

Regional Comparisons

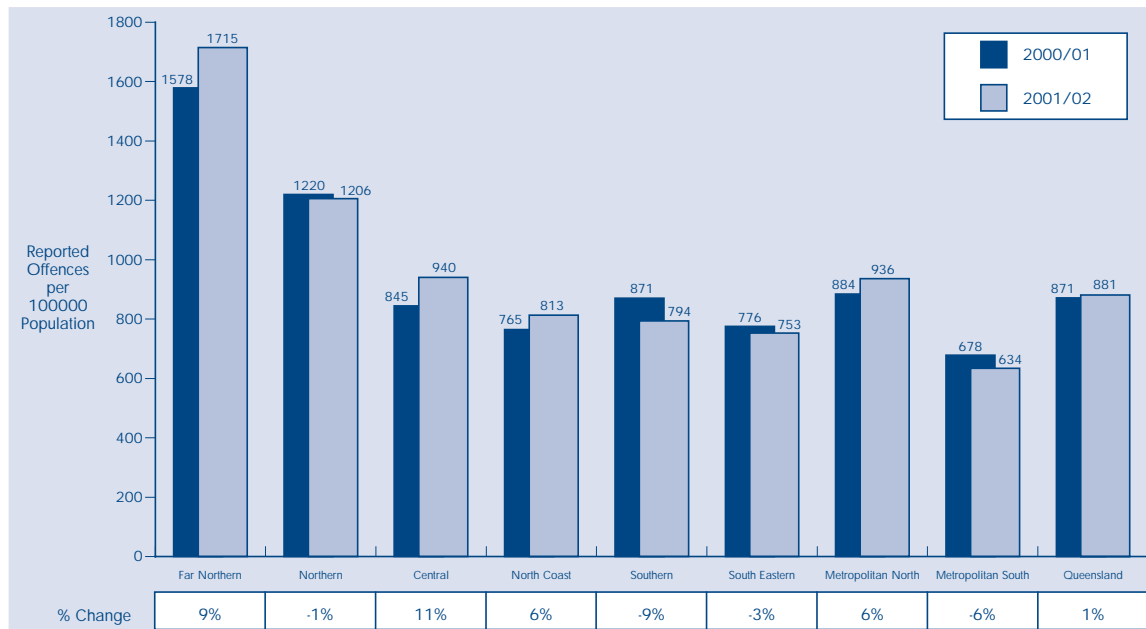
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100,000 population from the 2000/01 to the 2001/02 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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 Economic and Statistical Research, Queensland. All rates and percentage changes have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

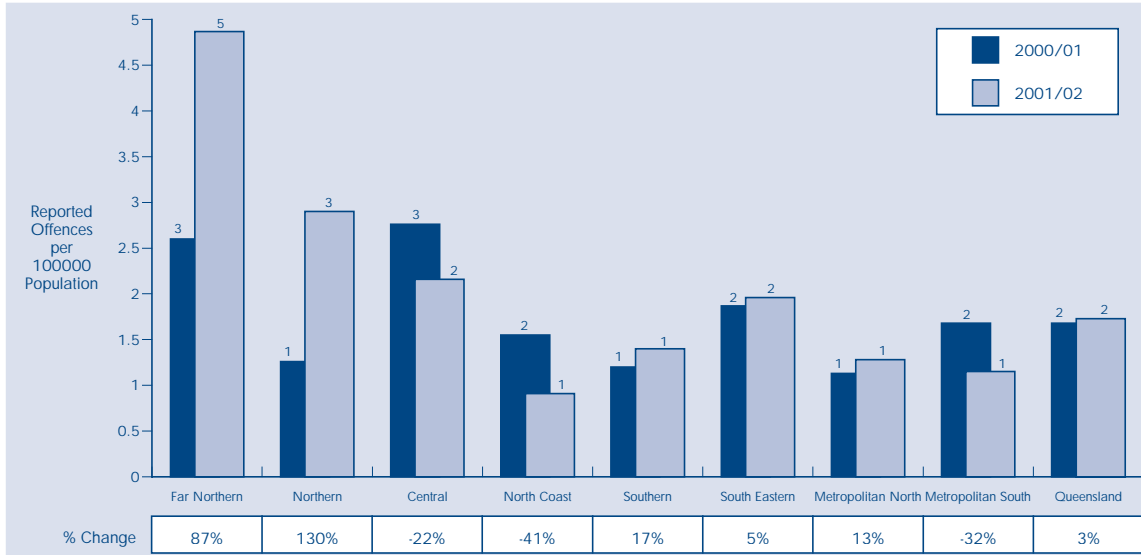
Offences Against the Person*



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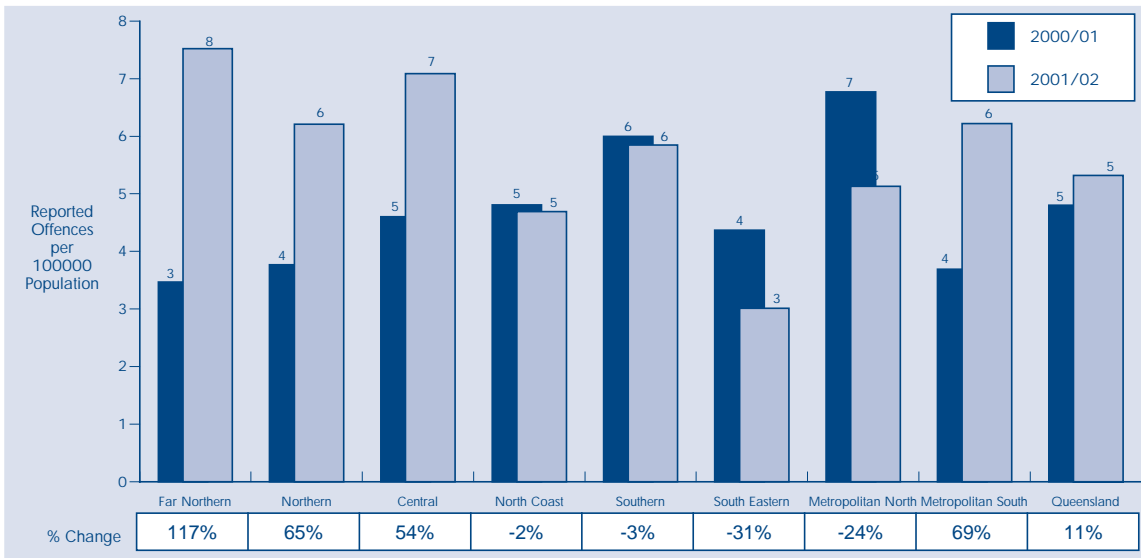
Homicide(Murder)*+



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. The northern part of the State typically experiences higher rates of Homicides and 2001/02 was no exception. North Coast experienced the lowest rate.

Other Homicide*+



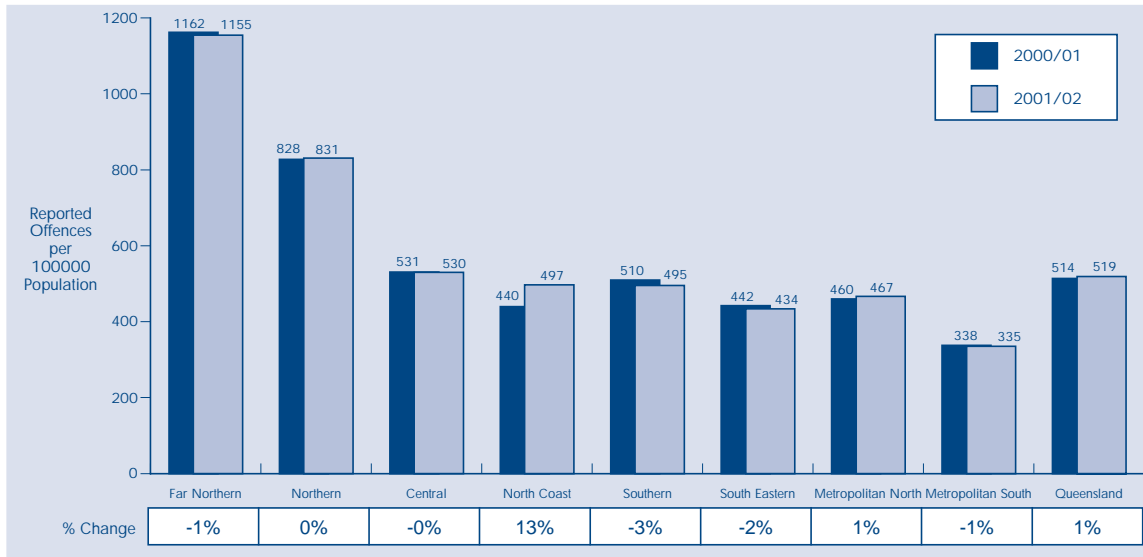
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide, caution should be exercised when using

percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate in the State while South Eastern Region recorded the lowest.

