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# Foreword

This collection of tables was prepared for the Second National Outlook Symposium on Crime in Australia (3-4 March 1997, Canberra). It was prepared so that participants would have a ready reference to inform some Symposium papers.

Working with crime statistics always creates ambiguity. There are no clear, unequivocal sets of numbers. Different events are reported and recorded in different ways. Counting methods vary over time and place. Victims' perceptions, experiences and recollections are very different to what the police report as crime. Not all criminal events are perceived as crimes, not all crimes are reported, and only a portion are cleared. There can also be confusion between numbers of incidents and numbers of victims—when offenders commit many offences the figures become all the more confusing. As a result, the following tables may contain what appear to be internal inconsistencies.

However, these data sources are the only ones available, and it is the role of the Australian Institute of Criminology to prepare materials based on available data, and in all our work, to add value to that data.

This collection presents a compilation of current and timely data so that policy makers, professionals and the public are informed about the state of crime in Australia. The Institute believes that an understanding of crime, based on statistics from diverse sources, is essential for the development of policies and practices.

The volume details:

- the level of crime in Australia and in States and Territories;
- the place of occurrence of crime by type of crime
- offenders, charges, and arrests;

- responses to crime—cost, personnel, case loads;
- international perspective.

These tables form part of the Data Warehouse currently being developed in the Australian Institute of Criminology and as the Warehouse grows, so too will our ability to add value to what often appears to be inconsistent and contradictory statistics.

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## Level of Crime as revealed by Police Statistics

Each police service in Australia records the number of incidents of various crimes reported to/detected by the police. The police services are created under State/

Territory/Commonwealth laws and they are independent of each other. The laws that define crime are also enacted by each legislature. Naturally, the crime statistics of each jurisdiction will be affected by the differences in definitions of crimes, and by police practices and procedures. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has been engaged in developing comparable criminal statistics for Australia. The Bureau has already produced National Crime Statistics for 1993, 1994 and 1995. However, these data still relate only to a few selected crimes; data on the most frequent violent crime of assault and the most frequent property crime of theft are available only for one year. The data in this section, therefore, have been compiled from the annual reports of various police services and hence they are *not strictly comparable*. The purpose of using these sets of statistics is to provide information on a large number of common crimes and for a five-year period.

### Property crime

From each State and Territory, statistics on common property crimes, for example, break, enter and steal, motor vehicle theft, stealing, arson, malicious damage, and fraud were compiled. The aggregate picture for Australia which is revealed by these statistics is that:

- the level of common property crimes in Australia has not shown either a sharp rise or fall in the last five years;
- there were about 1.4 million property offences reported to the police of various jurisdictions in 1995-96. This amounted to about one offence for every 13 people in Australia;
- stealing or theft (excluding motor vehicle theft) was the most frequent property crime in the country, followed by break, enter and steal, malicious damage to property, and motor vehicle theft;
- 60 per cent of all break, enter and steal offences took place in private homes; this amounts to 30 break and enter offences per 1000 private homes in Australia;
- in 1995-96, about 12 motor vehicles were stolen for every 1000 such vehicles registered.

### Violent crime

- Data on the two most common violent crimes, assault and robbery, show an increase during the last five years; within robbery, the level of armed robberies has remained fairly constant;
- on an average there have been 345 homicides a year in Australia, which is a rate of less than two per 100 000 population.



