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SECTION 1:
OVERVIEW OF TRENDS
IN RECORDED CRIME
BY OFFENCE TYPE
NSW

**TABLE 1.1: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, 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*	Down by 20.0%	Stable
Assault - domestic violence related	Stable	Stable
Assault - non-domestic violence related	Down by 3.7%	Down by 5.3%
Sexual assault	Stable	Stable
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Stable	Up by 3.5%
Robbery without a weapon	Down by 19.5%	Down by 13.8%
Robbery with a firearm	Down by 26.8%	Down by 14.4%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Down by 19.1%	Down by 8.5%
Break and enter dwelling	Down by 5.4%	Down by 5.3%
Break and enter non-dwelling	Stable	Down by 7.5%
Motor vehicle theft	Stable	Down by 6.6%
Steal from motor vehicle	Stable	Down by 3.1%
Steal from retail store	Up by 5.3%	Stable
Steal from dwelling	Stable	Stable
Steal from person	Down by 6.9%	Down by 9.0%
Fraud	Stable	Up by 8.0%
Malicious damage to property	Down by 7.0%	Down by 7.6%

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 25, Notes [5] and [6].

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

TABLE 1.2: NUMBER AND TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR 62 OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, NSW

Offence Category	Number of recorded criminal incidents		Trend [^] over the last 24 months		
	over the 12 months to September 2014	over the 12 months to September 2015	Trend test result	Percentage change	
Homicide	Murder*	90	72	Down	-20.0%
	Attempted murder	26	24	Stable	
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	3	5	.	
	Manslaughter*	5	2	.	
Assault	Domestic violence related assault	29,213	28,980	Stable	
	Non-domestic violence related assault	31,983	30,812	Down	-3.7%
	Assault Police	2,623	2,459	Stable	
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	4,985	4,718	Stable	
	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	6,582	6,486	Stable	
Abduction and kidnapping		276	261	Stable	
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	2,059	1,658	Down	-19.5%
	Robbery with a firearm	291	213	Down	-26.8%
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	1,259	1,018	Down	-19.1%
Blackmail and extortion		91	116	Stable	
Harassment, threatening behaviour and private nuisance		29,302	29,887	Stable	
Other offences against the person		1,274	1,245	Stable	
Theft	Break and enter dwelling	34,051	32,210	Down	-5.4%
	Break and enter non-dwelling	12,907	12,444	Stable	
	Receiving or handling stolen goods	7,310	7,923	Stable	
	Motor vehicle theft	14,653	14,707	Stable	
	Steal from motor vehicle	42,545	41,208	Stable	
	Steal from retail store	20,486	21,580	Up	5.3%
	Steal from dwelling	22,061	21,791	Stable	
	Steal from person	6,269	5,836	Down	-6.9%
	Stock theft	477	486	Stable	
	Fraud	49,404	49,762	Stable	
Other theft	32,729	30,279	Down	-7.5%	
Arson		5,803	5,105	Stable	
Malicious damage to property		69,290	64,435	Down	-7.0%
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	1,105	1,716	Up	55.3%
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	1,076	1,145	Up	6.4%
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	24,260	26,108	Up	7.6%
	Possession and/or use of amphetamines	6,498	8,876	Up	36.6%
	Possession and/or use of ecstasy	2,651	3,039	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	4,187	4,274	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	331	316	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	312	453	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	1,006	665	Down	-33.9%
	Dealing, trafficking in amphetamines	1,949	2,099	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in ecstasy	489	567	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	299	292	Stable	
	Cultivating cannabis	1,335	1,335	Stable	
	Manufacture drug	100	87	Stable	
Importing drugs	51	28	Down	-45.1%	
Other drug offences	4,858	5,230	Up	7.7%	
Prohibited and regulated weapons offences		11,772	11,471	Stable	
Disorderly conduct	Trespass	8,829	9,234	Stable	
	Offensive conduct	6,664	6,003	Down	-9.9%
	Offensive language	4,346	4,148	Stable	
	Criminal intent	1,987	2,206	Stable	
Betting and gaming offences		103	84	Stable	
Liquor offences		14,431	11,698	Down	-18.9%
Pornography offences		497	478	Stable	
Prostitution offences		219	158	Stable	
Against justice procedures	Escape custody	167	162	Stable	
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	13,055	13,880	Stable	
	Breach bail conditions	32,141	36,450	Up	13.4%
	Fail to appear	667	729	Stable	
	Resist or hinder officer	6,682	6,343	Stable	
	Other offences against justice procedures	558	475	Stable	
Transport regulatory offences		79,697	117,046	Up	46.9%
Other offences		15,766	15,583	Down	-1.2%

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 25, 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.

