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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.

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**SECTION 1:**

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

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**TABLE 1.1: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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	-2.7%	0.9	Stable	-2.9%	1.0
Hunter	5.1%	Stable	1.1	Stable	Stable	1.2
Illawarra	Stable	-3.1%	0.9	Stable	Stable	0.9
Richmond-Tweed	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	-3.2%	0.9
Mid-North Coast	13.0%	Stable	1.3	Stable	Stable	1.0
Northern	Stable	Stable	1.6	12.8%	3.3%	1.2
North Western	Stable	Stable	2.2	Stable	Stable	1.4
Central West	Stable	Stable	1.4	Stable	Stable	1.0
South Eastern	Stable	-3.5%	0.9	Stable	-2.1%	0.7
Murrumbidgee	Stable	Stable	1.2	Stable	Stable	1.1
Murray	5.2%	Stable	1.1	Stable	-2.1%	1.1
Far West	Stable	3.8%	2.6	12.6%	Stable	1.4
<b>NSW</b>	Stable	Stable	<b>1.0</b>	Stable	-2.2%	<b>1.0</b>

<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.

<sup>#</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Notes [7] and [8].

**TABLE 1.2: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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	-3.1%	2.0	4.7%	-3.7%	2.4
Eastern Suburbs	Stable	-6.8%	0.7	Stable	-7.2%	1.0
St George-Sutherland	Stable	-4.3%	0.6	6.9%	Stable	0.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	Stable	Stable	0.8	Stable	Stable	1.0
Fairfield-Liverpool	Stable	Stable	0.9	Stable	Stable	1.0
Outer South Western Sydney	Stable	-5.5%	1.1	Stable	-2.1%	0.9
Inner Western Sydney	Stable	-6.4%	0.5	Stable	Stable	1.0
Central Western Sydney	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	-2.1%	1.1
Outer Western Sydney	Stable	Stable	1.0	Stable	-2.2%	0.8
Blacktown	Stable	Stable	1.3	Stable	-2.4%	1.1
Lower Northern Sydney	Stable	Stable	0.4	Stable	-5.9%	0.7
Central Northern Sydney	Stable	-5.1%	0.3	Stable	-4.9%	0.5
Northern Beaches	Stable	Stable	0.5	Stable	-4.1%	0.6
Central Coast	Stable	Stable	1.0	Stable	Stable	1.0
Newcastle	5.4%	Stable	1.1	Stable	Stable	1.2
Wollongong	Stable	Stable	0.9	Stable	Stable	0.9

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\*\* **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.

<sup>#</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Notes [7] and [8].

