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This is a revised edition of the original report. The revision was created in September 2018 to incorporate updates to the historic counts of murder and drug possession offences. The murder revisions have increased the number of murder victims by 4% between 2011 and 2017. The drug possession revisions have resulted in a 25% reduction in the volume of these offences from 2010 due to some incidents previously being double counted.

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**SECTION 1:**  
**OVERVIEW OF TRENDS**  
**IN RECORDED CRIME**  
**BY OFFENCE TYPE**  
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**TABLE 1.1: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES  
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW**

<b>Offence category</b>	<b>Trend result and annual percentage change over the last 24 months</b>	<b>Trend result and average annual percentage change over the last 60 months</b>
Murder *	Stable	Stable
Domestic violence related assault	Stable	Up by 2.4%
Non-domestic violence related assault	Stable	Down by 4.2%
Sexual assault	Stable	Up by 2.6%
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Up by 8.4%	Up by 4.2%
Robbery without a weapon	Down by 23.3%	Down by 15.7%
Robbery with a firearm	Down by 38.7%	Down by 18.9%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Down by 21.6%	Down by 12.5%
Break and enter dwelling	Down by 7.8%	Down by 5.7%
Break and enter non-dwelling	Down by 7.1%	Down by 8.6%
Motor vehicle theft	Stable	Down by 8.5%
Steal from motor vehicle	Down by 5.1%	Down by 4.8%
Steal from retail store	Up by 7.9%	Stable
Steal from dwelling	Stable	Stable
Steal from person	Stable	Down by 9.8%
Fraud	Stable	Up by 7.3%
Malicious damage to property	Stable	Down by 7.2%

<sup>^</sup> 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<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR 62 OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW**

Offence Category		Number of recorded criminal incidents		Trend <sup>^</sup> over the last 24 months	
		over the 12 months to March 2015	over the 12 months to March 2016	Trend test result	Percentage change
Homicide	Murder*	96	69	Stable	
	Attempted murder	25	26	Stable	
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	4	6	.	
	Manslaughter*	3	6	.	
Assault	Domestic violence related assault	29,020	29,227	Stable	
	Non-domestic violence related assault	31,454	30,853	Stable	
	Assault Police	2,511	2,469	Stable	
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	4,857	4,982	Stable	
	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	6,316	6,848	Up	8.4%
Abduction and kidnapping		269	244	Stable	
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	1,892	1,451	Down	-23.3%
	Robbery with a firearm	271	166	Down	-38.7%
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	1,153	904	Down	-21.6%
Blackmail and extortion		97	144	Up	48.5%
Harassment, threatening behaviour and private nuisance		29,659	30,385	Up	2.4%
Other offences against the person		1,228	1,352	Up	10.1%
Theft	Break and enter dwelling	33,606	30,979	Down	-7.8%
	Break and enter non-dwelling	12,767	11,855	Down	-7.1%
	Receiving or handling stolen goods	7,655	8,150	Up	6.5%
	Motor vehicle theft	14,966	13,758	Stable	
	Steal from motor vehicle	42,199	40,055	Down	-5.1%
	Steal from retail store	20,747	22,383	Up	7.9%
	Steal from dwelling	22,473	20,927	Stable	
	Steal from person	6,052	5,534	Stable	
	Stock theft	502	550	Stable	
	Fraud	49,557	50,611	Stable	
Other theft	31,850	29,514	Stable		
Arson		5,431	5,076	Stable	
Malicious damage to property		66,774	63,888	Stable	
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	1,018	1,239	Up	21.7%
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	824	852	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	18,241	19,751	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of amphetamines	5,797	7,161	Up	23.5%
	Possession and/or use of ecstasy	2,020	2,265	Up	12.1%
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	3,355	3,861	Up	15.1%
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	311	375	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	256	462	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	851	741	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in amphetamines	2,193	2,074	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in ecstasy	577	604	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	279	314	Stable	
	Cultivating cannabis	1,323	1,083	Stable	
	Manufacture drug	86	102	Stable	
	Importing drugs	43	37	Stable	
Other drug offences	4,849	5,424	Up	11.9%	
Prohibited and regulated weapons offences		11,650	12,256	Up	5.2%
Disorderly conduct	Trespass	8,975	9,745	Up	8.6%
	Offensive conduct	6,211	5,813	Stable	
	Offensive language	4,237	4,010	Stable	
	Criminal intent	2,119	2,235	Up	5.5%
Betting and gaming offences		105	155	Stable	
Liquor offences		12,769	10,950	Down	-14.2%
Pornography offences		490	563	Up	14.9%
Prostitution offences		301	70	Down	-76.7%
Against justice procedures	Escape custody	137	206	Up	50.4%
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	13,595	14,494	Up	6.6%
	Breach bail conditions	33,692	38,060	Up	13.0%
	Fail to appear	716	769	Stable	
	Resist or hinder officer	6,361	6,530	Stable	
Other offences against justice procedures		551	537	Stable	
Transport regulatory offences		93,724	117,361	Up	25.2%
Other offences		15,445	15,637	Stable	

