



## NEW SOUTH WALES RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS 2005: REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF CRIME TRENDS

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*This document is a brief summary of the significant aspects of NSW Recorded Crime Statistics 2005.*

### NEW SOUTH WALES CRIME TRENDS<sup>1</sup>

The main points to note for the 16 major crime categories in the 24 months from January 2004 to December 2005 are:

- ◆ At the State level, seven offences were trending downward, eight were stable and one was trending upward (*malicious damage to property*, see Table 1).
  - *Robbery with a firearm* recorded the strongest downward trend (down by 26.7%).
  - All other offence categories trending downward were property offences.
  - *Malicious damage to property*, which was stable 12 months earlier, is now trending upward.
- ◆ Sydney Statistical Division (SD) recorded the highest number of offence categories trending downward for any SD in NSW (*sexual assault*, *robbery with a firearm* and six major theft offences). There were also two offence categories trending upward (*fraud* and *malicious damage to property*, see Table 2).
- ◆ In the 11 Regional Statistical Divisions (SDs) the 16 major crime categories were mainly stable. The 11 SDs recorded 18 significant downward trends and also five significant upward trends (one for *break and enter – dwelling* and four for *malicious damage to property*, see Table 2).
- ◆ The 14 Sydney Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) recorded 48 significant downward trends across most offence types, but particularly for theft offences (see Table 3).
  - The Inner Western Sydney, St George - Sutherland and Lower Northern Sydney SSDs recorded the highest number of significant downward trends (six for each, see Table 3).
  - The offence types with the highest number of downward trends across the 14 Sydney SSDs were *break and enter – dwelling* and *motor vehicle theft*. There were eight significant downward trends for each of these offence types (see Table 3).
- ◆ The offence type with the highest number of upward trends across the 14 Sydney SSDs was *malicious damage to property* (8 upward trends and no downward trends recorded, see Table 3).
- ◆ Sydney SSDs recorded 16 upward trends in total, spread across six offence types (8 *malicious damage to property*, 3 *fraud*, 2 *steal from retail store*, 1 *robbery without a weapon*, 1 *robbery with a weapon not a firearm* and 1 *assault*).

### NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGAs)

The 167 NSW LGAs for 2005 are listed in Table 4 along with the results of 1,357 trend tests across 16 major crime categories. The trend test is only carried out for LGAs reporting at least 20 incidents in the relevant offence type, in both 2004 and 2005. Results for the 2005 LGA trend tests are summarised and compared with those from 2004:

<b>Summary of trend tests</b>		
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Number of LGAs	173	167
Number of trend tests	1376	1357
Stable (%)	78.1	83.3
Up (%)	3.4	4.9
Down (%)	18.5	11.9

The summary table above indicates an increase in 2005 in the proportion of LGAs recording stable trends, a decrease in the proportion recording downward trends and a slight increase in the proportion recording upward trends compared with 2004 figures.

Table 4 shows that no LGA recorded a statistically significant rise in *robbery with a firearm* and only a single LGA recorded an upward trend for *sexual assault, indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences* and *steal from dwelling*. Figure 1 shows that the most common upward trend is for the offence type *malicious damage to property* (18.6% of LGAs). Less than 4% of LGAs are showing significant rises in the other major crime categories. Approximately 21% of LGAs have recorded a significant downward trend in *break and enter – dwelling* offences.

LGAs with the highest number of significant downward trends were Fairfield (7), Sutherland Shire (6), Bankstown (5), Randwick (5) and Rockdale (5).

LGAs with the highest number of significant upward trends were Parry and Hornsby (both recording upward trends in three offence categories).

## **MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**

The offence type recording the most number of significant upward trends between 2004 and 2005 was *malicious damage to property*. This offence showed significant increases in NSW, Sydney SD, four regional SDs, eight Sydney SSDs and 31 LGAs (up from 20 LGAs in 2004). There were 102,816 incidents recorded by NSW Police in 2005.

