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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 2013, NSW STATISTICAL AREAS (SAs) AND NSW**

NSW Statistical Area	Violent Offences*			Property Offences**		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over	Ratio [#] to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over	Ratio [#] to NSW rate
Greater Sydney	Stable	-2.4%	0.9	Stable	Stable	1.0
Capital Region	Stable	-4.0%	0.9	Stable	-4.4%	0.7
Central West	-4.4%	-1.6%	1.4	Stable	Stable	1.0
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Stable	4.7%	1.3	Stable	-2.1%	0.9
Far West and Orana	Stable	Stable	2.4	Stable	Stable	1.6
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	Stable	Stable	1.1	Stable	2.3%	1.1
Illawarra	Stable	-2.0%	1.0	Stable	2.0%	1.0
Mid North Coast	Stable	-3.4%	1.2	-5.9%	Stable	1.0
Murray	Stable	Stable	1.2	Stable	-1.3%	1.1
New England and North West	Stable	Stable	1.6	Stable	3.9%	1.2
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Stable	Stable	1.2	-2.5%	Stable	1.2
Richmond - Tweed	-4.6%	-2.8%	1.1	-6.4%	-3.1%	0.9
Riverina	-5.4%	-2.0%	1.2	Stable	Stable	1.1
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	Stable	-4.7%	1.0	-7.6%	-2.9%	0.8
NSW	Stable	-1.9%	1.0	Stable	Stable	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 2013, GREATER SYDNEY STATISTICAL AREAS (SAs)**

Greater Sydney Statistical Area	Violent Offences*			Property Offences**		
	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over	Ratio* to NSW rate	Annual percentage change over the last 24 months	Average annual percentage change over	Ratio* to NSW rate
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	Stable	-5.0%	0.4	Stable	-2.5%	0.5
Blacktown	Stable	-1.2%	1.3	Stable	Stable	1.1
Central Coast	Stable	-2.4%	1.0	-10.6%	Stable	0.9
City and Inner South	-2.6%	-2.4%	2.2	Stable	Stable	2.7
Eastern Suburbs	Stable	-5.4%	0.7	-8.0%	-5.7%	0.9
Inner South West	Stable	-1.7%	0.7	Stable	1.7%	0.9
Inner West	Stable	-4.4%	0.6	Stable	Stable	1.0
North Sydney and Hornsby	Stable	Stable	0.4	Stable	-4.5%	0.6
Northern Beaches	Stable	-3.3%	0.5	Stable	-2.1%	0.6
Outer South West	Stable	-5.7%	1.1	Stable	Stable	0.9
Outer West and Blue Mountains	Stable	-2.0%	1.1	Stable	Stable	0.9
Parramatta	Stable	Stable	1.0	6.5%	Stable	1.1
Ryde	33.2%	Stable	0.4	6.3%	2.7%	0.6
South West	Stable	Stable	0.9	8.6%	2.3%	1.0
Sutherland	-18.3%	-6.9%	0.5	Stable	Stable	0.6

[^] 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 1.3: TRENDS^a IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2013, NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGAs)

