

Regional Comparisons

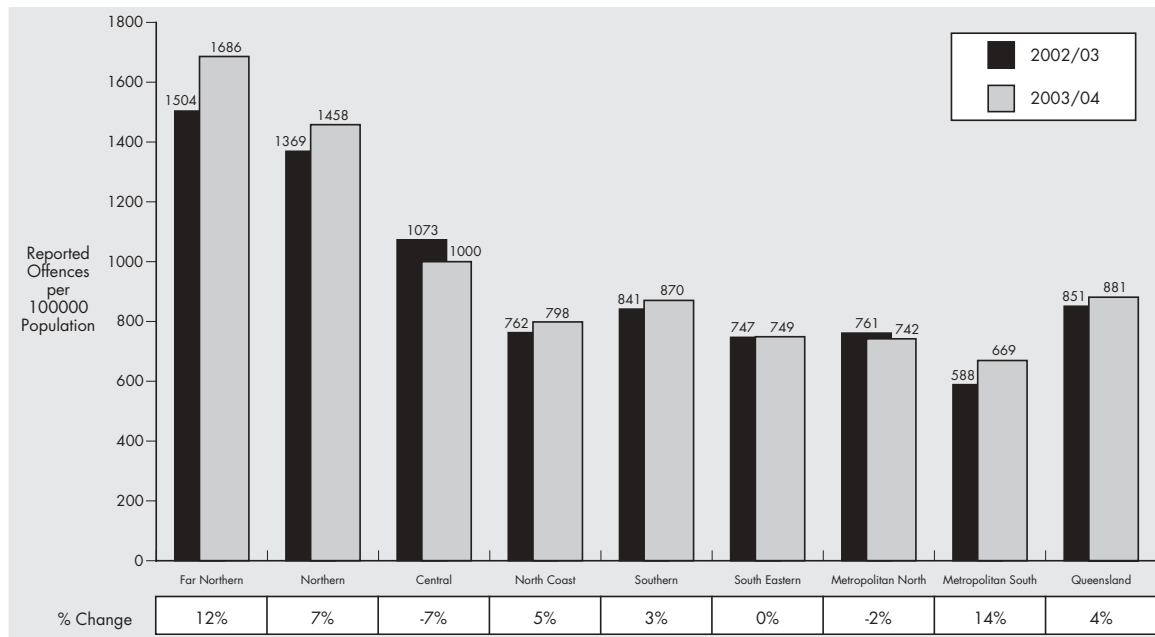
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100,000 population from the 2002/03 to the 2003/04 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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 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.

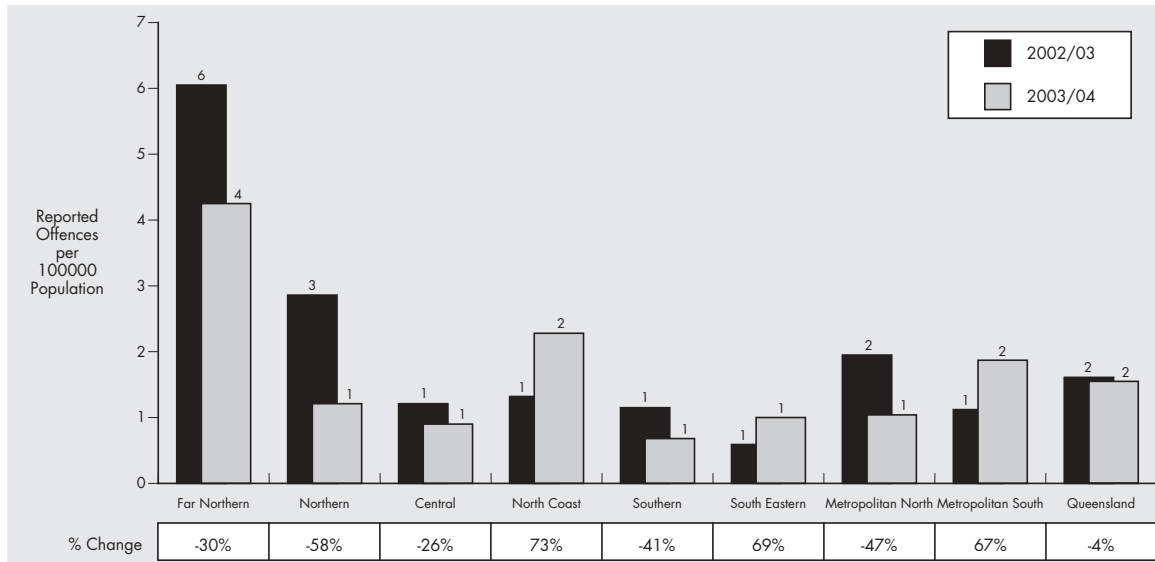
Offences Against the Person*



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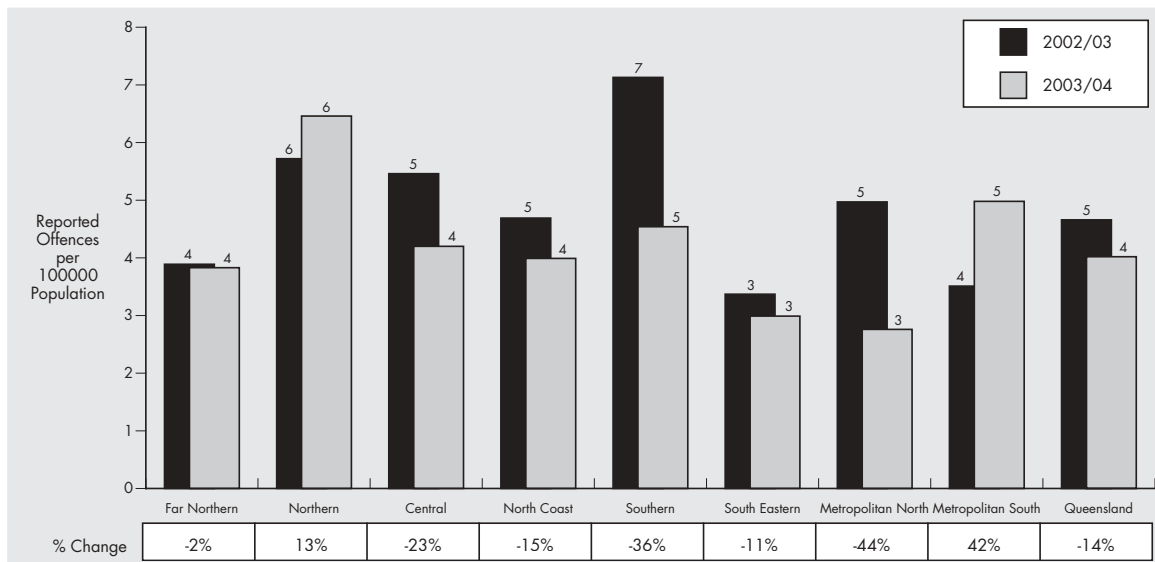
Homicide(Murder)*



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 2003/04 was no exception. Southern Region experienced the lowest rate.

Other Homicide*



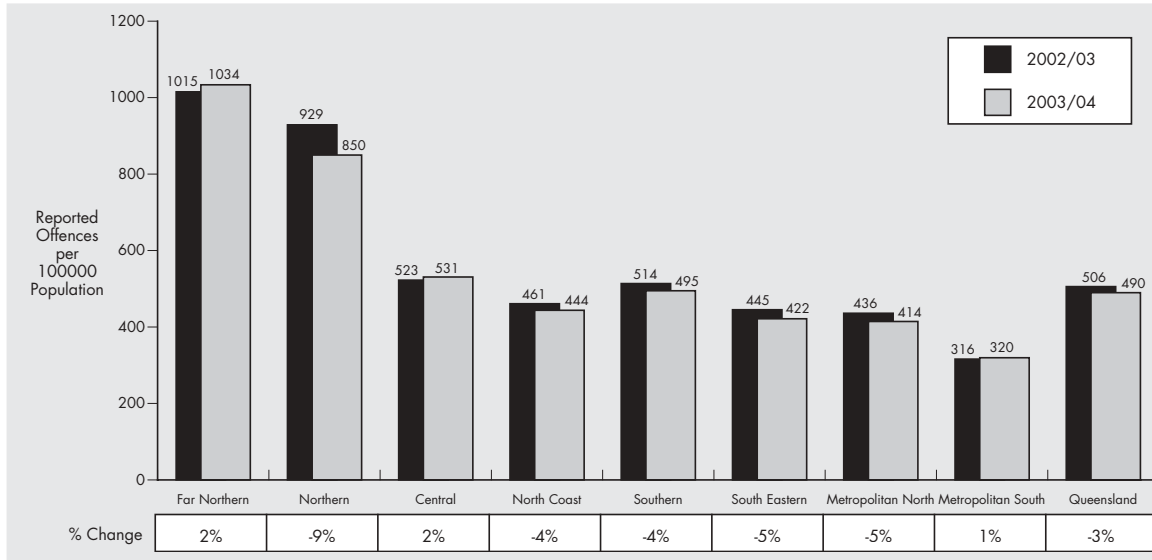
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide, caution should be exercised when using

percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2003/04 Northern Region recorded the highest rate while South Eastern and Metropolitan North Regions recorded the lowest.

