

Regional Comparisons

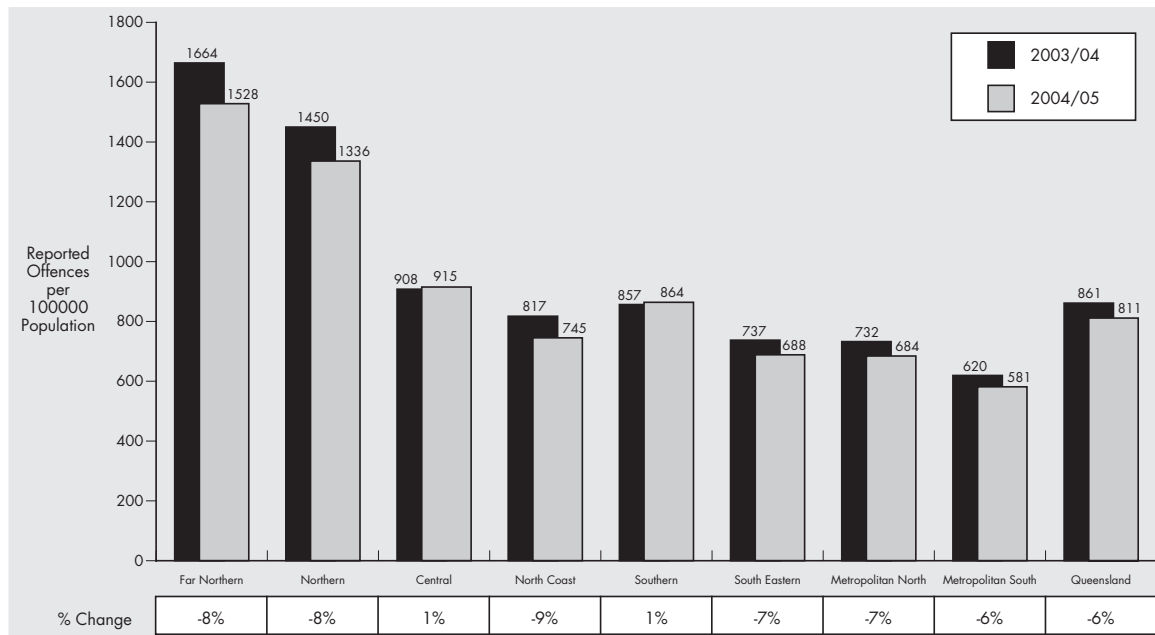
The graphs in this section display changes in the rate of selected offences per 100000 population from the 2003/04 to the 2004/05 financial years for Queensland Police Service regions.

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 100000 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.

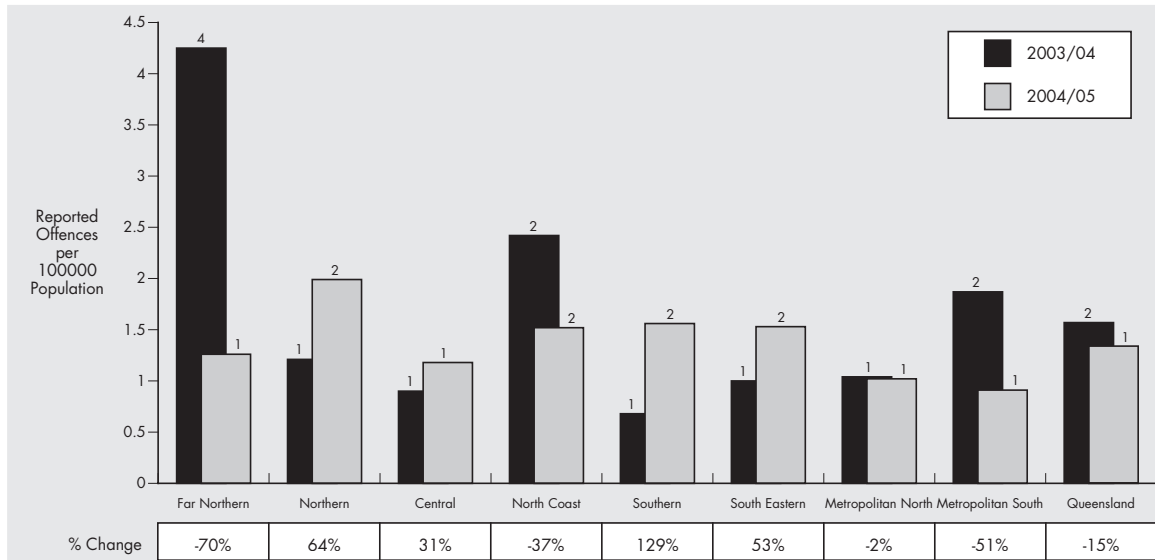
Offences Against the Person*



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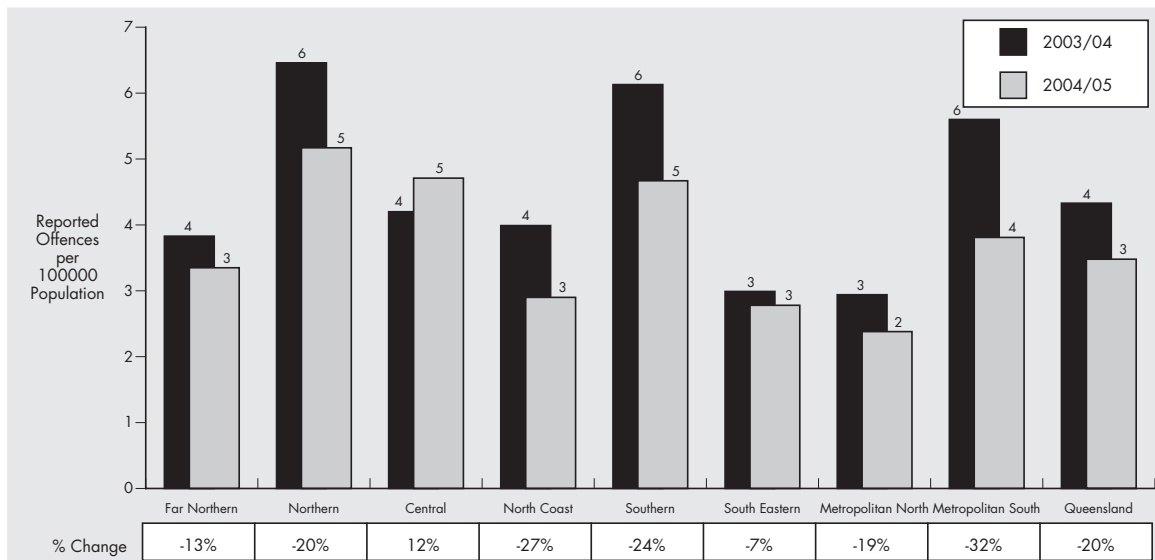
Homicide (Murder)*



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. Metropolitan South Region experienced the lowest rate while Southern Region exhibited the largest increase.

Other Homicide*



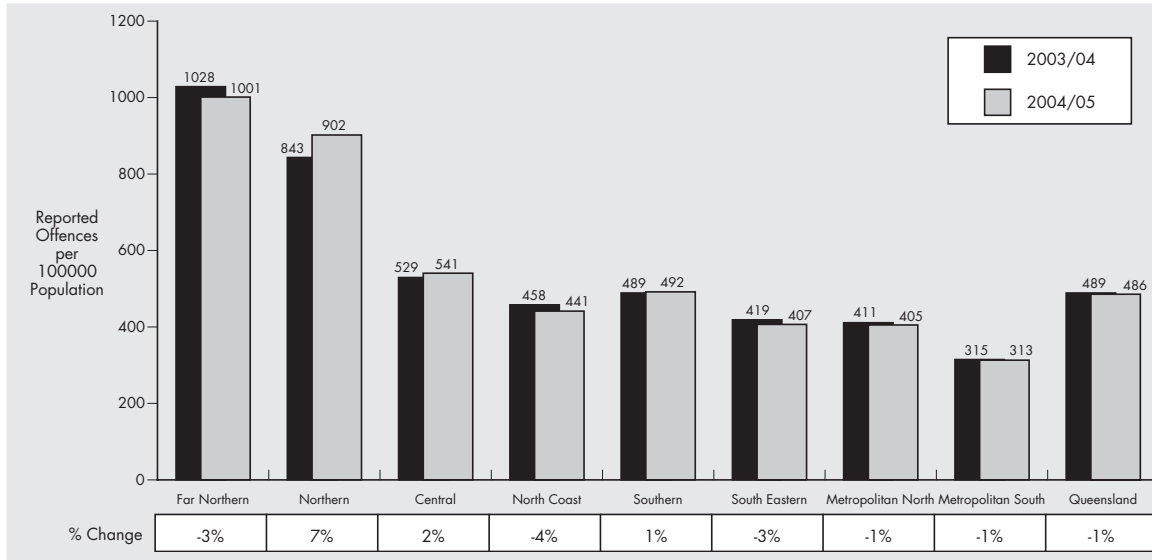
Other Homicide is also a small volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations from one year to the next and from one area to the next. As with Homicide, caution should be exercised when using

percentage change as a measure of change from one year to the next. In 2004/05 Northern Region recorded the highest rate while Metropolitan North Region recorded the lowest.

