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NEW SOUTH WALES RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS 2004: REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF CRIME TRENDS

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This document summarises and highlights the significant aspects of Recorded Crime Statistics 2004.

NEW SOUTH WALES CRIME TRENDS

The major points of interest in recorded crime statistics for the 16 major offences in the 24 months from January 2003 to December 2004 are:

- At the State level nine offences were trending downward, seven were stable and no offences showed an upward trend (see Table 1).
- The offences trending downward were all either theft offences or robbery offences. Violent offences without an acquisitive element such as assault and sexual offences have remained stable (see Table 1).
- In the Sydney Statistical Division (SD) nine offences were trending downward and six were stable. *Malicious damage to property* was the only offence to increase, showing a significant upward trend of 2.8 per cent between 2003 and 2004 (see Table 2).
- In the eleven regional SDs the major crime categories were mainly stable (see Table 2). There were, however, two significant upward trends:
 - In Richmond-Tweed SD *robbery with a weapon not a firearm* increased by 20.0 per cent, from 20 incidents in 2003 to 24 incidents in 2004.
 - In Far West SD *fraud* increased by 37.7 per cent, from 61 incidents in 2003 to 84 incidents in 2004.
- Many of the 14 Sydney Statistical Subdivisions (SSD) reported significant decreases in robbery and property crimes (see Table 3).
- There were 11 significant upward trends in Sydney SSDs: *malicious damage* increased in four Sydney SSDs, *fraud* increased in two, *steal from retail store* increased in one, *indecent assault* increased in two, *sexual assault* increased in one and *assault* increased in one (see Table 3).
- The Inner Sydney SSD recorded the highest number of significant downward trends with eight offences trending downwards and one offence trending upwards (see Table 3).
- The offences which showed the most widespread drops in Sydney SD were *steal from person*, which was trending downward in 13 Sydney SSDs, and *break and enter - non-dwelling* which was trending downward in 12 Sydney SSDs.
- *Malicious damage to property*, though stable for NSW, was the offence which recorded the highest number of significant upward trends. *Malicious damage* was trending upwards in the Sydney Statistical Division, four Sydney SSDs and in 20 NSW Local Government Areas (LGA).

NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Table 4 shows trends in the sixteen major offences in the 173 NSW LGAs. A trend test was only performed where there were a minimum of 20 recorded incidents in the offence category in both 2003 and 2004 (hence no trend tests for murder were carried out). Where there were sufficient incidents for a trend test to be performed the results are reported as 'ns' for not significant (or stable), a negative percentage shows a significant downward trend and a positive percentage shows a significant upward trend. An empty cell shows that no test for trend was conducted for that offence in that LGA.

Table 4 contains the results of 1376 trend tests, which yielded a total of 254 significant downward trends and 47 significant upward trends across 15 major crime categories. There were 2768 cases in which a trend test was not conducted because there were less than 20 incidents recorded in either of 2003 or 2004 for the offence type in the LGA.

Figure 1 shows the number of LGAs that reported significant upward or downward trends in the major crime categories. The figure shows that five offences did not show increases in any LGA. These offences were *robbery without a weapon*, *robbery with a firearm*, *robbery with a weapon not a firearm*, *break and enter - non-dwelling* and *steal from person*. The incidence of *malicious damage to property* increased in 12.4 per cent of LGAs in which a trend test was performed. This is more than any other offence. In all other offence categories, less than 7 per cent of LGAs tested reported significant upward trends. Of the trend tests conducted in all LGAs across all offence types, 78.1 per cent were classified as stable.

The LGAs with the highest number of significant downward trends were Wollongong (8), Sutherland (7), Strathfield (6), Gosford (6), Leichhardt (6), Parramatta (6), Penrith (6), Sydney (6) and Marrickville (6).

The LGAs with the highest number of significant upward trends were Wellington (3), Ashfield (2), Canterbury (2), Leeton (2), Nambucca (2) and Willoughby (2).

MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

The offence type recording the most number of significant upward trends between 2003 and 2004 was *malicious damage to property*. This offence showed significant increases in Sydney SD, four Sydney SSDs and 20 LGAs. However, it shows no significant trend for NSW.

Trend tests for *malicious damage to property* were conducted in 161 LGAs. Twenty LGAs showed upward trends, 11 showed downwards trends and 130 were stable. Examination of the monthly pattern of *malicious damage* incidents in LGAs where the offence increased generally indicate a slow sustained rise in incidents over the 18 months up to the end of 2004. It is also noteworthy that a large majority of these LGAs had monthly figures well within their longer term historical bounds.