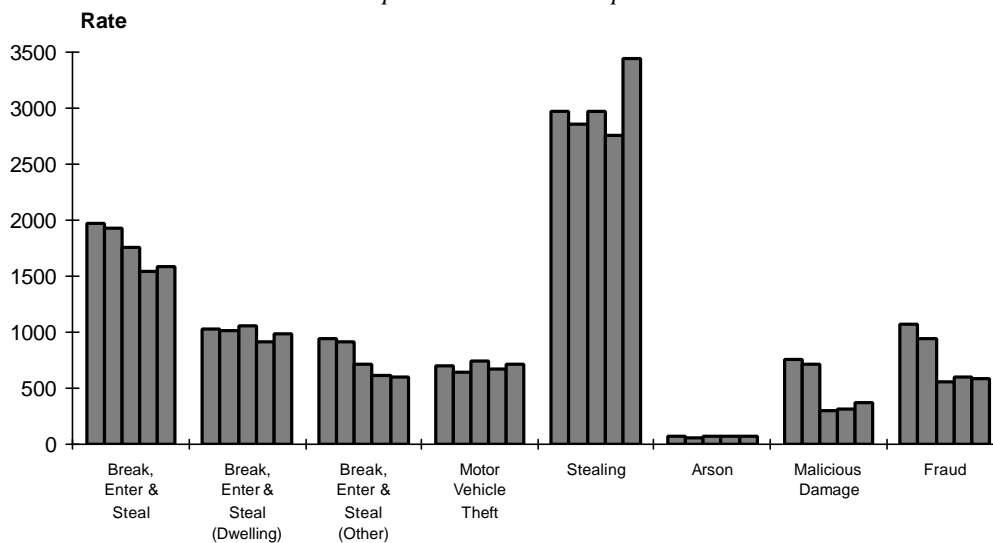
**Table 1.1: AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup>**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	356834	360751	366328	347808	359578
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	196156	198178	214480	206499	212139
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	160678	162573	151848	141309	147439
Motor Vehicle Theft	120083	121102	130066	131959	131768
Stealing	526426	527314	540928	536813	596060
Arson	8538	8623	9648	9889	11361
Malicious Damage	178466	196966	188018	210338	227223
Fraud	111029	110493	74999	80970	86130
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	2041.08	2043.17	2053.59	1926.49	1966.07
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	1122.01	1122.41	1202.35	1143.79	1159.92
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	919.07	920.76	851.24	782.70	806.16
Motor Vehicle Theft	686.87	685.88	729.13	730.91	720.47
Stealing	3011.14	2986.53	3032.38	2973.38	3259.09
Arson	48.84	48.84	54.09	54.77	62.73
Malicious Damage	1020.82	1115.55	1054.01	1165.05	1242.39
Fraud	635.08	625.79	420.44	448.49	470.94

1. Figures for Australia represent an aggregation of crime data from all States and Territories.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Figure 1.1: AUSTRALIA, 1991-92 to 1995-96**  
*Property Crime Reported to Police*  
*Rates per 100 000 Total Population*



**Table 1.2: NEW SOUTH WALES**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	90856	92415	96267	98037	108988
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	56229	58036	58650	59163	68138
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	34627	34379	37617	38874	40850
Motor Vehicle Theft	38817	40169	46905	47099	47536
Stealing	134362	144814	152732	152718	171010
Arson	2364	2460	3175	2964	3736
Malicious Damage <sup>1</sup>	51809	58483	59901	71370	76359
Fraud	29110	26811	14052	14868	19113
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	1524.76	1540.91	1591.39	1603.18	1760.67
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	943.64	967.68	969.54	967.48	1100.75
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	581.12	573.23	621.85	635.70	659.92
Motor Vehicle Theft	651.43	669.77	775.39	770.20	767.93
Stealing	2254.88	2414.60	2524.81	2497.37	2762.61
Arson	39.67	41.02	52.49	48.47	60.35
Malicious Damage <sup>1</sup>	869.47	975.13	990.22	1167.10	1233.56
Fraud	488.53	447.04	232.29	243.13	308.76

