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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 VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME**

**TABLE 1.1: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW STATISTICAL DIVISIONS (SDs) AND NSW**

Statistical Division	Violent Offences*			Property Offences**		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate
Sydney	Stable	Stable	0.9	-4.4%	-5.0%	1.0
Hunter	-3.0%	-1.5%	1.0	-4.9%	-3.4%	1.1
Illawarra	-10.2%	-2.2%	0.9	-3.1%	-5.9%	0.9
Richmond-Tweed	-7.2%	-2.9%	1.1	-3.8%	-2.8%	1.0
Mid-North Coast	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	Stable	1.1
Northern	Stable	Stable	1.4	Stable	Stable	1.1
North Western	Stable	-2.7%	2.0	Stable	-5.0%	1.4
Central West	-4.9%	Stable	1.3	Stable	Stable	1.1
South Eastern	-7.6%	-3.8%	0.9	Stable	-1.9%	0.8
Murrumbidgee	Stable	Stable	1.2	-2.0%	-1.8%	1.0
Murray	Stable	-3.0%	1.0	Stable	Stable	1.2
Far West	Stable	Stable	2.0	-17.1%	-4.4%	1.1
NSW	-2.1%	-0.9%	1.0	-3.3%	-4.1%	1.0

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

* **Violent offences** include: murder, assault - domestic violence related, assault - non-domestic violence related, assault police, robbery without a weapon, robbery with a firearm, robbery with a weapon not a firearm, sexual assault and indecent assault / act of indecency / other sexual offences.

** **Property offences** include: 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, stock theft, other theft and fraud.

For further explanation of **violent offences** and **property offences**, see page 27, Note [7].

For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

**TABLE 1.2: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL SUBDIVISIONS (SSDs)**

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	Violent Offences*			Property Offences**		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate
Inner Sydney	Stable	-3.4%	2.0	-5.8%	-7.3%	2.4
Eastern Suburbs	-8.8%	-4.9%	0.7	-17.1%	-6.7%	1.0
St George-Sutherland	Stable	Stable	0.7	Stable	-4.8%	0.6
Canterbury-Bankstown	Stable	Stable	0.8	Stable	-5.4%	0.9
Fairfield-Liverpool	Stable	Stable	1.0	Stable	-4.5%	0.9
Outer South Western Sydney	-4.8%	-1.5%	1.2	Stable	-4.2%	0.9
Inner Western Sydney	Stable	Stable	0.7	Stable	-1.9%	1.0
Central Western Sydney	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	-4.6%	1.1
Outer Western Sydney	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	-4.0%	0.9
Blacktown	Stable	Stable	1.3	Stable	-3.0%	1.2
Lower Northern Sydney	-10.9%	Stable	0.4	-9.1%	-5.9%	0.7
Central Northern Sydney	Stable	Stable	0.3	-11.0%	-5.2%	0.5
Northern Beaches	Stable	3.2%	0.6	Stable	-4.0%	0.7
Central Coast	Stable	-1.3%	1.0	Stable	-2.4%	1.0
Newcastle	-3.7%	-2.0%	1.0	-6.1%	-3.7%	1.1
Wollongong	-12.6%	-3.8%	0.8	Stable	-7.2%	0.8

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TABLE 1.3: TRENDS^A IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGAs)

