

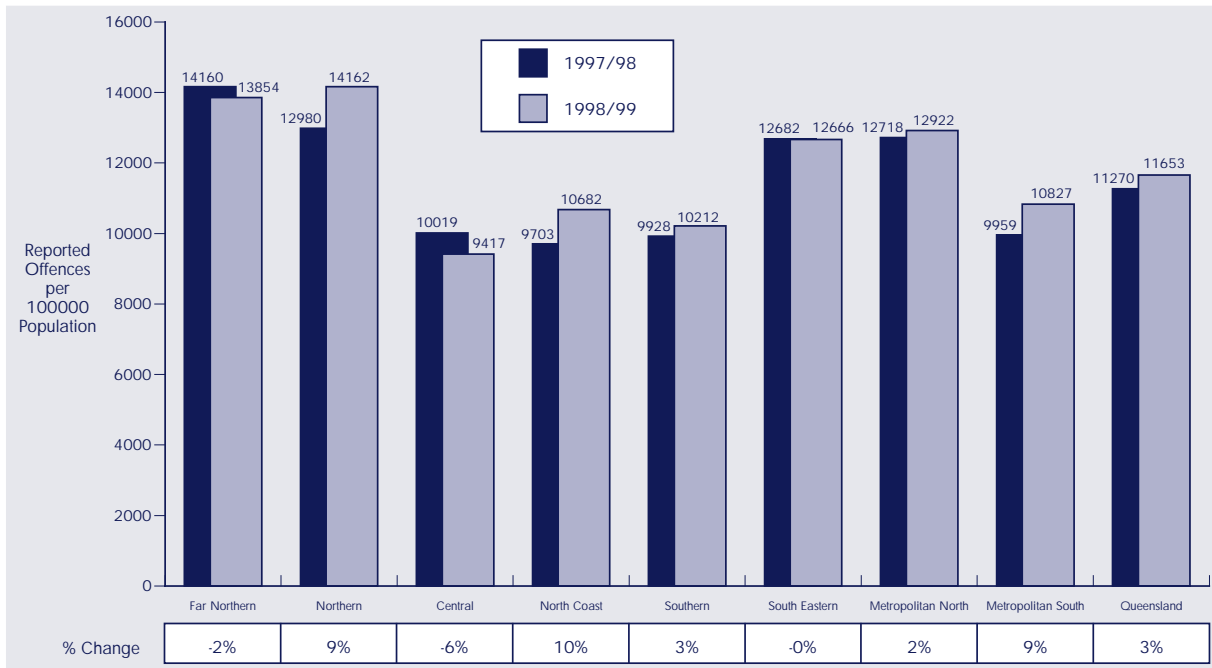
Regional Comparisons

The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100,000 population from the 1997/98 to the 1998/99 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, therefore, not be used as a comparative measure of regional performance, but as a guide to crime trends and patterns across the state.

As with the rest of this Review, the offences per 100,000 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 Queensland Office of the Government Statistician. All rates and percentage changes have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

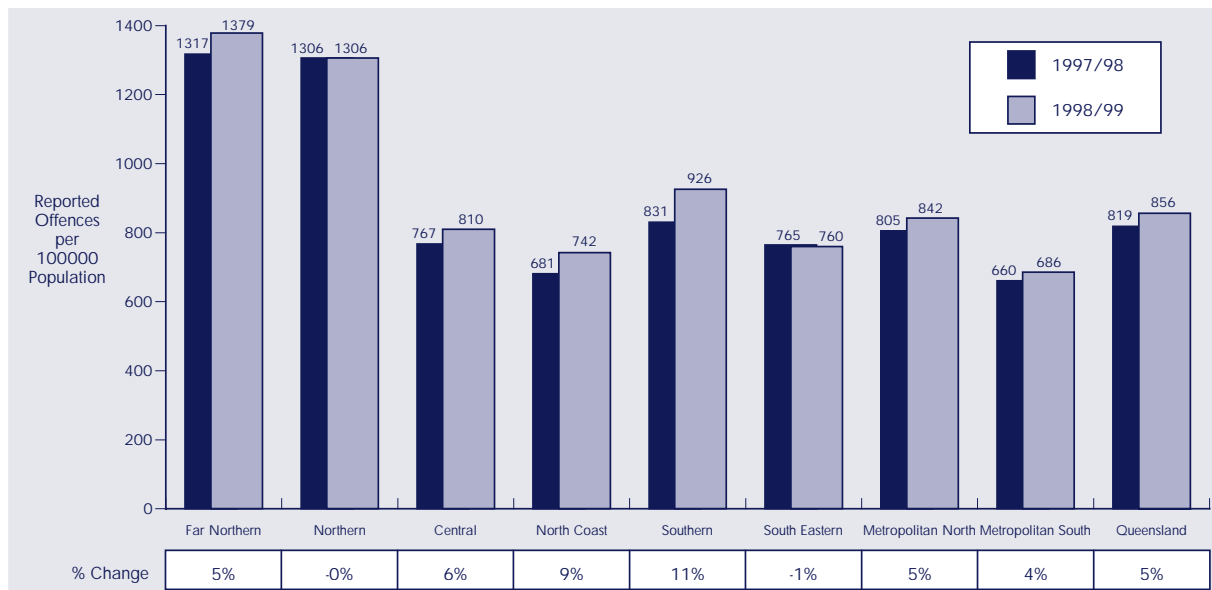
Offences Against the Person, Property, and Other Offences*



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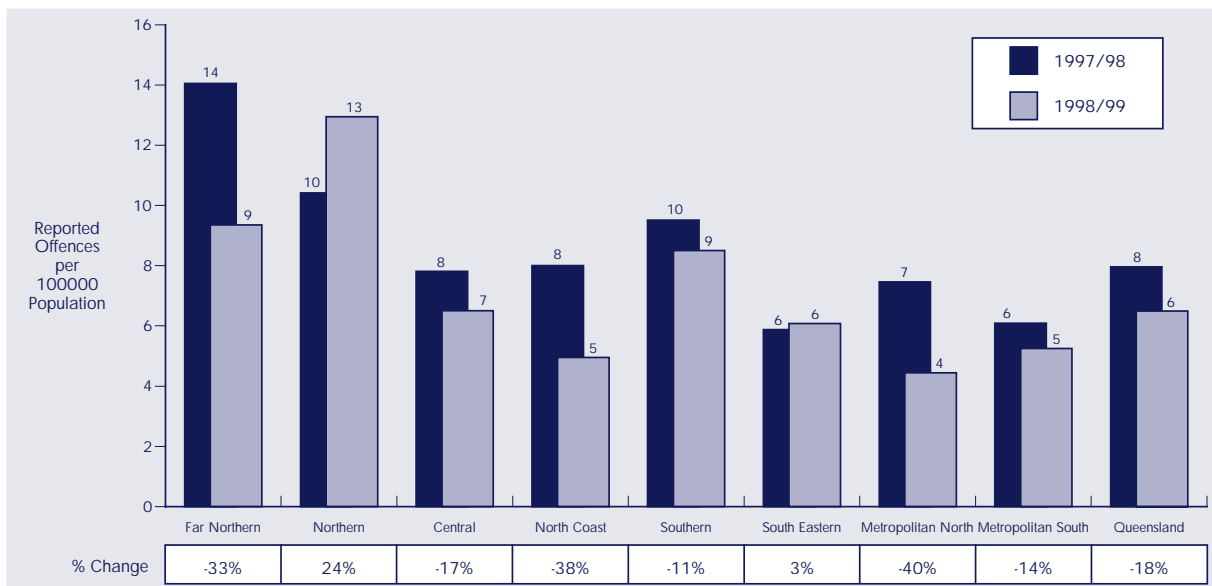
Offences Against the Person*



Overall, the northern part of the state (Far Northern and Northern Regions) experienced higher rates of Offences Against the Person. The remainder of the regions

recorded similar rates. Southern Region experienced the largest increase at 11% while South Eastern was the only region to experience a decrease (1%).

Homicide*



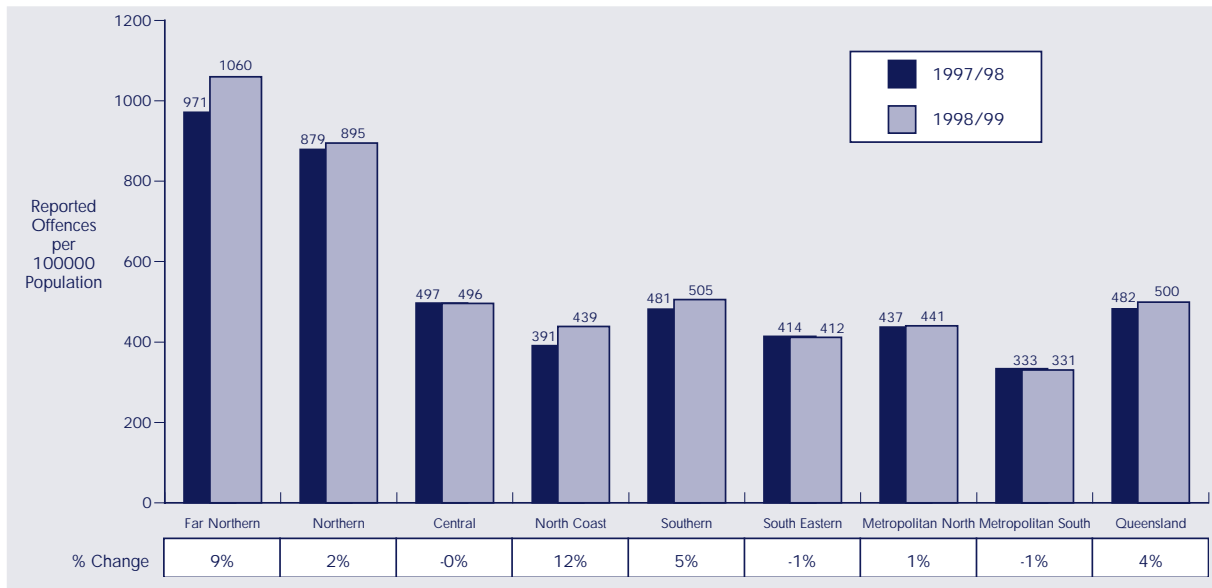
Homicide is a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. Northern Region replaced Far Northern as the region with the

highest rate of Homicide in 1998/99. Statewide, there was an overall decrease of Homicide Offences from 8 to 6 offences per 100,000 persons.