<sup>^</sup> 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.



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**SECTION 2:**

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

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**TABLE 2.1A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW SAs**

NSW Statistical Area	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Greater Sydney	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.8	-40.3	-23.3	-13.0	-12.6	-12.5	-8.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	-5.4
Capital Region		19.2	ns	ns	18.9				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Coffs Harbour - Grafton		ns	ns	ns	ns				32.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	16.7	ns
Far West and Orana		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	-21.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle		9.5	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	7.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Illawarra		ns	ns	14.8	ns	ns		ns	ns	17.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Mid North Coast		ns	ns	ns	34.7	ns		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	28.8	ns
Murray		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	-19.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	19.5	ns
New England and North West		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	46.5	ns
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		-32.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	20.7	ns
Richmond - Tweed		-15.5	ns	ns	ns	ns			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	23.0	ns
Riverina		16.3	11.9	ns	26.5				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven		ns	ns	ns	62.5				ns	ns	ns	-29.2	ns	ns	ns	55.2	ns
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-23.3</b>	<b>-38.7</b>	<b>-21.6</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>

<sup>^</sup> 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<sup>^</sup> OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW SAs**

NSW Statistical Area	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Greater Sydney	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.8
Capital Region	2.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.5	1.1
Central West	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.7	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	0.5	0.6	1.5
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	0.0	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.4	0.3	0.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3
Far West and Orana	5.8	2.8	2.0	2.1	1.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	3.0	3.3	1.9	2.0	1.5	2.3	0.9	0.7	2.5
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	0.4	1.4	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.7	1.2
Illawarra	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.0
Mid North Coast	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.7	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.5	0.6	1.2
Murray	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.2	1.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.4	0.6	1.3
New England and North West	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.8	0.7	0.5	1.2	1.9	2.3	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.6	0.4	0.7	1.8
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2
Richmond - Tweed	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.8	0.7	1.0
Riverina	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.7	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	0.4	0.5	1.5
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.6	0.6	0.3	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.6	1.1
<b>NSW</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

<sup>^</sup> 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 MARCH 2016, NSW SAs**

<i>NSW Statistical Area</i>	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Greater Sydney	38	16,146	17,289	2,480	3,534	1,123	126	607	15,991	5,061	8,048	22,840	13,958	10,976	4,352	38,113	33,849
Capital Region	4	763	751	148	239	7	2	3	735	379	277	972	520	540	26	706	2,008
Central West	3	1,168	1,110	227	263	22	2	22	1,509	717	444	1,361	721	927	73	901	2,738
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	0	713	717	145	173	8	2	26	771	349	241	854	397	567	81	509	1,512
Far West and Orana	6	1,284	972	165	208	19	1	14	1,496	618	414	1,298	527	755	79	568	2,551
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	1	1,413	999	239	318	33	7	37	1,431	664	737	2,025	779	977	93	1,278	2,754
Illawarra	2	1,084	1,125	217	226	53	4	40	1,214	577	584	1,835	959	849	160	1,273	2,560
Mid North Coast	2	1,040	952	215	326	24	5	25	1,294	552	451	924	570	903	75	828	2,189
Murray	0	520	549	94	142	10	1	5	574	336	196	645	308	482	35	441	1,322
New England and North West	2	1,298	1,139	206	310	25	2	27	1,477	667	383	1,267	751	850	56	869	2,925
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	4	1,443	1,712	321	418	57	11	51	1,604	698	918	3,063	1,278	1,239	281	2,737	3,811
Richmond - Tweed	0	848	1,163	203	264	34	0	22	900	495	423	1,180	574	729	140	1,182	2,078
Riverina	2	957	873	157	205	17	2	13	1,298	454	429	1,254	618	726	51	583	2,035
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	540	530	133	208	16	1	12	685	286	212	535	423	407	31	610	1,326
<b>NSW</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>29,227</b>	<b>30,853</b>	<b>4,982</b>	<b>6,848</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>30,979</b>	<b>11,855</b>	<b>13,758</b>	<b>40,055</b>	<b>22,383</b>	<b>20,927</b>	<b>5,534</b>	<b>50,611</b>	<b>63,888</b>