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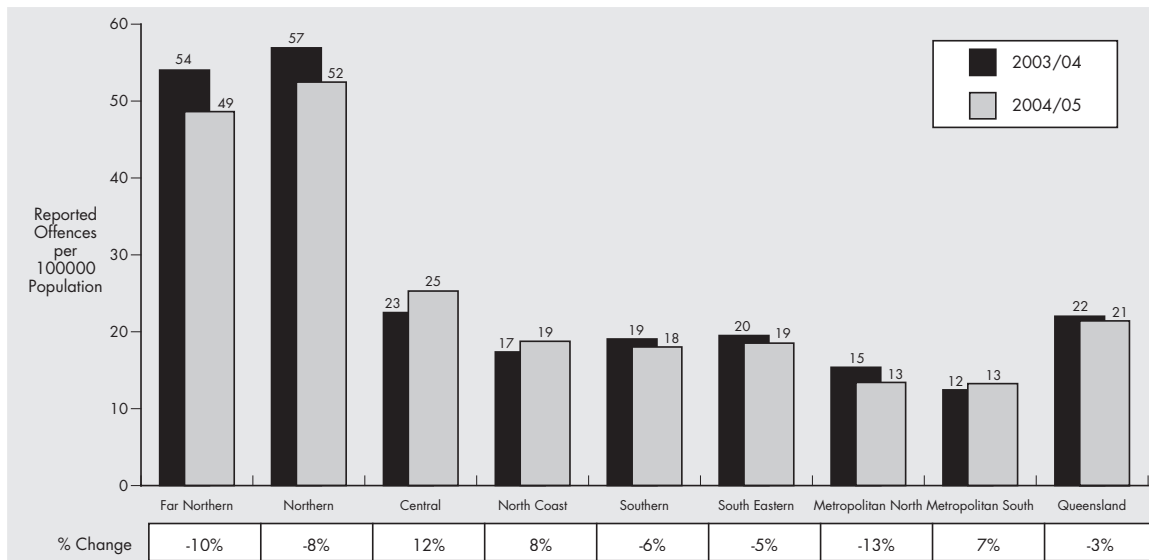
Assault*



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 2004/05. Metropolitan South Region recorded the lowest rate with North Coast Region experiencing the largest decrease.

Grievous Assault*



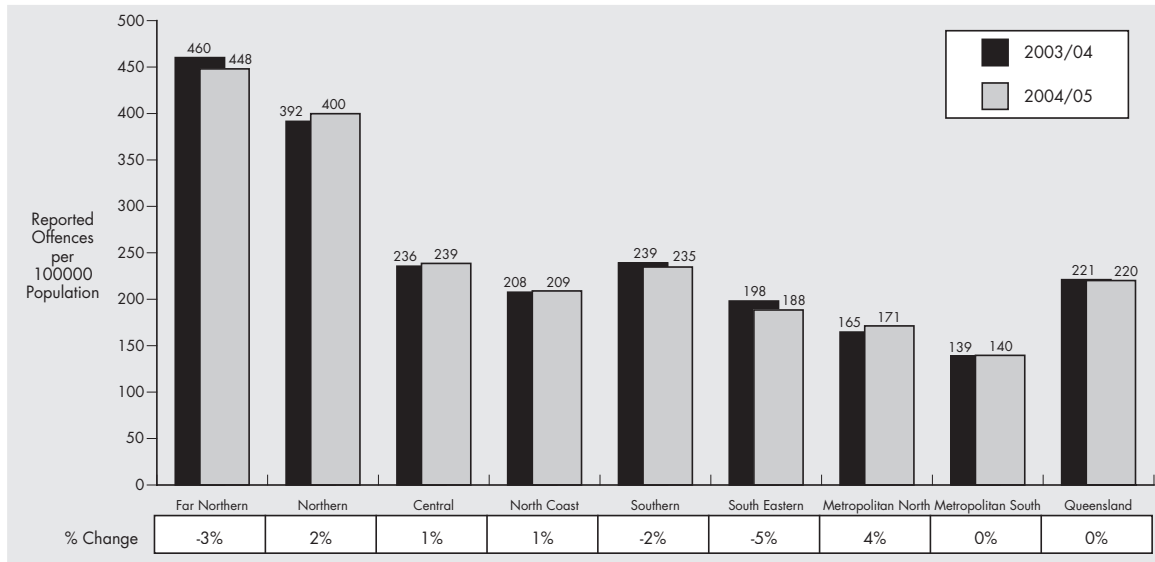
Grievous Assault is presented as a separate sub-category of Assault for the third consecutive year. It should be noted that this is a low-volume offence category and, as such, is subject to marked fluctuations

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

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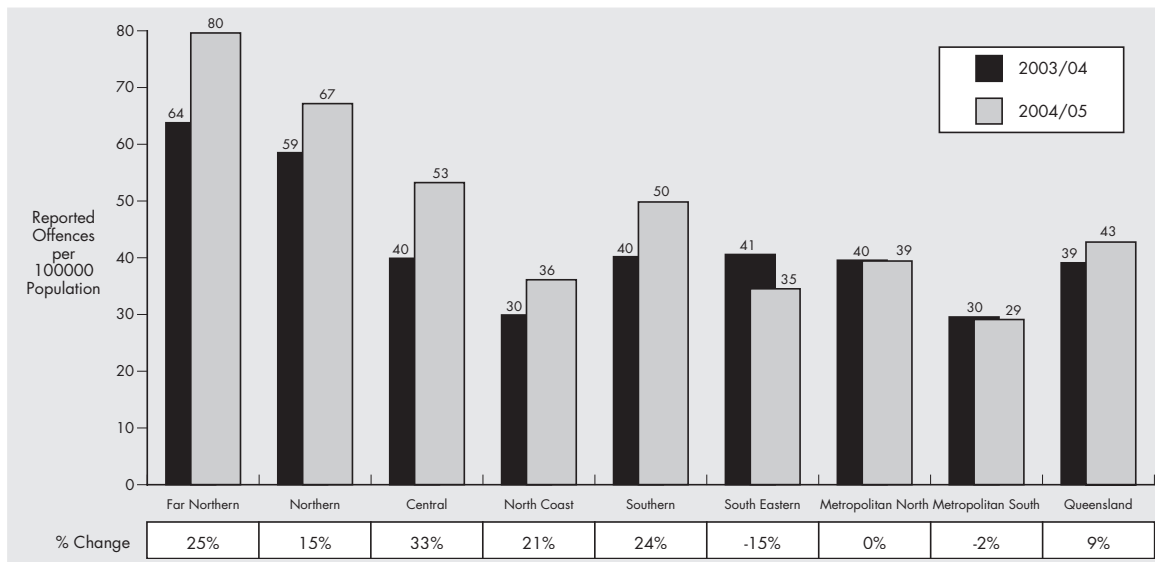
Serious Assault*



The offences included in this sub-category changed in 2003/04 from that reported in previous publications. The largest decrease occurred in South Eastern Region, while the largest increase occurred in Metropolitan

North 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)*



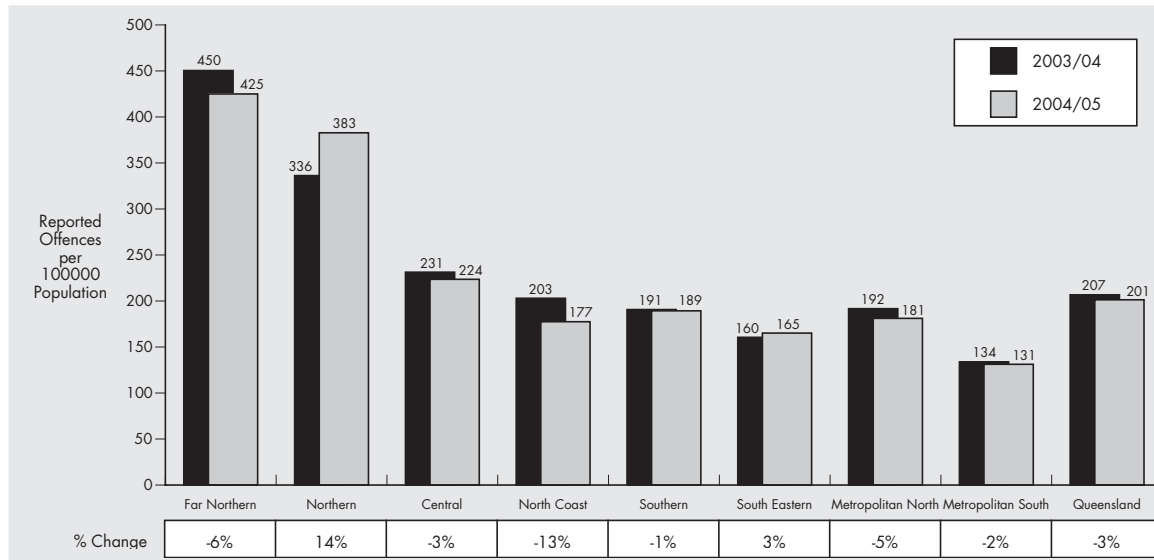
The northern part of the State continues to record the highest rates of offences. Central Region experienced the largest increase in the rate of offences this year

while South Eastern Region experienced the largest decrease. Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate of Serious Assault (Other) offences.