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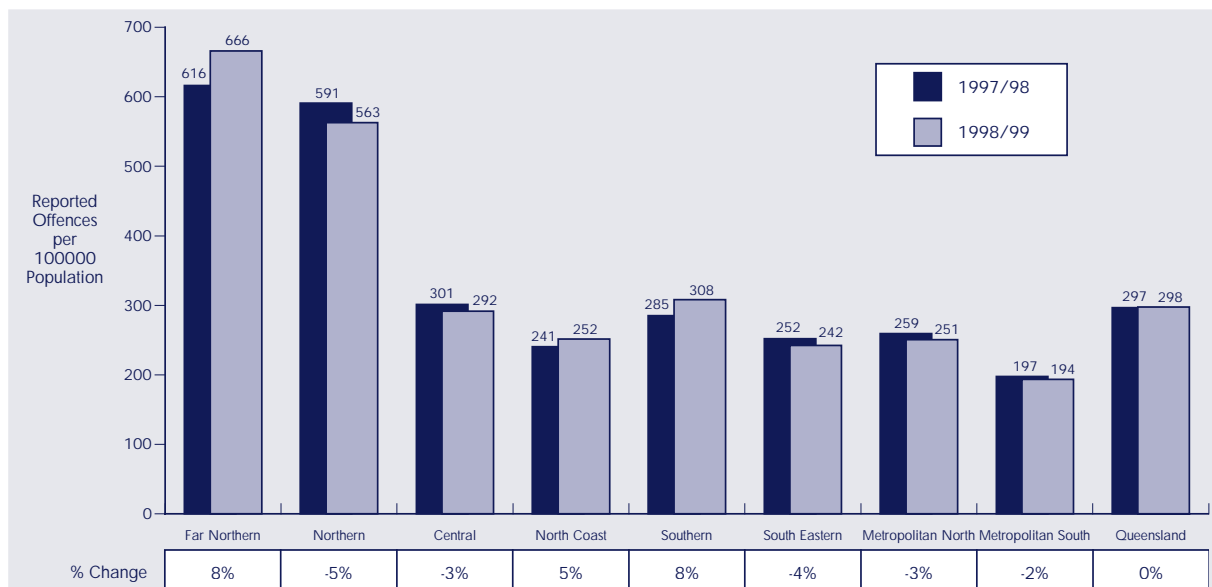
Assault*



Far Northern Region remains the highest in the state for rates of Assaults. In fact, both Far Northern and Northern Regions exhibited higher rates than the remaining regions all of which experienced similar

Assault rates in 1998/99. Most regions showed very little change from the 1997/98 to the 1998/99 financial years. Overall, there was a slight increase of 4% from 482 to 500 offences per 100,000 persons.

Serious Assault*



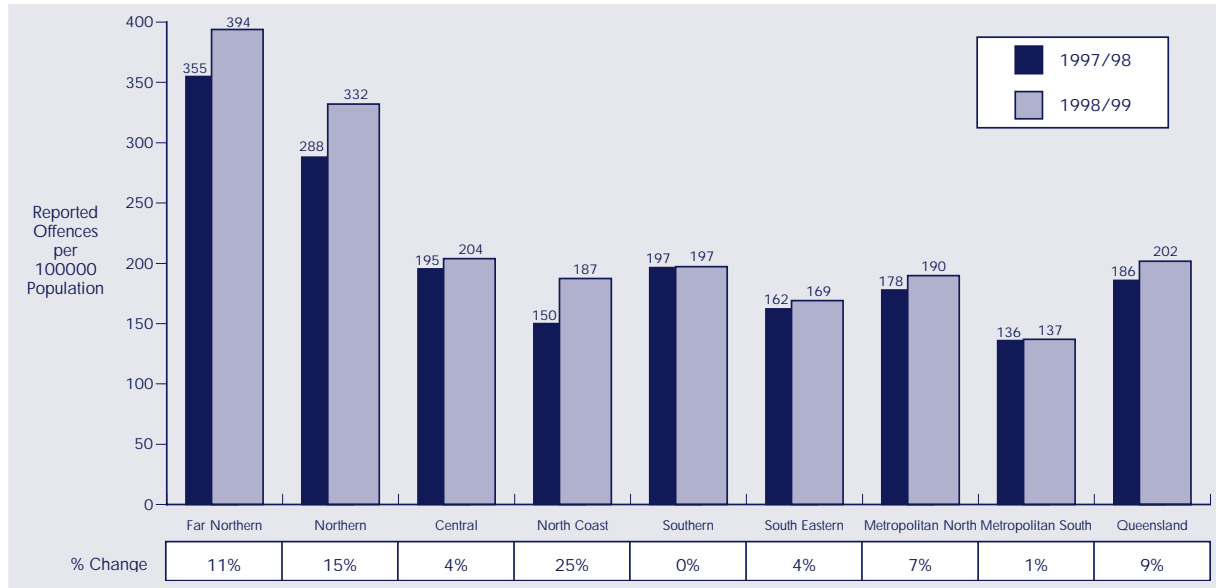
Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest Serious Assault rate for the second year running. The northern part of the state, Far Northern and Northern Regions, recorded the highest rates in the state pulling the state

average up so that most regions recorded a rate below the state average. Far Northern and Southern Regions recorded the largest increases (8%) between 1997/98 and 1998/99.

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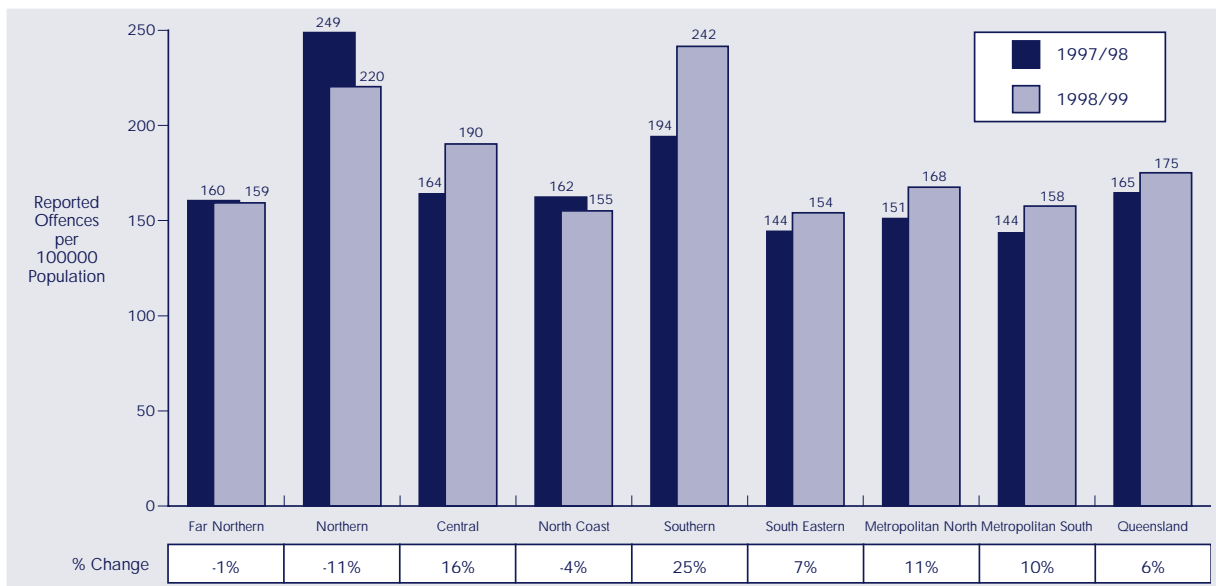
Other Assault*



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Other Assault rates in the state. Both regions also experienced substantive increases although North Coast Region recorded the largest increase from 1997/98 to

1998/99. Metropolitan South Region remained the lowest at 137 offences per 100,000 population. Overall, the state saw a 9% increase in the rate of Other Assaults.

Sexual Offences*



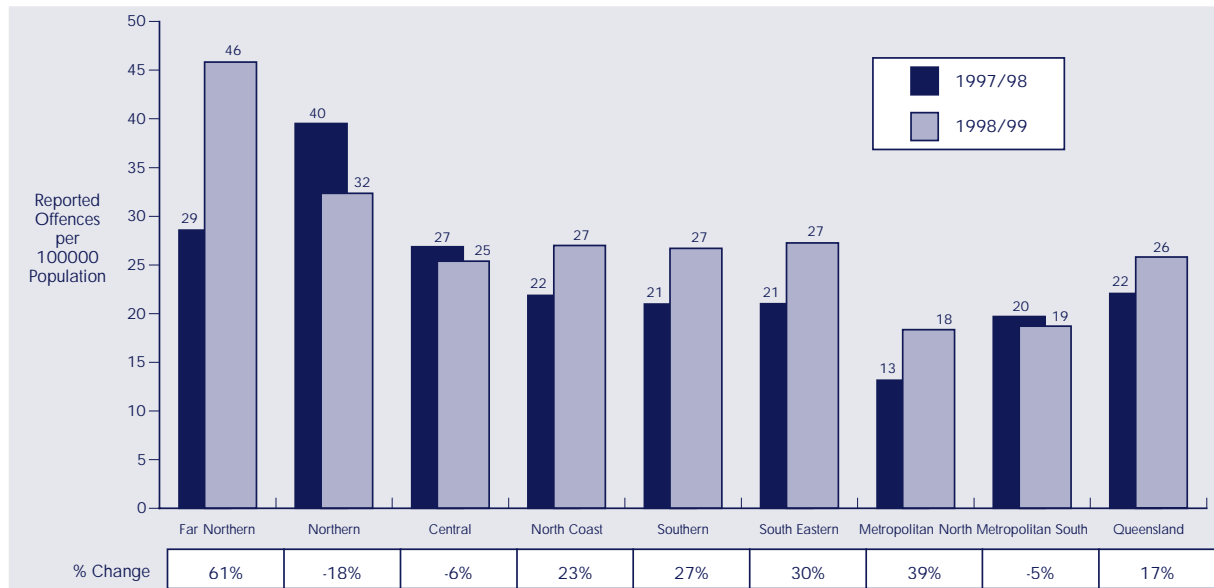
Southern Region recorded the highest rate of Sexual Offences due, in the main, to a single offender charged with multiple offences. With the exception of Southern,

Central and Northern Regions, whose rates were slightly higher, regions experienced similar rates of Sexual Offences.