\* 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 MARCH 2015, NSW SAs**

<i>NSW Statistical Area</i>	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Greater Sydney	45	15,918	17,451	2,394	3,430	1,494	211	791	18,378	5,789	9,199	24,896	12,992	12,019	4,840	39,081	35,772
Capital Region	1	640	875	164	201	10	0	12	766	401	227	778	438	525	34	580	2,073
Central West	3	1,215	1,189	222	233	29	3	16	1,591	685	469	1,565	712	1,065	96	811	2,891
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	2	735	765	154	162	18	3	12	580	398	308	779	315	518	56	436	1,588
Far West and Orana	5	1,471	1,041	200	218	26	4	28	1,523	822	425	1,643	429	708	79	614	2,754
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	2	1,290	951	231	275	26	10	42	1,332	594	725	1,898	718	1,025	108	1,064	2,932
Illawarra	5	1,070	1,193	189	234	71	10	59	1,350	492	637	1,739	889	974	163	1,266	2,689
Mid North Coast	3	1,013	1,056	195	242	33	4	27	1,241	556	434	861	521	907	89	643	2,279
Murray	3	505	583	94	136	15	0	15	674	357	242	718	304	425	35	369	1,321
New England and North West	4	1,293	1,277	194	276	28	2	20	1,675	693	362	1,339	599	973	57	593	2,873
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	4	1,508	1,858	317	371	63	15	76	1,595	753	944	2,921	1,254	1,276	281	2,267	3,845
Richmond - Tweed	6	1,003	1,187	213	231	39	2	17	903	530	437	1,209	582	785	129	961	2,267
Riverina	6	823	780	141	162	15	0	21	1,188	431	316	1,096	575	781	47	459	1,944
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	533	557	115	128	24	7	17	810	262	241	756	419	492	36	393	1,402
<b>NSW</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>29,020</b>	<b>31,454</b>	<b>4,857</b>	<b>6,316</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>33,606</b>	<b>12,767</b>	<b>14,966</b>	<b>42,199</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>22,473</b>	<b>6,052</b>	<b>49,557</b>	<b>66,774</b>

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

**TABLE 2.2A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, GREATER SYDNEY SAs**

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-21.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-22.5
Blacktown	.	4.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central Coast	.	16.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	26.1	ns	ns	15.9	ns
City and Inner South	.	ns	ns	18.3	ns	-27.0	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-16.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	-9.5
Eastern Suburbs	.	16.3	12.2	26.2	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	32.4	ns	ns	ns	ns
Inner South West	.	ns	9.7	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-13.4	ns	-23.9	-16.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Inner West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-15.0	-13.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
North Sydney and Hornsby	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-50.0	.	.	-20.2	ns	ns	-15.4	ns	-22.7	ns	ns	-16.5
Northern Beaches	.	-11.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-29.9	36.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Outer South West	.	ns	ns	ns	35.7	ns	.	ns	ns	-37.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	25.2	-9.8
Outer West and Blue Mountains	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-37.7	.	ns	ns	-14.0	ns	-27.1	19.8	ns	ns	11.3	-7.6
Parramatta	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.5	.	-31.5	-15.3	-11.9	-19.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ryde	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-17.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	-38.6	ns	ns	-9.0
South West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-35.7	.	-39.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	18.2	ns	ns	ns
Sutherland	.	ns	15.8	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-18.4	-18.1	-21.2	40.9	ns	ns	ns	ns

