

Regional Comparisons

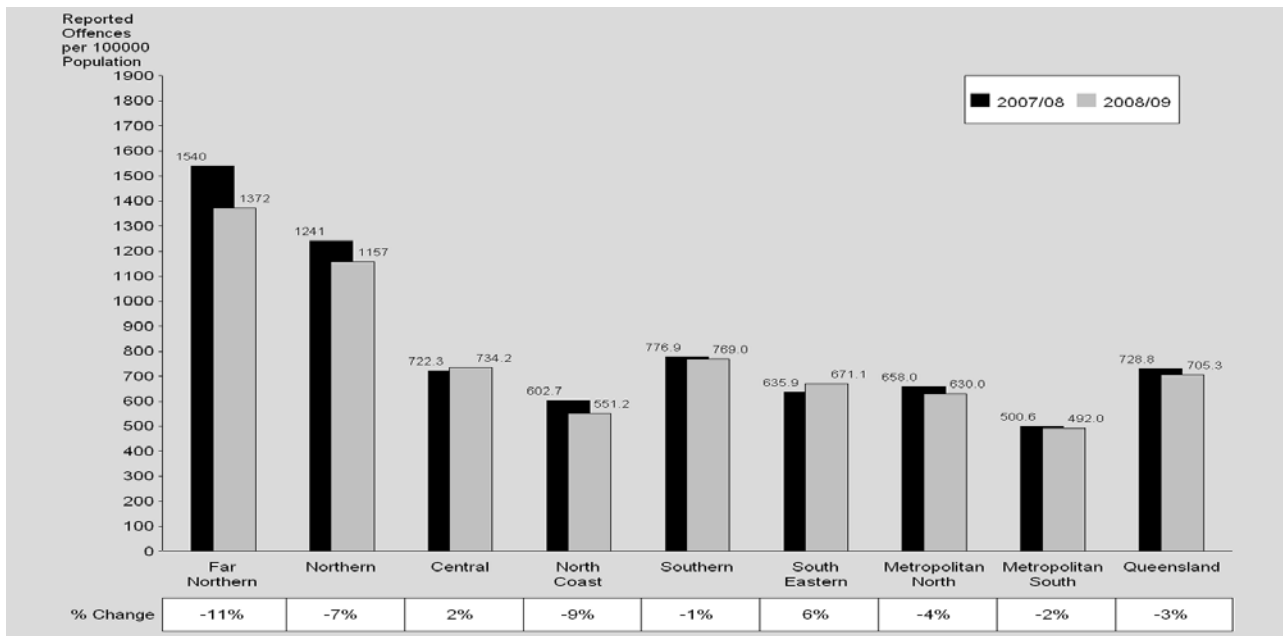
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100,000 population from the 2007/08 to the 2008/09 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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 100,000 persons 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.

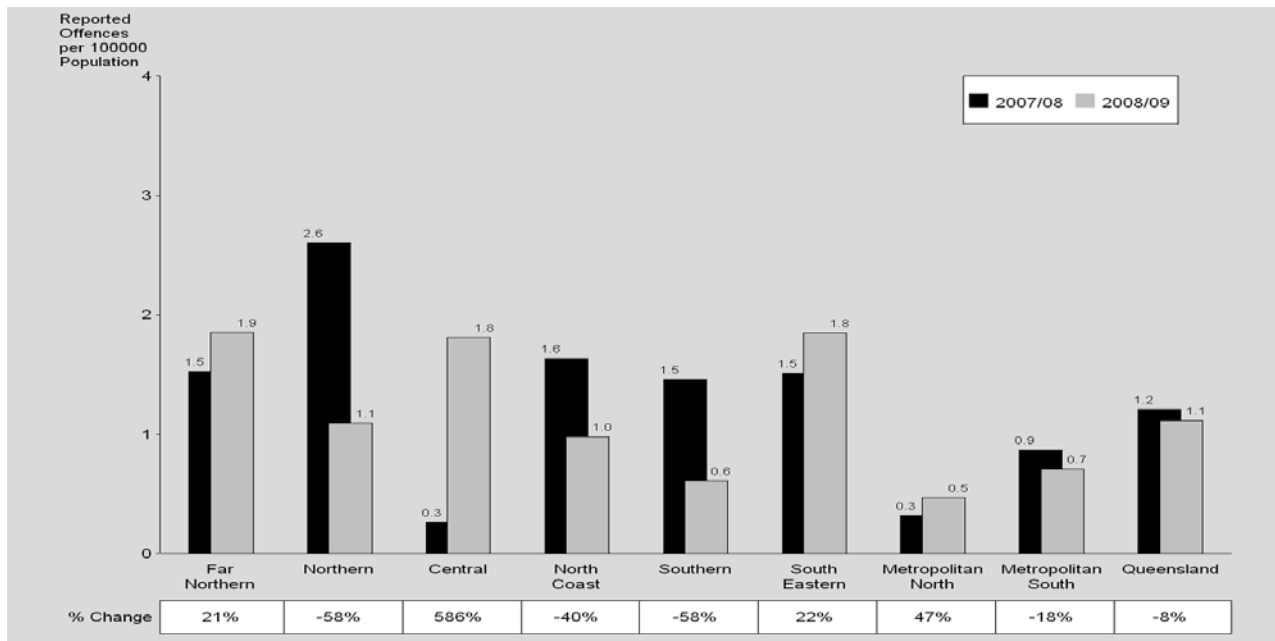
Offences Against the Person



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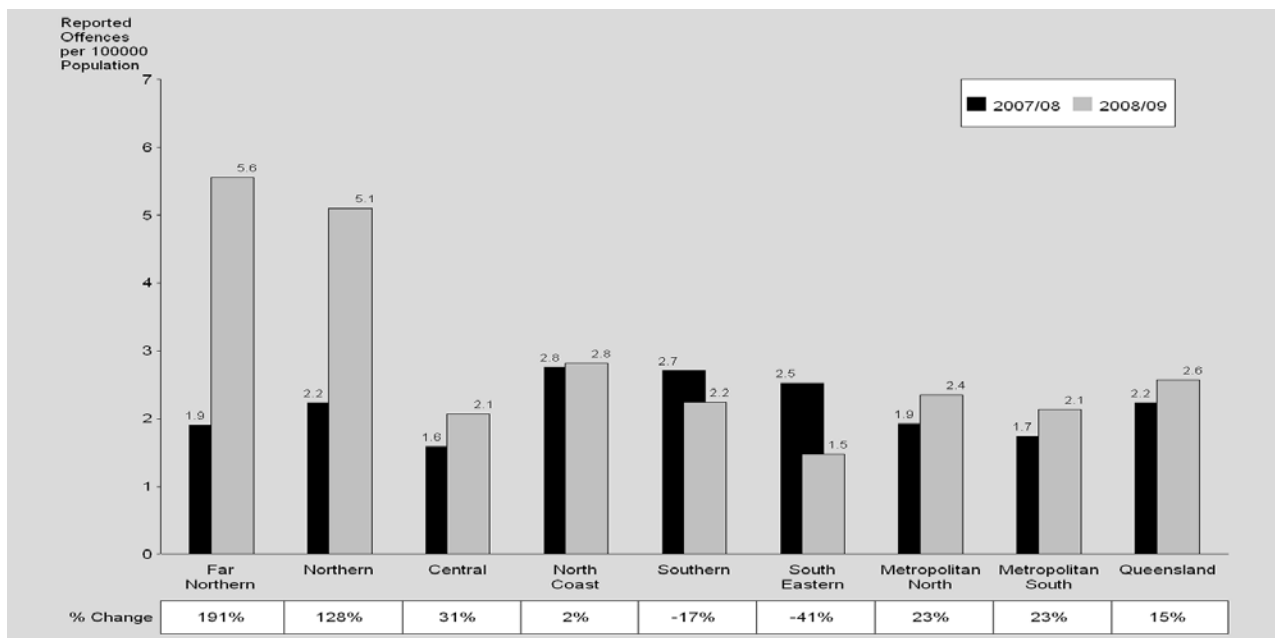
Homicide (Murder)*



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 recorded the lowest rate while Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate. The largest increase was recorded by Central Region and the greatest decrease was recorded by Northern and Southern Regions.

Other Homicide*



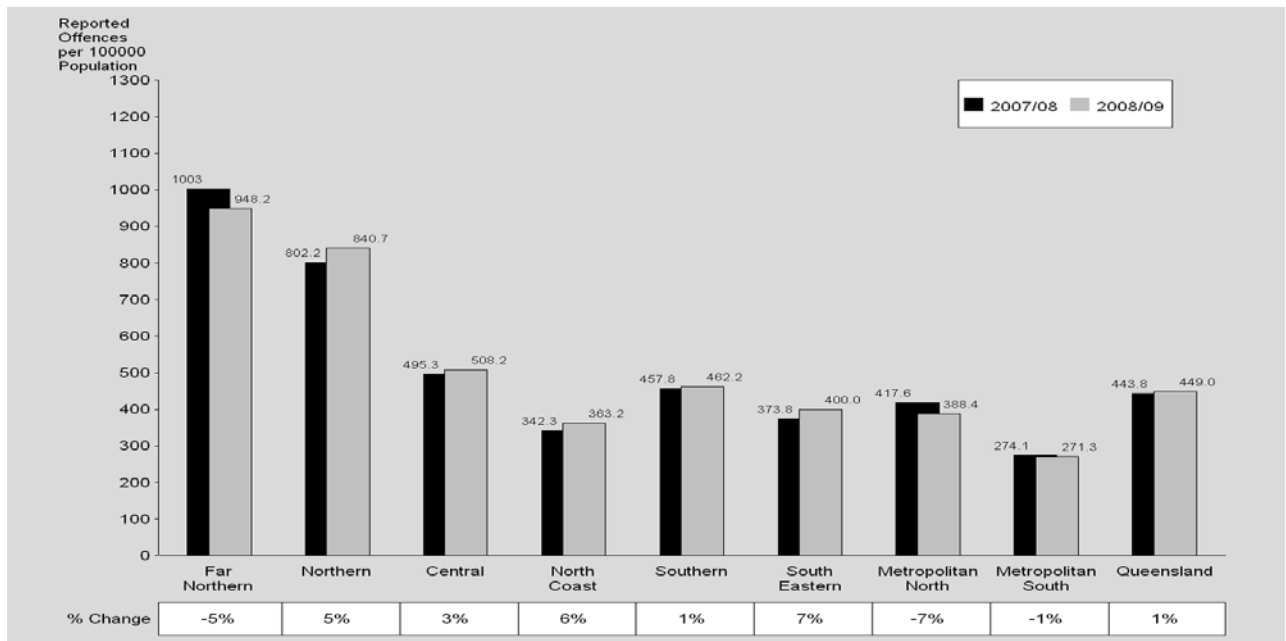
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide (Murder), caution should be exercised when using percentage change as

a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2008/09 Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate of Other Homicide while South Eastern recorded the lowest.

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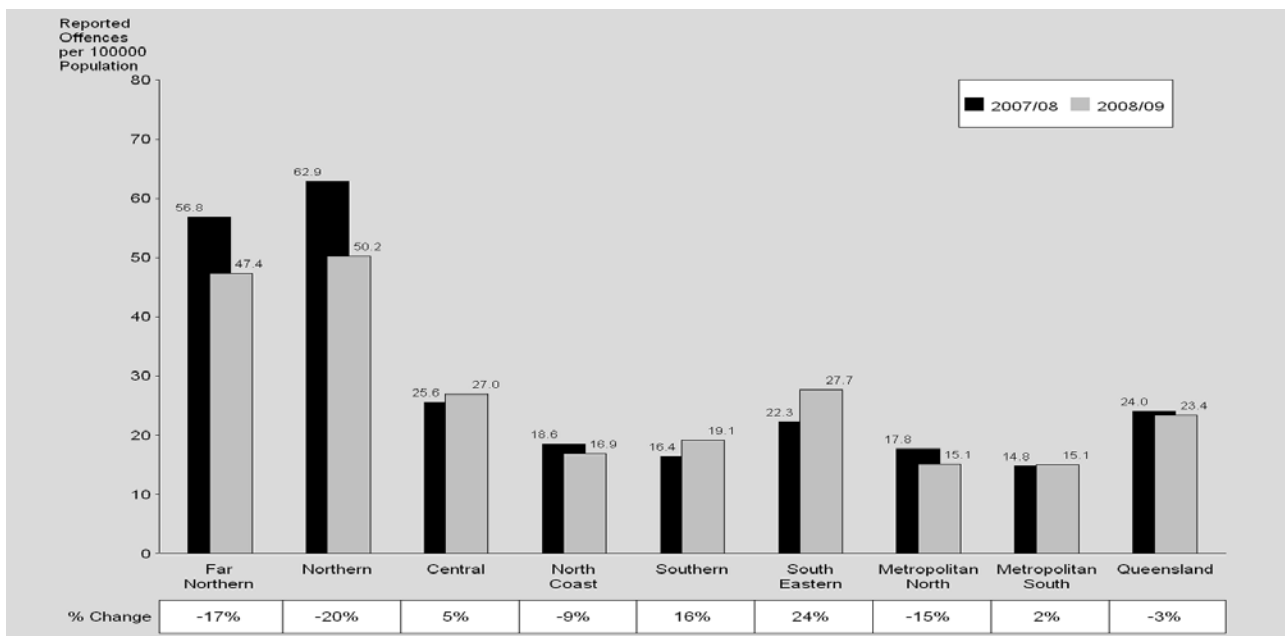
Assault*



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 recorded higher rates than the remaining regions, all of which

recorded similar Assault rates in 2008/09. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate with Metropolitan North Region recording the largest decrease of 7%.

