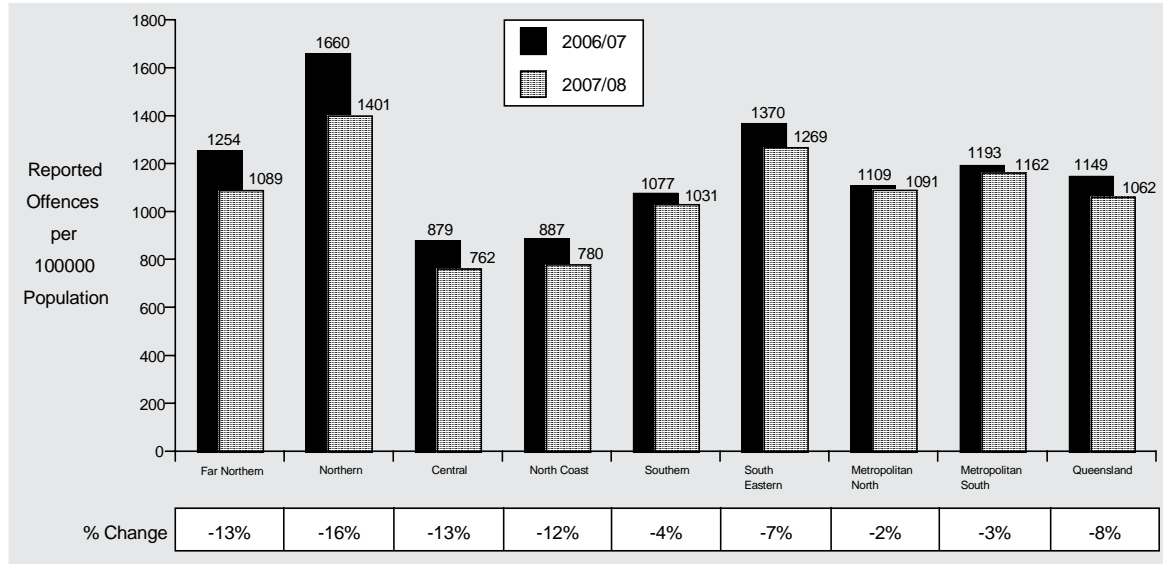
All regions recorded decreases in total Offences Against Property, the largest of which was an 18% decrease in Northern Region. Metropolitan North Region recorded

the highest rate while the lowest rate occurred in North Coast Region.

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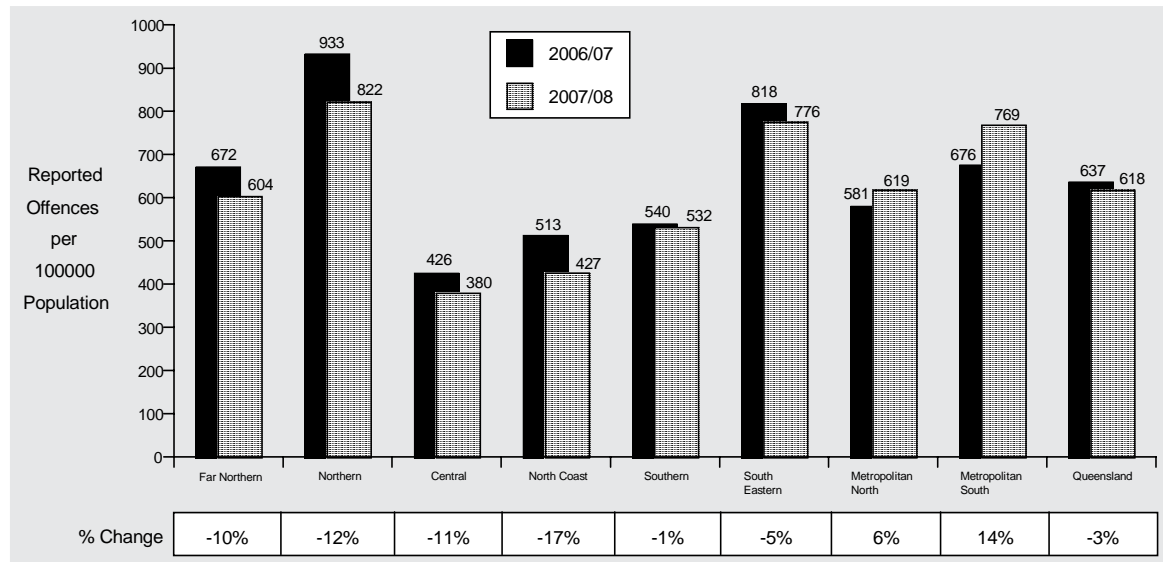
## *Unlawful Entry with Intent\**



Unlawful Entry with Intent tends to dominate the Offences Against Property aggregate as is evidenced by the similarity in the distribution of property crime. All regions recorded decreases in the current year. Despite

Northern Region recording the largest decrease, this area exhibited the highest rate, as in previous years, while the lowest rate occurred in Central Region.

