

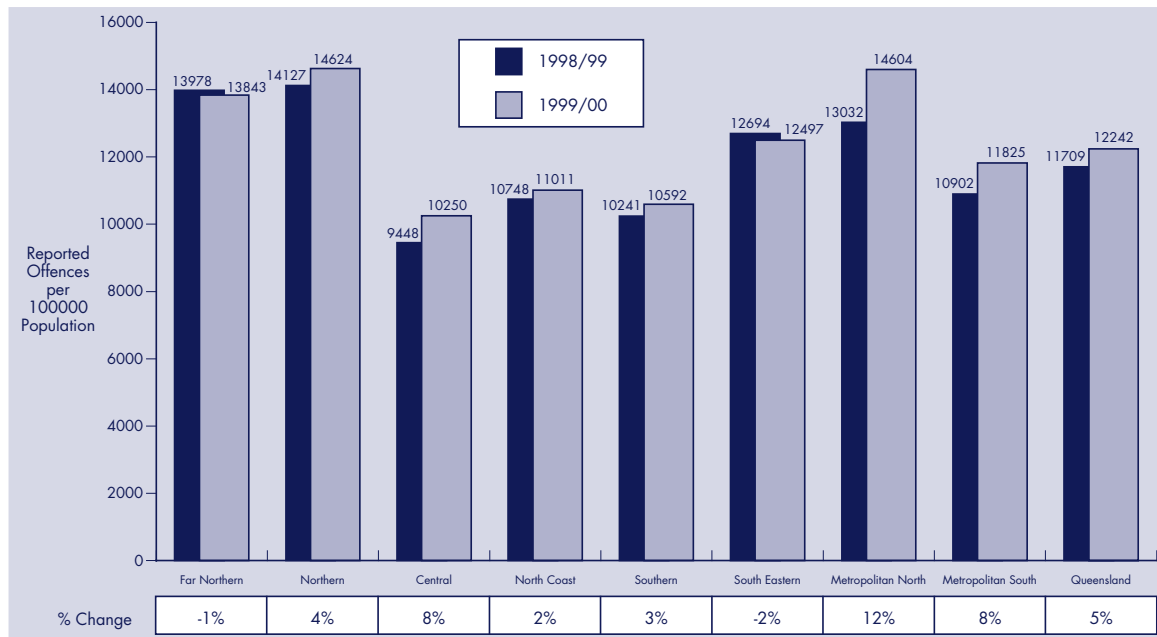
Regional Comparisons

The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100,000 population from the 1998/99 to the 1999/00 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 Office of the Government Statistician, Queensland. All rates and percentage changes have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

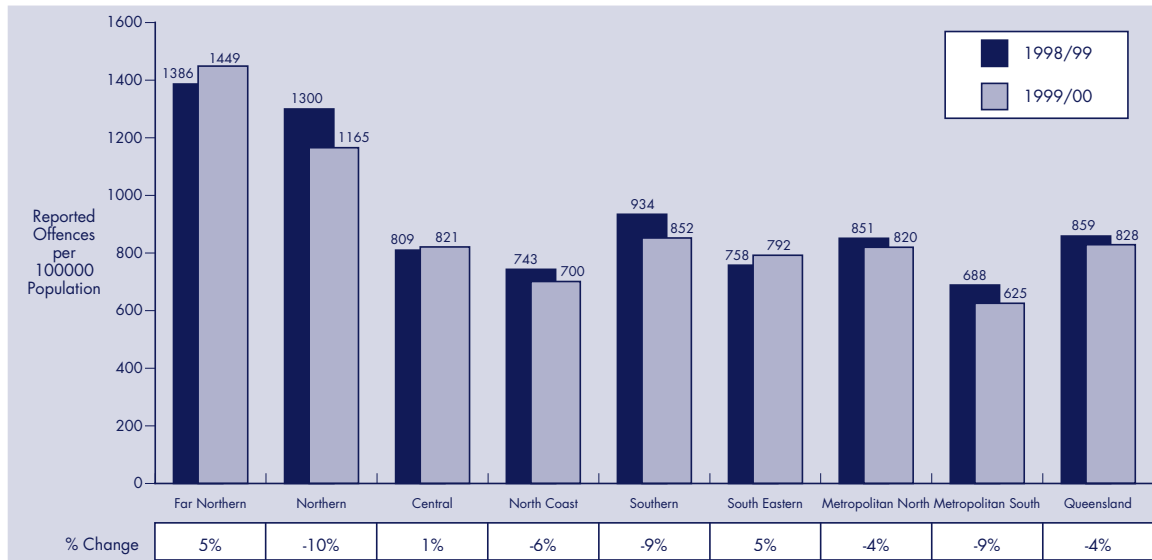
Offences Against the Person, Property, and Other Offences*



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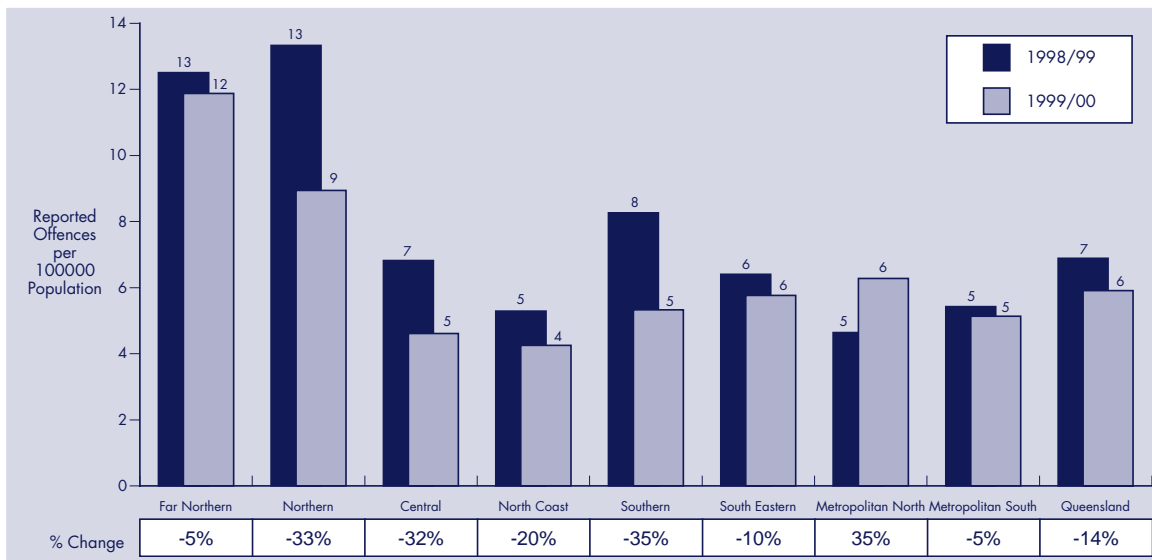
Offences Against the Person*



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.

Five of the eight regions recorded decreases, the largest of which was 10% in Northern Region while Far Northern and South Eastern Regions recorded the largest increase (5%).

Homicide*



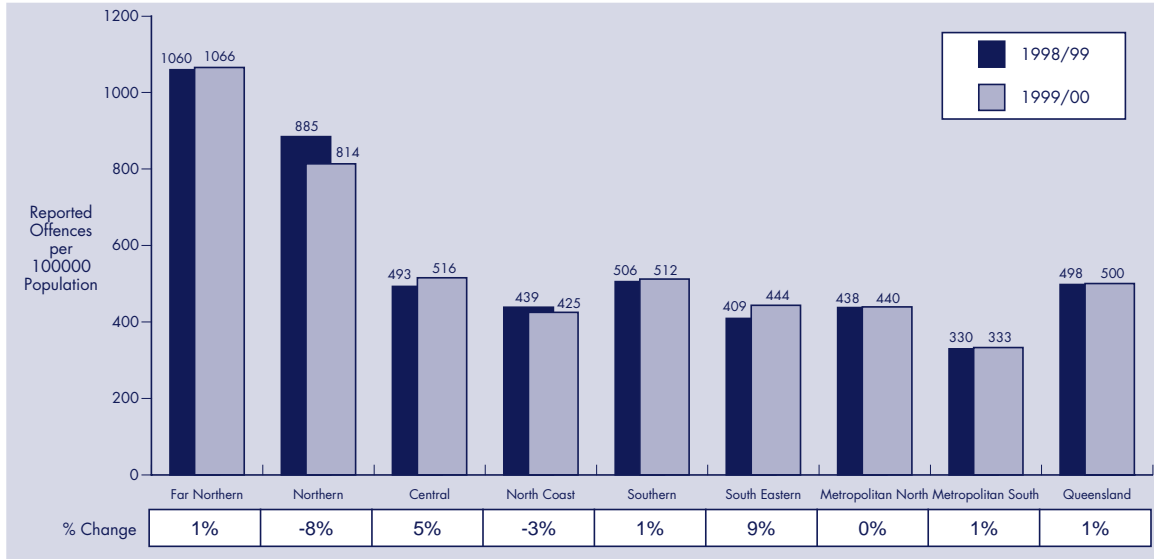
Homicide is a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. Far Northern Region replaced Northern as the region

with the highest rate of Homicide in 1999/00. Statewide, there was an overall 14% decrease of Homicide offences from 7 to 6 offences per 100,000 persons.