SECTION 2:

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

TABLE 2.1A: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, NSW SAs

NSW Statistical Area	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
Greater Sydney	-24.0	-2.2	-2.1	ns	ns	-21.6	-21.6	-21.5	-9.5	-12.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	-6.9	ns	-8.8
Capital Region	.	ns	ns	-23.9	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	22.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West	.	ns	-13.4	ns	ns	-31.0	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.9	ns	-5.3
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	40.4	ns	ns	ns	ns
Far West and Orana	.	ns	-15.7	-19.4	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-8.4	ns	ns	12.8	ns	-14.3	ns	ns	ns
Illawarra	.	ns	-11.3	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Mid North Coast	.	ns	-15.8	ns	ns	-27.9	.	ns	-7.1	ns	-10.2	-11.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	-6.7
Murray	.	ns	-6.1	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
New England and North West	.	ns	-12.8	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	24.9	ns	ns	ns	-5.6
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.7	ns	ns
Richmond - Tweed	.	-13.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-10.2	-8.3	ns	ns	-9.8	ns	ns	-7.5
Riverina	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	45.5	-13.4	ns	-16.0	ns	ns	ns
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-31.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-10.2
NSW	-20.0	ns	-3.7	ns	ns	-19.5	-26.8	-19.1	-5.4	ns	ns	ns	5.3	ns	-6.9	ns	-7.0

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 25, Notes [5] and [6].

* The trend test for Greater Sydney and NSW on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

TABLE 2.1B: RATIO TO NSW RATE[^] OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, NSW SAs

NSW Statistical Area	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
Greater Sydney	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.8
Capital Region	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.4	1.1
Central West	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	1.6	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.7	0.5	0.6	1.6
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	0.8	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.4	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.4	0.7	0.5	1.3
Far West and Orana	7.0	3.1	2.0	2.2	2.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	2.8	4.0	1.8	2.2	1.4	2.1	1.0	0.8	2.6
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	0.8	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.2
Illawarra	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.0
Mid North Coast	0.5	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.4	0.5	0.5	1.2
Murray	2.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.2	1.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.6	1.3
New England and North West	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.6	0.2	1.0	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.7	0.4	0.5	1.8
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2
Richmond - Tweed	0.4	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.6	1.1
Riverina	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.5
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.0
NSW	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

[^] For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 25, Note [7] and footnote 3.

* The rate calculations on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

TABLE 2.1C: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, NSW SAs

<i>NSW Statistical Area</i>	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
Greater Sydney	38	15,868	17,257	2,369	3,420	1,303	178	703	17,156	5,247	8,934	24,063	13,583	11,720	4,646	38,712	34,183
Capital Region	2	697	794	137	220	12	0	8	754	406	258	945	471	538	30	616	2,055
Central West	3	1,204	1,120	224	239	29	2	17	1,450	687	423	1,443	713	1,012	78	843	2,851
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	1	714	728	145	165	12	2	19	672	399	275	855	372	542	72	458	1,498
Far West and Orana	8	1,431	974	166	218	23	1	17	1,451	801	418	1,446	474	738	91	653	2,638
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	2	1,355	993	228	297	32	4	41	1,284	681	710	1,916	681	955	97	1,119	2,796
Illawarra	3	1,054	1,122	188	235	58	5	40	1,384	548	599	1,823	952	925	167	1,218	2,550
Mid North Coast	1	1,034	946	200	277	31	4	21	1,172	572	423	853	565	883	84	694	2,223
Murray	3	523	565	88	153	14	1	8	605	331	235	604	321	410	37	443	1,337
New England and North West	2	1,292	1,189	187	269	24	1	24	1,787	689	387	1,372	707	912	57	640	2,822
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	5	1,506	1,809	299	393	57	10	74	1,626	810	996	2,960	1,183	1,240	271	2,418	3,794
Richmond - Tweed	1	928	1,197	200	241	33	0	20	948	522	420	1,157	534	762	138	972	2,233
Riverina	3	851	803	138	182	11	0	14	1,194	437	416	1,165	608	688	36	490	1,966
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	518	531	111	158	16	5	12	727	312	213	606	416	466	29	466	1,317
NSW	72	28,980	30,812	4,718	6,486	1,658	213	1,018	32,210	12,444	14,707	41,208	21,580	21,791	5,836	49,762	64,435