NSW LGAs	Violent Offences*			Property Offences*		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate
Albury	ns	-2.6	1.3	ns	ns	1.6
Armidale Dumaresq	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.2
Ashfield	ns	-4.2	0.6	ns	-3.7	0.8
Auburn	ns	5.3	1.1	ns	-2.2	1.2
Ballina	ns	-4.7	0.9	-27.8	-7.4	0.7
Balranald	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Bankstown	ns	ns	0.8	ns	-5.5	1.0
Bathurst Regional	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-1.2	1.1
Bega Valley	-5.9	-4.8	0.8	ns	-4.4	0.7
Bellingen	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.6
Berrigan	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-5.4	0.6
Blacktown	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-3.0	1.2
Bland	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.7
Blayney	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.6
Blue Mountains	ns	ns	0.8	ns	-8.1	0.6
Bogan	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	0.8
Bombala	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Boorowa	.	.	.	ns	-5.7	.
Botany Bay	ns	-3.7	0.9	ns	ns	1.7
Bourke	ns	-8.0	5.9	ns	-18.3	2.3
Brewarrina	ns	ns	.	ns	-16.8	.
Broken Hill	ns	ns	1.6	ns	-4.3	1.1
Burwood	ns	ns	1.0	ns	-4.3	1.5
Byron	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-2.6	1.4
Cabonne	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.5
Camden	-6.4	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.8
Campbelltown	ns	-2.4	1.6	-4.3	-5.3	1.1
Canada Bay	ns	4.7	0.4	ns	ns	0.7
Canterbury	ns	ns	0.7	ns	-5.3	0.8
Carrathool	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Central Darling	ns	-6.5	.	ns	ns	.
Cessnock	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-4.4	1.0
Clarence Valley	ns	-4.2	0.9	ns	-4.5	1.0
Cobar	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.0
Coffs Harbour	ns	ns	1.1	ns	-3.2	1.1
Conargo	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coolamon	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.7
Cooma-Monaro	-29.7	ns	0.7	ns	-6.5	0.7
Coonamble	ns	-12.7	2.3	ns	ns	2.5
Cootamundra	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.7
Corowa Shire	-33.1	-12.5	0.6	-9.4	-10.2	0.7
Cowra	ns	9.4	1.8	-24.8	ns	1.1
Deniliquin	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-7.9	1.0
Dubbo	ns	-3.6	1.7	ns	-11.4	1.4
Dungog	ns	-5.0	0.6	ns	5.3	0.7
Eurobodalla	-16.8	-7.4	1.0	ns	ns	1.0
Fairfield	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-3.6	0.8
Forbes	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.4
Gilgandra	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.1
Glen Innes Severn	ns	ns	1.0	60.4	ns	1.1
Gloucester	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.5
Gosford	ns	-2.7	0.8	ns	ns	1.0
Goulburn Mulwaree	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.8
Great Lakes	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-8.4	0.9
Greater Hume Shire	ns	ns	0.4	-23.9	ns	0.5
Greater Taree	-16.7	-6.8	1.1	ns	6.1	1.3
Griffith	ns	6.4	1.6	37.6	ns	1.2
Gundagai	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.7
Gunnedah	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.2
Guyra	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.6
Gwydir	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.4
Harden	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.5
Hawkesbury	ns	5.0	1.0	ns	ns	0.8
Hay	ns	-6.6	1.0	-25.0	ns	0.5
Holroyd	ns	ns	0.8	ns	-7.0	0.8
Hornsby	ns	ns	0.4	ns	-8.6	0.4
Hunters Hill	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-8.3	0.4
Hurstville	ns	-2.7	0.9	ns	ns	1.0
Inverell	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.0
Jerilderie	.	.	.	ns	-9.9	.
Junee	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.6
Kempsey	-12.5	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.4
Kiama	ns	-4.0	0.5	ns	ns	0.6
Kogarah	ns	ns	0.3	ns	ns	0.3
Ku-ring-gai	ns	ns	0.2	ns	ns	0.5
Kyogle	-11.6	-6.6	1.5	ns	8.6	0.9
Lachlan	ns	ns	1.4	57.5	ns	1.4
Lake Macquarie	-10.3	-3.6	0.8	-12.6	-4.8	0.9
Lane Cove	ns	ns	0.2	-9.5	-5.7	0.5
Leeton	ns	ns	1.1	-16.0	ns	1.0
Leichhardt	ns	-3.1	0.7	ns	-6.5	1.1
Lismore	ns	-4.8	1.4	ns	-8.3	0.9
Lithgow	-15.5	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.0

TABLE 1.3: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGAs)