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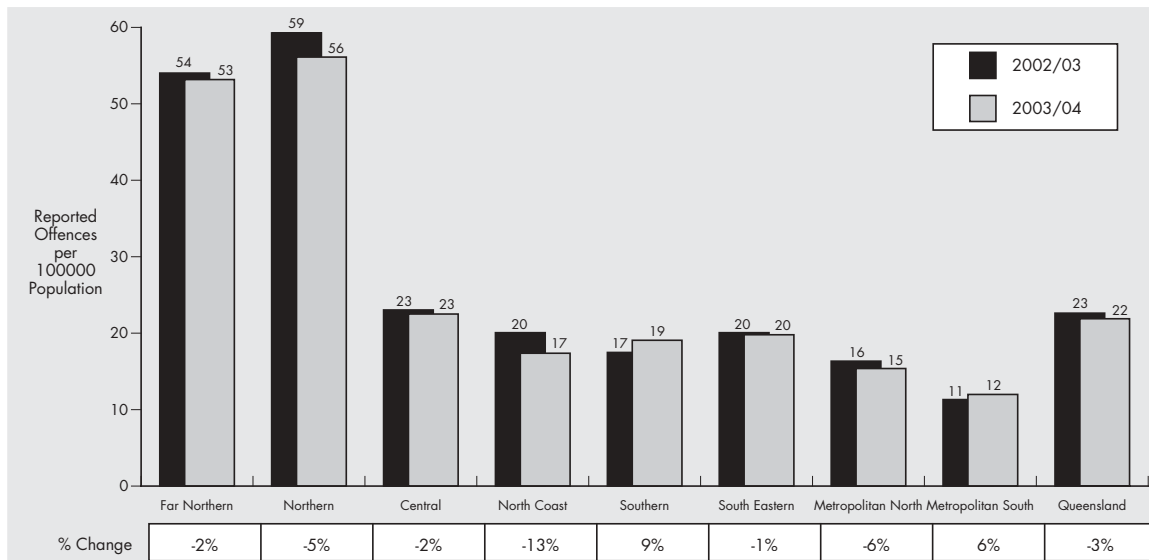
Assault*



Far Northern Region remains the highest in the State for rates of Assault despite experiencing decreases during the preceding years. In fact, both Far Northern and Northern Regions exhibited higher rates than the

remaining regions, all of which experienced similar Assault rates in 2003/04. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate with Northern Region experiencing the largest decrease.

Grievous Assault*



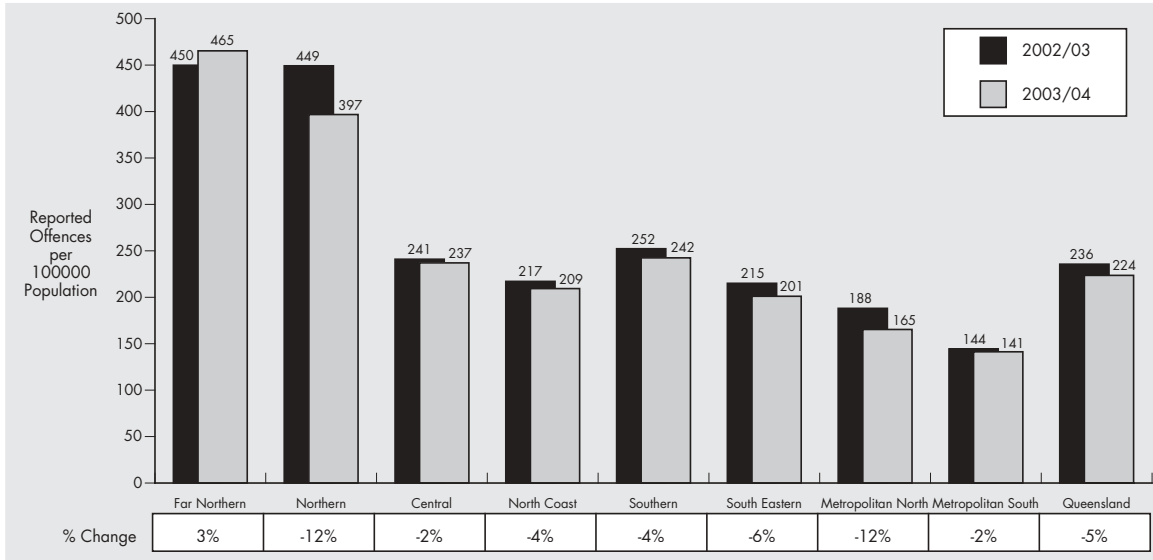
Grievous Assault is presented as a separate sub-category of Assault for the second consecutive year. It should be noted that this is a low-volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations

from one year to the next. Northern Region recorded the highest rate in the State while North Coast Region recorded the largest decrease. Metropolitan South Region exhibited the lowest rate.

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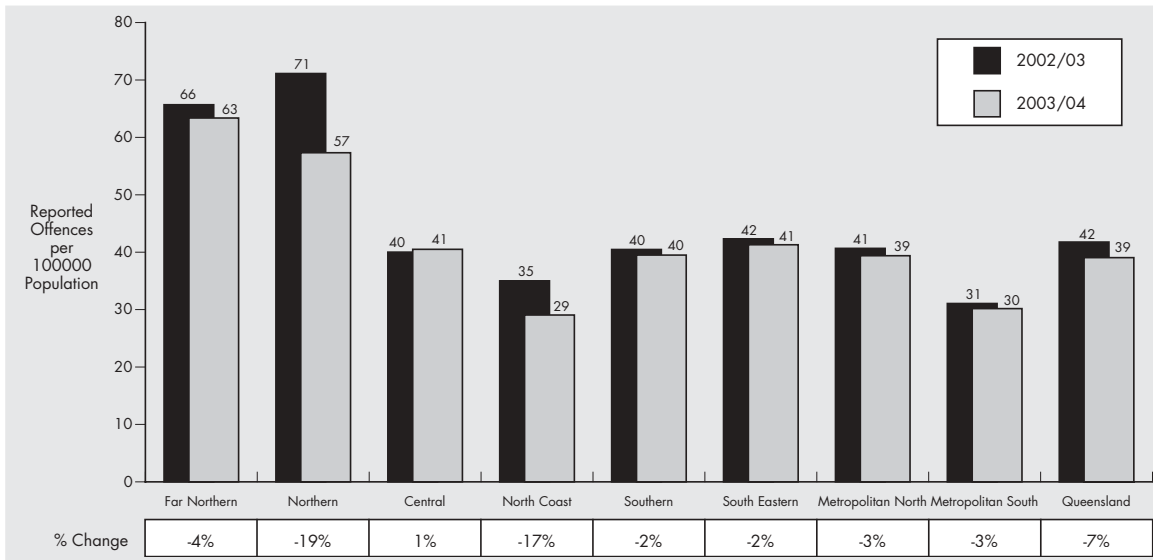
Serious Assault*



The offences included in this sub-category have changed from that reported in previous publications. The largest decrease occurred in the Northern and Metropolitan North Regions, while the largest increase

occurred in Far Northern Region. Northern and Far Northern Regions have the highest rates in the State. Metropolitan South Region continues to record the lowest rate in the State.

Serious Assault (Other)*



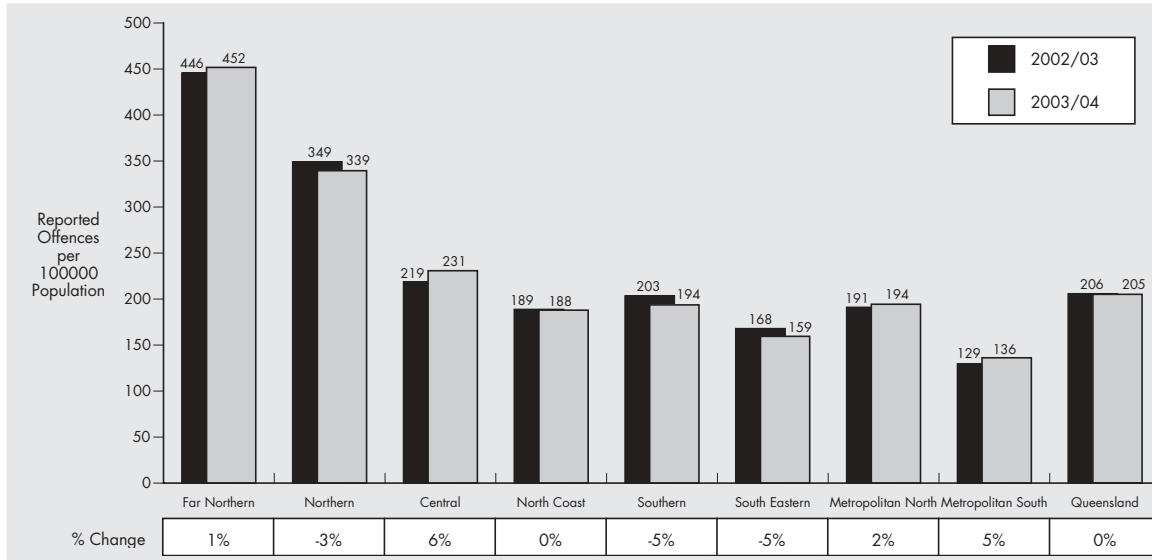
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rate of offences despite the fact that Northern Region recorded the largest decrease from 2002/03 to 2003/04. Central was the only Region which experi-

enced an increase in the rate of offences this year while North Coast experienced the lowest rate in the State following a sizeable decrease of 17%.