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

TABLE 2.1D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2014, NSW SAs

<i>NSW Statistical Area</i>	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
Greater Sydney	50	16,227	17,633	2,401	3,518	1,661	227	896	18,949	5,995	8,920	25,084	12,890	11,534	4,989	38,603	37,484
Capital Region	4	703	838	180	205	11	1	8	766	397	225	773	409	537	31	596	2,114
Central West	4	1,179	1,293	237	295	42	4	15	1,635	623	439	1,550	726	1,006	95	866	3,010
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	3	697	705	136	214	18	3	10	680	360	281	860	265	572	71	526	1,569
Far West and Orana	1	1,380	1,155	206	223	24	3	26	1,492	672	376	1,483	537	697	91	471	2,726
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	2	1,271	967	229	285	22	13	45	1,402	578	755	1,699	689	1,114	118	1,031	2,872
Illawarra	5	1,023	1,265	206	266	57	9	59	1,237	457	643	1,766	869	967	177	1,373	2,690
Mid North Coast	3	1,037	1,123	196	257	43	3	29	1,262	651	471	963	529	942	97	677	2,383
Murray	1	596	602	111	105	9	1	14	620	411	242	769	289	440	32	407	1,380
New England and North West	3	1,249	1,363	221	283	41	3	20	1,495	687	416	1,318	566	881	50	690	2,990
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	4	1,441	1,768	319	369	52	14	84	1,679	751	910	2,807	1,226	1,250	300	2,188	3,964
Richmond - Tweed	5	1,076	1,202	210	250	38	3	15	901	581	458	1,245	566	845	128	1,007	2,414
Riverina	5	823	844	164	174	20	1	20	1,183	463	286	1,346	523	819	55	433	2,095
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	506	558	148	126	19	6	18	750	274	230	881	402	457	35	524	1,467
NSW	90	29,213	31,983	4,985	6,582	2,059	291	1,259	34,051	12,907	14,653	42,545	20,486	22,061	6,269	49,404	69,290

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

TABLE 2.2A: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, GREATER SYDNEY SAs

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	.	ns	ns	ns	29.3	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-4.3	ns	ns	-22.6	ns	-17.4
Blacktown	.	ns	-5.4	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.3
Central Coast	.	ns	ns	ns	-18.1	ns	.	-34.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	20.1	ns	ns	30.5	-7.7
City and Inner South	.	-4.6	-4.0	ns	ns	-22.1	.	ns	ns	-23.7	ns	-8.2	ns	ns	-9.7	ns	-11.1
Eastern Suburbs	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-19.6	-15.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.3	ns
Inner South West	.	ns	ns	ns	-13.6	ns	-53.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	-16.9	-14.4	ns	ns	-13.9	-9.5
Inner West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	30.8	ns	23.4	ns	ns	ns	-11.9
North Sydney and Hornsby	.	-12.7	ns	ns	-17.9	-40.4	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.2	ns	-6.5
Northern Beaches	.	-16.0	-15.7	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Outer South West	.	-3.0	-6.8	ns	ns	-48.3	.	ns	ns	-29.9	ns	ns	26.5	ns	ns	ns	-13.2
Outer West and Blue Mountains	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-21.9	-9.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	20.6	-12.2
Parramatta	.	-7.2	ns	ns	ns	-22.2	ns	-28.3	-9.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-7.5	ns	ns
Ryde	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-29.1	ns	ns	-14.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	-19.1
South West	.	-5.1	-3.6	ns	ns	ns	-3.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	8.5	ns	-5.7
Sutherland	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-30.9	ns	-27.8	ns	47.6	ns	ns	-16.7	ns

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 25, Notes [5] and [6].