**TABLE 1.3: TRENDS<sup>A</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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
Albury	ns	ns	1.4	ns	-2.6	1.6
Armidale Dumaresq	ns	ns	1.5	41.9	ns	1.2
Ashfield	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.8
Auburn	ns	ns	1.1	ns	-5.3	1.0
Ballina	ns	ns	0.9	-29.2	-8.4	0.7
Balranald	-28.6	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Bankstown	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	1.1
Bathurst Regional	ns	ns	1.4	ns	3.1	1.1
Bega Valley	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-10.9	0.5
Bellingen	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Berrigan	ns	ns	0.6	ns	-13.0	0.4
Blacktown	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-2.4	1.1
Bland	ns	ns	0.9	19.1	ns	0.7
Blayney	ns	ns	0.7	ns	8.9	0.6
Blue Mountains	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.6
Bogan	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Bombala	ns	ns	.	ns	-13.5	.
Boorowa	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Botany Bay	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-3.9	1.5
Bourke	ns	ns	7.7	ns	9.9	4.1
Brewarrina	ns	ns	.	-46.4	ns	.
Broken Hill	ns	ns	1.9	ns	ns	1.3
Burwood	ns	-4.9	0.7	12.7	ns	1.6
Byron	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.5
Cabonne	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.6
Camden	ns	-6.3	0.6	ns	ns	0.7
Campbelltown	ns	-5.9	1.4	ns	-3.6	1.1
Canada Bay	ns	-9.2	0.3	18.5	ns	0.8
Canterbury	ns	ns	0.7	ns	-1.7	0.7
Carrathool	ns	-10.7	.	ns	ns	.
Central Darling	ns	7.4	.	ns	4.6	.
Cessnock	ns	ns	1.3	11.0	3.8	1.4
Clarence Valley	ns	3.4	1.1	ns	ns	0.9
Cobar	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.2
Coffs Harbour	24.9	5.6	1.5	ns	ns	1.0
Conargo	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coolamon	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.7
Cooma-Monaro	-20.0	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.9
Coonamble	ns	ns	3.0	ns	ns	2.0
Cootamundra	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	0.7
Corowa Shire	39.2	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.8
Cowra	ns	ns	1.6	ns	-11.5	0.9
Deniliquin	ns	ns	1.4	-21.7	ns	0.8
Dubbo	ns	ns	1.9	ns	ns	1.5
Dungog	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Eurobodalla	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	1.0
Fairfield	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.9
Forbes	ns	ns	1.6	ns	-9.9	1.1
Gilgandra	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.2
Glen Innes Severn	ns	ns	1.0	ns	9.4	1.0
Gloucester	ns	-17.2	0.6	-42.0	-11.5	0.3
Gosford	ns	-5.1	0.8	ns	-4.8	0.9
Goulburn Mulwaree	ns	-5.6	1.0	ns	ns	0.7
Great Lakes	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.0
Greater Hume Shire	-34.5	ns	0.3	ns	ns	0.6
Greater Taree	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	1.1
Griffith	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.2
Gundagai	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.7
Gunnedah	ns	ns	1.5	ns	2.7	1.3
Guyra	40.7	13.4	1.5	ns	ns	0.7
Gwydir	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Harden	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.5
Hawkesbury	-13.1	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.8
Hay	ns	15.3	1.7	ns	ns	0.7
Holroyd	ns	ns	0.9	10.9	ns	1.0
Hornsby	ns	-4.0	0.3	ns	-4.1	0.5
Hunters Hill	ns	-17.5	0.2	ns	ns	0.6
Hurstville	ns	-3.7	0.7	ns	ns	0.9
Inverell	ns	ns	1.8	ns	-10.9	0.7
Jerilderie	.	.	.	.	.	.
Junee	ns	ns	0.8	-28.6	ns	0.5
Kempsey	19.5	ns	1.8	ns	4.0	1.6
Kiama	ns	ns	0.4	ns	ns	0.6
Kogarah	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Ku-ring-gai	ns	ns	0.2	ns	-3.3	0.4
Kyogle	ns	-13.5	1.2	ns	ns	0.7
Lachlan	ns	ns	1.9	ns	ns	1.1
Lake Macquarie	5.7	ns	0.9	ns	1.3	1.0
Lane Cove	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-13.8	0.4
Leeton	-31.7	ns	1.1	ns	-10.2	0.8