NSW LGAs	Violent Offences*			Property Offences*		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over the last 60 months	Ratio [#] to NSW rate
Liverpool	ns	4.5	1.1	-5.4	-5.3	1.0
Liverpool Plains	ns	ns	1.1	33.9	ns	0.6
Lockhart	ns	.	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Lord Howe Island	.	.	.	.	.	.
Maitland	ns	3.7	1.1	14.4	ns	1.2
Manly	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-6.0	1.0
Marrickville	ns	-10.4	0.8	ns	-6.7	1.1
Mid-Western Regional	ns	ns	1.3	-19.3	ns	0.8
Moree Plains	-23.3	-4.5	2.7	ns	-3.0	2.1
Mosman	ns	ns	0.3	-19.1	-8.6	0.5
Murray	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.8
Murrumbidgee	ns	ns	.	ns	-15.1	.
Muswellbrook	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	1.2
Nambucca	ns	7.7	1.6	ns	ns	1.0
Narrabri	ns	-5.0	1.2	ns	ns	1.0
Narrandera	ns	ns	1.4	-16.8	ns	1.3
Narromine	ns	ns	1.7	36.9	ns	1.6
Newcastle	ns	-2.9	1.3	-6.5	-4.4	1.5
North Sydney	ns	ns	0.6	-12.9	-8.2	0.9
Oberon	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.8
Orange	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.5
Palerang	-13.4	ns	0.4	-25.7	ns	0.4
Parkes	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.0
Parramatta	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-4.6	1.3
Penrith	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-3.5	1.1
Pittwater	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-7.3	0.7
Port Macquarie-Hastings	ns	8.0	1.1	ns	ns	1.0
Port Stephens	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-3.5	1.2
Queanbeyan	ns	-5.7	0.8	ns	ns	1.0
Randwick	-10.1	-4.6	0.8	-10.8	-4.7	0.9
Richmond Valley	-21.1	-6.0	1.4	ns	-0.3	1.2
Rockdale	ns	3.4	0.7	ns	-5.3	0.7
Ryde	-25.2	-6.0	0.4	ns	-4.8	0.7
Shellharbour	ns	-2.4	0.8	ns	-4.5	0.9
Shoalhaven	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	1.1
Singleton	ns	ns	0.8	ns	5.1	1.0
Snowy River	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	1.0
Strathfield	ns	6.4	1.1	ns	ns	1.5
Sutherland Shire	ns	ns	0.6	-5.2	-7.2	0.6
Sydney	ns	-2.4	3.2	-8.7	-8.0	3.6
Tamworth Regional	ns	4.4	1.6	ns	ns	1.1
Temora	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.8
Tenterfield	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	1.2
The Hills Shire	-8.2	ns	0.4	-13.2	-5.0	0.5
Tumbarumba	ns	ns	0.6	ns	9.2	0.7
Tumut Shire	ns	-9.4	1.0	ns	-6.2	0.6
Tweed	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	1.0
Unincorporated Far West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Upper Hunter Shire	ns	8.4	0.6	34.5	ns	0.7
Upper Lachlan Shire	ns	ns	0.3	ns	10.0	0.5
Uralla	ns	ns	0.7	ns	-7.7	0.4
Urana	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Wagga Wagga	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.3
Wakool	ns	.	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Walcha	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.5
Walgett	ns	-8.0	4.4	ns	ns	2.1
Warren	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Warringah	ns	5.0	0.5	ns	ns	0.6
Warrumbungle Shire	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	0.8
Waverley	-10.6	-5.7	0.8	-21.3	-6.7	1.3
Weddin	ns	-15.5	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Wellington	ns	ns	2.0	64.3	16.4	1.8
Wentworth	-7.5	ns	2.1	ns	ns	1.9
Willoughby	ns	ns	0.4	-7.7	-4.0	0.9
Wingecarribee	-19.9	ns	0.6	-9.8	-9.2	0.6
Wollondilly	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Wollongong	-15.3	-4.3	0.9	ns	-8.3	0.9
Woollahra	ns	-4.1	0.5	-21.8	-10.3	1.0
Wyong	ns	ns	1.2	ns	-2.8	1.0
Yass Valley	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Young	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.8
NSW	-2.1	-0.9	1.0	-3.3	-4.1	1.0

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

^{*} For further explanation of **violent offences** and **property offences**, see page 27, Note [7].