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 + Figures are presented separately for Homicide (Murder) and a new category, Other Homicide, is used for the first time in this publication.

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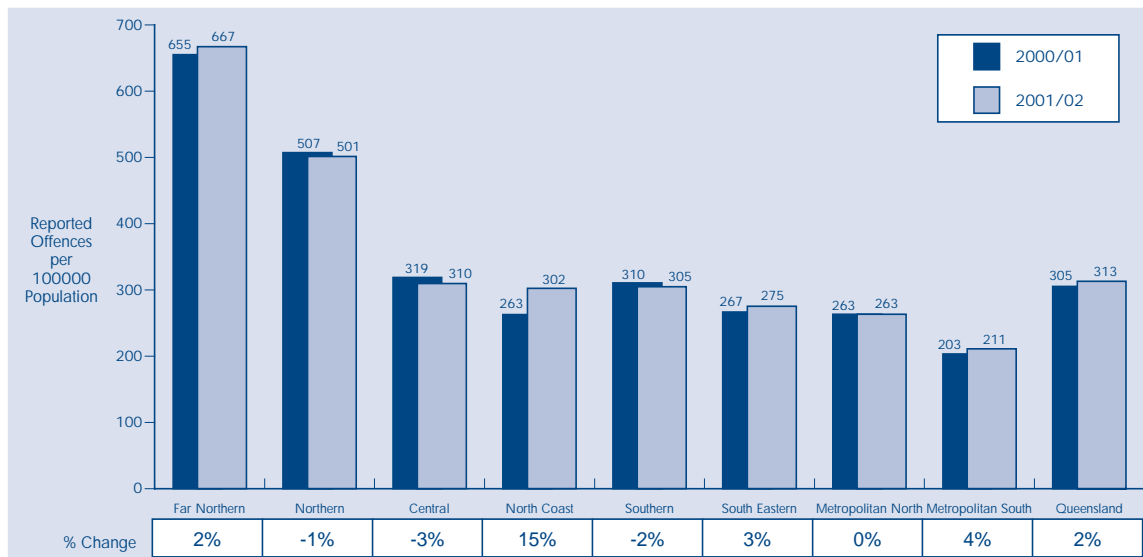
Assault*



Far Northern Region remains the highest in the State for rates of Assaults despite experiencing a small increase. In fact, both Far Northern and Northern Regions exhibited higher rates than the remaining

regions all of which experienced similar Assault rates in 2001/02. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate while North Coast Region experienced the largest increase.

Serious Assault*



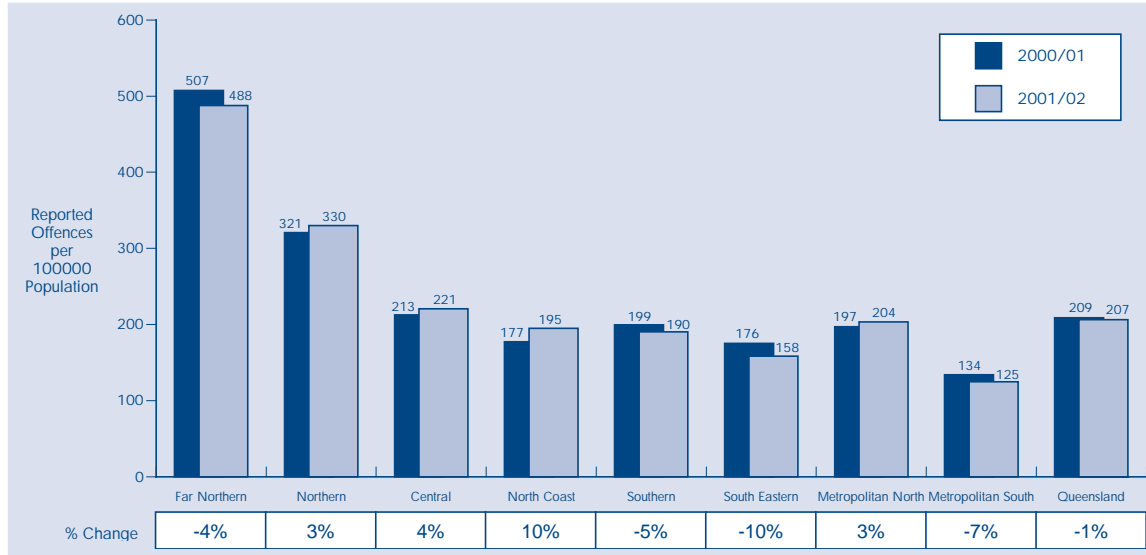
Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest Serious Assault rate for the fourth year running. The northern part of the State, Far Northern and Northern Regions, recorded the highest rates in the State pulling the state

average up so that most regions recorded a rate below the State average. North Coast Region recorded the largest increase (15%) while Central recorded the largest decrease (3%).

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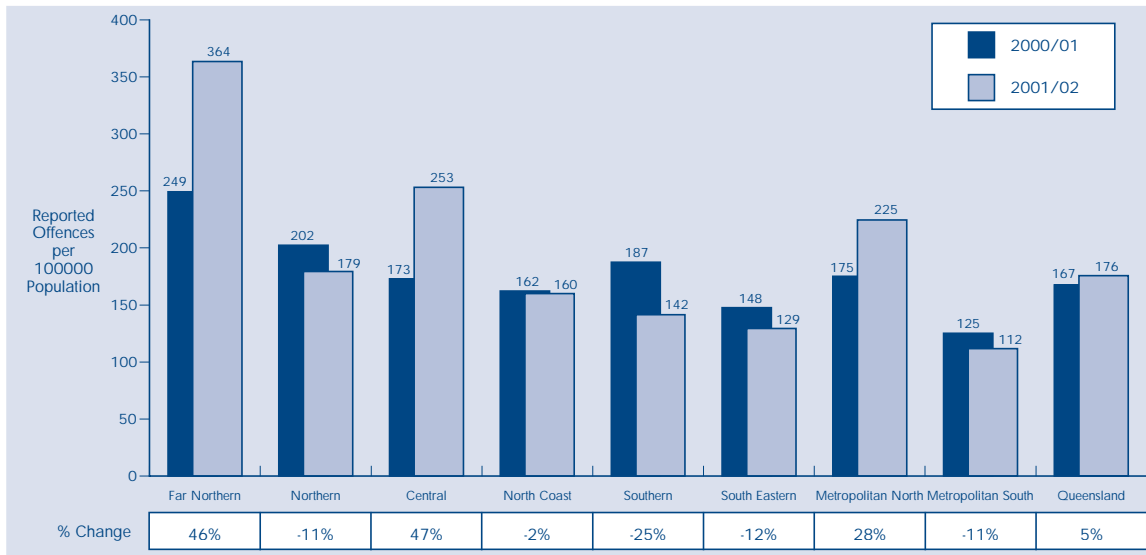
Other Assault*



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Other Assault rates in the State. North Coast Region experienced the largest increase (10%) while South Eastern experienced the largest decrease (also 10%).

Overall, half the regions recorded an increase in Other Assaults and half recorded a decrease resulting in a 1% decrease State-wide in the rate of Other Assaults.