Grievous Assault*



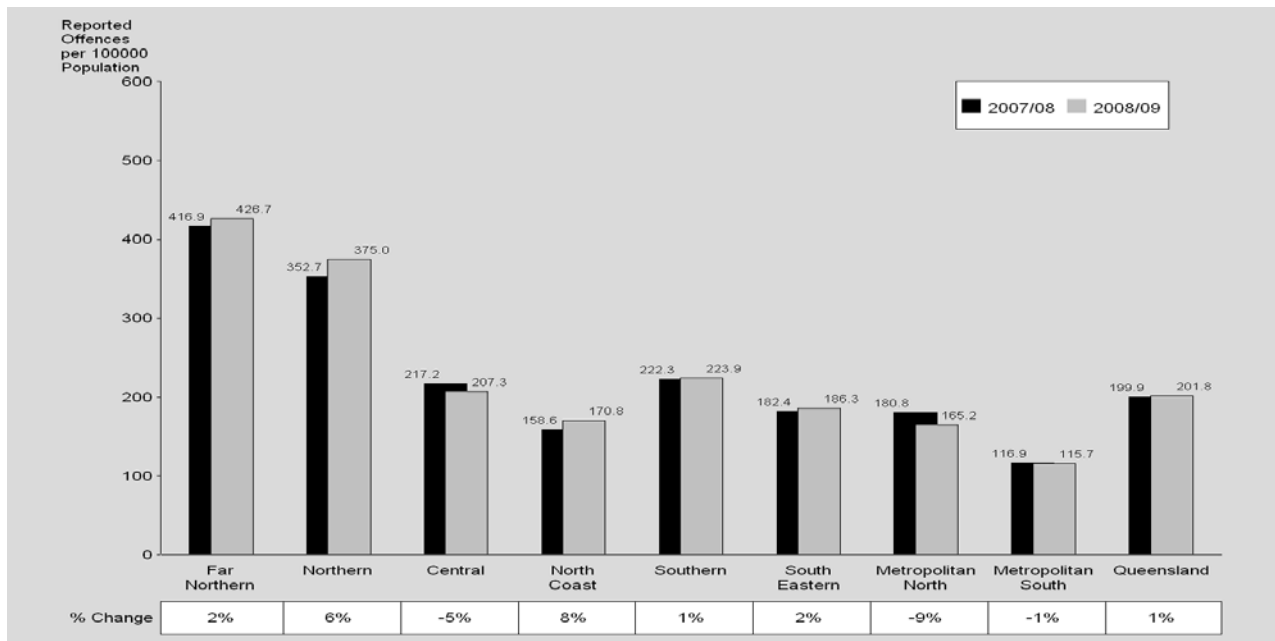
It should be noted that this is a low volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next. Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the

highest rates while Metropolitan South and Metropolitan North Regions recorded the lowest rate.

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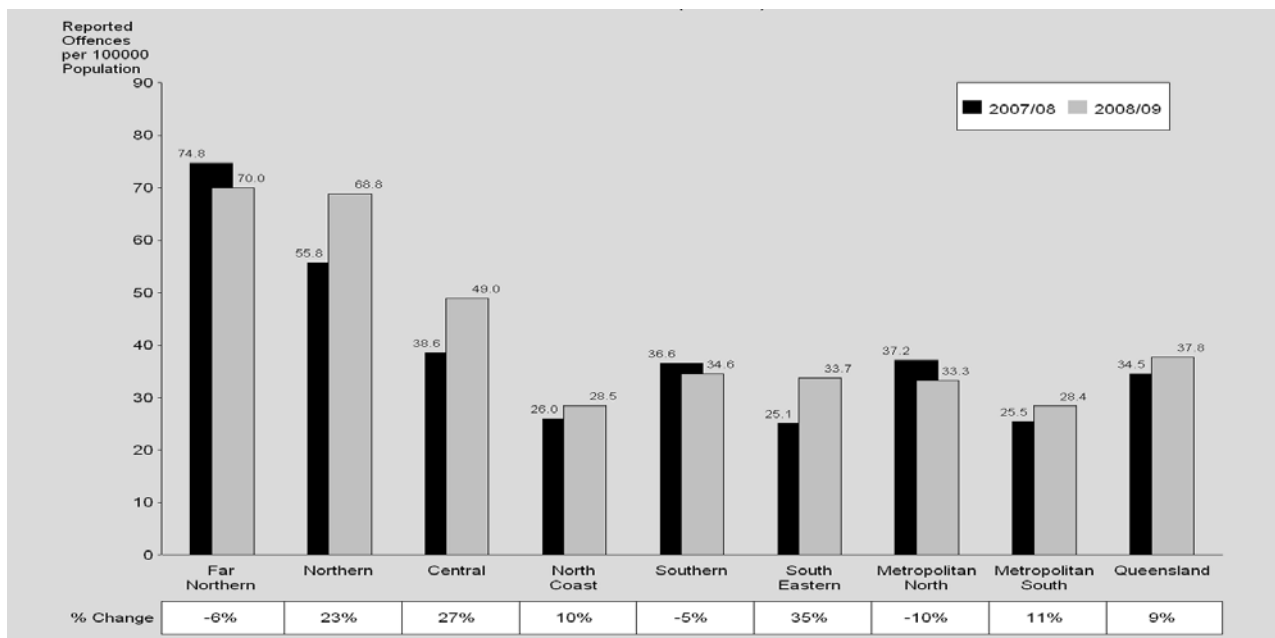
Serious Assault*



The largest decrease in Serious Assaults 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)*



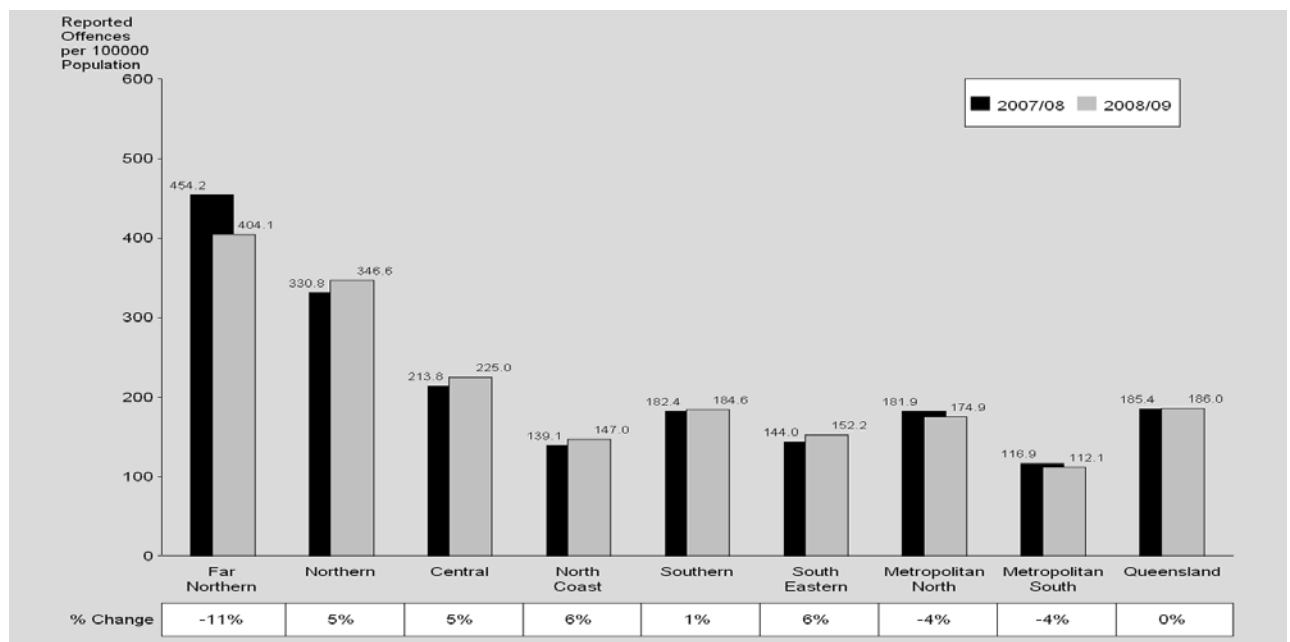
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rates of Serious Assault (Other) offences despite South Eastern Region recording the largest increase in the rate of offences this

year. Far Northern, Southern and Metropolitan North Regions all recorded decreases in rate for the current review period.

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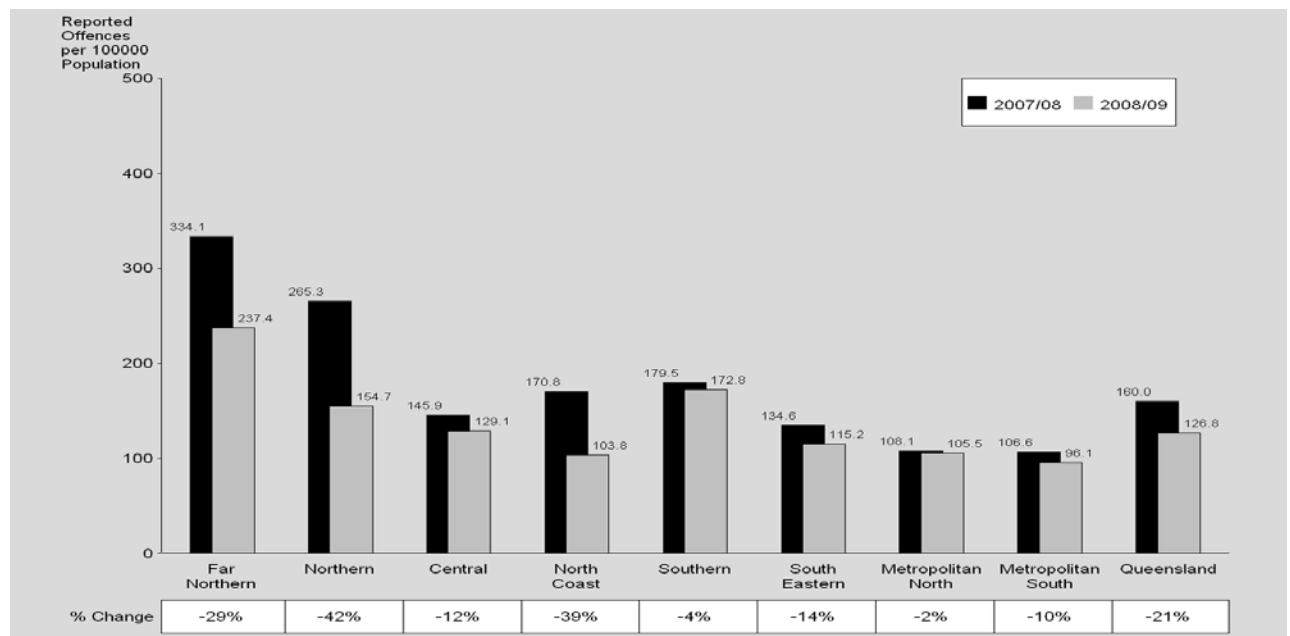
Common Assault*



Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease in Common Assault however; the area recorded the highest rate. Increases in Common Assault were recorded by five of the eight regions

in 2008/09. Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State.