[#] For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

Sydney LGA can be considered a special case since the population used to calculate the rate is much lower than the population using the area for work and entertainment. This will be reflected in higher incident rates.

SECTION 2:
OVERVIEW OF TRENDS
IN RECORDED CRIME
BY OFFENCE TYPE
NSW

**TABLE 2.1: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES
OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, 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*	Stable	Stable
Assault - domestic violence related	Stable	Stable
Assault - non-domestic violence related	Down by 2.0%	Stable
Sexual assault	Stable	Up by 4.2%
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Stable	Stable
Robbery without a weapon	Down by 6.1%	Down by 6.9%
Robbery with a firearm	Stable	Down by 8.6%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Stable	Down by 11.4%
Break and enter dwelling	Down by 2.4%	Down by 3.6%
Break and enter non-dwelling	Down by 14.1%	Down by 10.9%
Motor vehicle theft	Down by 8.0%	Down by 7.4%
Steal from motor vehicle	Down by 5.1%	Down by 5.7%
Steal from retail store	Stable	Up by 3.4%
Steal from dwelling	Stable	Down by 2.4%
Steal from person	Down by 8.2%	Down by 6.8%
Fraud	Stable	Stable
Malicious damage to property	Down by 10.2%	Down by 3.2%

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

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

TABLE 2.2: NUMBER AND TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR ALL OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW

Offence Category		Number of recorded criminal incidents		Trend [^] over last 24 months	
		over the 12 months to September 2009	over the 12 months to September 2010	Trend test result	Percentage change
Homicide	Murder*	90	78	Stable	
	Attempted murder	46	35	Stable	
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	7	11	.	
	Manslaughter *	6	12	.	
Assault	Domestic violence related assault	26,246	26,034	Stable	
	Non-domestic violence related assault	40,912	40,081	Down	-2.0%
	Assault Police	2,798	2,408	Down	-13.9%
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	4,398	4,438	Stable	
	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	5,327	5,352	Stable	
Abduction and kidnapping		384	277	Down	-27.9%
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	3,912	3,674	Down	-6.1%
	Robbery with a firearm	451	384	Stable	
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	1,696	1,552	Stable	
Blackmail and extortion		133	167	Stable	
Harassment, threatening behaviour and private nuisance		27,985	28,630	Stable	
Other offences against the person		1,481	1,380	Down	-6.8%
Theft	Break and enter dwelling	42,234	41,236	Down	-2.4%
	Break and enter non-dwelling	20,117	17,281	Down	-14.1%
	Receiving or handling stolen goods	5,229	5,419	Stable	
	Motor vehicle theft	22,789	20,968	Down	-8.0%
	Steal from motor vehicle	47,839	45,420	Down	-5.1%
	Steal from retail store	20,569	20,397	Stable	
	Steal from dwelling	21,068	21,297	Stable	
	Steal from person	9,855	9,051	Down	-8.2%
	Stock theft	535	511	Stable	
	Fraud	35,523	36,359	Stable	
Other theft	35,210	34,728	Down	-1.4%	
Arson		7,114	6,342	Down	-10.9%
Malicious damage to property		104,355	93,690	Down	-10.2%
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	509	589	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	877	789	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	13,203	13,918	Up	5.4%
	amphetamines	1,905	2,106	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of ecstasy	1,857	1,328	Down	-28.5%
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	1,794	2,149	Up	19.8%
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	147	253	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	358	412	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	510	661	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in amphetamines	604	731	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in ecstasy	551	425	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	129	217	Up	68.2%
	Cultivating cannabis	1,114	1,289	Stable	
	Manufacture drug	66	80	Stable	
Importing drugs	23	40	Stable		
Other drug offences	3,375	3,673	Up	8.8%	
Prohibited and regulated weapons offences		8,404	7,640	Down	-9.1%
Disorderly conduct	Trespass	8,669	8,733	Stable	
	Offensive conduct	8,860	9,357	Stable	
	Offensive language	6,822	6,452	Down	-5.4%
	Criminal intent	1,485	1,532	Stable	
Betting and gaming offences		312	237	Stable	
Liquor offences		18,317	17,653	Down	-3.6%
Pornography offences		280	259	Stable	
Prostitution offences		185	222	Stable	
Against justice procedures	Escape custody	206	185	Down	-10.2%
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	12,211	11,881	Stable	
	Breach bail conditions	24,253	26,173	Stable	
	Fail to appear	930	1,178	Up	26.7%
	Resist or hinder officer	7,729	7,062	Down	-8.6%
	Other offences against justice procedure	633	446	Down	-29.5%
Transport regulatory offences		40,843	51,104	Up	25.1%
Other offences		15,247	15,567	Stable	