Sexual Offences*



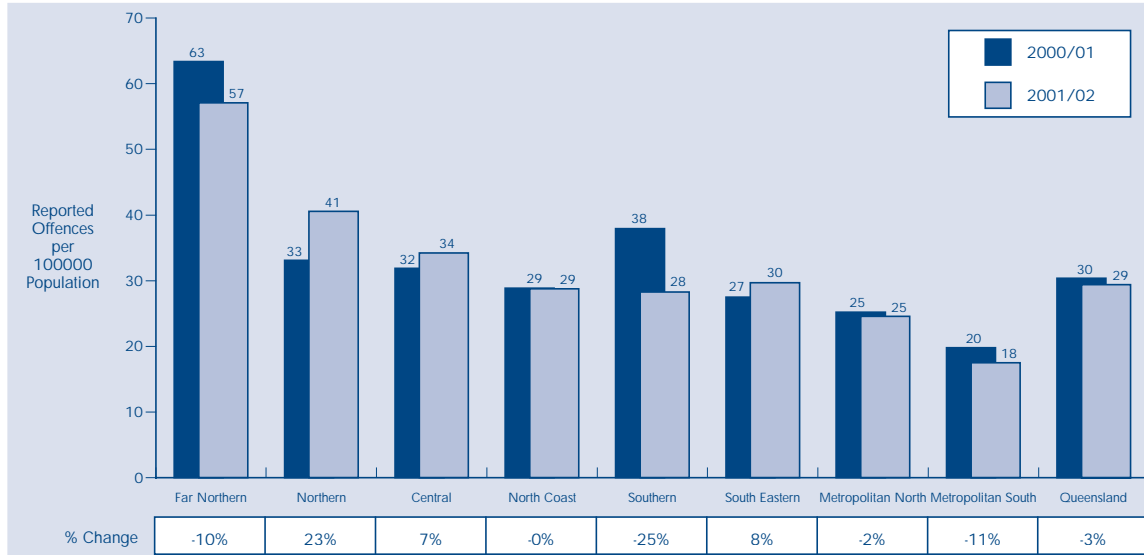
One offender charged with over 600 offences in Metropolitan North Region resulted in a sizeable increase in Sexual Offences for this region. Likewise, one offender charged with over 180 offences resulted in

the increase in Far Northern Region and four offenders charged with 30 to 40 offences each resulted in the increase seen in Central Region. All remaining regions experienced a decrease.

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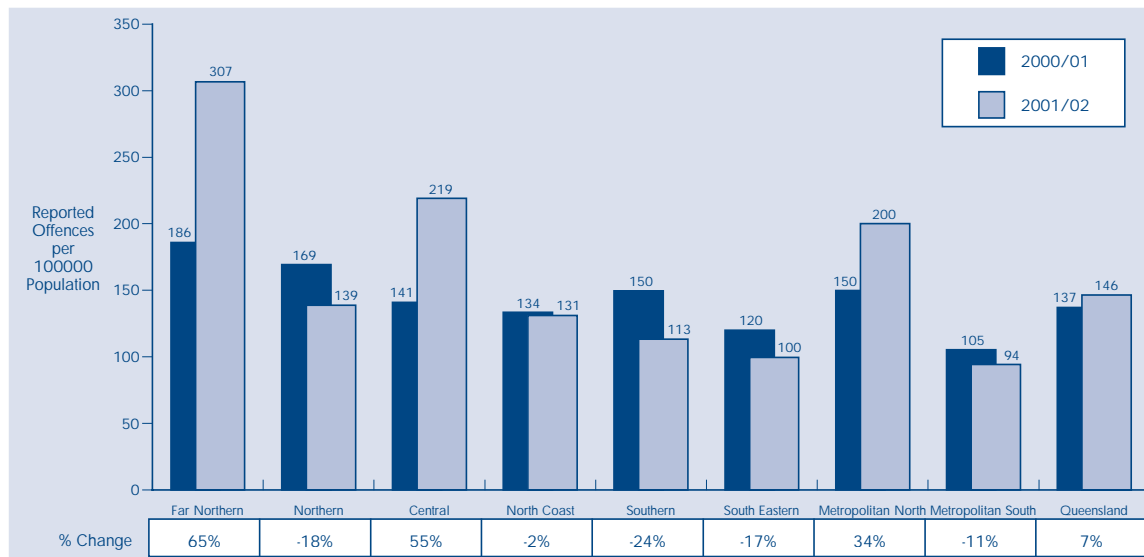
Rape and Attempted Rape*^



Five of the eight regions recorded a decrease in Rape/ Attempted Rapes, the largest of which was a 25% decrease in Southern Region. The largest increase was recorded in Northern Region. Far Northern again

experienced the highest rate (twice that of the State average) while Metropolitan South again experienced the lowest rate in the State.

Other Sexual Offences*



The substantive increases seen in Far Northern, Central and Metropolitan North Regions were the result of multiple charges preferred against a small number of

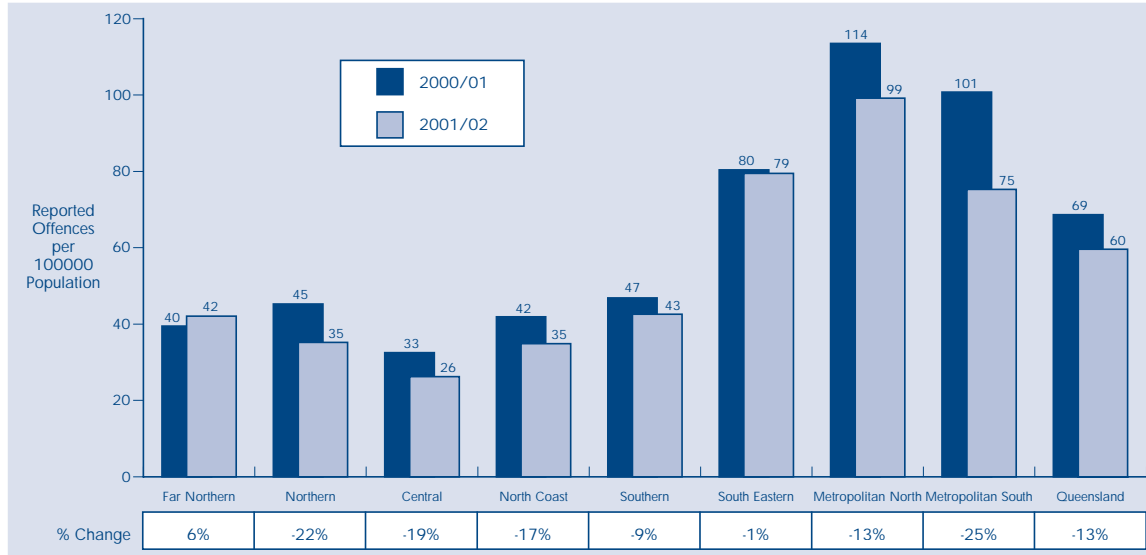
offenders (see previous page). While the lowest rate was recorded by Metropolitan South Region, the highest was again recorded in Far Northern Region.

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^ Changes to the Criminal Code (October 2000) resulted in an expansion of the definition of Rape and Attempted Rape. Thus, caution should be exercised when comparing figures with those from previous years.

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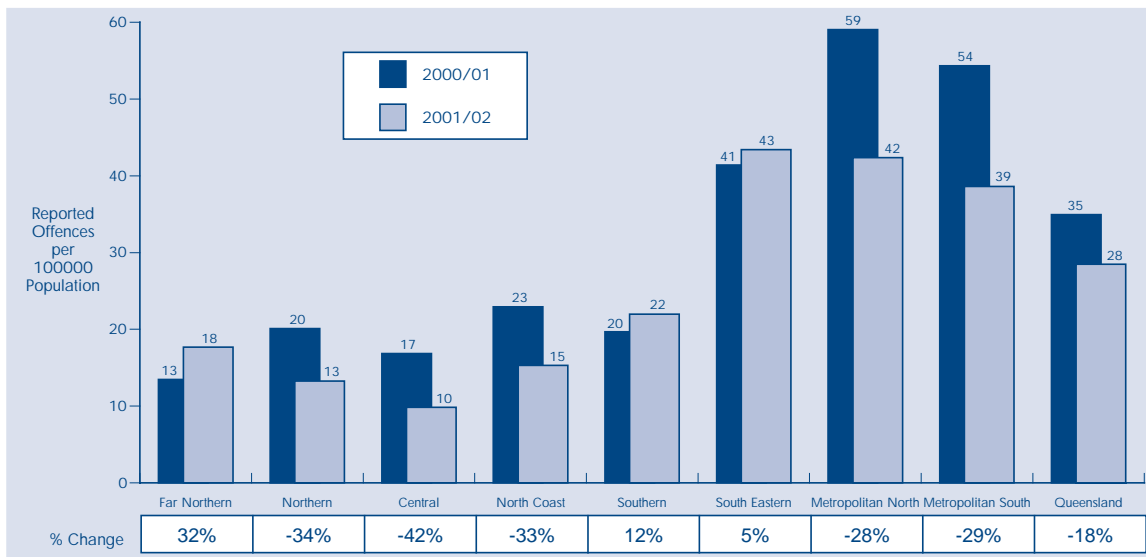
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically experiences the highest rates of Robbery and 2001/02 was no exception. The highest rate was recorded in Metropolitan North Region despite a 13% decrease. In fact, all

regions except Far Northern experienced a decrease, the largest of which was in Metropolitan South Region. The lowest Robbery rate again occurred in Central Region.