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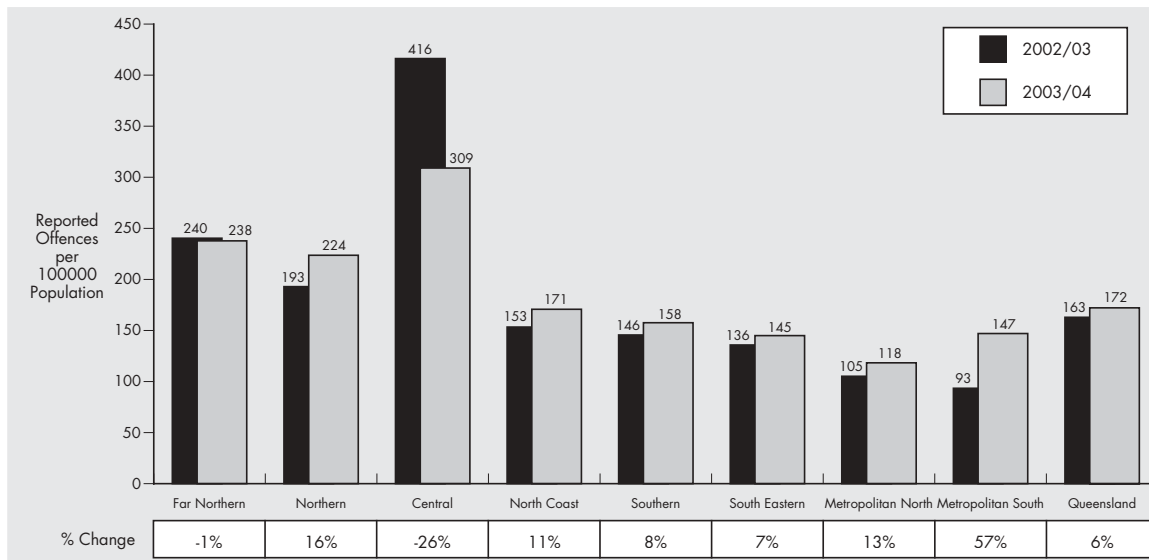
Common Assault*



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Common Assault rates in the State. Central Region experienced the largest increase while Southern and South Eastern Regions experienced the largest de-

creases. Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate in the State. All regions other than the two northern regions and Central Region recorded similar rates of Common Assault as with the previous year.

Sexual Offences*



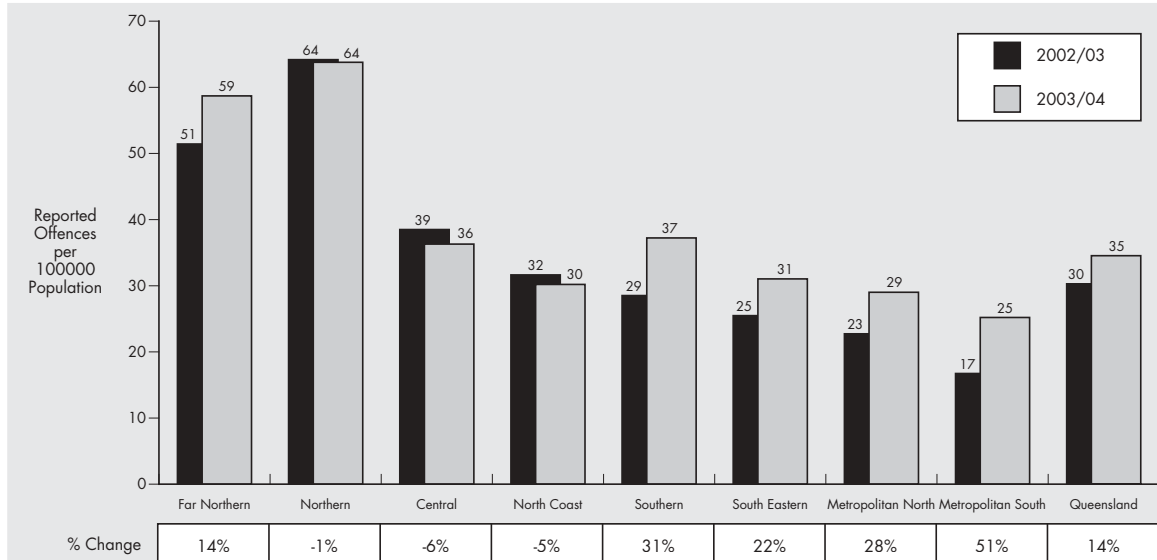
Central Region exhibited a substantial decrease in Sexual Offences in 2003/04. The 26% reduction of offences was the result of four offenders being charged with over 760 offences the previous year. Despite the

large decrease in Central Region, this region still recorded the highest rate of Sexual Offences in the State. Six of the eight regions recorded increases resulting in an increase for the State overall.

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Rape and Attempted Rape*

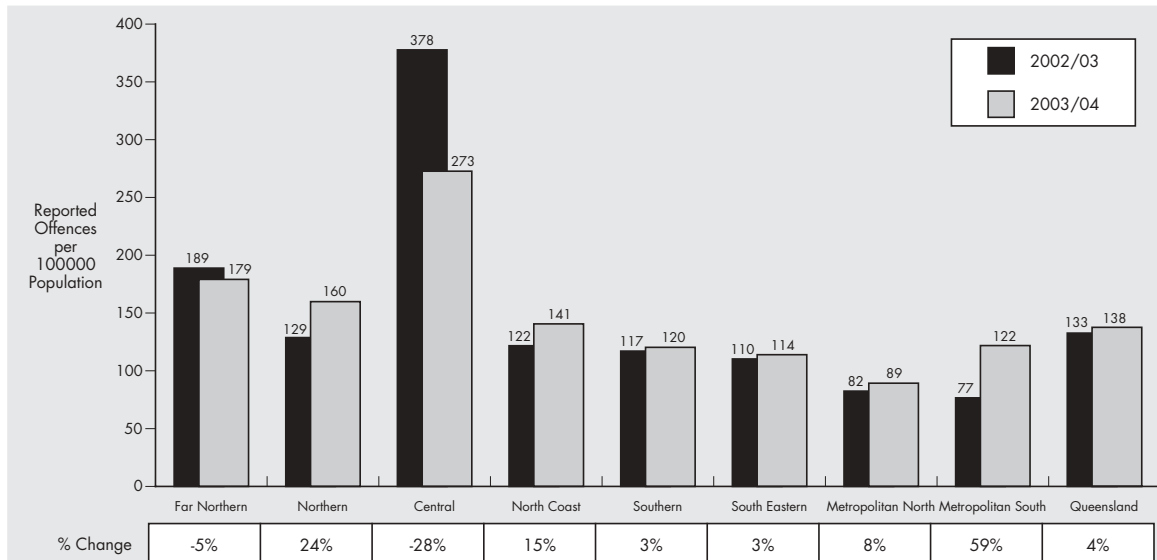


Two-thirds of the regions recorded an increase in Rape and Attempted Rape, the largest of which was a 51% increase in Metropolitan South Region. The remaining third recorded a decrease with Central Region experi-

encing 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*



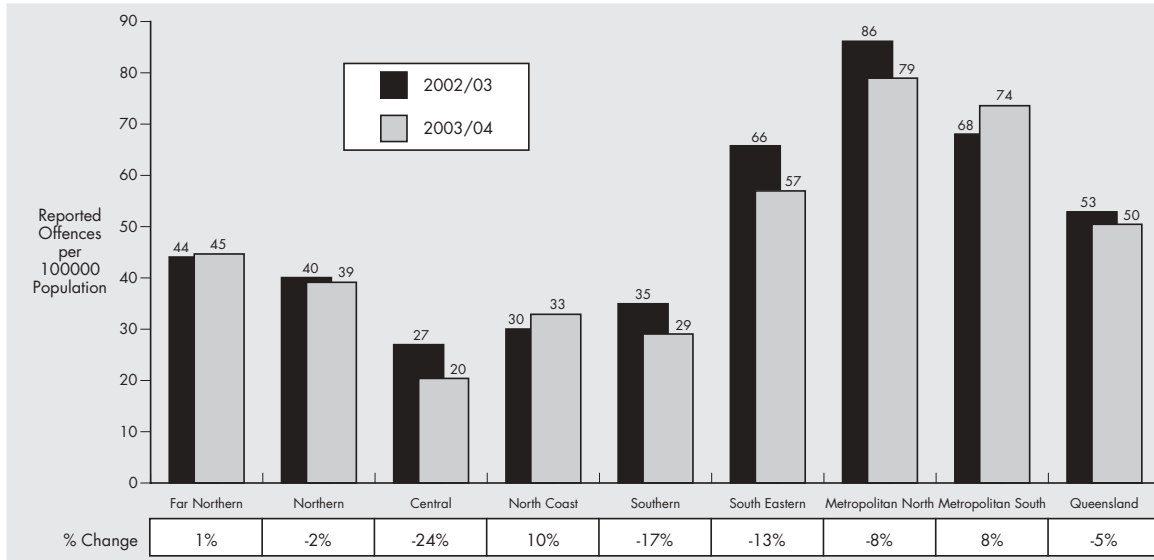
The substantive decrease seen in Central Region was the result of over 760 offences preferred against four offenders during the previous year. The majority of offences were Indecent Treatment of Children. Most

regions recorded an increase in this offence type, the largest of which was a 59% increase in Metropolitan South Region (although this was due to 150 offences preferred against one offender in January of this year).