TABLE 2.2B: RATIO TO NSW RATE[^] OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, GREATER SYDNEY SAs

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.4
Blacktown	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.2	2.6	3.1	1.9	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.2
Central Coast	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.1
City and Inner South	1.0	1.1	2.9	1.2	1.6	4.1	1.9	2.7	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.5	3.0	1.9	7.9	4.0	1.4
Eastern Suburbs	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.7
Inner South West	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.5	1.4	0.7	0.5	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.6
Inner West	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.5	0.6
North Sydney and Hornsby	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5
Northern Beaches	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6
Outer South West	0.0	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0
Outer West and Blue Mountains	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.2
Parramatta	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.7	2.4	1.6	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8
Ryde	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.5
South West	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.4	2.3	1.4	1.0	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	0.8
Sutherland	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.8

[^] For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 25, Note [7] and footnote 3.

* The rate calculations on the offence of murder is for the number of victims, not incidents.

TABLE 2.2C: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, GREATER SYDNEY SAs

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	1	341	345	92	119	11	2	4	598	224	212	692	290	299	41	1,007	847
Blacktown	6	1,944	1,589	224	343	193	29	86	1,592	397	851	2,558	1,092	967	303	2,862	3,462
Central Coast	5	1,368	1,413	219	253	49	8	32	1,291	473	695	1,831	1,008	774	231	1,750	3,138
City and Inner South	3	1,304	3,559	220	414	278	16	112	1,195	607	648	2,558	2,610	1,689	1,852	8,031	3,671
Eastern Suburbs	0	647	934	94	147	46	5	15	835	168	430	1,163	782	863	256	2,019	1,684
Inner South West	5	2,047	1,535	192	279	139	25	108	1,773	506	1,465	2,387	917	1,062	255	4,235	3,169
Inner West	0	605	743	87	161	60	15	33	1,062	299	590	1,435	606	816	268	2,861	1,613
North Sydney and Hornsby	1	438	587	110	179	28	3	15	1,114	339	213	1,058	918	884	171	2,253	1,867
Northern Beaches	1	352	601	75	147	32	0	6	503	235	213	868	500	453	129	1,311	1,425
Outer South West	0	1,276	946	222	257	45	8	42	1,098	309	518	1,296	793	545	114	1,358	2,288
Outer West and Blue Mountains	3	1,415	1,386	251	307	101	9	54	1,341	414	689	1,865	932	869	190	1,871	3,292
Parramatta	5	1,709	1,613	233	341	168	30	99	2,131	555	993	2,677	1,196	1,089	421	4,108	2,925
Ryde	1	213	283	51	117	13	2	9	465	156	116	459	413	337	73	1,277	725
South West	6	1,743	1,228	218	249	121	26	77	1,726	394	1,077	2,470	1,014	672	268	2,992	2,560
Sutherland	1	466	495	81	107	19	0	11	432	171	216	746	512	401	74	777	1,517

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

TABLE 2.2D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2014, GREATER SYDNEY SAs

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	0	368	353	88	92	17	2	7	640	176	209	723	292	335	53	979	1,026
Blacktown	3	1,963	1,680	235	340	216	17	76	1,834	465	853	2,328	1,170	945	317	2,639	3,819
Central Coast	6	1,224	1,446	230	309	61	15	49	1,328	474	709	1,763	839	721	226	1,341	3,401
City and Inner South	5	1,367	3,707	238	454	357	17	164	1,281	796	687	2,785	2,573	1,540	2,051	8,098	4,130
Eastern Suburbs	2	593	847	82	144	59	6	28	1,039	198	440	1,270	785	919	278	2,225	1,661
Inner South West	8	2,007	1,438	196	323	177	54	125	1,887	480	1,334	2,873	1,071	952	300	4,917	3,500
Inner West	3	610	726	91	172	88	17	59	1,228	302	451	1,477	491	822	247	2,992	1,830
North Sydney and Hornsby	0	502	623	110	218	47	2	15	1,207	427	218	1,268	883	780	197	2,223	1,997
Northern Beaches	1	419	713	83	112	35	0	9	501	202	204	890	531	493	142	1,009	1,481
Outer South West	0	1,315	1,015	220	243	87	11	28	1,143	441	565	1,198	627	563	120	1,189	2,636
Outer West and Blue Mountains	3	1,534	1,398	234	337	109	12	63	1,471	530	763	2,076	827	803	203	1,551	3,749
Parramatta	12	1,841	1,658	236	313	216	42	138	2,355	658	1,016	2,632	1,054	1,178	455	4,384	3,080
Ryde	0	221	292	54	94	20	4	15	656	179	148	536	355	381	66	1,223	896
South West	6	1,837	1,274	226	246	144	27	111	1,754	481	1,024	2,363	1,045	684	247	2,900	2,714
Sutherland	1	426	463	78	121	28	1	9	625	186	299	902	347	418	87	933	1,564