Malicious damage to property comprises four criminal incident types: *malicious damage to property*, *graffiti*, *public place - damage fountain/wall* and *public place - damage shrine/monument*. The vast majority of offences are under the first classification (*malicious damage to property*) and *graffiti* is the only other incident category with a substantial number of incidents.

ASSAULT

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research is frequently consulted about trends for *domestic violence related assault* and *non-domestic violence related assault*. Between 2003 and 2004, there were no significant upward or downward trends in the recorded incidence of either *domestic violence related assault* or *non-domestic violence related assault* at the State level.

Table 5 shows that the reported rate of *domestic violence related assault* was trending downwards in two SDs and one Sydney SSD. These areas were the Far West and Illawarra SDs, both of which have higher than average rates of *domestic violence related assault*, and Northern Beaches SSD, where the rate is well below the 2004 state average.

Three areas showed significant downward trends in *assault - not domestic violence related*. These were the Murrumbidgee SD, which has a rate higher than the State average, and the Inner Western Sydney and Northern Beaches SSDs both of which are below the NSW average.

Among the 154 LGAs tested for trend in assault, 136 showed no significant trend, 15 showed a significant downward trend and three a significant upward trend.

Table 1: Summary of NSW Recorded Crime Statistics 2001 to 2004 significant trends

<i>Comparison of twenty-four month trends and annual percentage changes for selected offence categories</i>			
Offence Category	Jan 2001 to Dec 2002	Jan 2002 to Dec 2003	Jan 2003 to Dec 2004
Murder	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend
Assault	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend
Sexual assault	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend
Indecent assault, act of indecency, other sexual offences	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend
Robbery without a weapon	-17.9%	-4.6%	-21.5%
Robbery with a firearm	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	-36.5%	-19.3%	-12.6%
Break and enter – dwelling	-12.9%	-11.4%	-10.7%
Break and enter – non-dwelling	-20.9%	-12.8%	-18.4%
Motor vehicle theft	-22.2%	-17.3%	-5.0%
Steal from motor vehicle	-15.7%	-14.7%	-8.8%
Steal from retail store	7.5%	No significant trend	-16.8%
Steal from dwelling	No significant trend	No significant trend	-10.4%
Steal from person	No significant trend	-6.8%	-23.9%
Fraud	No significant trend	-15.2%	No significant trend
Malicious damage to property	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend

REGIONAL TRENDS IN NSW RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS (January 2003 to December 2004)

The following three tables show the results of tests for a significant upward or downward trend in the monthly number of criminal incidents recorded over the 24 months from January 2003 to December 2004, across 16 offence types. Table 2 gives the results of trend tests for NSW Statistical Divisions (SDs), Table 3 gives results for Sydney Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) and Table 4 gives results for all NSW Local Government Areas (LGAs). Tests were conducted where there were at least 20 incidents recorded in the offence type, in each of the two years. Where the trend was significant the percentage change in the number of incidents between the last 12-month period and the preceding 12-month period is shown. Results are indicated by:

- A positive figure if there was a significant upward trend,
- A negative figure if there was a significant downward trend,
- ‘ns’ if there was no significant upward or downward trend, and
- ‘.’ if the number of incidents was too small for a reliable trend test to be performed.

**Table 2: Percentage change in number of recorded incidents over the 24 months to December 2004
Major offences showing statistically significant trends in NSW Statistical Divisions**

<i>NSW Statistical Divisions</i>	<i>Murder</i>	<i>Assault</i>	<i>Sexual assault</i>	<i>Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences</i>	<i>Robbery without a weapon</i>	<i>Robbery with a firearm</i>	<i>Robbery with a weapon not a firearm</i>	<i>Break and enter - dwelling</i>	<i>Break and enter - non-dwelling</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Steal from motor vehicle</i>	<i>Steal from retail store</i>	<i>Steal from dwelling</i>	<i>Steal from person</i>	<i>Fraud</i>	<i>Malicious damage to property</i>
Sydney	ns	ns	ns	ns	-23.5	ns	-17.1	-12.6	-19.1	-5.0	-7.8	-15.3	-12.7	-25.3	ns	2.8
Hunter	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-16.3	ns	-11.5	ns	ns	-13.7	ns	ns
Illawarra	.	-5.7	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-19.2	-18.6	ns	-13.7	-13.8	-11.9	-18.0	ns	ns
Richmond-Tweed	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	20.0	ns	-22.1	-12.3	-21.4	ns	ns	-18.0	ns	ns
Mid-North Coast	.	-8.3	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Northern	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-9.8	-26.6	ns	-24.8	-25.7	ns	ns	ns	ns
North Western	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-26.1	ns	ns	-28.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
South Eastern	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-21.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murrumbidgee	.	-13.3	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.9	-17.8	ns	ns	ns
Murray	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-28.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Far West	.	-30.6	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	37.7	ns