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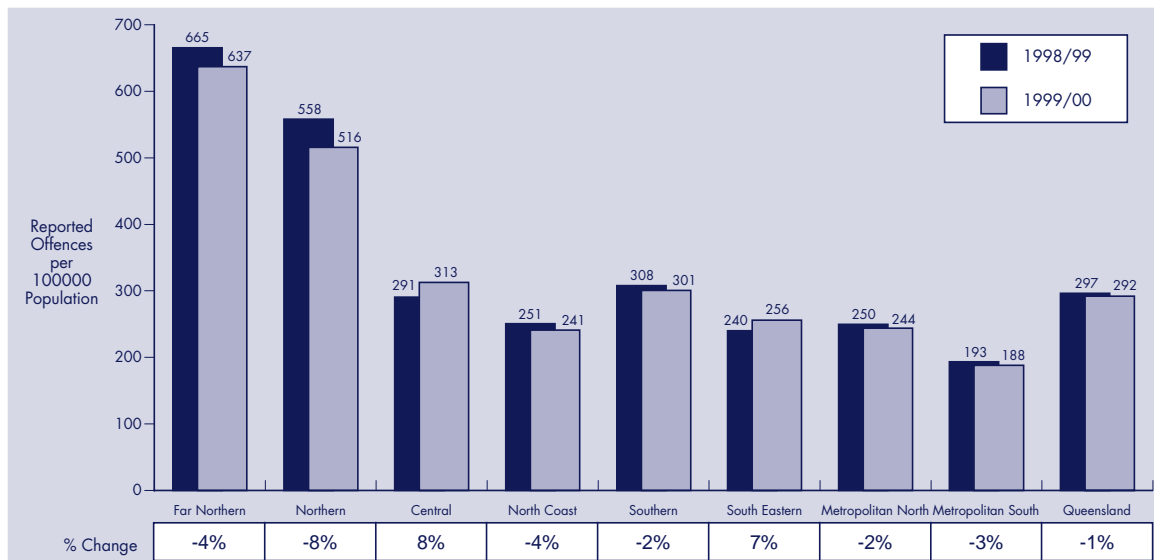
Assault*



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 1999/00. Most regions showed very little change from the 1998/99 to the 1999/00 financial years.

Serious Assault*



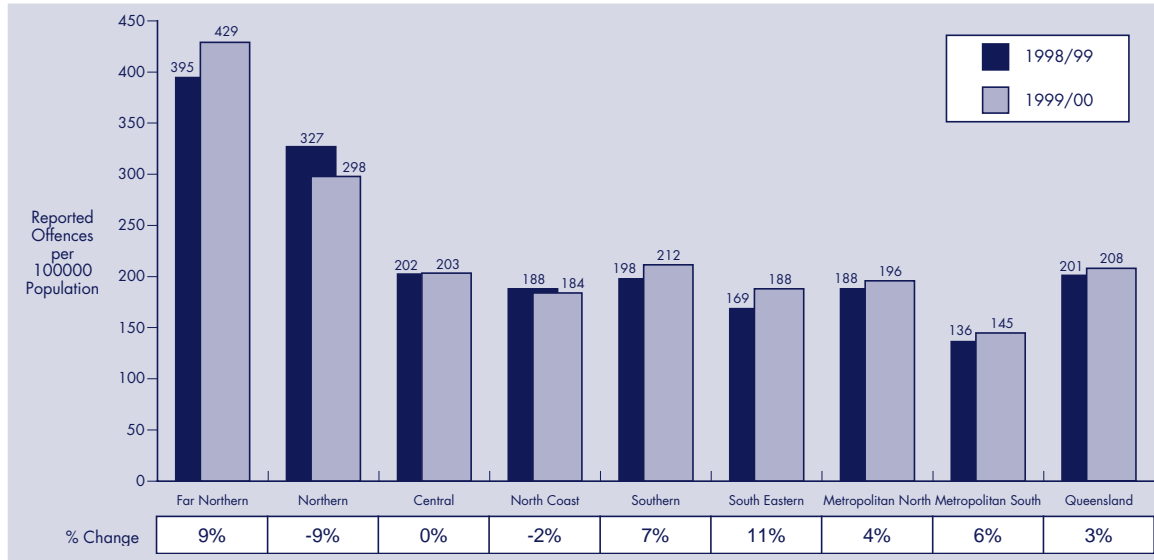
Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest Serious Assault rate for the second year running. The northern part of the State, Far Northern and Northern Regions, recorded the highest rates in the

State pulling the state average up so that most regions recorded a rate below the State average. Central Region recorded the largest increase (8%) in 1999/00.

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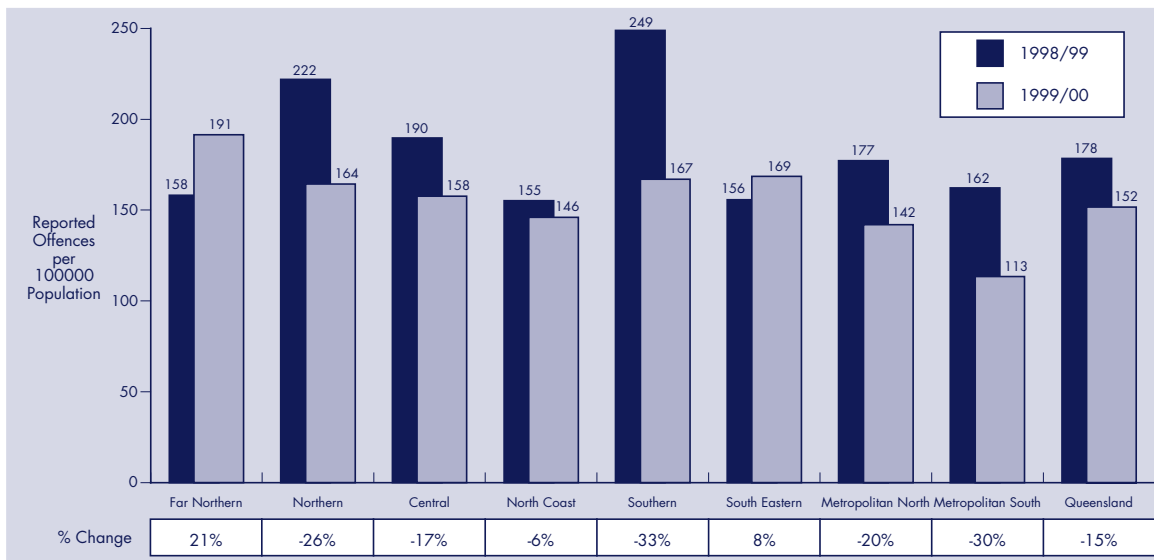
Other Assault*



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Other Assault rates in the State, despite a 9% decrease for Northern Region. South Eastern Region recorded the largest increase while

Metropolitan South Region remained the lowest at a rate of 145 offences per 100,000 population. Overall, the State saw a 3% increase in the rate of Other Assaults.

Sexual Offences*



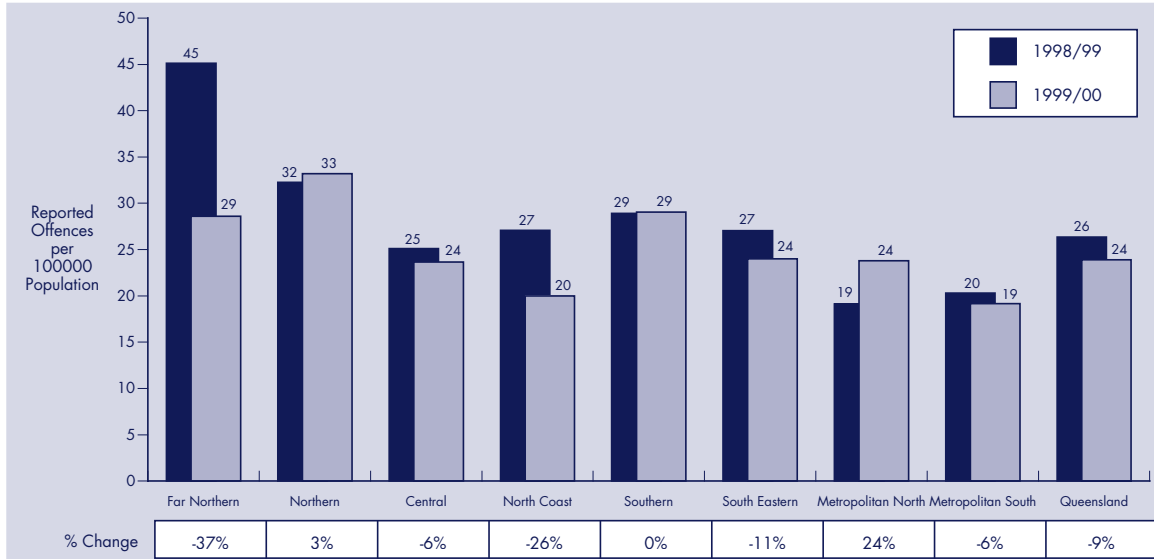
Five of the eight regions recorded sizeable decreases in reported Sexual Offences resulting in an overall 15% decrease for the State. Far

Northern Region recorded both the largest increase and the largest rate at 191 offences per 100,000 persons.