The relatively high incidence of this offence at the LGA level meant that 158 of the 167 LGAs were able to be trend tested. Table 4 indicates that 131 of these had no statistically significant trend, whilst three were significantly trending downwards (11 in 2004) and 31 significantly trending upwards (20 in 2004).

*Malicious damage to property* has four components (*malicious damage to property, graffiti, public place – damage fountain/wall, public place – damage shrine/monument*). The vast majority of offences are under the

first general classification (91.1% of incidents in 2005) and *graffiti* (8.8%) is the only other subcategory with a substantial number of offences. A comprehensive investigation of *malicious damage to property* incidents reported in 2005 is currently being undertaken by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research and results are expected to be released later in 2006.

## **ASSAULT**

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research is frequently consulted about trends in *assault*, particularly *domestic violence related assault*. *Domestic violence related assault* is a subset of total *assaults*.

Between 2004 and 2005 *assault* and *domestic violence related assault* showed no significant upward or downward trend. At the SD level the only significant trend was a fall of 6.7% for North Western SD, which has an *assault* rate that is more than double the NSW average. Only one Sydney SSD (Central Northern Sydney) recorded a significant rise in *assault* (8.7%), but it must be noted that this region has the lowest rate in NSW. *Domestic violence related assault* showed a significant uptrend in one NSW SD (Hunter up 15.5%), and two Sydney SSDs showed a significant downward trend (Lower Northern Sydney down 21.1% and Inner Western Sydney down 23.9%).

For the 152 LGAs trend tested, five recorded a significant upward trend in *assault* and six recorded a significant upward trend in *domestic violence related assault*. The highest rates of *domestic violence related assault* are in the regional LGAs (only 3 Sydney LGAs were placed in the highest 50 rate rankings).

LGA rankings for major crime categories can be accessed on the BOCSAR website: [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/bocsar](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/bocsar)

## **NOTES**

- 1 The trend test used was Kendall's rank-order correlation test (see for example, Conover, W.J., *Practical Non-Parametric Statistics*, 2nd edn, John Wiley and Sons, pp 256-260). A two tailed test (at the .05 level of significance) was used to determine whether there had been an increasing or decreasing trend in the recorded numbers of criminal incidents over the most recent twenty-four month period covered in the report. Some month to month variations in the numbers 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 decreasing trend over the time period examined.

**Table 1: Summary of NSW Recorded Crime Statistics 2001 to 2005 significant trends**

<i>Offence Category</i>	<i>Comparison of twenty-four month trends and annual percentage changes for selected offence categories</i>			
	<i>Jan 2001 to Dec 2002</i>	<i>Jan 2002 to Dec 2003</i>	<i>Jan 2003 to Dec 2004</i>	<i>Jan 2004 to Dec 2005</i>
Murder	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend	<b>No significant trend</b>
Assault	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend	<b>No significant trend</b>
Sexual assault	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend	<b>No significant trend</b>
Indecent assault, act of indecency, other sexual offences	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend	<b>No significant trend</b>
Robbery without a weapon	-17.9%	-4.6%	-21.5%	<b>No significant trend</b>
Robbery with a firearm	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend	<b>-26.7%</b>
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	-36.5%	-19.3%	-12.6%	<b>No significant trend</b>
Break and enter – dwelling	-12.9%	-11.4%	-10.7%	<b>-11.0%</b>
Break and enter – non-dwelling	-20.9%	-12.8%	-18.4%	<b>-7.8%</b>
Motor vehicle theft	-22.2%	-17.3%	-5.0%	<b>-12.4%</b>
Steal from motor vehicle	-15.7%	-14.7%	-8.8%	<b>-9.0%</b>
Steal from retail store	7.5%	No significant trend	-16.8%	<b>No significant trend</b>
Steal from dwelling	No significant trend	No significant trend	-10.4%	<b>-5.4%</b>
Steal from person	No significant trend	-6.8%	-23.9%	<b>-12.5%</b>
Fraud	No significant trend	-15.2%	No significant trend	<b>No significant trend</b>
Malicious damage to property	No significant trend	No significant trend	No significant trend	<b>8.1%</b>