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

TABLE 2.3A: TRENDS¹ IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, NSW LGAs

NSW LGA	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	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Armidale Dumaresq	.	ns	-15.7	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ashfield	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	68.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Auburn	.	-20.4	-15.6	ns	ns	-45.1	ns	-31.3	ns	ns	ns	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-21.7
Ballina	.	-34.8	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-16.2	ns	-18.8	.	ns	-17.7
Bairnald	ns
Bankstown	.	-7.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-28.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.1	-18.2
Bathurst Regional	.	ns	-17.8	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bega Valley	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bellingen	.	ns	-4.7	.	.	.	.	.	-39.0	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	-21.2
Berrigan	ns
Blacktown	.	ns	-5.6	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.5
Bland	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blayney	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blue Mountains	.	ns	-26.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-30.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bogan	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Bombala
Boorowa
Botany Bay	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bourke	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Brewarrina	.	-22.8	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Broken Hill	.	ns	-35.1	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-19.6
Burwood	.	ns	-30.2	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	52.1	ns	ns	ns	ns
Byron	.	-32.4	-21.7	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-6.9	ns	ns	-21.1
Cabonne	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Camden	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Campbelltown	.	-9.2	-12.7	ns	ns	-50.0	ns	.	ns	-23.0	ns	ns	34.0	ns	ns	ns	-13.8
Canada Bay	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.5
Canterbury	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-27.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Carrathool	ns
Central Darling	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cessnock	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	14.0	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Clarence Valley	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Cobar	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Coffs Harbour	.	-4.5	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	64.0	ns	ns	ns	ns
Conargo
Coolamon
Cooma-Monaro	.	.	-25.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	-28.4
Coonamble	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Cootamundra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns
Corowa Shire	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-65.0	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Cowra	.	ns	ns	.	-58.5	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	47.7
Deniliquin	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Dubbo	.	ns	-26.1	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	59.5	ns	ns	-20.8	ns	ns	ns	ns
Dungog	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Eurobodalla	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-23.9	ns	-30.6	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Fairfield	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-6.3
Forbes	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Gilgandra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Glen Innes Severn	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Gloucester	ns
Gosford	.	ns	ns	ns	-29.1	.	.	.	ns	-15.9	-23.6	ns	40.5	ns	ns	25.6	ns
Goulburn Mulwaree	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Great Lakes	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-42.7	-57.0	-51.3	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-21.3
Greater Hume Shire	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Greater Taree	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Griffith	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Gundagai	ns
Gunnedah	.	-40.0	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Guyra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	54.1
Gwydir	ns
Harden	ns
Hawkesbury	.	ns	ns	ns	26.6	.	.	.	-26.5	ns	-21.0	ns	ns	-27.8	ns	ns	-18.3
Hay	ns
Holroyd	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-31.0	ns	ns
Hornsby	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Hunters Hill	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	-37.3
Hurstville	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-27.5	-26.1	ns	ns	ns	ns
Inverell	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Jerilderie	ns
Junee	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Kempsey	.	ns	-28.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-1.6	-18.3	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-19.5
Kiama	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	101.5	.	ns	.	ns	-13.2
Kogarah	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-38.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ku-ring-gai	.	-31.1	-25.3	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-8.9
Kyogle	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Lachlan	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-38.7	.	ns	.	.	ns
Lake Macquarie	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-7.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lane Cove	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Leeton	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns

