

Regional Comparisons

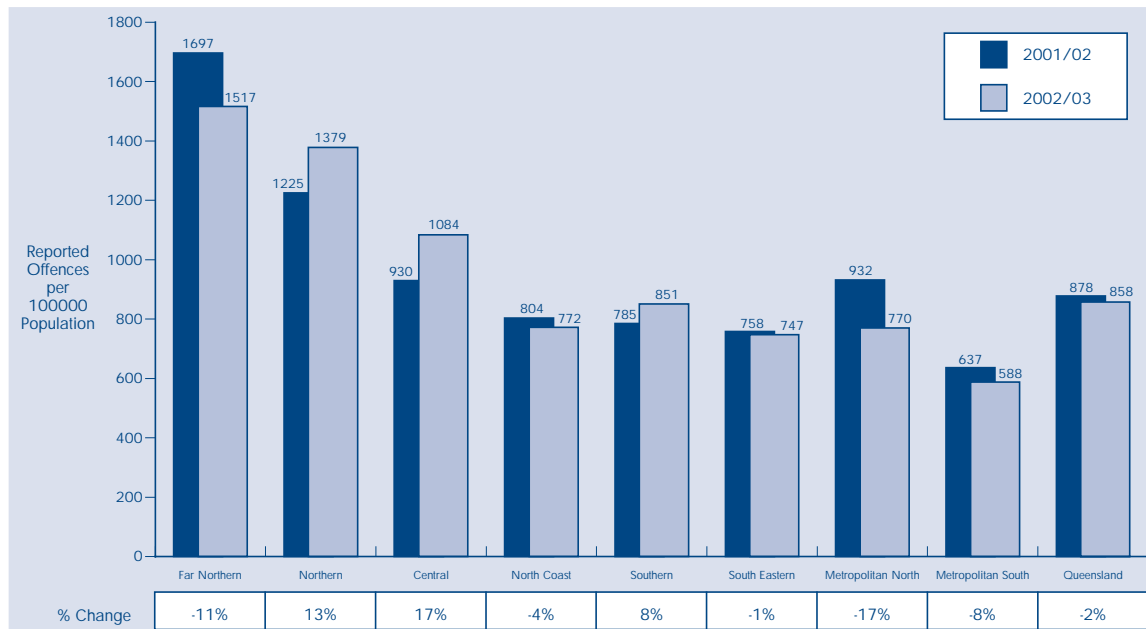
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100,000 population from the 2001/02 to the 2002/03 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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 rather 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.

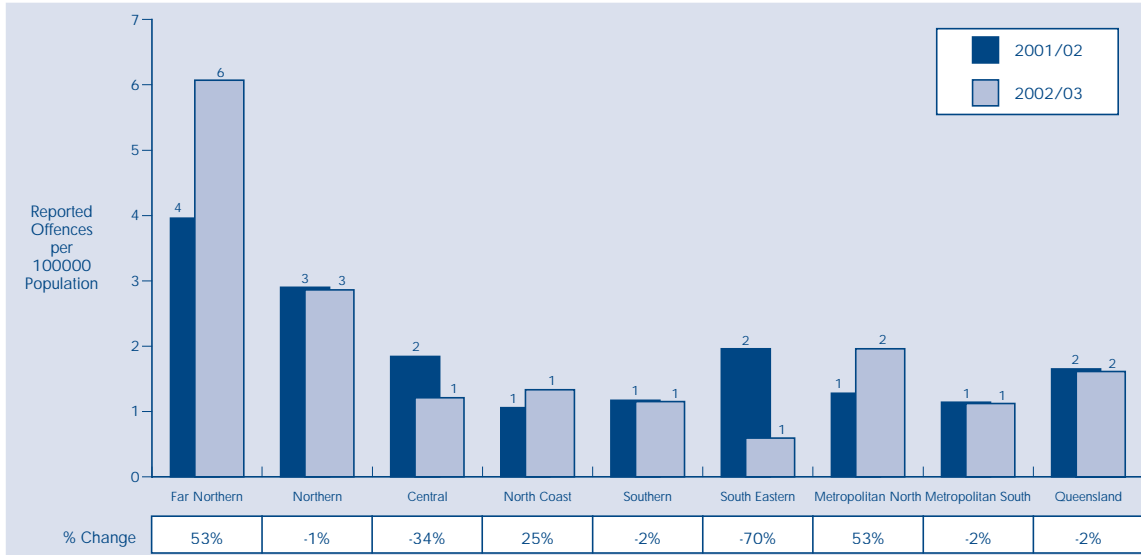
Offences Against the Person*



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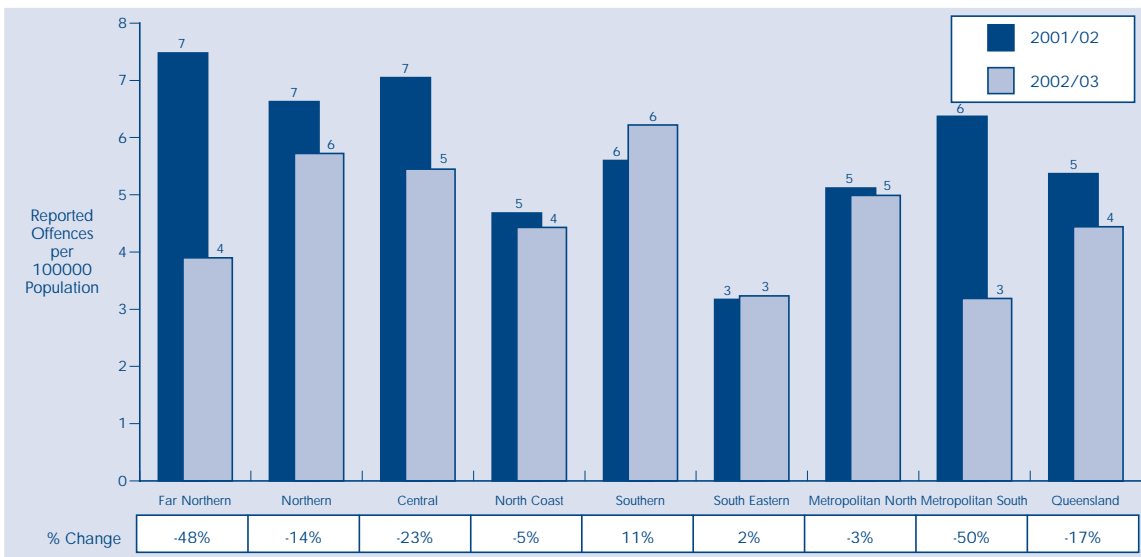
*Homicide(Murder)**



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 2002/03 was no exception. South Eastern Region experienced the lowest rate.

*Other Homicide**



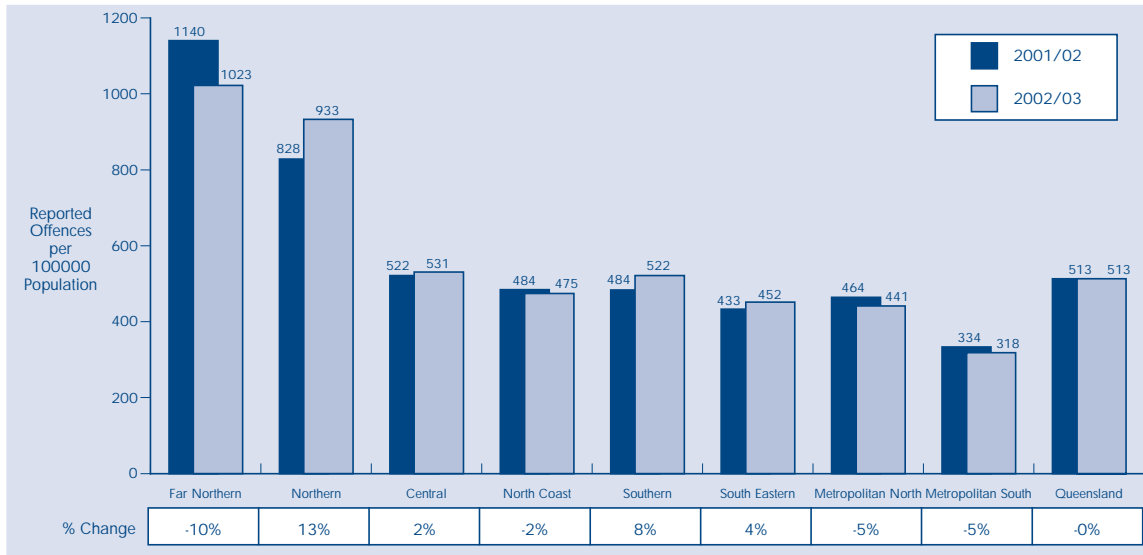
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide, caution should be exercised when using

percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2002/03 Southern Region recorded the highest rate while South Eastern and Metropolitan South Regions recorded the lowest.