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, 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 3:

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

TABLE 3.1A: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW SDs

Statistical Division	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
Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-6.6	ns	ns	-6.1	-15.4	-8.7	-7.8	ns	ns	-9.6	ns	-9.9
Hunter	n.c.	-11.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-47.0	-7.5	-17.8	ns	-9.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	-10.7
Illawarra	n.c.	ns	-15.1	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-5.9	ns	ns	-13.6
Richmond-Tweed	n.c.	-13.3	-5.6	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-10.5	-8.3	ns	ns	ns	-13.0	ns	-11.9
Mid-North Coast	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-18.1	ns	ns	19.5	ns	ns	ns	-10.9
Northern	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-8.3
North Western	n.c.	ns	ns	20.3	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-19.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Central West	n.c.	ns	-5.8	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-17.8	ns	ns	24.6	ns	ns	ns	-9.2
South Eastern	n.c.	ns	-11.2	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-15.6	ns	ns	33.8	ns	ns	ns	-16.5
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	ns	-0.4	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-27.5	ns	ns	6.1	ns	ns	ns	-12.8
Murray	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Far West	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	.	ns	-36.0	-22.4	ns	30.6	ns	.	ns	ns
NSW	ns	ns	-2.0	ns	ns	-6.1	ns	ns	-2.4	-14.1	-8.0	-5.1	ns	ns	-8.2	ns	-10.2

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

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

TABLE 3.1B: RATIO TO NSW RATE[^] OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW SDs

Statistical Division	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
Sydney	n.c.	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.9
Hunter	n.c.	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.8	1.3
Illawarra	n.c.	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.1
Richmond-Tweed	n.c.	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.5	0.8	0.4	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.6	0.5	1.0
Mid-North Coast	n.c.	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.5	0.5	0.5	1.1
Northern	n.c.	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.5	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.6	0.3	0.5	1.4
North Western	n.c.	2.5	2.0	2.2	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	2.0	2.0	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.9	0.4	0.6	1.9
Central West	n.c.	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.3	1.5	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.6	0.4	0.5	1.5
South Eastern	n.c.	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.0
Murrumbidgee	n.c.	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.8	0.4	0.5	1.3
Murray	n.c.	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.4	1.3	2.3	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.7	0.5	0.4	1.3
Far West	n.c.	3.3	1.6	1.7	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.3	0.7	0.9	0.7	2.3	0.3	0.5	1.8
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 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