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Leichhardt	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	-35.2	ns	ns	-29.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Lismore	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-18.9	ns	ns	ns	47.2	ns
Lithgow	.	.	-31.3	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-37.7
Liverpool	.	-9.4	-8.5	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	22.2	ns	-6.3
Liverpool Plains	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	-30.7
Lockhart
Lord Howe Island
Maitland	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	57.6	ns	34.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.8
Manly	.	ns	-17.3	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-35.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.6
Marrickville	.	-17.8	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	48.8	ns	ns	ns	-11.5
Mid-Western Regional	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Moree Plains	.	ns	-19.7	.	-37.2	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.2
Mosman	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murray	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Murrumbidgee	ns
Muswellbrook	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-28.1	ns	ns	ns	56.0	ns	.	ns	ns
Nambucca	.	ns	-25.9	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	67.6	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Narrabri	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-7.8	.	ns	ns
Narrandera	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Narramine	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Newcastle	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-7.4	ns	-3.2
North Sydney	.	ns	ns	.	-36.4	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-38.3	ns	-19.3
Oberon	ns
Orange	.	ns	-16.4	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-37.1	ns	ns
Palerang	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Parkes	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Parramatta	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.2	.	.	-16.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.8	-4.6	ns	ns
Penrith	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-8.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	21.8	-10.2
Pittwater	.	ns	-26.3	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.2	.	37.7	ns	ns
Port Macquarie-Hastings	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-22.3	ns	ns	ns	-17.6	ns	ns	ns
Port Stephens	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-31.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Queanbeyan	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	52.7	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Randwick	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Richmond Valley	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.0	.	ns	ns
Rockdale	.	ns	ns	ns	-36.4	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-23.0	ns	42.4	-29.6	-16.8	ns
Ryde	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-31.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.2
Shellharbour	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-31.5	ns	ns	ns
Shoalhaven	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-29.0	ns	ns
Singleton	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-26.0	.	ns	ns
Snowy River	ns
Strathfield	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Sutherland Shire	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-30.4	ns	-28.8	ns	47.6	ns	ns	-16.7	ns
Sydney	.	ns	-3.6	ns	ns	-20.0	.	.	ns	-27.2	-12.3	-11.9	ns	ns	-10.6	ns	-11.8
Tamworth Regional	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	54.0	ns	.	ns	-7.6
Temora	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Tenterfield	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-27.1	.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
The Hills Shire	.	-20.4	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	43.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-15.7
Tumbarumba	ns
Tumut Shire	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Tweed	.	-12.5	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-5.7
Unincorporated Far West	ns
Upper Hunter Shire	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Upper Lachlan Shire	-32.1
Uralla	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Urana	ns
Wagga Wagga	.	ns	-11.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	84.8	ns	ns	-19.7	.	ns	ns
Wakool	ns
Walcha	ns
Walgett	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	16.5	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Warren	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-26.4
Warringah	.	-22.9	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Warrumbungle Shire	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Waverley	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-26.6	ns	-20.1	ns
Weddin	ns
Wellington	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Wentworth	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-15.8	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Willoughby	.	ns	ns	.	-31.9	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wingecarribee	.	ns	ns	-40.8	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-44.2	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Wollondilly	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-56.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Wollongong	.	ns	-11.7	-22.4	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-9.1	ns	18.0	ns	ns	ns	ns
Woollahra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-36.2	ns	-33.0	-31.3	ns	-20.3	ns	-34.1	ns
Wyong	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Yass Valley	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns
Young	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-38.8	.	ns	ns
NSW	-20.0	ns	-3.7	ns	ns	-19.5	-26.8	-19.1	-5.4	ns	ns	ns	5.3	ns	-6.9	ns	-7.0

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 25, 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.

SECTION 3:

**METHODS OF PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST ALLEGED OFFENDERS**

**TABLE 3: NUMBER OF ALLEGED OFFENDERS RECORDED BY NSW POLICE FORCE
BY METHOD OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2015, NSW**

<i>Type of process</i>	<i>Number of alleged offenders</i>		<i>Trend[^] over the last 24 months</i>	
	<i>over the 12 months to September 2014</i>	<i>over the 12 months to September 2015</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Annual percentage change</i>
Proceeded against to court:				
Bail Court Attendance Notice	59,025	56,309	-2,716	-4.6%
No-Bail Court Attendance Notice	3,257	4,010	753	23.1%
Future Court Attendance Notice	34,076	37,536	3,460	10.2%
Field Court Attendance Notice	42,062	45,909	3,847	Stable
All proceedings to court	138,420	143,764	5,344	Stable
Proceeded against other than to court:				
Youth Justice Conference	1,240	1,155	-85	Stable
Caution Young Offenders Act	7,178	7,073	-105	Stable
Cannabis/other drug caution	6,019	6,123	104	Stable
Criminal Infringement Notice	10,445	9,602	-843	-8.1%
Infringement Notice/ Public Safety Infringement Notice	627,811	630,737	2,926	Stable
Warnings	7,642	9,990	2,348	30.7%
All proceedings other than to court	660,335	664,680	4,345	Stable
All proceedings	798,755	808,444	9,689	Stable

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 25, Notes [5] and [6].