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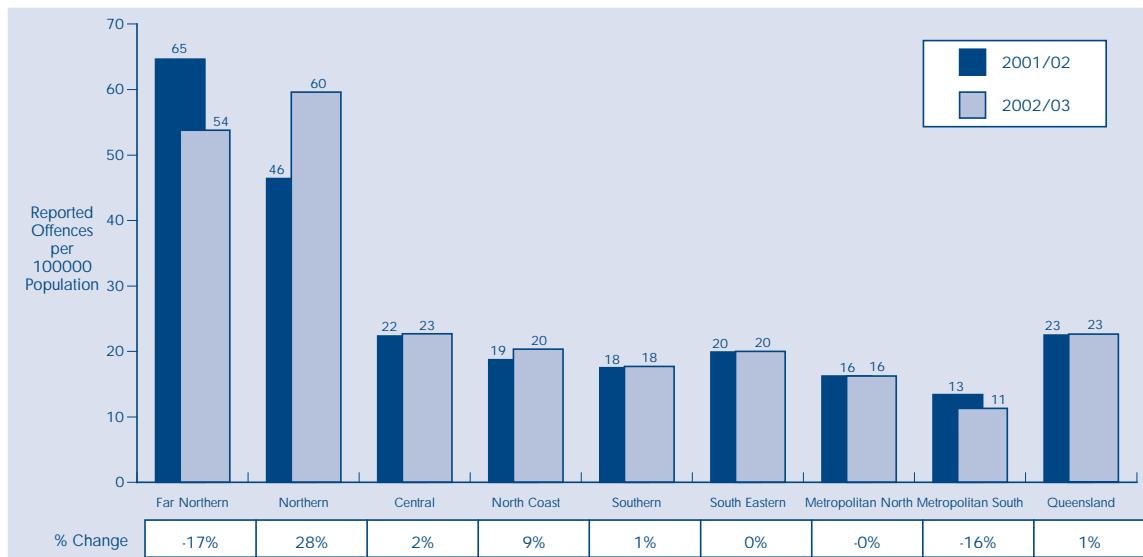
Assault*



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

regions, all of which experienced similar Assault rates in 2002/03. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate while Northern Region experienced the largest increase.

Grievous Assault*†



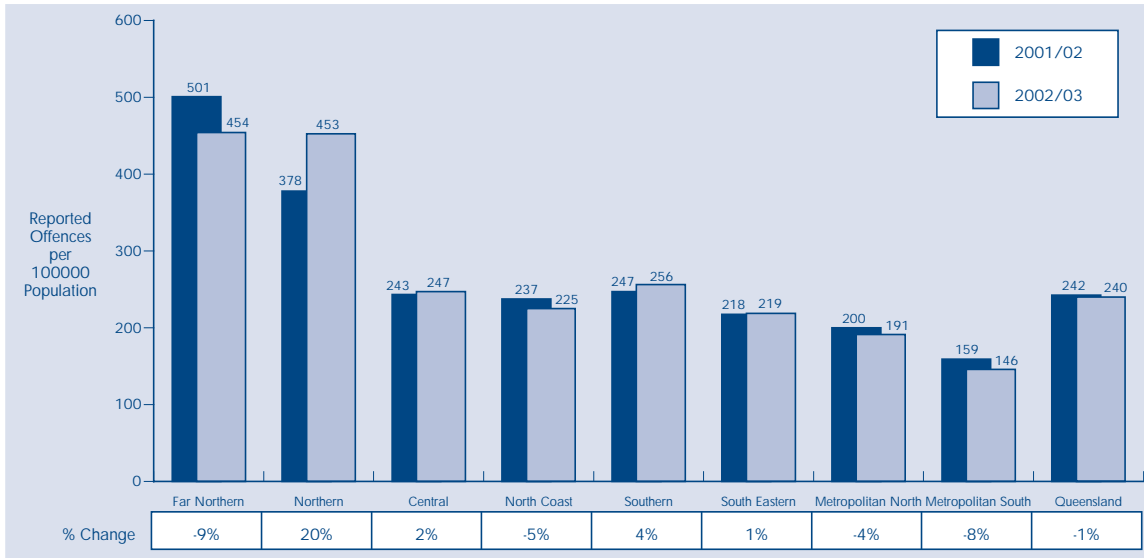
Grievous Assault is presented as a separate sub-category of Assault for the first time in the current publication. It should be noted that this is a low-volume offence category and, as such, is subject to

marked fluctuations from one year to the next. Northern Region recorded the largest increase which resulted in the region also recording the highest rate in the State.

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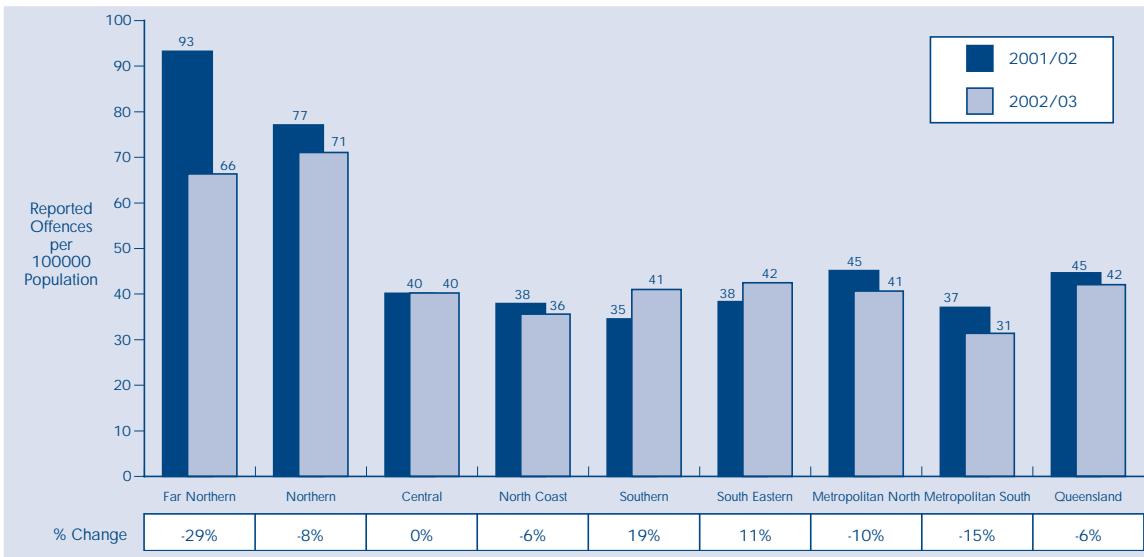
Serious Assault*+



The offences included in this sub-category have changed from that reported in previous publications. The largest decrease occurred in Far Northern Region while the largest increase occurred in Northern Region.

The result was a similar rate recorded for both regions and both have the highest rate in the State. Metropolitan South Region continues to record the lowest rate in the State.

Serious Assault (Other)*+



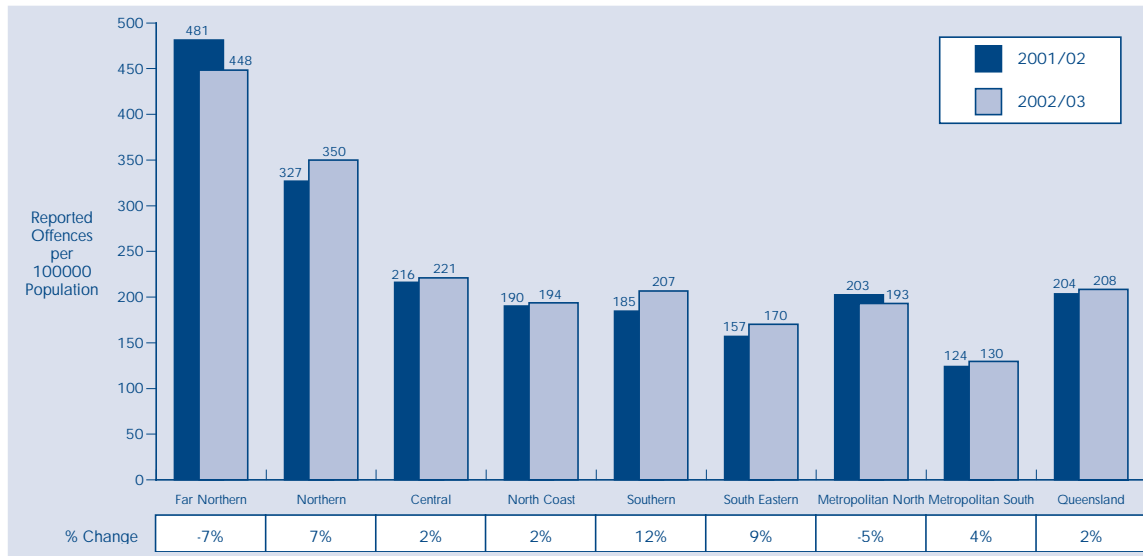
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rate of offences despite the fact that Far Northern Region recorded the largest decrease from 2001/02 to 2002/03. Southern Region experienced

the largest increase in the rate of offences while Metropolitan South experienced the lowest rate in the State following a sizeable decrease.