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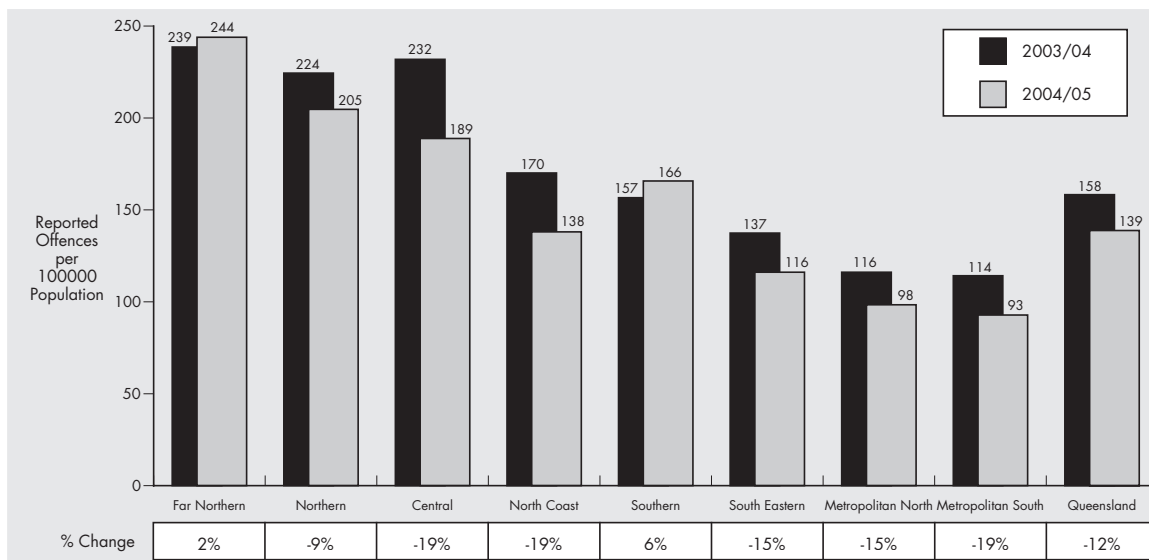
Common Assault*



Far Northern and Northern Regions recorded the highest Common Assault rates in the State. Northern Region experienced the largest increase while North Coast Region experienced the largest decrease. 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 previous years.

Sexual Offences*



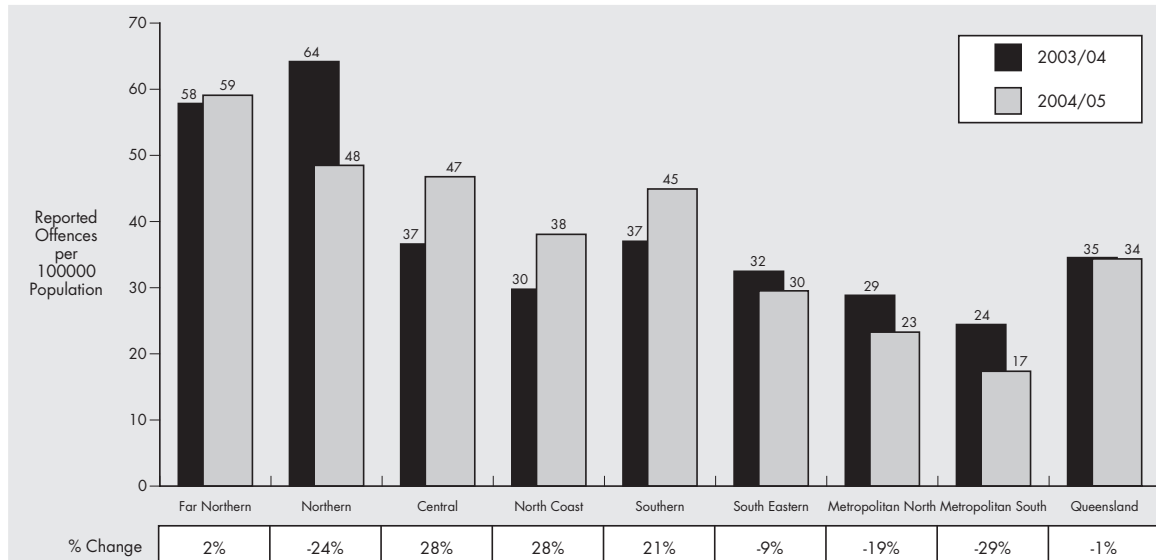
Most regions exhibited substantial decreases in Sexual Offences in 2004/05. Central, North Coast and Metropolitan South Regions experienced the largest decreases while Far Northern Region recorded the

highest rate. The large decrease in Metropolitan South Region (19%) contributed to this region exhibiting the lowest rate of Sexual Offences in the State.

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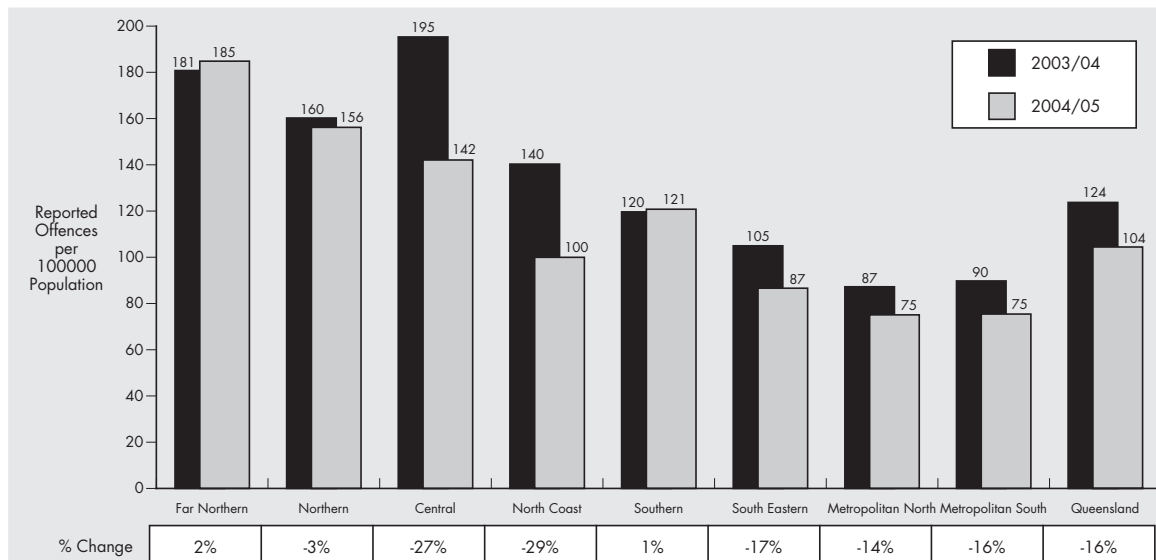
Rape and Attempted Rape*



Half of the regions recorded an increase in Rape and Attempted Rape, the largest of which was a 28% increase in both Central and North Coast Regions. The largest decrease was exhibited by Metropolitan South

Region which contributed to this region recording the lowest rate (17 offences per 100000 persons). Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate (just under twice that of the State average).

Other Sexual Offences*



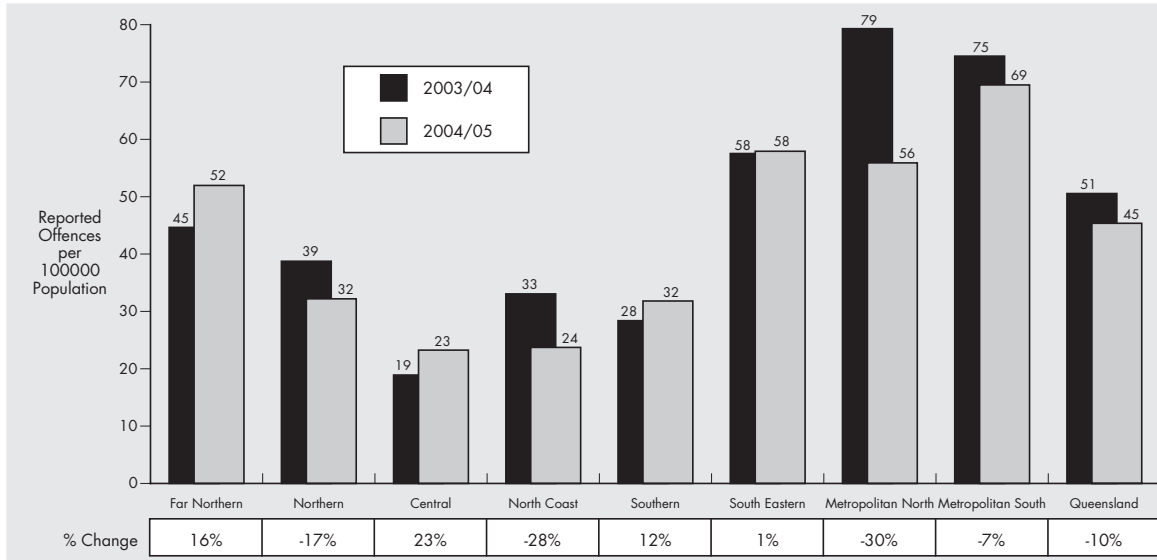
Substantive decreases seen in Metropolitan North and South resulted in these regions recording the lowest rates across the State. Most regions recorded a decrease in this offence type, the largest of which was a

29% decrease in North Coast Region. The highest rate was recorded by Far Northern Region. The majority of offences recorded in this category were Indecent Treatment of Children offences.