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 fifth year) by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)¹. 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 five 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)². For NSW, the latest report states that physical assault for those aged 15 and over was reported to police 48.0 percent of the time, with a personal victimisation rate of 2.2 percent. For households, NSW break-ins were reported to police 78.8 percent of the time, with a household victimisation rate of 2.4 percent. For NSW the above estimates for 2012-13 victimisation and report rates were not found to be significantly different to the corresponding rates published in the financial years 2008-9 to 2011-12.

[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 the 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] 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 2014, 45300DO001_2012201306 *Crime Victimization, Australia, 2012-13*, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

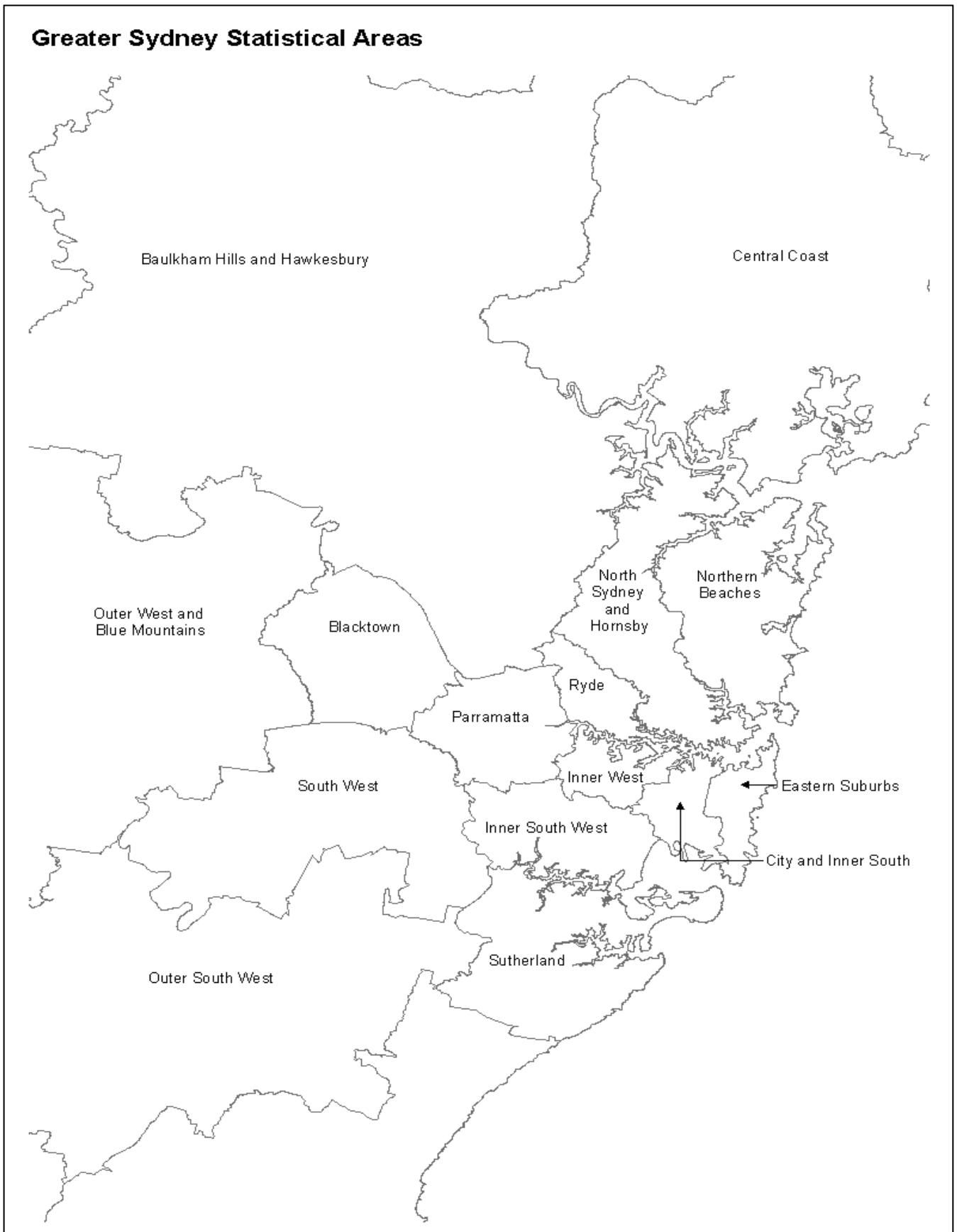
2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2014, 45300DO001_2012201306 *Crime Victimization, Australia, 2012-13*, Tables 2 and 3, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

