

# NEW SOUTH WALES RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS

Quarterly Update  
**December 2011**

**Revised Edition September 2018**

## **NSW Statistical Areas and Local Government Areas**

### REVISED EDITION

This is a revised edition of the original report. The revision was created in September 2018 to incorporate updates to the historic counts of murder and drug possession offences. The murder revisions have increased the number of murder victims by 4% between 2011 and 2017. The drug possession revisions have resulted in a 25% reduction in the volume of these offences from 2010 due to some incidents previously being double counted.

**NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research**

## CONTENTS

<b>SECTION 1: OVERVIEW OF TRENDS IN VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>. . . 3</b>
Table 1.1 Trends in violent and property offences, over the 60 months to December 2011, NSW Statistical Divisions (SDs) and NSW	. . . 4
Table 1.2 Trends in violent and property offences, over the 60 months to December 2011, NSW Metropolitan Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs)	. . . 5
Table 1.3 Trends in violent and property offences, over the 60 months to December 2011, NSW Local Government Areas (LGAs)	. . . 6
<b>SECTION 2: OVERVIEW OF TRENDS IN RECORDED CRIME, BY OFFENCE TYPE</b>	<b>. . . 9</b>
Table 2.1 Trends in recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 60 months to December 2011, NSW	. . . 10
Table 2.2 Number and trends in recorded criminal incidents for 62 offences, over the 24 months to December 2011, NSW	. . . 11
<b>SECTION 3: TRENDS, RATE COMPARISONS AND RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, NSW REGIONS AND LGAS</b>	<b>. . . 13</b>
Table 3.1A Trends in recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 24 months to December 2011, NSW SDs	. . . 14
Table 3.1B Ratio to NSW rate of recorded criminal incidents per 100,000 population for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2011, NSW SDs	. . . 14
Table 3.1C Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2011, NSW SDs	. . . 15
Table 3.1D Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2010, NSW SDs	. . . 15
Table 3.2A Trends in recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 24 months to December 2011, NSW Metropolitan SSDs	. . . 16
Table 3.2B Ratio to NSW rate of recorded criminal incidents per 100,000 population for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2011, NSW Metropolitan SSDs	. . . 16
Table 3.2C Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2011, NSW Metropolitan SSDs	. . . 17
Table 3.2D Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2010, NSW Metropolitan SSDs	. . . 17
Table 3.3A Trends in recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 24 months to December 2011, NSW LGAs	. . . 18
Table 3.3B Ratio to NSW rate of recorded criminal incidents per 100,000 population for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2011, NSW LGAs	. . . 20
Table 3.3C Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2011, NSW LGAs	. . . 22
Table 3.3D Number of recorded criminal incidents for major offences, over the 12 months to December 2010, NSW LGAs	. . . 24
<b>NOTES: TRENDS IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS IN NSW</b>	<b>. . . 27</b>

---

**SECTION 1:**

**OVERVIEW OF TRENDS  
IN VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME**

---

**TABLE 1.1: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (SDs) AND NSW**

Statistical Division	Violent Offences*			Property Offences**		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate
Sydney	Stable	-2.2%	0.9	Stable	-5.1%	1.0
Hunter	Stable	-2.1%	1.0	Stable	Stable	1.2
Illawarra	Stable	-2.4%	0.9	Stable	Stable	0.9
Richmond-Tweed	Stable	-4.2%	1.1	Stable	-2.1%	1.0
Mid-North Coast	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	Stable	1.0
Northern	Stable	Stable	1.5	Stable	Stable	1.1
North Western	Stable	Stable	2.2	Stable	Stable	1.4
Central West	Stable	Stable	1.4	Stable	Stable	1.1
South Eastern	Stable	-2.2%	0.9	Stable	-5.4%	0.7
Murrumbidgee	Stable	Stable	1.2	Stable	Stable	1.1
Murray	Stable	-5.1%	1.0	Stable	-2.5%	1.1
Far West	16.0%	4.7%	2.6	Stable	-4.7%	1.2
<b>NSW</b>	Stable	-2.0%	1.0	Stable	-3.6%	1.0

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* **Violent offences** include: murder, assault - domestic violence related, assault - non-domestic violence related, assault police, robbery without a weapon, robbery with a firearm, robbery with a weapon not a firearm, sexual assault and indecent assault / act of indecency / other sexual offences.

\*\* **Property offences** include: break and enter dwelling, break and enter non-dwelling, motor vehicle theft, steal from motor vehicle, steal from retail store, steal from dwelling, steal from person, stock theft, other theft and fraud.  
For further explanation of **violent offences** and **property offences**, see page 27, Note [7].

For further explanation of **violent offences** and **property offences**, see page 27, Note [7].

<sup>#</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

**TABLE 1.2: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL SUBDIVISIONS (SSDs)**

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	Violent Offences*			Property Offences**		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate
Inner Sydney	Stable	-4.7%	2.0	-5.3%	-9.1%	2.3
Eastern Suburbs	Stable	-6.1%	0.7	Stable	-7.2%	1.0
St George-Sutherland	-7.3%	-2.7%	0.6	-3.5%	-4.7%	0.6
Canterbury-Bankstown	Stable	Stable	0.8	Stable	-2.0%	0.9
Fairfield-Liverpool	Stable	1.6%	1.0	Stable	-2.5%	1.0
Outer South Western Sydney	Stable	-3.2%	1.2	Stable	-1.5%	0.9
Inner Western Sydney	-9.9%	Stable	0.6	Stable	-7.6%	1.0
Central Western Sydney	Stable	-2.0%	1.0	-2.0%	-5.7%	1.1
Outer Western Sydney	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	-2.9%	0.9
Blacktown	Stable	Stable	1.4	Stable	-2.6%	1.1
Lower Northern Sydney	Stable	-3.3%	0.4	Stable	-8.4%	0.7
Central Northern Sydney	Stable	-2.5%	0.3	Stable	-6.4%	0.5
Northern Beaches	Stable	Stable	0.5	Stable	-4.2%	0.7
Central Coast	-7.8%	-3.5%	1.0	Stable	Stable	1.0
Newcastle	Stable	-2.5%	1.1	Stable	Stable	1.3
Wollongong	Stable	-3.5%	0.9	9.3%	-2.2%	0.9

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* **Violent offences** include: murder, assault - domestic violence related, assault - non-domestic violence related, assault police, robbery without a weapon, robbery with a firearm, robbery with a weapon not a firearm, sexual assault and indecent assault / act of indecency / other sexual offences.