## *Unlawful Entry - Dwellings\**



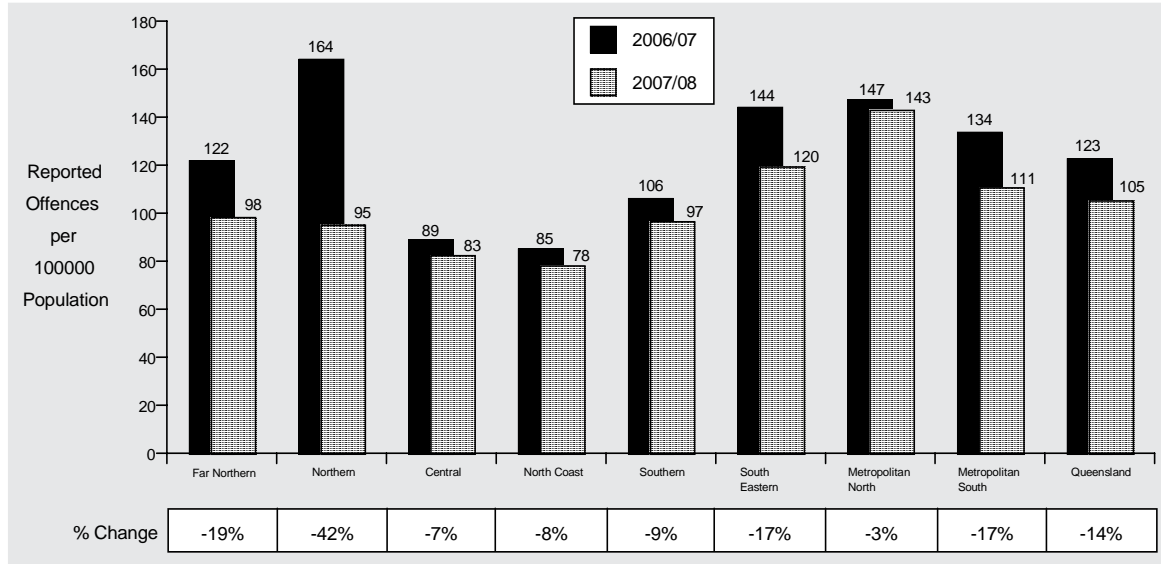
The largest decreases in the rate of Unlawful Entry - Dwellings, occurred in North Coast and Northern Regions. The lowest rate in the State occurred in Central Region, as with previous years, while the highest rate

was recorded by Northern Region. The two metropolitan regions were the only areas to exhibit increases over the last financial year.

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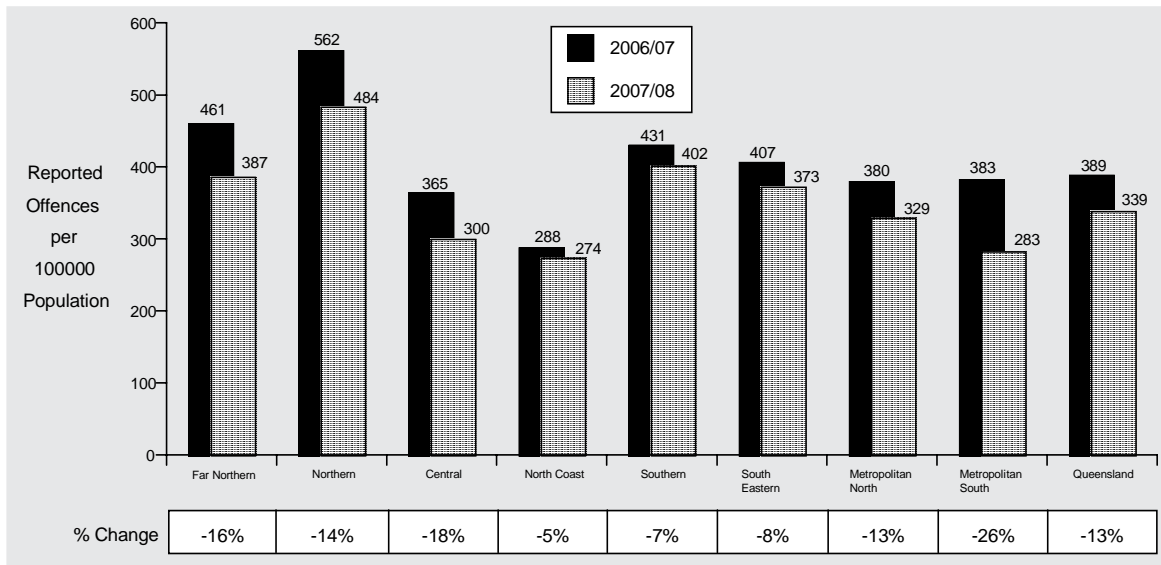
## *Unlawful Entry - Shops\**



A 14% 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 Northern

Region while the highest rate was recorded by Metropolitan North Region. North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate of Unlawful Entry - Shops.