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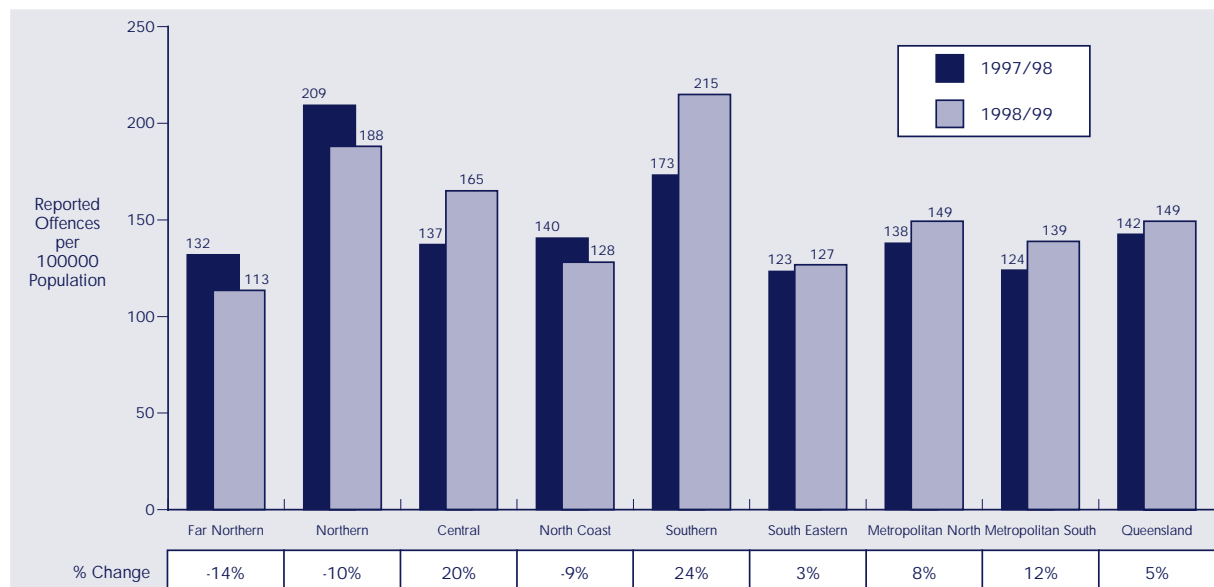
Rape and Attempted Rape*



In addition to recording the highest rate in Queensland for Rape and Attempted Rape Offences, Far Northern Region also experienced the highest increase in the rate

for these offences. The Metropolitan Regions of Brisbane recorded the lowest rates, although Metropolitan North experienced a 39% increase in 1998/99.

Other Sexual Offences*



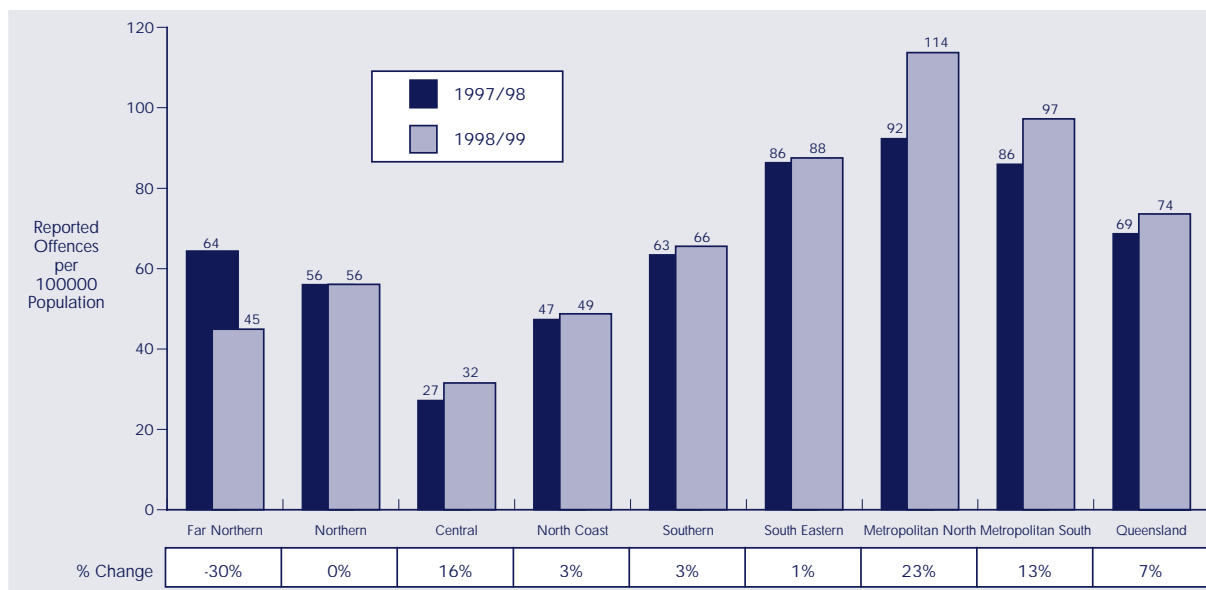
Southern Region exhibited the highest rate of Other Sexual Offences largely due to the single offender who was charged with multiple offences. Far Northern,

Northern and North Coast Regions all experienced decreases in the rate of reported offences with the remaining regions all recording increases.

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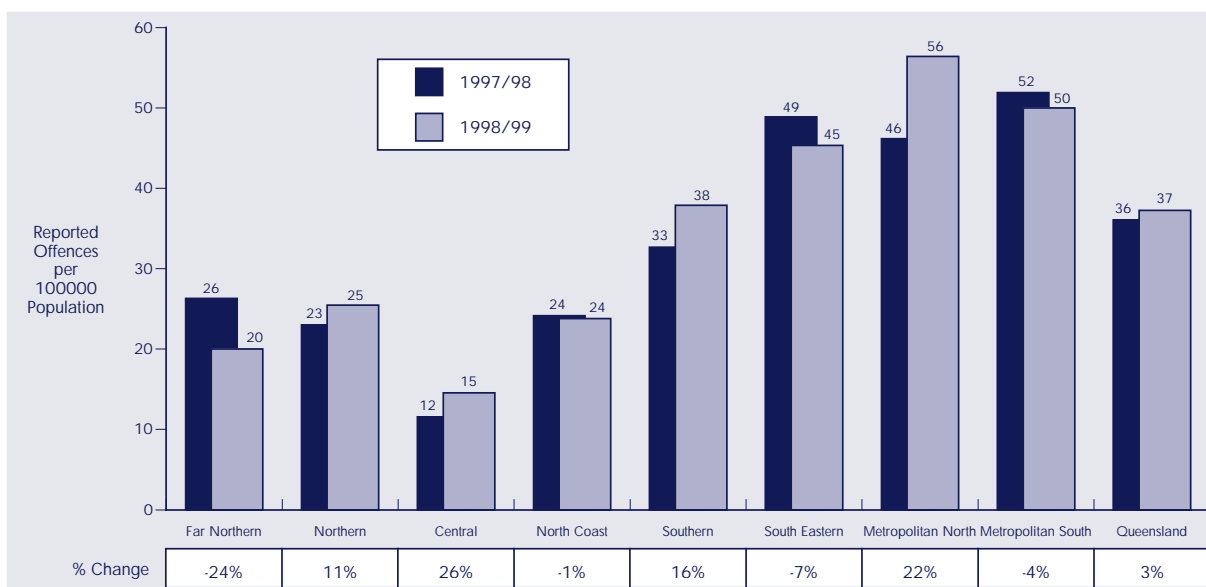
Robbery*



In addition to returning the highest rate of Robbery in the state, Metropolitan North Region also recorded the largest increase from 1997/98 to 1998/99. In fact, the south-east corner of the state experienced higher rates

of Robbery than the remaining areas. Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease resulting in the region experiencing the second lowest rate, only Central was lower.

Armed Robbery*



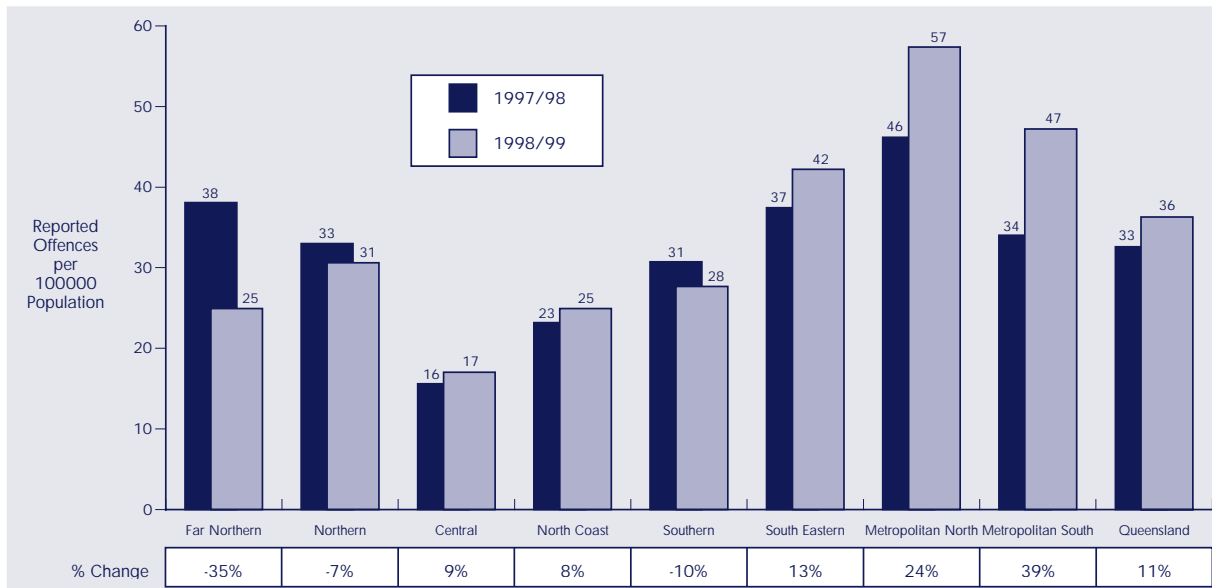
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the state, although only Metropolitan North Region recorded an increase (22%). Far Northern Region reported the largest

decrease in the rate of Armed Robbery offences resulting in a recorded rate just above that recorded in Central Region, the lowest in the state.