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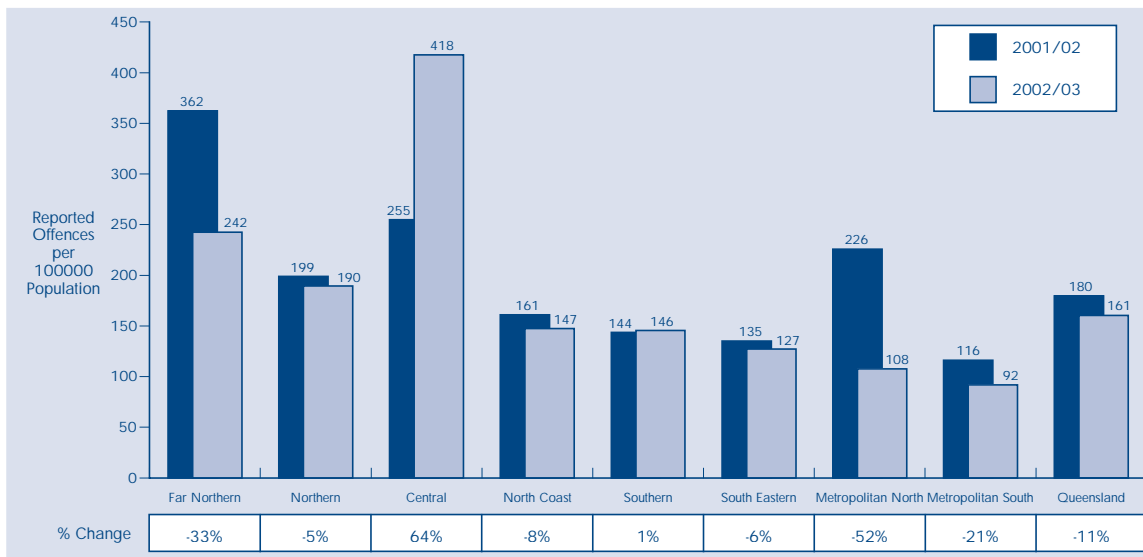
Common Assault*+



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Common Assault rates in the State. Southern Region experienced the largest increase while Far Northern Region experienced the largest decrease. Metropolitan

South Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State. All regions other than the two northern regions recorded similar rates of Common Assault.

Sexual Offences*



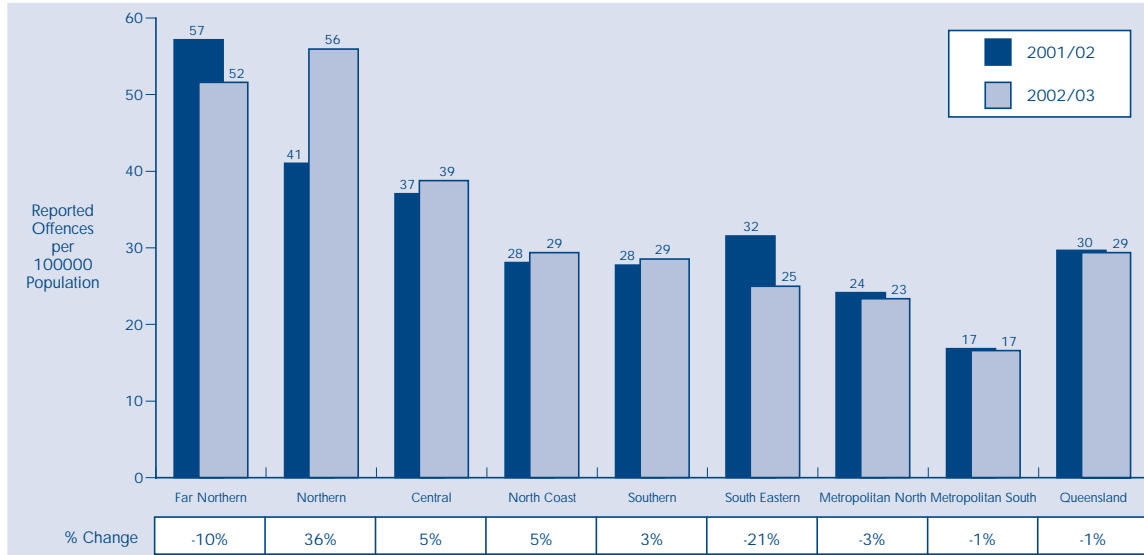
Four offenders charged with over 760 offences in Central Region resulted in the substantial increase in Sexual Offences for this region. The reduction of offences in Far Northern Region was the result of one

offender charged with over 180 offences in 2001/02. Despite the large increase in Central Region, the State still recorded a decrease.

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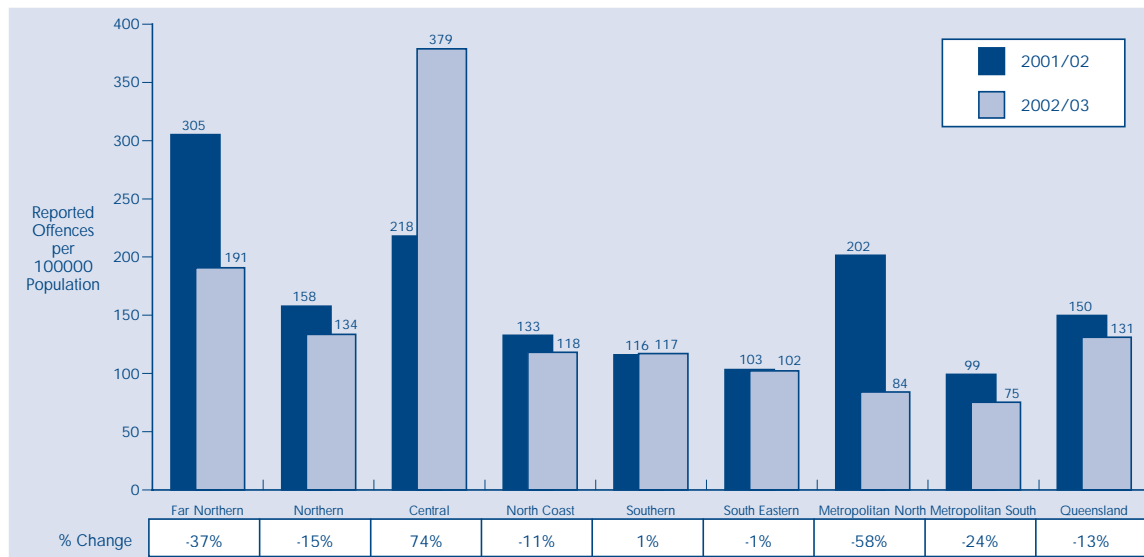
Rape and Attempted Rape*



Half of the regions recorded an increase in Rapes, the largest of which was a 36% increase in Northern Region. The remaining half recorded a decrease with South Eastern Region experiencing the largest.

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

Other Sexual Offences*



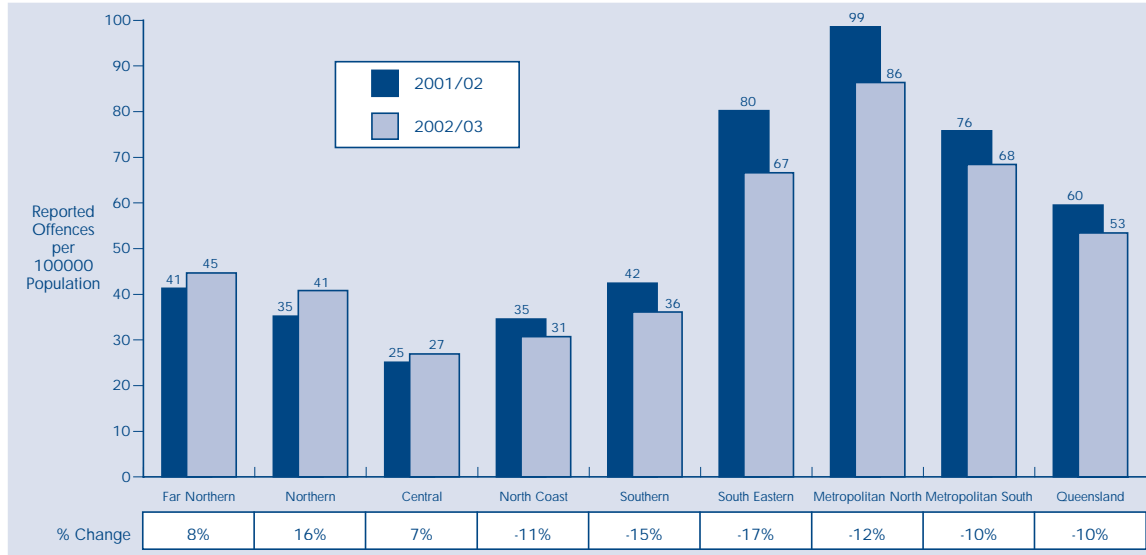
The substantive increase seen in Central Region was the result of over 760 offences preferred against four offenders. The majority of offences were Indecent Treatment of Children. Most regions recorded a

decrease in this offence type, the largest of which was a 37% decrease in Far Northern Region (although this was due to a large number of offences recorded in the region during 2001/02).