Armed Robbery*



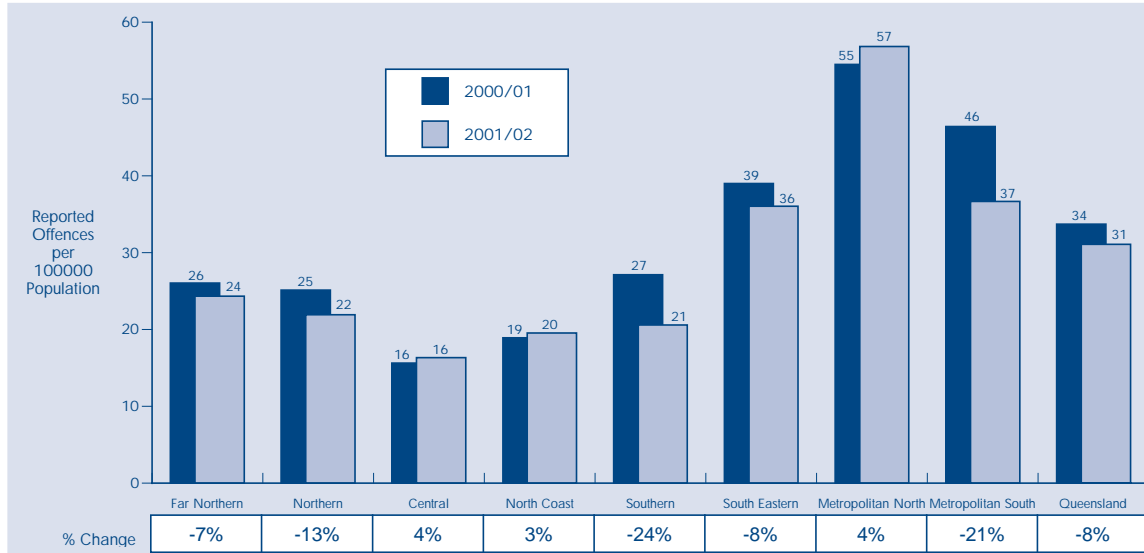
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State, although the metropolitan regions both recorded substantive decreases. Central Region recorded the

lowest rate while South Eastern Region recorded the highest. The largest increase was experienced by Far Northern Region while Central Region experienced the largest decrease.

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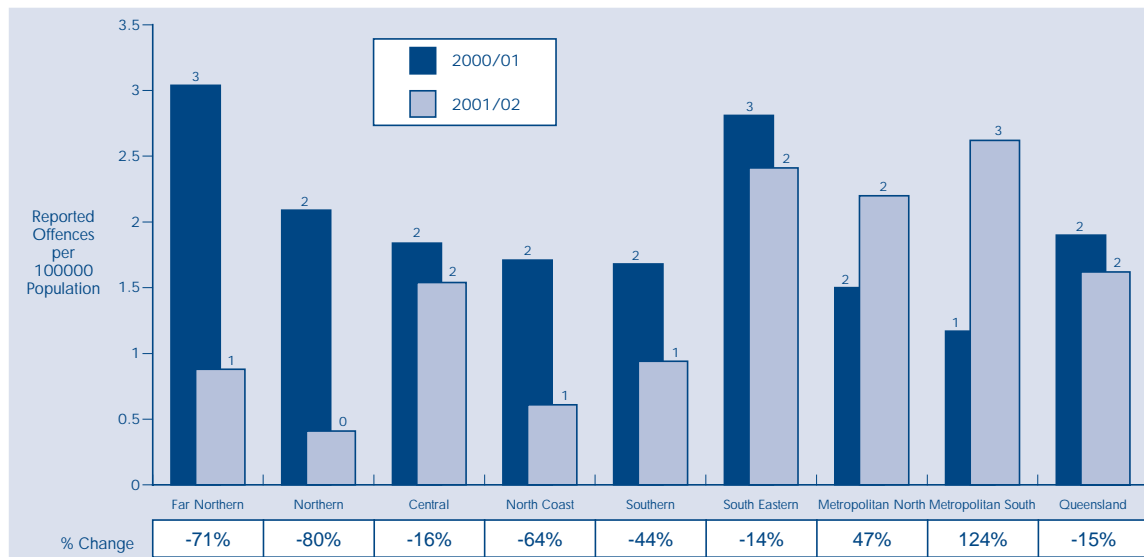
Unarmed Robbery*



Five of the eight regions experienced decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 24% decrease in Southern Region. The largest increase (4%) was recorded in both Central and Metropolitan North

Regions. The highest rate occurred in Metropolitan North Region while the lowest again occurred in Central Region.

Extortion*



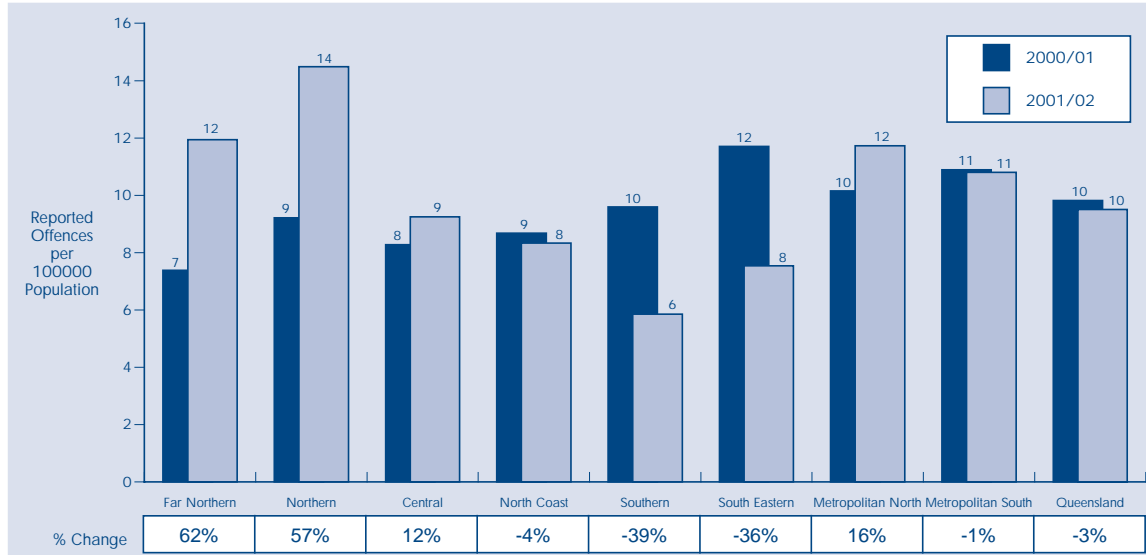
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. In 2001/02, all regions except the metropolitan regions experienced

decreases. The highest rate occurred in Metropolitan South Region while the lowest occurred in Northern Region. Caution should be exercised when using percentage changes as a measure of change.

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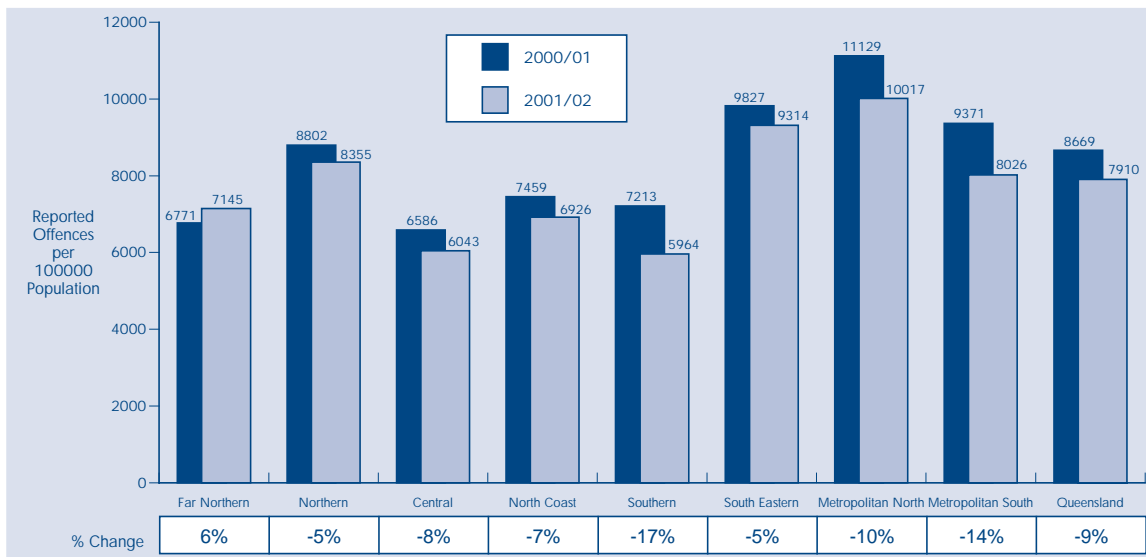
*Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.**



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. Again, caution should be exercised when using percentage

change as a measure of change over time. The highest rate occurred in Northern Region while the lowest occurred in Southern Region.