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

TABLE 3.1C: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW SDs

Statistical Division	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
Sydney	n.a.	14,708	22,518	2,244	2,981	3,020	331	1,304	23,641	7,463	13,527	27,911	13,260	10,338	7,359	28,505	50,887
Hunter	n.a.	2,365	3,973	483	509	204	20	71	3,957	2,522	2,594	4,794	1,775	2,552	504	2,609	10,624
Illawarra	n.a.	1,494	2,201	286	339	130	8	47	2,466	1,236	1,126	2,173	1,207	1,253	299	1,242	6,129
Richmond-Tweed	n.a.	911	1,528	195	237	66	10	19	1,343	874	516	1,525	695	1,010	187	645	3,201
Mid-North Coast	n.a.	1,337	1,930	286	282	60	8	35	2,280	1,180	891	2,192	822	1,394	207	744	4,525
Northern	n.a.	1,083	1,477	185	208	50	3	12	1,589	807	423	1,131	562	867	77	509	3,400
North Western	n.a.	1,080	1,316	160	164	25	1	12	1,394	577	366	1,091	390	672	67	342	2,942
Central West	n.a.	895	1,372	180	156	42	2	18	1,379	667	442	1,412	491	867	92	489	3,606
South Eastern	n.a.	711	1,066	172	169	27	1	9	943	615	362	1,130	467	709	94	554	2,897
Murrumbidgee	n.a.	704	1,110	126	178	25	0	13	1,078	609	378	1,056	401	866	73	392	2,737
Murray	n.a.	469	683	82	101	16	0	11	913	656	296	873	280	614	82	271	2,097
Far West	n.a.	273	202	24	15	8	0	0	253	71	45	132	47	155	8	54	523
NSW	78	26,034	40,081	4,438	5,352	3,674	384	1,552	41,236	17,281	20,968	45,420	20,397	21,297	9,051	36,359	93,690

* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website (www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/)

TABLE 3.1D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2009, NSW SDs

Statistical Division	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
Sydney	n.a.	14,173	22,750	2,137	2,958	3,234	421	1,399	25,168	8,820	14,814	30,282	13,704	10,074	8,137	27,713	56,448
Hunter	n.a.	2,675	3,822	514	480	215	12	134	4,277	3,069	2,720	5,300	1,798	2,505	516	2,329	11,897
Illawarra	n.a.	1,566	2,591	313	310	149	7	55	2,393	1,087	1,230	2,427	1,400	1,331	323	1,130	7,093
Richmond-Tweed	n.a.	1,051	1,618	202	221	72	5	10	1,228	977	563	1,527	677	1,073	215	763	3,634
Mid-North Coast	n.a.	1,448	1,954	291	293	72	3	29	1,998	1,441	1,078	1,927	688	1,365	189	815	5,078
Northern	n.a.	1,045	1,565	199	183	43	1	8	1,352	900	394	1,057	492	870	85	422	3,706
North Western	n.a.	1,107	1,262	133	206	24	1	14	1,205	718	443	966	357	692	60	460	3,055
Central West	n.a.	938	1,456	174	172	37	0	14	1,439	811	433	1,249	394	848	86	441	3,973
South Eastern	n.a.	729	1,200	152	191	20	0	17	928	729	351	1,110	349	696	75	680	3,471
Murrumbidgee	n.a.	713	1,114	134	140	23	1	10	1,038	840	371	958	378	817	87	421	3,139
Murray	n.a.	511	666	94	123	21	0	6	878	609	333	872	296	623	69	274	2,188
Far West	n.a.	289	219	22	37	2	0	0	330	111	58	161	36	174	12	69	546
NSW	90	26,246	40,912	4,398	5,327	3,912	451	1,696	42,234	20,117	22,789	47,839	20,569	21,068	9,855	35,523	104,355

* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website (www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/)

TABLE 3.2A: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDS

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	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
Inner Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.7	ns	ns	-19.6	-21.2	-7.2	-17.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	-8.6
Eastern Suburbs	n.c.	ns	-4.8	ns	ns	ns	.	-45.3	-30.6	-23.3	-3.5	-11.9	-18.7	-13.8	-24.5	-15.9	-14.5
St George-Sutherland	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	24.6	ns	.	ns	ns	-18.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.8	-21.4	ns	-23.1	24.9	ns
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	22.0	-23.8	-9.9	-14.4	ns	ns	-12.8	ns	-3.0
Outer South Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.1	-17.6
Inner Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-4.1	-19.3	23.7	-5.9
Central Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.4	ns	-10.4
Outer Western Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-22.7	ns	ns	14.1	ns	ns	ns	-11.3
Blacktown	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-8.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-10.4
Lower Northern Sydney	n.c.	ns	-14.2	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-25.7	-20.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	-21.1	ns	-11.7
Central Northern Sydney	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-28.9	.	ns	-16.1	-33.2	-20.5	ns	ns	-10.2	-26.5	ns	-14.2
Northern Beaches	n.c.	ns	ns	ns	-23.8	48.3	.	ns	ns	-21.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-17.6
Central Coast	n.c.	-3.9	ns	10.4	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.2	ns	-4.7	ns	ns	-9.7
Newcastle	n.c.	-13.5	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-44.4	-8.8	-21.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.5
Wollongong	n.c.	-11.4	-17.1	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-20.2	-6.6	ns	ns	-15.3

[^] For further explanation of **trend results**, see page 27, Notes [5] and [6].