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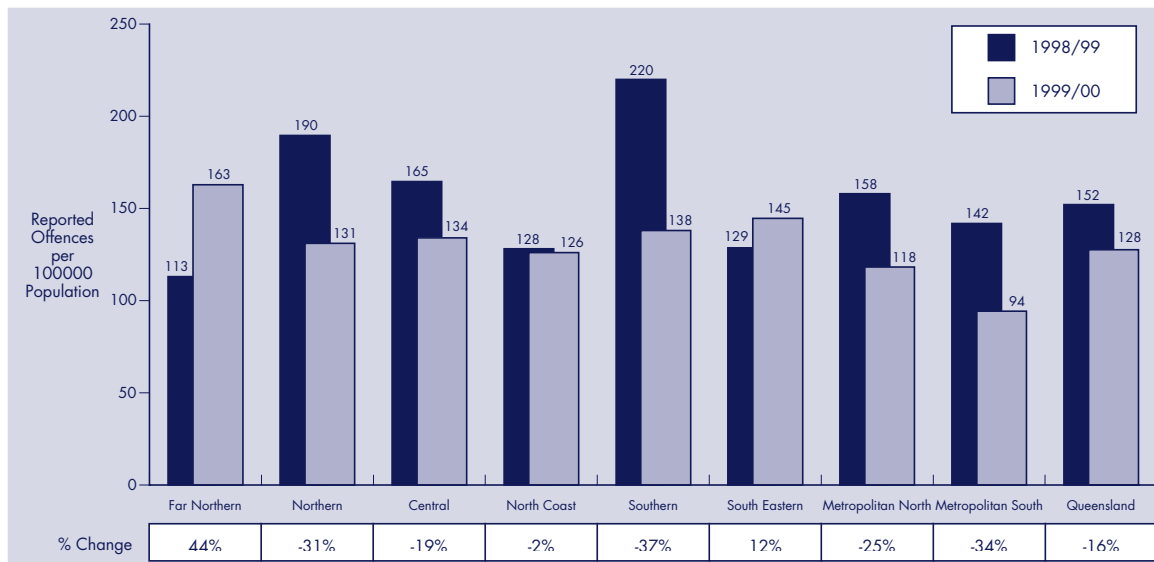
Rape and Attempted Rape*



Far Northern Region experienced the largest decrease in the rate for these offences while Metropolitan North experienced the largest

increase. The highest rate in the State was experienced by Northern Region (33 offences per 100,000 population).

Other Sexual Offences*



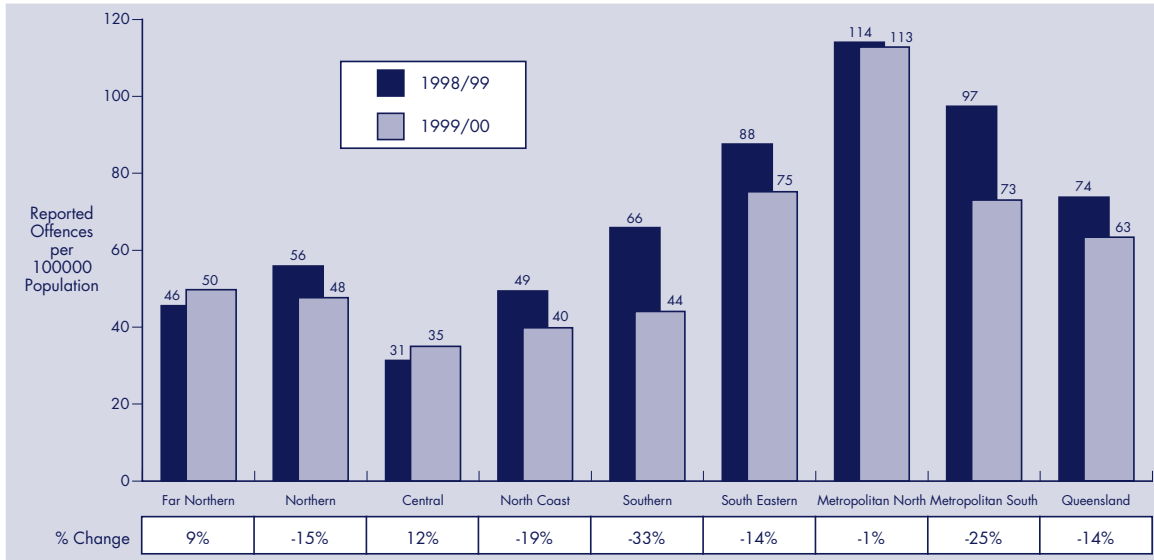
Southern Region experienced the largest decrease in the rate of Other Sexual Offences while Far Northern experienced the largest increase. The

lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan South Region while the highest was seen in Far Northern Region.

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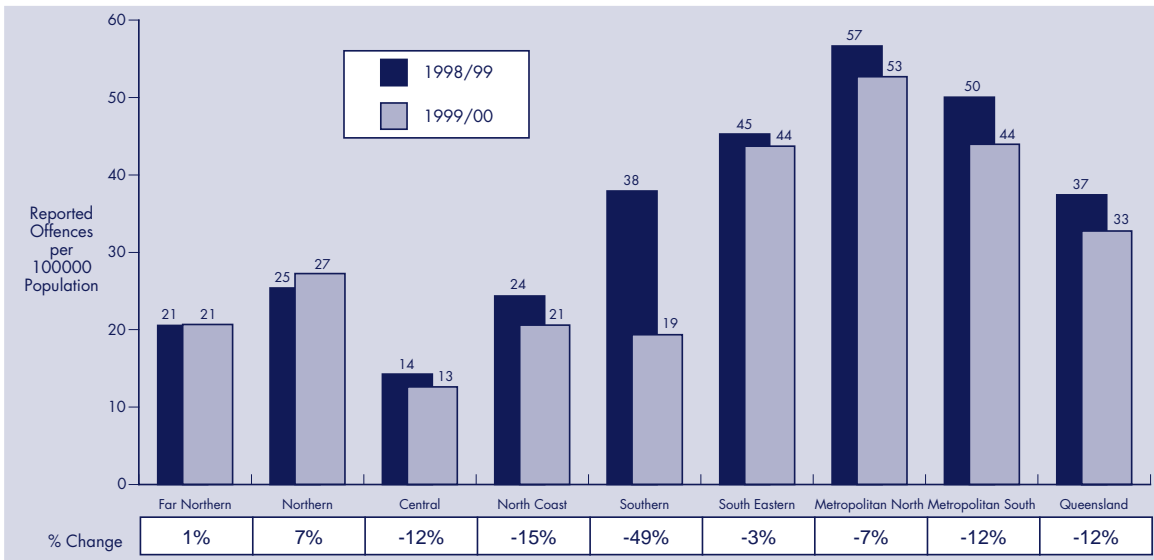
Robbery*



Metropolitan North Region again recorded the highest Robbery rate despite experiencing a small decrease. In fact, the south-east corner of the State experienced higher rates of Robbery than the

remaining areas. Southern Region recorded the largest decrease while Central Region recorded the lowest rate in the State.

Armed Robbery*



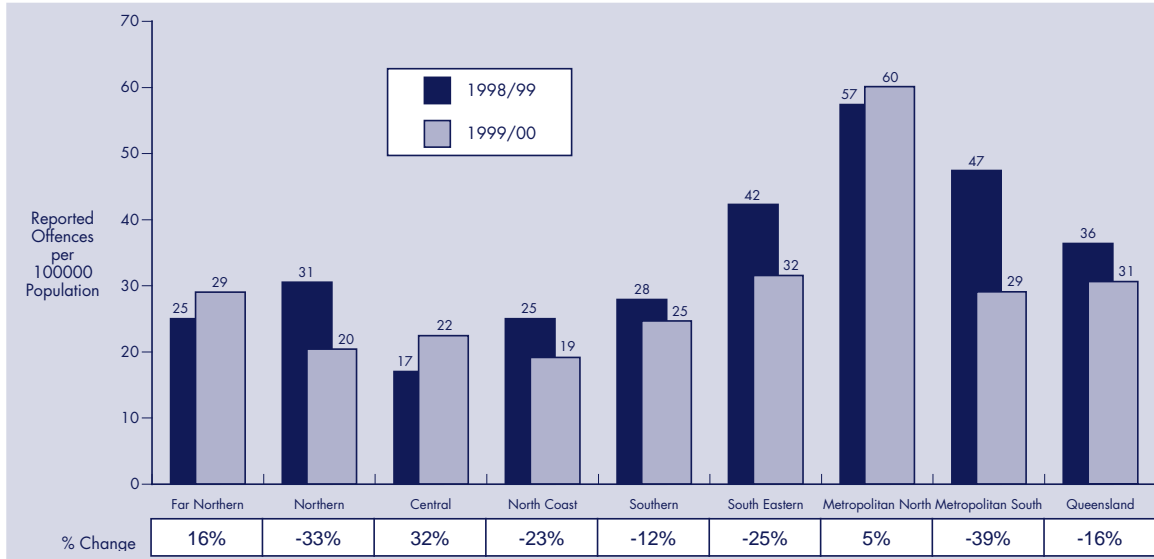
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. All regions except Far Northern and Northern experienced decreases in this offence, the

largest of which was a 49% decrease in Southern Region. Northern Region experienced the largest increase of 7%.