**Property offences** include: break and enter dwelling, break and enter non-dwelling, motor vehicle theft, steal from motor vehicle, steal from retail store, steal from dwelling, steal from person, stock theft, other theft and fraud.

For further explanation of **violent offences** and **property offences**, see page 27, Note [7].

<sup>#</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

**TABLE 1.3: TRENDS<sup>a</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGAs)**

NSW LGAs	Violent Offences <sup>a</sup>			Property Offences <sup>a</sup>		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate
Albury	ns	-5.4	1.2	-14.4	-4.9	1.4
Armidale Dumaresq	ns	ns	1.4	-27.2	-8.5	0.8
Ashfield	ns	ns	0.7	ns	-6.6	0.8
Auburn	-15.1	ns	1.0	-7.5	-6.7	1.0
Ballina	ns	-8.1	0.9	33.0	-3.2	1.0
Balranald	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Bankstown	ns	ns	0.9	14.7	-1.6	1.1
Bathurst Regional	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	1.1
Bega Valley	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-8.6	0.6
Bellingen	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.7
Berrigan	ns	ns	0.4	ns	-12.2	0.5
Blacktown	ns	ns	1.4	ns	-2.6	1.1
Bland	ns	-6.2	0.9	ns	-10.4	0.6
Blayney	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.6
Blue Mountains	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.7
Bogan	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	0.9
Bombala	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Boorowa	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Botany Bay	ns	-5.3	1.0	-9.9	-5.2	1.5
Bourke	2.0	ns	7.2	29.8	ns	3.5
Brewarrina	ns	-8.5	.	20.2	11.4	.
Broken Hill	21.0	ns	2.1	ns	-6.1	1.2
Burwood	ns	ns	0.8	ns	-7.1	1.4
Byron	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.4
Cabonne	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Camden	ns	ns	0.7	-11.0	ns	0.7
Campbelltown	-6.9	-4.5	1.5	ns	-2.5	1.2
Canada Bay	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-8.6	0.7
Canterbury	ns	ns	0.7	ns	-2.9	0.7
Carrathool	-50.0	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Central Darling	ns	ns	.	ns	8.7	.
Cessnock	ns	ns	1.2	26.3	ns	1.3
Clarence Valley	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-4.4	1.0
Cobar	ns	ns	1.8	ns	ns	1.1
Coffs Harbour	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-5.1	1.0
Conargo	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coolamon	ns	ns	0.6	ns	22.3	0.7
Cooma-Monaro	53.6	ns	1.3	ns	-4.1	0.7
Coonamble	ns	ns	2.8	ns	14.3	3.2
Cootamundra	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	0.7
Corowa Shire	ns	-9.4	0.6	ns	ns	0.8
Cowra	ns	8.8	1.7	-26.6	-5.2	0.9
Deniliquin	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	1.1
Dubbo	ns	ns	1.8	ns	-2.7	1.3
Dungog	ns	-13.5	0.4	ns	ns	0.6
Eurobodalla	ns	-5.3	1.0	ns	ns	1.1
Fairfield	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-3.1	0.8
Forbes	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.0
Gilgandra	ns	ns	1.4	28.2	8.4	1.4
Glen Innes Severn	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	1.0
Gloucester	ns	ns	0.4	ns	ns	0.6
Gosford	-10.5	-5.6	0.8	ns	ns	0.9
Goulburn Mulwaree	-13.5	ns	1.1	-12.8	ns	0.8
Great Lakes	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-3.6	1.0
Greater Hume Shire	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.7
Greater Taree	ns	-4.4	1.2	-15.5	ns	1.1
Griffith	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.1
Gundagai	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.6
Gunnedah	ns	ns	1.6	20.1	8.5	1.5
Guyra	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.6
Gwydir	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.4
Harden	ns	ns	0.6	ns	-7.8	0.5
Hawkesbury	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.9
Hay	63.3	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.9
Holroyd	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-6.5	0.9
Hornsby	ns	ns	0.4	ns	-7.5	0.4
Hunters Hill	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-9.0	0.5
Hurstville	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.9
Inverell	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	0.9
Jerilderie	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Junee	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.7
Kempsey	ns	-3.3	1.5	ns	4.3	1.6
Kiama	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.6
Kogarah	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-5.9	0.5
Ku-ring-gai	ns	ns	0.2	ns	-4.7	0.4
Kyogle	-30.5	-10.9	1.0	ns	8.6	1.0
Lachlan	ns	ns	1.8	ns	ns	1.4
Lake Macquarie	ns	ns	0.8	15.6	ns	1.0
Lane Cove	29.6	ns	0.3	ns	-13.9	0.5
Leeton	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.1
Leichhardt	ns	-2.5	0.8	ns	-10.5	0.9
Lismore	ns	-6.4	1.3	11.1	-4.5	1.1
Lithgow	ns	-5.3	1.2	ns	ns	1.0