NSW LGAs	Violent Offences ^a			Property Offences ^a		
	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	ns	1.5	ns	-1.6	1.6
Armidale Dumaresq	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.3
Ashfield	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.8
Auburn	17.4	ns	1.1	ns	-4.7	1.0
Ballina	ns	ns	0.9	ns	-6.7	0.8
Balranald	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Bankstown	ns	ns	0.8	-5.7	1.4	1.0
Bathurst Regional	-11.0	-3.6	1.3	ns	4.8	1.1
Bega Valley	ns	ns	1.0	ns	-10.9	0.5
Bellingen	ns	ns	0.7	ns	-7.0	0.6
Berrigan	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Blacktown	ns	-1.2	1.3	ns	ns	1.1
Bland	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	0.8
Blayney	ns	ns	0.7	ns	5.2	0.6
Blue Mountains	ns	-4.0	0.7	ns	ns	0.6
Bogan	ns	ns	2.1	ns	ns	1.2
Bombala	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Boorowa	.	.	.	ns	ns	.
Botany Bay	-12.1	-4.5	0.8	ns	-3.0	1.0
Bourke	ns	ns	7.7	ns	9.2	4.2
Brewarrina	ns	ns	.	-38.8	ns	.
Broken Hill	ns	ns	1.8	ns	ns	1.2
Burwood	ns	-2.3	0.8	21.9	ns	1.7
Byron	-6.7	ns	1.7	-7.1	ns	1.5
Cabonne	ns	ns	1.0	ns	7.3	0.8
Camden	ns	-4.5	0.6	ns	ns	0.6
Campbelltown	ns	-6.6	1.4	ns	ns	1.1
Canada Bay	ns	-6.0	0.4	ns	4.3	0.8
Canterbury	ns	-3.2	0.7	ns	ns	0.7
Carrathool	ns	-13.5	.	ns	-10.9	.
Central Darling	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Cessnock	ns	ns	1.3	ns	6.4	1.4
Clarence Valley	ns	6.5	1.2	ns	ns	1.0
Cobar	ns	ns	1.7	ns	6.1	1.5
Coffs Harbour	ns	ns	1.5	-5.4	-3.0	1.0
Conargo	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Coolamon	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.5
Cooma-Monaro	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.8
Coonamble	ns	ns	3.4	ns	ns	2.1
Cootamundra	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.7
Corowa Shire	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.9
Cowra	ns	ns	1.8	ns	-9.6	1.0
Deniliquin	ns	ns	1.4	-29.6	-8.8	0.6
Dubbo	ns	ns	1.9	ns	ns	1.6
Dungog	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.6
Eurobodalla	ns	-5.1	1.1	ns	ns	1.0
Fairfield	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.9
Forbes	ns	-5.2	1.6	ns	-6.1	1.1
Gilgandra	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.6
Glen Innes Severn	ns	ns	1.1	-16.6	9.7	1.0
Gloucester	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.5
Gosford	ns	-4.4	0.8	-15.7	-4.8	0.8
Goulburn Mulwaree	ns	-8.5	0.9	ns	-4.0	0.7
Great Lakes	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.0
Greater Hume Shire	ns	ns	0.4	ns	ns	0.6
Greater Taree	ns	-5.3	1.2	ns	-2.8	1.2
Griffith	-18.5	ns	1.4	57.2	ns	1.3
Gundagai	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.7
Gunnedah	ns	ns	1.6	ns	5.3	1.3
Guyra	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	0.7
Gwydir	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Harden	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Hawkesbury	ns	-3.2	0.9	ns	ns	0.8
Hay	ns	16.4	1.7	ns	ns	0.7
Holroyd	ns	ns	0.9	27.4	5.2	1.1
Hornsby	ns	-3.7	0.3	ns	ns	0.5
Hunters Hill	81.6	ns	0.4	ns	ns	0.8
Hurstville	ns	-2.0	0.6	ns	ns	0.8
Inverell	ns	ns	1.7	ns	-3.7	0.9
Jerilderie	.	.	.	.	ns	.
Junee	ns	ns	0.6	ns	-9.3	0.5
Kempsey	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.5
Kiama	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	0.6
Kogarah	ns	ns	0.6	23.6	ns	0.8
Ku-ring-gai	ns	ns	0.2	ns	-7.0	0.4
Kyogle	ns	-12.0	1.0	-33.9	ns	0.5
Lachlan	ns	ns	1.9	ns	ns	1.1
Lake Macquarie	ns	ns	0.9	-5.7	ns	1.0
Lane Cove	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-4.3	0.5
Leeton	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-9.5	0.8
Leichhardt	ns	-7.3	0.6	ns	-3.8	1.0
Lismore	-11.1	-5.1	1.4	-15.8	ns	0.9
Lithgow	ns	-6.6	1.2	ns	ns	1.2

