

SNAPSHOT OF THE NSW CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM 2014

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REPORTING OF CRIME

Not all crimes are reported to and recorded by the police. In 2012/2013, these were the rates of reporting in NSW:



SELECTED TRENDS IN CRIME

BURGLARY

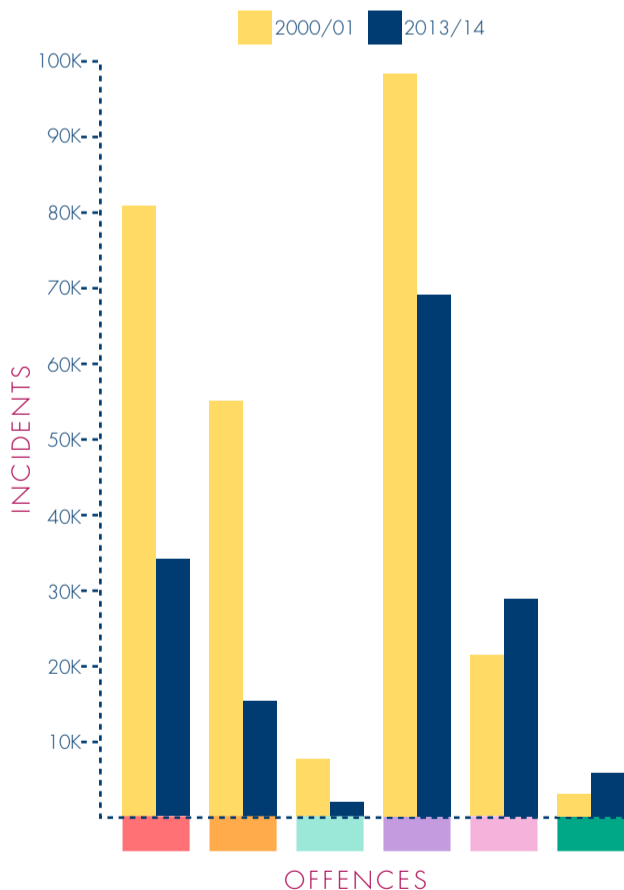
Burglary offences have fallen on average 6.5% each year since October 2000 from approx. 81,000 incidents in 2000/01 to approx. 34,000 incidents in 2013/14.

ROBBERY (WITHOUT WEAPON)

Robbery without a weapon has also fallen on average 9.7% each year since October 2000, falling from approximately 7,600 incidents in 2000/01 to 2000 incidents in 2013/14.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence related assaults have increased on average 2.1% each year since October 2000, rising from approximately 22,000 incidents in 2000/01 to 29,000 incidents in 2013/14.



MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Motor vehicle theft has fallen on average 9.7% each year since October 2000 from approx. 55,000 incidents in 2000/01 to approx. 15,000 in 2013/14.

MALICIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE

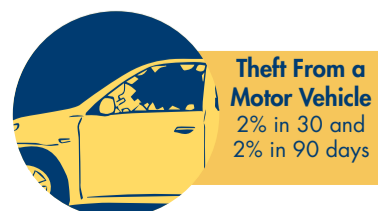
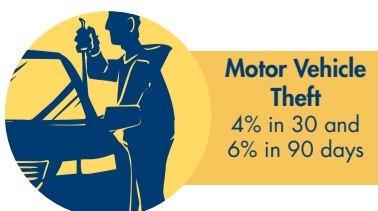
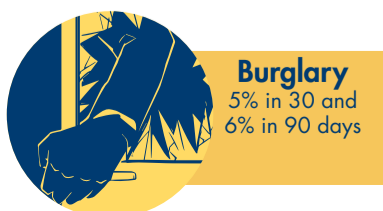
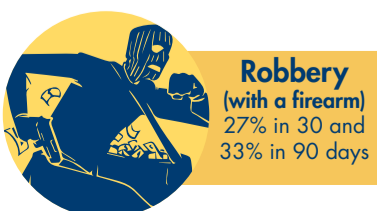
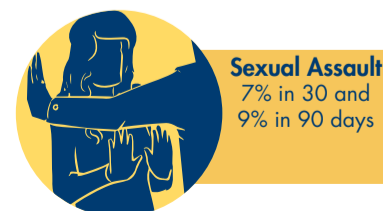
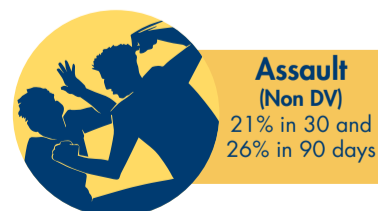
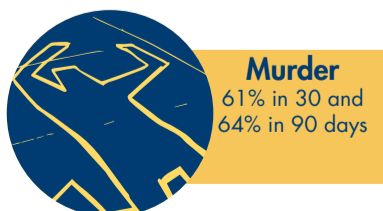
Malicious damage to property (which includes graffiti) has fallen on average 2.5% each year since October 2000, falling from approximately 97,000 incidents in 2000/01 to 69,000 incidents in 2013/14.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Incidents of sexual assault have also increased on average 2.1% each year since October 2000, rising from approximately 3,700 incidents in 2000/01 to 4,800 incidents in 2013/14.²

CLEAR-UP RATES

Of these offences that are reported and recorded by the police, the following percentage of offences were cleared within 30 and 90 days in 2013.



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POLICE



There were **17,334** sworn police officers in 2013/14, up from **15,020** in 2007/08.

With a budget of **\$3.4 billion**, the NSW Police Force is the **most expensive criminal justice agency in NSW**. This budget has increased by close to **\$1 billion** since 2007/08.⁴

COURTS



Courts in NSW cost approx. **\$395 million** to administer in 2013/14.

Approx. **180,000 matters were lodged** in NSW criminal courts in 2013/14.

There were approx. **265 judicial officers** in NSW in 2013/14.⁵

PRISON



At December 2014, there were **10,630 adult prisoners in NSW**.⁶

The average **out-of-cell time** was **8.2 hours** in 2013/14 and the **return to prison rate** was **45.8%** in 2013/14.

The **net operating expenses and capital costs** spent on running NSW prisons in 2013 was approx. **\$1 billion**.

The **net cost per prisoner** was **\$181.60** in 2013/14.⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE



At December 2014, there were **293 young people in juvenile justice centres in NSW**.

Of these, **150 were on remand** (police and court) and **151 were Indigenous young people**.⁸

The **rate of detention for Indigenous young people** in NSW is almost **29 times greater** than for **non-Indigenous young people**.⁹

¹ Productivity Commission (2015) **Report on Government Services - Justice Sector Overview**, Canberra, pages 6.35 and 6.36.

² This data has been extracted from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics Crime Trends Tool - <http://bocd.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/bocd/cmd/crimetrends/Init>

³ NSW Criminal Statistics 2013 - http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/agdbasev7wr/_assets/bocsar/m71685419/rcs2013.pdf

⁴ Ibid 1, at Table 6A.1.

⁵ Ibid 1, at Table 7.1, 7.2 and 7.12.

⁶ NSW Custody Statistics December 2014 - http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/agdbasev7wr/_assets/bocsar/m716854111/nswcustodystatisticsdec2014.pdf

⁷ Ibid 1, at Table 8A.2, Table 8A.26 and 8A.29.

⁸ Ibid 6.

⁹ Gotsis, T. (2014) **A statistical snapshot of crime and justice in New South Wales**, Statistical Indicators 10/14, NSW Parliamentary Research Service, Sydney.