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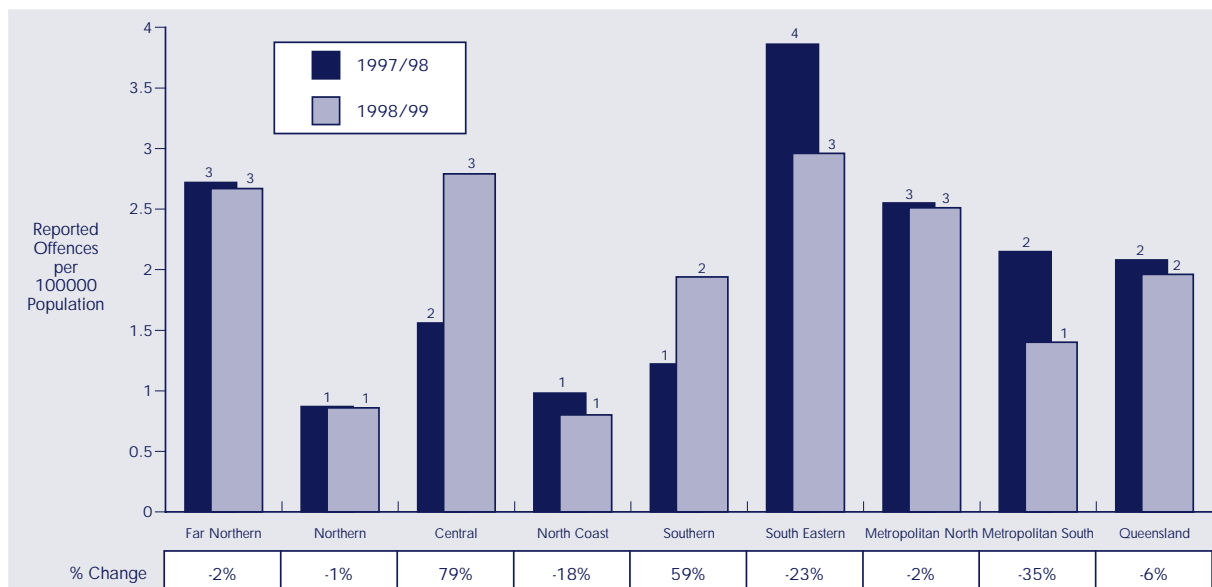
Unarmed Robbery*



Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease in the rate of Unarmed Robbery offences contributing to the overall decrease of 30% seen for Robbery Offences as a whole. All three regions comprising the south-east

corner experienced substantive increases in the reported rate making them the highest in the state. Central Region experienced the lowest rate, well below the state average.

Extortion*



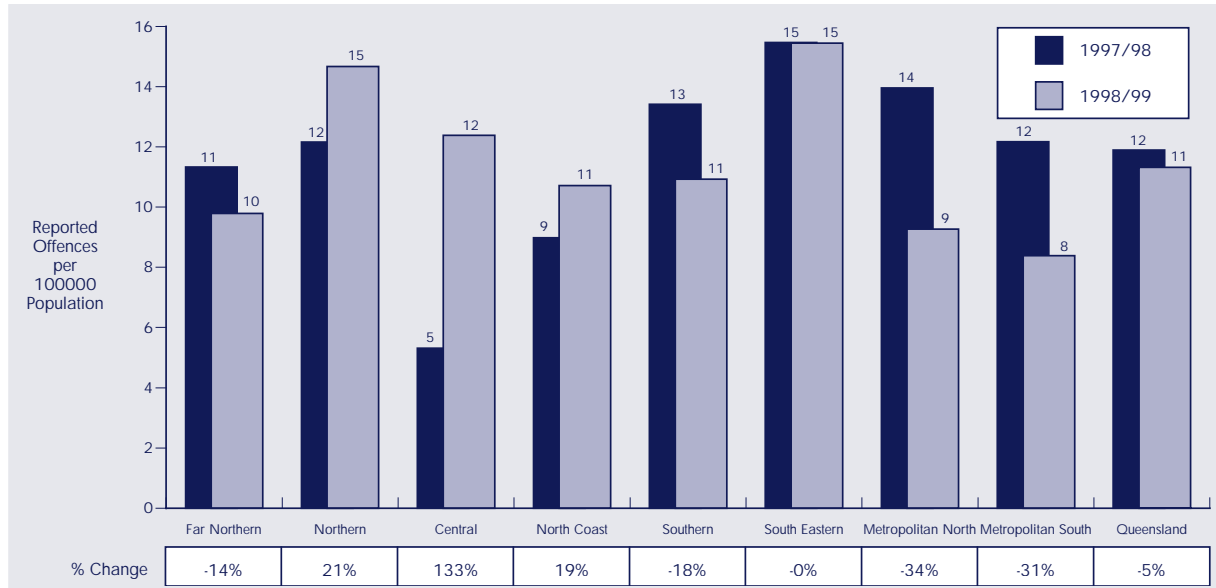
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. Overall, this offence

type has remained constant at a rate of 2 offences per 100,000 persons. Most regions also reported unchanged rates from 1997/98 to 1998/99.

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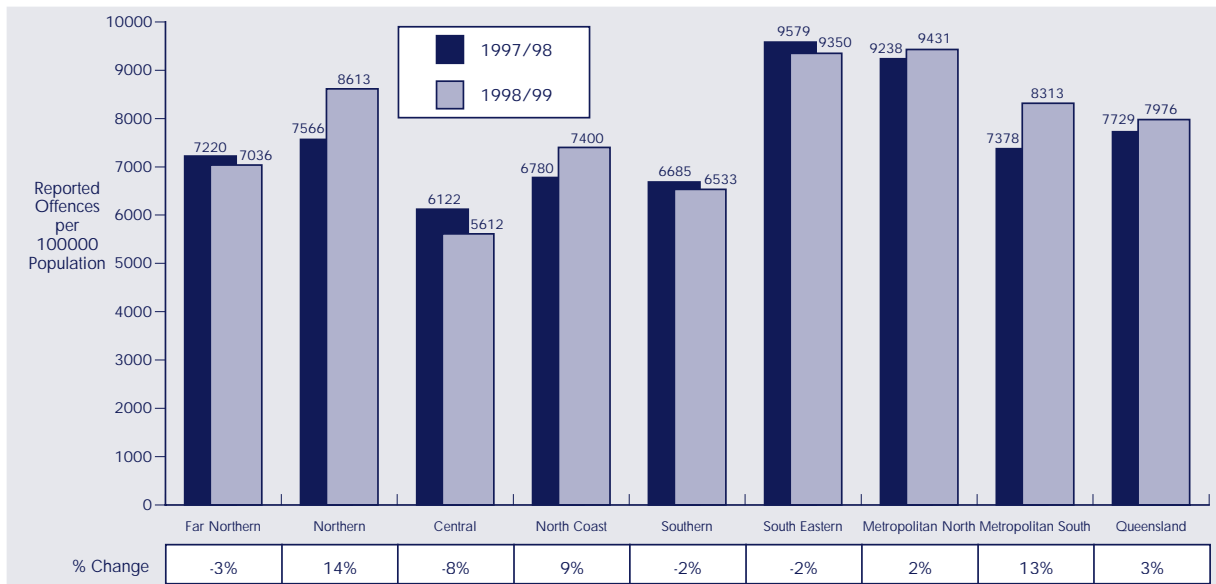
Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.*



Kidnapping, Abduction, etc. also a low volume offence category, remained virtually constant from 1997/98 to 1998/99. South Eastern and Northern Regions recorded the highest rates of this offence type while Metropolitan

South Region recorded the lowest. Central region reported more than twice the number of offences in 1998/99 compared with 1997/98, although this equates to a rate of 12 offences per 100,000 persons only.

Offences Against Property*



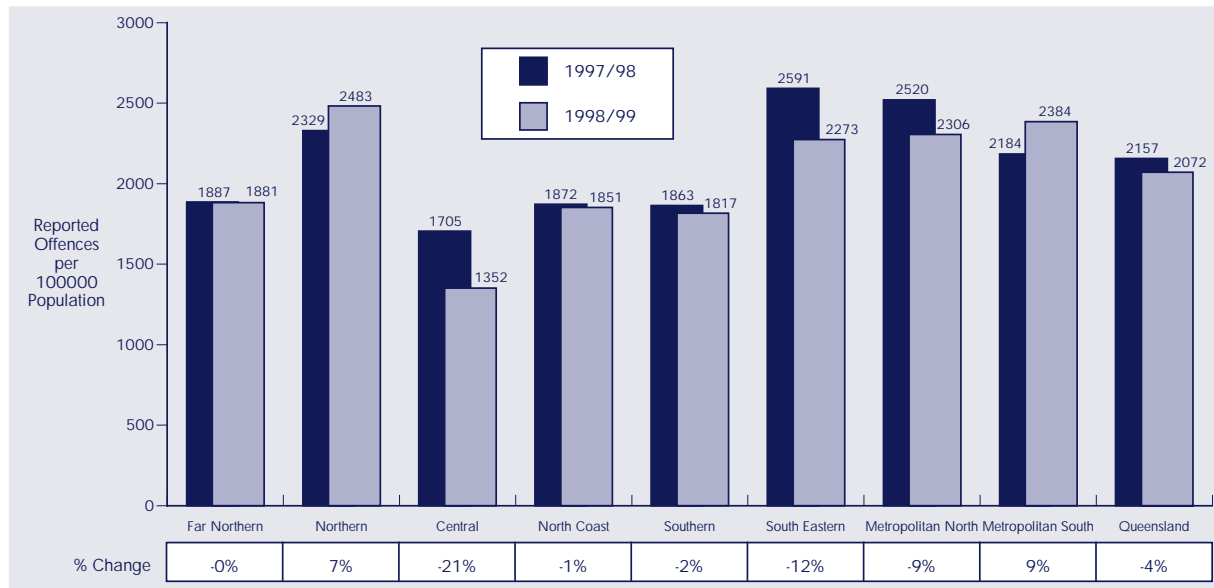
South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions recorded the highest rate of Offences Against Property while Central recorded the lowest. Northern Region experienced the largest increase from 1997/98 to 1998/99

followed closely by Metropolitan South Region. Far Northern, Central, Southern and South Eastern all recorded overall decreases.