TABLE 1.3: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS, VIOLENT AND PROPERTY OFFENCES OVER THE 60 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2013, 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	ns	1.0	ns	2.6	1.1
Liverpool Plains	-34.2	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.6
Lockhart	ns	ns	0.7	ns	ns	0.6
Lord Howe Island	.	.	.	.	.	.
Maitland	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	1.1
Manly	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.9
Marrickville	ns	-3.3	1.0	ns	ns	1.2
Mid-Western Regional	ns	ns	1.3	ns	-4.6	0.8
Moree Plains	ns	ns	3.7	26.8	9.8	3.1
Mosman	ns	ns	0.3	ns	-4.6	0.5
Murray	ns	ns	0.5	ns	ns	1.1
Murrumbidgee	ns	ns	.	ns	-9.8	.
Muswellbrook	28.9	ns	1.4	ns	ns	1.4
Nambucca	ns	-5.3	1.3	ns	ns	0.9
Narrabri	ns	-6.1	1.2	ns	5.0	1.3
Narrandera	ns	-10.7	1.2	ns	-13.0	0.9
Narromine	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	1.5
Newcastle	ns	ns	1.4	ns	ns	1.5
North Sydney	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-5.1	0.8
Oberon	ns	-13.7	0.5	ns	-8.0	0.5
Orange	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.4
Palerang	ns	-11.6	0.3	ns	-8.3	0.4
Parkes	ns	ns	1.7	ns	ns	1.0
Parramatta	ns	ns	1.2	ns	1.5	1.3
Penrith	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.0
Pittwater	ns	-2.2	0.4	ns	-4.9	0.6
Port Macquarie-Hastings	ns	ns	1.0	-9.7	-2.7	0.8
Port Stephens	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	1.1
Queanbeyan	ns	-5.5	0.7	ns	ns	0.8
Randwick	-5.0	-5.0	0.7	ns	ns	0.9
Richmond Valley	ns	-6.3	1.5	-9.7	ns	1.1
Rockdale	ns	-3.9	0.6	ns	5.0	0.9
Ryde	37.0	ns	0.5	5.4	2.4	0.7
Shellharbour	ns	ns	0.9	ns	ns	0.9
Shoalhaven	ns	-3.2	1.2	ns	-2.8	0.9
Singleton	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	1.2
Snowy River	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.7
Strathfield	ns	-5.1	0.8	ns	ns	1.2
Sutherland Shire	-18.1	-6.9	0.5	ns	ns	0.6
Sydney	-1.9	-2.2	2.9	ns	ns	3.5
Tamworth Regional	-12.0	ns	1.7	-20.6	3.5	1.1
Temora	ns	ns	1.1	ns	ns	0.8
Tenterfield	ns	ns	1.5	-14.6	-13.4	0.9
The Hills Shire	ns	-4.6	0.4	ns	-2.0	0.5
Tumbarumba	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.6
Tumut Shire	ns	ns	1.0	ns	ns	0.7
Tweed	ns	ns	0.8	ns	-3.8	0.8
Unincorporated Far West	ns	12.0	.	ns	ns	.
Upper Hunter Shire	ns	ns	0.6	ns	13.0	0.8
Upper Lachlan Shire	ns	ns	0.5	-30.4	-17.3	0.3
Uralla	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.5
Urana	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wagga Wagga	ns	ns	1.3	-7.1	ns	1.4
Wakool	ns	ns	0.6	ns	ns	0.4
Walcha	ns	ns	1.6	ns	ns	0.5
Walgett	ns	ns	4.9	ns	-5.4	1.8
Warren	-46.9	ns	.	ns	ns	.
Warringah	ns	-4.2	0.4	ns	ns	0.6
Warrumbungle Shire	ns	ns	1.3	ns	ns	0.9
Waverley	ns	-5.8	0.7	-12.2	-9.6	1.1
Weddin	ns	ns	0.8	ns	ns	0.4
Wellington	ns	-6.5	1.6	ns	ns	1.4
Wentworth	ns	-5.5	2.0	-26.2	-5.8	1.2
Willoughby	ns	ns	0.5	ns	-3.6	0.8
Wingecarribee	-13.7	-9.9	0.6	ns	ns	0.6
Wollondilly	ns	ns	0.8	-26.4	ns	0.5
Wollongong	ns	-2.6	1.0	ns	2.5	1.0
Woollahra	ns	-3.8	0.4	-13.2	-8.1	0.8
Wyang	ns	ns	1.2	ns	ns	1.0
Yass Valley	ns	ns	0.6	17.8	-9.1	0.4
Young	ns	ns	1.5	ns	ns	1.0
NSW	ns	-1.9	1.0	ns	ns	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 footnotes page 4.

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

[#] 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 2013, 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 3.8%	Down by 4.3%
Sexual assault	Stable	Stable
Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	Stable	Up by 3.9%
Robbery without a weapon	Down by 8.0%	Down by 9.6%
Robbery with a firearm	Stable	Down by 11.2%
Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	Stable	Down by 5.3%
Break and enter dwelling	Down by 6.7%	Down by 3.2%
Break and enter non-dwelling	Down by 7.7%	Down by 6.6%
Motor vehicle theft	Down by 11.2%	Down by 7.5%
Steal from motor vehicle	Down by 3.9%	Stable
Steal from retail store	Stable	Up by 2.0%
Steal from dwelling	Stable	Stable
Steal from person	Down by 10.8%	Down by 6.9%
Fraud	Up by 20.7%	Up by 8.3%
Malicious damage to property	Down by 6.4%	Down by 6.8%

[^] 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 62 OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2013, NSW