*Offences Against Property**



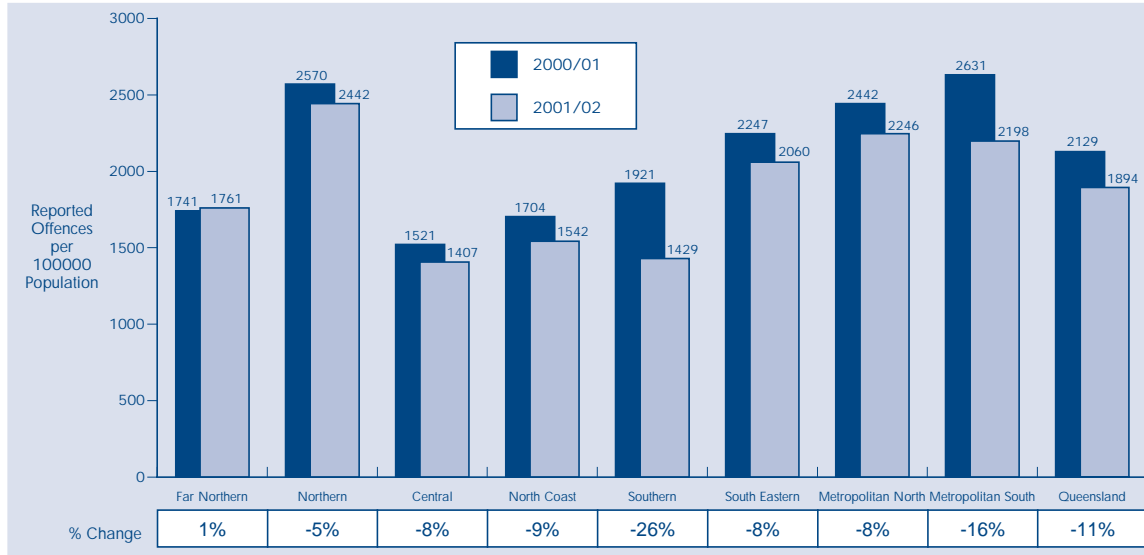
All regions except Far Northern (which recorded a 6% increase) experienced decreases in total property offences, the largest of which was a 17% decrease in Southern Region. The highest rate again occurred in

Metropolitan North Region while the lowest rate occurred in Southern Region as a result of the substantive decrease in the region.

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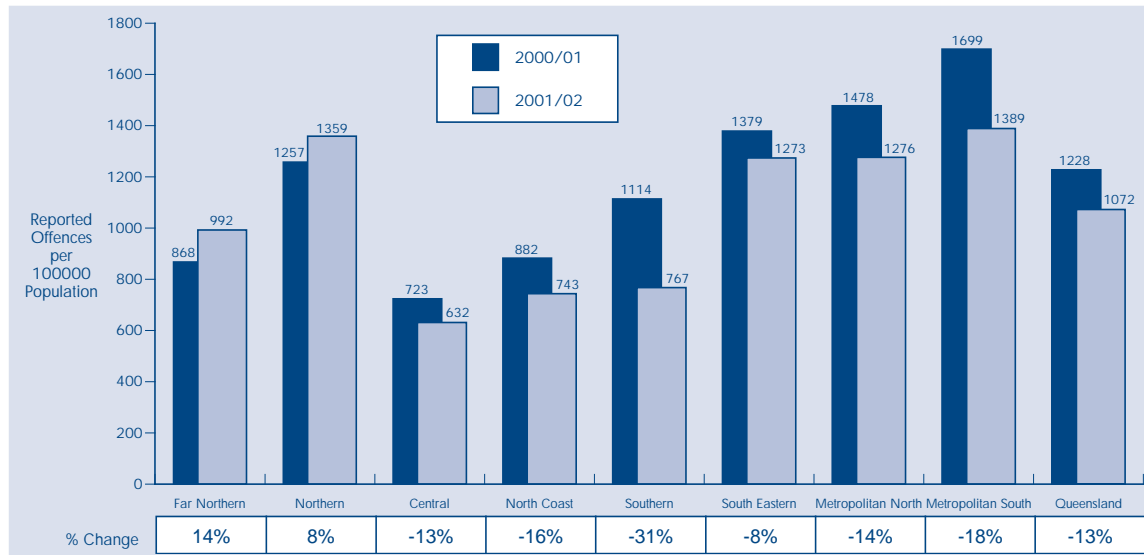
Unlawful Entry With Intent*



Unlawful Entry tends to dominate the Offences Against Property aggregate as is evidenced by the similarity in the distribution of property crime above. Far Northern Region was the only region to record an increase. While

Northern Region experienced the highest rate in the State, Southern Region experienced the lowest as a result of a 26% decrease in the region.

Unlawful Entry - Dwellings*



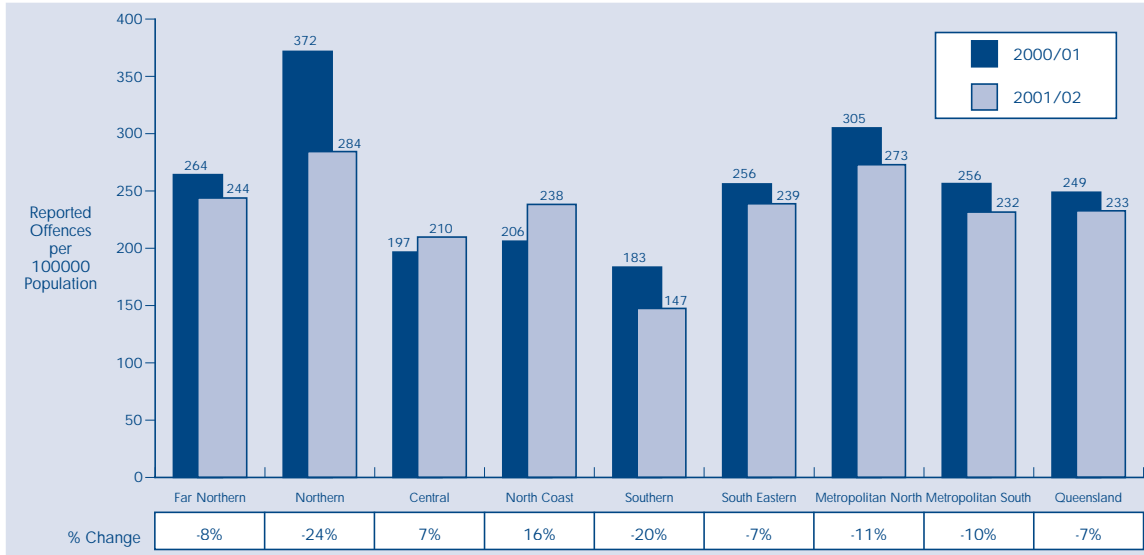
The northern part of the State experienced an increase in Unlawful Entry of Dwellings. The rest of the State experienced sizeable decreases of which the largest was a 31% decrease in Southern Region. Despite

experiencing a decrease, Metropolitan South Region again experienced the highest rate in the State while Central Region again recorded the lowest rate.