**TABLE 1.3: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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
Leichhardt	-22.5	-6.6	0.6	ns	-4.8	0.9
Lismore	ns	-6.1	1.3	-15.9	ns	0.9
Lithgow	ns	-5.9	1.2	ns	ns	1.2
Liverpool	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	1.1
Liverpool Plains	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.5
Lockhart	.	.	0.5	-29.9	ns	0.5
Lord Howe Island	.	.	.	.	.	.
Maitland	ns	ns	1.1	-8.9	ns	1.1
Manly	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.9
Marrickville	-5.0	ns	1.0	ns	-4.5	1.1
Mid-Western Regional	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	0.9
Moree Plains	ns	ns	3.5	39.3	10.8	3.0
Mosman	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-9.2	0.6
Murray	ns	ns	0.6	25.8	11.5	1.0
Murrumbidgee	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Muswellbrook	20.9	-3.3	1.2	ns	7.5	1.4
Nambucca	28.7	ns	1.4	ns	ns	0.9
Narrabri	ns	-8.1	1.2	ns	ns	1.3
Narrandera	ns	-14.5	1.0	ns	-5.4	1.1
Narromine	ns	ns	1.5	ns	9.8	1.3
Newcastle	3.6	ns	1.4	ns	-3.6	1.5
North Sydney	ns	ns	0.6	ns	-6.0	0.9
Oberon	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Orange	ns	ns	1.8	-21.1	ns	1.3
Palerang	ns	ns	0.4	ns	ns	0.4
Parkes	ns	ns	1.8	ns	-8.5	0.9
Parramatta	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	1.2
Penrith	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-2.0	0.9
Pittwater	ns	ns	0.4	ns	-6.3	0.6
Port Macquarie-Hastings	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	0.8
Port Stephens	20.0	ns	1.1	ns	ns	1.2
Queanbeyan	ns	-7.6	0.7	ns	ns	0.9
Randwick	ns	-6.0	0.8	ns	ns	0.9
Richmond Valley	ns	-4.8	1.6	-14.1	ns	1.1
Rockdale	16.8	-2.9	0.7	16.9	4.8	0.9
Ryde	8.5	-4.8	0.4	ns	ns	0.7
Shellharbour	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.9
Shoalhaven	ns	-6.5	1.1	ns	ns	0.9
Singleton	ns	ns	0.8	ns	8.0	1.2
Snowy River	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-6.8	0.8
Strathfield	ns	-4.5	0.8	ns	-4.4	1.2
Sutherland Shire	-10.5	-5.6	0.5	4.8	-2.7	0.6
Sydney	ns	-3.1	3.0	6.0	-3.5	3.5
Tamworth Regional	ns	3.8	1.8	ns	5.6	1.4
Temora	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.8
Tenterfield	ns	ns	1.0	ns	-9.9	0.8
The Hills Shire	ns	-7.1	0.4	ns	-6.2	0.5
Tumbarumba	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.4
Tumut Shire	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	0.6
Tweed	ns	ns	0.8	ns	-4.4	0.8
Unincorporated Far West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Upper Hunter Shire	ns	7.7	0.8	43.6	14.3	1.0
Upper Lachlan Shire	ns	ns	0.5	-29.7	-10.5	0.3
Uralla	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.6
Urana	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Wagga Wagga	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.5
Wakool	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Walcha	.	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.4
Walgett	ns	ns	4.6	ns	-7.2	1.7
Warren	-28.2	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Warringah	ns	ns	0.5	6.5	ns	0.6
Warrumbungle Shire	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.8
Waverley	ns	-8.6	0.7	ns	-9.9	1.2
Weddin	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Wellington	ns	ns	1.6	-25.9	ns	1.3
Wentworth	ns	ns	1.9	-29.2	ns	1.3
Willoughby	ns	4.8	0.5	ns	-7.8	0.9
Wingecarribee	ns	-6.9	0.6	ns	-7.5	0.6
Wollondilly	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.5
Wollongong	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	1.0
Woollahra	ns	-6.9	0.5	ns	-9.5	0.9
Wyong	ns	ns	1.2	-5.5	ns	1.0
Yass Valley	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-10.9	0.4
Young	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	0.9
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-2.2</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 footnotes page 4.

# For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Notes [7] and [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.





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**SECTION 2:**  
**OVERVIEW OF TRENDS**  
**IN RECORDED CRIME**  
**BY OFFENCE TYPE**  
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**TABLE 2.1: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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	Up by 4.8%	Up by 1.7%
Assault - non-domestic violence related	Stable	Down by 4.7%
Sexual assault	Stable	Stable
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Stable	Up by 2.4%
Robbery without a weapon	Stable	Down by 9.9%
Robbery with a firearm	Stable	Stable
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Down by 11.5%	Down by 6.4%
Break and enter dwelling	Stable	Down by 2.7%
Break and enter non-dwelling	Down by 7.4%	Down by 7.9%
Motor vehicle theft	Down by 11.4%	Down by 7.4%
Steal from motor vehicle	Stable	Down by 4.1%
Steal from retail store	Stable	Up by 1.9%
Steal from dwelling	Stable	Stable
Steal from person	Stable	Down by 7.0%
Fraud	Up by 18.1%	Up by 3.5%
Malicious damage to property	Stable	Down by 7.3%