**TABLE 1.3: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGAs)**

NSW LGAs	Violent Offences*			Property Offences*		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio <sup>#</sup> to NSW rate
Liverpool	ns	3.3	1.1	ns	-2.1	1.1
Liverpool Plains	ns	ns	1.1	ns	11.7	0.7
Lockhart	.	.	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Lord Howe Island	.	.	.	.	.	.
Maitland	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	1.2
Manly	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-5.3	1.0
Marrickville	ns	-5.5	1.0	-14.6	-11.7	1.0
Mid-Western Regional	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.9
Moree Plains	ns	-6.8	2.8	ns	ns	2.5
Mosman	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-8.6	0.6
Murray	ns	ns	0.4	ns	ns	0.8
Murrumbidgee	ns	ns	.	ns	-10.3	.
Muswellbrook	-21.4	ns	1.0	ns	ns	1.3
Nambucca	-36.4	-7.9	1.0	ns	-6.0	1.0
Narrabri	ns	-12.2	1.1	ns	ns	1.1
Narrandera	ns	ns	1.4	-12.1	ns	1.0
Narromine	ns	ns	1.8	ns	10.4	1.6
Newcastle	ns	-4.6	1.3	ns	-2.7	1.6
North Sydney	ns	ns	0.6	ns	-12.1	0.8
Oberon	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.6
Orange	ns	7.5	1.8	ns	9.5	1.8
Palerang	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-7.7	0.3
Parkes	ns	ns	1.7	ns	-8.7	1.0
Parramatta	ns	-1.6	1.1	ns	-4.9	1.2
Penrith	ns	ns	1.3	-6.5	-3.9	1.0
Pittwater	ns	7.6	0.5	ns	-3.1	0.6
Port Macquarie-Hastings	ns	5.2	1.1	ns	2.3	0.9
Port Stephens	ns	-4.4	0.9	-5.0	-7.4	1.0
Queanbeyan	ns	ns	0.9	-21.7	-10.1	0.7
Randwick	ns	-5.0	0.8	ns	-4.0	1.0
Richmond Valley	ns	-8.5	1.5	ns	ns	1.3
Rockdale	-12.5	ns	0.6	ns	-4.5	0.7
Ryde	ns	-8.8	0.4	ns	-4.6	0.7
Shellharbour	ns	-3.7	0.8	ns	ns	0.9
Shoalhaven	ns	ns	1.3	ns	3.2	1.1
Singleton	ns	ns	0.8	ns	7.2	1.0
Snowy River	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.8
Strathfield	ns	ns	1.0	ns	-7.5	1.3
Sutherland Shire	ns	-2.6	0.6	-9.9	-6.6	0.5
Sydney	ns	-4.7	3.0	ns	-9.0	3.4
Tamworth Regional	ns	7.1	1.7	ns	ns	1.2
Temora	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.6
Tenterfield	ns	ns	1.1	ns	-14.4	0.8
The Hills Shire	ns	-2.5	0.4	ns	-6.5	0.5
Tumbarumba	ns	ns	0.7	-32.3	ns	0.5
Tumut Shire	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	0.7
Tweed	ns	ns	0.8	-12.4	ns	0.8
Unincorporated Far West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Upper Hunter Shire	ns	ns	0.7	ns	6.2	0.7
Upper Lachlan Shire	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Uralla	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.5
Urana	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Wagga Wagga	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.4
Wakool	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Walcha	.	.	0.4	ns	ns	0.5
Walgett	ns	ns	4.3	ns	-8.8	1.6
Warren	ns	20.6	.	ns	ns	.
Warringah	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-4.1	0.6
Warrumbungle Shire	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.8
Waverley	ns	-8.0	0.8	-11.4	-8.8	1.2
Weddin	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Wellington	ns	8.6	2.2	ns	9.5	1.5
Wentworth	ns	ns	1.6	ns	7.3	1.8
Willoughby	ns	ns	0.4	ns	-7.4	0.9
Wingecarribee	ns	-4.8	0.6	ns	-2.0	0.6
Wollondilly	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Wollongong	ns	-3.4	0.9	10.8	-2.7	1.0
Woollahra	ns	-6.3	0.5	ns	-11.6	0.8
Wyong	ns	ns	1.2	7.4	ns	1.1
Yass Valley	ns	ns	0.5	-12.8	-6.7	0.4
Young	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	0.8
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* For further explanation of **violent offences** and **property offences**, see page 27, Note [7].

# For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

Sydney LGA can be considered a special case since the population used to calculate the rate is much lower than the population using the area for work and entertainment. This will be reflected in higher incident rates.





---

**SECTION 2:**  
**OVERVIEW OF TRENDS**  
**IN RECORDED CRIME**  
**BY OFFENCE TYPE**  
**NSW**

---

**TABLE 2.1: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW**

<i>Offence category</i>	<i>Trend result and annual percentage change over the last 24 months</i>	<i>Trend result and average annual percentage change over the last 60 months</i>
Murder*	Stable	Stable
Assault - domestic violence related	Stable	Stable
Assault - non-domestic violence related	Down by 7.0%	Down by 3.1%
Sexual assault	Stable	Stable
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Stable	Stable
Robbery without a weapon	Down by 14.8%	Down by 10.4%
Robbery with a firearm	Stable	Down by 9.5%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Stable	Down by 9.9%
Break and enter dwelling	Down by 4.5%	Down by 4.1%
Break and enter non-dwelling	Stable	Down by 8.6%
Motor vehicle theft	Stable	Down by 7.4%
Steal from motor vehicle	Up by 7.5%	Down by 6.2%
Steal from retail store	Stable	Up by 3.0%
Steal from dwelling	Stable	Stable
Steal from person	Stable	Down by 7.6%
Fraud	Stable	Stable
Malicious damage to property	Stable	Down by 5.1%

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* For murder, the trend test is applied to the monthly number of recorded victims rather than criminal incidents.

**TABLE 2.2: NUMBER AND TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR 62 OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW**