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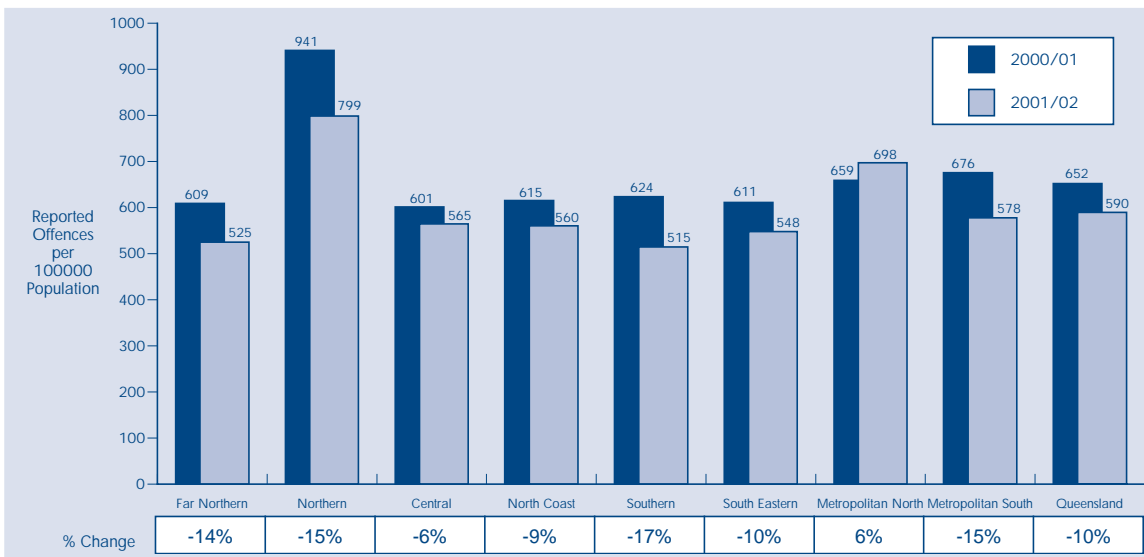
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



Only two of the eight regions reported increases in Unlawful Entry - Shops. The largest decrease occurred in Northern Region while the largest increase occurred in North Coast Region. The lowest rate was again

recorded in Southern Region. Similarly, the highest rate was again recorded in Northern Region (despite a 24% decrease experienced in this region).

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



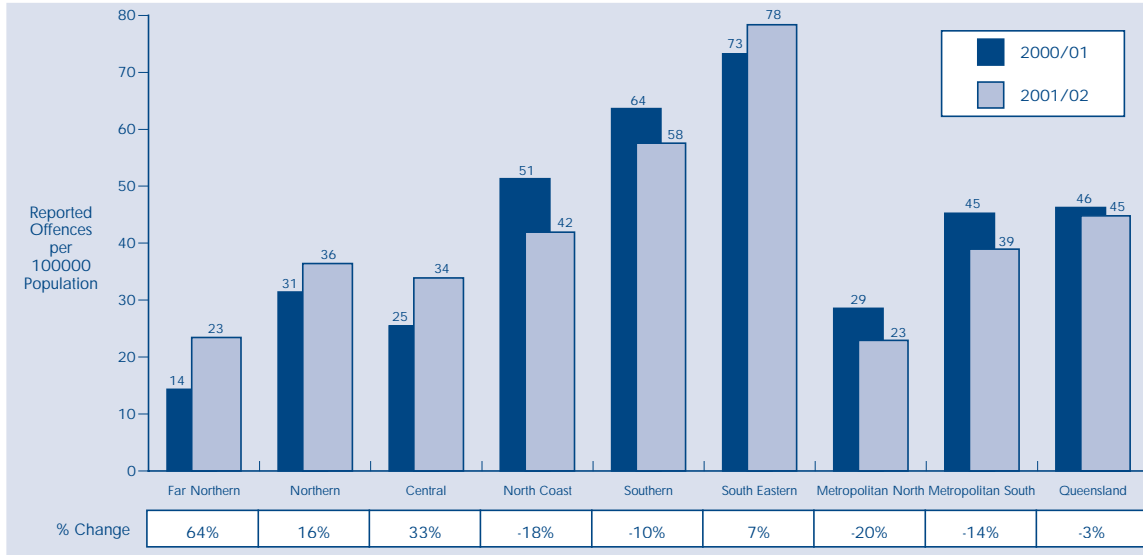
All regions except Metropolitan North experienced a decrease in Unlawful Entry - Other Premises, the largest of which was a 17% decrease in Southern Region.

Northern Region again recorded the highest rate while Southern Region recorded the lowest rate of 799 offences reported per 100,000 population.

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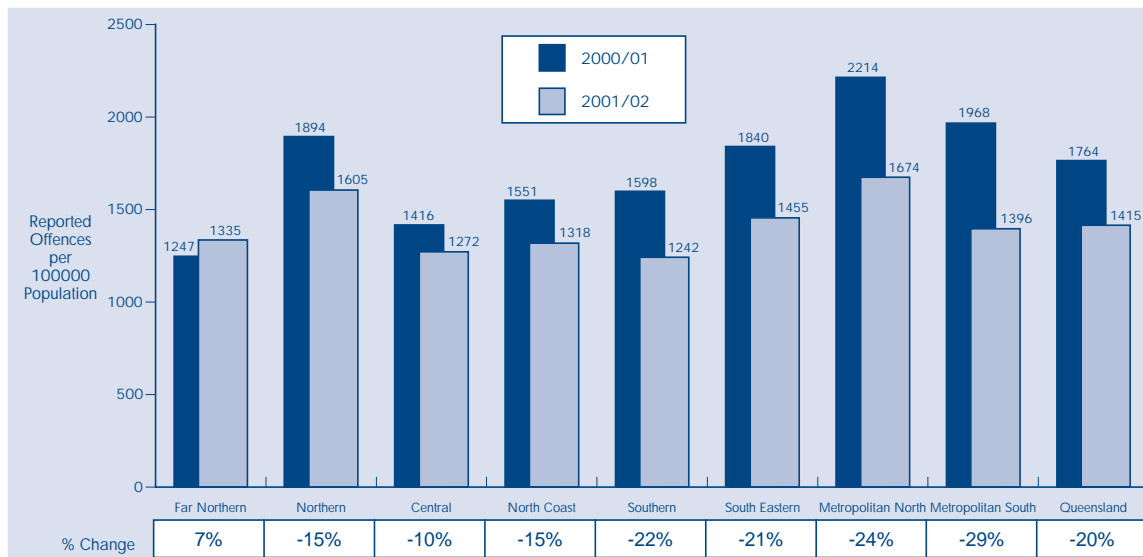
Arson*



Two regions, Far Northern and Metropolitan North, recorded the lowest rate while South Eastern Region continues to record the highest. Far Northern region experienced the highest increase although Arson is a

low volume offence in this region and this will lead to an unstable percentage change. Metropolitan North recorded the largest decrease in Arson offences.

Other Property Damage*



A change in policy regarding the recording of property damage offences resulted in a decrease in every region except Far Northern (see page 146 for further informa-

tion). Southern Region recorded the lowest rate in the State while Metropolitan North Region again recorded the highest rate.

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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 2001/02 was no exception despite large decreases in the three regions which comprise the south-east corner.

South Eastern Region experienced the highest rate while Central Region experienced the lowest. Metropolitan South recorded the largest decrease; Far Northern Region recorded the only increase.

Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)*



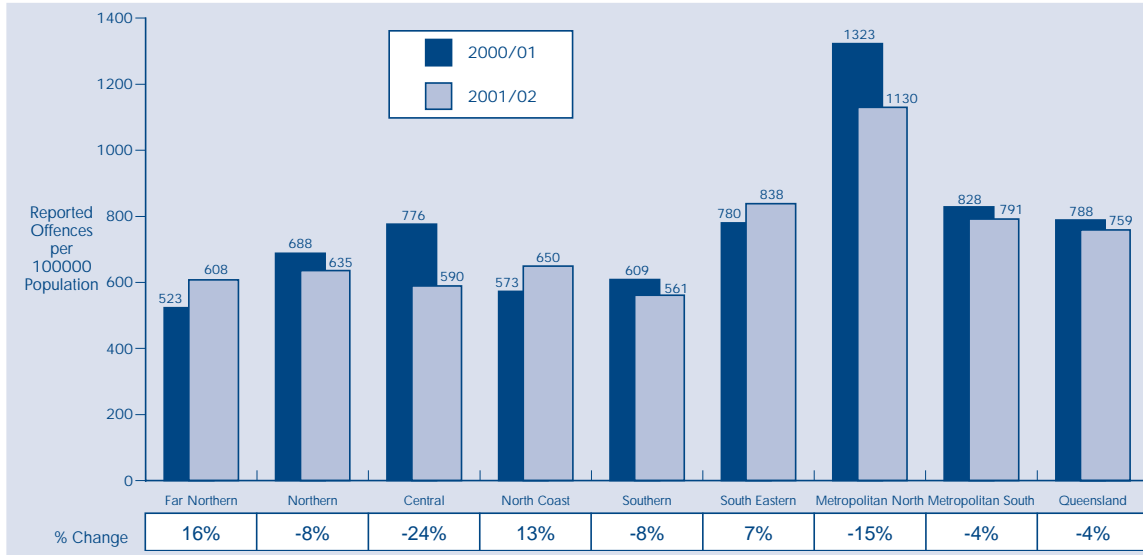
As with the previous year, the highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions during 2001/02. Southern Region recorded

both the largest decrease and the lowest rate in the State; Far Northern Region recorded the largest increase.