1. Figures on malicious damage to property for 1994 are for the 9 months from April to December.

**Source:** Adapted from Reports of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

**Table 1.3: VICTORIA<sup>1</sup>**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	87834	86007	78927	69203	71937
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	45954	45311	47227	41349	44748
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	41880	40696	31700	27854	27189
Motor Vehicle Theft	31368	28907	33086	30148	32468
Stealing	132237	127561	133016	124083	156742
Arson <sup>1</sup>	2969	2766	2947	3211	3439
Malicious Damage <sup>2</sup>	33579	31702	13709	14133	16936
Fraud	47681	41955	25082	26713	26942
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	1974.32	1926.60	1763.55	1537.16	1584.17
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	1032.95	1014.99	1055.24	918.46	985.42
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	941.37	911.61	708.31	618.70	598.74
Motor Vehicle Theft	705.09	647.53	739.28	669.66	715.00
Stealing	2972.41	2857.43	2972.12	2756.18	3451.70
Arson <sup>2</sup>	66.74	61.96	65.85	71.32	75.73
Malicious Damage	754.78	710.14	306.31	313.93	372.96
Fraud	1071.77	939.81	560.43	593.36	593.31

1. As of 1 July 1993, Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) has become the only source of crime statistics. Counting rules changed in financial year 1993-94. Figures vary significantly due to new counting methods used by LEAP.

2. For 1992-93 includes arson of motor vehicle.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.4: QUEENSLAND**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	64587	61965	70615	60736	64922
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	32606	32221	39889	34497	37236
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	31981	29744	30726	26239	27686
Motor Vehicle Theft	16473	16676	17851	19191	19550
Stealing	88087	92732	93816	94666	98371
Arson	1037	1217	1189	1272	1492
Malicious Damage	30133	36864	39858	46079	48008
Fraud	13314	16690	14524	15172	18331
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	2131.26	1988.60	2209.39	1853.19	1935.27
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	1075.94	1034.04	1248.04	1052.58	1109.97
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	1055.32	954.55	961.35	800.61	825.30
Motor Vehicle Theft	543.58	535.17	558.52	585.56	582.77
Stealing	2906.72	2975.98	2935.30	2888.47	2932.36
Arson	34.22	39.06	37.20	38.81	44.48
Malicious Damage	994.34	1183.05	1247.07	1405.97	1431.08
Fraud	439.34	535.62	454.42	462.93	546.43

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.5: WESTERN AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup>**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	51367	54331	53866	60309	56412
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	29497	30030	34656	41003	33433
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	21870	24301	19210	19306	22979
Motor Vehicle Theft	16644	20098	18510	20895	17571
Stealing	84360	70858	67487	72938	73388
Arson	479	529	564	580	609
Malicious Damage	26478	30810	31619	34401	39569
Fraud	10472	13509	9421	11914	7537
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	3099.85	3241.05	3166.61	3482.60	3200.26
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	1780.06	1791.40	2037.31	2367.76	1896.66
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	1319.79	1449.65	1129.29	1114.84	1303.60
Motor Vehicle Theft	1004.42	1198.92	1088.14	1206.60	996.80
Stealing	5090.88	4226.94	3967.34	4211.87	4163.31
Arson	28.91	31.56	33.16	33.49	34.55
Malicious Damage	1597.87	1837.93	1858.78	1986.52	2244.75
Fraud	631.95	805.86	553.83	687.99	427.57

1. Data for 1991-92 and 1992-93 are based on calendar year counts for 1992 and 1993, received from the Crime Research Centre.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports, and Western Australia Crime Research Centre reports for 1991-92, and 1992-93.

**Table 1.6: SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	40539	41596	39706	33831	30830
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	22177	21673	21775	19373	17158
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	18362	19923	17931	14458	13672
Motor Vehicle Theft	12875	11299	9360	9732	9390
Stealing	52065	54074	51477	50326	51991
Arson	1389	1376	1410	1511	1657
Malicious Damage	23401	25031	26920	27693	27614
Fraud	7693	7711	7709	8268	9954
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	2783.46	2843.40	2702.24	2295.24	2084.30
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	1522.70	1481.52	1481.93	1314.35	1159.99
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	1260.76	1361.89	1220.32	980.89	924.31
Motor Vehicle Theft	884.01	772.37	637.01	660.26	634.82
Stealing	3574.85	3696.37	3503.34	3414.33	3514.92
Arson	95.37	94.06	95.96	102.51	112.02
Malicious Damage	1606.74	1711.06	1832.08	1878.81	1866.88
Fraud	528.21	527.11	524.65	560.94	672.95