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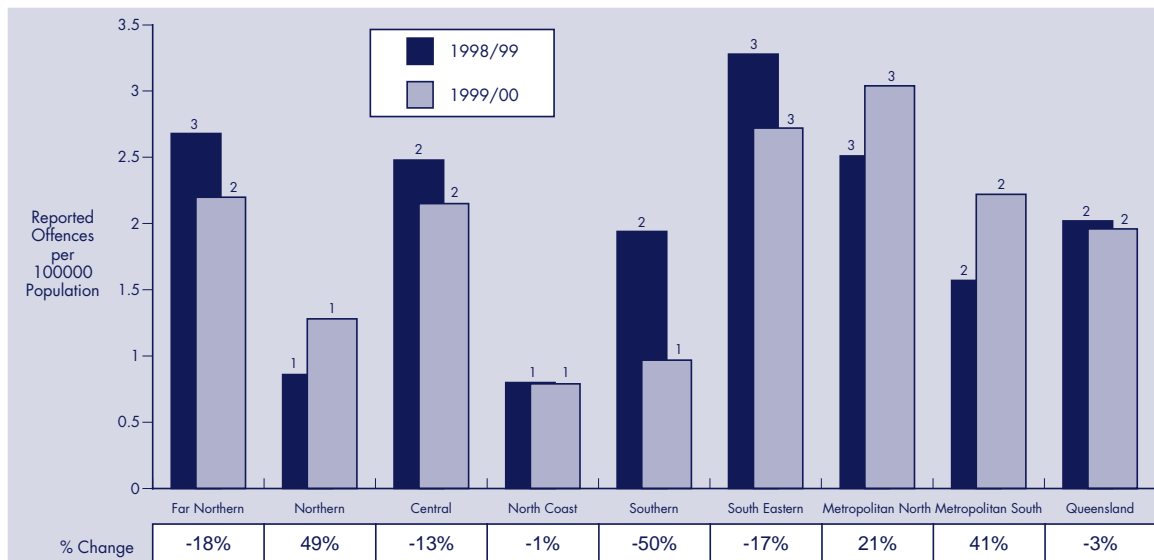
Unarmed Robbery*



Metropolitan North Region again recorded the highest rate of Unarmed Robbery while North Coast Region recorded the lowest. Central Region

experienced the largest increase with Metropolitan South Region experiencing the largest decrease.

Extortion*



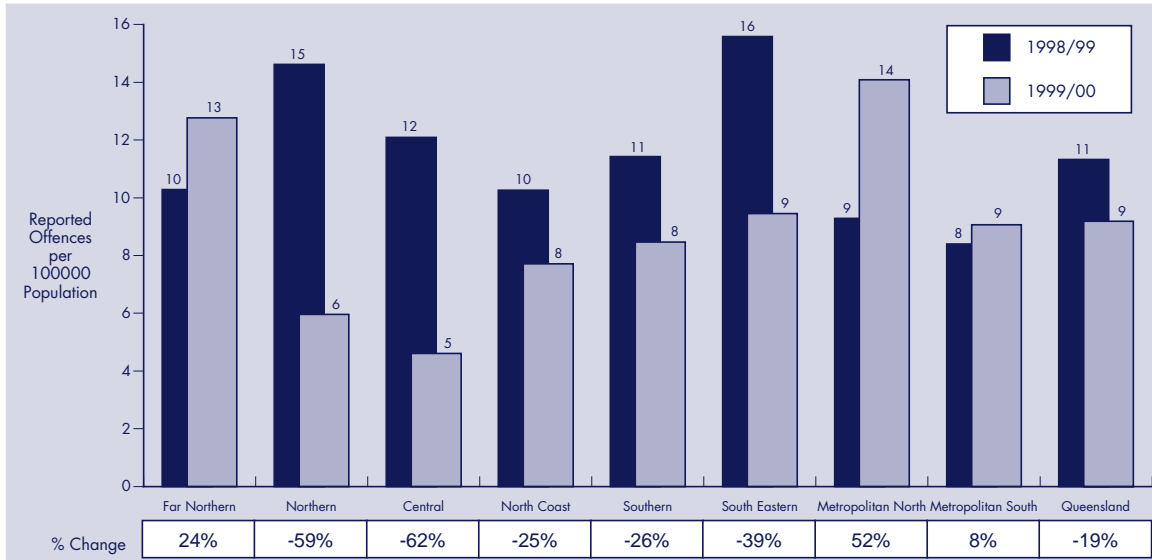
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. Most

regions reported relatively unchanged rates from 1998/99 to 1999/00.

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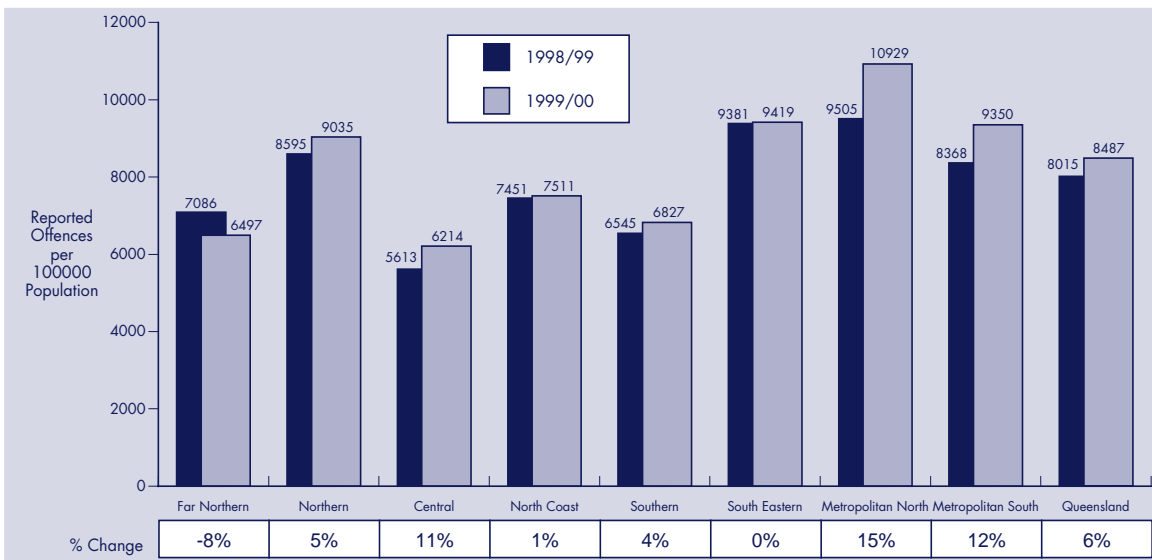
Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.*



Kidnapping, Abduction, etc. is also a low volume offence category and, as such, is prone to marked fluctuations from year to year and area to area. Northern, Central and South Eastern Regions all

experienced substantive reductions in the rate of this offence type. Metropolitan North and Far Northern Regions experienced the highest rates in the State.

Offences Against Property*



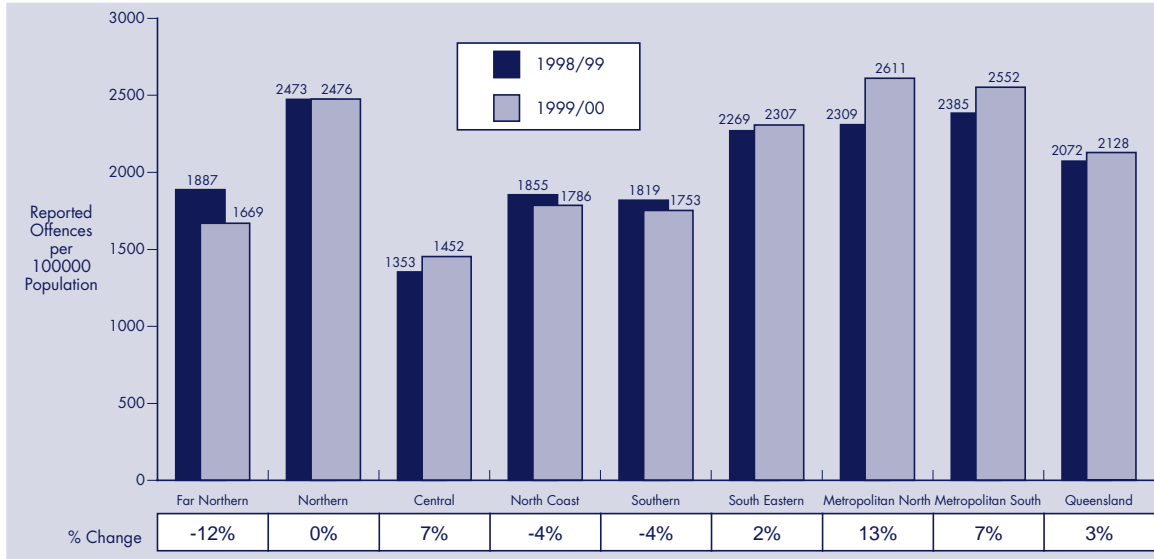
In addition to recording the highest rate of property offences in Queensland, Metropolitan North Region recorded the largest increase from 1998/99 to 1999/00. In fact, every region

except Far Northern, recorded an increase in property crime. Central Region exhibited the lowest rate in the State despite an 11% increase. Property crime was highest in the south-east corner of the State.