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

TABLE 3.2B: RATIO TO NSW RATE[^] OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDS

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	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
Inner Sydney	n.c.	1.1	2.5	1.2	1.6	4.0	3.9	3.2	1.0	1.4	1.4	2.3	2.5	1.5	8.0	3.3	1.3
Eastern Suburbs	n.c.	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.7
St George-Sutherland	n.c.	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.c.	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.3	2.8	1.9	0.8	0.6	1.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.7
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.c.	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.2	0.6	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.8
Outer South Western Sydney	n.c.	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.2	0.8	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.2
Inner Western Sydney	n.c.	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.6	2.0	1.7	0.9	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.8	0.6
Central Western Sydney	n.c.	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	2.0	2.9	2.4	1.2	0.6	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.7	0.7
Outer Western Sydney	n.c.	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2
Blacktown	n.c.	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.8	0.4	1.6	1.4	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.3
Lower Northern Sydney	n.c.	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.5
Central Northern Sydney	n.c.	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5
Northern Beaches	n.c.	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7
Central Coast	n.c.	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.5	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	1.2
Newcastle	n.c.	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.7	0.8	1.3
Wollongong	n.c.	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.0

[^] For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Footnote 3 and Note [8].

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

TABLE 3.2C: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2010, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDS

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	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
Inner Sydney	n.a.	1,414	4,823	267	416	720	73	243	2,125	1,169	1,423	5,203	2,553	1,527	3,570	5,955	5,827
Eastern Suburbs	n.a.	555	1,131	91	131	126	9	41	1,322	264	727	1,458	675	649	455	1,720	2,377
St George-Sutherland	n.a.	1,113	1,636	125	228	250	18	89	1,397	486	1,007	2,087	932	685	335	1,964	4,853
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.a.	1,087	1,225	106	162	225	50	139	1,606	460	1,437	1,778	579	503	227	2,629	2,962
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.a.	1,546	1,693	187	268	266	46	162	2,578	526	1,442	2,034	980	592	353	1,995	3,784
Outer South Western Sydney	n.a.	1,362	1,508	200	195	177	18	92	1,792	495	1,005	1,355	650	849	184	862	4,076
Inner Western Sydney	n.a.	407	638	51	107	160	20	69	1,003	226	624	1,358	502	351	239	1,696	1,486
Central Western Sydney	n.a.	1,413	1,802	166	267	357	53	183	2,424	530	1,371	2,151	1,016	775	465	3,063	3,347
Outer Western Sydney	n.a.	1,428	1,965	261	288	156	11	67	1,584	570	1,139	2,192	874	879	253	1,488	5,086
Blacktown	n.a.	1,750	1,953	229	238	272	7	104	2,386	535	1,260	2,045	1,110	902	346	2,282	5,114
Lower Northern Sydney	n.a.	368	713	88	145	74	19	36	1,225	433	415	1,360	1,047	498	240	1,640	2,060
Central Northern Sydney	n.a.	598	789	123	148	64	6	35	1,607	457	395	1,492	717	636	133	1,358	2,898
Northern Beaches	n.a.	408	858	74	112	86	1	16	780	286	318	1,172	597	526	240	783	2,243
Central Coast	n.a.	1,259	1,784	276	276	87	0	28	1,812	1,026	964	2,226	1,028	966	319	1,070	4,774
Newcastle	n.a.	1,950	3,423	394	419	184	19	69	3,392	2,022	2,315	4,379	1,607	2,130	464	2,308	9,089
Wollongong	n.a.	841	1,385	190	227	98	7	37	1,523	658	810	1,479	860	730	233	969	3,820