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

**Table 3: Percentage change in number of recorded incidents over the 24 months to December 2004
Major offences showing statistically significant trends in Sydney Statistical Subdivisions**

<i>Sydney Statistical Subdivisions</i>	<i>Murder</i>	<i>Assault</i>	<i>Sexual assault</i>	<i>Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences</i>	<i>Robbery without a weapon</i>	<i>Robbery with a firearm</i>	<i>Robbery with a weapon not a firearm</i>	<i>Break and enter - dwelling</i>	<i>Break and enter - non-dwelling</i>	<i>Motor vehicle theft</i>	<i>Steal from motor vehicle</i>	<i>Steal from retail store</i>	<i>Steal from dwelling</i>	<i>Steal from person</i>	<i>Fraud</i>	<i>Malicious damage to property</i>
Inner Sydney	.	ns	ns	24.6	-22.5	ns	ns	-18.1	-10.7	-1.5	-18.1	-11.1	-7.2	-26.9	ns	ns
Eastern Suburbs	.	ns	ns	ns	-16.1	ns	ns	-25.7	-19.3	ns	ns	ns	-23.7	-17.9	ns	ns
St George-Sutherland	.	ns	ns	ns	-34.4	ns	ns	-27.0	-26.6	ns	ns	-9.7	-18.5	-35.4	20.8	ns
Canterbury-Bankstown	.	-9.3	ns	ns	-26.9	ns	-37.1	-21.9	ns	ns	ns	-16.8	ns	-30.5	ns	10.4
Fairfield-Liverpool	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.5	ns	-17.7	ns	ns	-17.0	-13.6	-16.6	ns	ns
Outer South Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	-23.9	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.7	-23.9	-17.0	ns	12.6
Inner Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	-32.5	ns	-14.6	-11.8	-20.9	-19.1	ns	ns	ns	-19.3	ns	20.1
Central Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	-30.2	ns	-27.9	ns	-18.2	-9.0	ns	ns	ns	-26.9	ns	ns
Outer Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-12.4	-29.4	ns	-16.1	-34.7	-15.9	-25.0	26.0	ns
Blacktown	.	ns	ns	ns	-25.1	ns	ns	ns	-24.8	ns	ns	-25.0	ns	-32.2	ns	ns
Lower Northern Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	-33.0	ns	ns	ns	-32.3	-18.2	ns	9.0	-16.0	-17.7	ns	7.8
Central Northern Sydney	.	11.8	ns	ns	ns	.	-34.1	ns	-15.6	-20.7	ns	ns	ns	-27.1	ns	ns
Northern Beaches	.	-19.7	53.4	ns	-28.3	.	.	-12.6	-21.4	ns	-2.6	-27.1	ns	-28.2	ns	ns
Gosford-Wyong	.	ns	ns	15.7	ns	.	ns	-15.6	-18.1	ns	-12.4	-20.7	-11.5	ns	-30.8	ns

**Table 4: Percentage change in number of recorded incidents over the 24 months to December 2004
Major offences showing statistically significant trends in NSW LGAs**