<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 MARCH 2013, NSW**

Offence Category	Number of recorded criminal incidents		Trend <sup>^</sup> over last 24 months		
	over the 12 months to March 2012	over the 12 months to March 2013	Trend test result	Percentage change	
Homicide	Murder*	83	79	Stable	
	Attempted murder	33	29	Stable	
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	2	3	.	
	Manslaughter*	8	7	.	
Assault	Domestic violence related assault	26,553	27,840	Up	4.8%
	Non-domestic violence related assault	36,603	34,774	Stable	
	Assault Police	2,336	2,319	Stable	
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	4,465	4,631	Stable	
	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	5,764	5,723	Stable	
Abduction and kidnapping		368	316	Stable	
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	2,905	2,724	Stable	
	Robbery with a firearm	356	332	Stable	
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	1,528	1,352	Down	-11.5%
Blackmail and extortion		98	120	Stable	
Harassment, threatening behaviour and private nuisance		29,087	30,024	Up	3.2%
Other offences against the person		1,276	1,237	Stable	
Theft	Break and enter dwelling	39,158	39,895	Stable	
	Break and enter non-dwelling	16,987	15,731	Down	-7.4%
	Receiving or handling stolen goods	6,010	6,647	Up	10.6%
	Motor vehicle theft	19,554	17,330	Down	-11.4%
	Steal from motor vehicle	48,828	45,732	Stable	
	Steal from retail store	21,144	22,023	Stable	
	Steal from dwelling	21,263	21,638	Stable	
	Steal from person	8,368	7,898	Stable	
	Stock theft	673	510	Down	-24.2%
	Fraud	38,011	44,901	Up	18.1%
Other theft	35,424	34,526	Stable		
Arson		6,215	7,067	Up	13.7%
Malicious damage to property		86,281	80,556	Stable	
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	481	664	Up	38.0%
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	767	788	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	15,024	16,176	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of amphetamines	2,976	3,875	Up	30.2%
	Possession and/or use of ecstasy	1,056	1,871	Up	77.2%
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	2,717	3,389	Up	24.7%
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	186	175	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	352	628	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	822	850	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in amphetamines	971	1,279	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in ecstasy	277	423	Up	52.7%
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	263	202	Stable	
	Cultivating cannabis	1,229	1,169	Stable	
	Manufacture drug	89	81	Stable	
	Importing drugs	64	80	Stable	
	Other drug offences	4,133	4,717	Up	14.1%
Prohibited and regulated weapons offences		7,639	8,195	Stable	
Disorderly conduct	Trespass	8,844	8,877	Stable	
	Offensive conduct	8,322	7,702	Stable	
	Offensive language	5,314	4,605	Down	-13.3%
	Criminal intent	1,745	2,756	Up	57.9%
Betting and gaming offences		151	106	Stable	
Liquor offences		15,586	14,468	Stable	
Pornography offences		324	355	Stable	
Prostitution offences		69	95	Stable	
Against justice procedures	Escape custody	246	239	Stable	
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	12,514	12,945	Up	3.4%
	Breach bail conditions	31,725	31,058	Stable	
	Fail to appear	977	837	Down	-14.3%
	Resist or hinder officer	6,366	6,248	Stable	
Other offences against justice procedures		444	459	Stable	
Transport regulatory offences		55,722	60,069	Stable	
Other offences		14,404	15,540	Stable	

<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.



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**SECTION 3:**

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

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**TABLE 3.1A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.6	ns	ns	-15.1	-7.1	ns	ns	ns	21.1	-5.7
Hunter	n.c.	17.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	16.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.5
Illawarra	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Richmond-Tweed	n.c.	6.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.4	-31.4	-19.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	20.5	ns
Mid-North Coast	n.c.	22.9	6.9	19.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-23.9	-14.3	ns	ns	6.4	ns	ns	ns
Northern	n.c.	8.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	31.5	ns	34.1	ns	ns	17.0	ns	ns	ns
North Western	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.7
South Eastern	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-34.9	ns	ns	57.2	ns	ns	ns	-6.5
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	9.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-14.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murray	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Far West	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	36.6	ns	59.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>18.1</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 MARCH 2013, 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	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.8
Hunter	n.c.	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.8	1.2
Illawarra	n.c.	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	1.0
Richmond-Tweed	n.c.	1.0	1.2	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.2	0.7	0.5	1.0
Mid-North Coast	n.c.	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.6	0.5	1.2
Northern	n.c.	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	2.0	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.7	0.4	0.5	1.6
North Western	n.c.	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	2.0	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.3	2.0	0.6	0.5	2.1
Central West	n.c.	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.5
South Eastern	n.c.	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.2	0.5	1.1
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.5	1.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.7	0.3	0.4	1.5
Murray	n.c.	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.2	2.4	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.5	0.3	0.5	1.3
Far West	n.c.	3.5	2.2	2.0	1.8	0.7	0.0	0.2	1.9	2.9	1.0	1.9	0.4	2.0	0.5	0.4	2.1
<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, Notes [7] and [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 MARCH 2013, 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.	15,002	19,030	2,211	3,091	2,163	256	962	21,829	6,769	10,390	26,648	14,397	10,924	6,333	35,370	43,024
Hunter	n.a.	2,930	3,322	538	659	176	31	162	4,651	2,422	2,475	5,706	1,915	2,527	496	3,355	8,958
Illawarra	n.a.	1,548	2,003	337	326	84	13	56	2,391	1,060	1,017	2,840	1,324	1,356	280	1,426	4,929
Richmond-Tweed	n.a.	964	1,355	236	214	43	9	29	1,132	715	491	1,365	625	893	194	811	2,658
Mid-North Coast	n.a.	1,625	1,931	302	301	71	12	66	1,921	1,129	725	2,033	742	1,337	190	943	4,236
Northern	n.a.	1,263	1,415	207	224	50	5	28	2,042	786	539	1,452	605	964	81	590	3,299
North Western	n.a.	1,206	1,190	154	199	34	1	5	1,300	567	348	1,173	471	692	78	396	2,738
Central West	n.a.	956	1,235	200	214	40	2	20	1,439	540	390	1,117	522	848	89	534	3,078
South Eastern	n.a.	715	979	141	178	18	1	5	863	360	291	1,138	588	624	51	616	2,606
Murrumbidgee	n.a.	820	847	143	160	20	1	11	1,336	638	325	1,078	469	817	50	442	2,627
Murray	n.a.	511	604	119	109	18	1	7	757	605	288	914	336	523	44	356	1,753
Far West	n.a.	299	238	28	31	6	0	1	234	138	51	264	29	133	11	51	532
<b>NSW</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>27,840</b>	<b>34,774</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>39,895</b>	<b>15,731</b>	<b>17,330</b>	<b>45,732</b>	<b>22,023</b>	<b>21,638</b>	<b>7,898</b>	<b>44,901</b>	<b>80,556</b>