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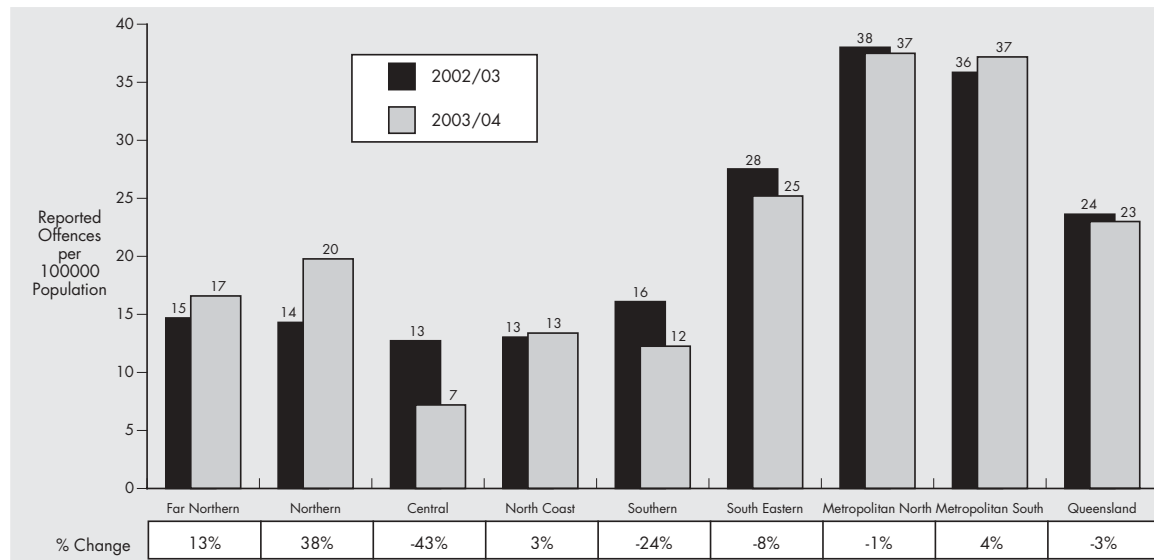
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically experiences the highest rates of Robbery and 2003/04 was no exception. The highest increase was experienced in North Coast Region while the lowest rate again occurred

in Central Region after recording the largest decrease. Metropolitan North and South Regions recorded the highest rates of 79 and 74 per 100,000 persons respectively.

Armed Robbery*



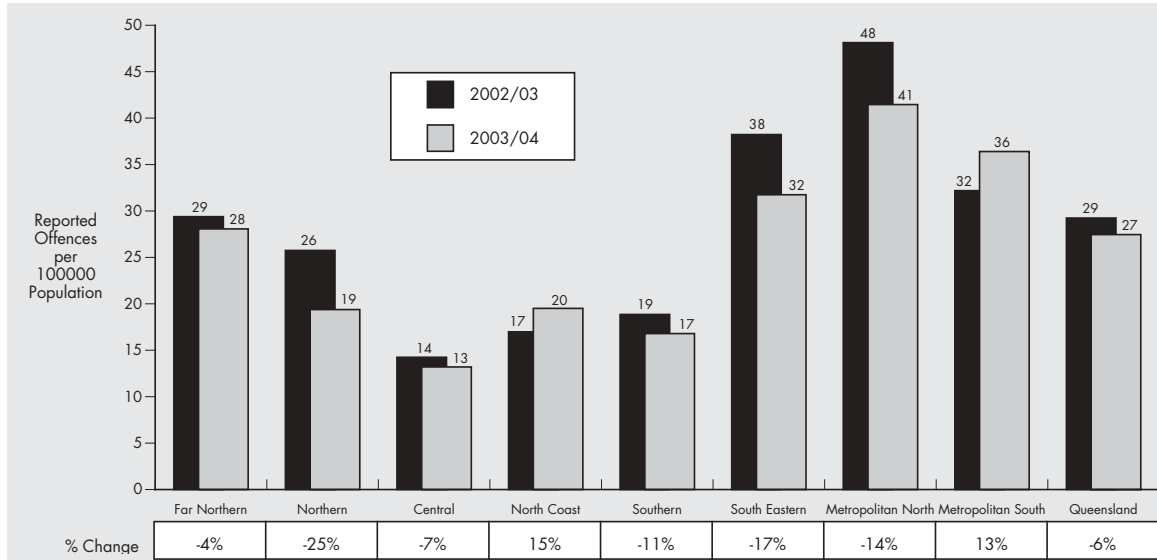
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. Central Region recorded the largest decrease contributing to the Region recording the lowest rate in the State.

Both Metropolitan North and South Regions recorded the highest rates while Northern Region exhibited the largest increase of 38%.

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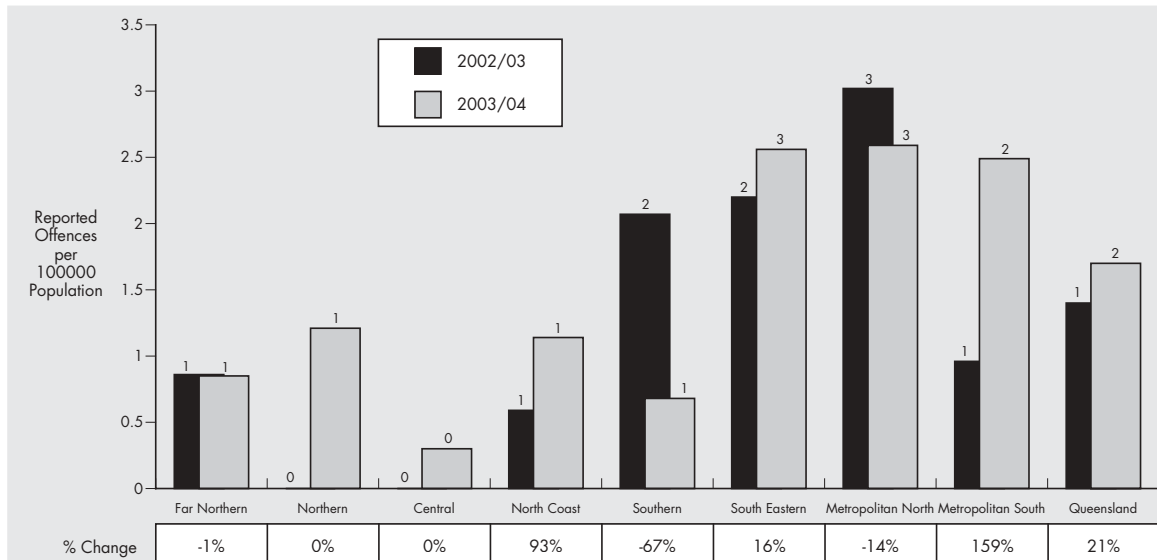
Unarmed Robbery*



Six of the eight regions experienced decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 25% decrease in Northern Region. Both Metropolitan South and North Coast Regions recorded substantive in-

creases in rates. Despite the substantial decrease experienced by Metropolitan North, the region still recorded the highest rate in the State while Central Region continues to record the lowest rate.

Extortion*



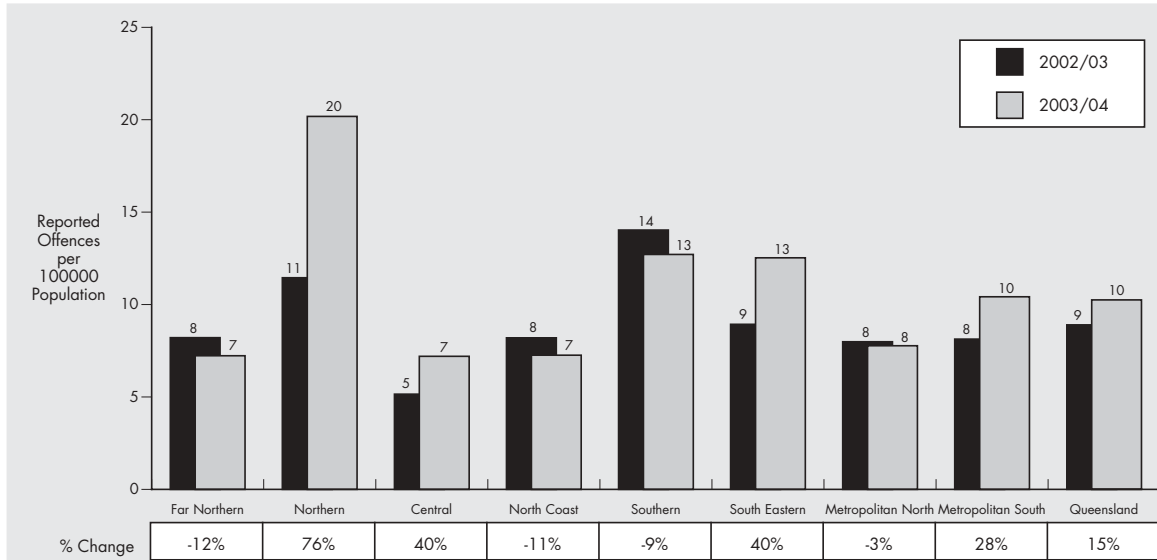
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. In 2003/04, five regions recorded increases. The largest decrease was

experienced by Southern Region making the rate in this Region one of the lowest in the State. Note: caution should be exercised when using percentage changes as a measure of change.

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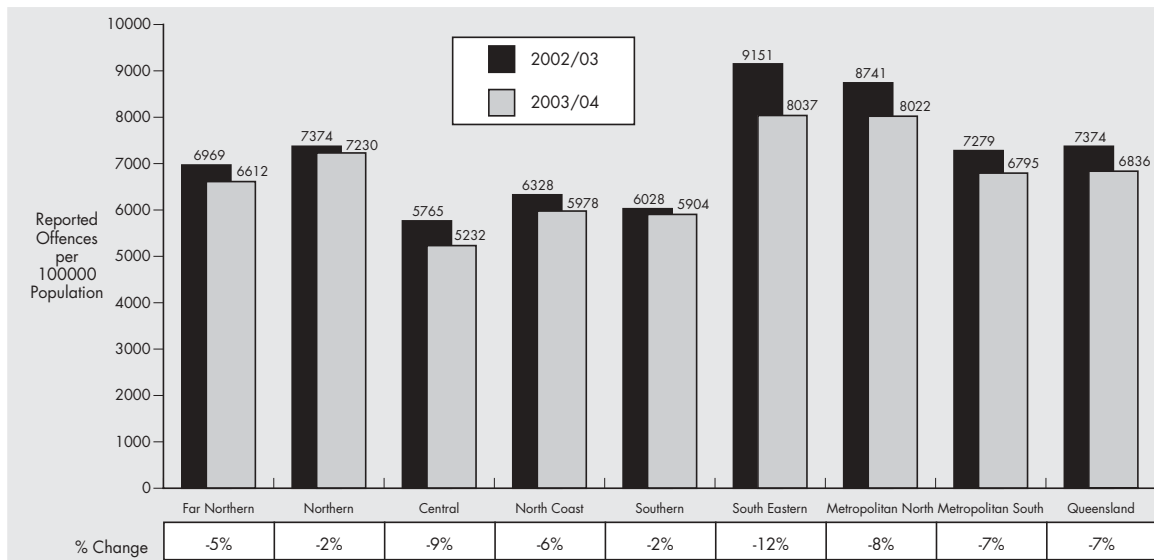
*Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.**



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

changes as a measure of change over time. The highest rate occurred in Northern Region which saw an increase of 76% during 2003/04. The lowest rate occurred in Central Region despite experiencing a 40% increase.