## REGIONAL TRENDS IN NSW RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS (JANUARY 2004 TO DECEMBER 2005)

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 2004 to December 2005, 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 2005<sup>^</sup>  
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	-12.8	ns	ns	-27.1	ns	-13.2	-7.0	-13.7	-11.4	ns	-6.6	-13.8	<b>4.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Hunter	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-34.9	ns	-12.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>14.5</b>
Illawarra	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-14.9	-22.2	ns	ns	-16.2	ns	ns	<b>7.8</b>
Richmond-Tweed	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>10.5</b>
Mid-North Coast	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-15.9	ns	-22.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Northern	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-10.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-28.2	<b>7.9</b>
North Western	.	-6.7	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-21.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-5.2	ns	ns	-16.5	ns	ns	ns	ns
South Eastern	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-5.8	ns	-19.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murrumbidgee	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-25.6	ns	-26.1	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murray	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	<b>21.5</b>	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Far West	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns

**Table 3: 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	-19.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.7	-21.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Eastern Suburbs	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-19.4	-16.0	-32.7	-34.3	<b>29.9</b>	-15.1	ns	ns	<b>10.4</b>
St George-Sutherland	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-55.2	ns	-25.7	ns	-21.1	ns	-20.2	-22.3	-25.5	ns	<b>12.3</b>
Canterbury-Bankstown	.	ns	-41.9	ns	<b>22.0</b>	ns	<b>47.9</b>	ns	ns	-13.1	ns	-19.3	ns	-37.8	<b>10.3</b>	ns
Fairfield-Liverpool	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.8	ns	-18.8	-13.0	ns	ns	-7.3	-28.4	ns	ns
Outer South Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-18.9	ns	-16.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>10.4</b>
Inner Western Sydney	.	ns	-28.8	-20.8	-19.8	ns	ns	-18.1	ns	-14.8	-15.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>11.2</b>
Central Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-8.5	-9.3	ns	ns	ns	-10.5	ns	<b>9.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Outer Western Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	-27.7	.	ns	-12.1	-21.0	ns	-26.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>18.1</b>
Blacktown	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.0	ns	<b>11.8</b>
Lower Northern Sydney	.	-12.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-39.7	ns	-14.9	-27.4	ns	-12.4	-25.6	ns	ns
Central Northern Sydney	.	<b>8.7</b>	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>24.8</b>
Northern Beaches	.	ns	-30.7	ns	ns	.	.	-25.5	ns	ns	ns	<b>19.2</b>	ns	-22.8	<b>56.3</b>	ns
Gosford-Wyong	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns

**Table 4: Major offences showing statistically significant trends in NSW LGAs**

NSW LGAs	Murder	Assault	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, act of indecency and o5ther 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	.	.	.	18.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	13.3	0	2
Armidale Dumaresq	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-42.6	ns	1	0
Ashfield	.	ns	.	ns	-35.8	.	ns	ns	ns	-10.5	-21.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	22.7	3	1
Auburn	.	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	0
Ballina	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-33.8	ns	ns	ns	-30.0	ns	.	ns	ns	2	0
Balranald	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Bankstown	.	ns	-44.1	ns	ns	ns	61.3	ns	ns	-9.3	ns	-22.5	-12.3	-44.9	ns	ns	5	1
Barraba	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Bathurst	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-26.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	46.7	ns	ns	1	1
Baulkham Hills	.	15.3	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	24.9	0	2
Bega Valley	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Bellingen	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Berrigan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	78.3	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	1
Bingara	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Blacktown	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.0	ns	11.8	1	1
Bland	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Blayney	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Blue Mountains	.	19.7	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	43.5	0	2
Bogan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Bombala	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Boorowa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Botany Bay	.	-6.8	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-15.0	-17.7	-27.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	4	0
Bourke	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	74.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	0	1
Brewarrina	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	44.4	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	1
Broken Hill	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Burwood	.	-23.8	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Byron	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	0
Cabonne	.	-29.5	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-31.0	.	ns	.	ns	ns	2	0
Camden	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Campbelltown	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-24.2	ns	-19.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	8.0	2	1
Canada Bay	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	-39.5	ns	-29.2	-25.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	26.0	3	1
Canterbury	.	ns	ns	-29.7	52.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.9	ns	ns	ns	-28.4	ns	ns	3	1
Carrathool	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Central Darling	.	-22.1	.	.	.	.	.	-39.4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	2	0
Cessnock	.	22.0	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	19.3	ns	ns	ns	0	2
Clarence Valley	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	0
Cobar	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-23.9	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Coffs Harbour	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-30.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Conargo	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Coolah	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Coolamon	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Cooma-Monaro	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	34.5	0	1
Coonabarabran	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Coonamble	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Cootamundra	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Corowa	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0