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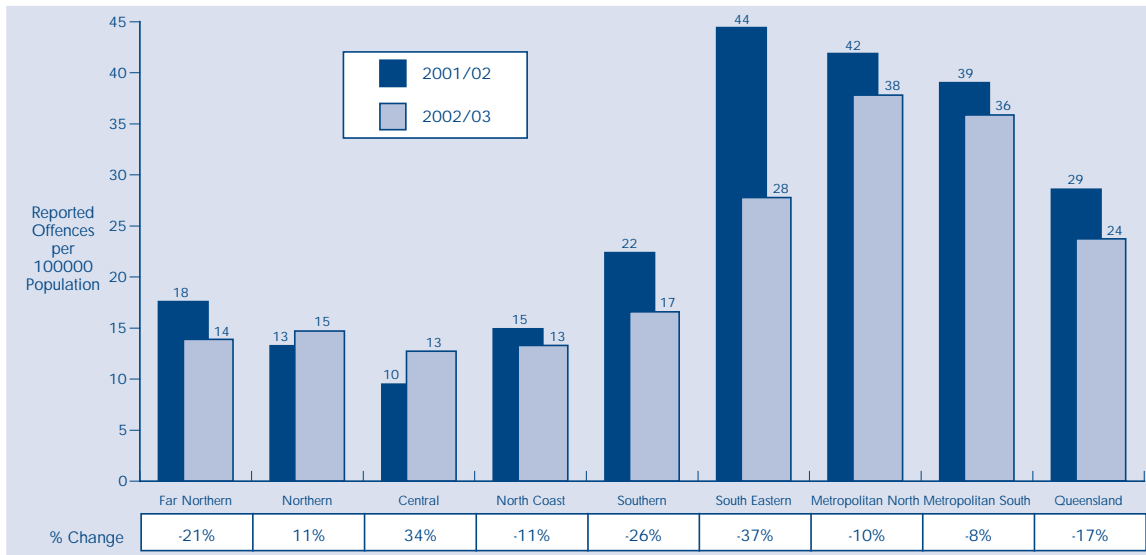
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically experiences the highest rates of Robbery and 2002/03 was no exception. The southern regions all experienced decreases of which the largest was recorded in South

Eastern Region. The highest increase was seen in Northern Region while the lowest rate again occurred in Central Region.

Armed Robbery*



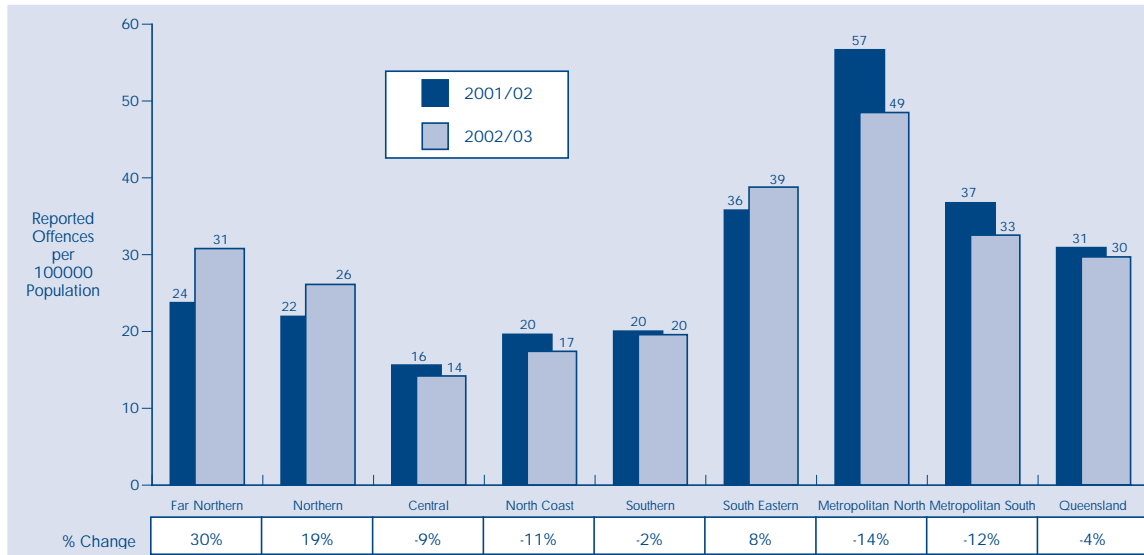
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State, although the southern regions all recorded substantive decreases. In fact, only two regions experienced

increases in Armed Robbery. Despite recording the largest increase in offences, Central Region still experienced the lowest rate in the State.

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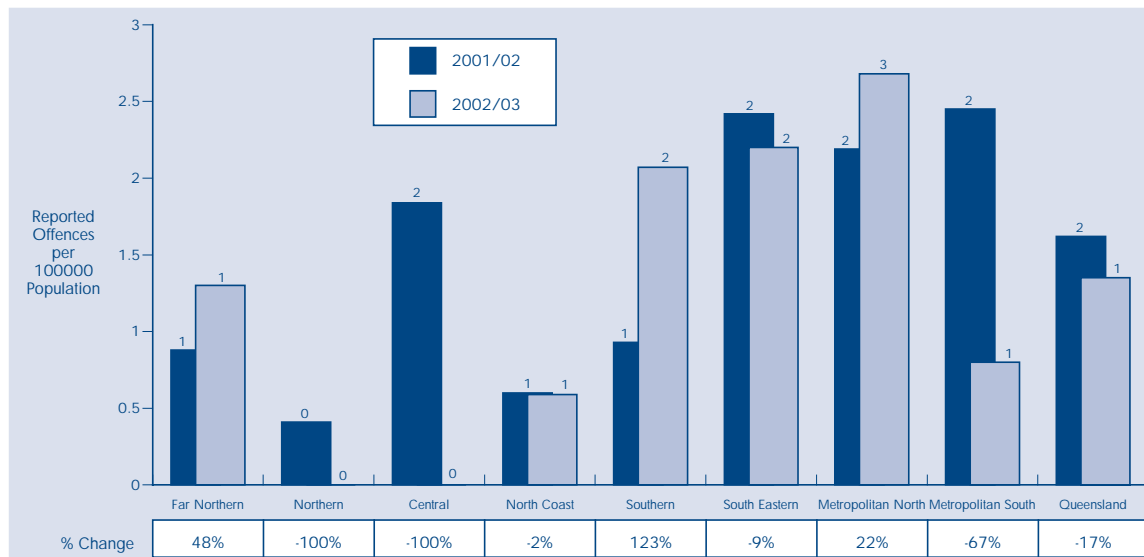
Unarmed Robbery*



Five of the eight regions experienced decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 14% decrease in Metropolitan North Region. Both the northern regions recorded substantive increases.

Despite the decrease, Metropolitan North still recorded the highest rate in the State while Central Region continues to record the lowest rate.

Extortion*



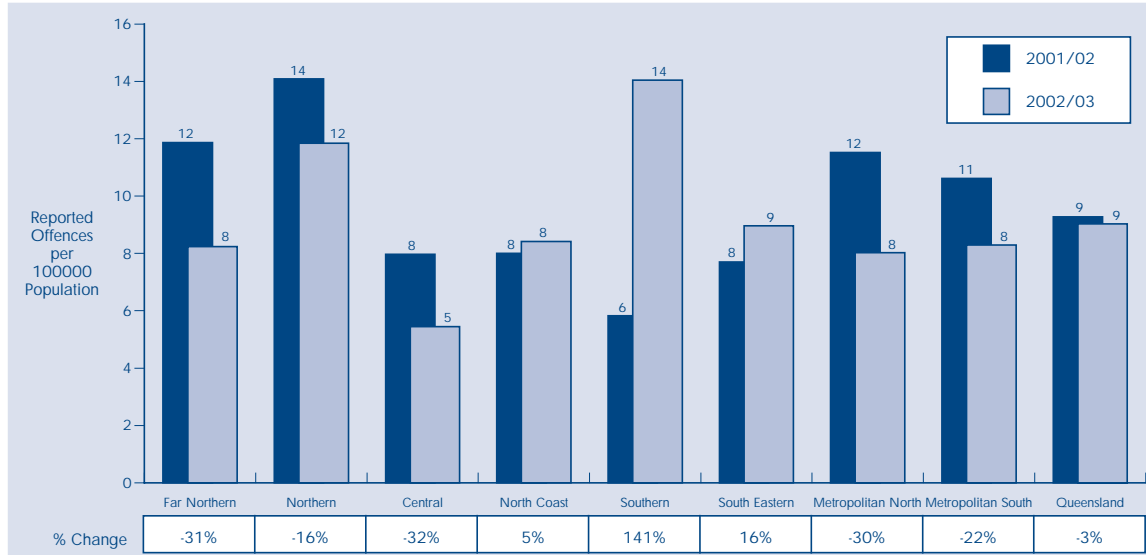
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. In 2002/03, five regions recorded decreases with two recording no

offences at all. Metropolitan North Region experienced the highest rate. Note: caution should be exercised when using percentage changes as a measure of change.