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.7: TASMANIA**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	12374	14399	17423	15877	16416
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	4337	5270	6245	5309	5409
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	8037	9129	11178	10568	11007
Motor Vehicle Theft	1266	1269	1601	2047	2595
Stealing	20367	20166	22889	21413	21084
Arson	80	67	95	123	130
Malicious Damage	3160	3543	4821	5258	5901
Fraud	1393	1397	1584	1968	1791
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	2633.62	3054.84	3687.69	3356.50	3467.83
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	923.06	1118.07	1321.79	1122.36	1142.64
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	1710.55	1936.78	2365.89	2234.15	2325.20
Motor Vehicle Theft	269.45	269.23	338.86	432.75	548.19
Stealing	4334.81	4278.35	4844.60	4526.85	4453.94
Arson	17.03	14.21	20.11	26.00	27.46
Malicious Damage	672.56	751.67	1020.40	1111.58	1246.57
Fraud	296.48	296.38	335.26	416.05	378.34

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.8: NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	4247	4474	3954	4809	5064
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	2548 <sup>1</sup>	2126	2324	2587	2727
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	1699 <sup>1</sup>	2348	1630	2222	2337
Motor Vehicle Theft	957	1088	1096	1123	1135
Stealing	5518	5118	6445	7089	7347
Arson	18	19	19	19	n/a
Malicious Damage	3959	5028	5072	6280	6259
Fraud	521	522	355	338	354
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	2541.73	2642.58	2311.31	2765.73	2849.39
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	1524.92	1255.73	1358.49	1487.82	1534.42
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	1016.81	1386.85	952.81	1277.91	1314.98
Motor Vehicle Theft	572.74	642.63	640.67	645.86	638.64
Stealing	3302.39	3022.96	3767.42	4077.00	4133.95
Arson	10.77	11.22	11.11	10.93	n/a
Malicious Damage	2369.37	2969.81	2964.83	3611.73	3521.79
Fraud	311.81	308.32	207.51	194.39	199.19

1. These figures have been estimated.  
n/a - Not available.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.9: AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
*Property Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	5030	5564	5570	5006	5009
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	2808	3511	3714	3218	3290
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	2222	2053	1856	1788	1719
Motor Vehicle Theft	1683	1596	1657	1724	1523
Stealing	9430	11991	13066	13580	16127
Arson	202	189	249	209	298
Malicious Damage	5947	5505	6118	5124	6577
Fraud	845	1898	2272	1729	2108
	<b>Rate (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Break, Enter & Steal (Total)	1709.96	1861.49	1851.32	1646.03	1628.88
Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling)	954.59	1174.64	1234.43	1058.12	1069.88
Break, Enter & Steal (Other)	755.37	686.85	616.88	587.92	559.00
Motor Vehicle Theft	572.14	533.96	550.74	566.87	495.27
Stealing	3205.75	4011.71	4342.78	4465.27	5244.37
Arson	68.67	63.23	82.76	68.72	96.91
Malicious Damage	2021.70	1841.75	2033.46	1684.83	2138.79
Fraud	287.26	634.99	755.15	568.52	685.50

**Source:** Adapted from Australian Federal Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.10: AUSTRALIA, Break, Enter & Steal (Dwelling) Offences  
Reported to Police, Number and Rate Per 100 000 Dwellings**