NSW LGAs	Murder	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	Sig. down	Sig. up
Albury	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	0
Armidale Dumaresq	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	-33.3	-55.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.6	3	0
Ashfield	.	ns	.	ns	-42.1	.	ns	ns	-18.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	39.9	26.1	2	2	
Auburn	.	ns	.	ns	-33.3	.	ns	-35.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	-28.9	ns	17.0	3	1	
Ballina	.	-24.0	.	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Balranald	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Bankstown	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-44.6	-21.7	ns	ns	ns	-15.1	ns	-26.6	ns	11.5	4	1
Barraba	ns	0	0
Bathurst	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	0
Baulkham Hills	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	10.8	1	1
Bega Valley	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Bellingen	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-33.8	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Berrigan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	-48.8	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Bingara	0	0
Blacktown	.	ns	.	ns	-25.1	ns	ns	ns	-24.8	ns	ns	-25.0	ns	-32.2	ns	ns	4	0
Bland	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Blayney	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Blue Mountains	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-36.1	-44.3	ns	-41.1	ns	-28.8	ns	ns	-19.3	5	0
Bogan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Bombala	ns	0	0
Boorowa	0	0
Botany Bay	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	-21.0	ns	-10.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Bourke	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-40.3	ns	ns	-43.6	ns	ns	.	.	ns	2	0
Brewarrina	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-38.0	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Broken Hill	.	-41.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	38.8	ns	1	1	
Burwood	.	ns	.	ns	-25.5	.	-37.9	-23.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	20.5	3	1
Byron	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-40.2	ns	-34.1	-17.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	3	0
Cabonne	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Camden	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-29.5	-22.7	.	ns	ns	2	0
Campbelltown	.	ns	ns	ns	-18.4	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.4	-17.5	-25.1	ns	ns	11.6	4	1
Canada Bay	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-35.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Canterbury	.	ns	ns	ns	-38.8	ns	ns	-22.3	ns	ns	ns	-20.2	ns	-34.9	23.9	8.4	4	2
Carrathool	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Central Darling	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Cessnock	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-25.4	-36.4	ns	ns	-20.3	ns	ns	ns	3	0
Cobar	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-30.3	ns	.	-55.9	.	ns	.	.	-44.6	3	0
Coffs Harbour	.	ns	105.4	ns	ns	.	.	-17.9	ns	-21.6	.	ns	-24.5	ns	ns	ns	3	1
Conargo	ns	0	0
Coolah	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	52.4	0	1
Coolamon	.	-47.4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	1	0
Cooma-Monaro	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Coonabarabran	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Coonamble	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-39.1	.	-49.1	.	ns	.	.	ns	2	0
Cootamundra	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	-26.9	.	.	ns	1	0
Copmanhurst	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Corowa	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	29.9	0	1
Cowra	.	ns	ns	-27.5	-42.5	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	2	0
Crookwell	.	ns	ns	0	0
Culcairn	.	ns	ns	0	0
Deniliquin	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	-25.6	1	0

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Major offences showing statistically significant trends in NSW LGAs - continued**

NSW LGAs	Murder	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	Sig. down	Sig. up
Dubbo	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-30.0	45.4	ns	-35.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	1
Dungog	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Eurobodalla	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-26.4	ns	ns	-22.6	ns	-18.1	.	ns	ns	3	0
Evans	.	49.2	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	0	1
Fairfield	.	ns	ns	ns	-16.9	ns	ns	ns	-21.4	-5.6	ns	-17.9	ns	-13.8	ns	ns	5	0
Forbes	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Gilgandra	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Glen Innes	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Gloucester	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Gosford	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-29.8	-24.4	-17.4	-23.3	ns	-11.9	ns	-40.4	8.4	6	1
Goulburn	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-42.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-43.7	ns	2	0
Grafton	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	24.5	.	ns	ns	0	1
Lithgow	.	7.3	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	1
Greater Taree	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	23.2	ns	ns	ns	-33.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	1
Great Lakes	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	27.3	ns	-37.5	ns	.	ns	ns	1	1
Griffith	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-52.2	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Gundagai	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Gunnedah	.	-14.7	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Gunning	0	0
Guyra	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Harden	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Hastings	.	-14.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-34.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Hawkesbury	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	154.1	ns	0	1
Hay	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Holbrook	0	0
Holroyd	.	ns	ns	ns	-45.3	ns	ns	ns	-16.9	ns	ns	-21.8	ns	-19.9	ns	ns	4	0
Hornsby	.	15.3	ns	ns	ns	.	-42.9	ns	ns	-28.0	ns	-17.9	ns	-26.9	ns	ns	4	1
Hume	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Hunters Hill	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Hurstville	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-32.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-37.8	ns	ns	2	0
Inverell	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Jerilderie	0	0
Junee	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Kempsey	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Kiama	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Kogarah	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	-43.8	ns	-21.7	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	3	0
Ku-ring-gai	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-15.4	ns	-39.5	-35.9	ns	-24.6	-41.0	42.2	ns	5	1
Kyogle	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Lachlan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Lake Macquarie	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	0
Lane Cove	.	-18.5	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-14.9	ns	ns	-36.6	-51.1	ns	ns	4	0
Leeton	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	43.2	ns	ns	32.9	.	ns	ns	0	2
Leichhardt	.	ns	ns	-38.3	-40.9	ns	-18.8	-22.3	ns	ns	ns	-33.7	ns	-31.0	ns	ns	6	0
Lismore	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-49.6	ns	-40.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Liverpool	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-37.1	ns	-11.4	ns	ns	-16.2	-19.1	-19.6	ns	ns	5	0
Lockhart	0	0
Maclean	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Maitland	.	ns	ns	-41.8	.	.	.	ns	-20.6	ns	-33.5	-36.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	4	0
Manilla	.	ns	ns	0	0
Manly	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-37.5	-32.0	ns	-23.2	-17.4	ns	ns	4	0