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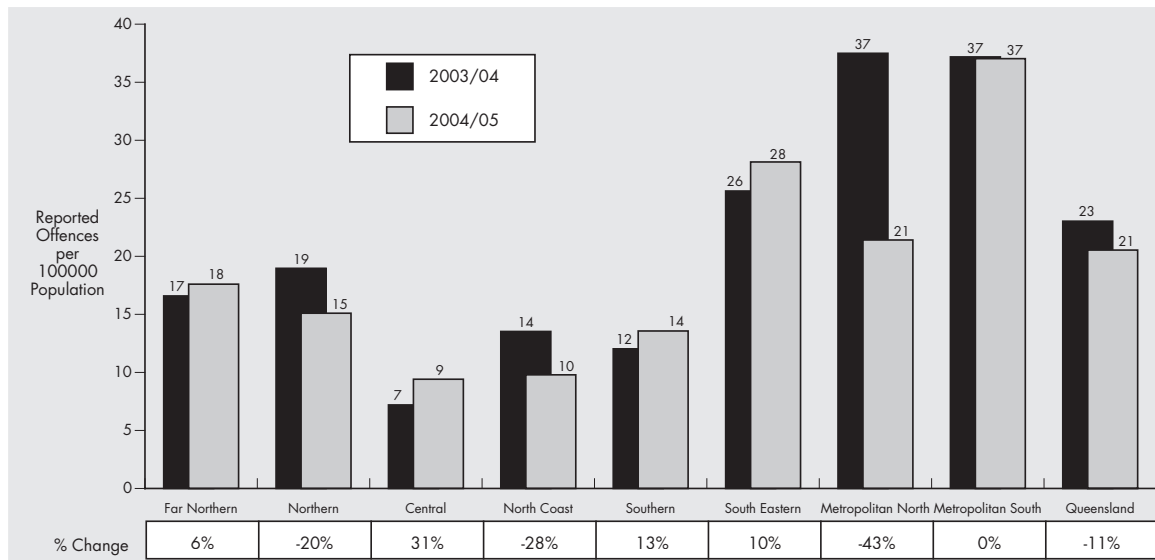
Robbery*



The south-east corner of the State typically experiences the highest rates of Robbery and 2004/05 was no exception. The lowest rate again occurred in Central Region despite this region experiencing the largest

increase. Metropolitan North Region recorded the largest decrease while Metropolitan South Region recorded the highest rate of 69 reported offences per 100,000 persons.

Armed Robbery*



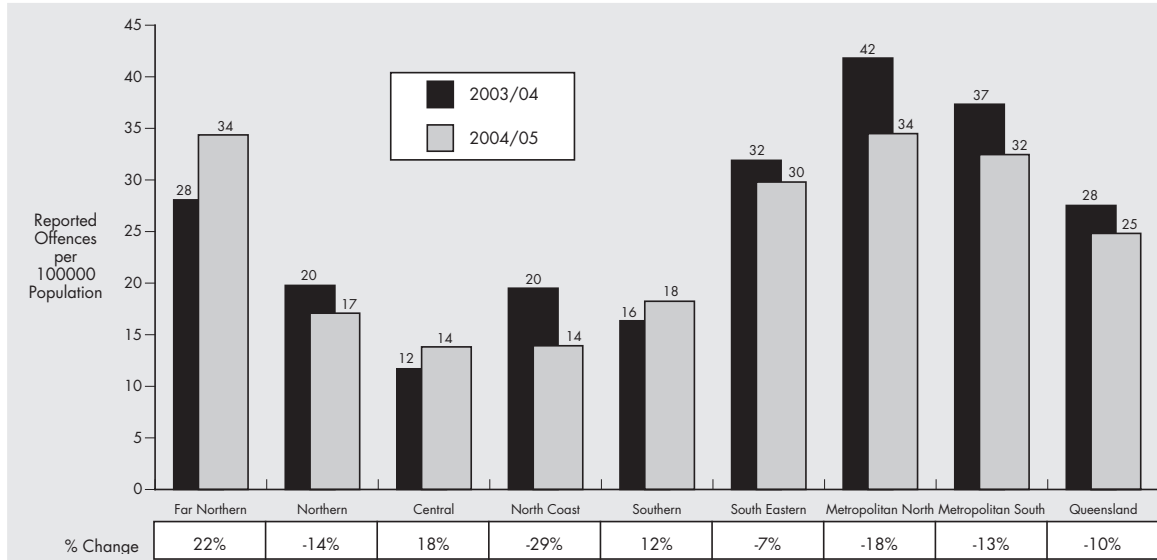
The south-east corner again experienced higher rates of Armed Robbery compared with the rest of the State. Despite Central Region recording the largest increase, the Region recorded the lowest rate in the State.

Metropolitan South Region recorded the highest rate while Metropolitan North exhibited the largest decrease of 43%.

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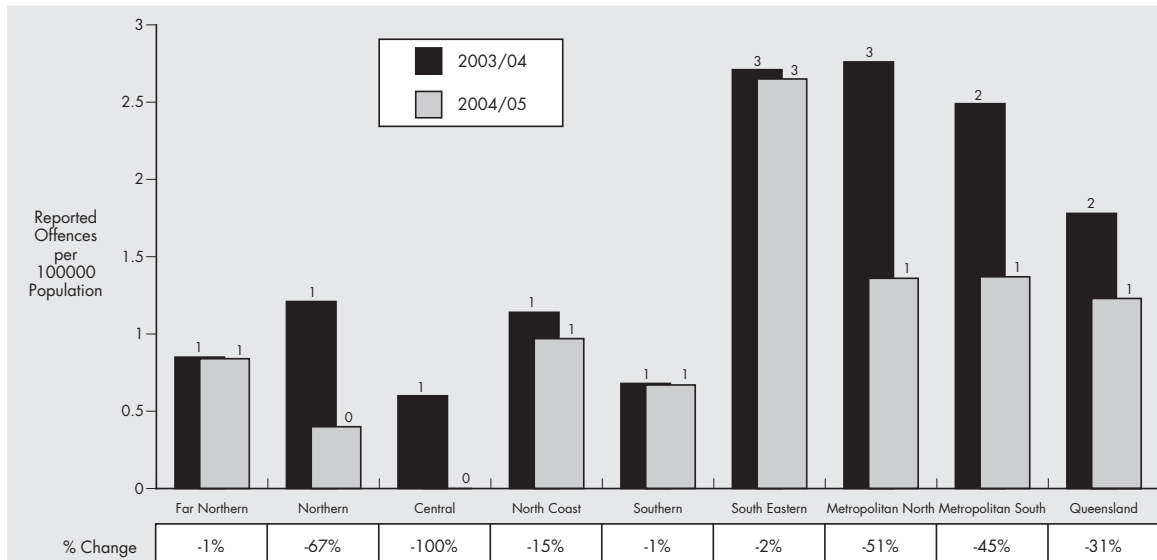
Unarmed Robbery*



Five of the eight regions experienced decreases in Unarmed Robbery, the largest of which was a 29% decrease in North Coast Region. Central Region recorded the lowest rate followed closely by North Coast

Region. Far Northern recorded the largest increase contributing to the region recording the highest rate. Despite substantial decreases experienced by Metropolitan North and South, the regions still recorded some of the highest rates in the State.

Extortion*



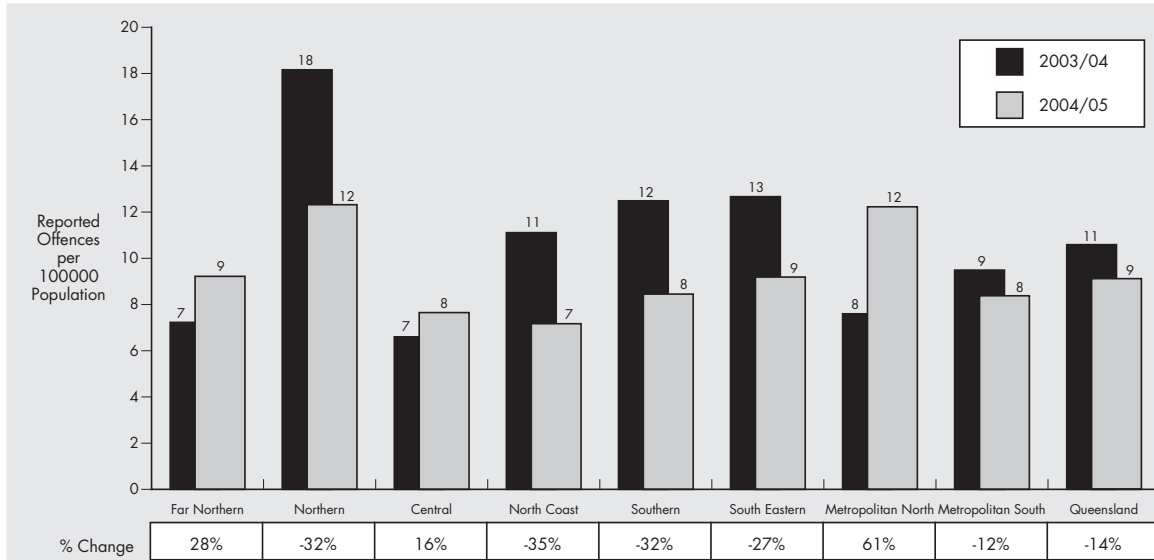
Extortion is a low volume offence category and is, therefore, subject to marked fluctuations from area to area and from one year to the next. In 2004/05, all regions recorded decreases. The largest decrease was

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

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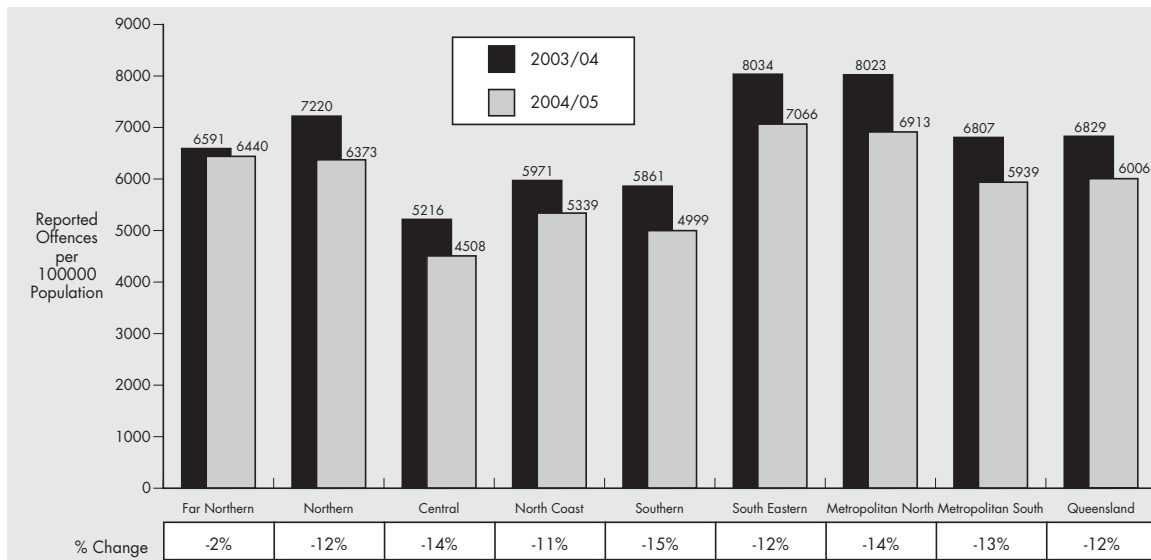
*Kidnapping, Abduction, etc.**



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 despite recording a decrease of 32%. The lowest rate occurred in North Coast Region after experiencing a 35% decrease.