## *Unlawful Entry - Other Premises\**



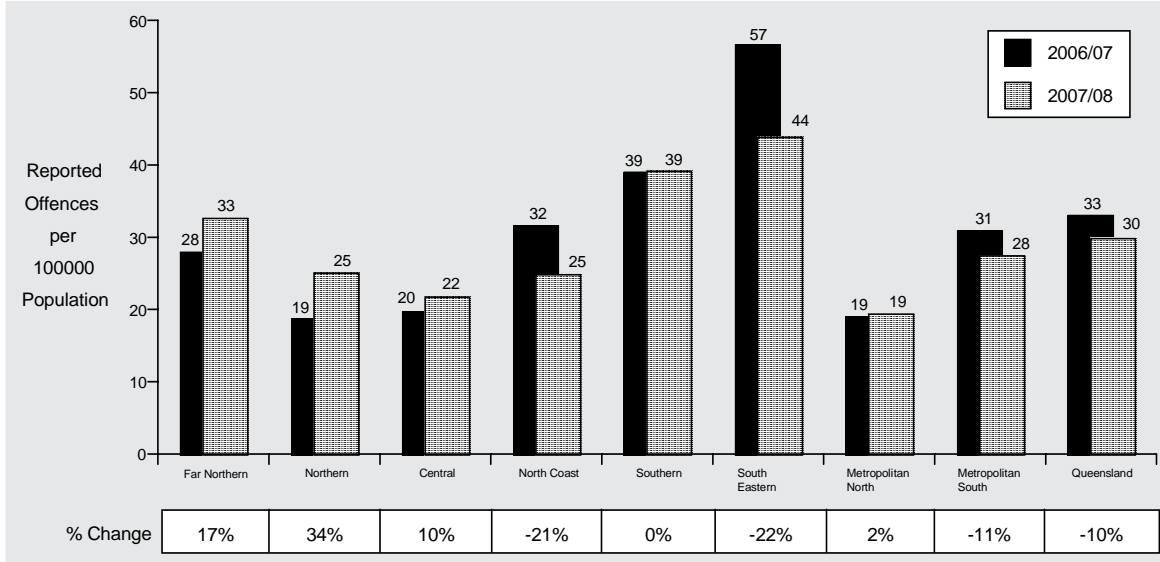
The rate of Unlawful Entry - Other Premises in the State decreased by 13% when comparing 2007/08 to the previous year. All regions recorded decreases with Metropolitan South recording the largest (26%). The

highest rate was recorded by Northern Region. North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate of 274 offences per 100,000 persons.

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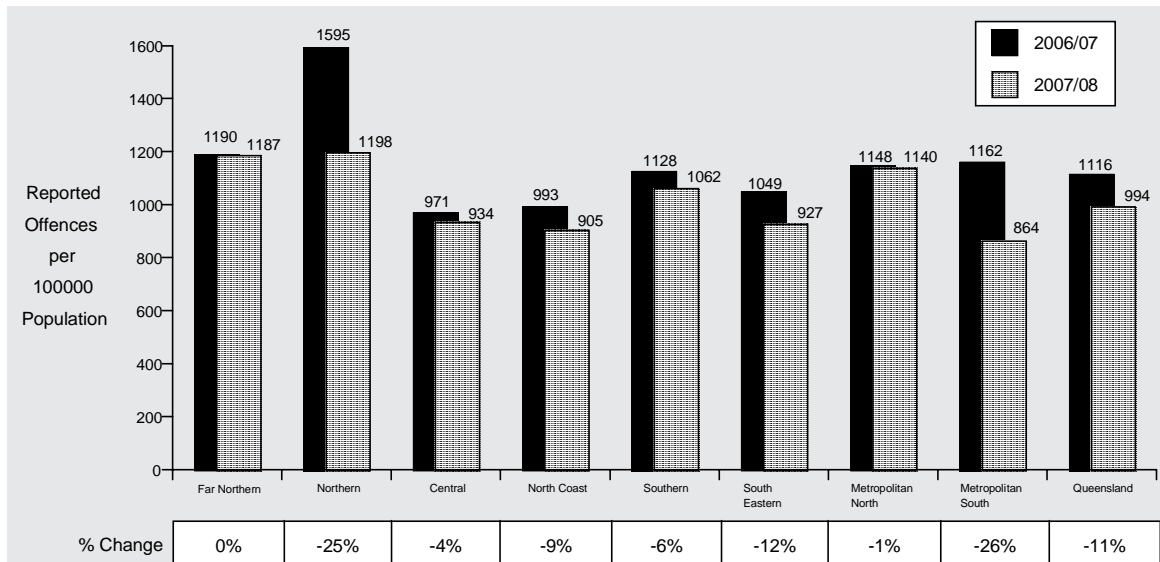
## Arson\*



Five 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 33 to 30 offences per 100,000 persons. The largest

decrease occurred in South Eastern Region. Similar to last year, the highest rate was recorded in South Eastern Region while the lowest was recorded in Metropolitan North Region.