Sexual Offences*



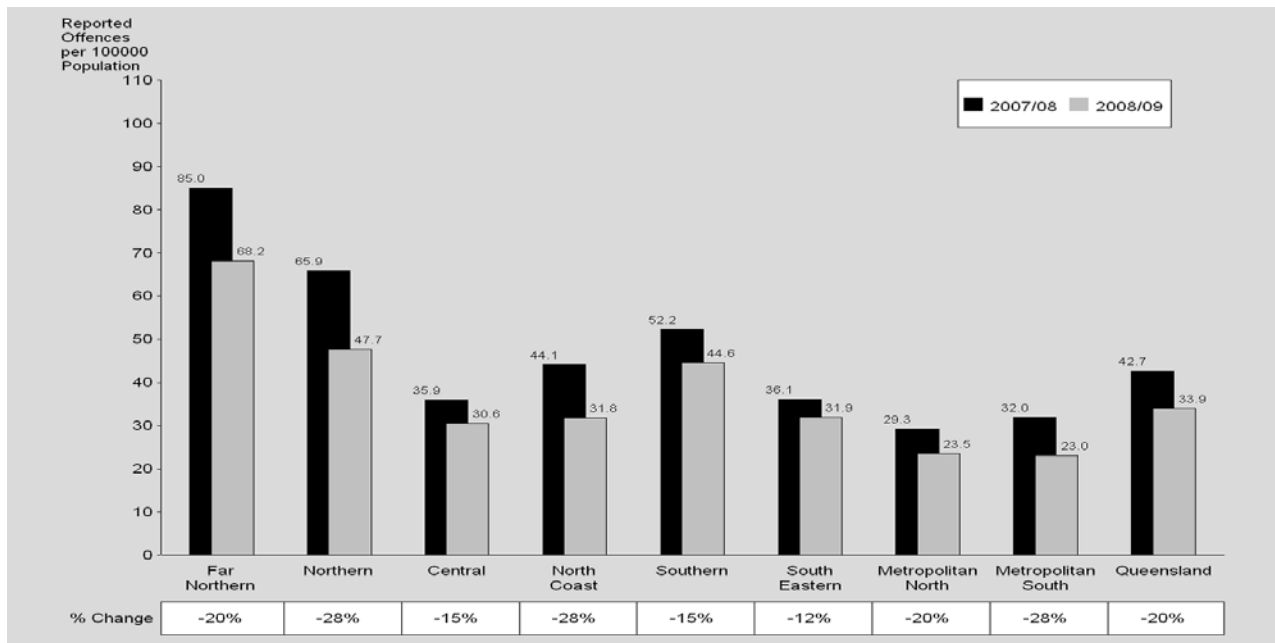
All regions recorded decreases in Sexual Offences which directly attributed to Queensland recording a 21% decrease in the period under review. Northern and North Coast Regions

recorded the greatest decreases. Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate of Sexual Offences whilst the lowest rate was recorded in Metropolitan South Region.

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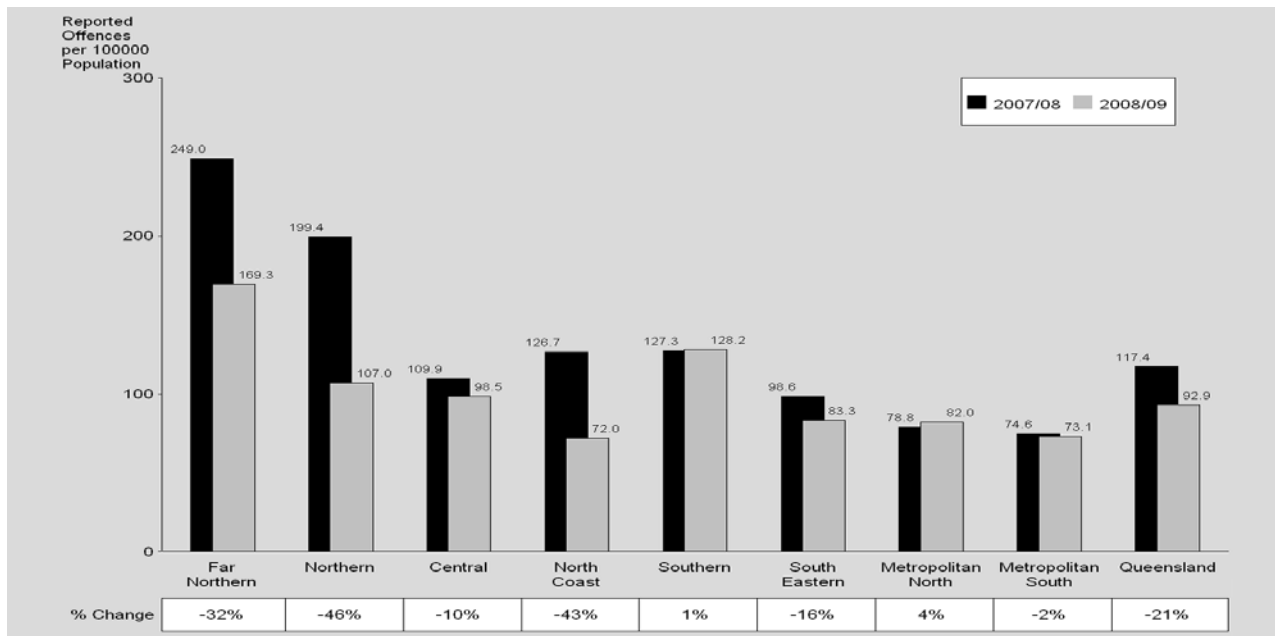
Rape and Attempted Rape*



Northern, North Coast and Metropolitan South Regions recorded a decrease of 28% in Rape and Attempted Rape. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region while the lowest rate

of Rape and Attempted Rape was recorded by Metropolitan South Region.

Other Sexual Offences*



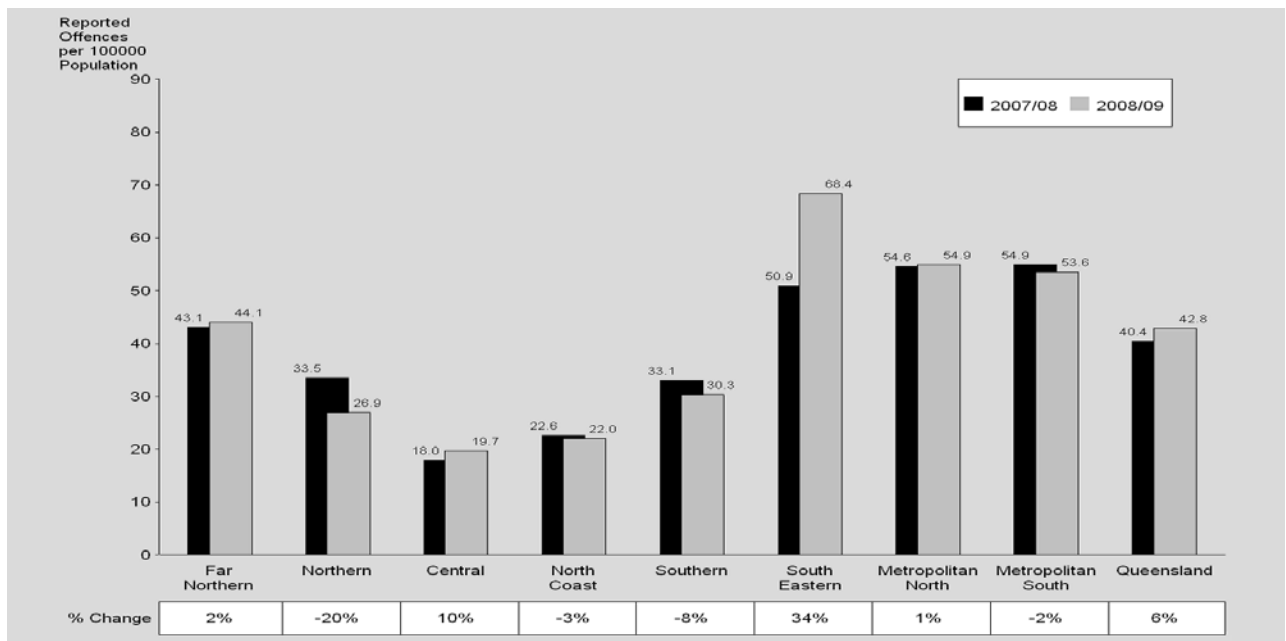
Southern and Metropolitan North Regions were the only regions to record increases in Other Sexual Offences in 2008/09. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region. Northern Region recorded the largest decrease while the lowest rate

was recorded by North Coast Region. The majority of offences recorded in this category were Indecent Treatment of Children offences.

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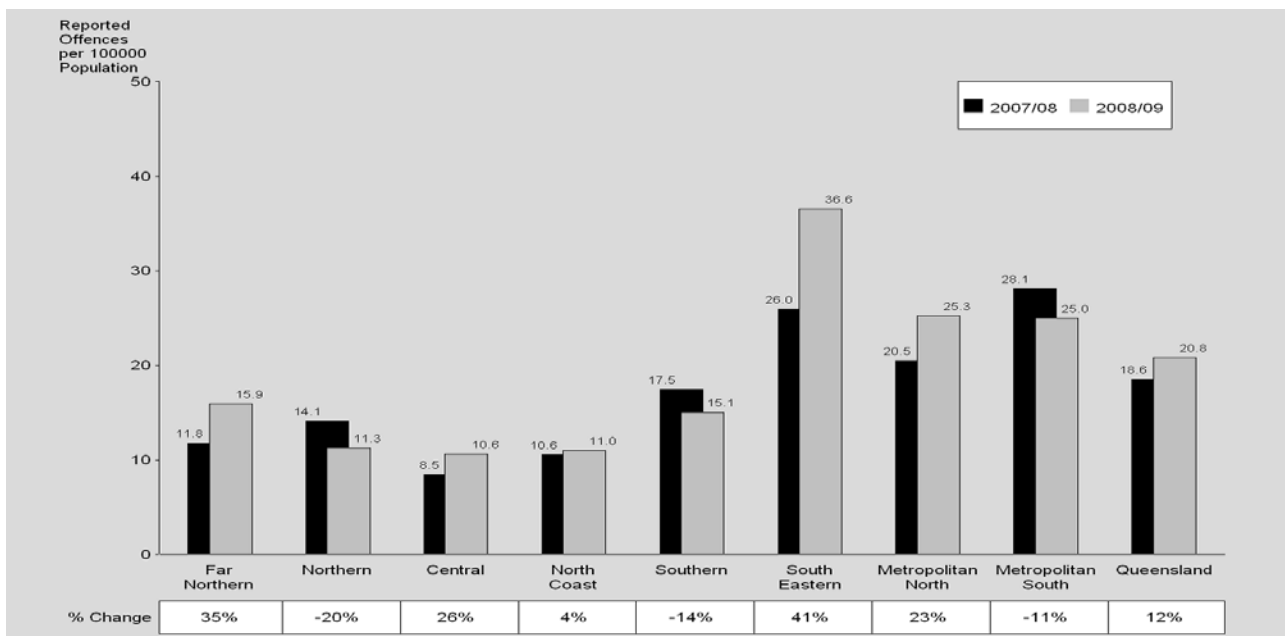
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically records the highest rates of Robbery and 2008/09 was no exception. South Eastern

Region recorded the highest rate of 68 per 100,000 persons. South Eastern Region also recorded the largest increase.