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Marrickville	.	ns	ns	ns	-31.7	ns	ns	-31.8	ns	-17.5	-26.2	ns	-27.7	-33.2	ns	ns	6	0
Merriwa	0	0
Moree Plains	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.9	1	0
Mosman	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-41.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	-32.1	ns	ns	2	0
Mudgee	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Mulwaree	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	0	0
Murray	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	-39.5	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Murrumbidgee	0	0
Murrurundi	0	0
Muswellbrook	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Nambucca	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	55.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	49.1	ns	0	2
Narrabri	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-47.4	ns	-37.3	-54.5	ns	.	-51.1	ns	4	0
Narrandera	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-46.4	.	ns	.	ns	-30.6	2	0
Narromine	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-42.9	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	59.8	1	1
Newcastle	.	ns	ns	ns	-33.5	.	ns	ns	ns	14.0	-22.4	.	ns	ns	ns	-12.2	3	1
North Sydney	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-45.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.4	ns	23.6	2	1
Nundle	ns	0	0
Oberon	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Orange	.	ns	ns	48.3	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	1
Parkes	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Parramatta	.	ns	ns	ns	-19.8	-38.6	-33.3	-7.9	ns	-13.4	ns	ns	ns	-28.3	ns	ns	6	0
Parry	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-56.3	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Penrith	.	ns	ns	ns	-6.4	.	ns	-10.3	-29.0	ns	-12.8	-38.0	ns	-23.7	ns	2.3	6	1
Pittwater	.	-30.1	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	-25.8	ns	-21.7	ns	ns	-60.0	ns	ns	4	0
Port Stephens	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.1	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Pristine Waters	.	-29.2	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Queanbeyan	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-26.9	ns	-26.0	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Quirindi	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Randwick	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-22.6	10.2	ns	-27.0	-22.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	3	1
Richmond Valley	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	34.1	ns	-24.8	.	ns	ns	1	1
Rockdale	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.4	-23.3	ns	ns	-23.6	ns	-37.4	26.3	ns	4	1
Ryde	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	ns	-22.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	8.0	1	1
Rylstone	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Scone	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-33.3	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Severn	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Shellharbour	.	-8.6	ns	ns	.	.	.	-14.4	-25.4	54.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	3	1
Shoalhaven	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-23.6	ns	ns	ns	-39.0	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	3	0
Singleton	.	-27.6	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-59.5	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	-22.8	3	0
Snowy River	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Strathfield	.	ns	.	ns	-38.6	.	-22.7	-18.8	ns	-27.4	ns	-35.8	ns	-23.6	ns	ns	6	0
Sutherland	.	ns	ns	ns	-52.4	.	-38.5	-20.6	-29.5	ns	-14.6	ns	ns	-36.7	ns	-13.1	7	0
Sydney	.	ns	ns	35.6	-19.5	-34.1	ns	-10.5	-12.3	ns	-18.8	ns	ns	-26.8	ns	ns	6	1
Tallaganda	ns	0	0
Tamworth	.	-20.0	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-40.4	-29.1	ns	ns	ns	12.0	3	1
Temora	.	-36.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	-35.2	2	0
Tenterfield	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	31.9	0	1
Tumbarumba	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Tumut	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Tweed	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-30.3	ns	ns	-15.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Uralla	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-59.6	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0

**Table 4: Percentage change in number of recorded incidents over the 24 months to December 2004
Major offences showing statistically significant trends in NSW LGAs - continued**