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

**TABLE 2.2B: RATIO TO NSW RATE<sup>^</sup> OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, GREATER SYDNEY SAs**

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4
Blacktown	2.5	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.2
Central Coast	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.2
City and Inner South	0.8	1.1	2.9	1.3	1.5	4.0	1.2	3.0	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.4	2.8	1.7	7.6	3.6	1.4
Eastern Suburbs	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.7
Inner South West	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.4	1.4	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.7
Inner West	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.3	0.6
North Sydney and Hornsby	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5
Northern Beaches	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Outer South West	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0
Outer West and Blue Mountains	0.8	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2
Parramatta	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.3	0.7
Ryde	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.5
South West	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.8
Sutherland	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.8

<sup>^</sup> 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 MARCH 2016, GREATER SYDNEY SAs**

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	0	370	332	91	123	16	5	9	539	168	202	591	306	243	41	981	742
Blacktown	7	2,016	1,560	251	337	196	28	63	1,575	382	820	2,389	1,200	906	319	2,961	3,431
Central Coast	4	1,539	1,374	237	310	44	11	36	1,253	452	696	1,810	1,067	740	182	1,819	3,336
City and Inner South	2	1,262	3,603	259	429	232	8	110	1,114	592	589	2,260	2,545	1,447	1,694	7,300	3,643
Eastern Suburbs	1	669	977	106	177	40	7	18	820	152	406	1,072	953	838	252	1,913	1,639
Inner South West	6	2,100	1,602	206	284	128	18	94	1,582	475	1,144	2,245	903	886	245	4,300	3,285
Inner West	0	631	735	99	178	47	9	37	1,023	269	478	1,475	638	824	261	2,626	1,581
North Sydney and Hornsby	3	478	600	114	174	20	3	10	986	356	211	990	923	721	135	2,089	1,644
Northern Beaches	2	329	580	77	126	23	0	6	405	274	217	906	576	434	111	1,313	1,362
Outer South West	3	1,278	935	225	312	42	3	32	1,068	271	489	1,291	786	575	87	1,544	2,226
Outer West and Blue Mountains	2	1,427	1,316	246	314	76	8	41	1,283	405	633	1,537	991	860	196	1,986	3,189
Parramatta	3	1,652	1,640	233	312	142	14	74	1,905	562	863	2,750	1,093	1,136	424	4,055	2,832
Ryde	1	250	311	44	92	10	0	6	499	153	100	464	420	259	75	1,445	707
South West	3	1,691	1,168	218	260	90	12	64	1,507	399	983	2,379	1,020	786	260	2,996	2,747
Sutherland	1	454	556	74	106	17	0	7	432	151	217	681	537	321	70	785	1,485

\* 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 MARCH 2015, GREATER SYDNEY SAs**

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	Murder *	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	1	334	352	90	108	12	3	6	687	231	219	758	301	326	45	996	957
Blacktown	4	1,929	1,579	226	318	197	26	87	1,705	463	868	2,439	1,107	955	292	2,767	3,585
Central Coast	6	1,318	1,481	224	283	63	13	35	1,301	464	738	1,854	846	768	239	1,569	3,258
City and Inner South	4	1,323	3,588	219	426	318	18	121	1,200	661	641	2,695	2,719	1,606	2,031	8,070	3,879
Eastern Suburbs	0	575	871	84	142	53	0	30	910	181	405	1,286	720	869	296	2,053	1,687
Inner South West	7	1,990	1,460	203	301	150	40	117	1,826	503	1,504	2,673	1,055	1,086	259	4,514	3,315
Inner West	2	606	754	88	153	67	19	36	1,204	312	520	1,364	553	912	236	3,033	1,786
North Sydney and Hornsby	0	467	598	124	216	40	2	16	1,236	396	224	1,170	892	933	185	2,375	1,968
Northern Beaches	0	372	660	93	147	35	0	7	578	201	201	867	484	503	128	1,160	1,418
Outer South West	0	1,287	977	191	230	72	11	45	1,167	433	544	1,340	707	572	127	1,233	2,468
Outer West and Blue Mountains	3	1,475	1,393	252	313	122	8	56	1,386	471	756	2,108	827	845	189	1,785	3,453
Parramatta	9	1,838	1,694	232	327	188	38	108	2,248	638	1,074	2,541	1,112	1,147	437	4,404	3,065
Ryde	0	222	284	56	112	12	3	10	604	170	130	480	341	422	57	1,212	777
South West	9	1,743	1,280	230	241	140	30	105	1,848	480	1,110	2,457	947	665	250	3,012	2,552
Sutherland	0	439	480	82	113	25	0	12	478	185	265	864	381	410	69	898	1,604