Armed Robbery*



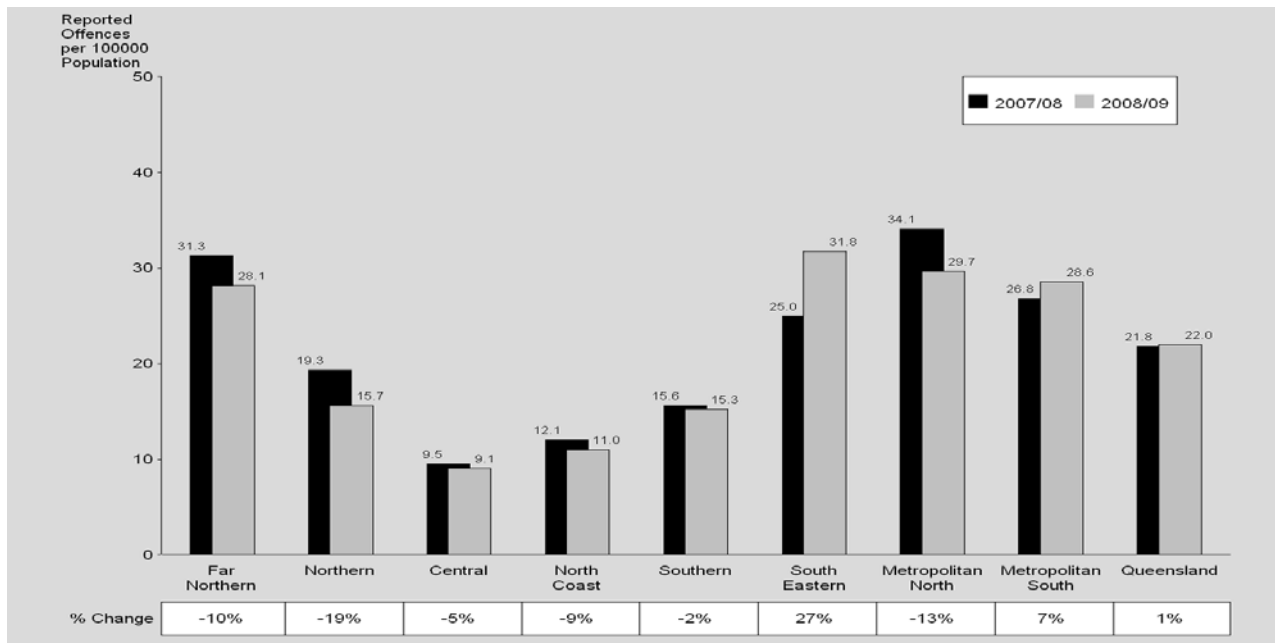
The south-east corner again recorded higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. South Eastern Region recorded largest increase in Armed Robbery offences as well as, recording the highest rate of Armed Robbery offences

(37 offences per 100,000 persons). Northern Region recorded the largest decrease of Armed Robbery offences while Central Region recorded the lowest rate.

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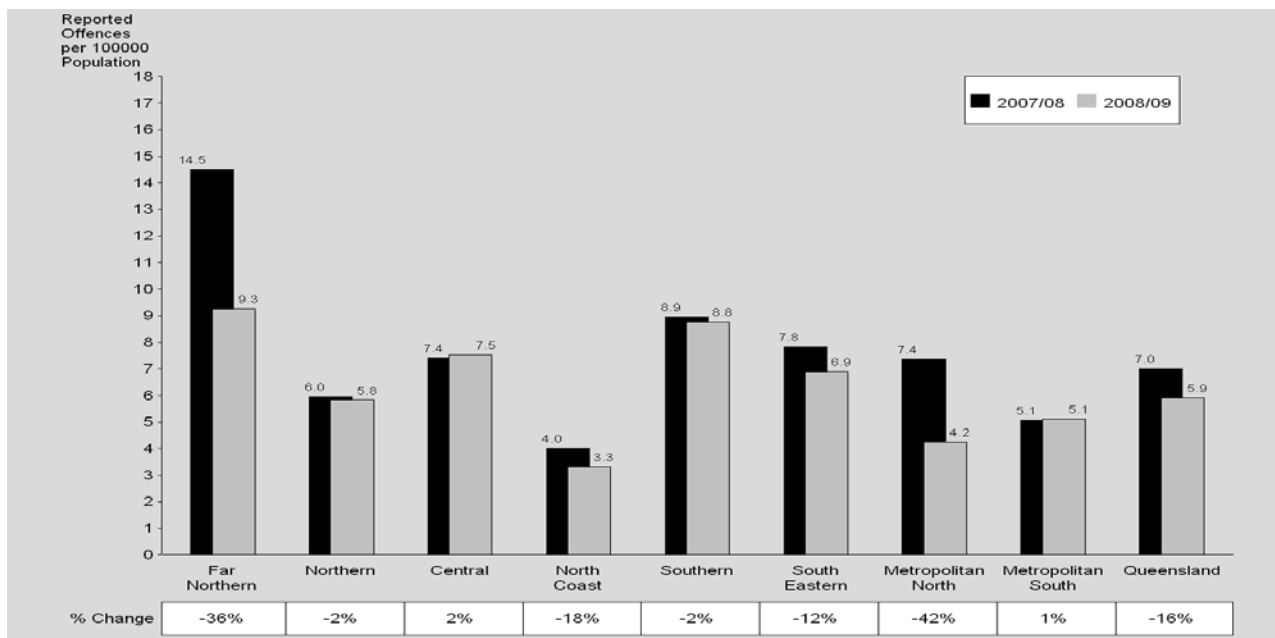
Unarmed Robbery*



Two of the eight regions recorded increases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 27% increase in South Eastern Region followed by with a 7% increase in Metropolitan

South Region. South Eastern Region recorded the highest rate while Central Region recorded the lowest rate for Unarmed Robbery offences in the period under review.

Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.*



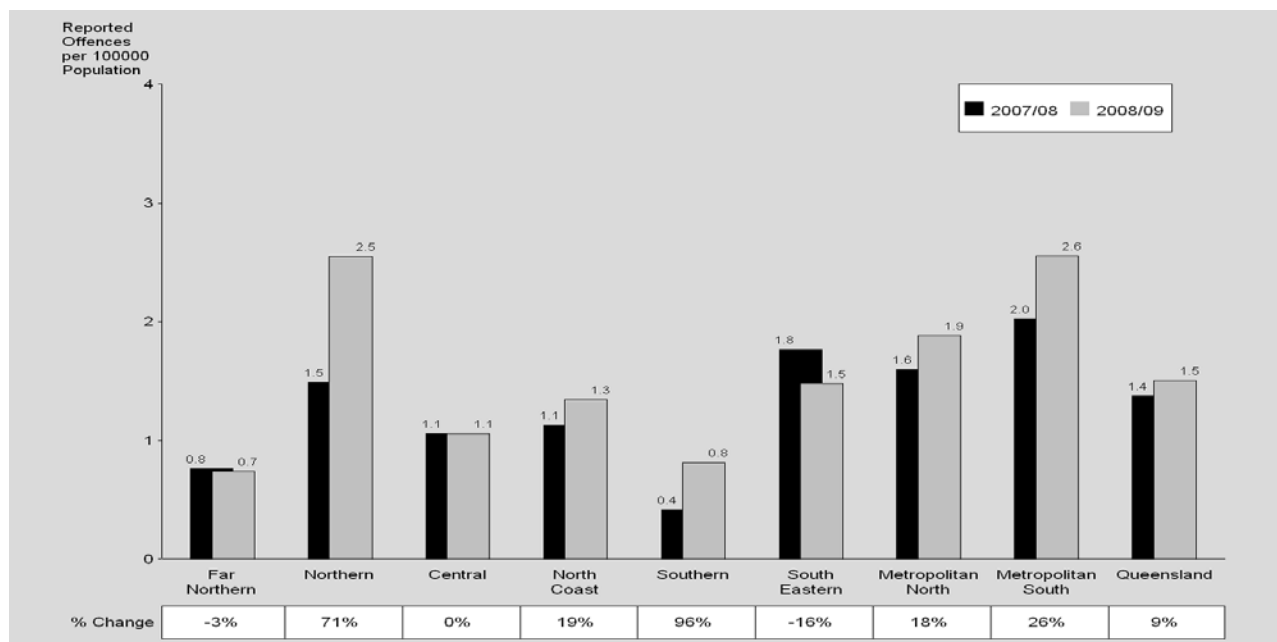
The highest rate of Kidnapping, Abduction, etc. offences occurred in Far Northern Region despite the area recording a decrease of 36%. Metropolitan North Region recorded the

largest decrease (42%) while North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate per 100,000 persons.

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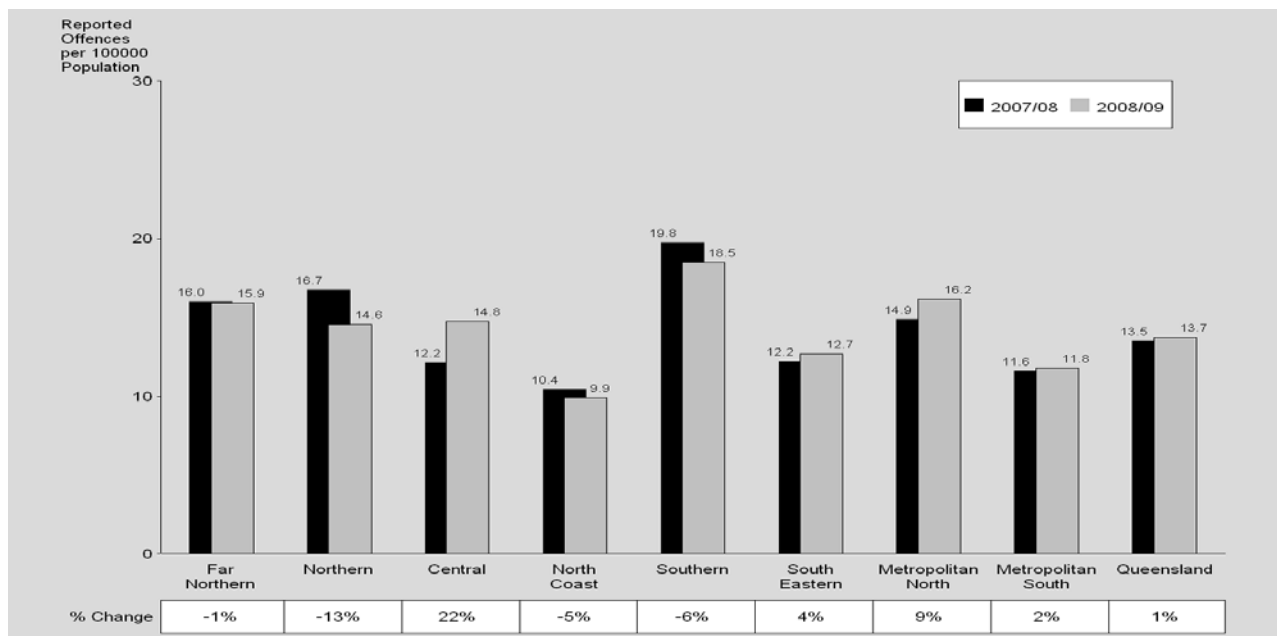
*Extortion**



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 2008/09, only Far Northern and South Eastern Regions recorded decreases in Extortion offences.

Southern and Northern Regions recorded the largest increase (96% and 71% respectively). The highest rate was recorded by Metropolitan South Region while the lowest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region.

*Stalking**



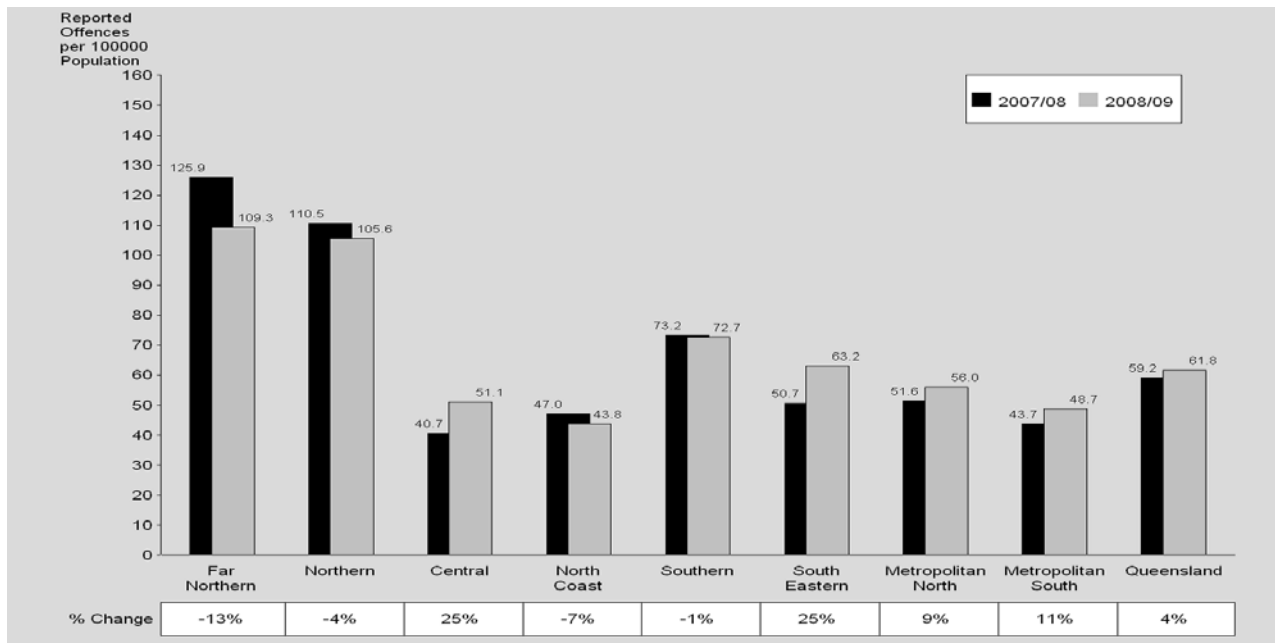
Four of the eight regions recorded an increase in Stalking Offences the largest of which was an 22% increase in Central