*Offences Against Property**



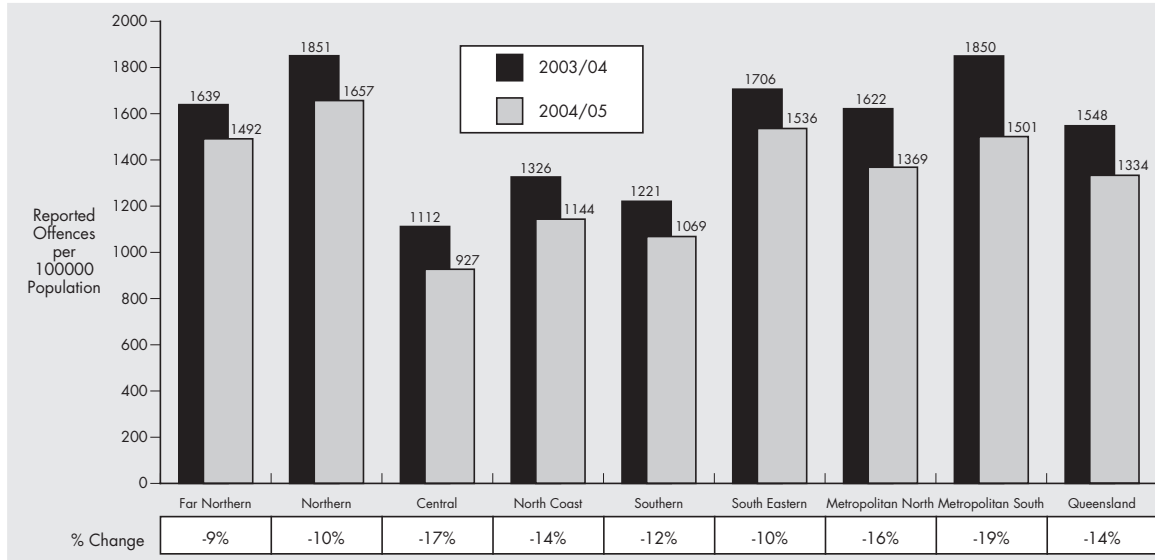
The south-east corner traditionally experiences higher rates of property offences and 2004/05 was no exception. All regions experienced decreases in total property offences, the largest of which was a 15%

decrease in Southern Region. South Eastern Region exhibited the highest rate while the lowest rate again occurred in Central Region for the third consecutive year.

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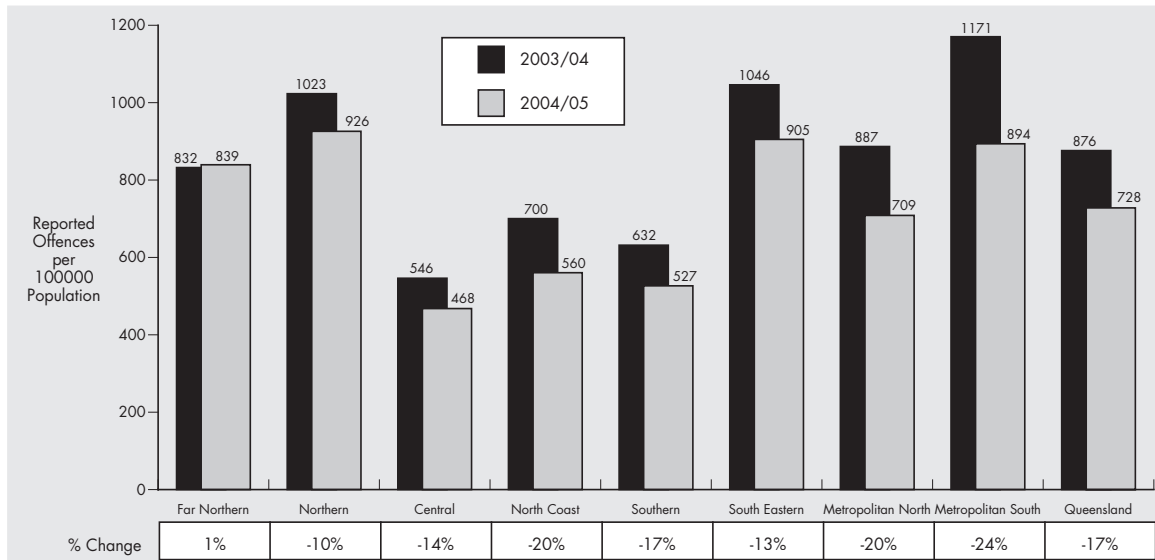
*Unlawful Entry With Intent**



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

*Unlawful Entry - Dwellings**



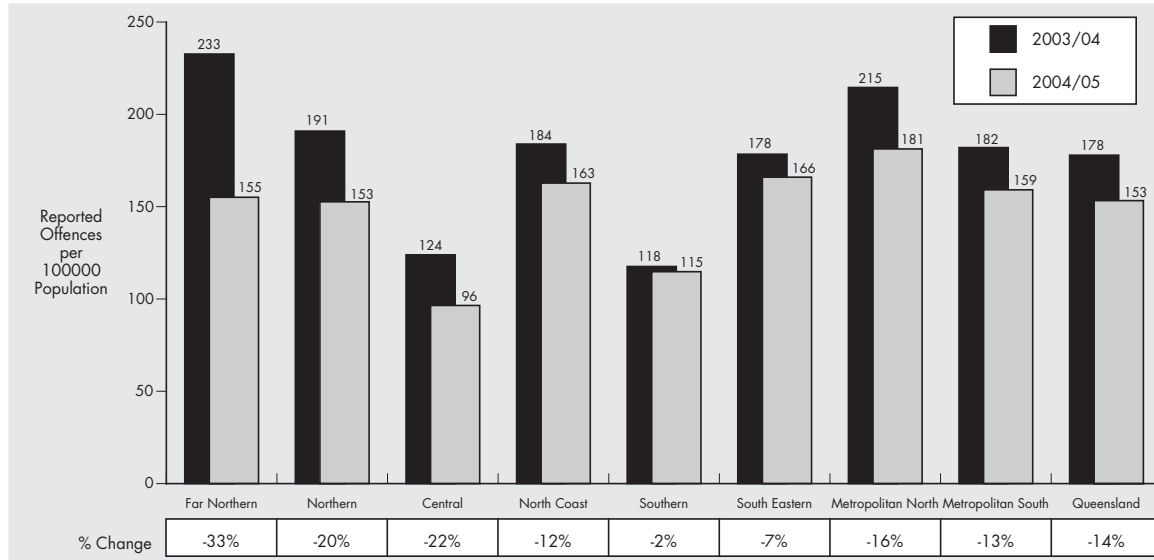
Most regions recorded decreases in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Dwelling offences (except for Far Northern Region), the largest of which was a 24% decrease in

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

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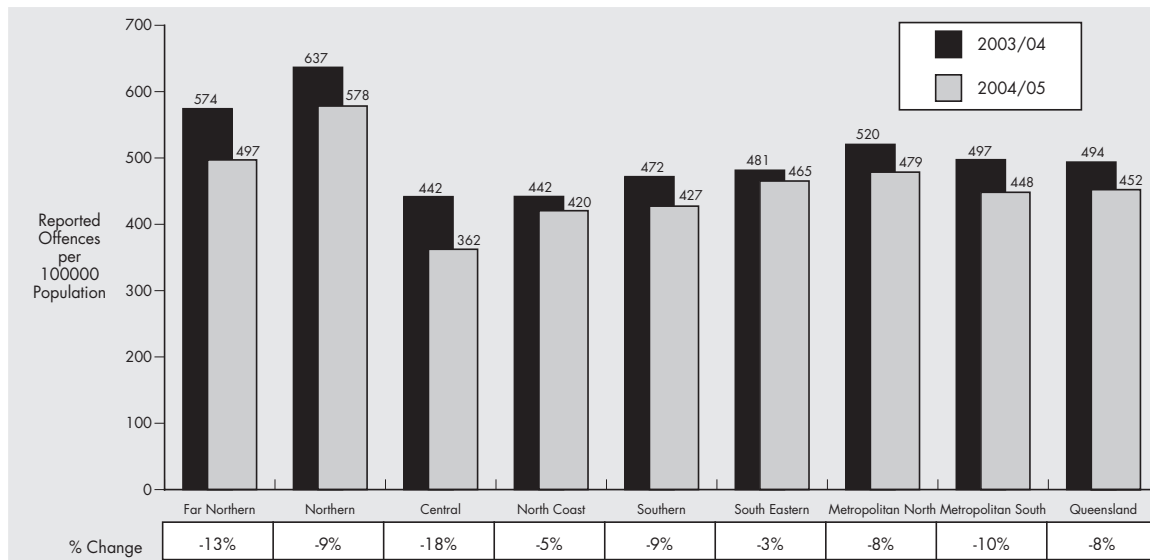
Unlawful Entry - Shops*



All regions reported decreases in Unlawful Entry of Shops. The largest decrease occurred in Far Northern Region (33%). Metropolitan North Region recorded the

highest rate. Overall, the State recorded a substantive 14% reduction in the rate of Unlawful Entry of Shops in the 2004/05 financial year.