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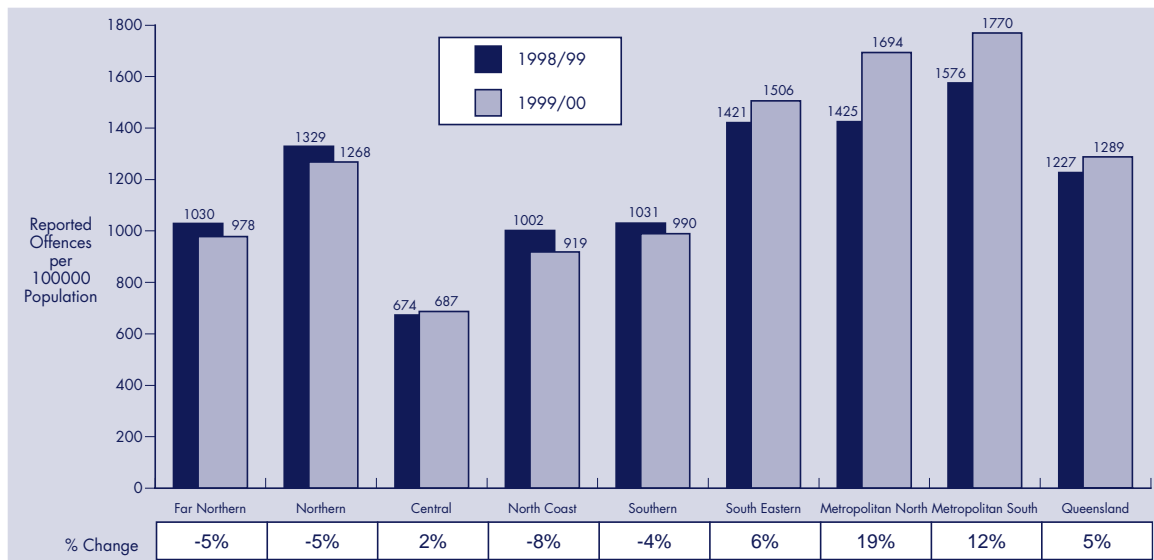
Unlawful Entry With Intent*



Unlawful Entry tends to dominate the Offences Against Property aggregate as is evidenced by the similarity in the distribution of property crime above. Metropolitan North recorded the highest

rate of Unlawful Entry as well as recording the largest increase over the 1999/00 financial year. Far Northern Region experienced a substantive 12% decrease.

Unlawful Entry - Dwellings*



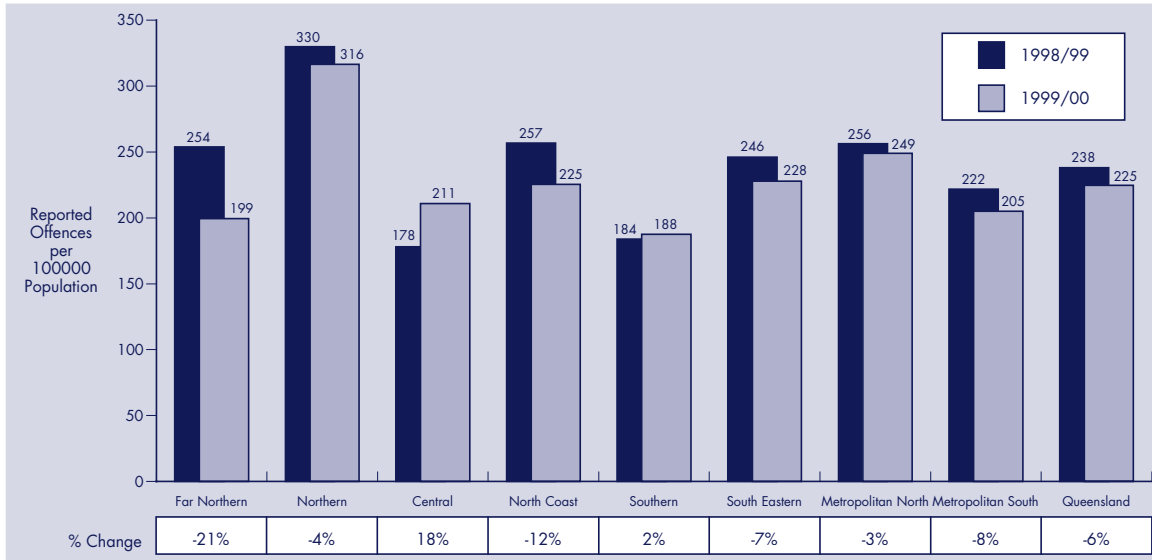
Unlawful Entry - Dwellings offences increased in the south-east corner of the State. Rates were highest in Metropolitan South Region with rates in Metropolitan North only slightly lower. Central

Region recorded the lowest rates in Queensland. The remaining regions all recorded decreases from 1998/99 to 1999/00.

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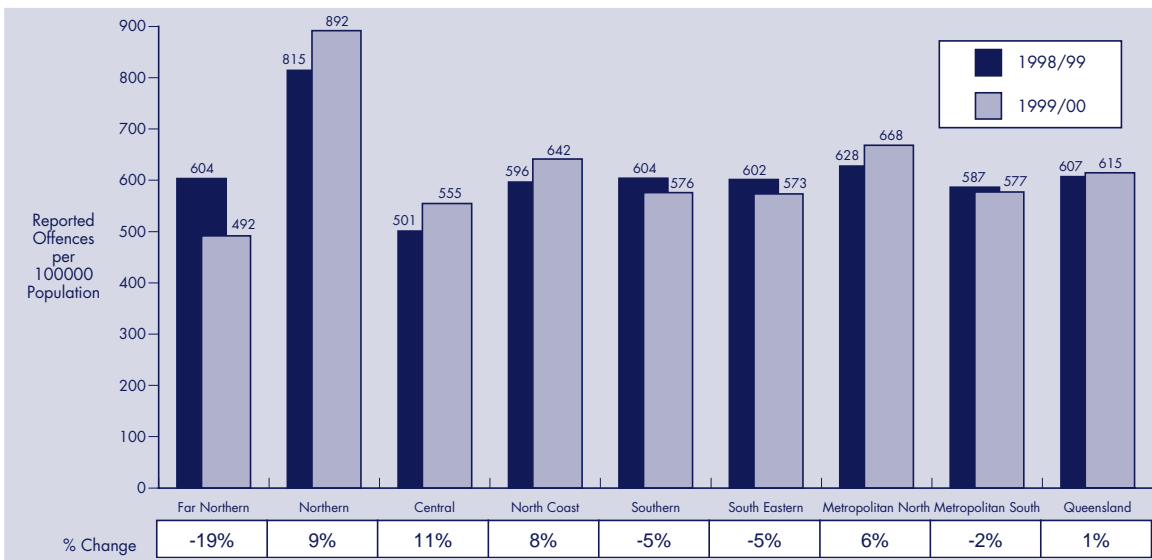
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



All regions except Central and Southern experienced decreases in Unlawful Entry - Shops, the largest of which was a 21% decrease in Far Northern Region. Central Region experienced the

largest increase while Northern recorded the highest rate in Queensland despite a 4% decrease from 1998/99 to 1999/00.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



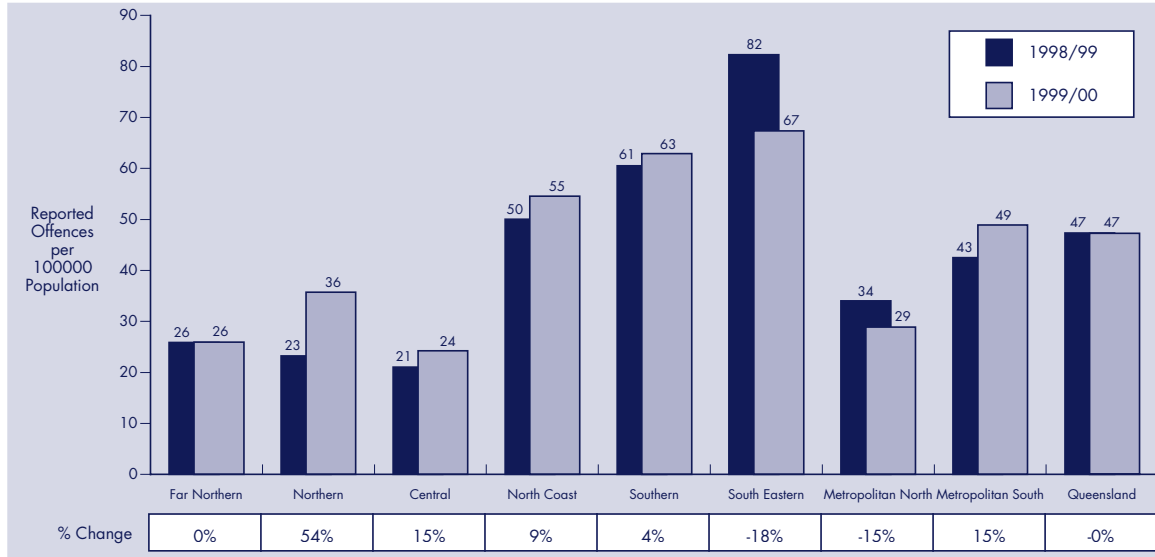
Northern Region experienced the highest rate of Unlawful Entry - Other Premises in addition to recording a 9% increase. Most remaining regions

recorded similar rates with Far Northern Region recording the largest decrease making it the lowest rate for this offence type in the State.