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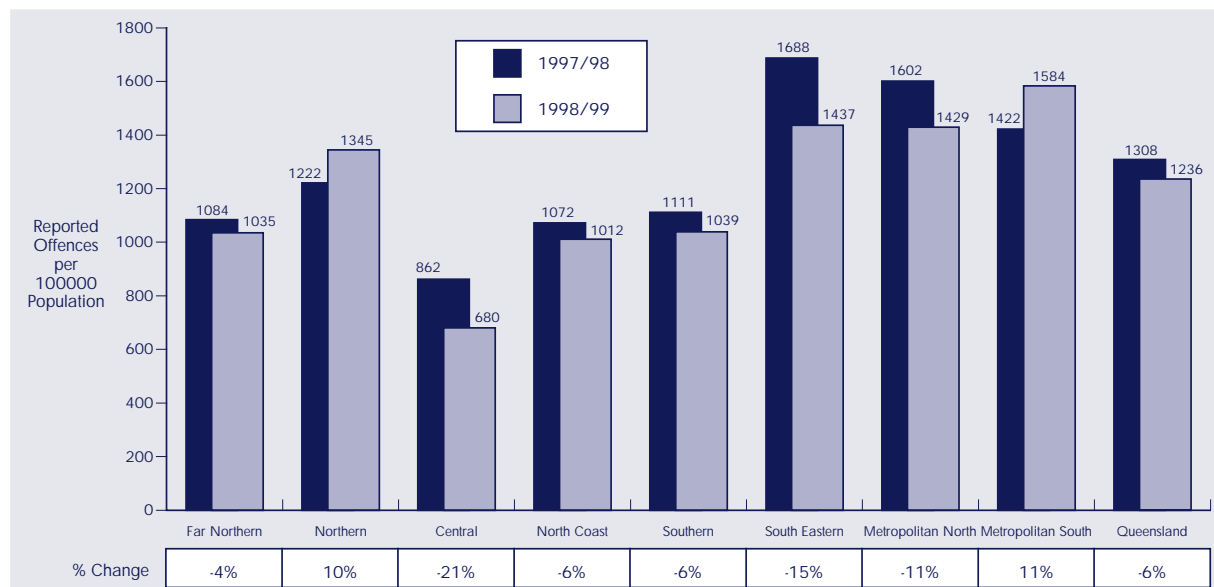
Unlawful Entry With Intent*



Central, South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions all experienced substantial decreases in Unlawful Entry With Intent offences over the 1998/99 financial year. Northern Region reported a 7% increase in the rate of

reported offences resulting in a rate that is equal highest in the state. Metropolitan South Region also recorded a substantially higher rate in 1998/99 compared with 1997/98.

Unlawful Entry - Dwellings*



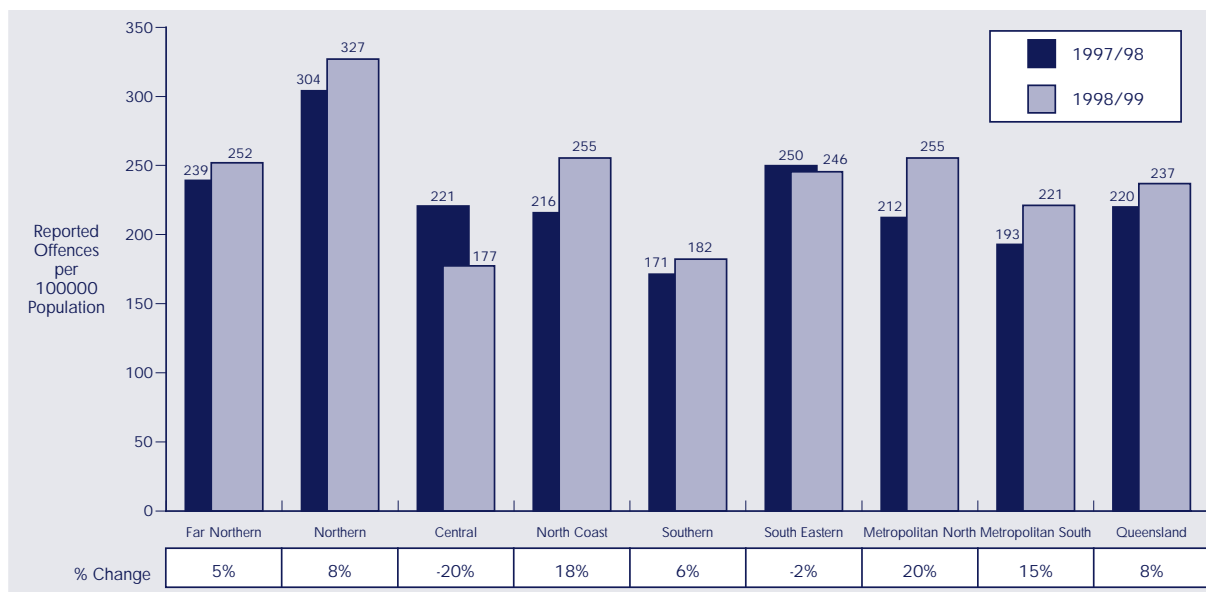
Overall, the state experienced a 6% decrease in the rate of Unlawful Entry - Dwellings offences between 1997/98 and 1998/99. Metropolitan South Region recorded the largest increase making theirs the highest rate in the

state. Both South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions recorded sizeable decreases with Far Northern, Central, North Coast and Southern also recording decreases.

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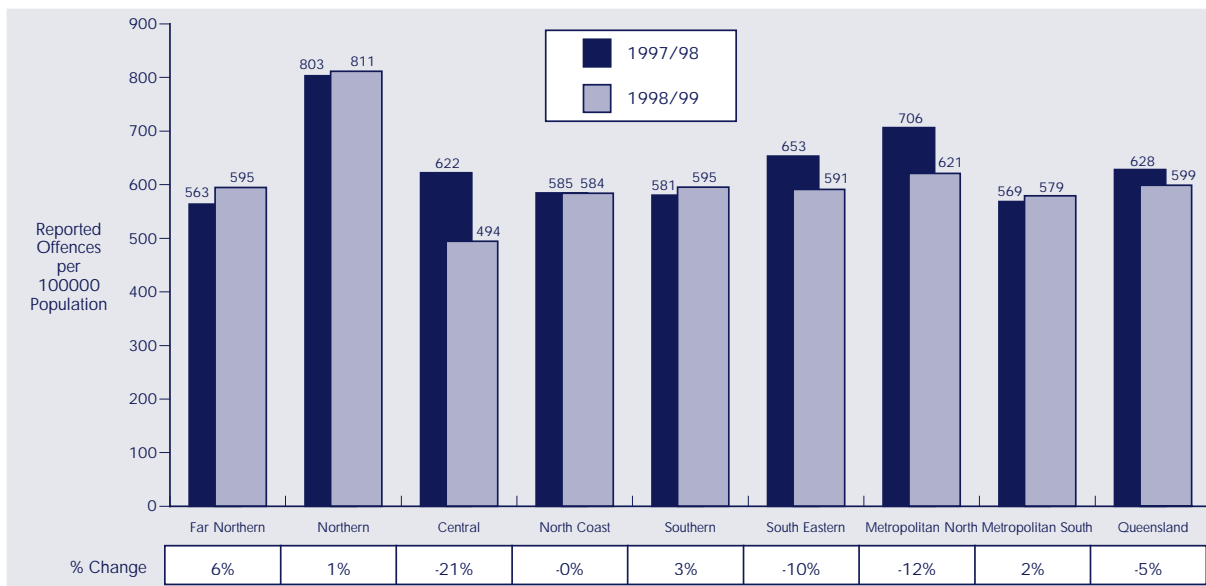
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



Increases in every region except two, Central and South Eastern, contributed to an 8% rise in the Unlawful Entry - Shops sub-category for the state. Metropolitan North recorded the largest increase (20%); Central Region

recorded the largest decrease (20%). Northern Region experienced the highest rate of offences for the second year running.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



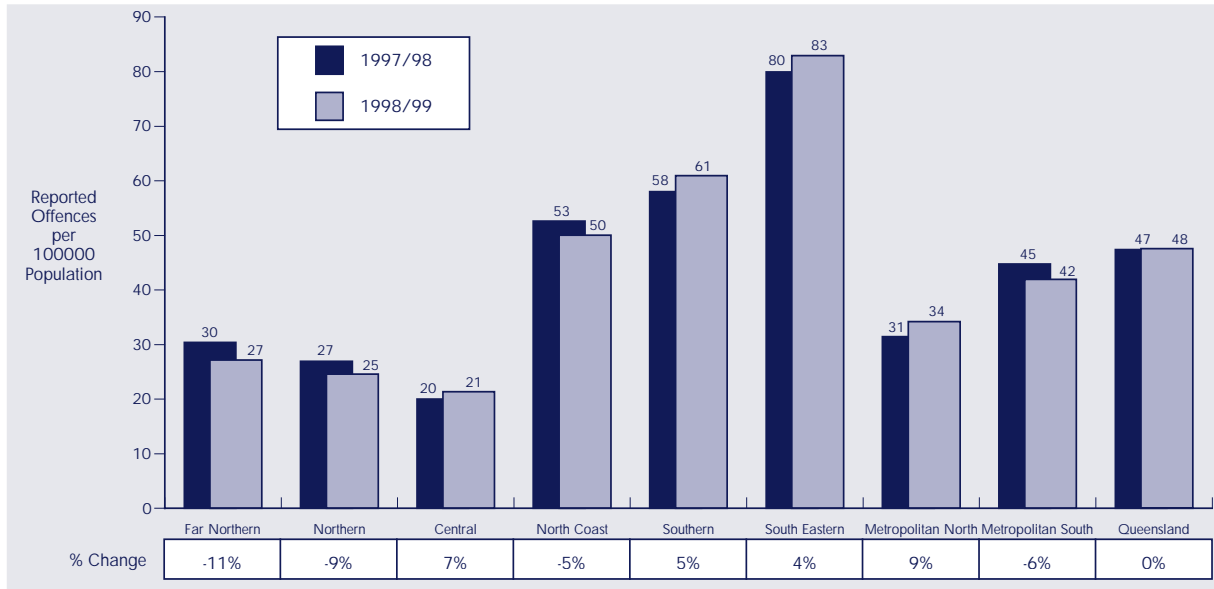
Most regions recorded similar rates of Unlawful Entry - Other Premises offences in 1998/99. Only Central recorded a lower rate while Northern recorded a higher rate. Central, South Eastern and Metropolitan North

Regions all experienced sizeable decreases in this offence type. Far Northern experienced the largest increase at 6%.