**Table 4: 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
Cowra	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Culcairn	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Deniliquin	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Dubbo	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-24.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Dungog	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>54.3</b>	0	1
Palerang	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Eurobodalla	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-16.5	-35.2	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	2	0
Evans	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	-39.7	ns	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Fairfield	.	ns	ns	ns	-20.9	ns	-22.8	ns	-29.4	-19.3	ns	-8.6	-12.0	-25.5	ns	ns	7	0
Forbes	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	<b>81.3</b>	ns	.	<b>320.6</b>	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	2
Gilgandra	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Glen Innes	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Gloucester	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>102.9</b>	0	1
Gosford	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-13.9	ns	ns	<b>6.6</b>	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>13.2</b>	1	2
Greater Argyle	.	ns	ns	-35.0	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Greater Queanbeyan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-20.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-33.3	ns	ns	2	0
Greater Taree	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-39.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Great Lakes	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-33.5	ns	ns	-20.0	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	2	0
Griffith	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-37.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Gundagai	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Gunnedah	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Guyra	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Harden	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-52.7	1	0
Hastings	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-40.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>9.0</b>	1	1
Hawkesbury	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-19.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>13.1</b>	1	1
Hay	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Holbrook	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Holroyd	.	ns	<b>47.4</b>	ns	ns	.	ns	-9.0	ns	ns	ns	-10.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	1
Hornsby	.	ns	ns	-29.7	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	<b>20.8</b>	<b>40.9</b>	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>14.3</b>	1	3
Hume	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	<b>91.3</b>	0	1
Hunters Hill	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-33.3	.	ns	ns	1	0
Hurstville	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	<b>51.4</b>	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	1
Inverell	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	-62.5	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Jerilderie	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Junee	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Kempsey	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-23.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Kiama	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Kogarah	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	-36.6	ns	ns	ns	-39.7	ns	-43.9	ns	ns	3	0
Ku-ring-gai	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-28.0	ns	ns	-21.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>45.7</b>	2	1
Kyogle	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-50.0	-61.4	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	2	0
Lachlan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Lake Macquarie	.	<b>13.6</b>	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>18.6</b>	0	2
Lane Cove	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-49.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Leeton	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-34.4	-46.3	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	2	0
Leichhardt	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	-39.1	-42.6	ns	-20.1	ns	ns	ns	3	0
Lismore	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	<b>51.9</b>	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	1