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

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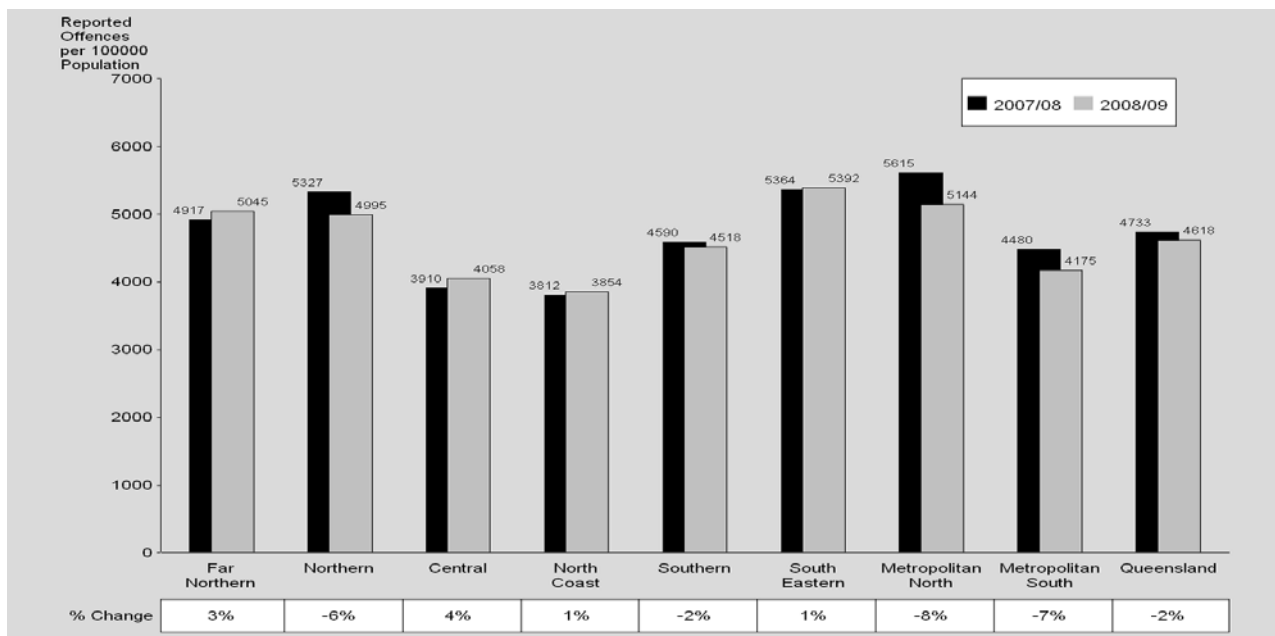
Life Endangering Acts*



Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate of Life Endangering Acts offences despite recording a decrease of 13%. The largest increase of 25% occurred in both Central and South

Eastern Regions. North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate in the 2008/09 period.

Offences Against Property*



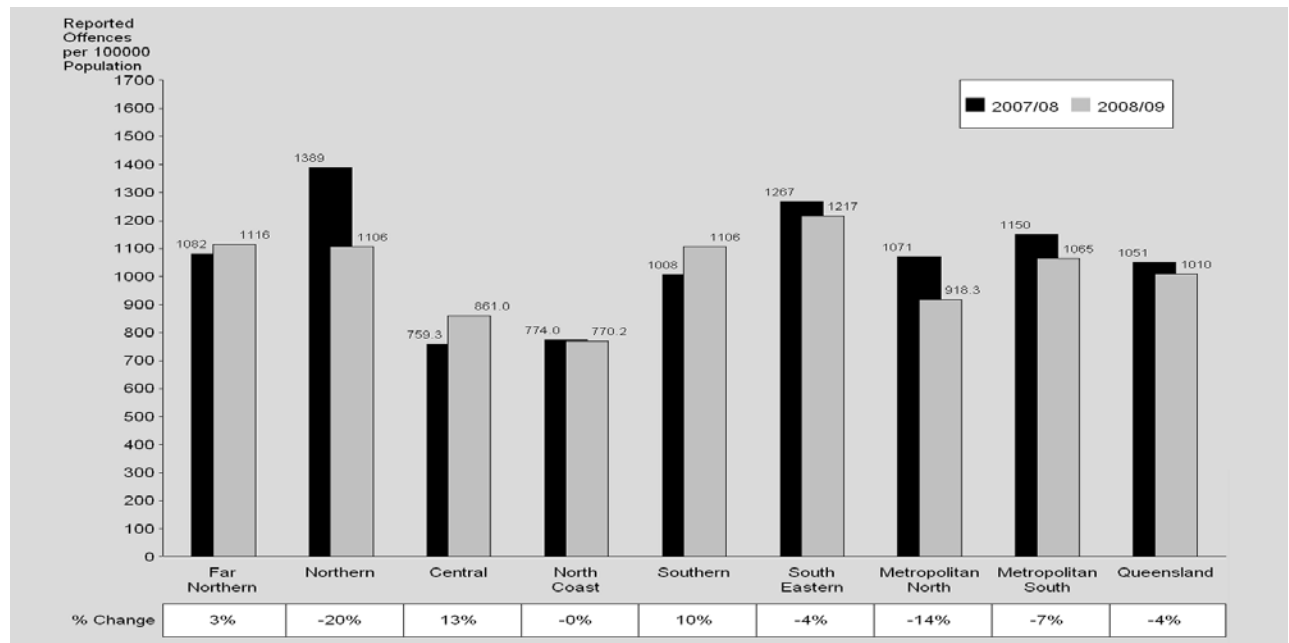
Four of the eight regions recorded decreases in total Offences Against Property, the largest of which was a 8% decrease in Metropolitan North Region. South Eastern Region recorded

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

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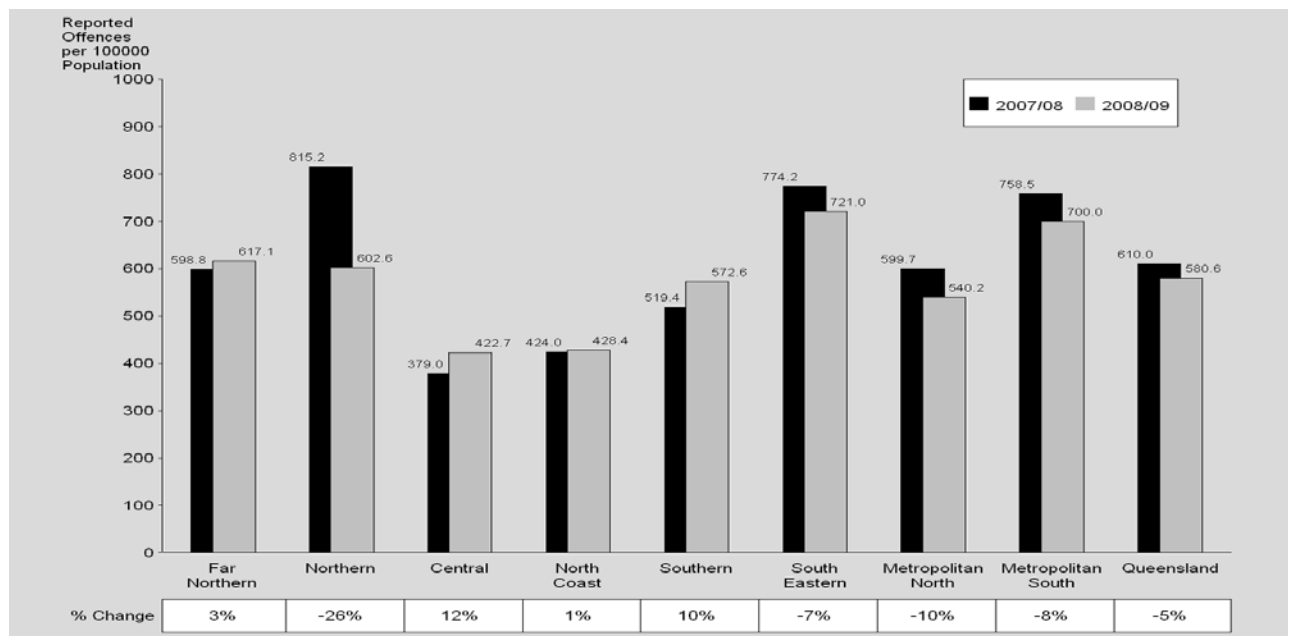
Unlawful Entry*



Unlawful Entry tends to dominate the Offences Against Property aggregate as is evidenced by the similarity in the distribution of property crime. Five of the eight regions recorded decreases in the current year. Despite South Eastern Region recording a

decrease, this area recorded the highest rate. The lowest rate occurred in North Coast Region while the largest increase was recorded by Central Region.

Unlawful Entry - Dwelling*



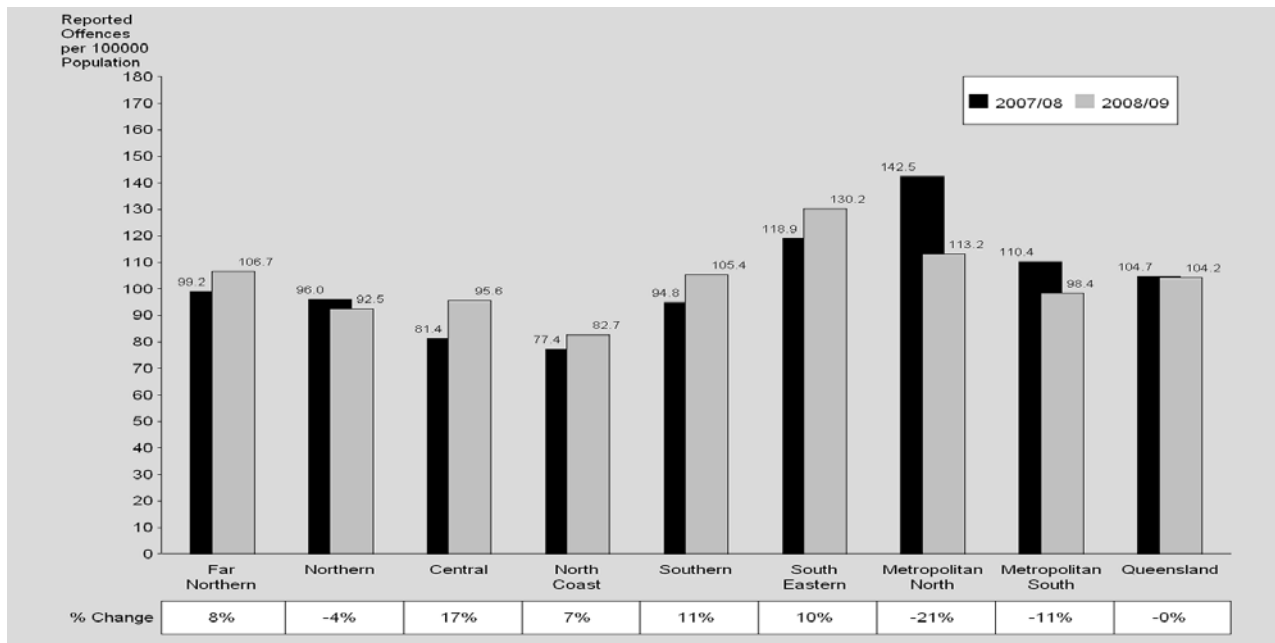
The largest increase in the rate of Unlawful Entry - Dwellings, occurred in Central Region. The lowest rate in the State occurred in Central Region, while the highest rate was recorded

by South Eastern Region. Northern Region recorded the largest decrease over the last financial year.

