

Table 1: Percentage change in number of recorded incidents over the 24 months to December 2003[^]
Major offences showing statistically significant trends in Sydney Statistical Subdivisions and NSW Statistical Divisions

Sydney Statistical Subdivisions and NSW Statistical Divisions	Assault	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
Sydney				-4.4		-19.3	-12.2	-16.0	-21.3	-17.5		-8.0	-7.4	-16.0	
Inner Sydney						-16.0	-9.3	-19.5	-19.6	-10.3			-7.8		
Eastern Suburbs		12.7				-29.6		-28.7	-30.5	-19.0		-10.5			-14.3
St George-Sutherland	-7.1		-12.6			-38.5		-22.2	-28.5	-30.7					-23.4
Canterbury-Bankstown							-14.2	-22.9	-15.6	-16.1					-28.0
Fairfield-Liverpool							-22.7		-22.4	-16.8				-20.5	-20.0
Outer South Western Sydney				-26.0		-56.8			-20.1	-15.3		8.1			
Inner Western Sydney						-30.1	-10.6	-31.2							-30.2
Central Western Sydney							-11.5	-13.6	-23.6	-21.9					-12.5
Outer Western Sydney				-19.1			-5.2	-9.3	-23.3	-11.5					-15.5
Blacktown	-5.2						-18.6		-23.0	-14.4					6.5
Lower Northern Sydney				-18.0			-22.8	-13.3	-25.6	-24.2			-27.3		-24.2
Central Northern Sydney		44.2		-31.3			-20.1	-20.7	-21.4	-26.3					
Northern Beaches							-12.4	-14.4	-29.4	-34.1					
Gosford-Wyong		36.0					-23.3	-7.9			-19.9				
Hunter			-24.2			-30.5				-12.4					
Illawarra				-35.6				-20.8		-4.9			-12.5		
Richmond-Tweed							-9.5			-22.3	10.2				-24.8
Mid-North Coast			-23.2						17.5			9.7			-18.4
Northern															6.1
North Western									-19.0	-11.2					-21.3
Central West															5.8
South Eastern			-25.7						25.2	12.6					9.5
Murrumbidgee	-10.6		-20.0								18.0				
Murray								-16.8							
Far West															
New South Wales				-4.6		-19.3	-11.4	-12.8	-17.3	-14.7			-6.8	-15.2	

[^] Shows the results of a statistical test for a significant upward or downward trend in the monthly number of criminal incidents recorded over 24 months. Where the trend is significant the percentage change in the number of incidents between the last 12-month period and the preceding 12-month period is shown. A positive figure indicates a significant upward trend, whereas a negative figure indicates a significant downward trend. A blank space indicates either that there was no significant upward or downward trend, or that the number of incidents was too small for a reliable trend test to be performed.