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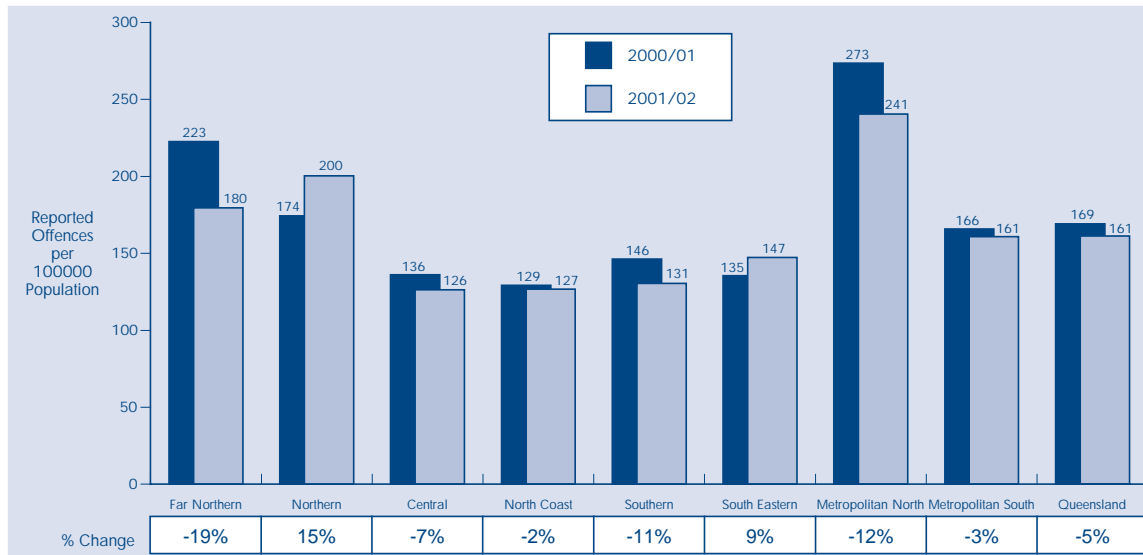
*Fraud**



Despite experiencing a sizeable decrease, Metropolitan North Region still recorded the highest rate in the State. Far Northern Region experienced the largest

increase while Central Region experienced the largest decrease. The lowest rate occurred in Southern Region after the region recorded a sizeable decrease.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



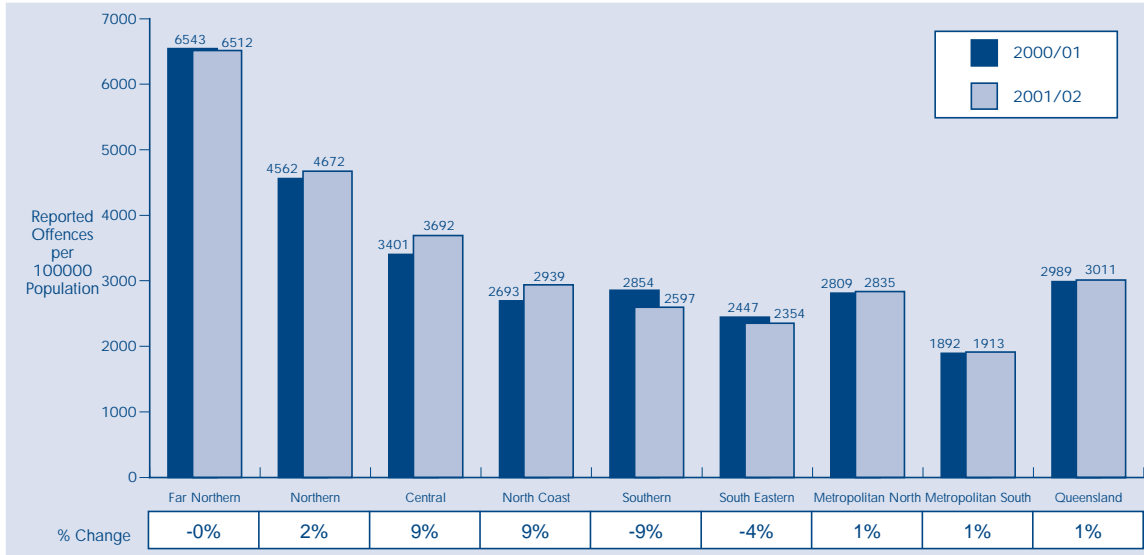
Despite experiencing a sizeable decrease (12%), Metropolitan North Region again exhibited the highest rate in the State. Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease in Handling Stolen Goods offences

while Northern Region recorded the largest increase. North Coast and Central Regions both exhibited the lowest rate in the State.

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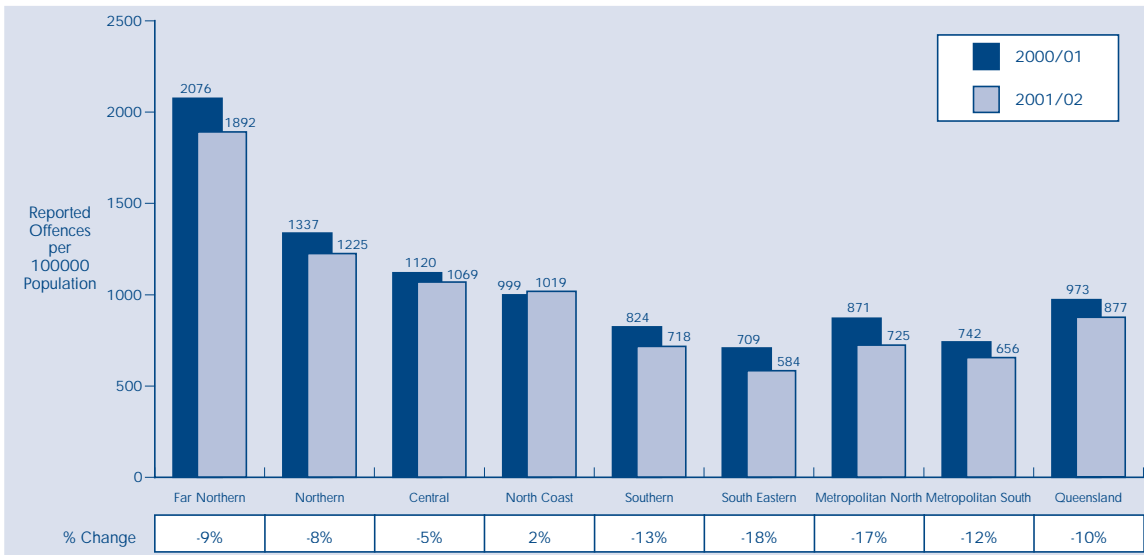
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2001/02 was no exception. In fact, for the fourth consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate. Similarly, Metro-

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

Drug Offences*



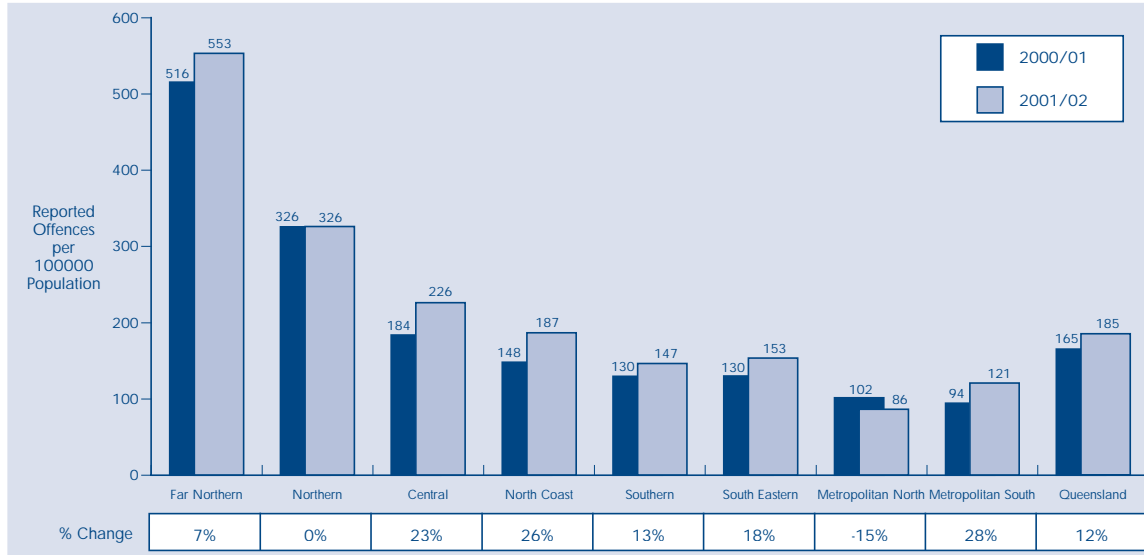
Seven of the eight regions recorded sizeable decreases in Drug Offences of which South Eastern and Metropolitan North were the largest. Only one of the regions, North Coast, experienced an increase and the increase

was small (2%). Typically, Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate. Similarly, South Eastern Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State.