Offence Category		Number of recorded criminal incidents		Trend [^] over the last 24 months	
		over the 12 months to September 2012	over the 12 months to September 2013	Trend test result	Percentage change
Homicide	Murder*	85	77	Stable	
	Attempted murder	31	33	Stable	
	Murder accessory, conspiracy	2	3	.	
	Manslaughter*	11	1	.	
Assault	Domestic violence related assault	27,043	27,808	Stable	
	Non-domestic violence related assault	35,637	34,281	Down	-3.8%
	Assault Police	2,214	2,491	Stable	
Sexual offences	Sexual assault	4,575	4,544	Stable	
	Indecent assault, act of indecency and other sexual offences	5,626	6,251	Stable	
Abduction and kidnapping		337	286	Stable	
Robbery	Robbery without a weapon	2,775	2,554	Down	-8.0%
	Robbery with a firearm	425	318	Stable	
	Robbery with a weapon not a firearm	1,504	1,394	Stable	
Blackmail and extortion		95	102	Stable	
Harassment, threatening behaviour and private nuisance		29,414	29,696	Stable	
Other offences against the person		1,240	1,178	Stable	
Theft	Break and enter dwelling	39,799	37,125	Down	-6.7%
	Break and enter non-dwelling	16,625	15,339	Down	-7.7%
	Receiving or handling stolen goods	6,286	6,751	Stable	
	Motor vehicle theft	18,790	16,682	Down	-11.2%
	Steal from motor vehicle	47,810	45,926	Down	-3.9%
	Steal from retail store	21,309	22,295	Stable	
	Steal from dwelling	21,520	21,908	Stable	
	Steal from person	8,318	7,420	Down	-10.8%
	Stock theft	589	471	Down	-20.0%
	Fraud	40,635	49,051	Up	20.7%
Other theft	35,169	34,204	Down	-2.7%	
Arson		6,866	6,987	Stable	
Malicious damage to property		84,070	78,653	Down	-6.4%
Drug offences	Possession and/or use of cocaine	521	710	Up	36.3%
	Possession and/or use of narcotics	778	718	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of cannabis	15,278	15,594	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of amphetamines	3,425	3,942	Up	15.1%
	Possession and/or use of ecstasy	1,430	1,790	Stable	
	Possession and/or use of other drugs	2,886	3,571	Up	23.7%
	Dealing, trafficking in cocaine	181	162	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in narcotics	510	360	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in cannabis	848	781	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in amphetamines	1,133	1,567	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in ecstasy	351	505	Stable	
	Dealing, trafficking in other drugs	235	250	Stable	
	Cultivating cannabis	1,169	1,228	Stable	
	Manufacture drug	76	89	Stable	
	Importing drugs	84	87	Stable	
Other drug offences	4,455	4,659	Stable		
Prohibited and regulated weapons offences		7,829	8,809	Up	12.5%
Disorderly conduct	Trespass	8,854	8,972	Stable	
	Offensive conduct	7,708	7,485	Stable	
	Offensive language	4,766	4,289	Down	-10.0%
	Criminal intent	2,097	2,928	Up	39.6%
Betting and gaming offences		144	86	Down	-40.3%
Liquor offences		13,992	13,785	Stable	
Pornography offences		354	398	Up	12.4%
Prostitution offences		93	52	Stable	
Against justice procedures	Escape custody	241	230	Stable	
	Breach Apprehended Violence Order	12,608	13,116	Stable	
	Breach bail conditions	30,509	32,524	Stable	
	Fail to appear	786	829	Stable	
	Resist or hinder officer	6,176	6,118	Stable	
	Other offences against justice procedures	423	498	Stable	
Transport regulatory offences		55,007	65,216	Up	18.6%
Other offences		14,820	15,461	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: TRENDS¹ IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2013, 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	ns	ns	-2.5	ns	ns	-4.6	ns	ns	-6.5	ns	-14.0	ns	ns	ns	-12.1	22.5	-4.7
Capital Region	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	-22.7	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.3
Central West	.	ns	-9.2	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-7.2
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	-22.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	35.5	-13.1
Far West and Orana	.	ns	-5.0	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-14.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-14.4	ns	-13.3	16.2	ns	ns	ns	-7.5
Illawarra	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	16.8	ns
Mid North Coast	.	ns	-12.1	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-6.2	-20.9	ns	-17.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Murray	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	-9.5	ns	-15.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.8
New England and North West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	64.0	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	.	ns	-10.5	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	-17.5	-14.2	ns	ns	ns	-13.9	ns	-16.3
Richmond - Tweed	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-32.7	.	ns	-9.8	-18.6	ns	-10.6	ns	ns	ns	30.1	ns
Riverina	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	-5.4	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	.	ns	-15.4	ns	ns	.	.	.	-21.9	-18.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-12.7
NSW	ns	ns	-3.8	ns	ns	-8.0	ns	ns	-6.7	-7.7	-11.2	-3.9	ns	ns	-10.8	20.7	-6.4

¹ 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 RATE¹ OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS PER 100,000 POPULATION FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2013, 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	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.8
Capital Region	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.4	1.0
Central West	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.4	1.4	1.6	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.6	0.5	0.5	1.6
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.6	0.5	1.2
Far West and Orana	2.5	3.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.3	2.7	1.5	1.8	1.3	2.1	0.8	0.6	2.2
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.9	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.8	1.5	0.4	0.6	1.3
Illawarra	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.0
Mid North Coast	0.0	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.7	0.6	0.5	1.2
Murray	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.2	2.2	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.3	0.4	1.3
New England and North West	1.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.8	0.4	1.2	1.9	2.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.7	0.5	0.5	1.6
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.4	0.8	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.9	1.2
Richmond - Tweed	0.4	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.4	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	1.0
Riverina	0.0	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.2	1.5	1.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.7	0.3	0.4	1.5
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.7	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.4	1.1
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

¹ For further explanation of **rate calculation populations** and the **ratio to NSW rate**, see page 27, Note [8] and footnote 3.