Offence Category		Number of recorded criminal incidents		Trend <sup>^</sup> over last 24 months	
		over the 12 months to December 2010	over the 12 months to December 2011	Trend test result	Percentage change
Homicide	Murder*	79	89	Stable	
	Attempted murder	34	47	Stable	
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	7	2	.	
	Manslaughter*	11	6	.	
Assault	Domestic violence related assault	26,145	26,808	Stable	
	Non-domestic violence related assault	39,851	37,066	Down	-7.0%
	Assault Police	2,373	2,479	Stable	
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	4,478	4,309	Stable	
	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	5,274	5,786	Stable	
Abduction and kidnapping		297	377	Up	26.9%
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	3,520	3,000	Down	-14.8%
	Robbery with a firearm	410	361	Stable	
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	1,487	1,493	Stable	
Blackmail and extortion		131	97	Down	-26.0%
Harassment, threatening behaviour and private nuisance		29,083	29,411	Stable	
Other offences against the person		1,364	1,366	Stable	
Theft	Break and enter dwelling	41,245	39,407	Down	-4.5%
	Break and enter non-dwelling	17,069	17,032	Stable	
	Receiving or handling stolen goods	5,662	5,803	Stable	
	Motor vehicle theft	20,263	19,548	Stable	
	Steal from motor vehicle	44,783	48,159	Up	7.5%
	Steal from retail store	20,511	20,685	Stable	
	Steal from dwelling	20,904	20,813	Stable	
	Steal from person	8,757	8,504	Stable	
	Stock theft	545	693	Up	27.2%
	Fraud	36,266	36,421	Stable	
Other theft	34,872	35,604	Stable		
Arson		5,869	6,079	Stable	
Malicious damage to property		91,569	86,852	Stable	
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	549	463	Down	-15.7%
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	773	761	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	14,186	15,522	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of amphetamines	2,258	2,804	Up	24.2%
	Possession and/or use of ecstasy	1,276	1,048	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	2,245	2,689	Up	19.8%
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	202	127	Down	-37.1%
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	430	347	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	698	807	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in amphetamines	969	875	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in ecstasy	425	278	Down	-34.6%
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	236	241	Stable	
	Cultivating cannabis	1,336	1,272	Stable	
	Manufacture drug	99	92	Stable	
	Importing drugs	37	64	Stable	
Other drug offences	3,902	4,049	Stable		
Prohibited and regulated weapons offences		7,810	7,692	Stable	
Disorderly conduct	Trespass	8,712	8,744	Stable	
	Offensive conduct	9,374	8,662	Stable	
	Offensive language	6,320	5,745	Down	-9.1%
	Criminal intent	1,540	1,684	Stable	
Betting and gaming offences		232	127	Stable	
Liquor offences		17,440	16,154	Stable	
Pornography offences		256	315	Stable	
Prostitution offences		275	165	Stable	
Against justice procedures	Escape custody	185	224	Stable	
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	12,187	12,598	Stable	
	Breach bail conditions	26,861	31,988	Up	19.1%
	Fail to appear	1,205	1,125	Stable	
	Resist or hinder officer	7,058	6,591	Stable	
Other offences against justice procedures		455	474	Stable	
Transport regulatory offences		54,017	57,352	Up	6.2%
Other offences		15,504	14,189	Down	-8.5%

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* For murder and manslaughter incidents, the trend test is applied to the monthly number of recorded victims rather than criminal incidents.



---

**SECTION 3:**

**TRENDS, RATE COMPARISONS AND  
RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS  
FOR MAJOR OFFENCES  
NSW REGIONS AND LGAS**

---

**TABLE 3.1A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW SDs**

<b>Statistical Division</b>	<b>Murder*</b>	<b>Assault - domestic violence related</b>	<b>Assault - non-domestic violence related</b>	<b>Sexual assault</b>	<b>Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences</b>	<b>Robbery without a weapon</b>	<b>Robbery with a firearm</b>	<b>Robbery with a weapon not a firearm</b>	<b>Break and enter dwelling</b>	<b>Break and enter non-dwelling</b>	<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>Steal from motor vehicle</b>	<b>Steal from retail store</b>	<b>Steal from dwelling</b>	<b>Steal from person</b>	<b>Fraud</b>	<b>Malicious damage to property</b>
Sydney	n.c.	ns	-7.9	ns	ns	-15.8	ns	ns	-5.1	-5.7	-7.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-7.8
Hunter	n.c.	ns	-11.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	26.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Illawarra	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	45.1	ns	ns	ns	25.4	ns	10.9	ns	ns	ns
Richmond-Tweed	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	23.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Mid-North Coast	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	59.4	-17.9	20.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Northern	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	14.8	ns	ns	ns	ns
North Western	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West	n.c.	11.5	ns	ns	55.8	ns	.	.	ns	-8.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
South Eastern	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-30.9	ns	-48.2	ns	ns
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	ns	-10.5	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murray	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-15.2	-19.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-40.5	ns	ns
Far West	n.c.	ns	25.1	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	35.4	ns
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* The trend test for Sydney and NSW on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

**TABLE 3.1B: RATIO TO NSW RATE<sup>^</sup> OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW SDs**

<b>Statistical Division</b>	<b>Murder*</b>	<b>Assault - domestic violence related</b>	<b>Assault - non-domestic violence related</b>	<b>Sexual assault</b>	<b>Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences</b>	<b>Robbery without a weapon</b>	<b>Robbery with a firearm</b>	<b>Robbery with a weapon not a firearm</b>	<b>Break and enter dwelling</b>	<b>Break and enter non-dwelling</b>	<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>Steal from motor vehicle</b>	<b>Steal from retail store</b>	<b>Steal from dwelling</b>	<b>Steal from person</b>	<b>Fraud</b>	<b>Malicious damage to property</b>
Sydney	n.c.	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.8
Hunter	n.c.	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.9	1.4
Illawarra	n.c.	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.6	1.0
Richmond-Tweed	n.c.	1.0	1.1	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.5	1.0
Mid-North Coast	n.c.	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.2
Northern	n.c.	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.6	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.5
North Western	n.c.	2.7	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.7	0.3	0.9	2.1	2.2	1.1	1.4	1.2	2.2	0.5	0.6	2.0
Central West	n.c.	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.5
South Eastern	n.c.	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.5	1.1
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.3	1.7	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.8	0.4	0.5	1.3
Murray	n.c.	1.1	0.9	1.5	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.8	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.5	1.3
Far West	n.c.	3.5	2.3	1.6	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.4	1.8	2.0	0.5	1.1	0.6	1.8	0.6	0.8	2.0
<b>NSW</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