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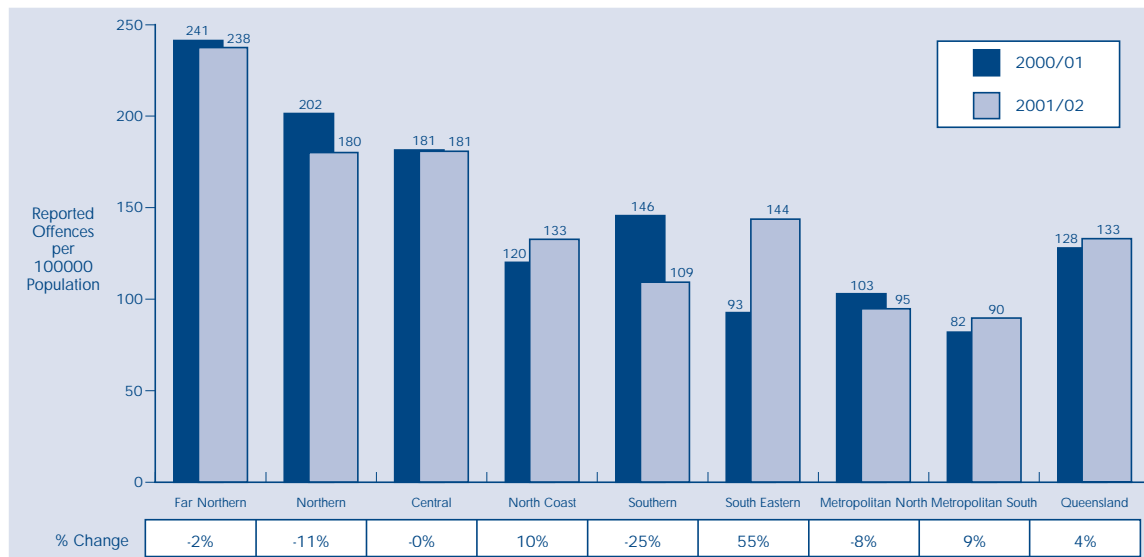
Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders*



As is typical, 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 Brisbane metropolitan regions recorded

the lowest rates. While Northern Region actually experienced no change from the rate reported in the previous year, Metropolitan South recorded the largest increase.

Weapons Act Offences*



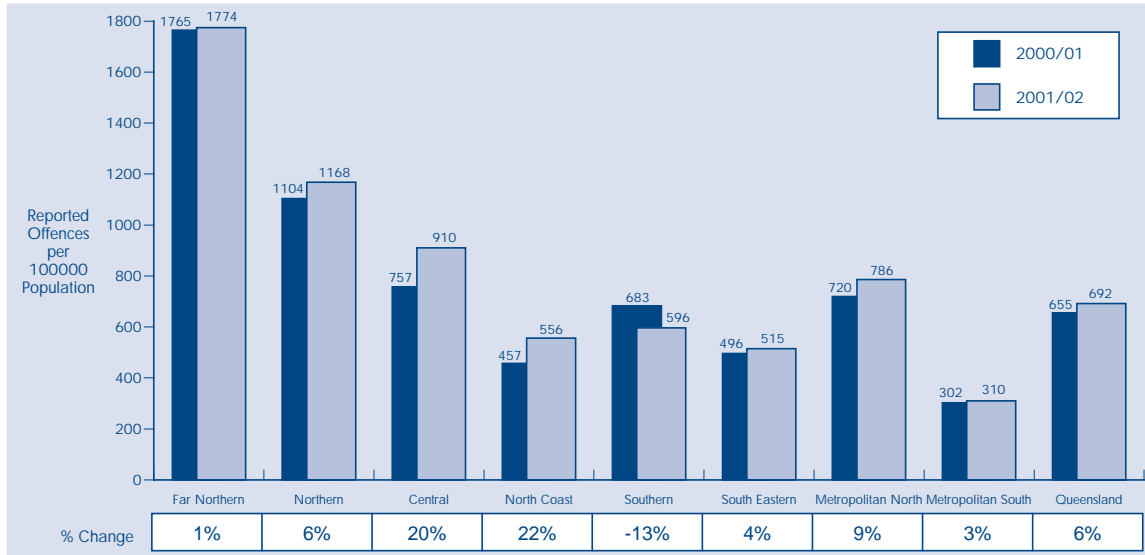
Five of the eight regions recorded a decrease in Weapons Act Offences, the largest of which was a 25% reduction in Southern Region. South Eastern Region recorded a substantive increase (55%) making it the

largest increase seen in the State. The lowest rate of offences occurred in Metropolitan South while the highest rate occurred Far Northern Region.

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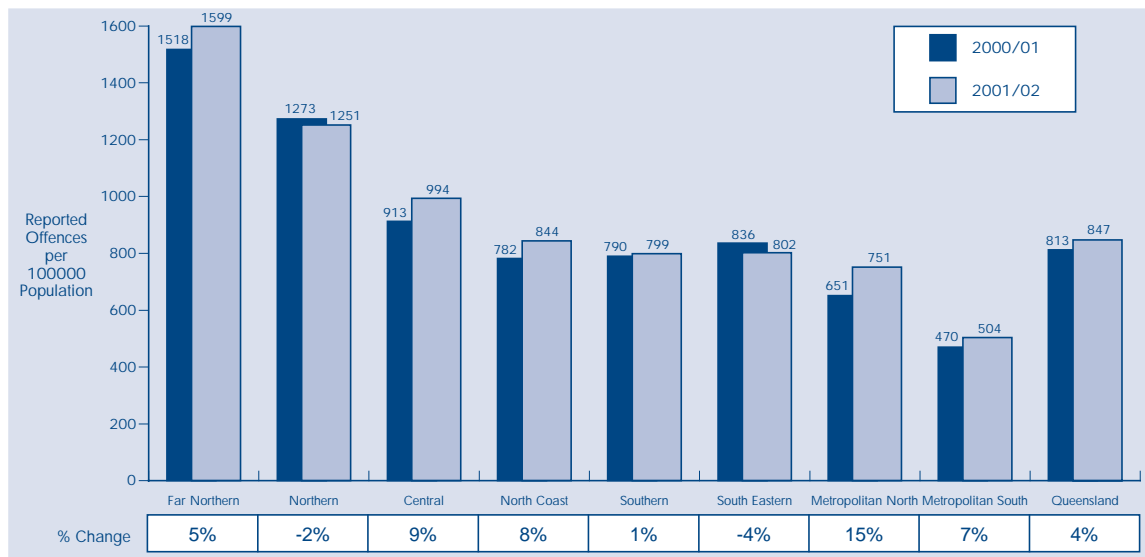
Good Order Offences*



There were large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions for both the 2000/01 and the 2001/02 financial years. Metropolitan South Region experienced the lowest rate at 310 offences per

100,000 persons while Far Northern Region reported the largest rate at 1,774 (over five times that of the rate seen in Metropolitan South. Central and North Coast both recorded sizeable increases.

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, increased in six of the eight regions. The northern regions again reported the highest rates of Traffic Offences while the Brisbane

Metropolitan Regions again reported the lowest rates. The largest increase occurred in Metropolitan North Region while South Eastern recorded the largest decrease.

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