NSW LGAs	Murder	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	Sig. down	Sig. up
Urana	0	0
Wagga Wagga	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-23.6	-43.2	ns	-19.0	3	0
Wakool	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Walcha	0	0
Walgett	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-39.2	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Warren	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-58.3	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	1	0
Warringah	.	-24.4	ns	ns	-31.7	.	.	-21.4	-22.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	-27.8	ns	ns	5	0
Waverley	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-38.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-21.6	ns	ns	16.9	2	1
Weddin	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Wellington	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	104.3	ns	41.7	.	.	14.0	0	3
Wentworth	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	-41.5	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Willoughby	.	ns	.	ns	-51.9	.	ns	ns	-34.4	-33.8	ns	19.0	-29.3	ns	ns	9.5	4	2
Wingecarribee	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	29.0	0	1
Wollondilly	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-35.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Wollongong	.	-8.6	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-20.4	-21.0	ns	-19.3	-8.5	-12.6	-22.0	-9.7	ns	8	0
Woollahra	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	-36.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	-27.9	-37.1	ns	ns	3	0
Wyong	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.1	ns	.	-17.8	ns	2	0
Yallaroi	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Yarrowlumla	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Yass	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-39.7	.	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Young	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-41.3	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Unincorporated Far West	.	-43.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	1	0
Lord Howe Island	0	0
Sig. Down	0	15	0	2	18	2	8	31	40	17	30	25	23	27	5	11		
Sig. Up	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	2	1	3	0	7	20		

** Sydney LGA now includes South Sydney LGA.

Figure1: Number of LGAs with significant trends 2003 to 2004 in major crime categories

- for LGAs where at least 20 offences were recorded in the offence category in both 2003 and 2004.

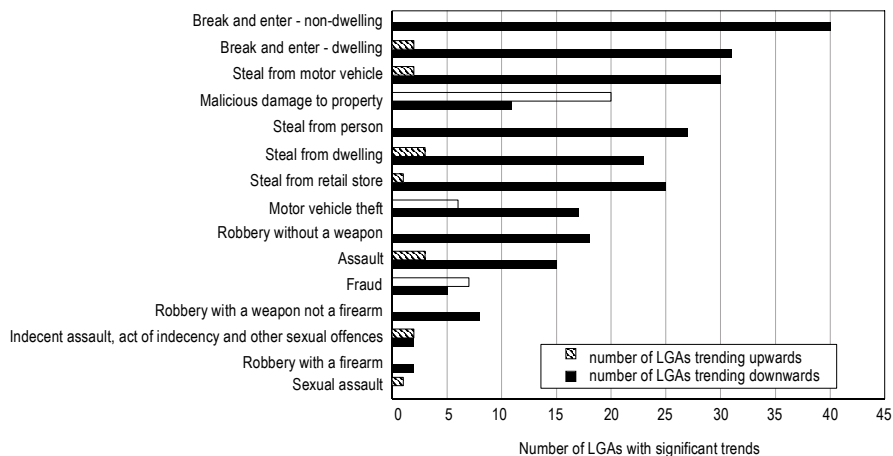


Table 5: Percentage change in recorded incidents of assault in 2004, compared with 2003, for regions showing statistically significant trends*

<i>Statistical Division</i>	<i>Assault - Domestic violence related</i>	<i>Assault - Not domestic violence related</i>	<i>Total assault</i>
Sydney			
Inner Sydney			
Eastern Suburbs			
St George-Sutherland			
Canterbury-Bankstown			-9.3%
Fairfield-Liverpool			
Outer South Western Sydney			
Inner Western Sydney		-13.5%	
Central Western Sydney			
Outer Western Sydney			
Blacktown			
Lower Northern Sydney			
Central Northern Sydney			11.8%
Northern Beaches	-24.7%	-16.7%	-19.7%
Gosford-Wyong			
Hunter			
Illawarra	-7.1%		-5.7%
Richmond-Tweed			
Mid-North Coast			-8.3%
Northern			
North Western			
Central West			
South Eastern			
Murrumbidgee		-16.5%	-13.3%
Murray			
Far West	-40.6%		-30.6%
New South Wales			

* All regions are shown in this table, but percentage changes are only given for those regions where the 24-month trend was statistically significant. ***Bold italics*** indicates that the rate of offence per 100,000 population in that region is higher than the state rate for 2004.