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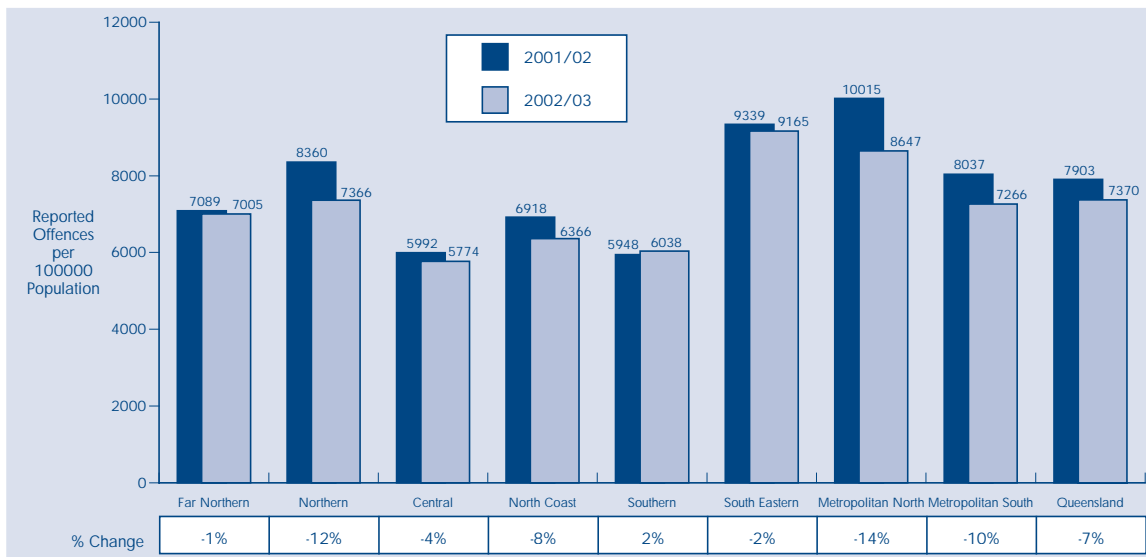
*Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.**



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 Southern Region while the lowest occurred in Central Region.

*Offences Against Property**



The south-east corner traditionally experiences higher rates of property offences and 2002/03 was no exception. All regions except Southern (which recorded a 2% increase) experienced decreases in total property

offences, the largest of which was a 14% decrease in Metropolitan North Region. The highest rate occurred in South Eastern Region while the lowest rate occurred in Central Region.

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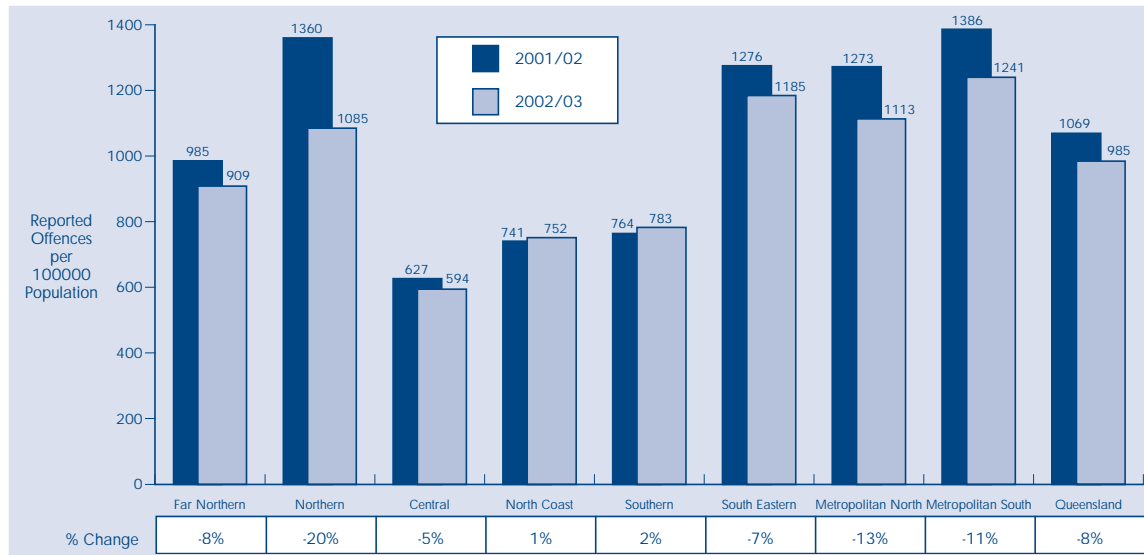
Unlawful Entry With Intent*



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

Region experienced the highest rate in the State, this region also recorded the largest decrease. The lowest rate occurred in Central Region.

Unlawful Entry - Dwellings*



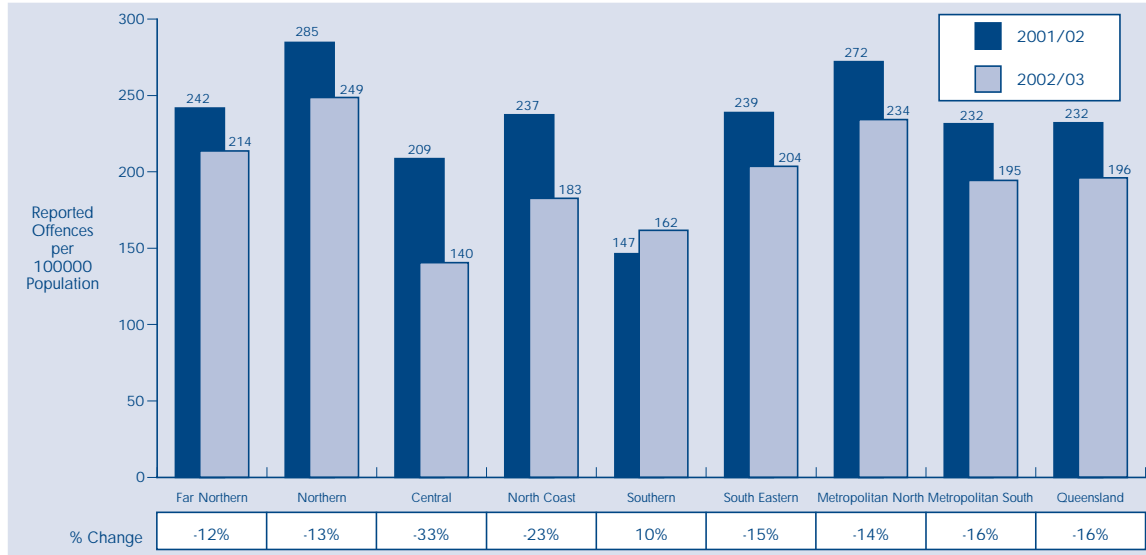
Six of the eight regions recorded decreases in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Dwelling offences, the largest of which was a 20% decrease in Northern Region. The lowest rate in the State again occurred in Central Region

while the highest rate was experienced by Metropolitan South Region. Only two regions experienced increases although both were small.

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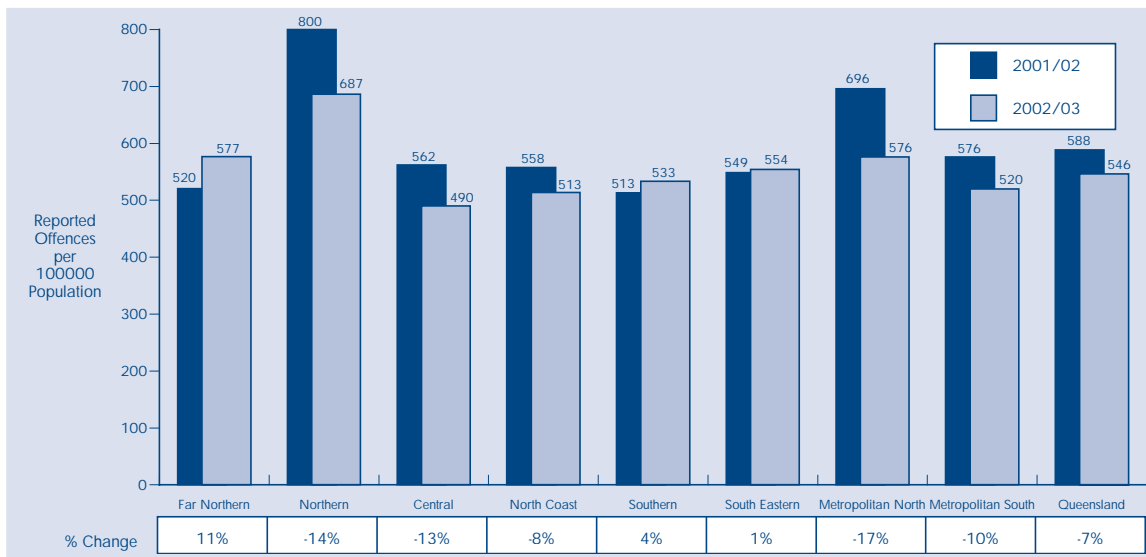
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



All regions except Southern (which recorded a 10% increase) reported decreases in Unlawful Entry of Shops. The largest decrease occurred in Central Region and, as a result, this region experienced the lowest rate

in the State. Despite a substantive decrease, Northern Region still recorded the highest rate. Overall, the State recorded a substantive 16% reduction in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Shops.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