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

**TABLE 2.3A: TRENDS<sup>a</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW LGAs**

NSW LGA	Murder*	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related 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
Albury	.	ns	ns	ns	31.0	.	.	.	ns	ns	-38.3	ns	ns	18.7	ns	15.9	ns
Armidale Dumaresq	.	ns	ns	ns	-55.6	.	.	.	113.1	235.7	96.5	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	41.9
Ashfield	.	ns	21.6	.	.	.	.	-26.9	-48.8	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-21.8	ns
Auburn	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-13.8	-24.7	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ballina	.	-31.6	ns	ns	ns	.	.	7.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Bairnald	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Bankstown	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-11.2	ns	-19.7	-15.4	ns	-30.4	ns	.	-19.2	ns
Bathurst Regional	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	55.1	ns	ns	26.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	8.9
Bega Valley	.	48.8	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	.	5.4	ns
Bellingen	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-38.3	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Berrigan	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blacktown	.	4.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bland	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blayney	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Blue Mountains	.	ns	-31.1	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bogan	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-46.9	.	.	.	.	ns
Bombala	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Boorowa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Botany Bay	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Bourke	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	31.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Brewarrina	.	-54.6	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Broken Hill	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	-35.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Burwood	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-28.6	-26.8
Byron	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	42.2	ns
Cabonne	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Camden	.	ns	15.0	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Campbelltown	.	ns	ns	ns	40.4	ns	.	.	ns	-36.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	-35.9	20.1	-11.5
Canada Bay	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Canterbury	.	ns	11.2	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-18.6	ns	ns	ns	-35.7	ns	ns	23.6	ns
Carrathool	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Central Darling	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cessnock	.	ns	16.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	16.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Clarence Valley	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	29.1	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Cobar	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns
Coffs Harbour	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	44.5	ns	ns	ns	38.8	17.1	ns	ns	ns
Conargo	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Coolamon	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Cooma-Monaro	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Coonamble	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Cootamundra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Corowa Shire	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	.	ns
Cowra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Deniliquin	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Dubbo	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	16.0	ns	ns	-25.4
Dungog	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Eurobodalla	.	ns	ns	ns	56.3	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	61.5	38.3	ns	.	28.0	ns
Fairfield	.	ns	ns	ns	29.7	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-21.1	ns	-10.3	21.8	ns	ns	ns
Forbes	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	59.4	63.9	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns
Gilgandra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	-21.1	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Glen Innes Severn	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	66.7	ns
Gloucester	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Gosford	.	44.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	63.2	ns	ns	31.4	ns
Goulburn Mulwaree	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Great Lakes	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	29.0	.	ns	ns
Greater Hume Shire	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	.	ns
Greater Taree	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Griffith	.	26.7	24.0	ns	ns	.	.	.	-36.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns
Gundagai	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	106.3
Gunnedah	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-56.0	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Guyra	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	.	.	ns
Gwydir	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Harden	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Hawkesbury	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-23.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-20.6
Hay	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	130.3
Holroyd	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hornsby	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-38.3	ns	ns	ns	-14.4	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hunters Hill	.	.	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	-44.9
Hurstville	.	22.0	45.2	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	-32.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Inverell	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	64.2	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Jerilderie	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Junee	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Kempsey	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Kiama	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	69.4	ns
Kogarah	.	ns	ns	.	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-39.4	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns
Ku-ring-gai	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-37.2	ns	ns	ns	-22.3	.	ns	-18.0
Kyogle	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	.	ns
Lachlan	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	.	-42.4	.	.	.	ns
Lake Macquarie	.	ns	ns	ns	28.5	ns	.	.	-14.2	ns	ns	-17.1	ns	ns	ns	23.3	ns
Lane Cove	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	ns	ns	.	-44.8	.	.	.	ns	-47.0
Leeton	.	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	.	17.9	ns	.	ns	.	ns	.	ns	ns