\* The rate calculations on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

**TABLE 3.1C: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW SDs**

<b>Statistical Division</b>	<b>Murder*</b>	<b>Assault - domestic violence related</b>	<b>Assault - non-domestic violence related</b>	<b>Sexual assault</b>	<b>Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences</b>	<b>Robbery without a weapon</b>	<b>Robbery with a firearm</b>	<b>Robbery with a weapon not a firearm</b>	<b>Break and enter dwelling</b>	<b>Break and enter non-dwelling</b>	<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>Steal from motor vehicle</b>	<b>Steal from retail store</b>	<b>Steal from dwelling</b>	<b>Steal from person</b>	<b>Fraud</b>	<b>Malicious damage to property</b>
Sydney	n.a.	15,011	20,580	2,155	3,124	2,425	288	1,150	22,302	6,840	12,159	28,124	13,538	10,335	6,869	27,921	45,942
Hunter	n.a.	2,427	3,509	500	652	180	26	100	4,115	2,544	2,482	6,203	1,845	2,495	523	2,898	10,657
Illawarra	n.a.	1,520	2,220	267	307	108	15	74	2,433	1,366	1,231	2,881	1,198	1,353	290	1,311	5,463
Richmond-Tweed	n.a.	868	1,422	227	235	44	8	28	1,380	967	641	1,653	646	904	189	648	2,834
Mid-North Coast	n.a.	1,311	1,831	241	280	63	10	51	1,921	1,454	884	2,077	751	1,246	187	848	4,379
Northern	n.a.	1,132	1,444	187	251	39	4	11	1,578	797	408	1,257	611	823	90	494	3,285
North Western	n.a.	1,178	1,252	134	205	36	2	23	1,389	605	357	1,136	405	744	67	373	2,893
Central West	n.a.	1,008	1,326	172	215	38	3	24	1,413	621	495	1,325	572	770	103	541	3,432
South Eastern	n.a.	805	976	141	196	20	0	6	797	574	259	1,090	329	636	43	565	2,828
Murrumbidgee	n.a.	774	1,015	147	189	28	1	17	1,105	637	318	1,251	456	814	84	424	2,567
Murray	n.a.	478	560	108	93	15	4	7	753	512	281	995	296	575	44	305	1,920
Far West	n.a.	295	269	22	30	3	0	2	221	108	32	164	38	118	15	88	532
<b>NSW</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>26,808</b>	<b>37,066</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>5,786</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>39,407</b>	<b>17,032</b>	<b>19,548</b>	<b>48,159</b>	<b>20,685</b>	<b>20,813</b>	<b>8,504</b>	<b>36,421</b>	<b>86,852</b>

\* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website ([www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/))

**TABLE 3.1D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2010, NSW SDs**

<b>Statistical Division</b>	<b>Murder*</b>	<b>Assault - domestic violence related</b>	<b>Assault - non-domestic violence related</b>	<b>Sexual assault</b>	<b>Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences</b>	<b>Robbery without a weapon</b>	<b>Robbery with a firearm</b>	<b>Robbery with a weapon not a firearm</b>	<b>Break and enter dwelling</b>	<b>Break and enter non-dwelling</b>	<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>Steal from motor vehicle</b>	<b>Steal from retail store</b>	<b>Steal from dwelling</b>	<b>Steal from person</b>	<b>Fraud</b>	<b>Malicious damage to property</b>
Sydney	n.a.	14,696	22,355	2,231	2,943	2,880	347	1,231	23,512	7,251	13,149	26,962	13,240	10,244	7,114	28,074	49,834
Hunter	n.a.	2,405	3,943	489	513	196	30	77	3,856	2,463	2,361	4,906	1,847	2,495	519	2,839	10,445
Illawarra	n.a.	1,487	2,199	290	345	131	9	51	2,535	1,212	1,096	2,297	1,170	1,220	309	1,129	5,882
Richmond-Tweed	n.a.	874	1,485	201	219	58	9	19	1,398	900	521	1,529	658	927	158	650	3,028
Mid-North Coast	n.a.	1,397	1,923	296	281	62	8	32	2,341	1,208	871	2,095	887	1,382	192	781	4,529
Northern	n.a.	1,099	1,512	188	210	51	3	12	1,677	892	428	1,151	532	867	74	534	3,357
North Western	n.a.	1,155	1,316	169	167	32	1	9	1,371	573	348	1,063	412	699	67	333	2,906
Central West	n.a.	904	1,369	176	138	40	2	16	1,384	682	440	1,528	524	850	91	611	3,453
South Eastern	n.a.	703	1,022	168	158	22	1	12	880	550	333	1,104	476	661	83	599	2,809
Murrumbidgee	n.a.	673	1,134	135	174	21	0	15	1,133	622	390	1,104	435	849	64	366	2,658
Murray	n.a.	472	652	95	97	20	0	12	888	634	280	916	278	584	74	280	2,040
Far West	n.a.	277	215	27	14	6	0	0	270	78	44	128	52	126	10	65	502
<b>NSW</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>26,145</b>	<b>39,851</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>41,245</b>	<b>17,069</b>	<b>20,263</b>	<b>44,783</b>	<b>20,511</b>	<b>20,904</b>	<b>8,757</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>91,569</b>

\* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website ([www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/))

**TABLE 3.2A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDs**

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	Murder*	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non-domestic violence related	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Break and enter dwelling	Break and enter non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Steal from dwelling	Steal from person	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
Inner Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-47.9	ns	-10.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	-14.1	ns	-9.8	ns
Eastern Suburbs	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
St George-Sutherland	n.c.	ns	-10.9	ns	ns	-33.8	ns	ns	-10.3	ns	-15.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.0
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	33.1	37.7	ns	ns	ns	-13.4
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	23.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	-4.8
Outer South Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	-10.3	ns	30.9	-13.5	ns	-35.5	ns	ns	-11.7	ns	10.7	ns	ns	ns	-11.4
Inner Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	-15.8	ns	ns	-29.1	ns	-40.0	-18.9	ns	-18.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.1	ns
Central Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.7	ns	ns	-11.5	ns	-10.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-3.7	ns
Outer Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	-13.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-8.1
Blacktown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lower Northern Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.9	ns	-17.2	-9.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central Northern Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	26.3	15.8	ns
Northern Beaches	n.c.	ns	-13.8	ns	ns	-55.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	-28.5	ns	-17.3	ns	ns	ns	-15.5
Central Coast	n.c.	-8.8	-9.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-26.8	ns	14.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Newcastle	n.c.	ns	-11.4	ns	34.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	22.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wollongong	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-25.5	ns	38.1	ns	ns	ns	31.8	ns	12.4	ns	ns	ns

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* The trend test for Sydney and NSW on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

**TABLE 3.2B: RATIO TO NSW RATE<sup>^</sup> OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDs**

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	Murder*	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non-domestic violence related	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Break and enter dwelling	Break and enter non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Steal from dwelling	Steal from person	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
Inner Sydney	n.c.	1.1	2.5	1.2	1.4	4.1	2.1	3.0	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.8	1.3	7.6	3.0	1.3
Eastern Suburbs	n.c.	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.7
St George-Sutherland	n.c.	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.c.	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.2	2.8	1.9	0.8	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.5	0.6
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.c.	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.8
Outer South Western Sydney	n.c.	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	1.1
Inner Western Sydney	n.c.	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.5	1.8	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.9	1.6	0.6
Central Western Sydney	n.c.	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.2	0.7	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.5	0.7
Outer Western Sydney	n.c.	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.1
Blacktown	n.c.	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.3	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.2
Lower Northern Sydney	n.c.	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.5
Central Northern Sydney	n.c.	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5
Northern Beaches	n.c.	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6
Central Coast	n.c.	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.1
Newcastle	n.c.	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.4
Wollongong	n.c.	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.0

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

\* The rate calculations on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.