* 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 2013, 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	Malignant damage to property
Greater Sydney	54	14,999	18,814	2,166	3,358	2,080	244	985	20,443	6,720	9,943	27,031	14,601	10,903	5,871	38,887	42,486
Capital Region	3	712	938	133	186	14	2	9	740	372	264	1,027	531	618	45	649	2,275
Central West	2	1,070	1,341	220	267	34	2	17	1,493	694	426	1,407	560	961	104	687	3,463
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	3	696	851	133	139	24	5	19	678	431	300	909	281	551	81	450	1,752
Far West and Orana	3	1,414	1,227	158	214	21	3	16	1,395	669	397	1,346	483	747	92	479	2,843
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	3	1,215	1,146	209	262	44	5	43	1,768	1,025	946	1,944	594	1,171	117	1,047	3,469
Illawarra	2	1,019	1,389	205	228	57	14	70	1,536	618	772	1,987	1,027	860	224	1,225	3,221
Mid North Coast	0	1,029	1,121	200	239	39	5	37	1,313	683	478	1,140	501	1,083	118	693	2,691
Murray	1	543	645	105	124	16	0	7	692	539	267	1,083	358	504	34	342	1,630
New England and North West	2	1,253	1,437	197	237	49	3	41	1,759	862	473	1,474	607	917	88	581	3,232
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	2	1,556	1,909	313	423	104	18	109	2,333	1,094	1,317	3,388	1,253	1,400	353	2,266	4,676
Richmond - Tweed	1	914	1,373	203	262	35	6	24	1,121	698	504	1,348	569	895	200	950	2,621
Riverina	0	816	853	138	155	19	5	6	1,166	588	296	1,001	535	817	51	429	2,536
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	1	571	610	148	143	18	6	11	688	342	298	840	395	481	42	359	1,643
NSW	77	27,808	34,281	4,544	6,251	2,554	318	1,394	37,125	15,339	16,682	45,926	22,295	21,908	7,420	49,051	78,653

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

TABLE 3.1D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2012, 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	Malignant damage to property
Greater Sydney	57	14,695	19,295	2,180	3,063	2,180	329	1,077	21,868	7,138	11,563	27,742	13,550	11,026	6,682	31,739	44,560
Capital Region	2	738	1,011	135	180	16	0	6	849	481	311	1,170	486	604	41	625	2,784
Central West	1	1,098	1,477	201	236	37	4	21	1,589	586	466	1,354	659	887	93	573	3,733
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	1	592	841	101	130	32	9	30	723	557	346	1,033	356	464	94	332	2,015
Far West and Orana	2	1,327	1,292	162	214	35	3	13	1,626	654	403	1,386	481	693	88	396	2,982
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	3	1,066	1,143	197	233	42	17	54	1,715	1,198	981	2,241	511	1,010	130	924	3,752
Illawarra	3	912	1,267	199	191	73	14	55	1,654	711	727	2,195	853	895	227	1,049	3,154
Mid North Coast	2	1,046	1,275	180	193	54	5	50	1,400	864	512	1,379	527	983	101	590	2,887
Murray	2	511	623	113	113	15	3	8	765	512	314	873	307	513	52	362	1,891
New England and North West	1	1,295	1,564	221	232	47	4	25	1,953	776	474	1,449	621	922	75	635	3,470
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	3	1,431	2,133	310	337	139	28	104	2,375	1,326	1,535	3,478	1,460	1,296	410	1,984	5,585
Richmond - Tweed	6	979	1,389	283	225	52	6	28	1,243	858	542	1,508	684	913	215	730	2,723
Riverina	1	788	952	165	159	17	0	16	1,158	544	313	1,089	413	808	68	408	2,520
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	561	721	119	106	33	3	17	881	418	301	910	401	506	41	283	1,883
NSW	85	27,043	35,637	4,575	5,626	2,775	425	1,504	39,799	16,625	18,790	47,810	21,309	21,520	8,318	40,635	84,070

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

TABLE 3.2A: TRENDS[^] IN RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES OVER THE 24 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2013, 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	ns	.	.	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.0
Blacktown	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-13.3	ns	-13.6	ns	ns	ns	ns	18.6	-5.5
Central Coast	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	-18.8	-18.3	-19.4	-9.1	ns	ns	-19.0	ns	ns
City and Inner South	.	ns	-4.0	ns	ns	-13.3	ns	-25.8	ns	ns	-25.6	ns	ns	15.1	-18.5	28.0	ns
Eastern Suburbs	.	ns	-5.7	ns	ns	-35.4	.	ns	-26.1	ns	-28.3	-14.1	ns	-11.9	-26.2	ns	-15.4
Inner South West	.	ns	-7.8	25.5	ns	-18.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	-18.9	ns	ns	ns	ns	21.3	-4.3
Inner West	.	ns	ns	ns	44.1	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	-22.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	30.8	ns
North Sydney and Hornsby	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	-39.5	-23.0	ns	-16.2	ns	ns	ns	-22.6	ns	ns
Northern Beaches	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	.	-9.1	ns	ns	ns	39.2	ns	ns	ns	ns
Outer South West	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	-21.6	ns	ns	-31.6	26.9	-8.1
Outer West and Blue Mountains	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	34.5	-17.4	ns	26.8	ns
Parramatta	.	ns	ns	ns	ns	23.8	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	22.1	ns	ns	20.7	ns
Ryde	.	ns	28.8	ns	ns	ns	.	.	ns	ns	-19.7	ns	38.8	ns	ns	20.4	ns
South West	.	ns	ns	ns	15.3	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	33.0	ns	ns	27.7	-6.9
Sutherland	.	-18.6	-17.5	ns	-37.0	ns	.	ns	15.8	-23.2	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	-11.6