## Other Property Damage\*



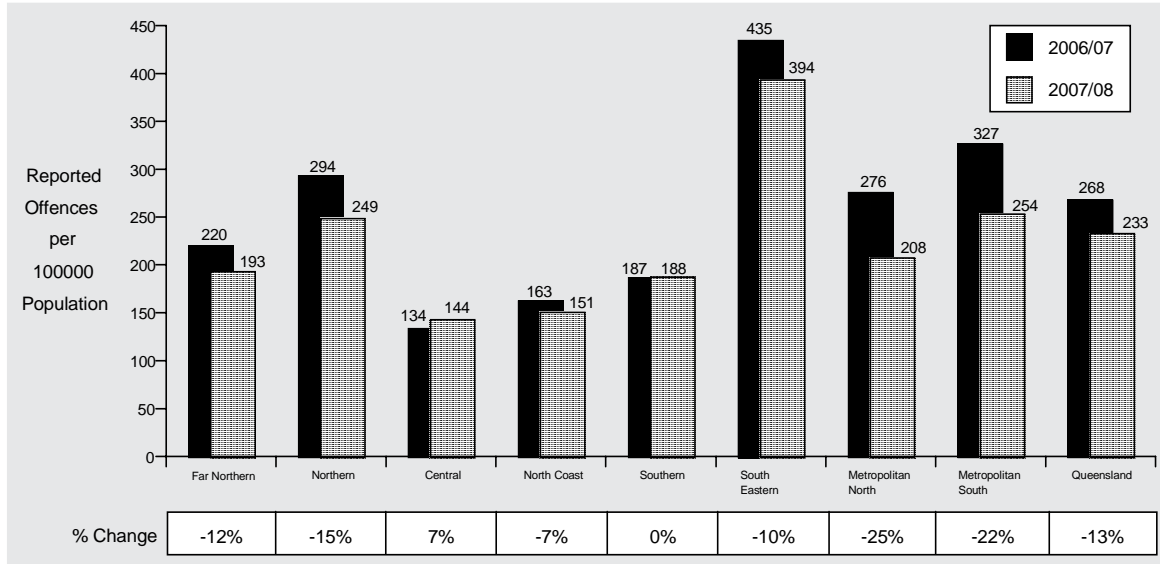
Decreases in all Regions resulted in the State recording an 11% drop when comparing Other Property Damage offences occurring within the 2006/07 and 2007/08 periods. The lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan

South Region. The largest decrease was exhibited by Metropolitan South Region while the highest rate was recorded by Northern Region.

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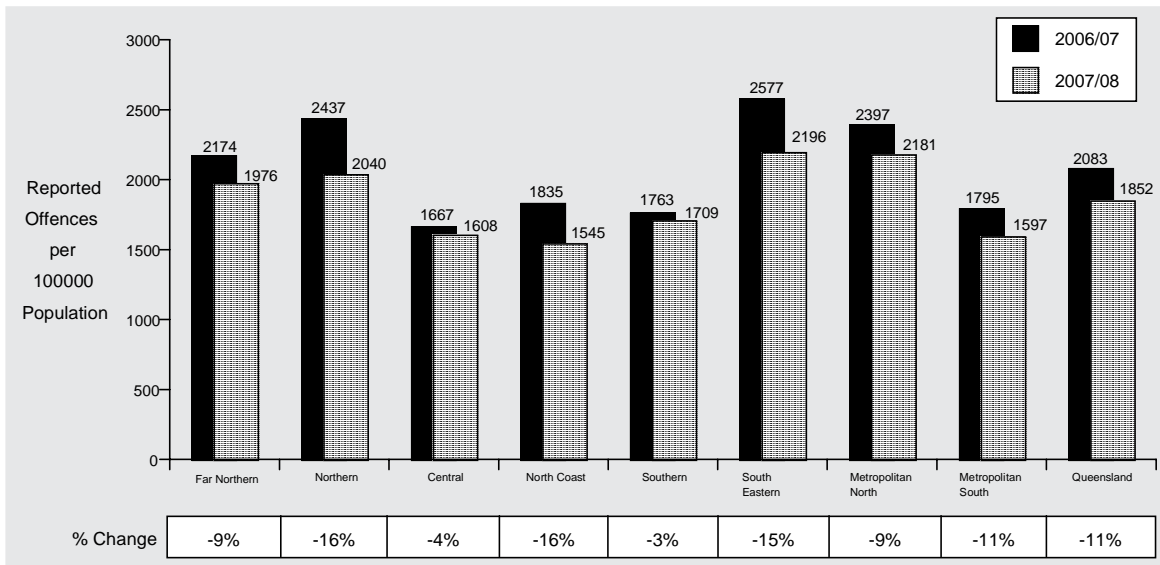
## *Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle\**



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the south-east corner of the State as was the case in 2007/08 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 Metropolitan North Region.