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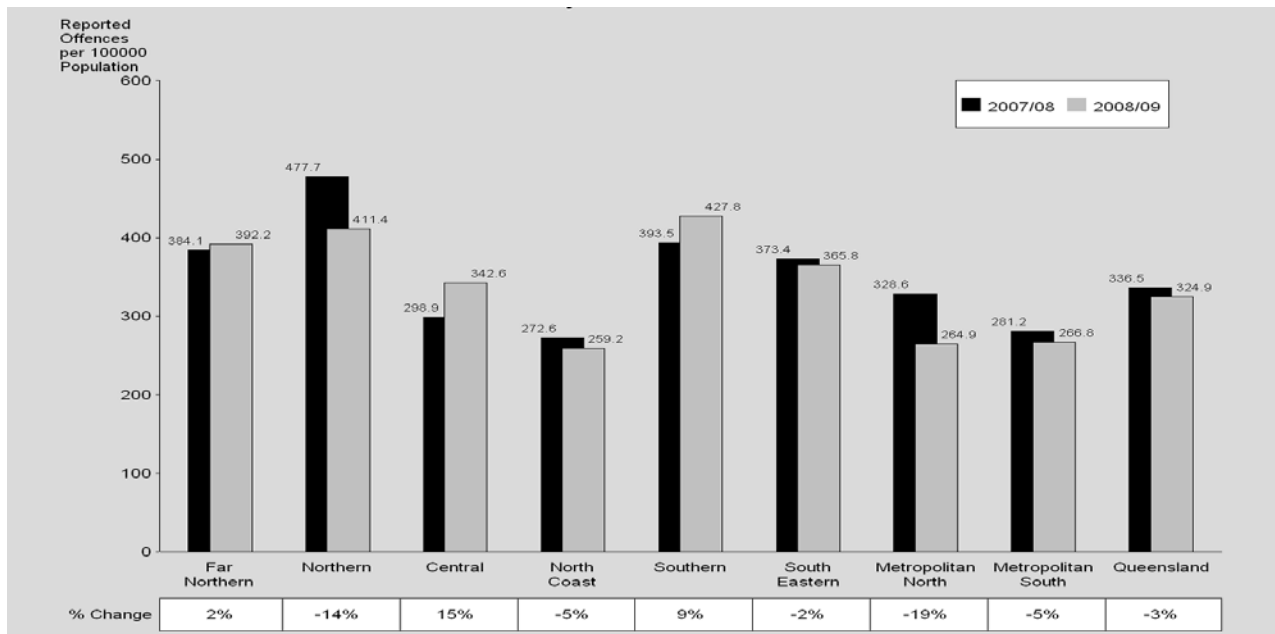
Unlawful Entry - Shop*



Metropolitan North Region recorded the largest decrease, while Central Region Recorded the greatest increase for Unlawful Entry – Shops offences. The highest rate was recorded by

South Eastern Region and the lowest rate was recorded by North Coast Region.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



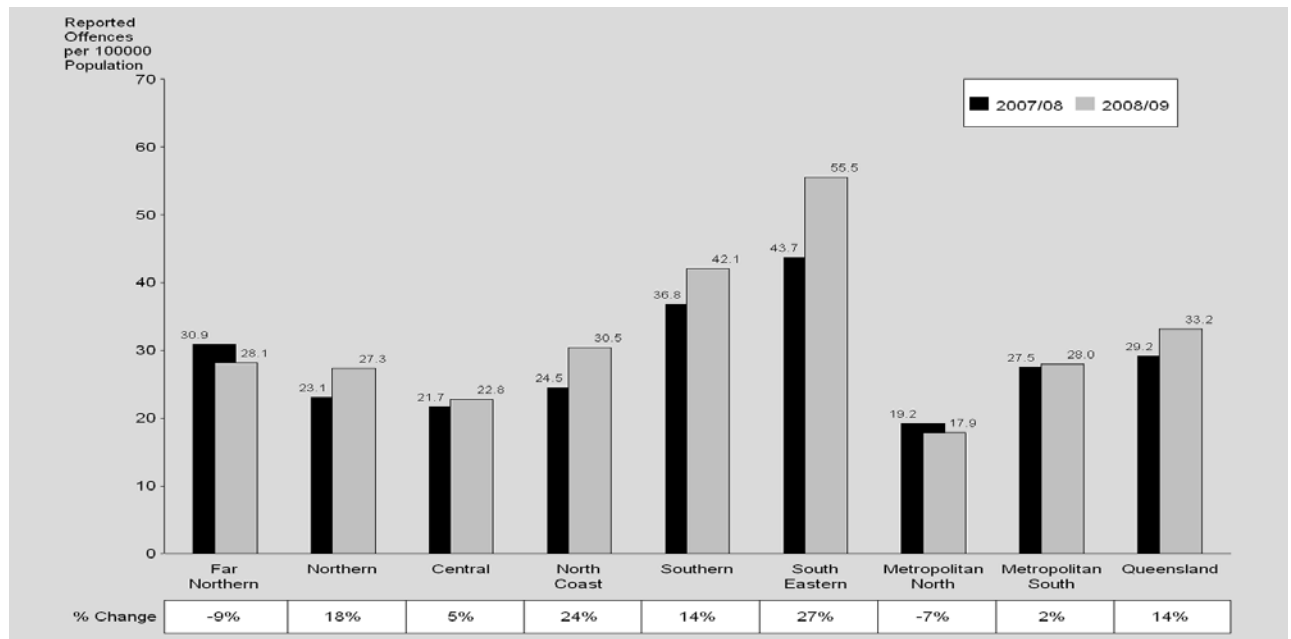
Five of the eight regions recorded decreases in Unlawful Entry - Other Premises offences which attributed to Queensland recording a 3% decrease when comparing 2008/09 with the

previous year. Southern Region recorded the highest rate (428 offences per 100,000 persons) while North Coast Region recorded the lowest rate (259 offences per 100,000 persons).

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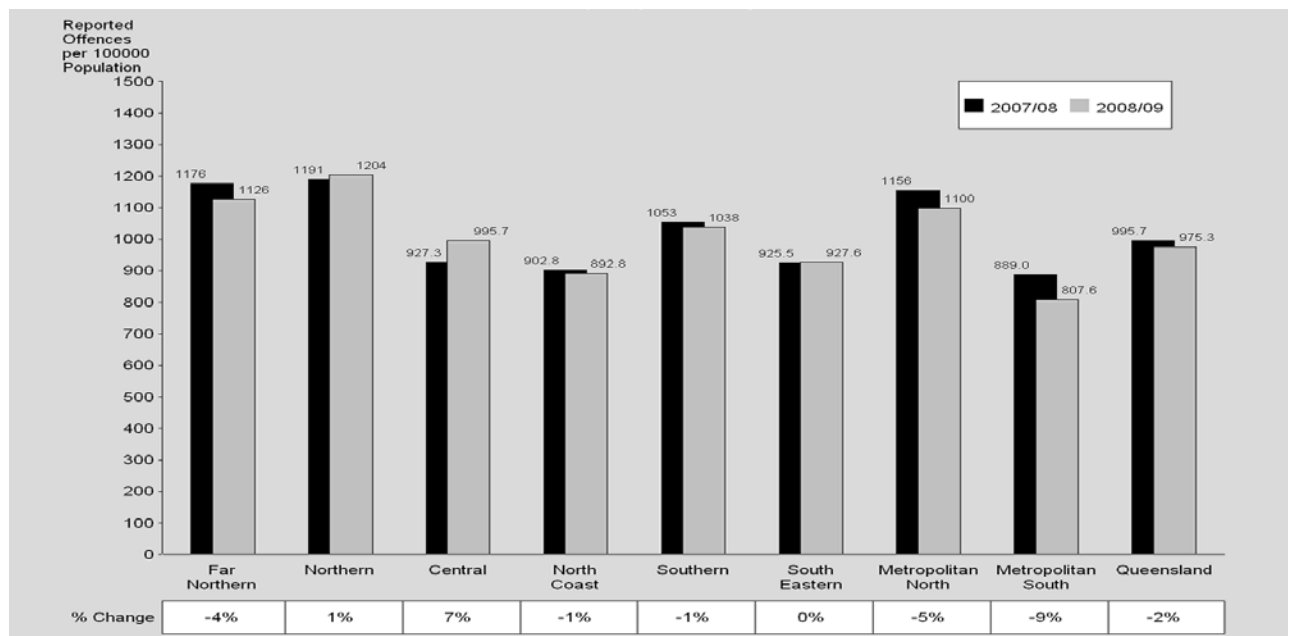
Arson*



Six regions recorded increases in the rate of Arson offences this year. South Eastern Region recorded the largest increase of 27% and resulted in this area recording the highest rate.

Metropolitan North recorded the lowest rate while Far Northern Region recorded the greatest decrease.

Other Property Damage*



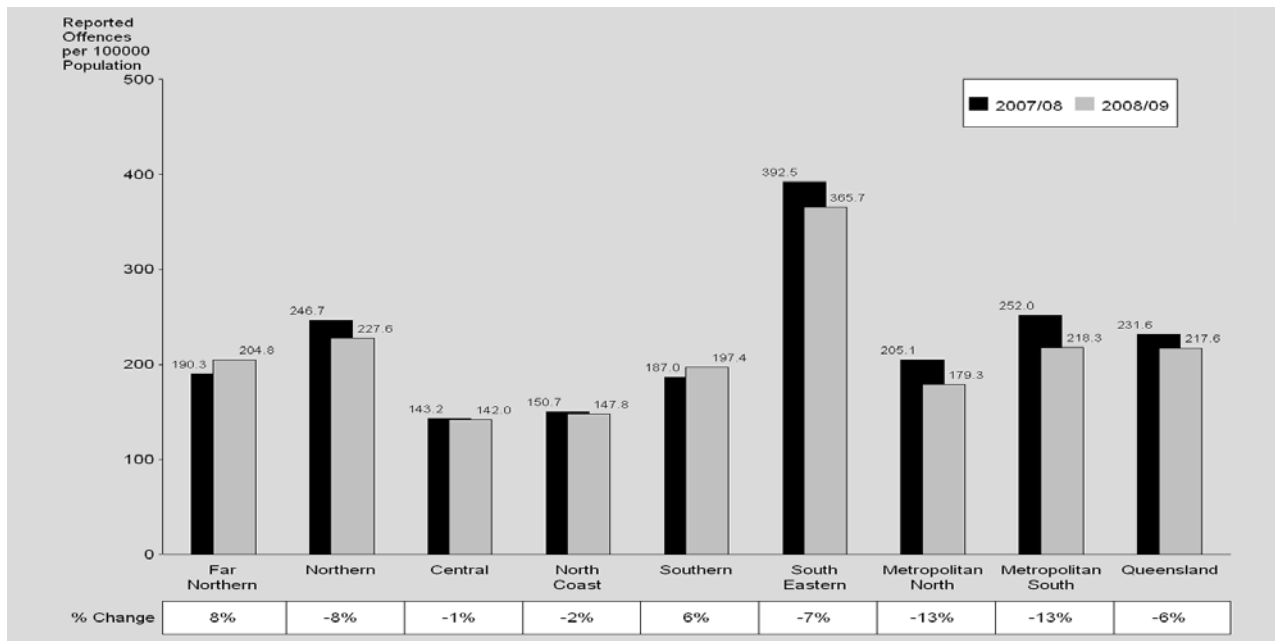
Decreases in five Regions resulted in the State recording a 2% drop when comparing Other Property Damage offences occurring within the 2007/08 and 2008/09 periods. The lowest