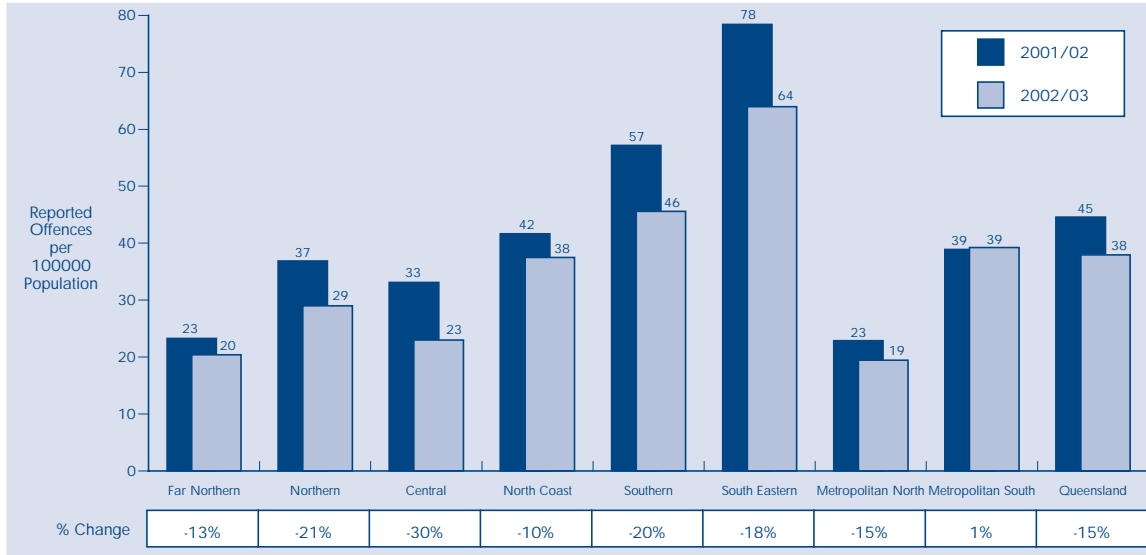
Northern, Central and Metropolitan North Regions all experienced sizeable decreases in Unlawful Entry of Other Premises. In fact, the decrease in Central Region resulted in the region recording the lowest rate in the

State. The highest rate was again recorded in Northern Region despite its sizeable decrease. The largest increase occurred in Far Northern Region.

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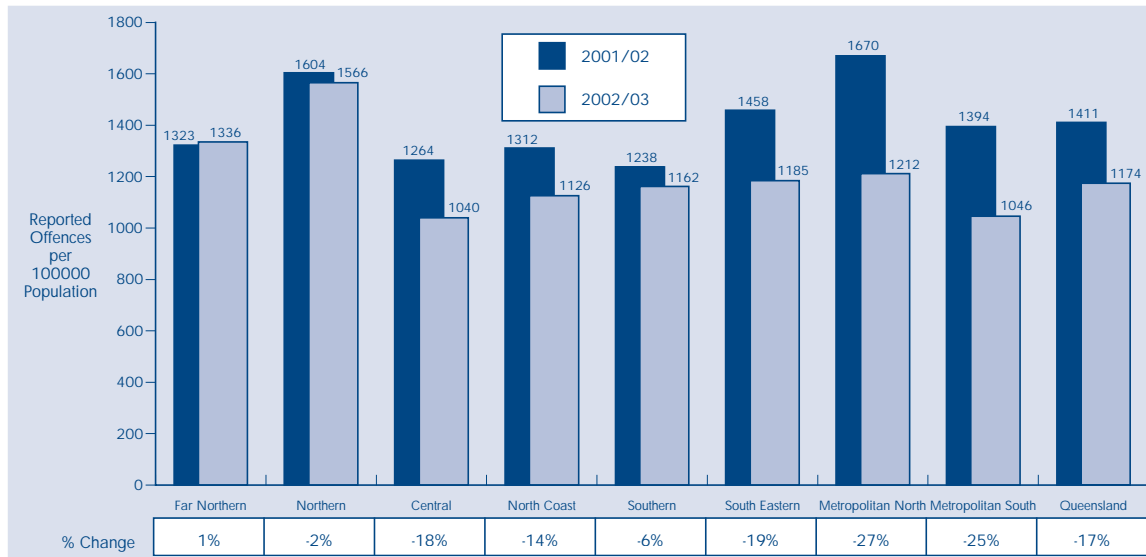
Arson*



All regions except Metropolitan South recorded substantial decreases in the rate of Arson offences. This resulted in a significant decrease for the State as a whole. The largest of these decreases occurred in

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

Other Property Damage*



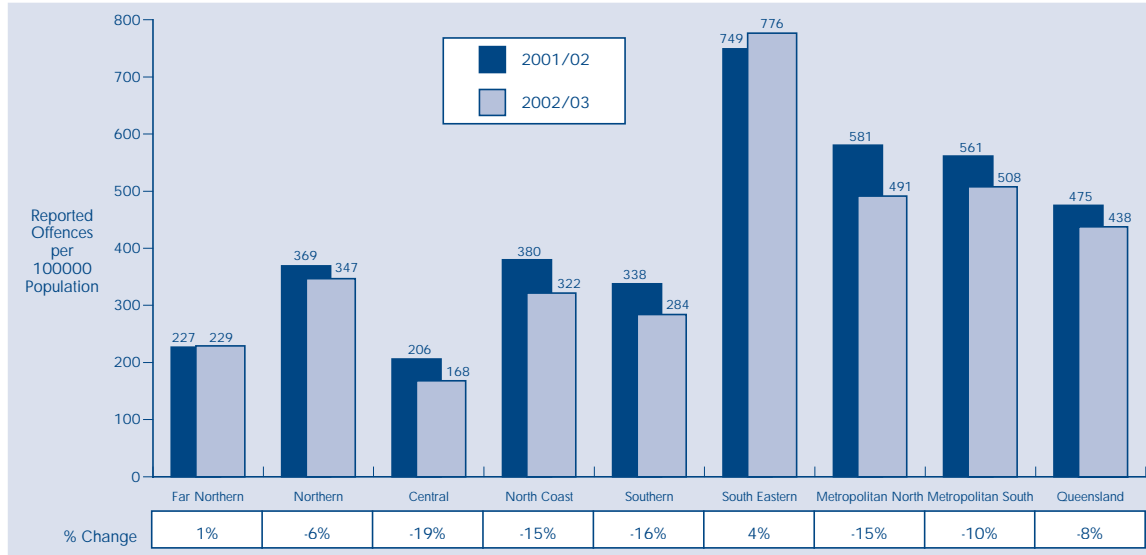
All regions except Far Northern recorded decreases in the rate of Other Property Damage offences, the largest of which was a 27% decrease in Metropolitan North. The increase experienced by Far Northern was slight.

The result was a substantial decrease seen for the State as a whole. The highest rate occurred in Northern Region while the lowest occurred in Central Region.

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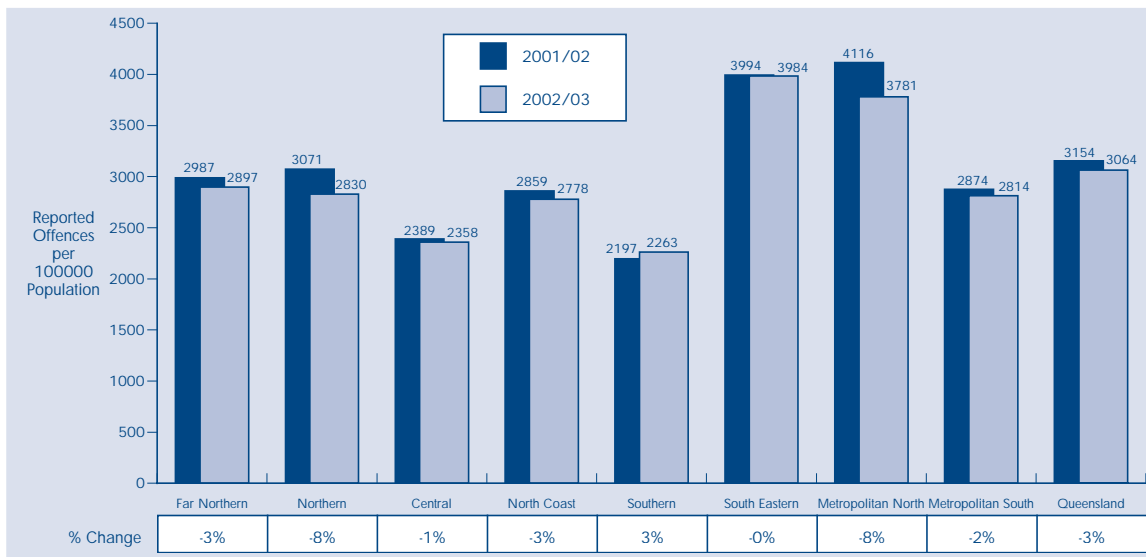
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle*



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the south-east corner of the State and 2002/03 was no exception despite large decreases in the two metropolitan regions. In fact, all regions except

two recorded decreases which resulted in a sizeable decrease for the State as a whole. South Eastern Region again experienced the highest rate in the State while Central again experienced lowest.

Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)*



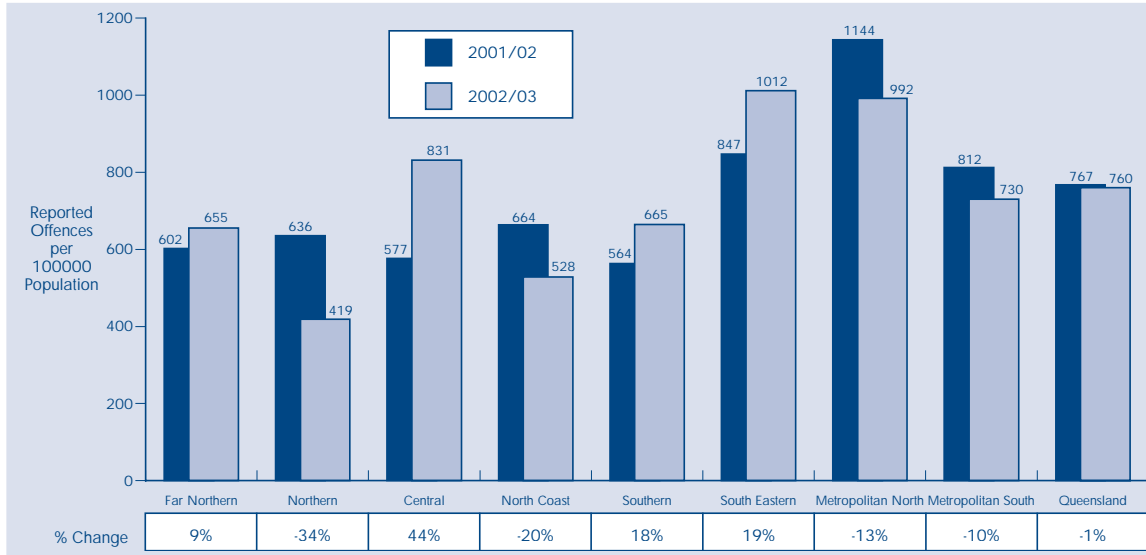
As with previous years, the highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions during 2002/03. Southern Region again

recorded the lowest rate despite also recording the largest increase. Northern and Metropolitan North Regions both recorded the largest decrease at 8%.

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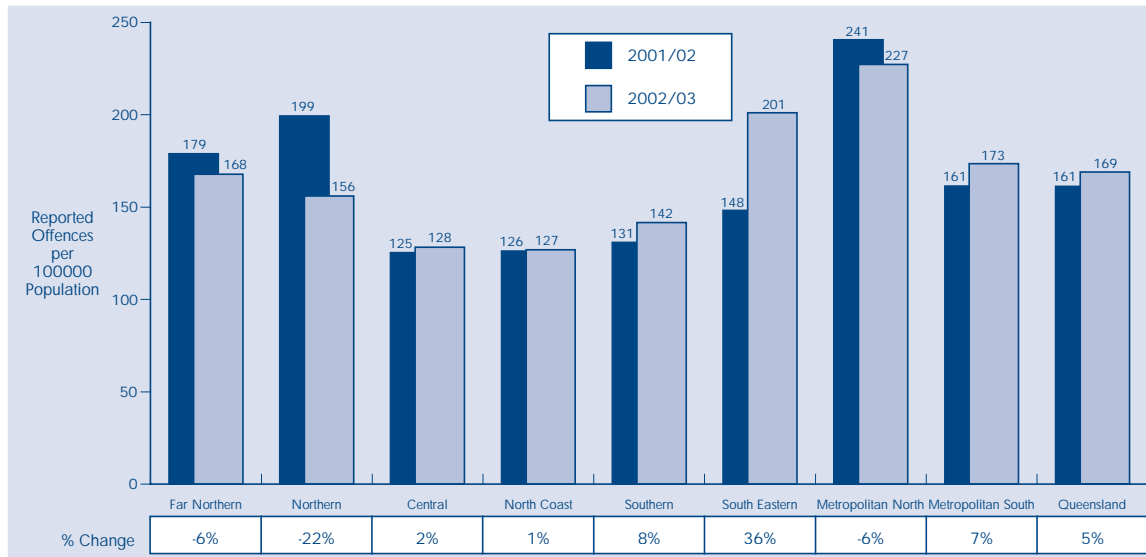
*Fraud**



Despite experiencing a sizeable decrease, Metropolitan North Region still recorded one of the highest rates in the State (along with South Eastern Region).

Northern Region's substantive decrease resulted in the region recording the lowest rate of Fraud in the State.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



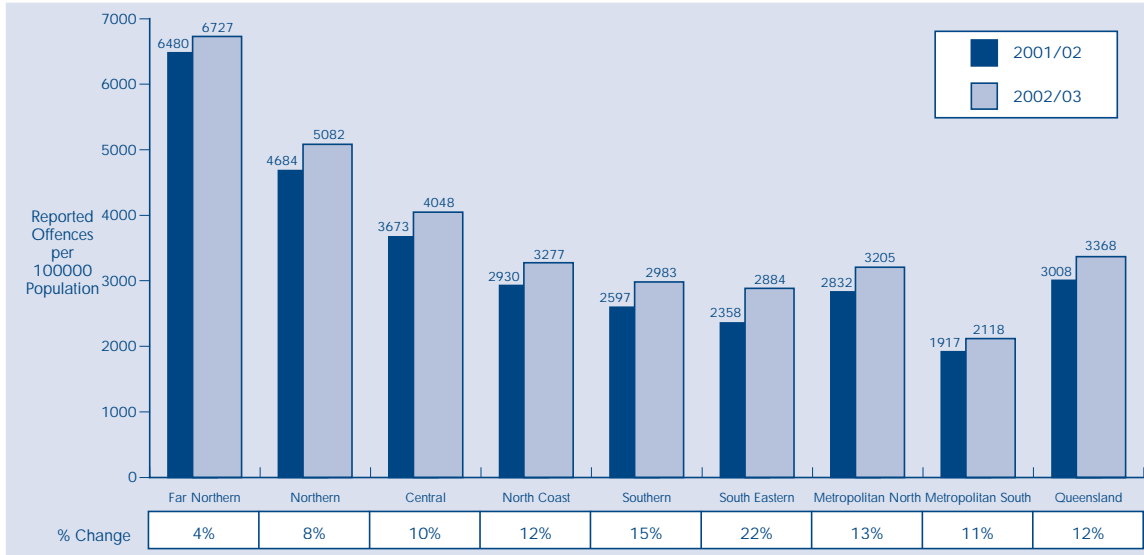
Metropolitan North Region again exhibited the highest rate in the State; North Coast Region recorded the lowest. Northern Region experienced a substantive

decrease in the rate of Handling Stolen Goods offences while South Eastern Region experienced a substantive increase.

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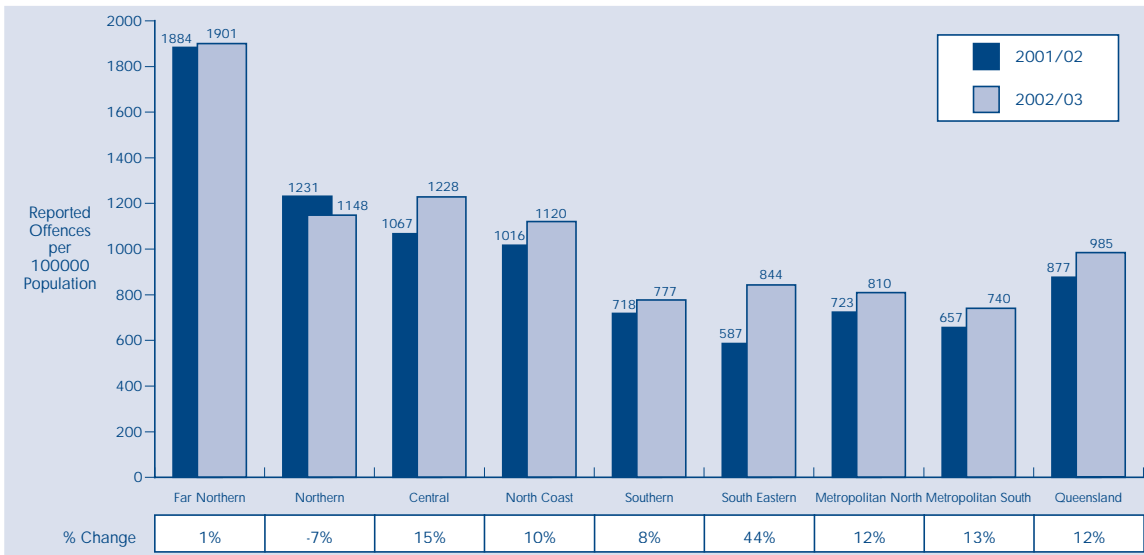
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2002/03 was no exception. In fact, for the fifth consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate. Similarly, Metropolitan