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 <sup>1</sup>	1993-94	1994-95 <sup>1</sup>	1995-96 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Number</b>						
NSW	57205	56229	58036	58650	59163	68138
VIC	49995	45954	45311	47227	41349	44748
QLD	27644	32606	32221	39889	34497	37236
WA	24378	29497	30030	34656	41003	33433
SA	25079	22177	21673	21775	19373	17158
TAS	3093	4337	5270	6245	5309	5409
NT	3003 <sup>2</sup>	2548	2126	2324	2587	2727
ACT	2331	2808	3511	3714	3218	3290
Australia	192728	196156	198178	214480	201681	212139
<b>Rate per 100 000 Dwellings</b>						
NSW	2981.65	2633.43	2699.44	2621.58	2566.95	2849.87
VIC	3483.05	2883.48	2831.41	2849.12	2445.58	2561.34
QLD	2866.32	2977.44	2884.57	3340.51	2761.84	2884.69
WA	4613.87	4851.48	4997.30	5409.08	6247.37	4929.18
SA	4996.81	3953.82	3846.88	3703.86	3273.49	2805.43
TAS	1946.80	2576.95	3121.34	3406.98	2890.75	2849.92
NT	6730.77	4718.52	3885.59	3494.74	3744.66	3819.60
ACT	2582.77	2631.68	3238.33	3358.05	2846.73	2816.27
Australia	3415.71	3102.80	3114.28	3211.79	2940.58	2989.28

1. Rates based on estimated number of dwellings.

2. These figures have been estimated.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports, and Australian Bureau of Statistics dwellings data.

**Table 1.11: AUSTRALIA, Motor Vehicle Theft Offences Reported to Police,  
Number and Rate Per 100 000 Registered Motor Vehicles**

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Number</b>						
NSW	48117	38817	40169	46905	47099	47536
VIC	35721	31368	28907	33086	30148	32468
QLD	16085	16473	16676	17851	19191	19550
WA	19841	16644	20098	18510	20895	17571
SA	15303	12875	11299	9360	9732	9390
TAS	1558	1266	1269	1601	2047	2595
NT	1389	957	1088	1096	1123	1135
ACT	1479	1683	1596	1657	1724	1523
Australia	139493	120083	121102	130066	131959	131768
<b>Rate per 100 000 Registered Motor Vehicles</b>						
NSW	1573.07	1210.08	1241.70	1437.26	1420.96	1422.54
VIC	1287.15	1168.36	1063.38	1178.23	1050.86	1111.48
QLD	978.82	898.79	880.05	903.85	941.24	935.58
WA	1866.69	1538.55	1809.00	1620.27	1773.62	1462.46
SA	1783.98	1447.44	1249.06	1017.17	1040.86	993.24
TAS	522.47	416.31	408.43	506.49	640.29	803.99
NT	1710.59	1184.41	1299.88	1191.30	1164.94	1122.39
ACT	943.84	1018.77	922.01	906.46	937.98	811.97
Australia	1404.18	1171.90	1160.93	1215.66	1206.71	1186.09

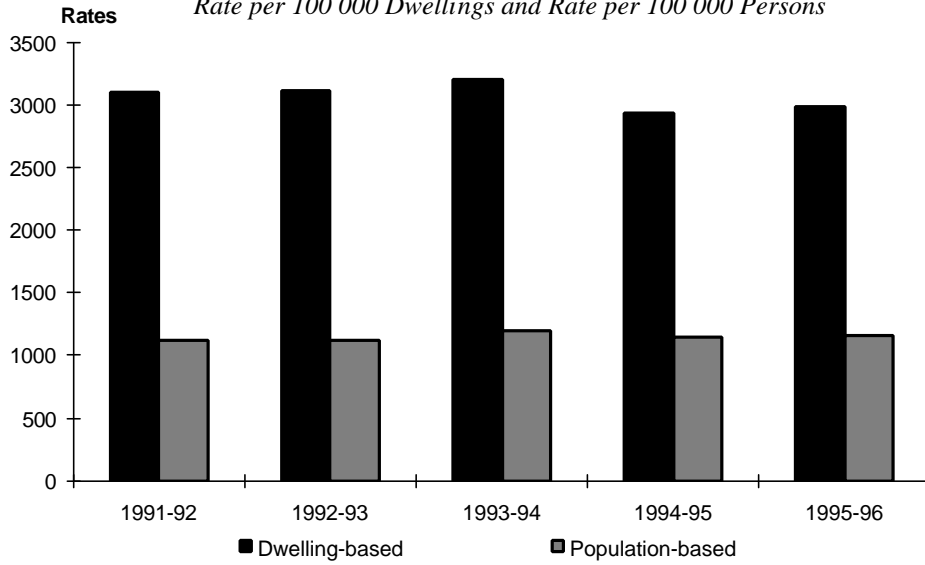
1. Rates based on estimates of the number of registered motor vehicles.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports and Australian Bureau of Statistics data on registration of motor vehicles.