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

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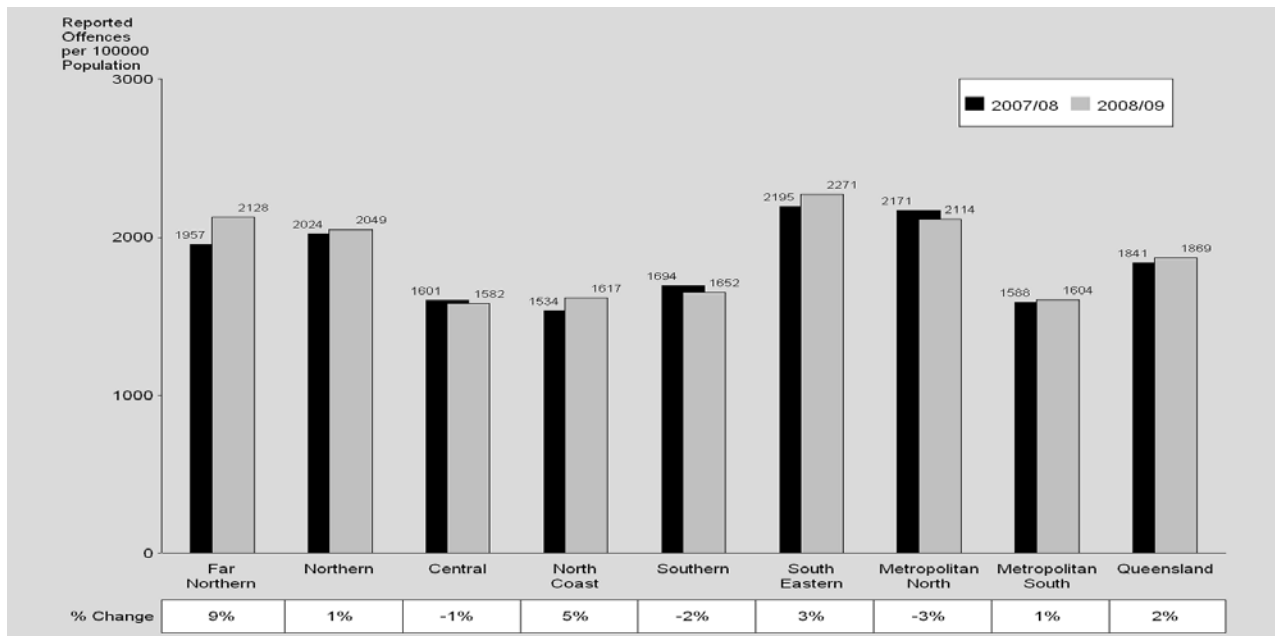
*Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle**



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the South Eastern Region of the State as was the case in 2008/09 despite decreases in this area. In fact, all regions except two recorded decreases which resulted in a decrease

for the State as a whole. Central Region again recorded the lowest rate in the period under review. The largest decrease was recorded by Metropolitan North and Metropolitan South Regions.

*Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)**



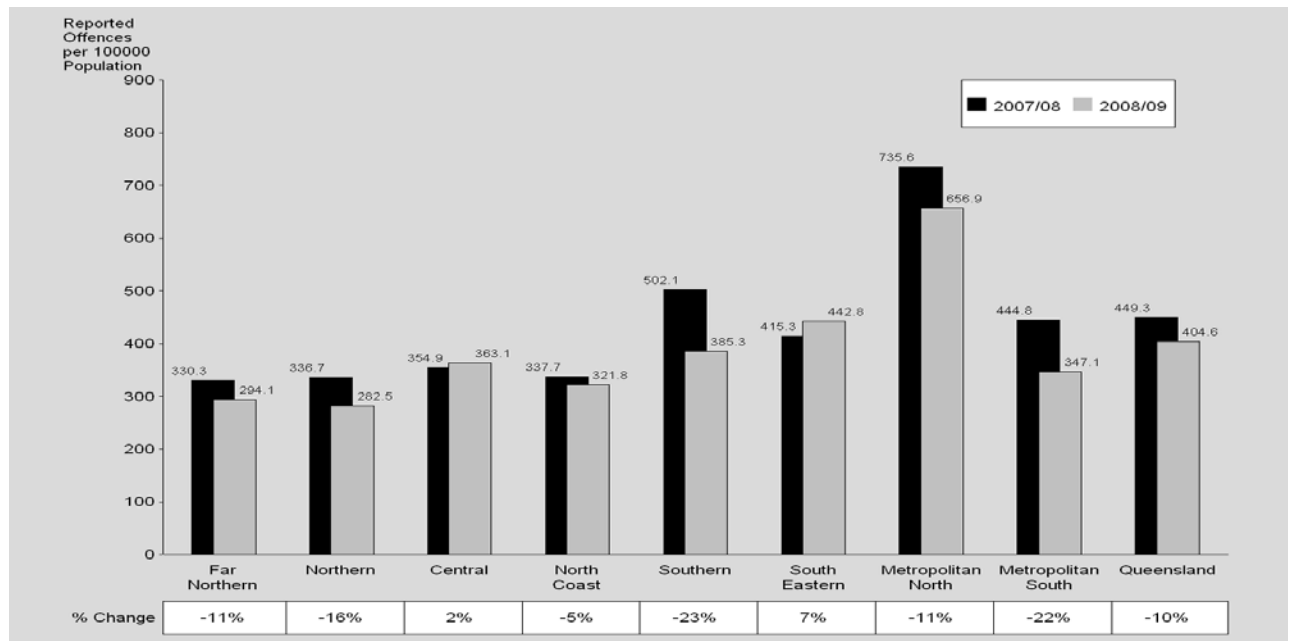
During 2008/09, five out of eight regions recorded increases resulting in a 2% increase recorded by Queensland overall. The highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and

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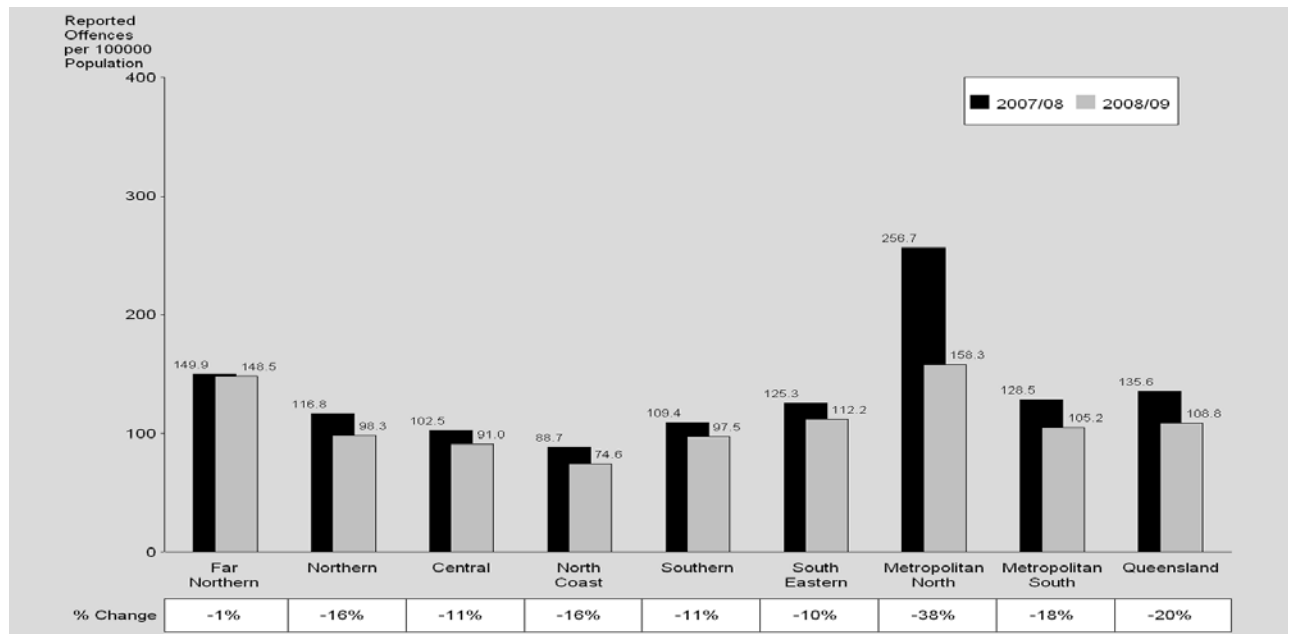
*Fraud**



Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate of Fraud offences in 2008/09. The largest decrease was recorded by Southern Region and South Eastern Region recorded the largest

increase. Northern Region recorded the lowest rate in the State.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



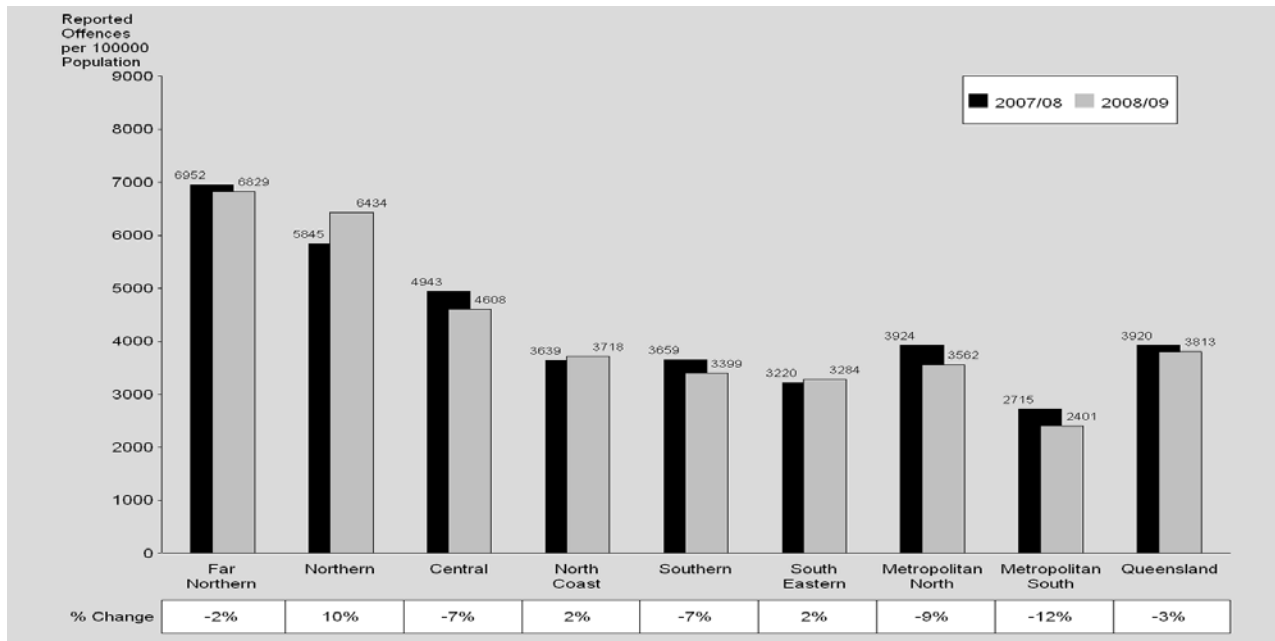
All regions recorded decreases in Handling Stolen Goods offences, which resulted in a 20% decrease for the State in the period under review. Metropolitan North Region recorded the highest rate in the State (158 offences per 100,000 persons),

even though this area recorded the greatest decrease (38%). North Coast Region recorded the lowest at 75 offences per 100,000 persons.

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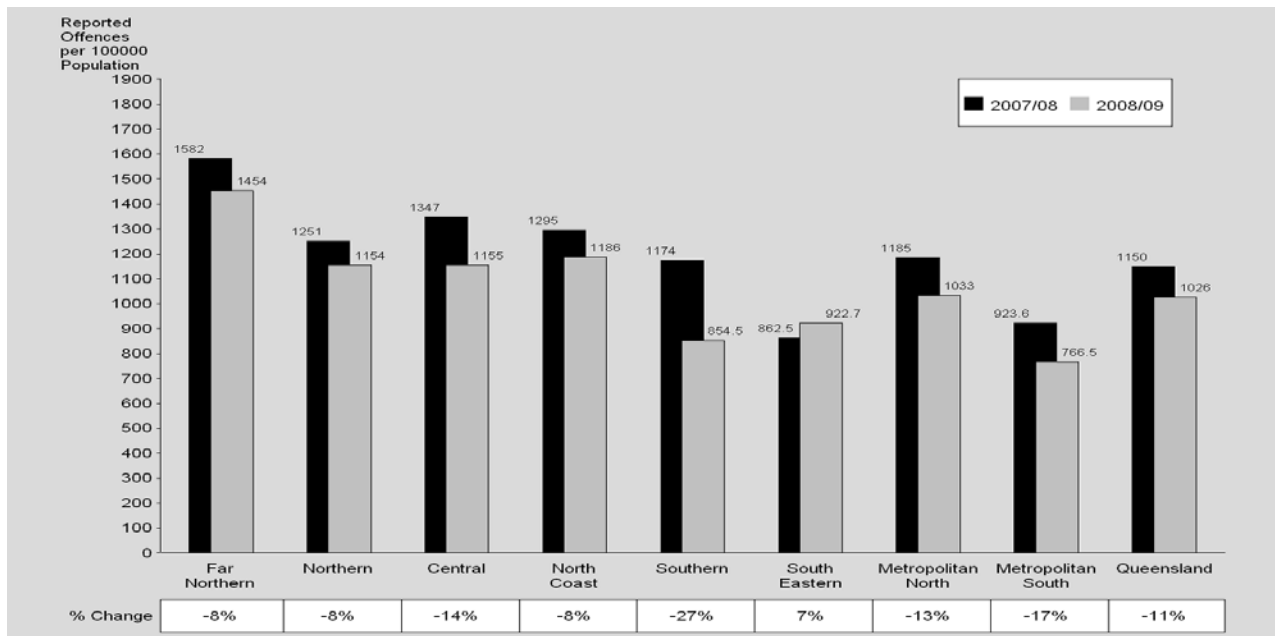
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2008/09 was consistent with previous years. In fact, for the eleventh consecutive year, Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate. Similarly, Metropolitan South