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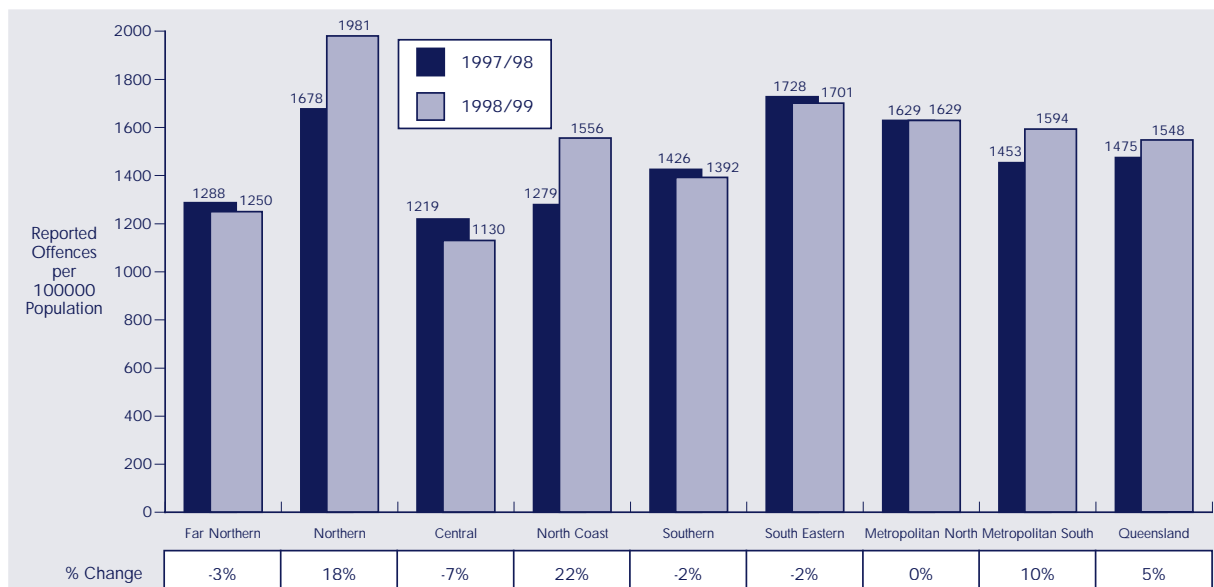
Arson*



South Eastern Region consistently records a significantly higher rate of Arson and the 1998/99 financial year is no exception. Four of the eight regions recorded decreases

with the remaining four recording increases. Thus, the figure for the state as a whole remained steady from that recorded in 1997/98.

Other Property Damage*



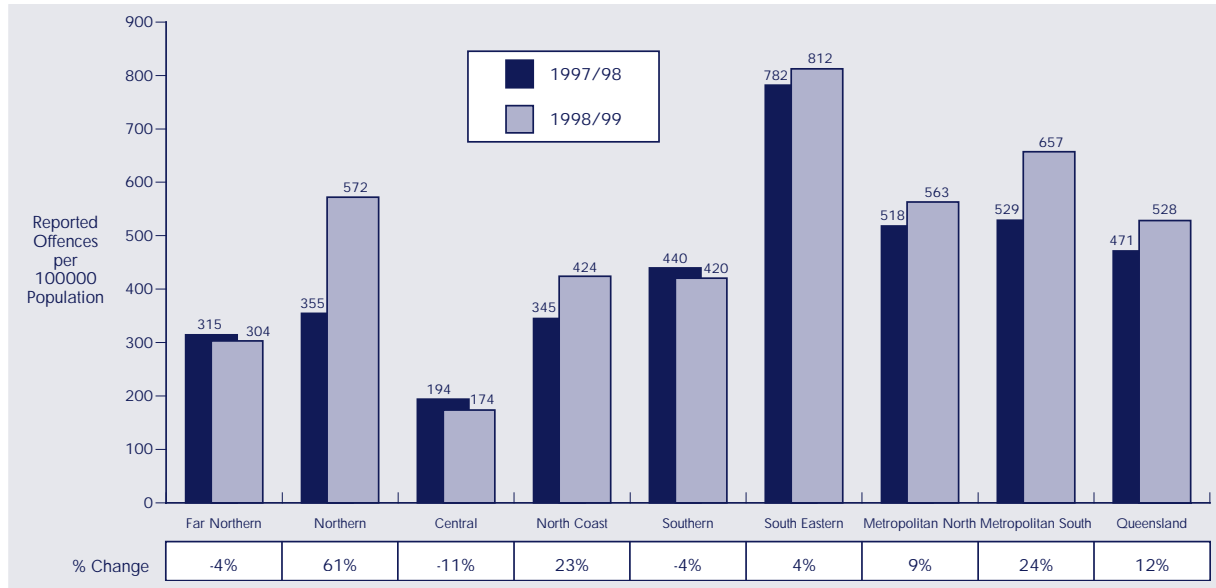
Northern Region recorded a sizeable increase in Other Property Damage Offences which resulted in the highest rate across the state. North Coast Region also recorded a sizeable increase in this offence type. Far Northern,

Southern, South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions all recorded little or no variation from the figure reported in the previous financial year.

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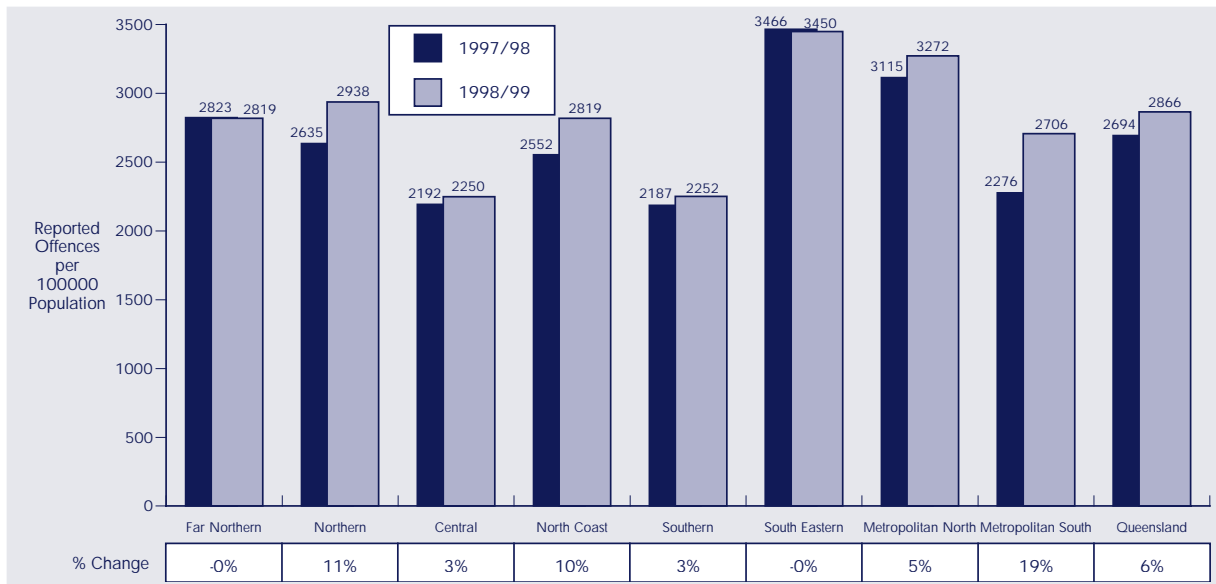
Motor Vehicle Theft*



Significant increases in the rate of Motor Vehicle Theft for four of the eight regions resulted in an overall increase of 12% for the state. Northern, North Coast, Metropolitan North and Metropolitan South Regions all

experienced large increases. South Eastern Region experienced the highest rate for the second year running while Central experienced the lowest.

Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)*



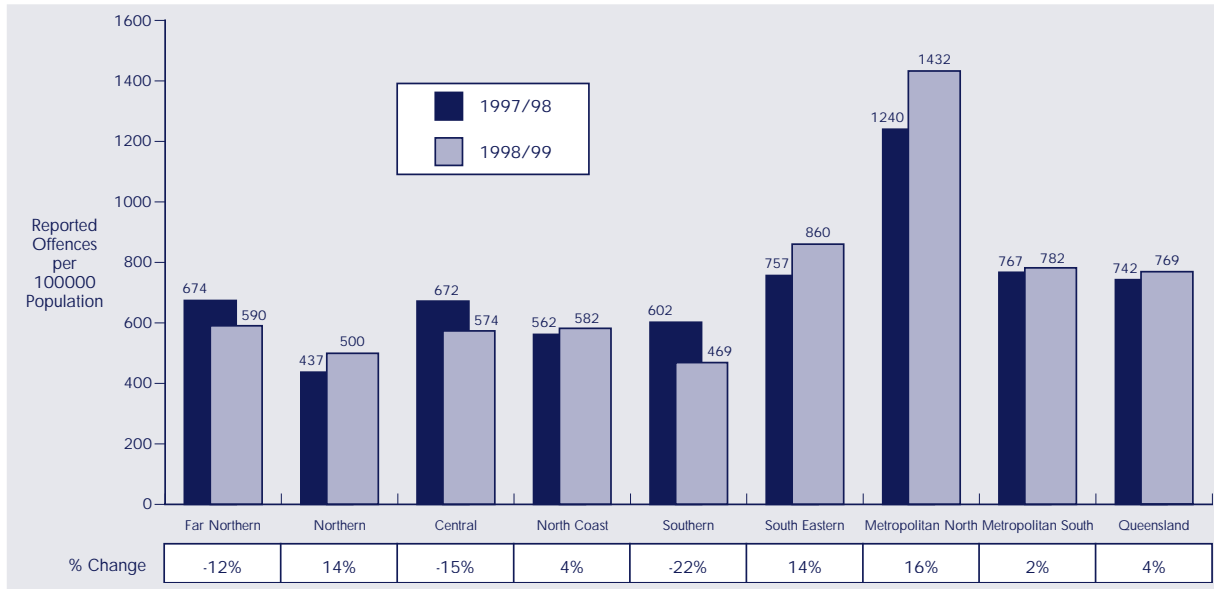
Six of the eight regions reported increases in Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry) offences with the remaining two reporting very little change from 1997/98 to 1998/99. Thus, Queensland as a whole experienced

an overall increase of 6%. South Eastern recorded the highest rate for the second year followed closely by Metropolitan North.

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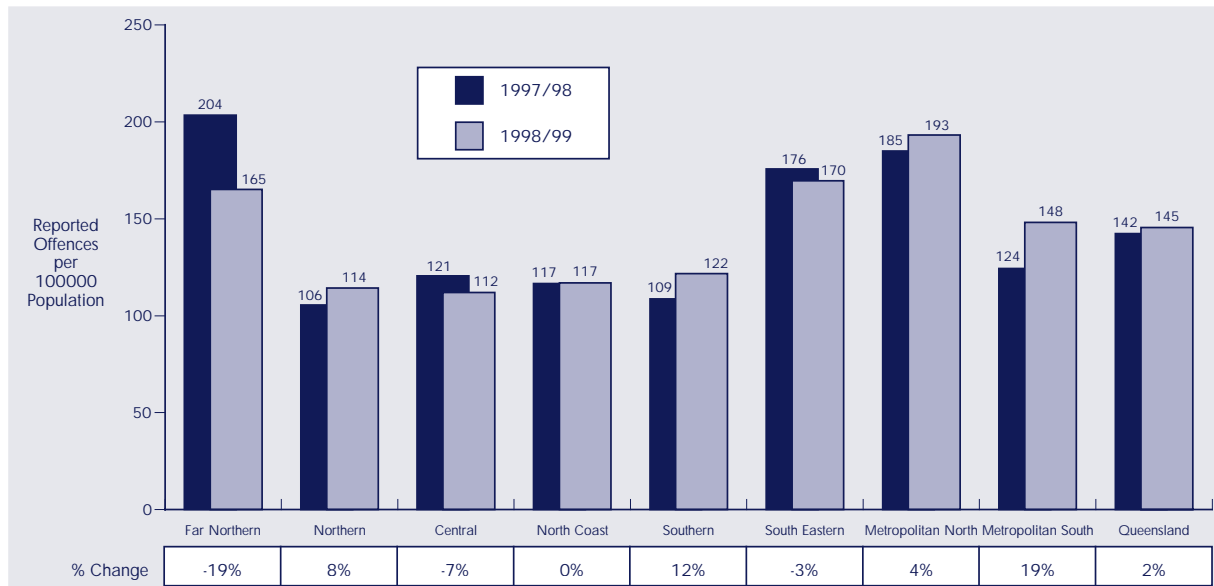
Fraud*



Metropolitan North Region (which contains the Brisbane CBD) generally records higher rates of Fraud and the 1998/99 financial year was no exception. A 16% increase was recorded for the period under review in

this region. South Eastern Region also recorded a sizeable increase. Far Northern, Central and Southern all experienced sizeable decreases.

Handling Stolen Goods*



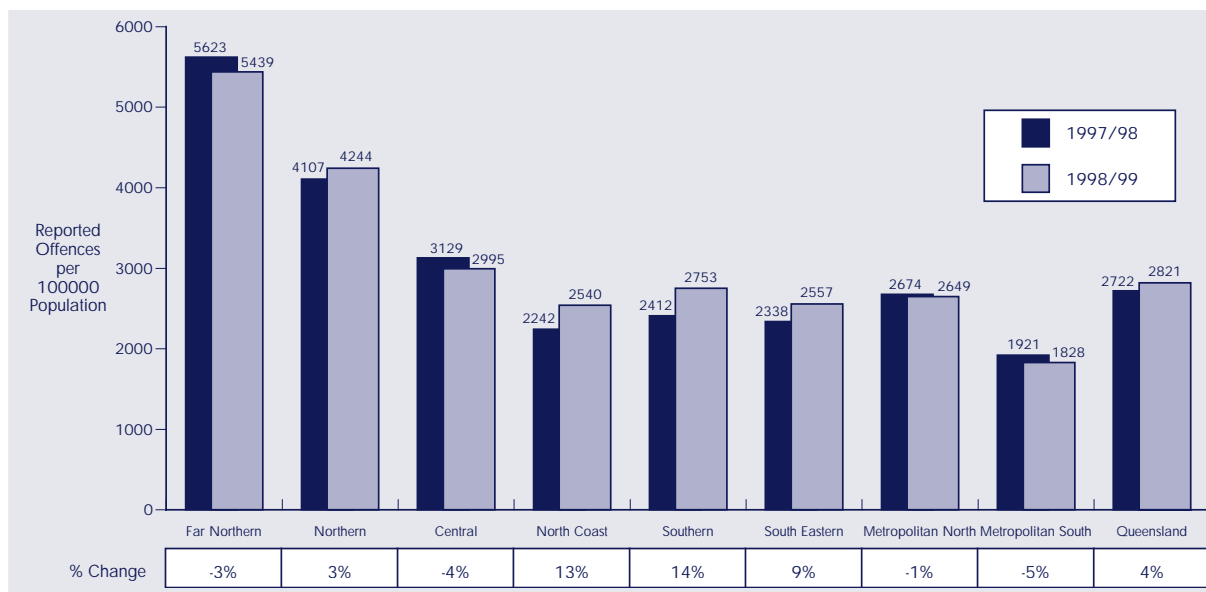
The highest rate of Handling Stolen Goods offences occurred in Metropolitan North Region. Although Far Northern Region reported the highest rate in 1997/98, a 19% decrease for 1998/99 meant this region ranked third

highest in the state. Northern, Central, North Coast and Southern all recorded rates well below the state average.

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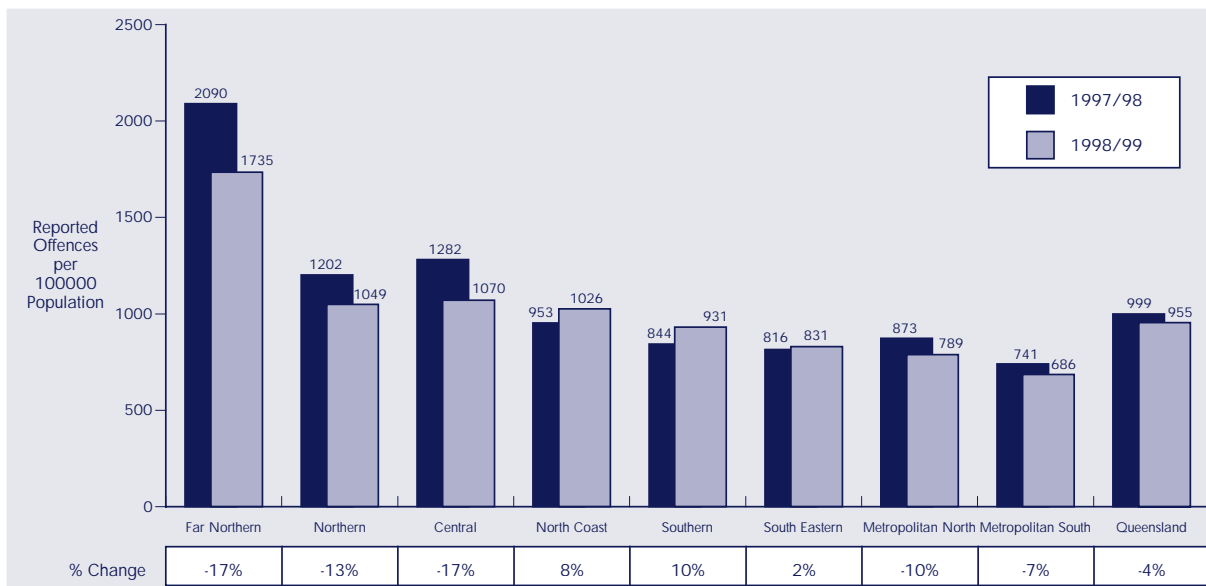
Other Offences*



For the second consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate of Other Offences. Similarly, Metropolitan North experienced the lowest rate over the same period. Both Southern and North Coast

Regions experienced sizeable increases. Most regions (except Far Northern, Northern and Metropolitan South) recorded similar rates approximately equal to that reported for the state as a whole.