**Figure 1.2a: AUSTRALIA, 1991-92 to 1995-96**

*Break and Enter (Dwelling)*

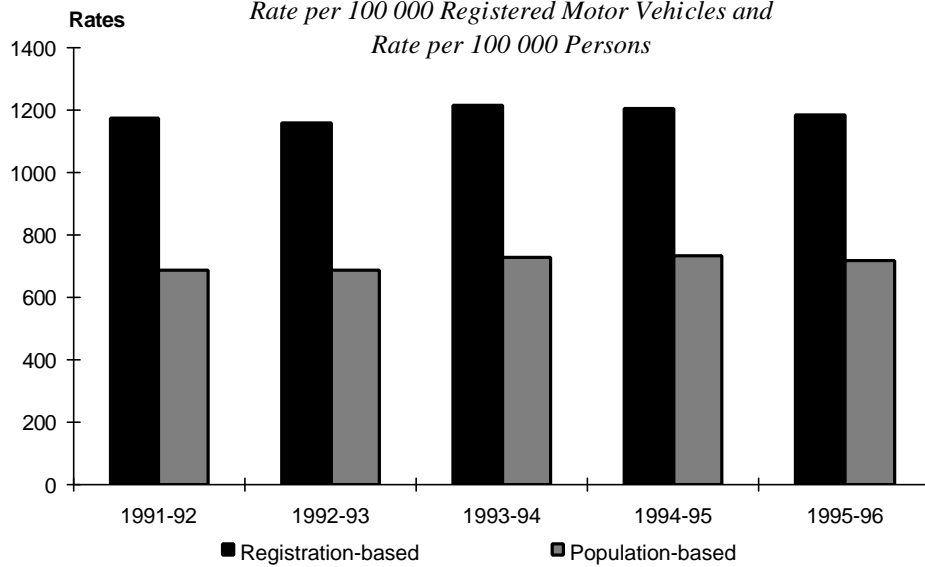
*Rate per 100 000 Dwellings and Rate per 100 000 Persons*



**Figure 1.2b: AUSTRALIA, 1991-92 to 1995-96**

*Motor Vehicle Theft*

*Rate per 100 000 Registered Motor Vehicles and Rate per 100 000 Persons*



**Table 1.12: AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup>**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide <sup>2</sup>	345	353	336	357	364
Assault	78442	87543	95659	101100	111379
Robbery (Total)	11370	12539	12649	13187	14655
Armed Robbery <sup>3</sup>	4979	5168	5306	4881	5285
Unarmed Robbery	6391	7371	7343	8306	9370
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide <sup>2</sup>	1.97	2.00	1.88	1.98	1.99
Assault	448.69	495.81	536.25	559.99	608.99
Robbery (Total)	65.04	71.02	70.91	73.04	80.13
Armed Robbery <sup>3</sup>	28.48	29.27	29.74	27.04	28.90
Unarmed Robbery	36.56	41.75	41.16	46.01	51.23

