



Vision of the Queensland Police Service

‘Delivering safe and secure communities
through innovation, collaboration and best practice.’

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The Queensland Police Service web address is “www.police.qld.gov.au”.

Past and current copies of the Queensland Police Service’s Annual Statistical Review and Annual Report are available at the above web address. Whilst the Annual Statistical Review provides a wealth of information relating to the activities of the Queensland Police Service, the Annual Report provides a range of performance management information, successful initiatives and includes the Service’s financial statements.

Commissioner's Foreword

The Queensland Police Service Annual Statistical Review 2016-17 provides a comprehensive record of crime statistics in Queensland. This data informs how we respond to the social, technical and economic trends affecting Queensland that may facilitate criminality. It also provides an evidence base to guide us in delivering safe and secure communities through innovation, collaboration and best practice.

In 2016-17, there has been a 2% increase in the overall crime rate compared to the 2015-16 figures. It is important, however, to note that over the ten-year period between 2007-08 and 2016-17, there has been a 5% decrease in the rate of offences against the person and a 2% decrease in the rate of property offences.

Key facts for 2016-17 include:

- Assaults accounted for 65% of all offences against the person and were the main driver of this offence category. In 2016-17, 79% of assaults reported during this time were cleared by police.
- Other theft (excluding unlawful entry) contributed 48% of all reported offences against property. Over 40,000 incidents of other theft were cleared by police during the reporting period. I am pleased to note that despite a 7% increase in the reported rate of other theft in 2016-17, the clearance rate has been maintained.
- The reported rate of 'other offences' has declined 5% on the 2015-16 figures. Of particular note, there has been an overall 6% reduction in the rate of reported drug offences with the rates of drug trafficking and drug production offences both decreasing by 16%.

It is also encouraging to note community confidence with policing in Queensland remains above the national average in the *National Survey of Community Satisfaction with Policing*.

This confidence can manifest in victims and members of the public coming forward and reporting incidents to police. Similarly, strong collaborative partnerships between police and the communities they serve are effective in addressing crime and the causes of crime.

An increase in the rate of reported crime does not necessarily mean more crime is being committed but it does give the police the opportunity to investigate these acts.

Targeted campaigns such as the *Not Now, Not Ever* domestic and family violence campaign, promote awareness and encourage people to report incidents. In 2016-17, following on from the introduction of a specific offence of non



Ian Stewart APM, Commissioner of Police

fatal strangulation in a domestic violence context, police recorded over 1,000 incidents of this new offence.

These results indicate our focus on preventing and addressing crime is making an impact. We continue to respond to emerging issues through an intelligence-led policing approach. This enables us to undertake proactive and targeted responses to criminal activity.

Advances in technology are also enabling improvements in frontline service to better protect our communities.

I thank all members of the Service for their continued professionalism and commitment to public safety. We will continue to work collaboratively with the community and other agencies, both government and non-government, to stop crime and make the community safer.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Stewart'.

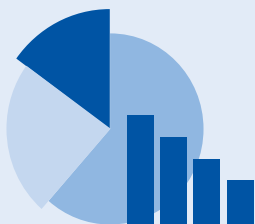
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COMMISSIONER



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Annual Statistical Review 2016-2017*

Crime Statistics



Overall crime
(personal, property
and other offences)
↑ 2%

For ten year period
2007-2008 to 2016-2017
Overall crime

↑ 7%

Offences against the person

↓ 5%

Offences against property

↓ 2%

Reported crime

2015-2016

↑ 4%

2016-2017

↑ 9%

People



8,292 People reported missing
8,274 were located = 99%



253 road fatalities
9 more than last year

Homicide (murder)

↓ 22%

a decrease of 10 offences

Other homicide

↑ 14%

an increase of 13 offences

Armed robbery ↑ 24%

Robbery ↑ 26%

Sexual offences ↓ 11%

Assault ↑ 11%



Offences against the
person ↑ 9%

Property



Fraud
↑ 15%

Arson

↑ 4%

Handling stolen goods

↓ 1%

Other property damage

↑ 8%

Other theft (excl. unlawful entry)

↑ 7%

Unlawful entry

↑ 12%

Unlawful use of motor vehicle

↑ 19%



Property crime
↑ 9%

Domestic and Family Violence

62,264 DFV related incidents (↓ 5%)

DFV related incidents include:
Police applications, private applications,
other action, no DV and interstate orders.

1,049 Strangulation offences in a
domestic setting



DFV
other action
↓ 4%

Breach of DFV
Protection Orders
↑ 9%



*Statistics highlighted here are reflective of a range of number and rate of reported offences.

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