Drug Offences*



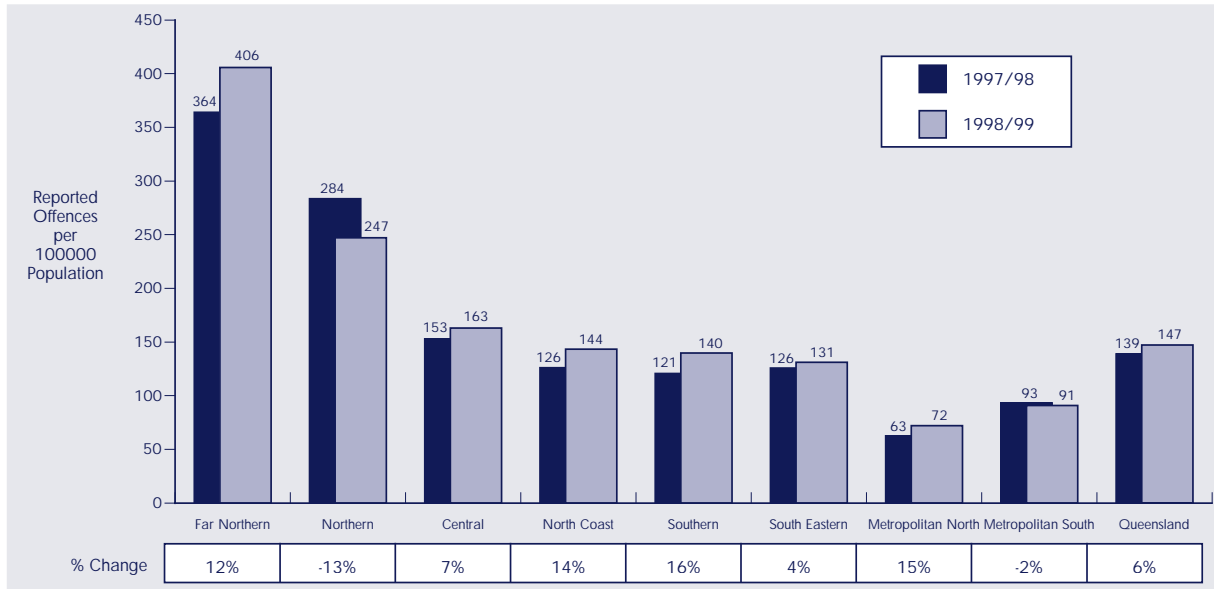
Five of the eight regions recorded sizeable decreases in Drug Offences of which Far Northern was the largest (17%). This resulted in an overall decrease of 4% for the

state as a whole. Far Northern recorded the highest rate while Metropolitan South recorded the lowest. Rates for remaining regions were similar.

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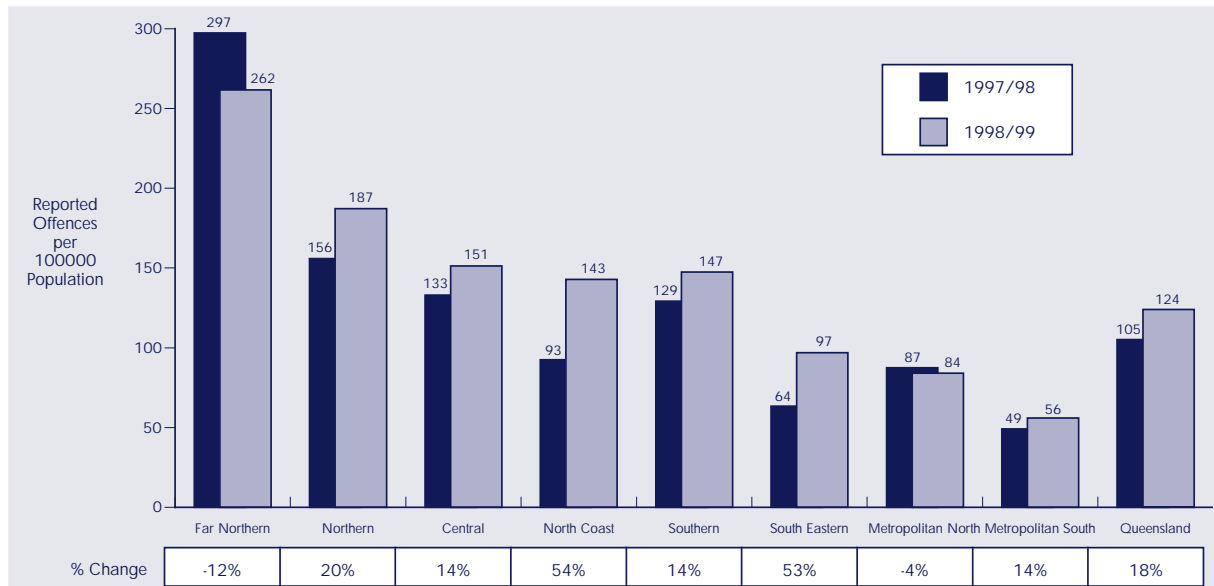
Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders*



All regions except Northern and Metropolitan South experienced increases in Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders resulting in an overall increase of 6% for the state. The Northern part of the state (Far

Northern and Northern Regions) recorded the highest rates of this offence while the Brisbane Metropolitan Regions recorded the lowest rates.

Weapons Act Offences*



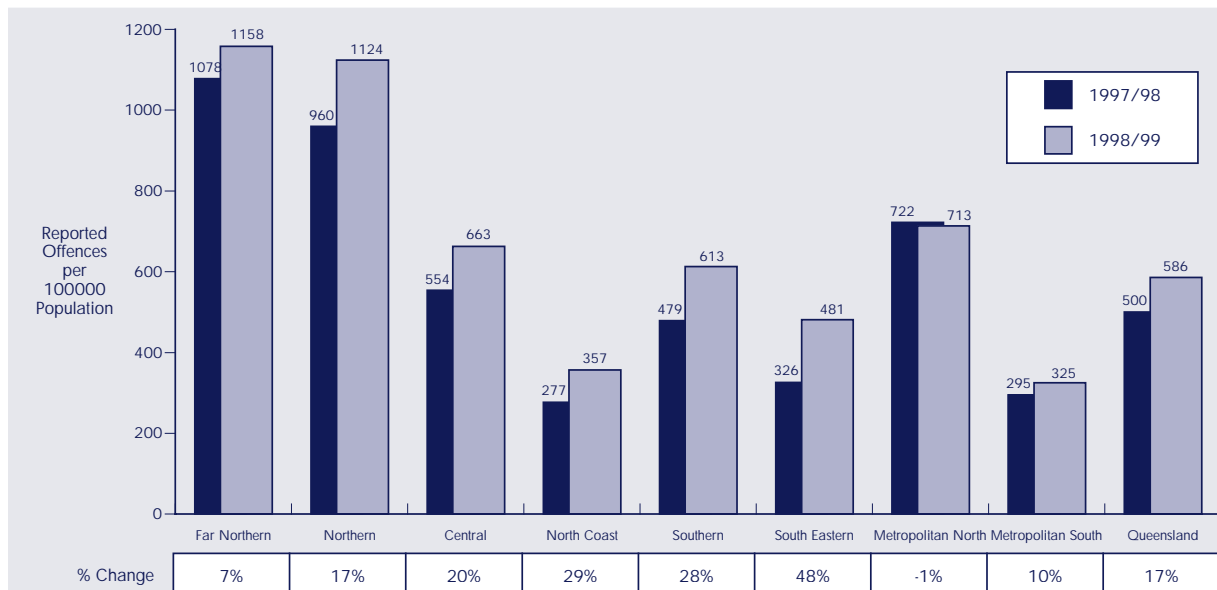
There were large variations in the rates of Weapons Act Offences from 1997/98 to 1998/99 for most regions. Six of the eight regions experienced substantial increases in this offence type, the largest of which occurred in

North Coast Region (54%). For the second year running, Metropolitan South recorded the lowest rate of Weapons Act Offences.

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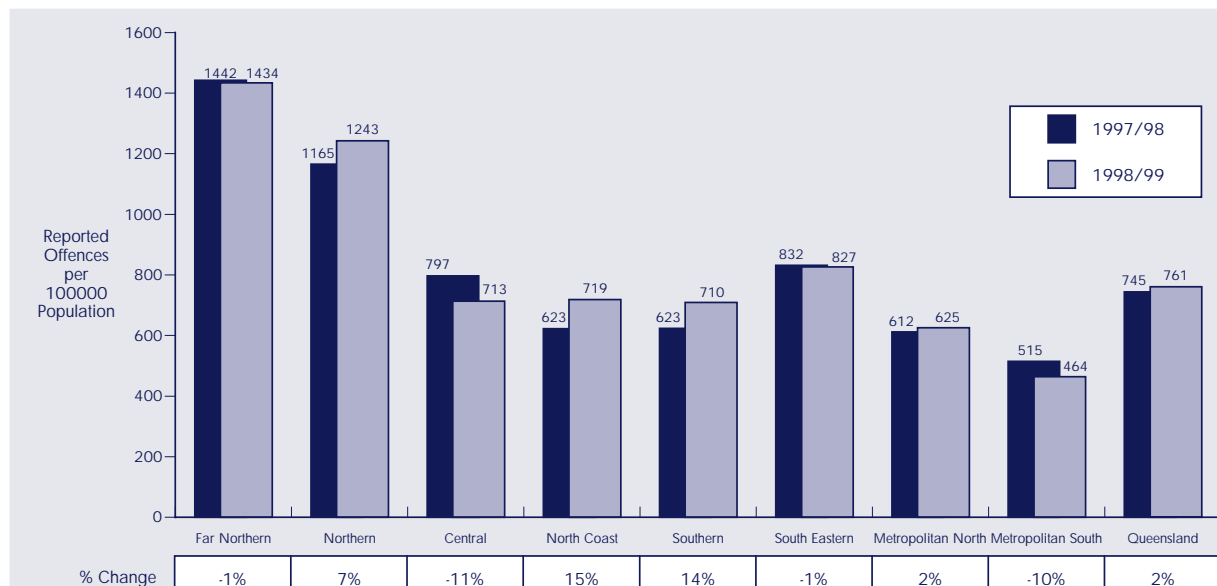
Good Order Offences*



There were large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions for both the 1997/98 and the 1998/99 financial years. Furthermore, there were large variations from the previous financial year to the one

under review. In addition to reporting the highest rates statewide, the northern regions both reported increases in the rate of Good Order Offences.

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, remained relatively stable from 1997/98 to 1998/99 largely due to increases in half the regions and decreases in the other half. The

northern regions reported the highest rates of Traffic Offences while the Brisbane Metropolitan Regions reported the lowest rates.

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