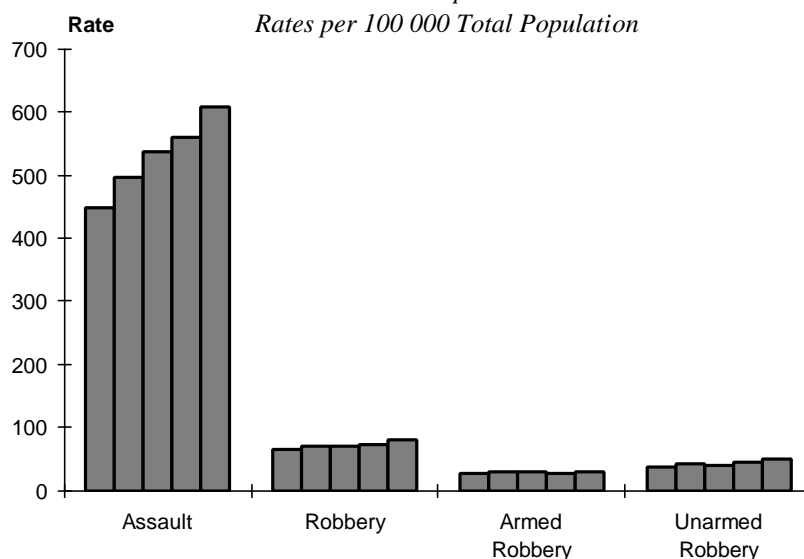
1. Figures for Australia represent an aggregation of crime data from all States and Territories.

2. Murder, Manslaughter (not by driving), Infanticide.

3. Includes firearms and other types of weapons.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Figure 1.3: AUSTRALIA, 1991-92 to 1995-96**  
*Violent Crime Reported to Police*  
*Rates per 100 000 Total Population*





**Table 1.13: NEW SOUTH WALES**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	113	116	117	112	122
Assault	31620	36076	36076	36345	43494
Robbery (Total)	5634	5930	6117	6329	7321
Armed Robbery	2569	2405	2313	2130	2528
Unarmed Robbery	3065	3525	3804	4199	4793
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	1.90	1.93	1.93	1.83	1.97
Assault	530.65	601.52	596.37	594.34	702.63
Robbery (Total)	94.55	98.88	101.12	103.50	118.27
Armed Robbery	43.11	40.10	38.24	34.83	40.84
Unarmed Robbery	51.44	58.78	62.88	68.67	77.43

**Source:** Adapted from Reports of the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

**Table 1.14: VICTORIA<sup>1</sup>**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	62	62	64	79	67
Assault	12457	13738	17224	19508	19340
Robbery	1933	1893	1765	1723	1827
Armed Robbery	889	876	990	656	652
Unarmed Robbery	1044	1017	775	1067	1175
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	1.39	1.39	1.43	1.75	1.48
Assault	280.01	307.74	384.85	433.32	425.90
Robbery	43.45	42.40	39.44	38.27	40.23
Armed Robbery	19.98	19.62	22.12	14.57	14.36
Unarmed Robbery	23.47	22.78	17.32	23.70	25.88

1. As of 1 July 1993, Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) has become the only source of crime statistics. Counting rules changed in financial year 1993-94. Figures vary significantly due to new counting methods used by LEAP.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.15: QUEENSLAND**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	70	75	56	52	63
Assault	12764	14517	15737	16502	17397
Robbery	1511	1783	1768	1885	2041
Armed Robbery	641	884	929	912	858
Unarmed Robbery	870	899	839	973	1183
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	2.31	2.41	1.75	1.59	1.88
Assault	421.19	465.88	492.38	503.51	518.59
Robbery	49.86	57.22	55.32	57.52	60.84
Armed Robbery	21.15	28.37	29.07	27.83	25.58
Unarmed Robbery	28.71	28.85	26.25	29.69	35.26

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.16: WESTERN AUSTRALIA<sup>1</sup>**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	37	46	37	50	34
Assault	7251	7724	8979	10341	11946
Robbery	698	1033	1095	1366	1559
Armed Robbery	406	461	475	652	776
Unarmed Robbery	292	572	620	714	783
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	2.23	2.74	2.18	2.89	1.93
Assault	437.58	460.77	527.85	597.15	677.70
Robbery	42.12	61.62	64.37	78.88	88.44
Armed Robbery	24.50	27.50	27.92	37.65	44.02
Unarmed Robbery	17.62	34.12	36.45	41.23	44.42