## *Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)\**



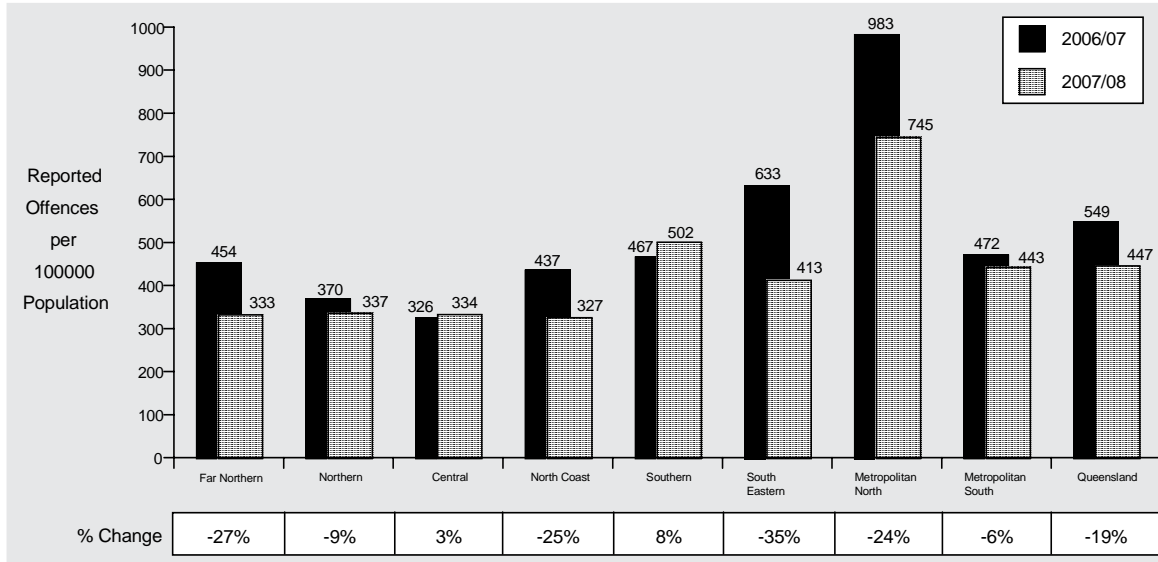
During 2007/08, all regions recorded decreases resulting in an 11% decrease recorded by Queensland overall. The highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions despite

recording decreases of 15% and 9% respectively. Northern and North Coast Regions recorded the largest decreases while North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate.

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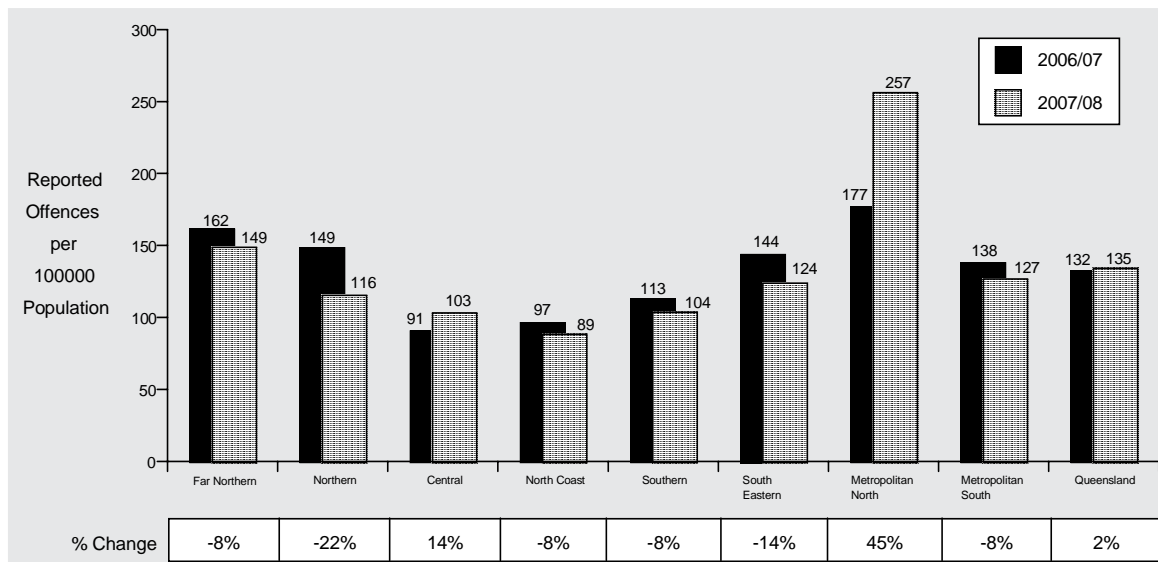
## *Fraud\**



The south-eastern corner of the State recorded the highest rate of Fraud offences in 2007/08. The largest decrease was recorded by South Eastern Region. North

Coast Region recorded the lowest rate while Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate in the State.