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

Drug Offences*



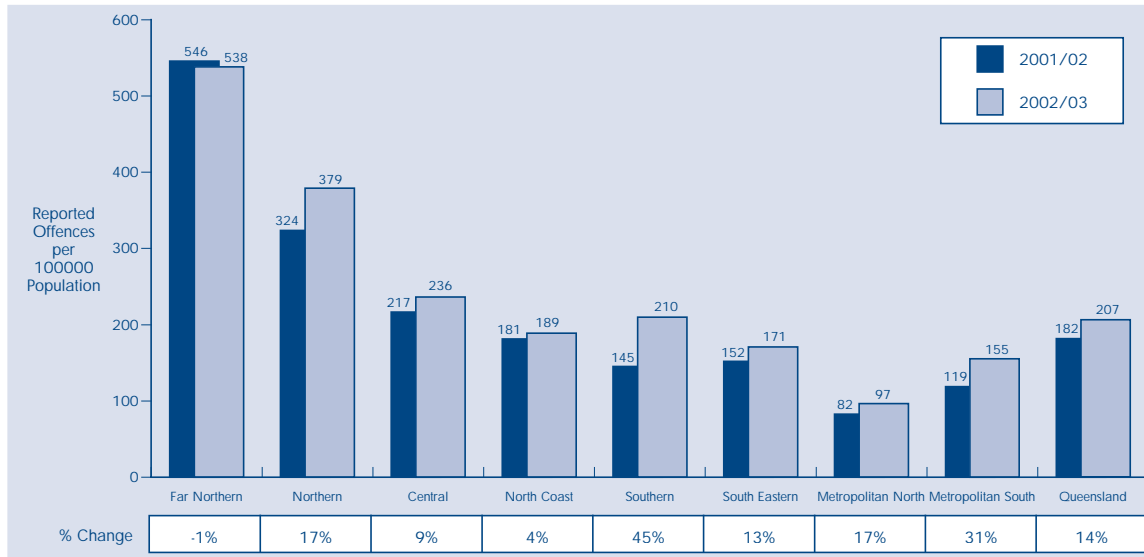
All regions except Northern recorded increases in Drug Offences of which South Eastern's was the largest. Traditionally, Far Northern Region records the highest rate in the State and 2002/03 was no exception.

Despite recording increases, the southern regions all recorded the lowest rates of offences as is also typical for Drug Offences.

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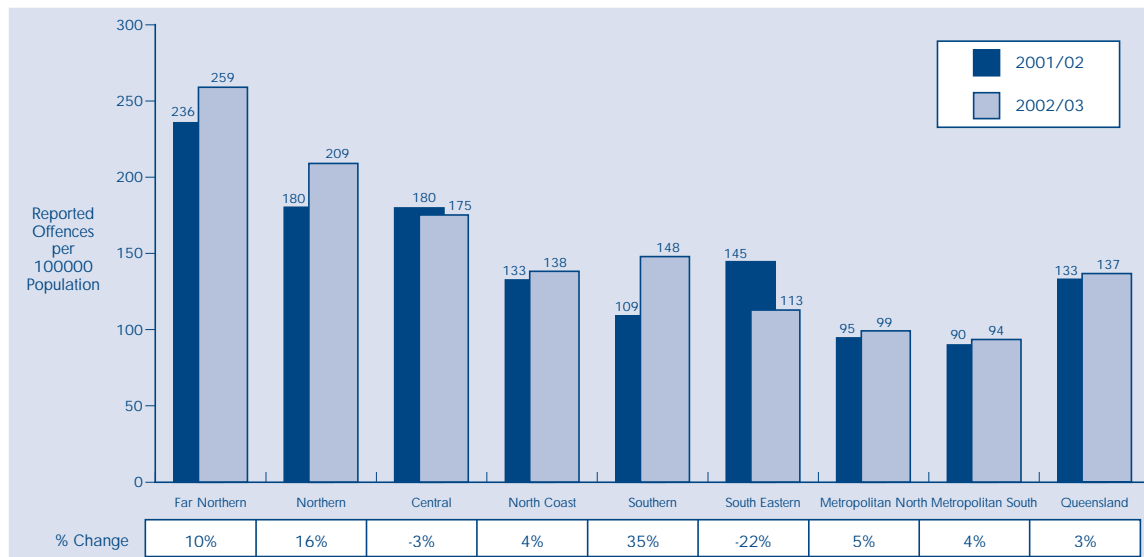
*Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders**



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 Brisbane metropolitan regions

recorded the lowest rates despite recording substantive increases. Far Northern Region was the only region to experience a decrease, although the decrease was small.

*Weapons Act Offences**



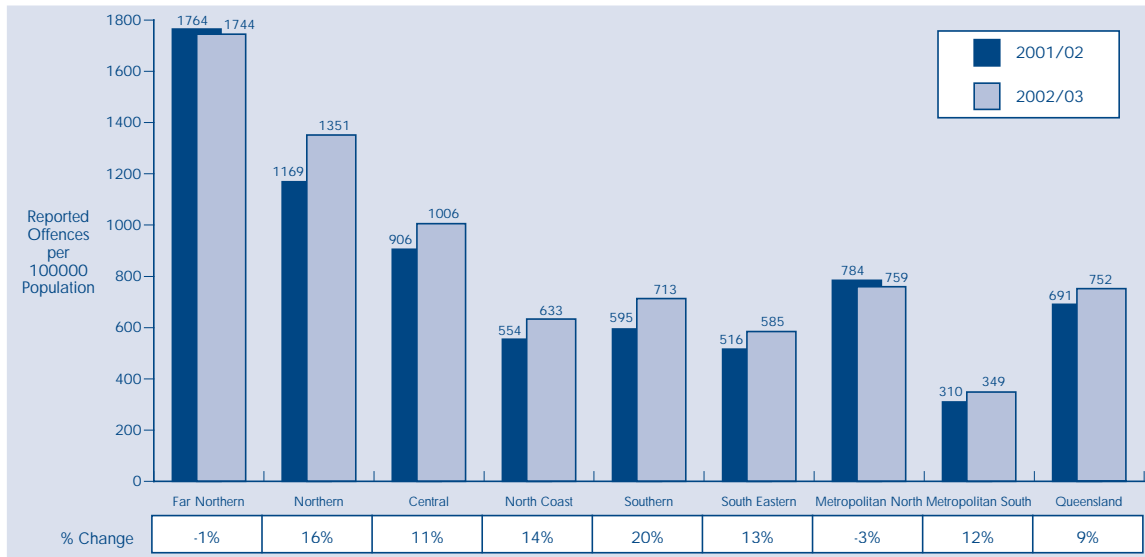
All regions except two (Central and South Eastern) recorded an increase in Weapons Act Offences, the largest of which was a 35% increase in Southern Region. South Eastern Region recorded a substantive

decrease although the metropolitan regions still experienced the lowest rates in the State. The highest rate is traditionally recorded in Far Northern Region and 2002/03 was no exception.

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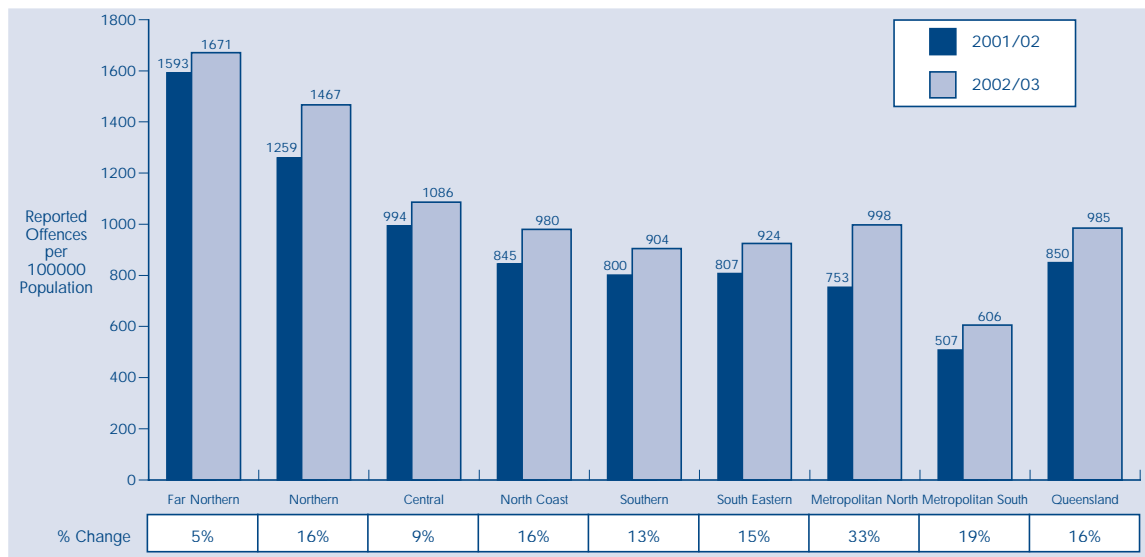
Good Order Offences*



There are usually large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions and 2002/03 was no exception. The lowest rate again occurred in Metropolitan South Region while the highest again occurred in

Far Northern Region. Only two regions recorded decreases, although both were small. The largest increase occurred in Southern Region.

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, increased in all of the eight regions. The northern regions again reported

the highest rates of Traffic Offences while Metropolitan South Region again reported the lowest rate. The largest increase occurred in Metropolitan North Region.

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