**TABLE 3.2C: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDs**

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	Murder*	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non-domestic violence related	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Break and enter dwelling	Break and enter non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Steal from dwelling	Steal from person	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
Inner Sydney	n.a.	1,466	4,567	249	409	601	37	220	1,994	1,045	1,472	4,030	2,824	1,387	3,208	5,385	5,729
Eastern Suburbs	n.a.	550	1,033	86	152	148	17	56	1,275	286	730	1,642	636	734	425	1,497	2,254
St George-Sutherland	n.a.	1,093	1,396	135	232	155	23	77	1,318	468	851	2,057	942	667	320	2,044	3,999
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.a.	1,209	1,128	107	158	163	47	129	1,492	370	1,278	2,312	734	574	214	2,494	2,601
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.a.	1,553	1,620	187	250	246	30	143	2,343	532	1,341	2,431	1,122	775	288	2,048	3,532
Outer South Western Sydney	n.a.	1,314	1,328	189	246	128	13	49	1,725	477	848	1,518	736	735	173	940	3,434
Inner Western Sydney	n.a.	435	517	58	104	117	17	48	844	238	515	1,323	535	308	194	1,546	1,430
Central Western Sydney	n.a.	1,406	1,666	154	262	303	38	159	2,276	562	1,264	2,286	1,005	790	426	2,735	3,163
Outer Western Sydney	n.a.	1,538	1,717	261	292	125	10	47	1,602	572	878	1,914	787	908	253	1,539	4,509
Blacktown	n.a.	1,897	1,834	221	280	210	16	104	2,257	476	1,057	2,290	1,156	965	390	2,227	4,525
Lower Northern Sydney	n.a.	403	683	64	164	59	12	52	1,071	391	317	1,230	972	510	246	1,803	1,980
Central Northern Sydney	n.a.	542	725	123	188	66	14	26	1,402	401	366	1,347	735	542	173	1,555	2,735
Northern Beaches	n.a.	490	768	69	113	36	3	7	655	259	223	1,175	453	515	242	844	1,829
Central Coast	n.a.	1,115	1,598	252	274	68	11	33	2,048	763	1,019	2,569	901	925	317	1,264	4,222
Newcastle	n.a.	2,029	3,038	446	559	173	23	87	3,558	2,123	2,274	5,498	1,673	2,080	495	2,636	9,190
Wollongong	n.a.	914	1,381	172	183	70	13	58	1,492	714	834	2,035	889	833	240	986	3,389

\* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website ([www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/))

**TABLE 3.2D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2010, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDs**

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	Murder*	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non-domestic violence related	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Break and enter dwelling	Break and enter non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Steal from dwelling	Steal from person	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
Inner Sydney	n.a.	1,436	4,843	260	443	654	71	224	2,236	1,194	1,392	4,422	2,714	1,614	3,441	5,972	5,736
Eastern Suburbs	n.a.	538	1,193	85	143	128	7	33	1,407	208	702	1,454	685	652	446	1,729	2,396
St George-Sutherland	n.a.	1,132	1,567	125	223	234	20	95	1,469	502	1,004	2,047	867	671	329	2,088	4,706
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.a.	1,110	1,231	107	137	204	52	141	1,688	424	1,412	1,737	533	512	205	2,400	3,002
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.a.	1,534	1,643	189	280	260	47	130	2,418	505	1,380	1,975	1,036	611	320	1,917	3,709
Outer South Western Sydney	n.a.	1,377	1,480	173	188	148	12	76	1,714	482	960	1,423	665	753	177	936	3,878
Inner Western Sydney	n.a.	415	614	59	87	165	22	80	1,041	241	631	1,337	474	319	210	1,740	1,502
Central Western Sydney	n.a.	1,370	1,825	165	254	351	52	186	2,571	571	1,408	2,116	971	772	467	2,839	3,335
Outer Western Sydney	n.a.	1,441	1,974	259	274	145	13	65	1,535	526	1,078	2,239	846	911	251	1,387	4,909
Blacktown	n.a.	1,792	1,869	232	272	272	12	103	2,250	483	1,172	2,182	1,069	876	345	2,263	5,029
Lower Northern Sydney	n.a.	365	704	69	135	85	18	28	1,229	388	383	1,362	1,023	512	237	1,546	2,008
Central Northern Sydney	n.a.	572	765	132	141	63	15	27	1,406	404	347	1,299	756	593	137	1,343	2,746
Northern Beaches	n.a.	391	891	77	109	80	3	14	702	280	312	1,127	548	517	219	778	2,165
Central Coast	n.a.	1,223	1,756	299	257	91	3	29	1,846	1,043	968	2,242	1,053	931	330	1,136	4,713
Newcastle	n.a.	1,993	3,427	406	417	177	29	74	3,279	2,004	2,093	4,494	1,689	2,044	479	2,539	8,936
Wollongong	n.a.	863	1,389	190	234	94	6	42	1,571	665	789	1,544	827	741	240	846	3,672

\* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website ([www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/))