## *Handling Stolen Goods\**



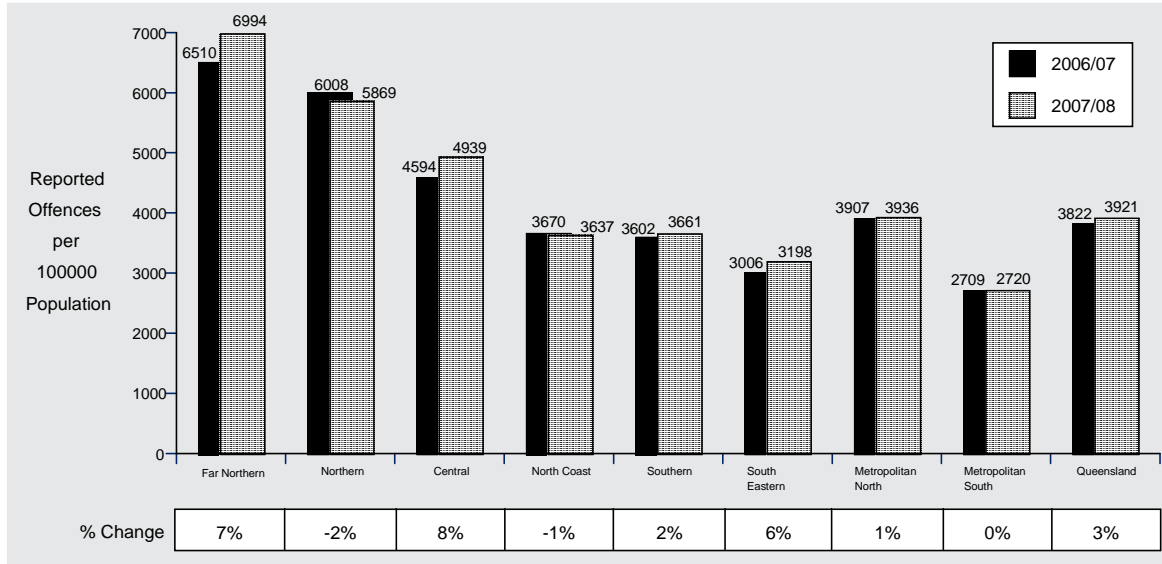
Despite most regions recording decreases in Handling Stolen Goods offences, an increase of 2% was recorded for the State overall. Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate in the State, as in previous

years, while North Coast Region recorded the lowest at 89 offences per 100000 persons. Metropolitan North Region exhibited the largest increase while the largest decrease was recorded by Northern Region.

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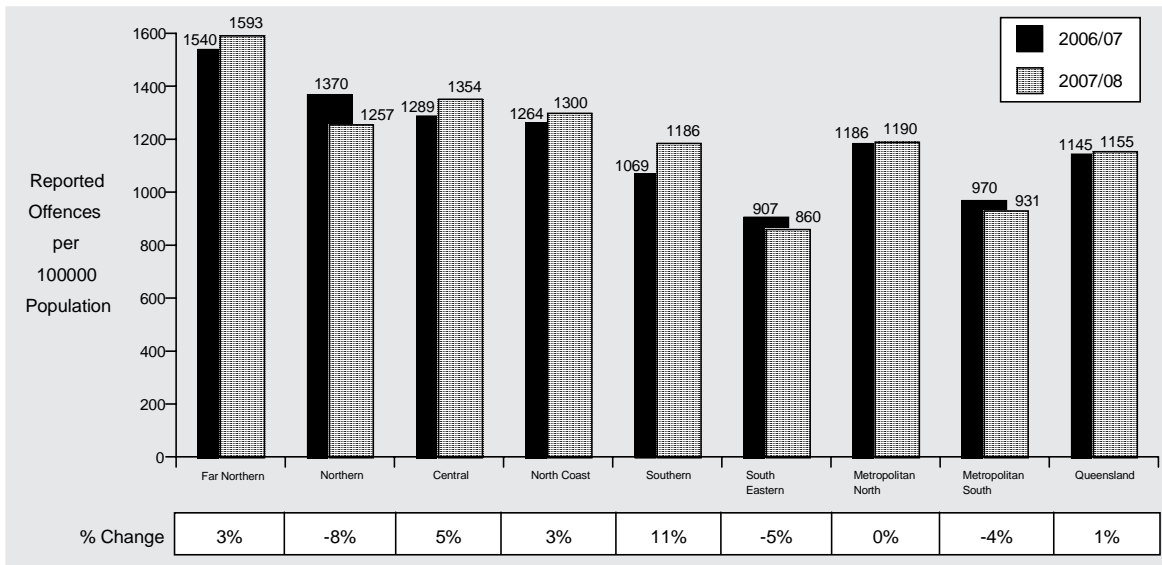
## Other Offences\*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2007/08 was consistent. In fact, for the tenth consecutive year, Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate. Similarly,

Metropolitan South recorded the lowest rate for the tenth year running. The largest increase was recorded by Central Region while the largest decrease was recorded by Northern Region.