*Offences Against Property**



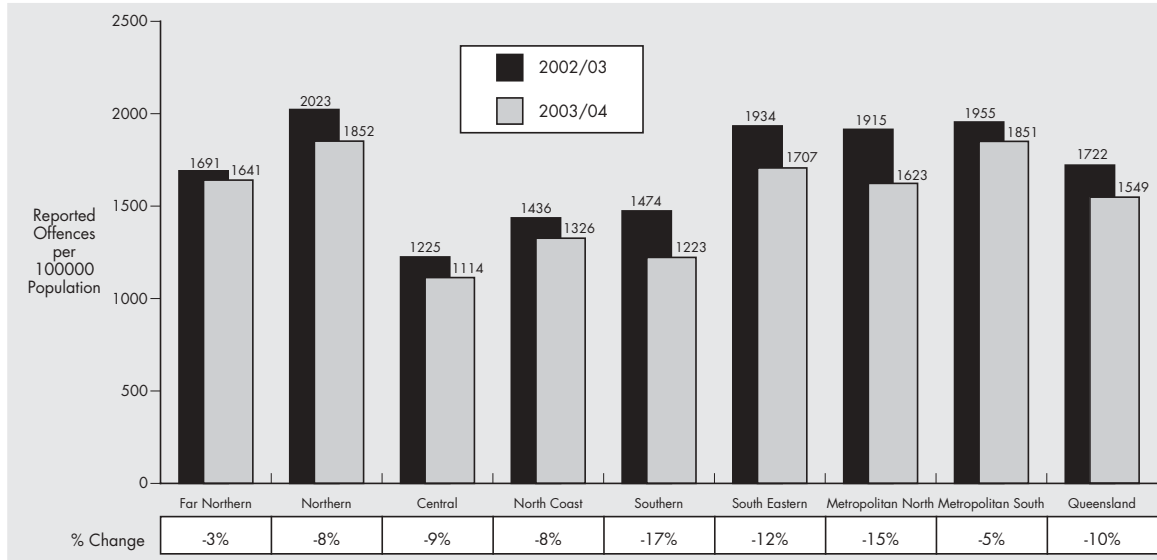
The south-east corner traditionally experiences higher rates of property offences and 2003/04 was no exception. All regions experienced decreases in total property offences, the largest of which was a 12%

decrease in South Eastern Region. This Region also exhibited the highest rate while the lowest rate occurred in Central Region for the second consecutive year.

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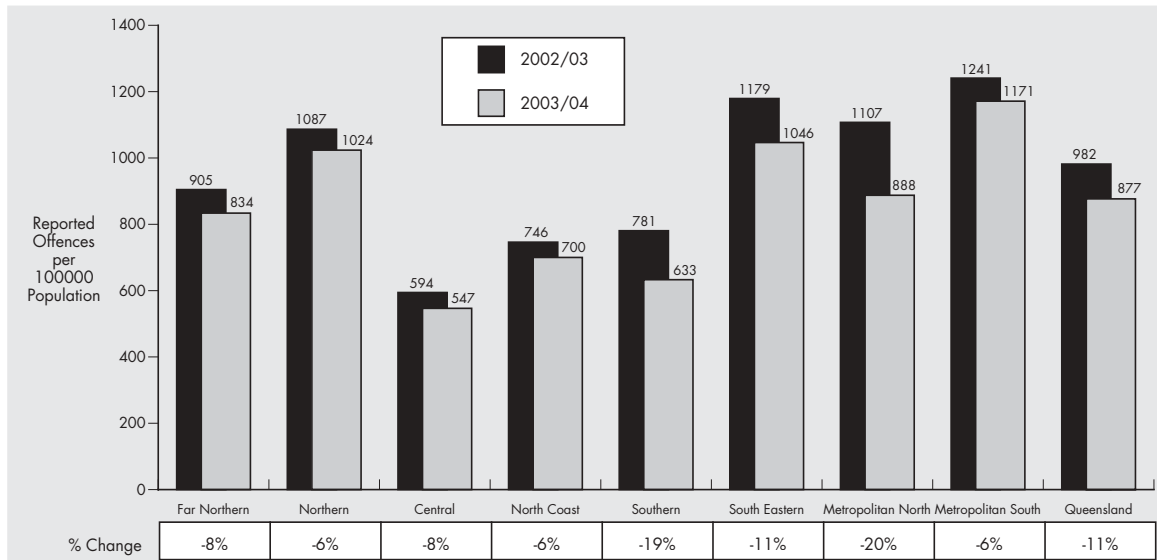
Unlawful Entry With Intent*



Unlawful Entry tends to dominate the Offences Against Property aggregate as is evidenced by the similarity in the distribution of property crime. All regions experienced decreases in the current year, the largest of

which was exhibited by Southern Region. The highest rate in the State was seen in Northern Region while the lowest rate occurred in Central Region.

Unlawful Entry - Dwellings*



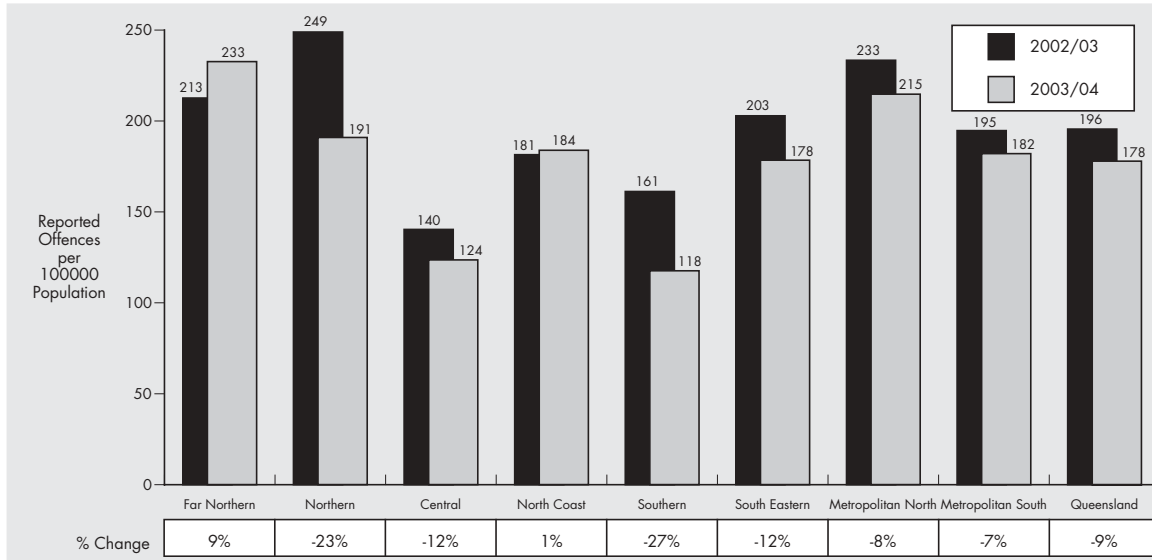
All eight regions recorded decreases in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Dwelling offences, the largest of which was a 20% decrease in Metropolitan North Region. The

lowest rate in the State again occurred in Central Region while the highest rate was experienced by Metropolitan South Region.

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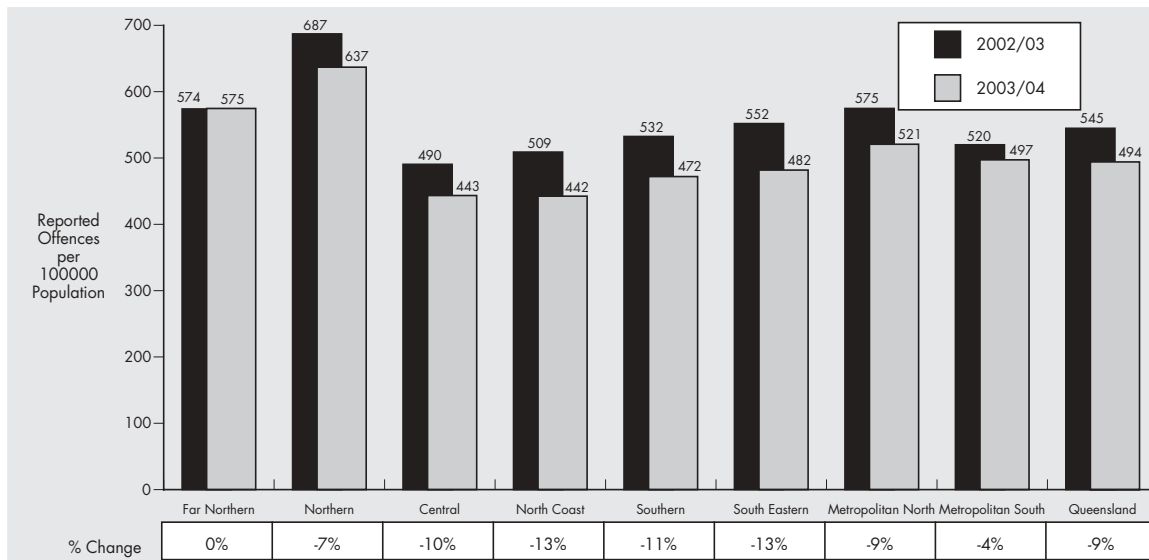
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