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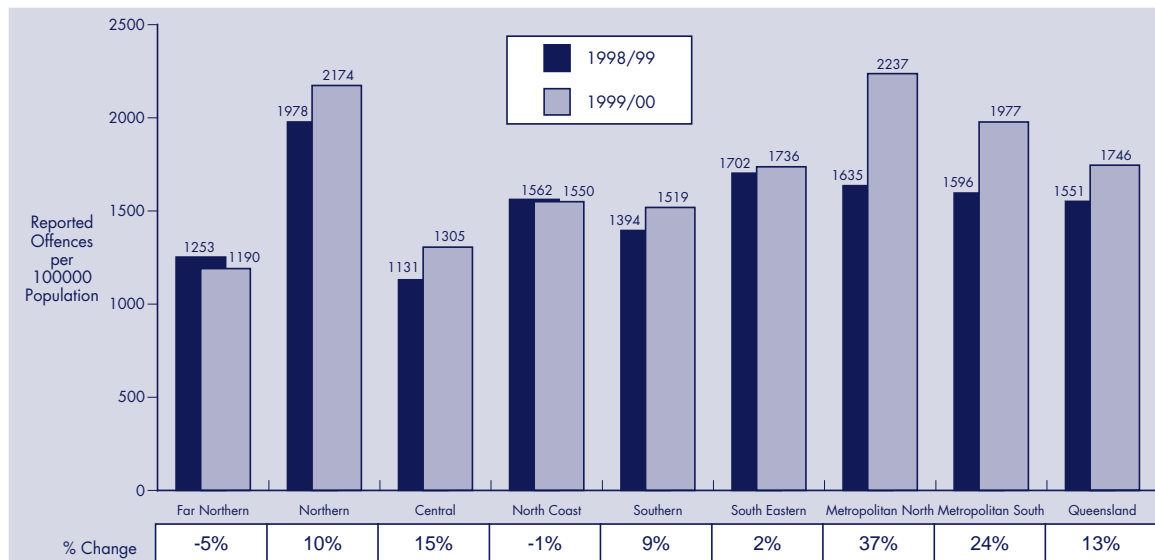
Arson*



South Eastern Region consistently records a significantly higher rate of Arson and the 1999/00 financial year was no exception, despite an 18% decrease. Six of the eight regions recorded

increases with the remaining two recording sizeable decreases. Thus, the figure for the State as a whole remained steady from that recorded in 1998/99.

Other Property Damage*



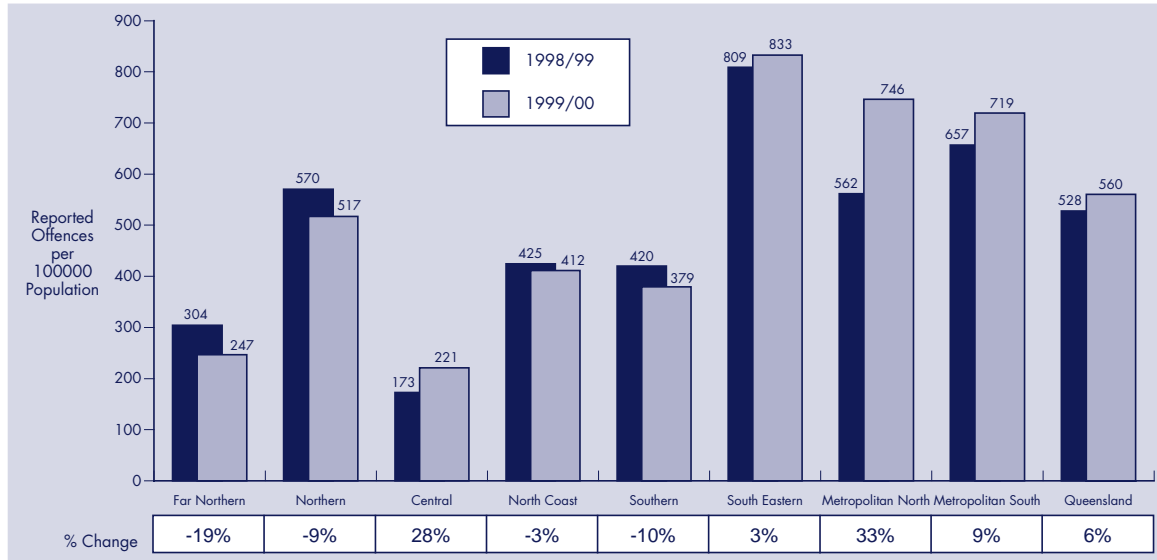
Metropolitan North Region recorded a sizeable increase in Other Property Damage offences which resulted in the highest rate across the State. Metropolitan South and Northern Regions also

recorded sizeable increases in this offence type bringing their rates up to be amongst the highest. The only regions to record decreases were Far Northern and North Coast Regions.

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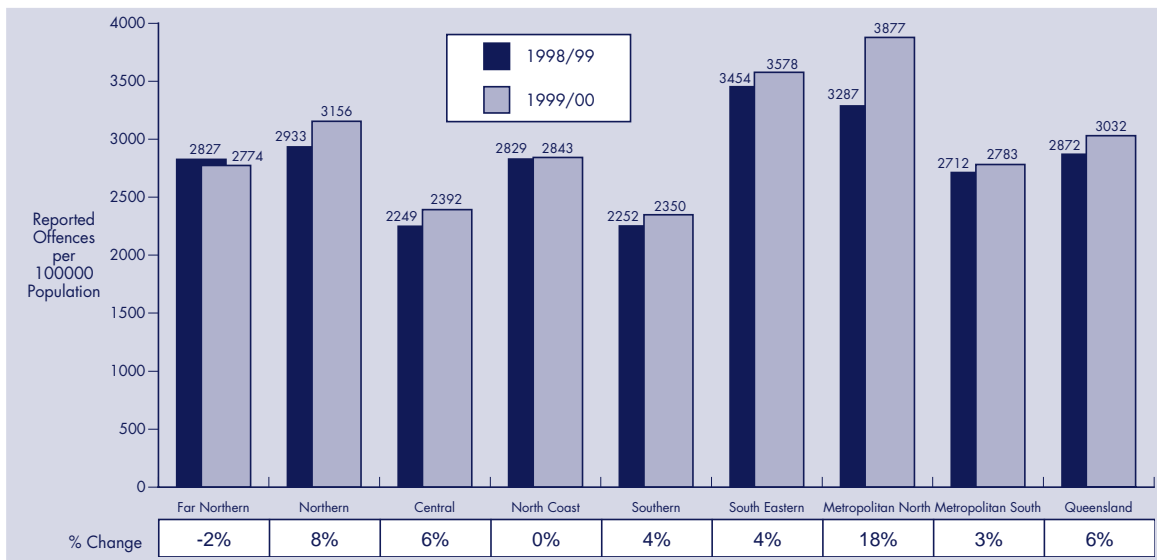
Motor Vehicle Theft*



Rates of Motor Vehicle Theft were highest in the south-east corner of the State with Metropolitan North Region recording a sizeable increase from

the previous year. Despite experiencing a 28% increase, Central Region recorded the lowest rate of Motor Vehicle Theft in the State.

Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)*



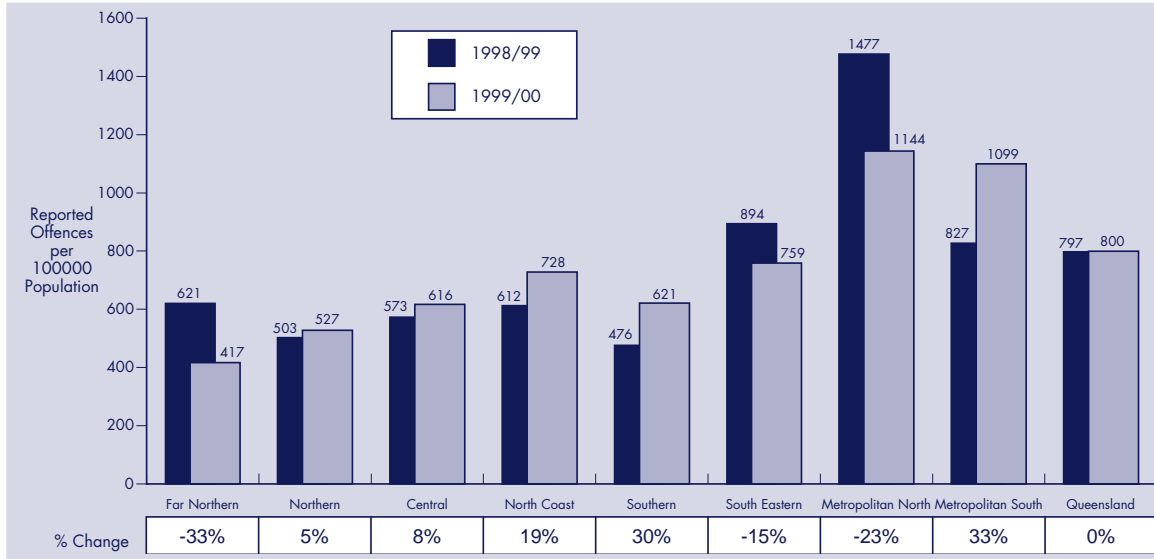
An 18% increase in Metropolitan North Region resulted in the highest rates of Other Theft offences in the State. South Eastern Region, which also experienced an increase, recorded the second

highest rate while Southern Region recorded the lowest. Far Northern Region was the only region to record a decrease in Other Theft offences for 1999/00.

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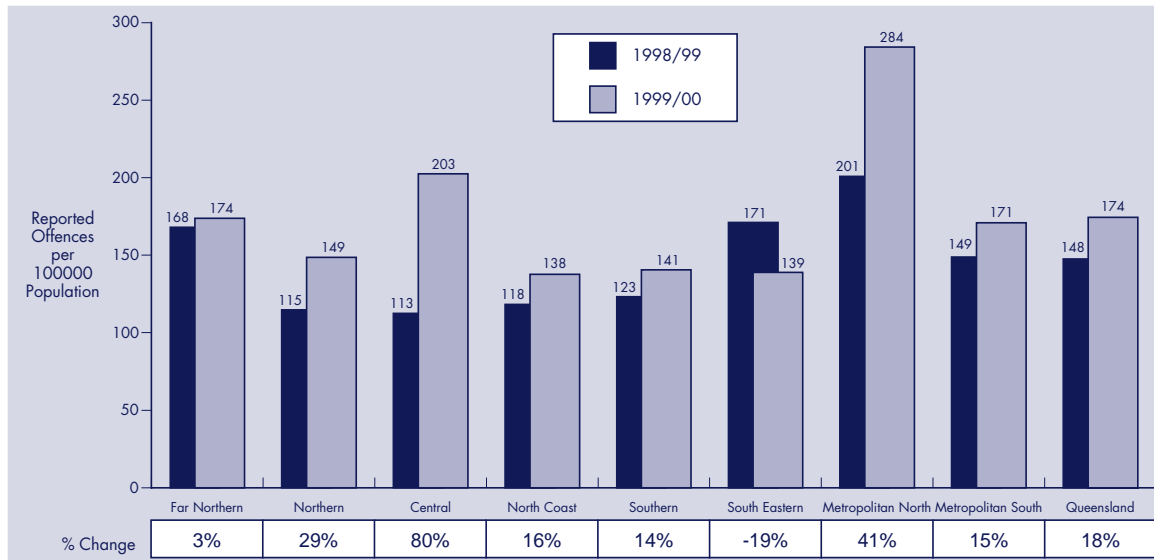
Fraud*



Despite experiencing a sizeable reduction in Fraud offences, Metropolitan North Region still recorded the highest rate. Metropolitan South experienced a substantial increase which resulted

in this region recording the second highest rate in Queensland. Far Northern Region recorded a sizeable decrease in Fraud which resulted in the lowest rate recorded in 1999/00.

Handling Stolen Goods*



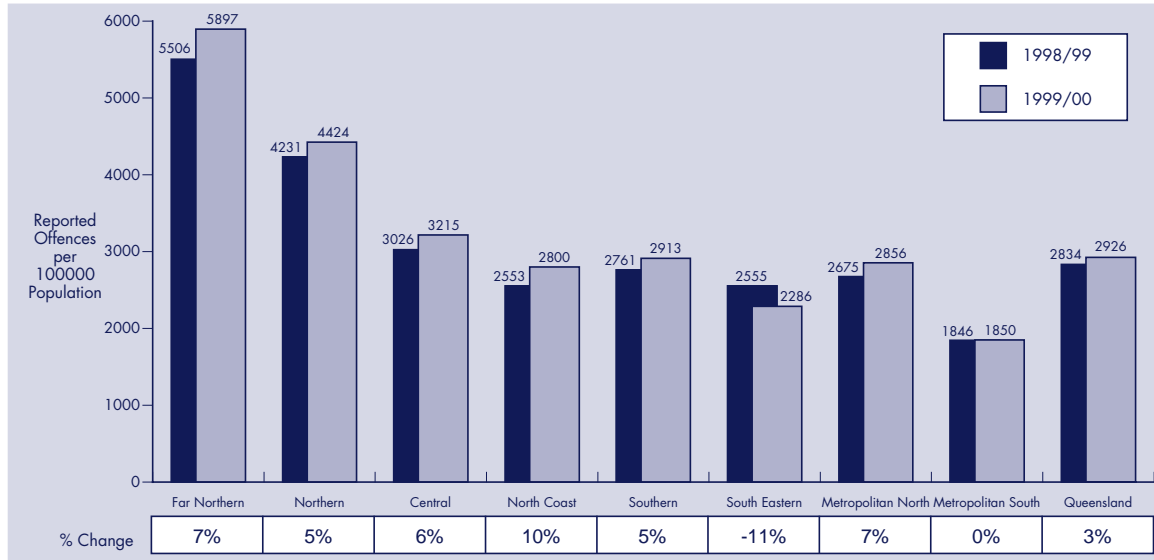
One offender charged with multiple offences was responsible for the 80% increase in Handling Stolen Goods offences seen in Central Region. Metropolitan North Region also experienced a

substantial increase which meant, for the second year running, that this region recorded the highest rate in the State.

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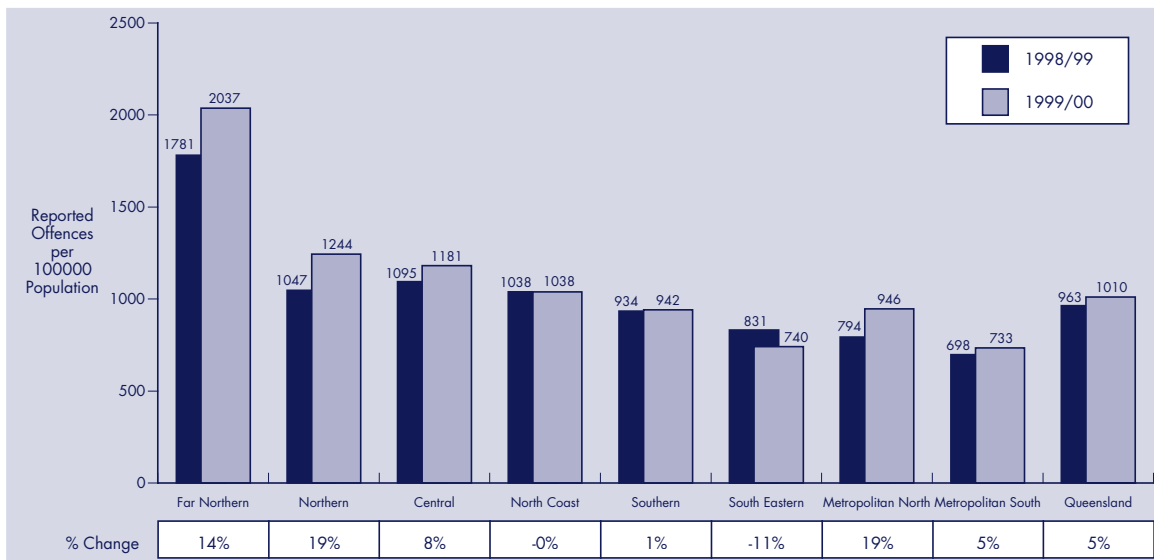
Other Offences*



Other Offences were highest in the northern part of the State. In fact, for the second consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate. Similarly, Metropolitan South experienced the

lowest rate for the second year running. Most regions (except those already mentioned) recorded similar rates approximately equal to that reported for the State as a whole.