Unlawful Entry - Other Premises*



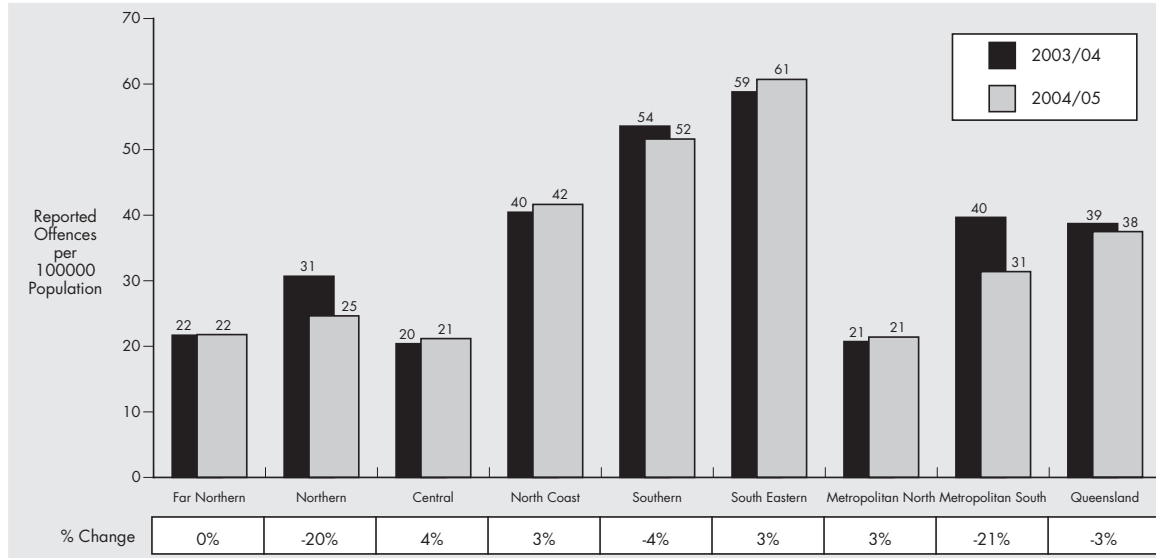
All Regions experienced sizeable decreases in Unlawful Entry of Other Premises. In fact, the decrease in Central Region resulted in the region recording the lowest rate

in the State. The highest rate was again recorded in Northern Region despite its sizeable decrease. The State recorded an overall decrease of 8% this year.

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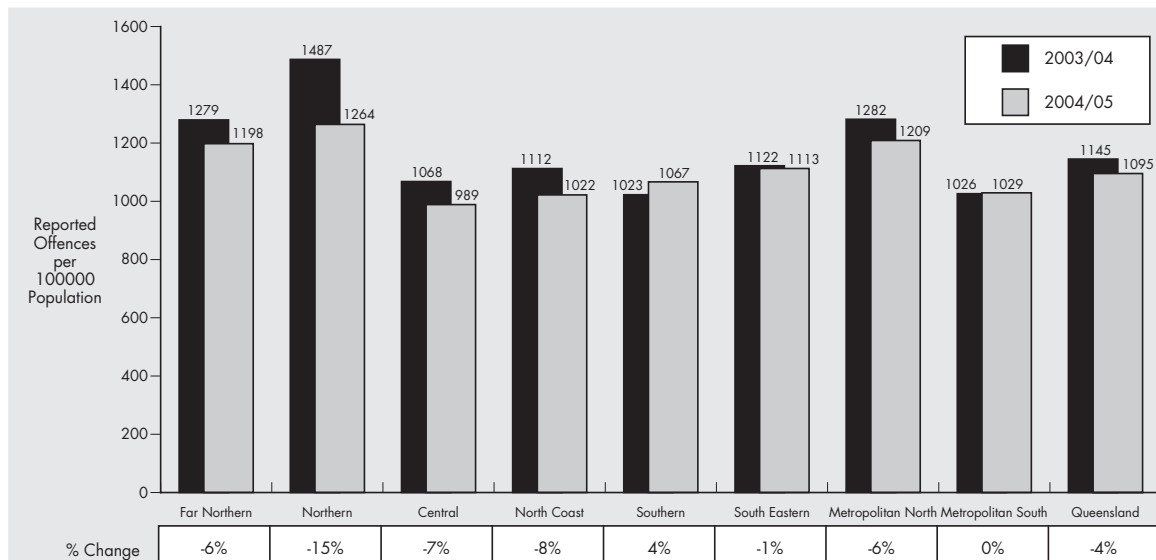
Arson*



Five regions recorded increases in the rate of Arson offences this year (although the increase in Far Northern Region was negligible). Despite these increases, the State recorded an overall decrease of 3%. The largest

decrease occurred in Metropolitan South Region. Central and Metropolitan North Regions again recorded the lowest rates while the highest rate was recorded in South Eastern Region.

Other Property Damage*



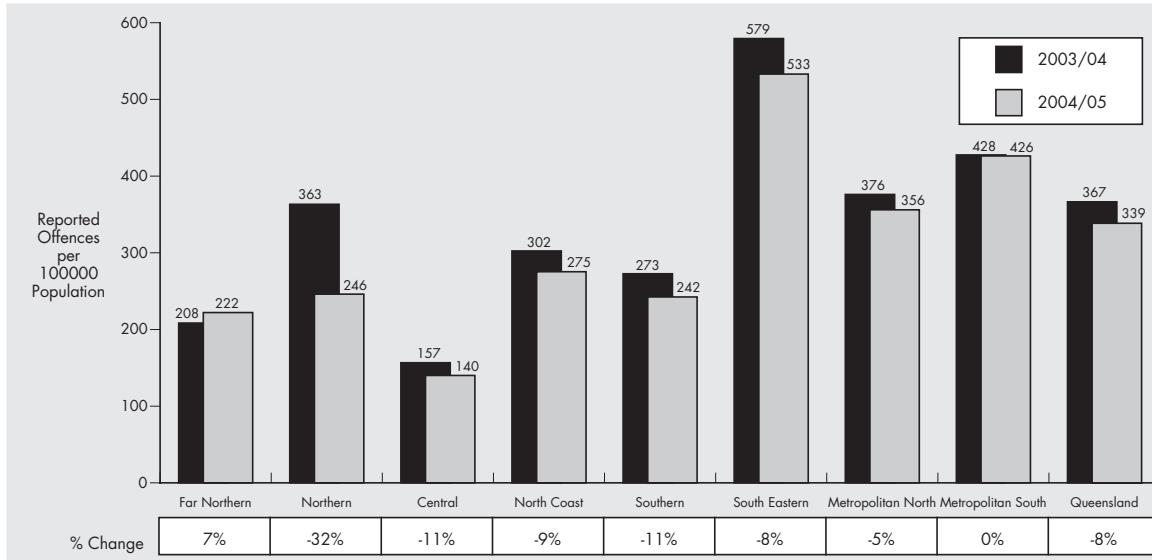
Six of the eight regions recorded decreases in the rate of Other Property Damage offences, the largest of which was a 15% decrease in Northern Region. Despite this decrease, Northern Region recorded the highest rate in

the State. The lowest rate was recorded by Central Region (989 reported offences per 100,000 persons). Southern Region was the only region to record a sizeable increase in the current period.

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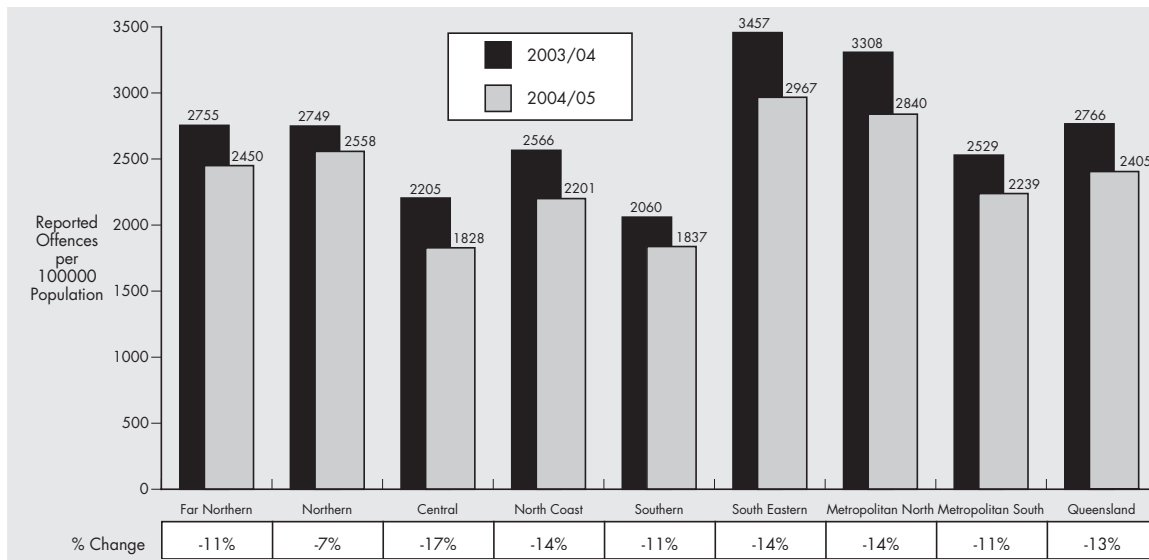
*Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle**



Rates of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicles are traditionally highest in the south-east corner of the State and 2004/05 was no exception despite 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 again experienced the highest rate in the State while Central experienced the lowest. The largest decrease was exhibited by Northern Region.