* Regional murder counts are in the Crime Mapping Tool (<http://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>) and elsewhere on the BOCSAR website (www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/)

TABLE 3.2D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2009, NSW METROPOLITAN SSDS

Metropolitan Statistical Subdivision	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
Inner Sydney	n.a.	1,404	4,793	272	381	886	71	271	2,643	1,483	1,533	6,297	2,555	1,342	3,845	5,472	6,376
Eastern Suburbs	n.a.	592	1,188	72	148	169	20	75	1,905	344	753	1,655	830	753	603	2,046	2,780
St George-Sutherland	n.a.	1,066	1,586	123	183	241	24	106	1,503	598	1,092	2,000	980	695	365	1,917	4,884
Canterbury-Bankstown	n.a.	1,002	1,186	113	169	239	47	136	1,558	496	1,781	2,039	737	511	295	2,105	3,075
Fairfield-Liverpool	n.a.	1,378	1,595	198	224	257	56	134	2,113	690	1,601	2,375	1,065	596	405	1,965	3,903
Outer South Western Sydney	n.a.	1,407	1,653	186	218	163	19	76	1,718	527	1,002	1,444	653	733	205	992	4,947
Inner Western Sydney	n.a.	387	625	60	117	173	26	88	1,085	265	602	1,298	484	366	296	1,371	1,579
Central Western Sydney	n.a.	1,272	1,868	169	213	359	72	210	2,518	634	1,568	2,307	1,156	718	531	2,757	3,735
Outer Western Sydney	n.a.	1,283	1,927	213	296	134	28	70	1,632	737	1,185	1,926	766	812	237	1,512	5,737
Blacktown	n.a.	1,707	2,064	232	263	269	17	97	2,608	552	1,379	1,919	1,212	723	375	2,537	5,709
Lower Northern Sydney	n.a.	399	831	77	146	97	15	40	1,649	546	451	1,276	984	518	304	1,788	2,332
Central Northern Sydney	n.a.	565	820	98	204	90	13	51	1,916	684	497	1,576	759	708	181	1,412	3,379
Northern Beaches	n.a.	401	836	74	147	58	5	11	689	364	338	1,450	510	585	224	897	2,723
Central Coast	n.a.	1,310	1,778	250	249	99	8	34	1,631	900	1,032	2,720	1,013	1,014	271	942	5,289
Newcastle	n.a.	2,254	3,273	433	402	197	9	124	3,719	2,572	2,449	4,820	1,667	2,120	489	2,110	10,268
Wollongong	n.a.	949	1,671	194	185	114	7	48	1,429	654	900	1,575	1,078	782	245	833	4,512

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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 *Crime Victimization Survey* which is now conducted every 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 measures 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. For example, *Crime Victimization Australia, 2008-09* shows that in the 12 month period to June 2009, while 70.0 per cent of *break and enter offences* in NSW were reported to police, only 39.3 per cent of *physical assault* and 22.7 per cent of *threatened assault* was reported². 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.

[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, drink driving 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 same 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 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] In order to present an overview of crime trends in NSW the information in Section 1 relates to aggregate *violent* and *property* crime. The State graphs for *violent* and *property offences* are plotted as monthly rates³ per 100,000 population. The State graph for *violent offences* shows distinct seasonality and the 12-month moving average (light grey line) indicates a slight downward path over the past few years, whilst the *property offences* graph and the 6-month moving average (light grey line) both indicate a strong downwards path since about 2000. Violent offences include: *murder, assault - domestic violence related, assault - non-domestic violence related, assault police, robbery without a weapon, robbery with a firearm, robbery with a weapon not a firearm, sexual assault and indecent assault / act of indecency / other sexual offences*. Property offences include: *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, stock theft, other theft and fraud*.

[8] 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 2009, *Crime Victimization Australia, 2008-09*, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2009, *Crime Victimization Australia, 2008-09*, page 15, 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 2008-09* Cat. No. 3218 (for 2008 and 2009 population estimates). As no population estimates were available for 2010 when this report was published, rates for 2010 were calculated using 2009 population estimates.