\* For murder the count given is for the number of victims, not incidents.

\* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOC SAR 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 MARCH 2012, 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.	14,704	20,096	2,190	3,154	2,342	275	1,140	22,095	6,918	12,237	28,671	13,691	10,754	6,718	29,198	45,632
Hunter	n.a.	2,486	3,507	486	621	178	38	135	3,995	2,534	2,551	5,999	1,929	2,514	565	2,973	10,602
Illawarra	n.a.	1,494	2,126	292	286	110	14	71	2,529	1,229	1,094	3,082	1,255	1,374	260	1,371	5,313
Richmond-Tweed	n.a.	909	1,444	295	257	48	7	29	1,387	1,042	609	1,619	687	914	206	673	2,789
Mid-North Coast	n.a.	1,322	1,806	253	277	63	7	61	1,823	1,483	846	2,094	754	1,257	179	882	4,436
Northern	n.a.	1,164	1,492	190	244	40	4	14	1,553	772	402	1,248	625	824	90	554	3,340
North Western	n.a.	1,127	1,258	159	213	26	2	20	1,484	599	371	1,255	468	754	77	408	2,833
Central West	n.a.	995	1,337	155	197	37	3	24	1,413	569	495	1,368	600	745	91	562	3,408
South Eastern	n.a.	794	996	131	186	16	0	6	769	553	286	1,078	374	632	36	580	2,787
Murrumbidgee	n.a.	748	1,021	175	178	21	1	19	1,113	670	322	1,261	440	818	84	419	2,524
Murray	n.a.	492	577	106	104	19	4	7	766	511	290	985	289	557	48	304	1,910
Far West	n.a.	314	267	23	37	3	1	2	231	101	49	166	32	120	14	84	581
<b>NSW</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>26,553</b>	<b>36,603</b>	<b>4,465</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>39,158</b>	<b>16,987</b>	<b>19,554</b>	<b>48,828</b>	<b>21,144</b>	<b>21,263</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>38,011</b>	<b>86,281</b>

\* For murder the count given is for the number of victims, not incidents.

\* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOC SAR 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 MARCH 2013, 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	ns	ns	ns	ns	-25.2	ns	ns	13.5	ns	31.6	ns
Eastern Suburbs	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-37.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	-32.1	-19.7	26.6	ns	ns	13.2	ns
St George-Sutherland	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	12.4	ns	22.8	-13.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.c.	ns	-12.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-14.4	ns	ns	ns	33.8	-8.6
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.c.	7.5	-13.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	-38.5	ns	-19.3	ns	ns	ns	-15.2	ns	31.5	-5.8
Outer South Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-23.0	ns	-24.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.6
Inner Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-25.3	ns	ns	ns	34.3	ns	32.7	ns
Central Western Sydney	n.c.	5.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-39.2	ns	ns	-13.3	ns	20.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Outer Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.9	ns	ns	ns
Blacktown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-14.0	ns	ns	-22.2	ns	ns	ns	5.7	ns	ns
Lower Northern Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.5	12.5	ns	ns	ns
Central Northern Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	21.9	-13.5
Northern Beaches	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-2.1	ns	ns	16.9
Central Coast	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-10.4	ns	-13.5	ns	ns	-19.3	ns	ns
Newcastle	n.c.	21.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	17.9	-7.3	ns	-6.0	ns	ns	-14.3	ns	-15.7
Wollongong	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	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 MARCH 2013, 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	1.6	4.2	2.0	3.1	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.7	1.6	7.4	3.5	1.3
Eastern Suburbs	n.c.	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.7
St George-Sutherland	n.c.	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.7
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.c.	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.6	0.7	0.6	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.6	0.6
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.c.	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.8
Outer South Western Sydney	n.c.	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.0
Inner Western Sydney	n.c.	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.7	0.6
Central Western Sydney	n.c.	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	2.2	2.8	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.4	0.8
Outer Western Sydney	n.c.	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.2
Blacktown	n.c.	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3
Lower Northern Sydney	n.c.	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.6
Central Northern Sydney	n.c.	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5
Northern Beaches	n.c.	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7
Central Coast	n.c.	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.2
Newcastle	n.c.	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.3
Wollongong	n.c.	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.0