Drug Offences*



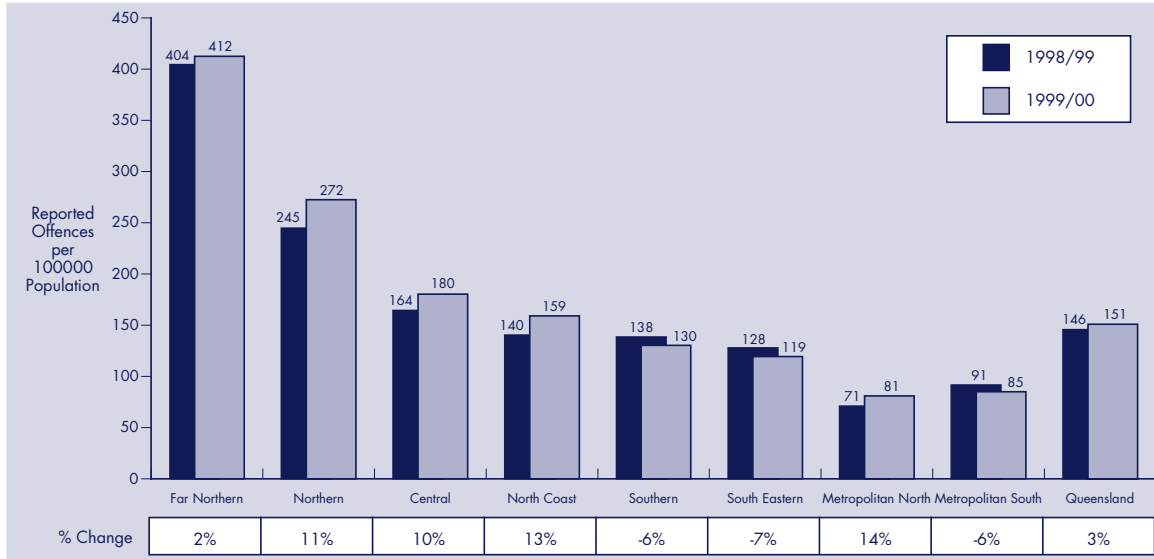
Four of the eight regions recorded sizeable increases in Drug Offences of which Northern and Metropolitan North were the largest (19%). South Eastern Region was the only region to record a

decrease (11%) while rates for North Coast remained virtually unchanged from the previous year. Overall, Drug Offences increased by 5% across the State.

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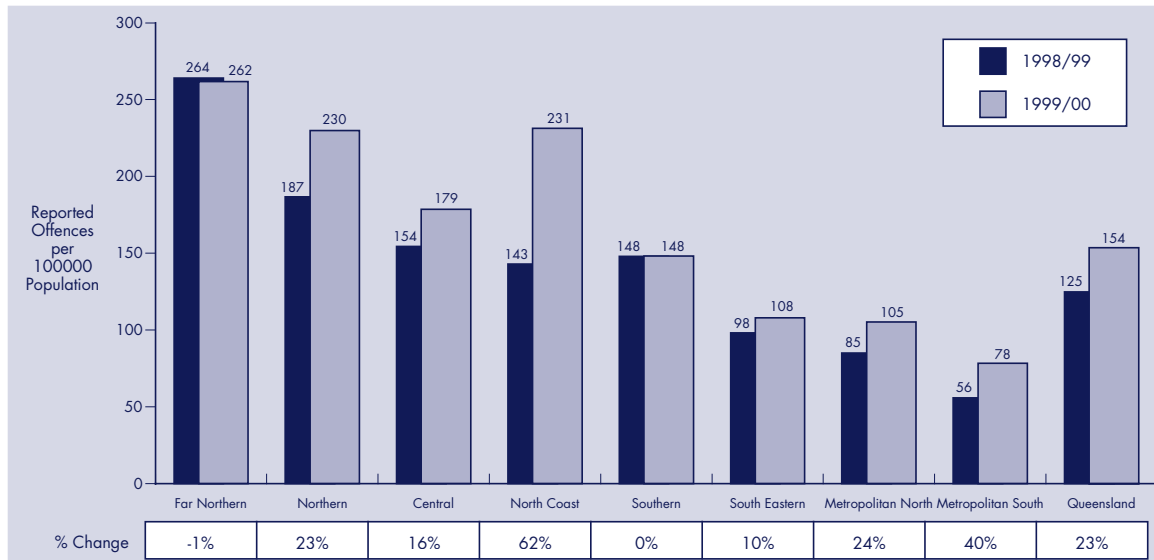
Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders*



Five of the eight regions experienced increases in Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders resulting in an overall increase of 3% 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*



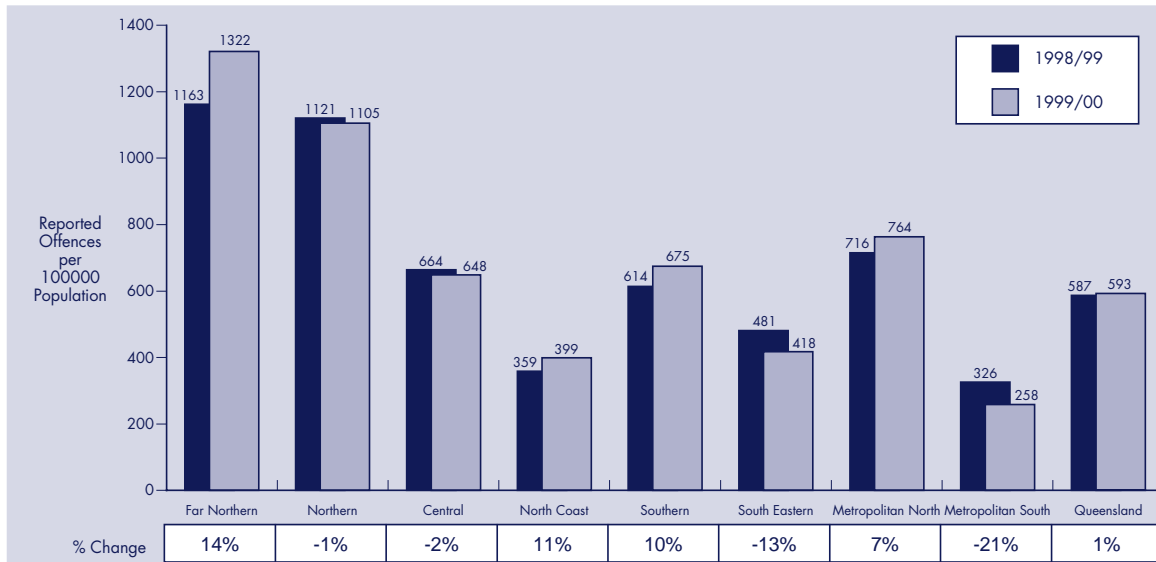
Two offenders charged with multiple offences were responsible for the large increase in Weapons Act Offences in North Coast Region. Despite a 40%

increase, Metropolitan South Region still recorded the lowest rate of offences in the State with Far Northern recording the highest.

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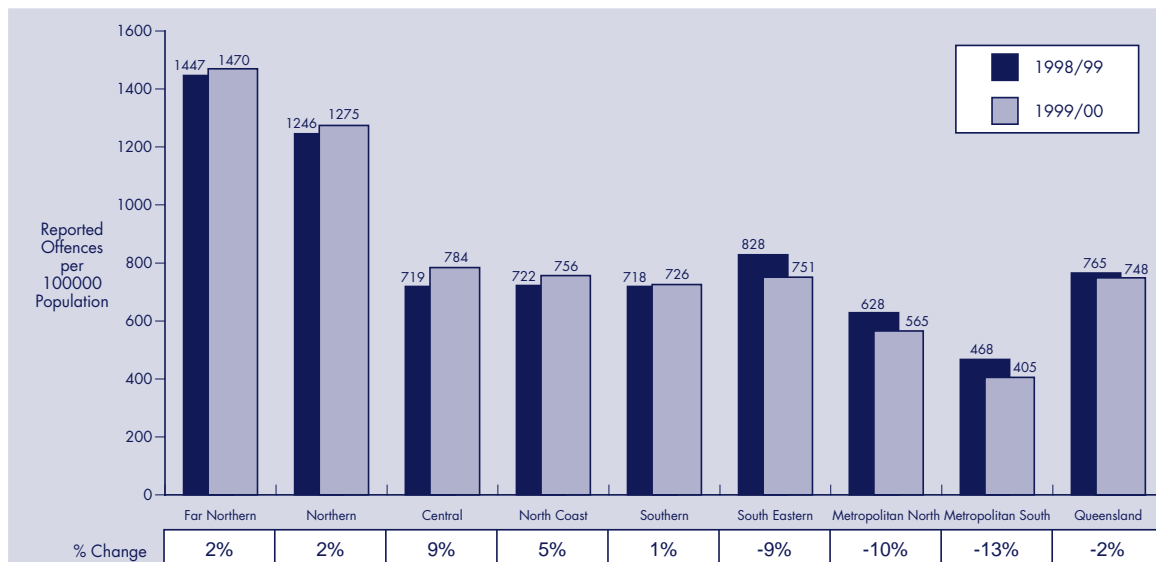
Good Order Offences*



There were large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions for both the 1998/99 and the 1999/00 financial years. In addition to reporting the highest rates statewide,

Far Northern Region reported the largest increase in the rate of Good Order Offences. Metropolitan South Region experienced the largest decrease as well as recording the lowest rate.

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, remained relatively stable from 1998/99 to 1999/00. The northern regions reported the

highest rates of Traffic Offences while the Brisbane Metropolitan Regions reported the lowest rates. The south-east corner of the State experienced decreases in Traffic Offences.

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