3. For the rate calculations throughout this publication, population data were obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication: *Regional Population Growth Australia 2012-13* Cat. No. 3218 (for 2012 and 2013 population estimates). As no population estimates were available for the year 2014 when this report was published, rates for the year 2014 were calculated using 2013 population estimates.

New South Wales Statistical Areas



*Greater Sydney region map is available on the following page



LGAS IN GREATER SYDNEY STATISTICAL AREAS**Greater Sydney Statistical Areas**

Blacktown Blacktown	Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury Hawkesbury* The Hills Shire*	Central Coast Gosford Wyong
City and Inner South Botany Bay Marrickville* Sydney*	Eastern Suburbs Randwick* Waverley Woollahra	Inner South West Bankstown* Canterbury* Hurstville Kogarah Rockdale*
Inner West Ashfield Burwood Canada Bay Leichhardt Strathfield*	North Sydney and Hornsby Hornsby* Ku-ring-gai Lane Cove Mosman North Sydney Willoughby	Northern Beaches Manly Pittwater Warringah
Outer South West Camden* Campbelltown* Wollondilly*	Outer West and Blue Mountains Blue Mountains* Penrith*	Parramatta Auburn Holroyd* Parramatta*
Ryde Hunters Hill Ryde*	South West Fairfield* Liverpool*	Sutherland Sutherland Shire* Wollongong Shellharbour

* These LGAs span across two or more Statistical Areas.

These LGAs are listed under the Greater Sydney Statistical Areas which contain the largest area of each LGA.

LGAS IN NSW REGIONAL STATISTICAL AREAS**NSW Regional Statistical Areas**

Capital Region	Central West	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Far West and Orana
Bega Valley	Bathurst Regional	Bellingen*	Bogan
Bombala	Bland*	Clarence Valley*	Bourke
Boorowa	Blayney	Coffs Harbour	Brewarrina
Cooma-Monaro*	Cabonne*		Broken Hill
Eurobodalla	Cowra		Central Darling
Goulburn Mulwaree	Forbes		Cobar
Harden	Lachlan*		Coonamble
Palerang	Lithgow		Dubbo
Queanbeyan	Mid-Western Regional*		Gilgandra
Snowy River	Oberon*		Narromine
Upper Lachlan Shire	Orange		Unincorporated Far West
Yass Valley*	Parkes		Walgett
Young	Weddin		Warren
			Warrumbungle Shire*
			Wellington*
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	Illawarra	Mid North Coast	Murray
Cessnock	Kiama*	Gloucester	Albury
Dungog	Shellharbour	Great Lakes*	Balranald
Maitland*	Wollongong	Greater Taree	Berrigan
Muswellbrook		Kempsey	Conargo
Port Stephens*		Lord Howe Island	Corowa Shire
Singleton*		Nambucca*	Deniliquin
Upper Hunter Shire*		Port Macquarie-Hastings	Greater Hume Shire*
			Hay
			Jerilderie*
			Murray
			Urana*
			Wakool
			Wentworth
New England and North West	Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Richmond - Tweed	Riverina
Armidale Dumaresq*	Lake Macquarie*	Ballina	Carrathool*
Glen Innes Severn	Newcastle	Byron	Coolamon
Gunnedah		Kyogle	Cootamundra
Guyra		Lismore	Griffith
Gwydir		Richmond Valley*	Gundagai
Inverell		Tweed	Junee
Liverpool Plains*			Leeton
Moree Plains			Lockhart*
Narrabri			Murrumbidgee
Tamworth Regional			Narrandera
Tenterfield			Temora
Uralla			Tumbarumba
Walcha			Tumut Shire*
			Wagga Wagga

Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven

Shoalhaven*
Wingecarribee*

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