<sup>^</sup> For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Notes [7] and [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 MARCH 2013, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDs**

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision</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>
Inner Sydney	n.a.	1,467	4,382	269	442	574	33	207	2,034	1,040	1,075	3,518	2,979	1,672	2,909	7,749	5,229
Eastern Suburbs	n.a.	589	917	90	145	84	13	32	1,255	260	510	1,333	876	806	324	1,861	2,145
St George-Sutherland	n.a.	1,032	1,256	142	210	140	13	70	1,423	461	806	2,206	959	780	320	2,730	3,374
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.a.	1,211	971	131	193	149	28	98	1,350	420	1,286	2,025	760	612	198	3,387	2,369
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.a.	1,666	1,366	209	241	194	32	99	2,416	432	1,202	2,342	1,271	686	299	2,790	3,199
Outer South Western Sydney	n.a.	1,239	1,151	219	229	101	11	55	1,286	499	645	1,685	824	718	149	1,239	2,944
Inner Western Sydney	n.a.	393	484	53	86	68	9	44	1,078	183	440	1,034	568	435	238	2,032	1,313
Central Western Sydney	n.a.	1,542	1,619	152	261	296	46	96	2,179	629	1,017	2,473	1,217	911	441	3,150	3,130
Outer Western Sydney	n.a.	1,355	1,545	247	278	121	20	70	1,574	494	767	1,872	733	777	251	1,697	4,214
Blacktown	n.a.	1,936	1,701	197	272	215	22	80	2,067	398	861	2,394	1,291	911	429	2,483	4,355
Lower Northern Sydney	n.a.	441	703	90	152	62	17	27	1,150	455	268	1,224	773	639	226	2,071	2,121
Central Northern Sydney	n.a.	554	652	110	192	52	4	29	1,341	418	314	1,236	717	579	147	1,939	2,374
Northern Beaches	n.a.	420	769	68	90	35	2	11	627	423	219	1,024	513	507	156	881	2,029
Central Coast	n.a.	1,157	1,514	234	300	72	6	44	2,049	657	980	2,282	916	891	246	1,361	4,228
Newcastle	n.a.	2,504	2,856	445	566	160	29	148	4,004	1,963	2,140	4,974	1,746	2,092	455	3,034	7,721
Wollongong	n.a.	1,025	1,370	209	199	66	11	48	1,660	716	721	2,008	969	882	238	1,103	3,147

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**TABLE 3.2D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO MARCH 2012, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDs**