**TABLE 2.3A: TRENDS<sup>^</sup> IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW LGAs**

NSW LGA	Murder*	Domestic violence related assault	Non-domestic violence related assault	Sexual assault	Indecent assault, 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
Leichhardt		10.8	ns		ns				-31.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Lismore		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	-22.1	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Lithgow		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	-41.7	ns	ns		ns	ns
Liverpool		ns	ns	ns	ns	-39.1	-50.8		ns	ns	ns	ns	16.1	ns	ns	ns	ns
Liverpool Plains		ns	ns						ns					ns			ns
Lockhart																	
Lord Howe Island																	
Maitland		46.5	ns	ns	67.3				31.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	17.8	ns
Manly		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	55.3	ns	ns	ns	-18.0
Marrickville		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Mid-Western Regional		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Moree Plains		ns	-26.7		ns				-28.9	ns	-29.7	-34.6	ns	ns		ns	ns
Mosman		ns	ns						-32.3			ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Murray										ns		ns		ns		ns	ns
Murrumbidgee																	ns
Muswellbrook		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Nambucca		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Narrabri		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Narrandera		ns							ns	ns		ns		ns			ns
Narramine		ns	ns						98.3	-61.2	ns	ns		ns		ns	ns
Newcastle		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns	ns	ns	26.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
North Sydney		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Oberon		ns															ns
Orange		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Palerang									-20.0			ns		ns		ns	ns
Parkes		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Parramatta		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	-15.1	ns	-17.2	ns	ns	-14.4	ns	ns	ns
Penrith		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns	ns	-25.0	28.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	-5.8
Pittwater		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Port Macquarie-Hastings		ns	ns	ns	ns				38.9	ns	37.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	19.5	ns
Port Stephens		ns	ns	ns	ns				20.8	ns	ns	11.1	20.8	ns		ns	ns
Queanbeyan		51.0	ns		ns				ns	ns	66.7	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Randwick		ns	20.9	ns	ns	ns			ns	ns	ns	ns	41.5	33.6	ns	ns	ns
Richmond Valley		ns	27.0	ns	ns				ns	ns	47.5	ns	ns	ns		ns	ns
Rockdale		ns	ns	ns	-35.6				ns	ns	-22.6	-15.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Ryde		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	-24.4	ns	32.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Shellharbour		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	41.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Shoalhaven		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	-17.0	-30.5	ns	ns	ns	69.2	ns
Singleton		34.9	ns						ns	ns	ns	-29.9	ns	ns		ns	ns
Snowy River																	ns
Strathfield		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Sutherland Shire		ns	15.8	ns	ns				ns	-19.7	-18.9	-21.2	40.9	ns	ns	ns	ns
Sydney		ns	ns	24.4	ns	-26.4	ns		ns	ns	ns	-21.1	ns	ns	ns	-12.5	ns
Tamworth Regional		7.4	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	49.5	ns		54.2	ns
Temora		ns										ns		ns			ns
Tenterfield		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns		55.6			ns
The Hills Shire		ns	ns	ns	ns				-23.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	-24.4	ns	ns	-18.9
Tumbarumba																	ns
Tumut Shire		ns	ns						ns	48.0				ns			45.7
Tweed		-26.7	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	-25.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.1
Unincorporated Far West																	
Upper Hunter Shire		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns		ns		ns	ns
Upper Lachlan Shire																	ns
Uralla																	ns
Urana																	ns
Wagga Wagga		18.1	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wakool																	
Walcha																	
Walgett		ns	ns						ns	ns		ns		ns			ns
Warren		ns	ns														ns
Warringah		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Warrumbungle Shire		ns	ns						ns			ns		ns			ns
Waverley		55.9	18.5		ns				ns	ns	ns	-28.4	37.0	-29.3	31.2	ns	ns
Weddin																	
Wellington		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns		ns		34.8	71.0
Wentworth		ns	ns						ns	ns	ns	ns		ns			ns
Willoughby		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	12.0	ns	ns	ns	ns
Wingecarribee		ns	ns	ns	ns				ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns			ns
Wollondilly		30.9	ns	ns	ns				ns	-52.5	ns	ns	ns	ns		46.6	ns
Wollongong		ns	ns	ns	ns	ns		ns	25.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Woollahra		ns	ns		ns				ns	ns	ns	-21.5	ns	-29.2	ns	ns	ns
Wyong		ns	ns	ns	ns	-51.2			ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-32.5	ns	ns
Yass Valley		ns	ns						ns			ns		ns			ns
Young		ns	ns		ns				ns			ns	ns	ns			ns
<b>NSW</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-23.3</b>	<b>-38.7</b>	<b>-21.6</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>	<b>ns</b>