**TABLE 3.3A: TRENDS<sup>a</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW LGAs**

NSW LGAs	Murder*	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non-domestic violence related	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Break and enter dwelling	Break and enter non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Steal from dwelling	Steal from person	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
Albury	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-29.5	-47.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	-35.7	ns	ns
Armidale Dumaresq	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ashfield	n.c.	ns	-16.3	ns	ns	-36.6	.	.	ns	50.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Auburn	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	-26.0	.	.	-60.9	-23.5	ns	-21.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ballina	n.c.	14.2	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	55.9	51.7	84.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Balranald	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Bankstown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	51.0	64.1	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bathurst Regional	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	136.0	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bega Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-45.9	-24.5	.	ns	ns
Bellingen	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Berrigan	n.c.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blacktown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.8	.	ns	.	ns	ns	-9.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bland	n.c.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	-44.7	.	.	.	.	ns
Blayney	n.c.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blue Mountains	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	34.1	-32.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	-21.7
Bogan	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Bombala	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Boorowa	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Botany Bay	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-42.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bourke	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	76.8	ns	ns	67.5	.	.	.	ns
Brewarrina	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-7.1	.	.	.	.	ns
Broken Hill	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	44.8	ns
Burwood	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	.	-27.2	ns	ns	ns	19.8	ns	ns	ns
Byron	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Cabonne	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Camden	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	-15.0	ns	-17.8	-30.4	ns	.	ns	-16.0
Campbelltown	n.c.	ns	-10.3	ns	33.6	ns	.	-41.1	.	ns	ns	-9.4	ns	11.5	ns	ns	-10.4
Canada Bay	n.c.	ns	-22.7	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-26.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Canterbury	n.c.	ns	-17.0	ns	ns	-25.4	.	ns	.	ns	ns	-18.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Carrathool	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16.1
Central Darling	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cessnock	n.c.	ns	-17.5	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	35.8	ns	39.2	55.8	ns	ns	ns	ns
Clarence Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	52.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Cobar	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	32.7
Coffs Harbour	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-25.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Conargo	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Coolamon	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cooma-Monaro	n.c.	175.0	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Coonamble	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Cootamundra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	71.4	.	.	.	.	ns
Corowa Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Cowra	n.c.	-25.3	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-39.7	ns	-43.2	.	.	ns	ns
Deniliquin	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	46.2	.	.	.	.	ns
Dubbo	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Dungog	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Eurobodalla	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	52.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Fairfield	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	-15.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Forbes	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-37.5	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gilgandra	n.c.	ns	-51.8	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Glen Innes Severn	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Gloucester	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gosford	n.c.	-21.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-32.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Goulburn Mulwaree	n.c.	ns	-31.2	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-22.8
Great Lakes	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	102.8	ns	ns	ns	ns
Greater Hume Shire	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Greater Taree	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	-48.5	ns	ns	ns	-31.2	ns	ns	ns
Griffith	n.c.	ns	-9.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	-37.2	ns	-43.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.3
Gundagai	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gunnedah	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	70.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Guyra	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gwydir	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Harden	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Hawkesbury	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hay	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Holroyd	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-27.2	.	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-14.8
Hornsby	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hunters Hill	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Hurstville	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	-45.7	.	.	.	ns	ns	-27.5	ns	-22.4	ns	ns	ns
Inverell	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	-22.6	.	ns	ns
Jerilderie	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Junee	n.c.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	20.9
Kempsey	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	72.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Kiama	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Koqarah	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-32.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.8
Ku-ring-gai	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.2
Kyogle	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-21.3
Lachlan	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-45.0	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Lake Macquarie	n.c.	ns	ns	13.2	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	39.2	19.1	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lane Cove	n.c.	114.3	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	26.7
Leeton	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	45.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-17.2

**TABLE 3.3A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO DECEMBER 2011, NSW LGAs**

NSW LGAs	Murder*	Assault - domestic violence related	Assault - non-domestic violence related	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Break and enter dwelling	Break and enter non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Steal from dwelling	Steal from person	Fraud	Malicious damage to property
Leichhardt	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-30.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lismore	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lithgow	n.c.	23.3	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-39.1	ns
Liverpool	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	10.3	43.0	ns	ns	-18.1	ns	ns
Liverpool Plains	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Lockhart	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Lord Howe Island	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Maitland	n.c.	ns	-17.8	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Manly	n.c.	32.4	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.8	ns	ns	ns	ns
Marrickville	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-29.8	-13.1	ns	-25.5	ns	-30.9	ns	ns	ns
Mid-Western Regional	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	20.8
Moree Plains	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	57.0	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Mosman	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Murray	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Muswellbrook	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-53.2	ns	122.8	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Nambucca	n.c.	ns	-31.5	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Narrabri	n.c.	-38.6	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	27.8	ns
Narrandera	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Narromine	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Newcastle	n.c.	ns	-12.6	ns	31.4	-17.4	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
North Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.5	ns	ns	ns	ns
Oberon	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Orange	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Palerang	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Parkes	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-29.7	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Parramatta	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.9	ns	ns
Penrith	n.c.	ns	-14.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.7	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-8.1
Pittwater	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	64.1	ns
Port Macquarie-Hastings	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-32.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Port Stephens	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-13.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Queanbeyan	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Randwick	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	28.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Richmond Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	51.4	ns	ns	45.2	.	ns	ns
Rockdale	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-35.4	.	ns	ns	-29.4	ns	ns	ns	52.3	ns	ns	ns
Ryde	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-24.2	ns	ns	ns	58.5	ns	ns
Shellharbour	n.c.	ns	-15.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	26.8	ns	ns	ns
Shoalhaven	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Singleton	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-43.4	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Snowy River	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Strathfield	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	-31.4	.	.	-36.0	-43.1	-20.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Sutherland Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-31.6	ns	ns	ns	45.5	-23.0	ns	ns	-17.4
Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.4	ns
Tamworth Regional	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	43.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Temora	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	-35.1	.	.	ns
Tenterfield	n.c.	64.3	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-58.1	ns	.	ns	.	-51.2	.	.	ns
The Hills Shire	n.c.	-10.4	ns	ns	114.3	.	.	.	ns	-33.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	9.7	ns
Tumbarumba	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Tumut Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Tweed	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-21.5	ns	-17.4	-18.4	ns	ns	ns	-20.9
Unincorporated Far West	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Upper Hunter Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Upper Lachlan Shire	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Uralla	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Urana	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Wagga Wagga	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	57.1	ns	ns
Wakool	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Walcha	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Walgett	n.c.	-17.3	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Warren	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Warringham	n.c.	ns	-19.7	ns	ns	-58.0	.	.	ns	ns	-37.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Warrumbungle Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-25.9	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Waverley	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-27.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Weddin	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Wellington	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-24.5
Wentworth	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Willoughby	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-34.9	-33.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wingecarribee	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Wollondilly	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	73.2	.	ns	.	.	ns
Wollongong	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	-24.3	-32.5	.	21.6	ns	ns	ns	44.1	ns	9.3	ns	ns	ns
Woollahra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wyong	n.c.	ns	ns	-16.9	ns	ns	.	.	31.0	ns	ns	17.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Yass Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-52.2
Young	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.2	.	.	.	ns
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of trend results, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