*Other Theft (excluding Unlawful Entry)**



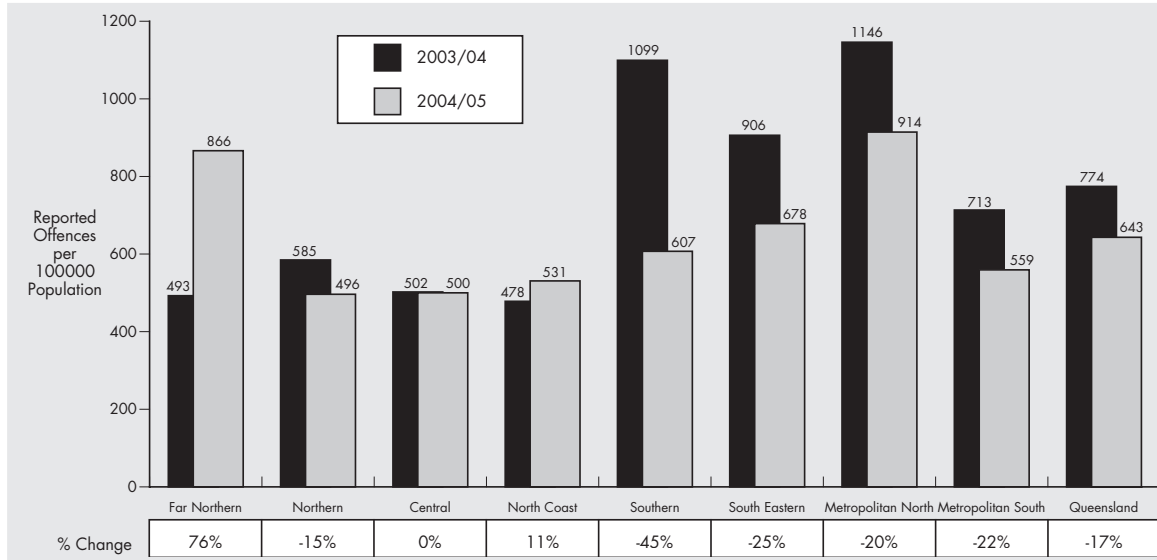
During 2004/05, all regions experienced decreases resulting in a 13% decrease exhibited by Queensland overall. As with previous years, the highest rates of Other Theft occurred in South Eastern and Metropolitan

North Regions despite recording large decreases of 14% each. Central Region recorded the largest decrease which contributed to this region recording the lowest rate of 1828 reported offences per 100,000 persons.

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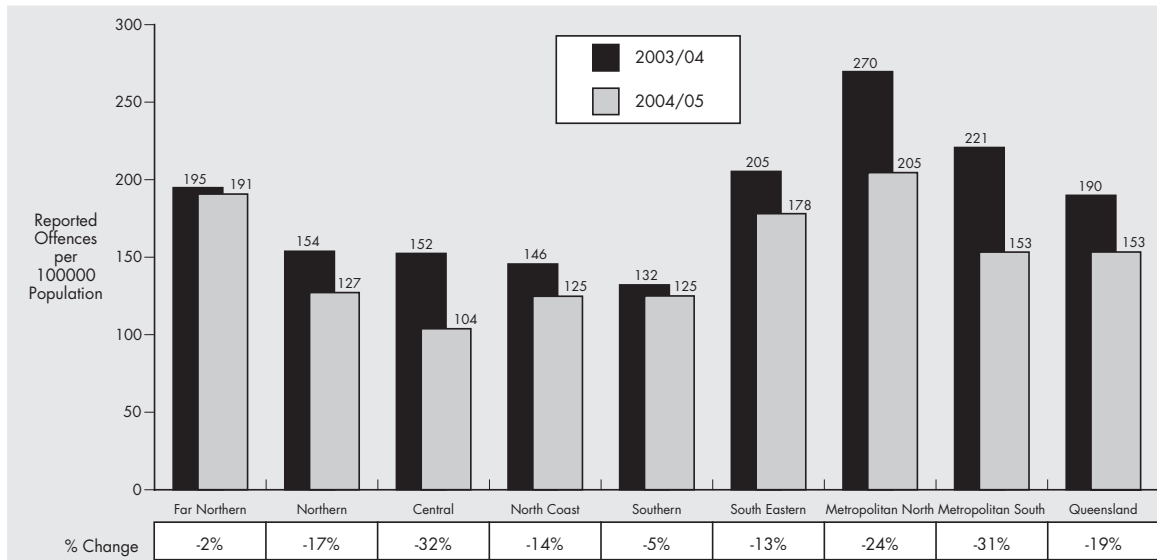
*Fraud**



Two offenders were apprehended for 894 Fraud Offences in 2005 resulting in Far Northern Region recording a significant increase of 76% for the current

period. Southern Region recorded the largest decrease while Northern Region exhibited the lowest rate. The highest rate was seen in Metropolitan North Region.

*Handling Stolen Goods**



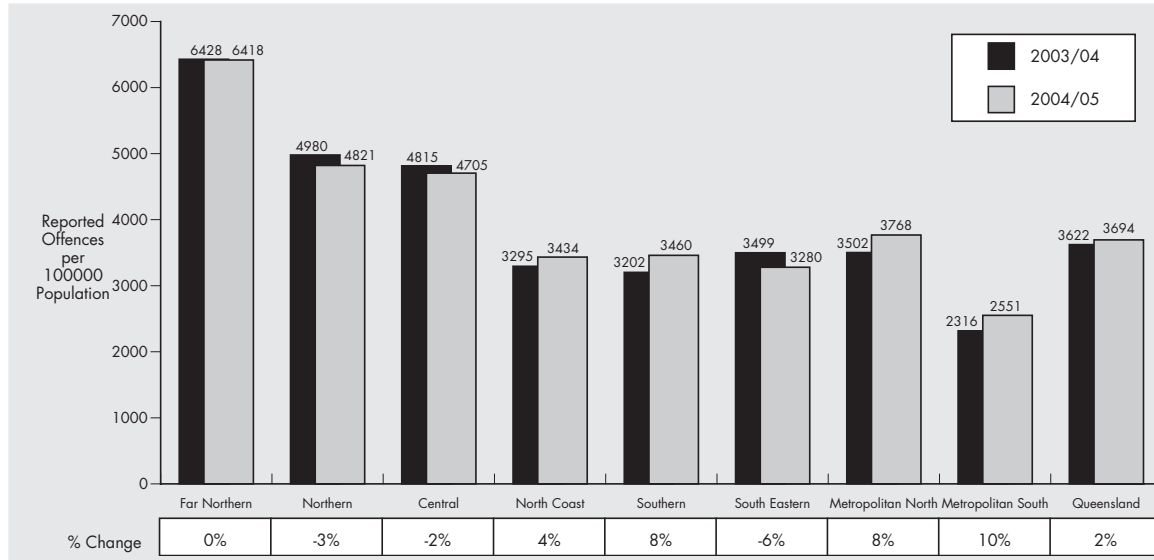
All regions experienced decreases in Handling Stolen Goods Offences resulting in a sizeable 19% decrease for the State overall. Metropolitan North Region again

exhibited the highest rate in the State while Central Region recorded the lowest resulting from a substantial decrease in offences (32%).

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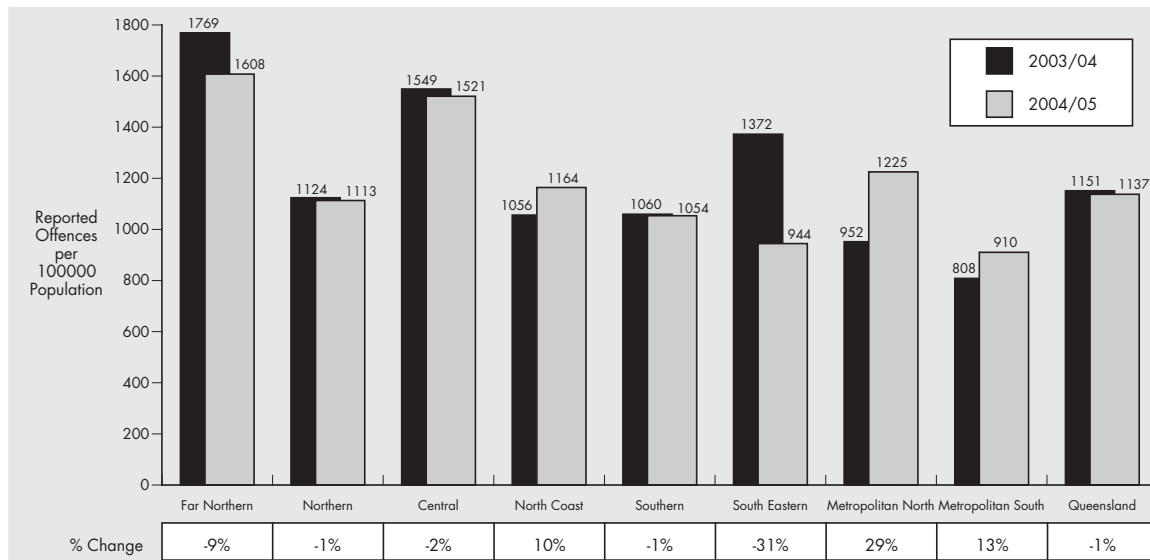
Other Offences*