<sup>^</sup> 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.

















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**SECTION 3:**

**METHODS OF PROCEEDINGS  
AGAINST ALLEGED OFFENDERS**

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**TABLE 3: NUMBER OF ALLEGED OFFENDERS RECORDED BY NSW POLICE FORCE  
BY METHOD OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO MARCH 2016, NSW**

<i>Type of process</i>	<i>Number of alleged offenders</i>		<i>Trend<sup>^</sup> over the last 24 months</i>	
	<i>over the 12 months to March 2015</i>	<i>over the 12 months to March 2016</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>Annual percentage change</i>
<b>Proceeded against to court:</b>				
Bail Court Attendance Notice	56,009	59,130	3,121	<b>5.6%</b>
No-Bail Court Attendance Notice	3,544	4,208	664	<b>18.7%</b>
Future Court Attendance Notice	37,894	41,386	3,492	<b>9.2%</b>
Field Court Attendance Notice	45,807	48,942	3,135	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>All proceedings to court</b>	<b>143,254</b>	<b>153,666</b>	<b>10,412</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>Proceeded against other than to court:</b>				
Youth Justice Conference (a)	765	636	-129	Stable
Caution Young Offenders (a)	7,034	6,831	-203	Stable
Cannabis/other drug caution	6,050	6,255	205	Stable
Criminal Infringement Notice	9,926	9,574	-352	Stable
Infringement Notice	630,052	652,905	22,853	Stable
Liquor Offence Compliance Notice (b)	650	474	-176	-27.1%
Warnings	8,612	10,000	1,388	Stable
<b>All proceedings other than to court</b>	<b>663,089</b>	<b>686,675</b>	<b>23,586</b>	Stable
<b>All proceedings</b>	<b>806,343</b>	<b>840,341</b>	<b>33,998</b>	Stable

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

(a) Previous reports have included juvenile offenders initially proceeded against to court by Police and then referred to Youth Justice Conference or given a caution by the court under the Young Offenders Act. They are now counted as being proceeded against to court by Court Attendance Notice as that was the method of proceeding used by the Police. Consequently data in this report is not comparable with data in previously published reports. Comparable data for previous years is available on request.

(b) Since mid-2008, Police have issued compliance notices for breaches of liquor licensing regulations/legislation. Commonly these are for relatively minor breaches eg fail to display regulated signs. Liquor Offence Compliance Notices have been added to the recorded crime collection from the 2015 report. Consequently data in this report is not comparable with data in previously published reports. Comparable data for all years available on request.





## 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)<sup>1</sup>. 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)<sup>2</sup>. 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, 2013-14, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.*