<b>Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision</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>
Inner Sydney	n.a.	1,483	4,498	261	397	605	38	205	1,889	1,030	1,438	3,883	2,902	1,473	3,150	5,888	5,576
Eastern Suburbs	n.a.	543	1,024	88	153	135	12	53	1,381	268	751	1,660	692	787	389	1,644	2,220
St George-Sutherland	n.a.	1,047	1,345	131	220	139	22	81	1,298	499	842	2,110	976	694	324	2,223	3,909
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.a.	1,195	1,106	103	179	158	48	124	1,379	384	1,304	2,365	792	579	187	2,531	2,592
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.a.	1,550	1,580	205	245	254	27	161	2,369	535	1,338	2,489	1,106	809	287	2,122	3,395
Outer South Western Sydney	n.a.	1,252	1,247	191	265	96	15	44	1,671	487	853	1,702	770	744	172	1,067	3,367
Inner Western Sydney	n.a.	395	529	42	93	101	12	50	861	245	535	1,279	496	324	200	1,531	1,442
Central Western Sydney	n.a.	1,458	1,635	172	272	294	38	158	2,187	589	1,173	2,336	1,007	783	426	2,699	3,173
Outer Western Sydney	n.a.	1,453	1,671	264	276	128	8	57	1,617	616	880	2,002	740	982	251	1,527	4,535
Blacktown	n.a.	1,852	1,803	210	285	206	15	93	2,418	472	1,107	2,361	1,190	1,013	406	2,207	4,600
Lower Northern Sydney	n.a.	397	663	72	170	54	10	53	1,057	405	347	1,239	915	568	252	1,926	2,057
Central Northern Sydney	n.a.	517	696	118	202	72	5	23	1,372	405	349	1,393	707	567	158	1,590	2,746
Northern Beaches	n.a.	445	753	82	104	43	4	5	669	250	237	1,214	461	518	211	871	1,735
Central Coast	n.a.	1,117	1,546	251	293	57	21	33	1,927	733	1,083	2,638	937	913	305	1,372	4,285
Newcastle	n.a.	2,068	3,026	433	525	172	34	122	3,395	2,118	2,348	5,294	1,757	2,089	531	2,693	9,157
Wollongong	n.a.	883	1,349	190	186	73	10	59	1,577	641	738	2,182	895	872	216	1,052	3,299

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**TABLE 3.3A: TRENDS<sup>a</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2013, 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	.	.	.	ns	95.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Armidale Dumaresq	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	73.4	51.7	.	97.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ashfield	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	-47.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Auburn	n.c.	25.4	ns	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	5.3
Ballina	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-62.2	-47.8	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Balranald	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Bankstown	n.c.	ns	-19.0	ns	ns	ns	.	-29.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	29.4	ns
Bathurst Regional	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	25.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-16.9
Bega Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Bellingen	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Berrigan	n.c.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Blacktown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-14.0	ns	ns	-22.2	ns	ns	ns	5.7	ns	ns
Bland	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Blayney	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Blue Mountains	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-38.4	45.7	-29.0	71.4	ns	ns
Bogan	n.c.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Bombala	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Boorowa	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Botany Bay	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	-41.2	.	.	-23.7	ns	ns	-28.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.4
Bourke	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	72.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Brewarrina	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Broken Hill	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	42.7	ns	17.5	.	.	ns
Burwood	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	28.8	ns	52.3	ns
Byron	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-42.2	-46.0	ns	ns	ns	40.0	ns	116.7	ns
Cabonne	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	138.1	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Camden	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	70.3	ns	ns	.	32.8	ns
Campbelltown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-23.4	ns	-24.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	18.2	-10.4
Canada Bay	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	92.2	62.6	ns	55.0	ns
Canterbury	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-10.9	ns	ns	ns	43.7	-6.2
Carathool	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Central Darling	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cessnock	n.c.	15.7	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	51.6	ns	ns	ns	ns
Clarence Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-38.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Cobar	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Coffs Harbour	n.c.	39.9	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Conargo	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Coolamon	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cooma-Monaro	n.c.	-50.0	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Coonamble	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Cootamundra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Corowa Shire	n.c.	ns	79.3	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	57.8	.	.	ns
Cowra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	69.6	.	ns	ns
Deniliquin	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Dubbo	n.c.	19.1	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Dungog	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	-42.3
Eurobodalla	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-50.3	ns	ns	ns	-12.0	.	ns	ns
Fairfield	n.c.	15.8	-15.6	.	ns	ns	.	-40.3	14.7	-23.3	ns	ns	ns	-19.3	ns	32.4	ns
Forbes	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Gilgandra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Glen Innes Severn	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	94.9	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Gloucester	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gosford	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.9	ns	ns
Goulburn Mulwaree	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Great Lakes	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-17.7
Greater Hume Shire	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Greater Taree	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	31.6	ns	ns	ns
Griffith	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	43.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	87.5	ns
Gundagai	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gunnedah	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-40.2	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Guyra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gwydir	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Harden	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Hawkesbury	n.c.	ns	-19.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hay	n.c.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Holroyd	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	136.4	ns	ns	ns	23.6	ns
Hornsby	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	23.6	ns
Hunters Hill	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Hurstville	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-44.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	38.9	ns
Inverell	n.c.	36.4	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Jerilderie	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Junee	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Kempsey	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-23.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	55.3	ns
Kiama	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Koqarah	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-23.4
Ku-ring-gai	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	31.8	ns
Kyogle	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-50.0	.	ns	.	.	ns
Lachlan	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Lake Macquarie	n.c.	15.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-21.7	ns	ns	-16.5	ns	ns	ns	-17.3
Lane Cove	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Leeton	n.c.	-13.1	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-47.1	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns

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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	-34.0	.	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-30.9	ns	-40.2	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lismore	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-32.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lithgow	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Liverpool	n.c.	ns	-11.7	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	30.7	ns
Liverpool Plains	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-46.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Lockhart	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Lord Howe Island	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Maitland	n.c.	25.2	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.2
Manly	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-18.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-34.1	ns	34.4
Marrickville	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Mid-Western Regional	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Moree Plains	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	67.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Mosman	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	18.2	.	ns	ns
Murray	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	43.8
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Muswellbrook	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	51.6	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Nambucca	n.c.	ns	37.3	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-40.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Narrabri	n.c.	64.3	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	95.7	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Narrandera	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	70.0	.	.	ns
Narramine	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Newcastle	n.c.	19.7	ns	ns	36.5	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	-17.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-16.7
North Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	.	-35.5	.	.	.	ns	ns	-33.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Oberon	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Orange	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-20.1	-48.9	-34.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Palerang	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Parkes	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	.	-30.6	.	.	ns	ns
Parramatta	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-50.6	ns	ns	-18.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	17.9	ns
Penrith	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	93.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	20.1	ns
Pittwater	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	57.7	ns	ns
Port Macquarie-Hastings	n.c.	15.0	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-29.0	-26.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.6
Port Stephens	n.c.	42.4	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	47.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	13.5	ns	ns	ns
Queanbeyan	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	202.4	ns	.	ns	-23.8
Randwick	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-43.0	.	.	ns	ns	-34.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Richmond Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-30.1	ns	-17.0	ns	ns	.	ns	-19.4
Rockdale	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	37.1	ns	ns	.	ns	80.0	ns	ns	-32.1	ns	ns	37.8	ns
Ryde	n.c.	32.0	14.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	102.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Shellharbour	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Shoalhaven	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-28.7	-33.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Singleton	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	203.7	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Snowy River	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-44.4
Strathfield	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	31.8	ns	ns
Sutherland Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	26.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	6.2	-14.9
Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	19.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-26.8	ns	ns	15.5	ns	36.2	ns
Tamworth Regional	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	34.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	28.5	ns	ns	ns
Temora	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Tenterfield	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
The Hills Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	10.7	ns	.	-22.6
Tumbarumba	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Tumut Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Tweed	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Unincorporated Far West	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Upper Hunter Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	109.3	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Upper Lachlan Shire	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Uralla	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Urana	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Wagga Wagga	n.c.	22.6	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	32.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.3
Wakool	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Walcha	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Walgett	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-33.3	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Warren	n.c.	ns	-34.5	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Warringham	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	8.8	ns	ns	ns
Warrumbungle Shire	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Waverley	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-35.2	-35.7	37.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Weddin	n.c.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-45.9
Wellington	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wentworth	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-39.2	ns	-42.0	.	ns	.	.	ns
Willoughby	n.c.	34.8	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	15.3	-24.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wingecarribee	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-56.5	-50.7	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-19.4
Wollondilly	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-23.7	ns	ns	-20.4	.	ns	-31.9
Wollongong	n.c.	20.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Woolahra	n.c.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	18.7	-34.0	ns	ns
Wyong	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-11.8	ns	-18.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Yass Valley	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Young	n.c.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-27.9	.	.	.	69.8	.	.	ns
NSW	ns	4.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.5	ns	-7.4	-11.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	18.1	ns

<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 fourth 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 four financial years of personal and household summary crime data obtained from a national survey, much of which is disaggregated to state level (see Table 5 for NSW). For NSW, the latest report states that physical assault for those aged 15 and over was reported to police 57.4 percent of the time, with a personal victimisation rate of 2.7 percent. For households, NSW break-ins were reported to police 75.0 percent of the time, with a household victimisation rate of 2.8 percent. For NSW the above estimates for 2011-12 victimisation and report rates were not found to be significantly different to the corresponding rates published in 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] For the rate calculations throughout this publication, population data were obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication: Regional Population Growth Australia 2010-11 Cat. No. 3218 (for 2010 and 2011 population estimates). As no population estimates were available for 2012-13 when this report was published, rates for 2012-13 were calculated using 2011 population estimates.

[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 2013, 4530DO001\_201112 Crime Victimization, Australia, 2011-12, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