\* There were no LGAs with 20 murder victims, hence no trend tests were reported. The trend test for NSW on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

















## NOTES: TRENDS IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR NSW

[1] Irrespective of how trends in recorded crime are presented, their interpretation is a difficult task. The recorded criminal incident data presented in this report are based on information derived from the NSW Police Force Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS), so only those incidents which are reported to, or detected by, police are included. The trends in recorded crime shown in this report will, therefore, reflect movements in the underlying factors which influence the detection, reporting and recording of crime, as well as changes in the true level of crime in the community.

[2] An alternative measure of the level of crime in Australia is available from crime victim surveys, for example the national Crime Victimization Survey (now in its third year) by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)<sup>1</sup>. As well as providing an estimate of the victimisation rate at the State level for a selected set of offences, this survey estimates the proportion of crimes which are not reported to police, and are therefore not recorded in the official statistics. In particular, personal crimes, such as assault and robbery, are less likely to be reported than crimes which involve households. Given that some offences have low reporting rates, it is possible that changes in recorded crime rates over time for these offences may be reflecting changes in reporting rates. This ABS publication contains three years of personal and crime data obtained from a national survey, some of which is disaggregated to state level (see Table 2 and Table 3). For NSW, the latest report states that physical assault for those aged 15 and over was reported to police 54.6 percent of the time (not significantly different to the 54.5 percent in 2009-10) with a personal victimisation rate of 2.8 percent (not significantly different to the 2.4 percent estimate from 2009-10). For households, NSW break-ins were reported to police 81.2 percent of the time (significantly up from 69.5 percent in 2009-10) with a household victimisation rate of 2.7 percent (not significantly different to the 2.5 percent in 2009-10). For NSW the above estimates of the victimisation rates were not significantly different over the financial years 2008-9 to 2010-11.

[3] Public willingness to report crime, however, is just one of the extraneous factors which can affect trends in recorded crime. Shifts in policing policy can also have a marked effect on the number of recorded drug offences, cases of offensive behaviour or of receiving stolen goods. For these offences, therefore, recorded rates probably do not accurately reflect actual rates. For this reason, the more detailed comparisons of crime rates and examination of trends in this document are restricted to offence categories which are more likely to be reported to, rather than detected by police.

[4] The interpretation of trends in official reports of crime can be considerably more difficult than the interpretation of trends in unemployment or inflation statistics. The ease with which recorded crime statistics can be misunderstood creates a temptation to offer an authoritative explanation for each major crime trend. Indeed, in many instances it is simply impossible to state with any assurance why a particular trend has appeared. This report, therefore, confines itself to identifying and describing trends in recorded crime, rather than explaining them.

[5] For each offence category or subcategory (except murder), a statistical test for trend was applied to the monthly numbers of recorded criminal incidents over the relevant period. In the case of murder, the statistical test for trend was applied to the monthly numbers of victims over the period. The trend test used was Kendall's rank-order correlation test (see, for example, Conover, W.J. 1980, *Practical Non-Parametric Statistics*, 2nd ed, John Wiley and Sons, pp 256-260). A two-tailed test was used to determine whether there had been an increasing or decreasing trend in the recorded numbers of criminal incidents over the relevant period covered in the report. Some month to month variations in the numbers of recorded incidents could be due in part to seasonal factors. The test for trend is not sensitive to seasonal variations; it is sensitive only to a generally increasing or generally decreasing trend over the time period examined.

[6] For the trend tests throughout this publication, where a statistically significant trend was found ( $p < .05$ ), the extent of the trend is indicated by percentage change in the total number of recorded criminal incidents between the latest two consecutive 12-month periods for 24 month tests; and the average annual percentage change between the first 12-month period and the latest 12-month period for longer tests. A trend test was not performed if there were fewer than 20 incidents in any of the years for the period in question. The result ' . ' indicates that a trend test was not performed. A non-significant test result ( $p > .05$ ) is denoted by 'Stable' or by 'ns' in some larger LGA tables.

[7: refer to annual report] In order to present an overview of crime trends in NSW the information in Section 1 relates to aggregate *violent* and *property* crime. The State graphs for *violent* and *property offences* are plotted as monthly rates<sup>3</sup> per 100,000 population. The State graph for *violent offences* shows distinct seasonality and the 12-month moving average (light grey line) indicates a slight downward path over the past few years, whilst the *property offences* graph and the 6-month moving average (light grey line) both indicate a strong downwards path since about 2000. Violent offences include: *murder, assault - domestic violence related, assault - non-domestic violence related, assault police, robbery without a weapon, robbery with a firearm, robbery with a weapon not a firearm, sexual assault and indecent assault / act of indecency / other sexual offences*. Property offences include: *break and enter dwelling, break and enter non-dwelling, motor vehicle theft, steal from motor vehicle, steal from retail store, steal from dwelling, steal from person, stock theft, other theft and fraud*.

[8] The ratio to NSW rate statistics are a comparison of a NSW regional rate per 100,000 population to the NSW rate per 100,000 population. A ratio of one indicates parity with the NSW rate. Ratios indicating double the NSW rate (or more) before rounding are highlighted in red, whilst ratios indicating half the NSW rate (or less) before rounding are highlighted in yellow.

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2012, 45300D0001\_201011 Crime Victimization, Australia, 2010-11, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011, 45300D0001\_201011 Crime Victimization, Australia, 2010-11, Tables 2 and 3, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

3. For the rate calculations throughout this publication, population data were obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication: *Regional Population Growth Australia 2009-10* Cat. No. 3218 (for 2009 and 2010 population estimates). As no population estimates were available for 2011 when this report was published, rates for 2011 were calculated using 2010 population estimates.