All regions except Far Northern and North Coast (which recorded 9% and 1% increases respectively) reported decreases in Unlawful Entry of Shops. The largest decrease occurred in Southern Region and, as a result,

this region experienced the lowest rate in the State. Far Northern Region recorded the highest rate and largest increase. Overall, the State recorded a substantive 9% reduction in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Shops.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



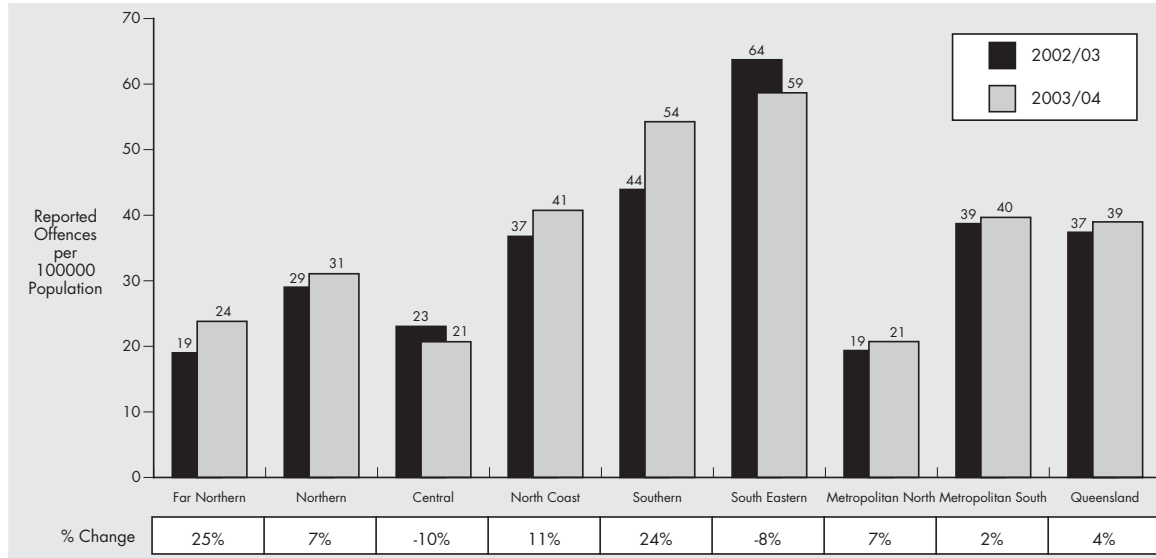
All Regions except for Far Northern (which experienced an increase of less than 1%) experienced sizeable decreases in Unlawful Entry of Other Premises. In fact, the decrease in North Coast Region resulted in the

region recording the lowest rate in the State. The highest rate was again recorded in Northern Region despite its sizeable decrease. The largest decrease of 13% occurred in North Coast Region.

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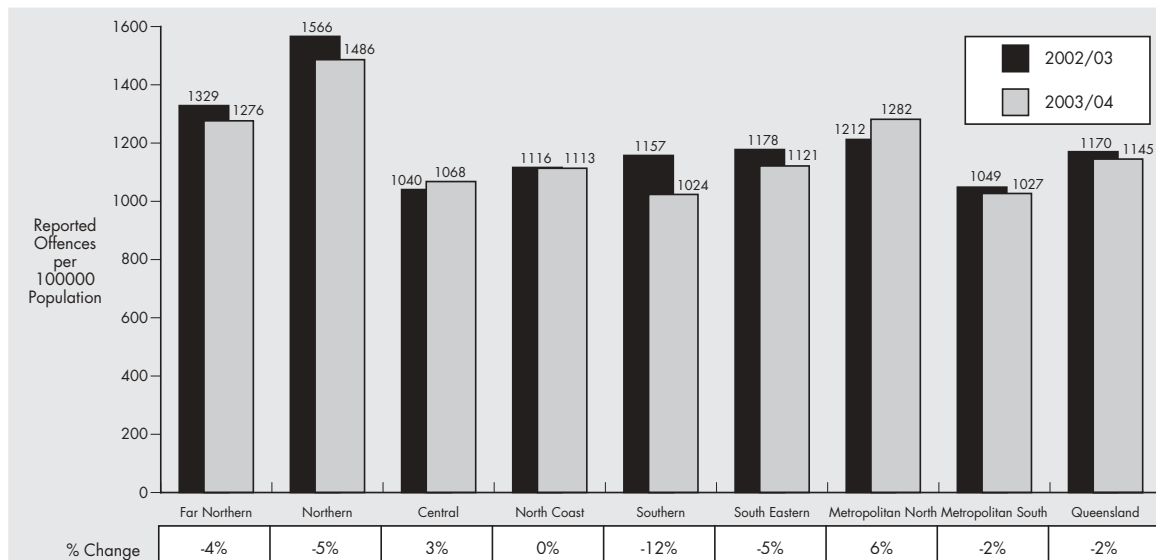
Arson*



All regions except Central and South Eastern (which recorded decreases of 10% and 8% respectively) recorded substantial increases in the rate of Arson offences. This resulted in a significant increase for the

State as a whole. The largest of these increases occurred in Far Northern Region. The lowest rate occurred in Central Region while the highest occurred in South Eastern Region.

Other Property Damage*



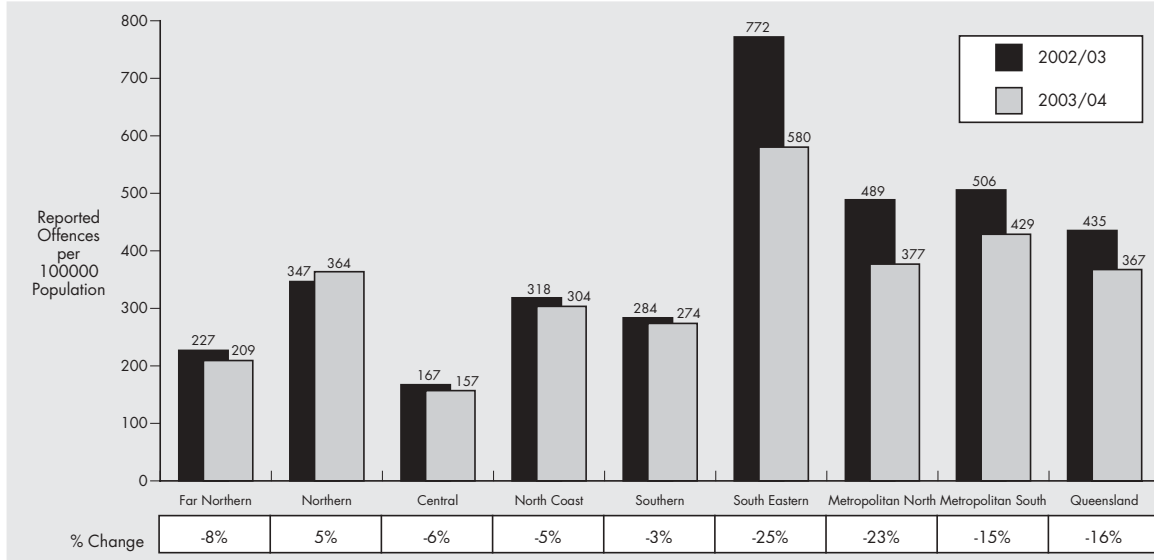
Six of the eight regions recorded decreases in the rate of Other Property Damage offences, the largest of which was a 12% decrease in Southern Region. This decrease resulted in Southern Region recording the lowest rate in

the State. Despite experiencing a 5% decrease in the current period, Northern Region continues to record the highest rate. Metropolitan North Region exhibited an increase of 6% giving it the second highest rate.

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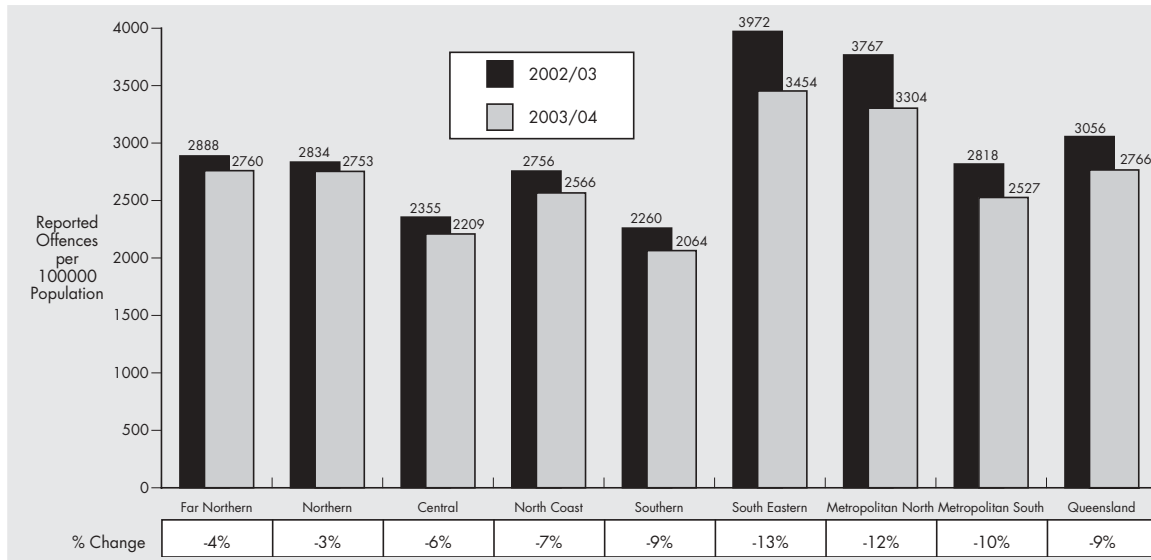
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle*



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the south-east corner of the State and 2003/04 was no exception despite large decreases in this area. In fact, all regions except one recorded

decreases which resulted in a sizeable decrease for the State as a whole. South Eastern experienced the highest rate in the State despite experiencing the largest decrease, while Central experienced the lowest.

Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)*



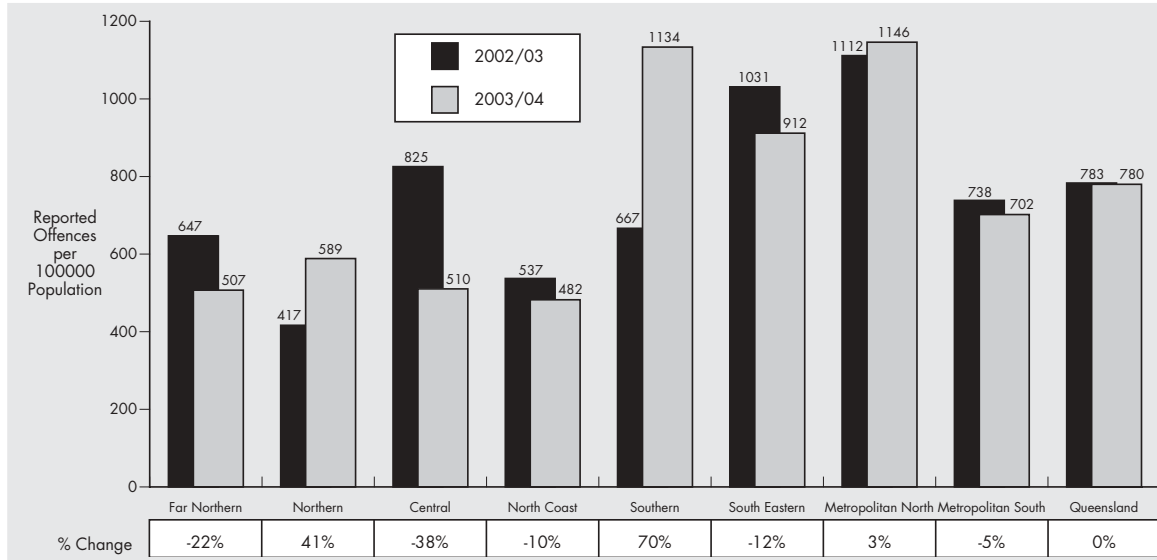
During 2003/04, all regions experienced decreases resulting in a 9% decrease exhibited by Queensland overall. As with previous years, the highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Metropolitan

North Regions despite recording the largest decreases of 13% and 12% respectively. Southern Region again recorded the lowest rate.

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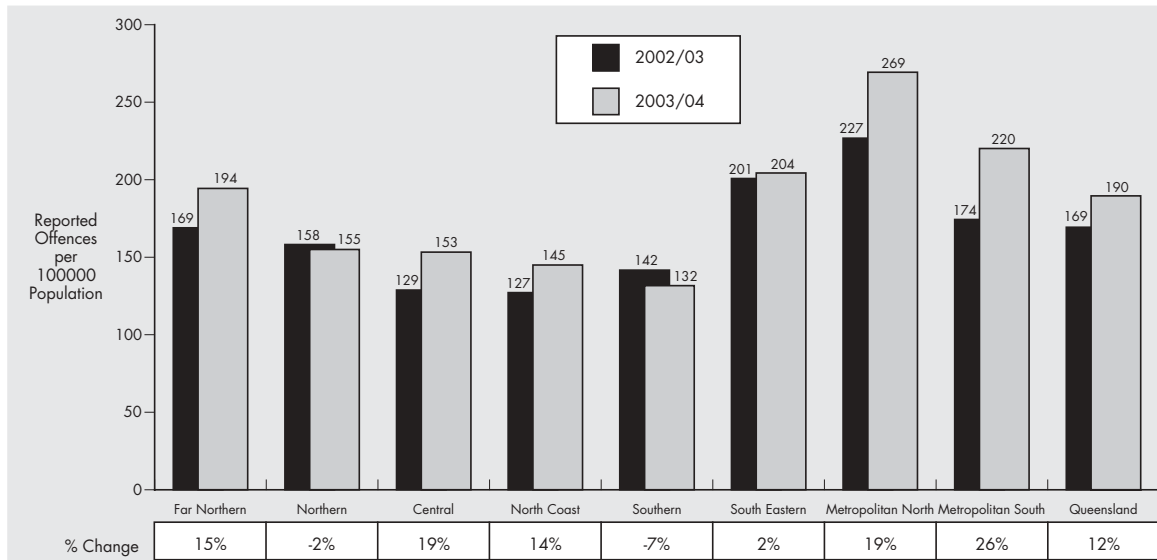
*Fraud**



One offender was apprehended for 1,920 Fraud Offences in February 2004 resulting in Southern Region recording an increase of 70% for the current period. Although Metropolitan North recorded the smallest

increase in the State, it experienced the highest rate. North Coast Region recorded a decrease of 10% resulting in the region experiencing the lowest rate.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



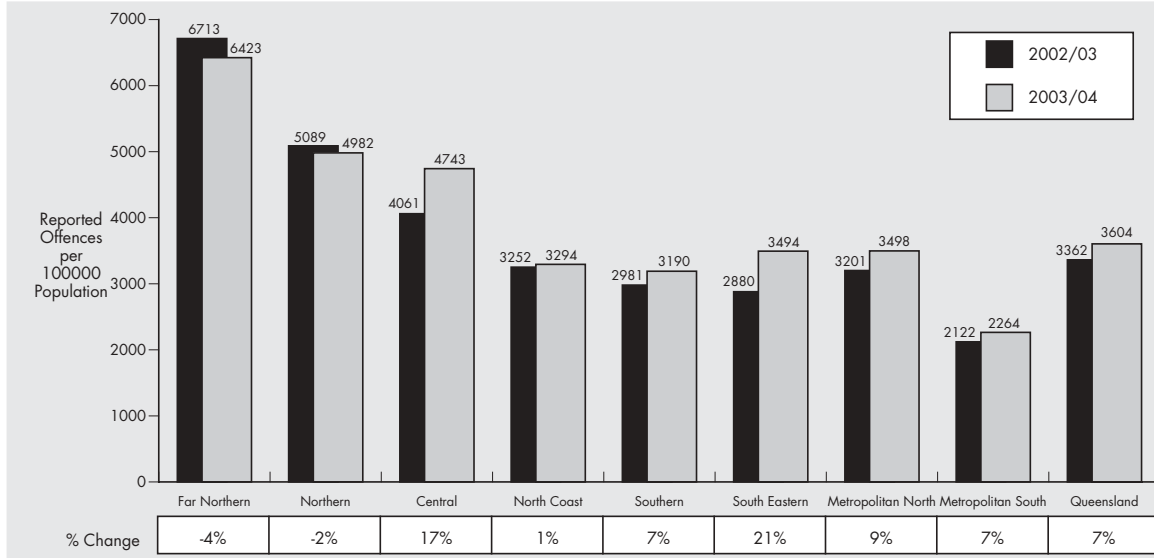
Metropolitan North Region again exhibited the highest rate in the State while Southern Region recorded the lowest resulting from a substantial decrease in offences. Metropolitan South Region experienced the

largest increase in the rate of Handling Stolen Goods while the smallest increase was shown by South Eastern Region.

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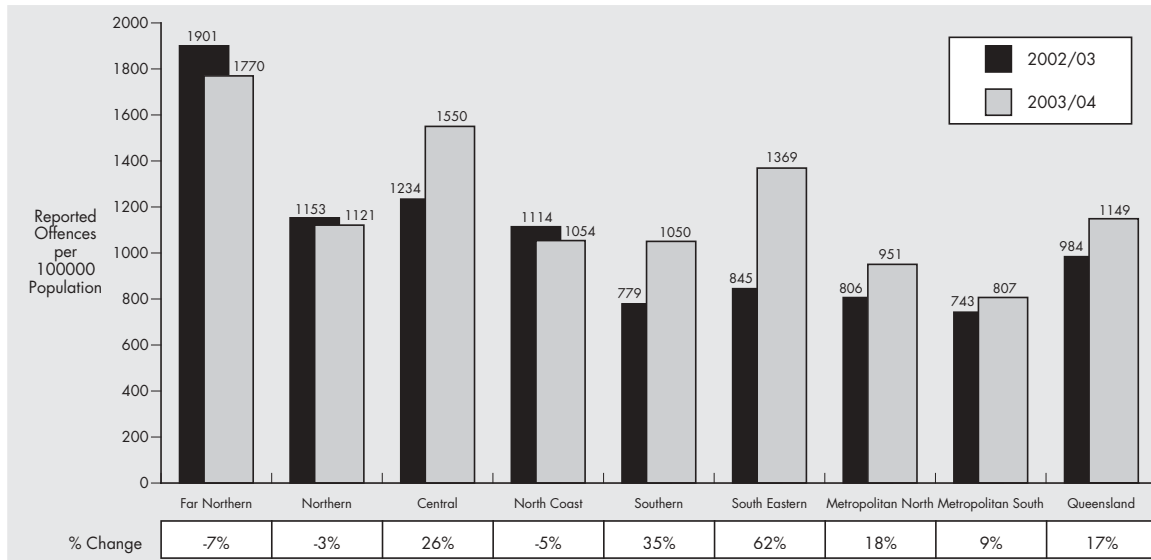
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2003/04 was no exception. In fact, for the sixth consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate. Similarly, Metropolitan