Other Offences are traditionally highest in the northern part of the State and 2004/05 was no exception. In fact, for the seventh consecutive year, Far Northern Region experienced the highest rate. Similarly, Metro-

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

Drug Offences*



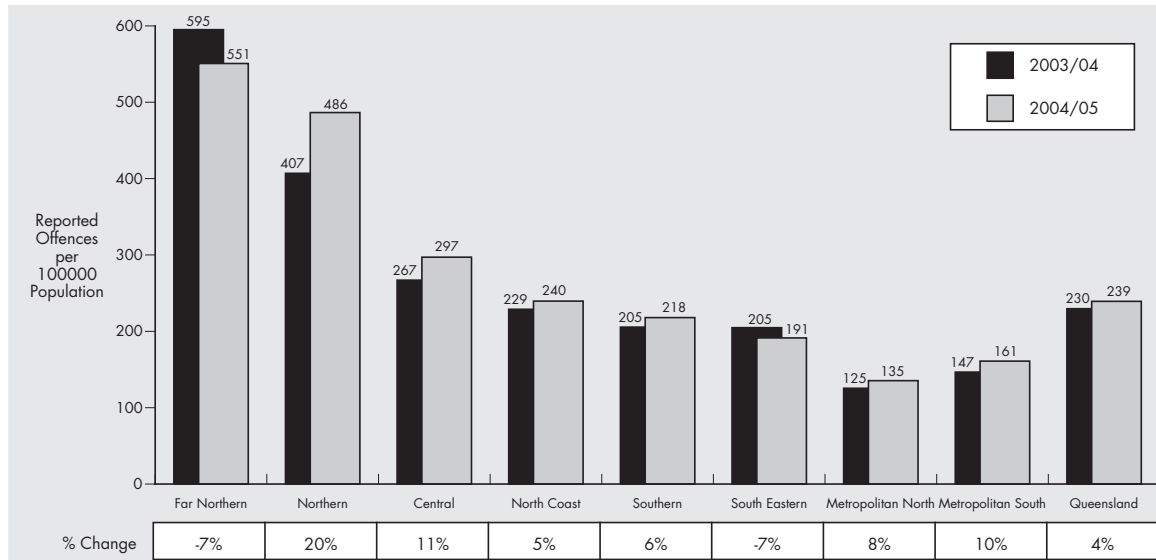
Traditionally, Far Northern Region records the highest rate in the State and 2004/05 was no exception despite the region recording a 9% decrease. The largest increase was exhibited by Metropolitan North Region.

The lowest rate was exhibited by Metropolitan South Region despite this region recording an increase of 13%. South Eastern region exhibited the largest decrease in the rate of Drug Offences (31%).

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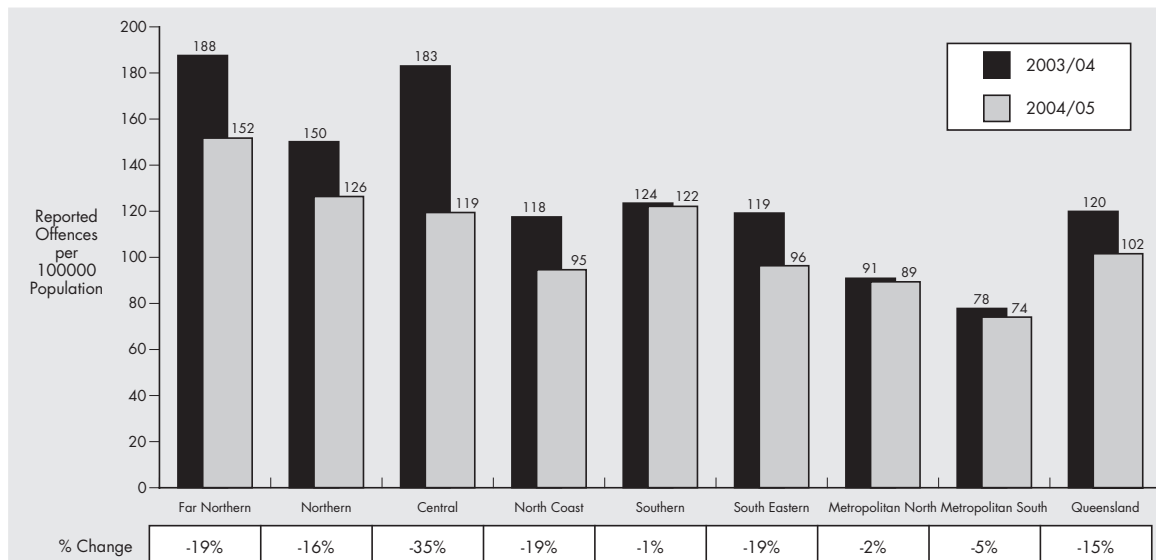
*Breach of Domestic Violence Protection Orders**



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 substantial increases. Northern Region recorded the largest increase (20%) while the only areas to record decreases were Far Northern and South Eastern Regions.

*Weapons Act Offences**



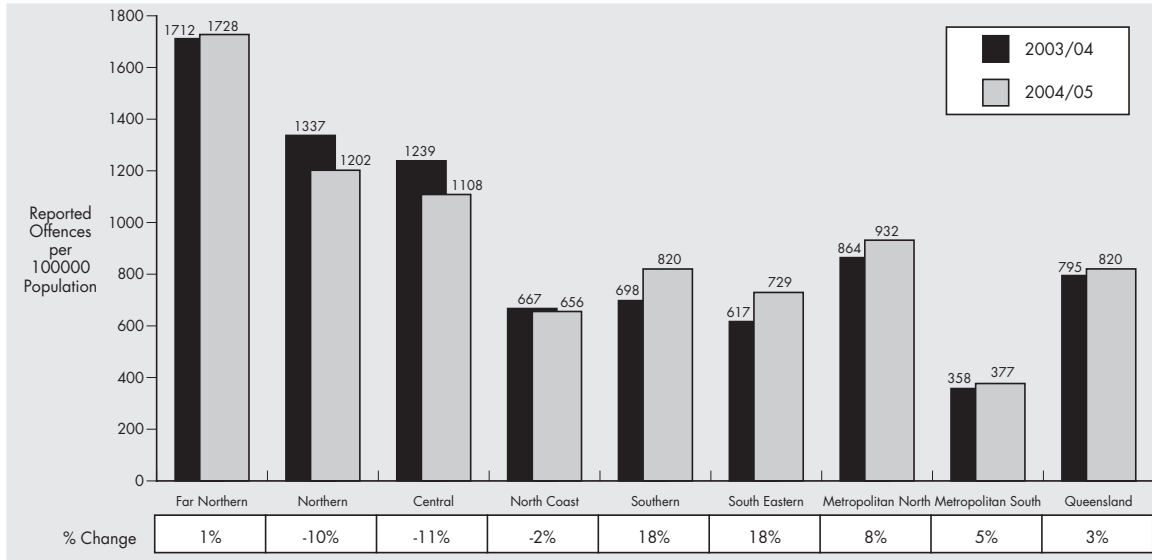
All regions recorded a decrease in Weapons Act Offences, the largest of which was a 35% decrease in Central Region, resulting in the State recording a sizeable decrease of 15%. Metropolitan South Region

again recorded the lowest rate in the State. The highest rate is traditionally recorded in Far Northern Region and 2004/05 was no exception. This was despite recording a substantial decrease of 19%.

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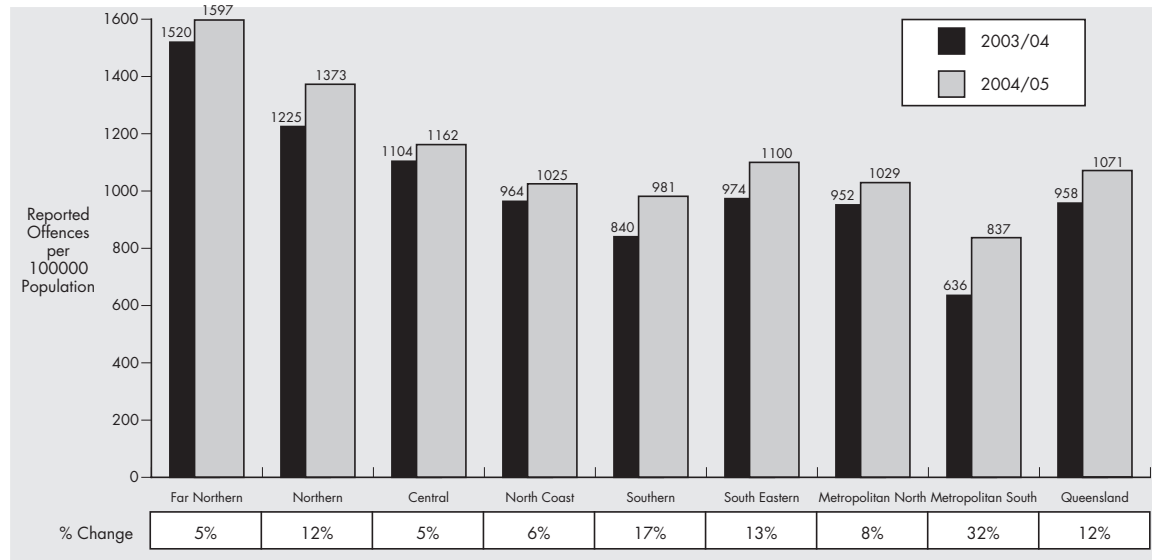
Good Order Offences*



There are usually large variations in the rate of Good Order Offences across regions and 2004/05 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. The largest increases occurred in Southern and South Eastern Regions (18% in each region).

Traffic and Related Offences*



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

the highest rates of Traffic Offences while Metropolitan South Region again recorded the lowest rate despite recording the largest increase in offences.

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