## Drug Offences\*



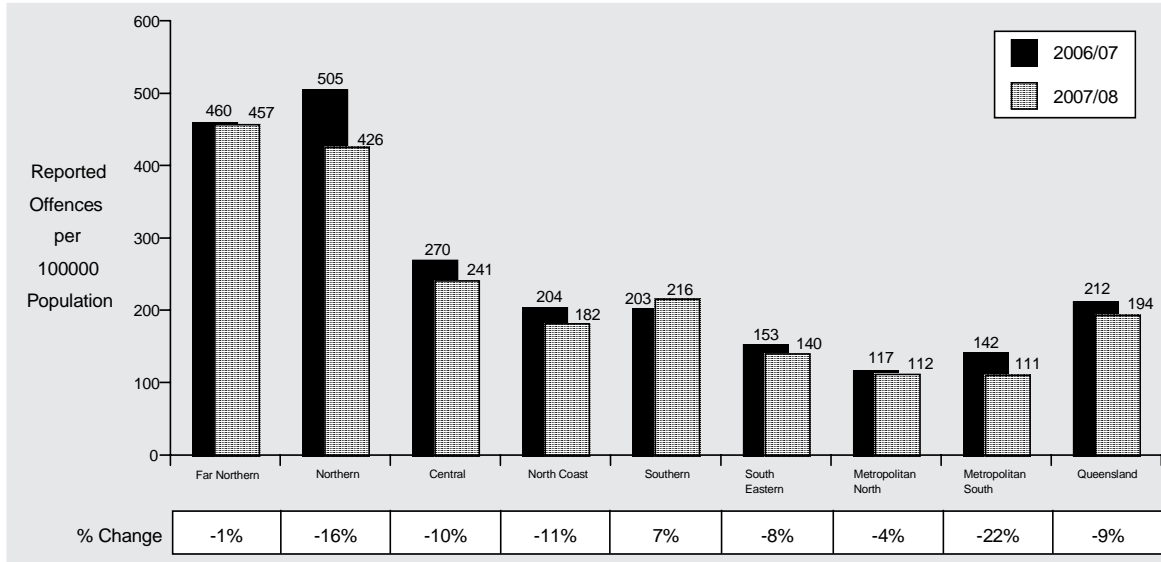
This year, the highest rate of Drug Offences was recorded by Far Northern Region while South Eastern Region recorded the lowest rate. Although Northern Region recorded the largest decrease, the region

recorded one of the highest rates of Drug Offences in the State. The largest increase was recorded in Southern Region (from 1069 to 1186 offences per 100000 persons).

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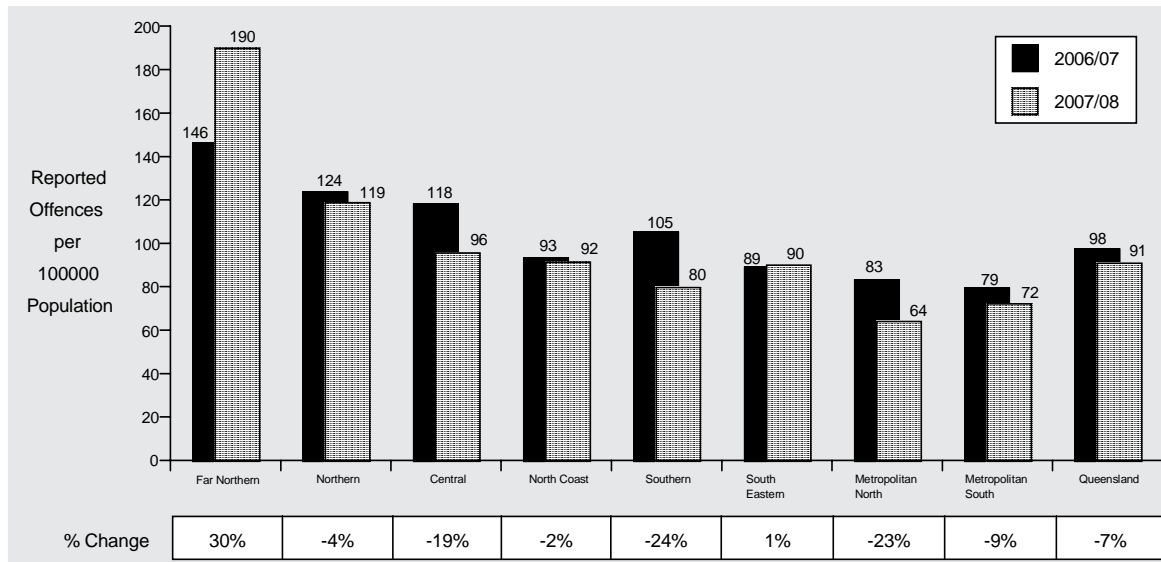
## Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders\*



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. Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest decrease (22%) while the only increase was recorded by Southern Region. The lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan South Region.