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

Drug Offences*



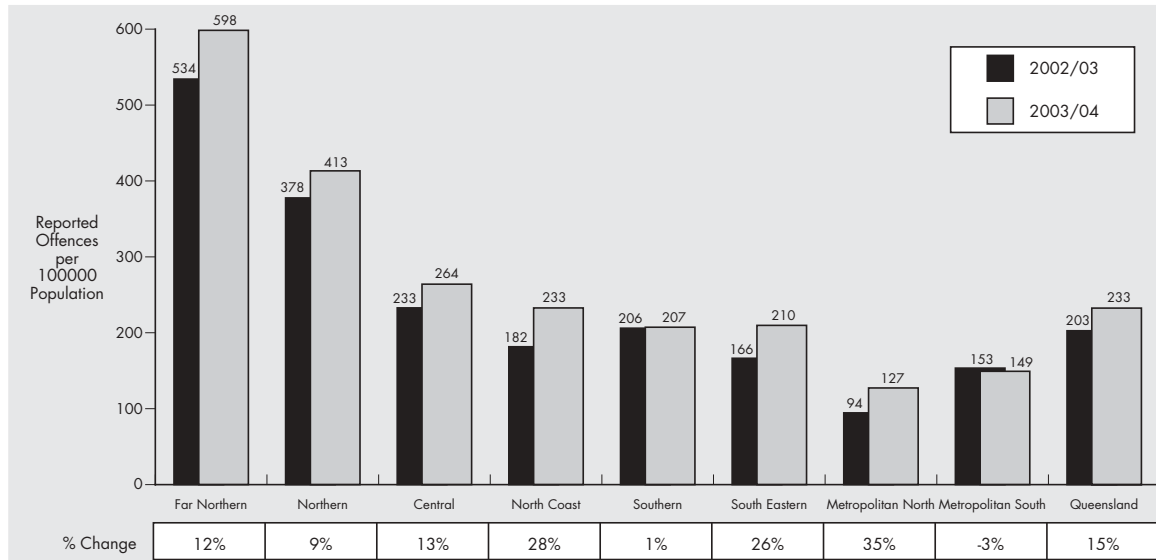
Traditionally, Far Northern Region records the highest rate in the State and 2003/04 was no exception despite the region recording a 7% decrease. The largest increase was exhibited by South Eastern Region as a

result of charging one offender with over 2,100 offences. Despite recording increases, the southern regions all recorded the lowest rates of offences as is also typical for Drug Offences.

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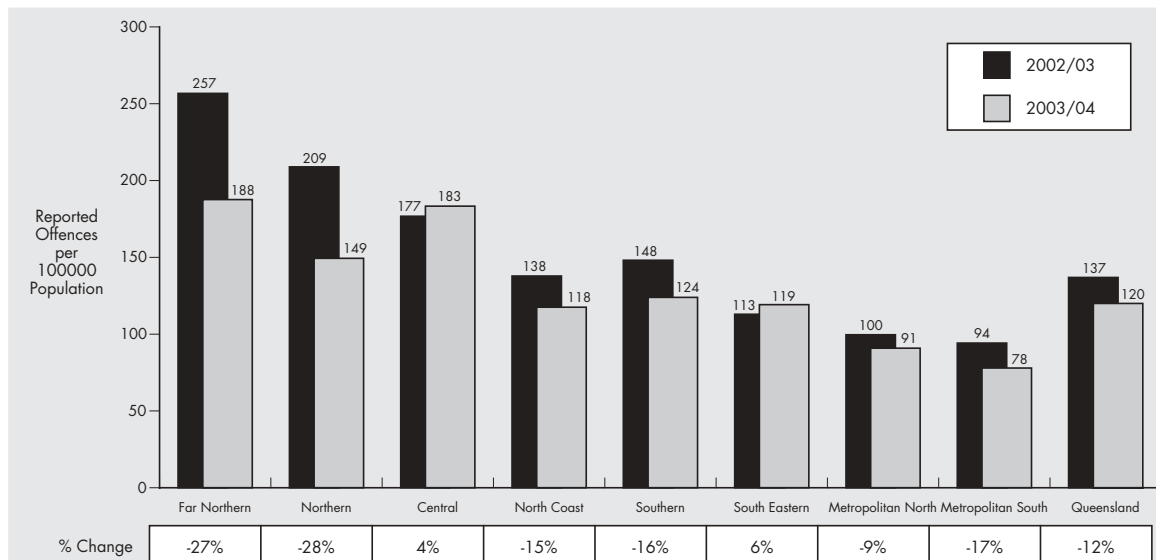
*Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders**



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 Metropolitan North recording a substantial increase. Metropolitan South Region was the only region to experience a decrease, although the decrease was small.

*Weapons Act Offences**



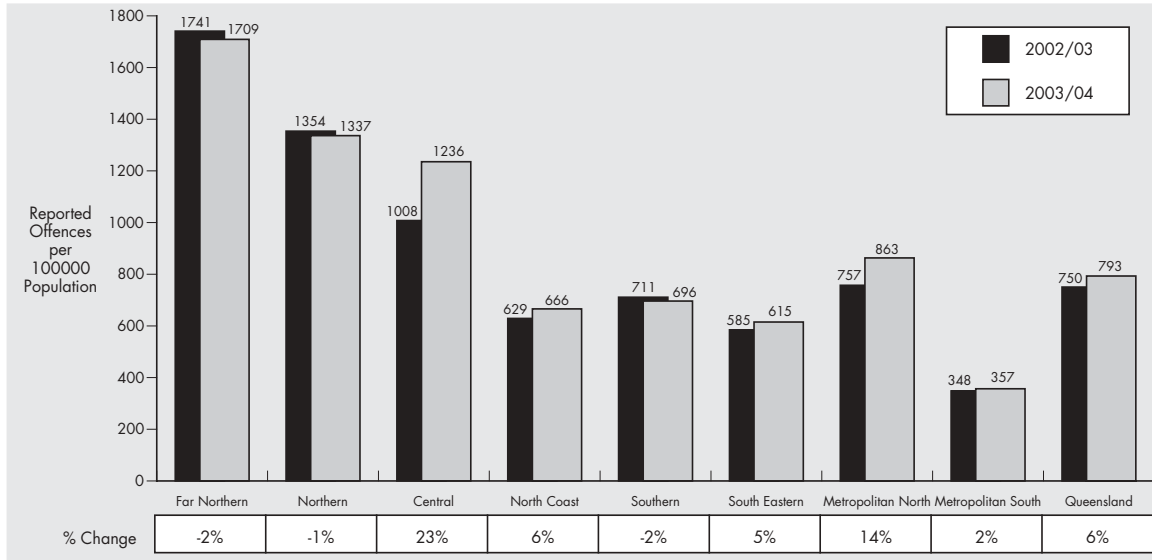
All regions except two (Central and South Eastern) recorded a decrease in Weapons Act Offences, the largest of which was a 28% decrease in Northern Region. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest

rate in the State. The highest rate is traditionally recorded in Far Northern Region and 2003/04 was no exception. This was despite recording a substantial decrease of 27%.

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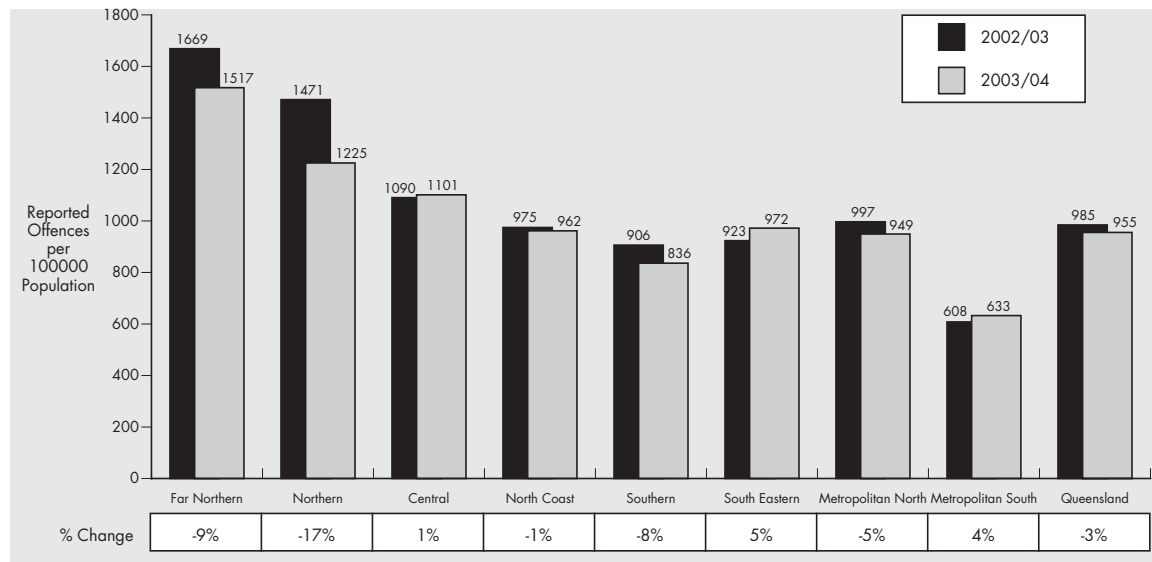
Good Order Offences*



There are usually large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions and 2003/04 was no exception. The lowest rate again occurred in Metropolitan South Region while the highest again occurred in

Far Northern Region. Only three regions recorded decreases, although all were small. The largest increases occurred in Central and Metropolitan North Regions (23% and 14% respectively).

Traffic and Related Offences*



Traffic and Related Offences, of which Drink Driving comprises the majority of offences, decreased in five of the eight regions. The northern regions again recorded

the highest rates of Traffic Offences while Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate. The largest decrease occurred in Northern Region.

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