[^] 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 2013, 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	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.5
Blacktown	0.6	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.3
Central Coast	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.2
City and Inner South	1.3	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.7	4.7	2.8	3.0	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.7	3.1	1.8	8.5	4.2	1.4
Eastern Suburbs	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.2	0.7
Inner South West	2.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.6
Inner West	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7
North Sydney and Hornsby	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.5
Northern Beaches	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Outer South West	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1
Outer West and Blue Mountains	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.3
Parramatta	1.5	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.9	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.8
Ryde	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.5
South West	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.4	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.7
Sutherland	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7

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

* 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 2013, 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	319	327	79	110	18	0	13	567	201	200	738	276	267	47	865	1,146
Blacktown	2	1,913	1,783	208	301	240	22	99	1,897	408	893	2,394	1,339	952	410	2,687	4,368
Central Coast	5	1,170	1,502	229	297	74	9	54	1,708	571	872	2,205	882	865	226	1,502	4,051
City and Inner South	4	1,248	4,049	243	416	475	35	164	1,594	1,022	766	3,032	2,753	1,577	2,505	8,159	4,448
Eastern Suburbs	1	583	924	83	167	73	9	44	1,054	246	477	1,301	939	747	305	2,198	1,973
Inner South West	13	1,721	1,444	207	319	194	37	125	1,977	634	1,466	3,251	1,176	968	392	5,242	3,786
Inner West	0	627	717	78	170	108	15	52	1,353	343	599	1,759	610	709	252	2,868	2,083
North Sydney and Hornsby	3	466	725	108	178	61	8	23	1,095	444	253	1,282	815	623	199	2,245	2,310
Northern Beaches	1	408	736	64	107	35	3	10	562	325	237	1,105	600	509	168	985	1,984
Outer South West	3	1,169	1,152	182	241	88	9	43	1,344	432	650	1,504	747	670	121	1,352	2,867
Outer West and Blue Mountains	6	1,317	1,426	222	288	117	15	67	1,478	534	773	1,750	815	718	261	1,845	4,299
Parramatta	7	1,748	1,781	156	324	343	42	145	2,443	794	1,142	2,909	1,436	997	498	3,959	3,599
Ryde	1	256	344	45	109	34	8	19	558	174	143	629	386	285	90	1,109	897
South West	7	1,677	1,333	202	256	192	30	107	2,233	430	1,182	2,234	1,381	664	292	3,026	2,987
Sutherland	0	377	571	60	75	28	2	20	580	162	290	938	446	352	105	845	1,688

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

TABLE 3.2D: NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMINAL INCIDENTS FOR MAJOR OFFENCES, OVER THE 12 MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 2012, 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	340	363	64	87	23	3	7	573	233	201	656	288	257	64	608	1,398
Blacktown	14	1,932	1,691	213	295	211	31	94	2,187	488	1,034	2,349	1,239	955	421	2,265	4,622
Central Coast	3	1,098	1,495	227	290	62	17	32	2,103	699	1,082	2,426	909	884	279	1,378	4,306
City and Inner South	6	1,239	4,219	221	372	548	39	221	1,557	976	1,030	3,116	2,693	1,370	3,074	6,372	4,599
Eastern Suburbs	1	568	980	104	147	113	10	45	1,426	244	665	1,514	853	848	413	1,925	2,332
Inner South West	9	1,751	1,567	165	290	239	59	154	2,105	618	1,808	3,208	1,265	976	353	4,320	3,956
Inner West	1	575	751	69	118	126	21	62	1,337	342	776	1,689	644	653	264	2,192	2,161
North Sydney and Hornsby	1	443	746	84	179	72	13	38	1,423	544	302	1,318	881	702	257	1,967	2,501
Northern Beaches	2	395	735	80	95	39	4	7	618	337	221	984	431	546	160	813	1,832
Outer South West	3	1,175	1,120	196	231	89	17	50	1,408	486	742	1,918	793	656	177	1,065	3,121
Outer West and Blue Mountains	3	1,292	1,482	272	272	116	20	74	1,469	537	737	1,986	606	869	252	1,455	4,026
Parramatta	8	1,656	1,787	176	275	277	57	135	2,359	778	1,293	2,837	1,176	1,008	474	3,281	3,513
Ryde	2	194	267	32	71	25	6	16	595	194	178	621	278	319	76	921	1,075
South West	4	1,574	1,400	198	222	203	29	118	2,207	451	1,222	2,262	1,038	671	285	2,370	3,209
Sutherland	0	463	692	79	119	37	3	24	501	211	272	858	456	312	133	807	1,909