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Lithgow	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Liverpool	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-31.7	<b>24.2</b>	ns	1	1
Lockhart	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Maitland	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	<b>21.2</b>	ns	-27.3	ns	ns	ns	<b>8.4</b>	1	2
Manilla	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Manly	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	-23.5	-36.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	-23.3	ns	ns	3	0
Marrickville	.	ns	ns	ns	<b>22.0</b>	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	1
Merriwa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Moree Plains	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	-32.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.8	ns	ns	-14.8	3	0
Mosman	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-45.3	ns	ns	-23.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Mudgee	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	<b>25.1</b>	0	1
Murray	.	-30.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	-38.2	.	.	ns	2	0
Murrumbidgee	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Murrurundi	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Muswellbrook	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Nambucca	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Narrabri	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Narrandera	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Narromine	.	-31.1	.	ns	.	.	.	-27.4	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	2	0
Newcastle	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-15.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>29.6</b>	1	1
North Sydney	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	ns	-38.6	ns	-24.6	-42.5	ns	ns	-22.9	ns	ns	4	0
Nundle	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Oberon	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Orange	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-50.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Parkes	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-62.0	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Parramatta	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.5	-18.0	-4.1	ns	ns	-15.4	ns	ns	<b>4.0</b>	4	1
Parry	.	<b>66.3</b>	.	.	.	.	.	ns	<b>53.3</b>	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	<b>72.0</b>	0	3
Penrith	.	ns	ns	ns	-29.7	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-30.1	ns	ns	-17.7	ns	ns	3	0
Pittwater	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>97.5</b>	<b>15.9</b>	0	2
Port Stephens	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-46.0	ns	1	0
Quirindi	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Randwick	.	ns	ns	ns	-29.6	.	ns	-20.9	ns	-37.7	-32.8	ns	ns	-32.2	ns	ns	5	0
Richmond Valley	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	<b>33.1</b>	0	1
Rockdale	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-29.2	ns	-19.9	-28.8	ns	-28.3	-23.6	ns	ns	5	0
Ryde	.	-17.3	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-27.8	-21.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-35.2	ns	ns	4	0
Rylstone	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Scone	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	-37.6	1	0
Severn	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Shellharbour	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-32.9	-24.2	-18.8	-24.0	ns	ns	ns	4	0
Shoalhaven	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	<b>31.4</b>	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	0	1
Singleton	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	<b>56.0</b>	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	1
Snowy River	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	0	0
Strathfield	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>19.0</b>	ns	0	1
Sutherland Shire	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-34.4	-22.1	ns	-28.2	ns	-16.6	-20.0	-25.8	ns	<b>23.7</b>	6	1

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Sydney	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-29.3	-20.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	2	0
Tamworth	.	ns	ns	<b>40.0</b>	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>27.0</b>	0	2
Temora	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	-44.7	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	1	0
Tenterfield	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-54.3	ns	.	ns	ns	-37.7	.	.	ns	2	0
Tumbarumba	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Tumut	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-39.2	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Tweed	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-25.0	ns	<b>28.2</b>	ns	<b>21.1</b>	1	2
Upper Lachlan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Uralla	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Urana	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Wagga Wagga	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-31.3	ns	ns	ns	<b>9.5</b>	1	1
Wakool	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Walcha	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Walgett	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-47.1	ns	ns	-40.9	.	ns	.	ns	ns	2	0
Warren	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-59.6	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>47.3</b>	1	1
Warringah	.	ns	-33.3	ns	ns	.	.	-33.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	<b>45.7</b>	ns	2	1
Waverley	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-20.5	-24.6	ns	-30.7	<b>94.4</b>	-23.1	ns	ns	ns	4	1
Weddin	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Wellington	.	-29.9	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	-41.5	ns	ns	ns	-40.2	.	ns	ns	3	0
Wentworth	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	<b>77.3</b>	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	1
Willoughby	.	-19.0	.	ns	-40.5	.	ns	-46.0	ns	ns	-26.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	4	0
Wingecarribee	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-34.4	ns	ns	ns	<b>58.0</b>	ns	.	ns	ns	1	1
Wollondilly	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	<b>16.0</b>	0	1
Wollongong	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	-22.7	ns	ns	-22.5	ns	ns	<b>6.4</b>	2	1
Woolahra	.	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	-14.4	ns	-34.7	-39.8	ns	ns	-29.0	ns	ns	4	0
Wyong	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-10.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	1	0
Yallaroi	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Yass Valley	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-35.8	.	ns	.	ns	ns	1	0
Young	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns	0	0
Unincorporated Far West	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	0	0
Lord Howe Island	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0
Sig. Down	0	9	2	3	5	0	2	35	16	21	22	12	14	15	2	3		
Sig. Up	0	5	1	1	2	0	2	4	3	2	6	2	1	2	4	31		



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