

Table 2: Percentage change in number of recorded incidents in 2002, compared with 2001, for major offences showing statistically significant trends in Sydney Statistical Subdivisions

Statistical Division	Assault	Sexual assault	Indecent assault	Robbery without a weapon	Robbery with a weapon	Robbery with a firearm	Break and enter – dwelling	Break and enter – non-dwelling	Motor vehicle theft	Steal from motor vehicle	Steal from retail store	Fraud	Malicious damage
Inner Sydney			-25.4	-48.0	-16.8	-22.6	-20.8	-19.2		-14.8			
Eastern Suburbs				-31.0			-12.6	-24.4		-9.2			
St George – Sutherland			-10.3	-23.7	-33.3	-11.4	-22.4	-14.8					
Canterbury – Bankstown			-23.1	-35.4	-31.6	-27.4	-19.7	-15.2		-18.2	-14.0		
Fairfield – Liverpool			-33.9	-52.5	-18.3	-38.9	-25.6	-17.1					
Outer South Western Sydney			-28.3		-17.1	-45.0	-19.6	-24.7	27.2		-23.6		
Inner Western Sydney						-17.9	-22.4	-23.1		-14.4			
Central Western Sydney				-34.9	-20.6	-22.5	-19.6	-10.1					
Outer Western Sydney						-18.6	-22.1	-13.6					-3.0
Blacktown		-20.7				-12.6	-11.6	-15.1	-14.6	24.8		-12.0	
Lower Northern Sydney	-20.8		-16.6	-34.0		-30.7	-16.3	-28.5					
Central Northern Sydney				-36.3		-24.9	-23.6		18.1		23.9		
Northern Beaches	13.1	-35.6		a	-58.6	-13.6	-12.3	-27.6	-14.6		-18.2		-22.6
Gosford – Wyong				-43.1	-23.0	-26.9	-35.0	-24.4					

a Significant upward trend; numbers too small to show percentage increase (5 incidents in 2001; 20 incidents in 2002).