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

Drug Offences*



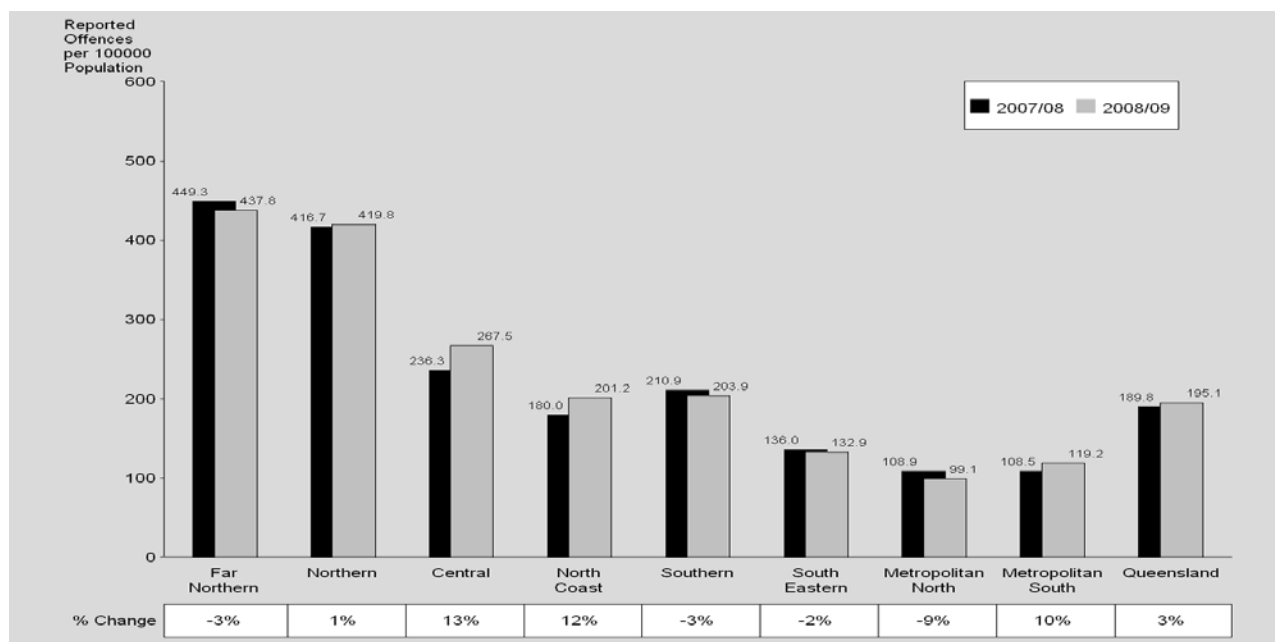
This year, the highest rate of Drug Offences was recorded by Far Northern Region while Metropolitan South Region recorded the

lowest rate. Southern Region recorded the largest decrease, while the only increase was recorded in South Eastern Region.

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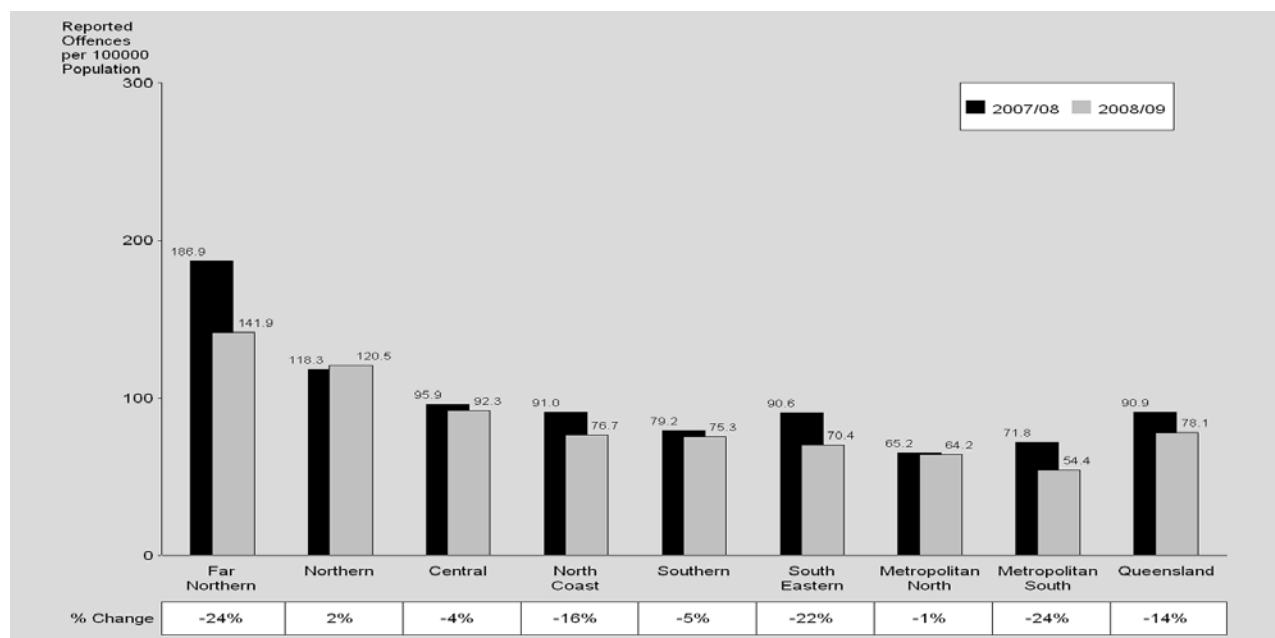
*Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders**



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. Metropolitan North

Region recorded the largest decrease (9%) while the Central Region recorded a 13% increase. The lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan North Region.

*Weapons Act Offences**



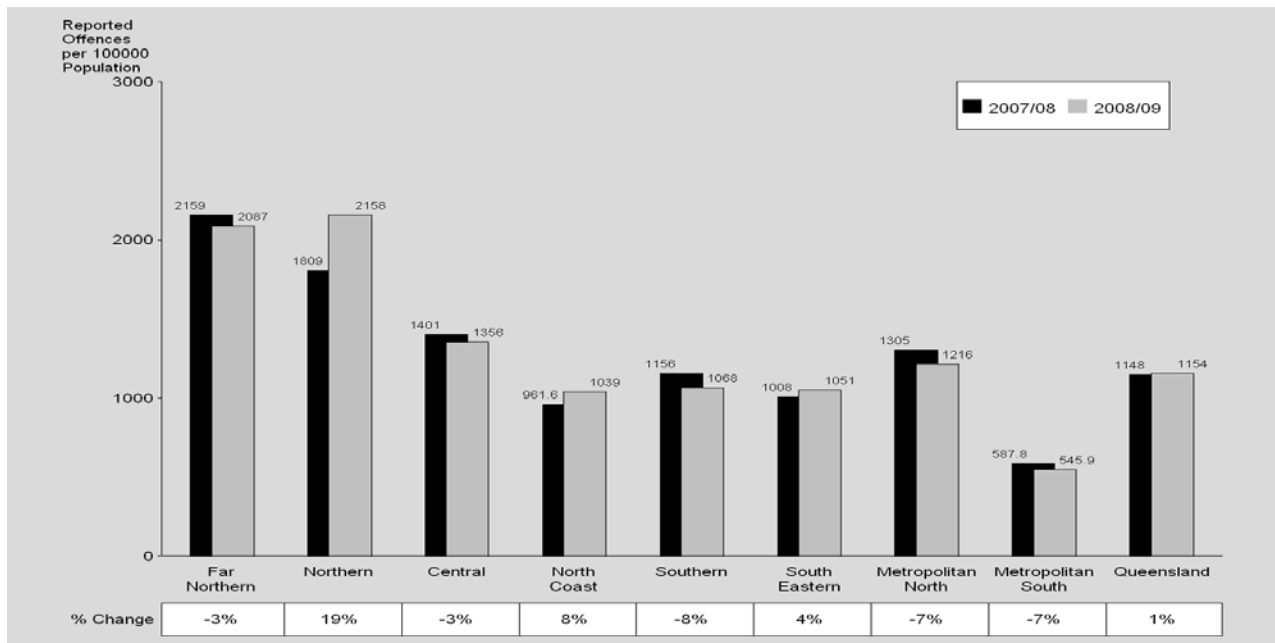
Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate in Weapons Act Offences, as in previous years, whilst recording one of the largest decreases (24%). Northern Region was the only area to record an increase while Metropolitan South recorded the

lowest rate (54 offences per 100,000 persons). Overall, the State recorded a 14% decrease as a result of decreases in seven of the eight regions.

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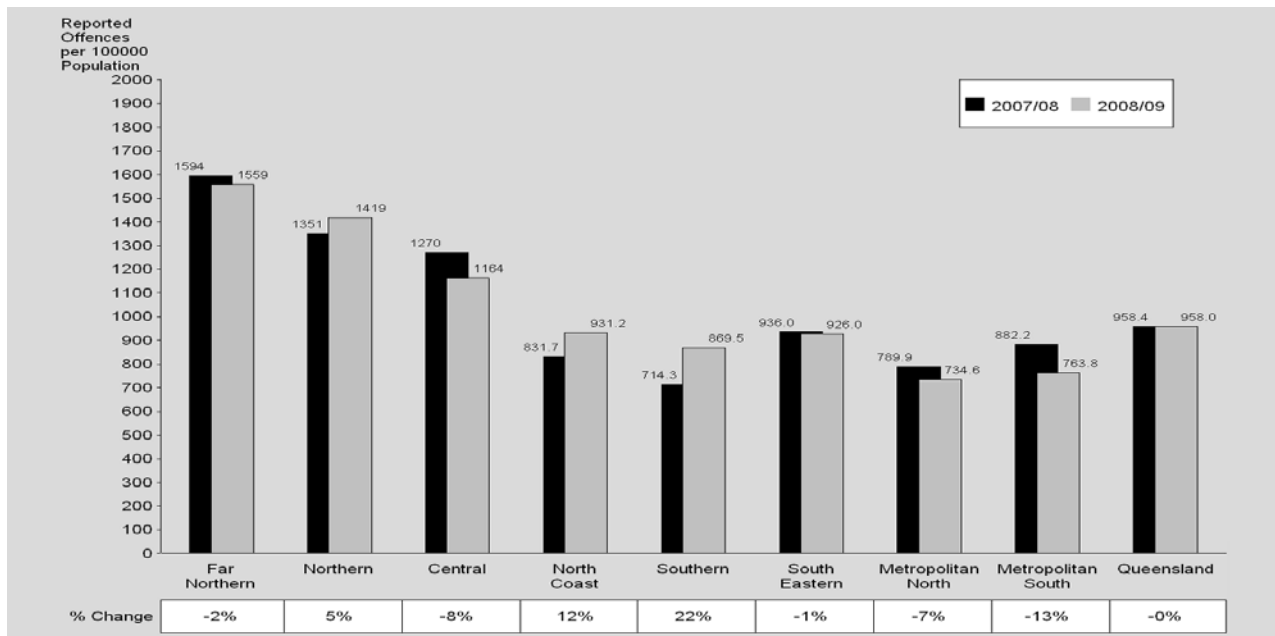
Good Order Offences*



Five of the eight regions recorded decreases in the 2008/09 period. The highest rate was recorded by Northern Region which also recorded the highest increase of 19%. As in

previous years, the lowest rate occurred in Metropolitan South Region.

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, decreased in all regions, except Northern, North Coast and Southern Regions, which recorded a 5%, 12% and 22%, increase respectively. The northern

regions again recorded the highest rates of Traffic Offences. Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest decrease and Metropolitan North Region recorded the lowest rate.

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