## Weapons Act Offences\*



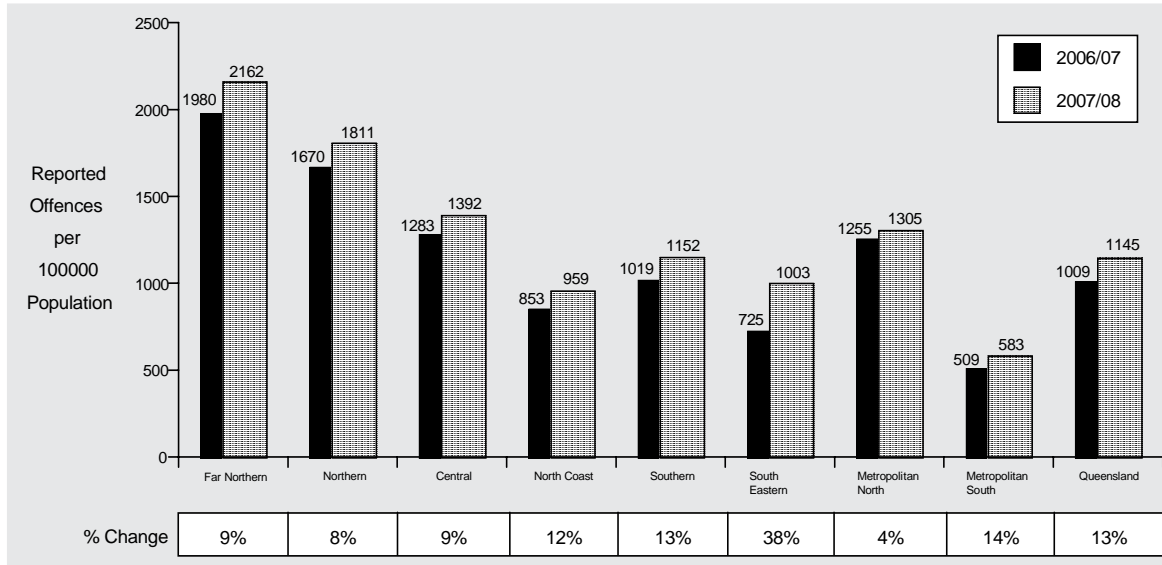
Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate in Weapons Act Offences, as in previous years, whilst also recording the largest increase. Metropolitan North Region recorded one of the largest decreases attributing

to this region exhibiting the lowest rate in the State. Overall, the State experienced a 7% decrease as a result of decreases in six of the eight regions.

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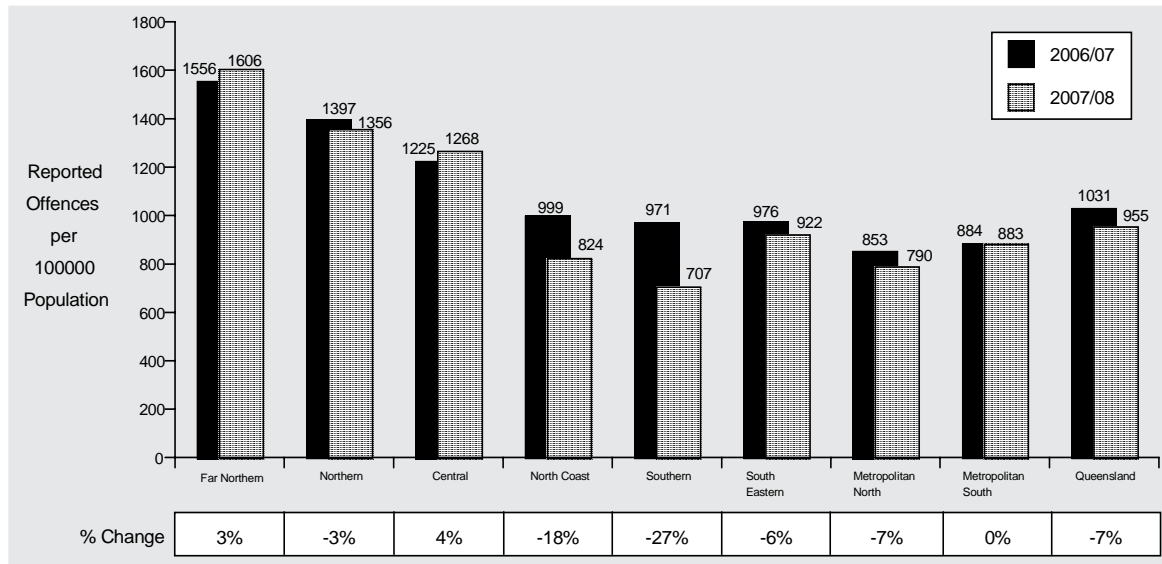
## Good Order Offences\*



As a result of all regions recording increases in 2007/08, the State recorded a 13% increase overall. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region

while the largest increase was recorded by South Eastern 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 Far Northern and Central Regions, which recorded a 3% and 4% increase respectively. The

northern regions again recorded the highest rates of Traffic Offences. Southern Region recorded the largest decrease resulting in this region exhibiting the lowest rate.

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