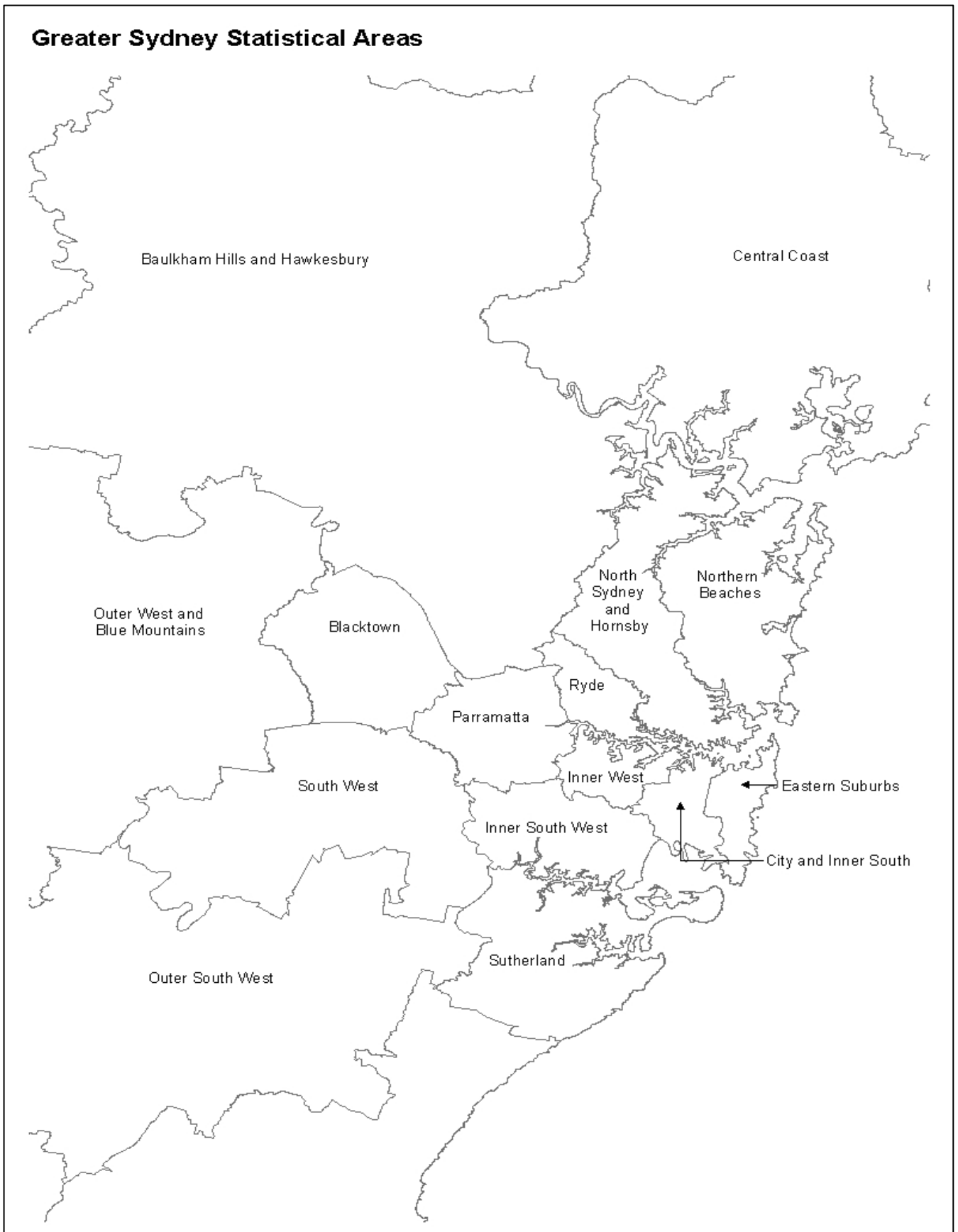
2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2014, 45300DO001\_2012201306 *Crime Victimization, Australia, 2013-14, Tables 2 and 3, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.*

3. For the rate calculations throughout this publication, population data were obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication: *Regional Population Growth Australia 2013-14 Cat. No. 3218 (for 2013 and 2014 population estimates)*. As no population estimates were available for the years 2015 and 2016 when this report was published, rates for the years 2015 and 2016 were calculated using 2014 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***

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

<b>Capital Region</b>	<b>Central West</b>	<b>Coffs Harbour - Grafton</b>	<b>Far West and Orana</b>
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*
<b>Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle</b>	<b>Illawarra</b>	<b>Mid North Coast</b>	<b>Murray</b>
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
<b>New England and North West</b>	<b>Newcastle and Lake Macquarie</b>	<b>Richmond - Tweed</b>	<b>Riverina</b>
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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