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

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 fourth 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 four 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 57.4 percent of the time, with a personal victimisation rate of 2.7 percent. For households, NSW break-ins were reported to police 75.0 percent of the time, with a household victimisation rate of 2.8 percent. For NSW the above estimates for 2011-12 victimisation and report rates were not found to be significantly different to the corresponding rates published in the financial years 2008-9 to 2010-11.

[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.

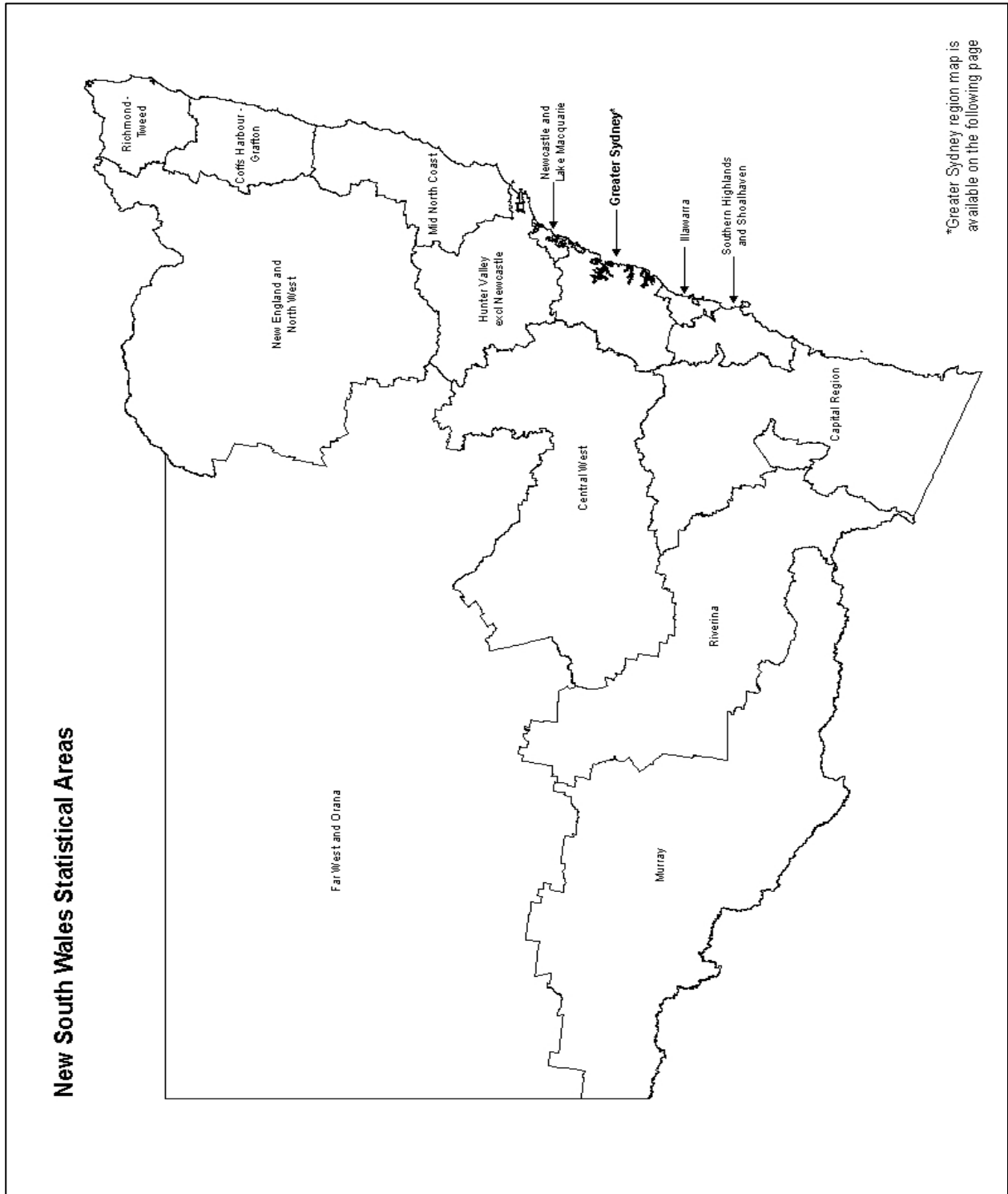
[7: refer to annual report] In order to present an overview of crime trends in NSW the information in Section 1 relates to aggregate *violent* and *property* crime. The State graphs for *violent* and *property offences* are plotted as monthly rates³ per 100,000 population. The State graph for *violent 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 downward 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*.

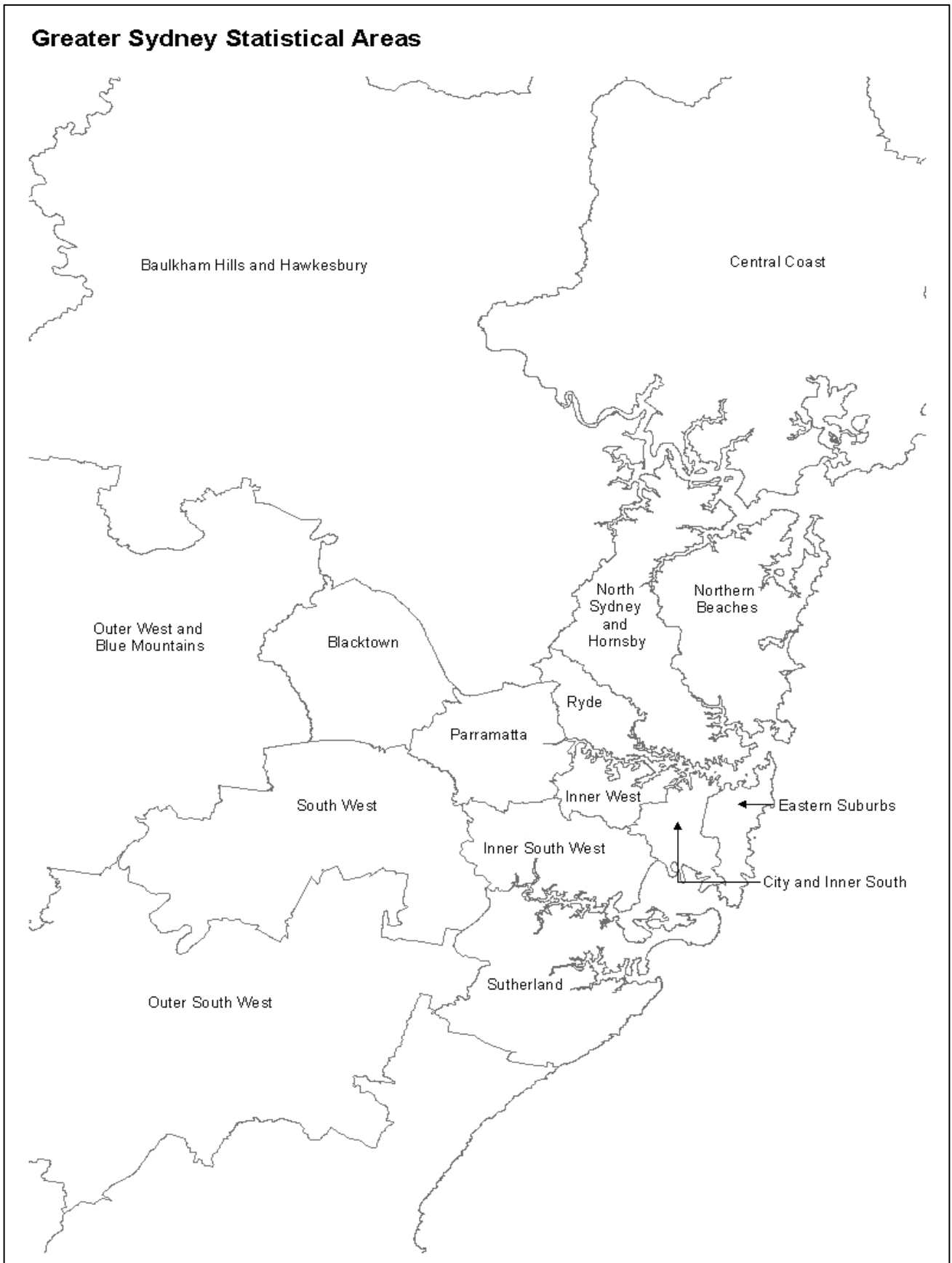
[8] The ratio to NSW rate statistics are a comparison of a NSW regional rate per 100,000 population to the NSW rate per 100,000 population. A ratio of one indicates parity with the NSW rate. Ratios indicating double the NSW rate (or more) before rounding are highlighted in red, whilst ratios indicating half the NSW rate (or less) before rounding are highlighted in yellow.

1. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2013, 45300D0001_201112 Crime Victimization, Australia, 2011-12, Cat. No. 4530.0, ABS, Sydney.

2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2013, 45300D0001_201112 Crime Victimization, Australia, 2011-12, 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 2011-12* Cat. No. 3218 (for 2011 and 2012 population estimates). As no population estimates were available for 2013 when this report was published, rates for 2013 were calculated using 2012 population estimates.





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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