1. Data for 1991-92 and 1992-93 are based on calendar year counts for 1992 and 1993, received from the Crime Research Centre.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.17: SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	31	29	29	32	14
Assault	10652	11257	12616	12933	12441
Robbery	1319	1594	1562	1581	1489
Armed Robbery	385	442	490	443	353
Unarmed Robbery	934	1152	1072	1138	1136
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	2.13	1.98	1.97	2.17	0.95
Assault	731.38	769.50	858.60	877.43	841.09
Robbery	90.56	108.96	106.30	107.26	100.67
Armed Robbery	26.43	30.21	33.35	30.05	23.87
Unarmed Robbery	64.13	78.75	72.96	77.21	76.80

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.18: TASMANIA**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	11	6	4	4	40 <sup>1</sup>
Assault	1135	1313	1688	1792	1944
Robbery	96	109	135	119	133
Armed Robbery	29	42	45	46	42
Unarmed Robbery	67	67	90	73	91
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	2.34	1.27	0.85	0.85	8.45
Assault	241.57	278.56	357.28	378.84	410.66
Robbery	20.43	23.13	28.57	25.16	28.10
Armed Robbery	6.17	8.91	9.52	9.72	8.87
Unarmed Robbery	14.26	14.21	19.05	15.43	19.22

1. Includes 35 victims of the Port Arthur massacre.

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.19: NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	20	18	27	24	23
Assault	1553	1700	1969	2142	3024
Robbery	73	67	65	74	103
Armed Robbery	7	12	12	14	11
Unarmed Robbery	66	55	53	60	92
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	11.97	10.63	15.78	13.80	12.94
Assault	929.43	1004.11	1150.98	1231.90	1701.53
Robbery	43.69	39.57	38.00	42.56	57.96
Armed Robbery	4.19	7.09	7.01	8.05	6.19
Unarmed Robbery	39.50	32.49	30.98	34.51	51.77

**Source:** Adapted from Police Annual Reports.

**Table 1.20: AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
*Violent Crimes Reported to the Police, 1991-92 to 1995-96*

<i>Crime</i>	<b>1991-92</b>	<b>1992-93</b>	<b>1993-94</b>	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>1995-96</b>
	<b>Number</b>				
Homicide	1	1	2	4	1
Assault	1010	1218	1370	1537	1793
Robbery	106	130	142	110	182
Armed Robbery	53	46	52	28	65
Unarmed Robbery	53	84	90	82	117
	<b>Rates (per 100 000 population)</b>				
Homicide	0.34	0.33	0.66	1.32	0.33
Assault	343.35	407.49	455.35	505.38	583.07
Robbery	36.03	43.49	47.20	36.17	59.18
Armed Robbery	18.02	15.39	17.28	9.21	21.14
Unarmed Robbery	18.02	28.10	29.91	26.96	38.05

**Source:** Adapted from Australian Federal Police Annual Reports.

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## Crime and Place

Offenders choose targets for their criminal activity and these depend upon the type of crime they intend to commit. A knowledge of the location where specific types of crimes tend to occur could help law enforcement in planning measures to contain crime. The Australian Bureau of Statistics now publishes statistics on this subject. The 1995 National Crime Statistics show:

### **Property crime**

- Two out of three break and enter offences and attempts in Australia occur in residential locations and a vast majority of these occur in private dwellings. Except for Tasmania, a majority of these offences take place in private residential buildings. Retail outlets are the most frequent targets of break and enter among non-residential locations.
- More than one in three stolen motor vehicles are taken from streets and footpaths, and car parks are the second most frequent targets. There appears some marked differences in this pattern across States and Territories. Residential locations are the most favoured targets for stealing motor vehicles in Western Australia and the Northern Territory. In New South Wales more than three out of four stolen motor vehicles are taken from community locations such as the street/footpath and car parks.
- Other thefts (excluding break, enter and steal, and motor vehicle thefts) occur in all types of locations. However, a quarter of such thefts take place in retail outlets. Some differences across States/Territories are notable. About a third of these thefts in Western Australia take

place in private dwellings, and a quarter of other thefts in New South Wales occur on the street/footpath.

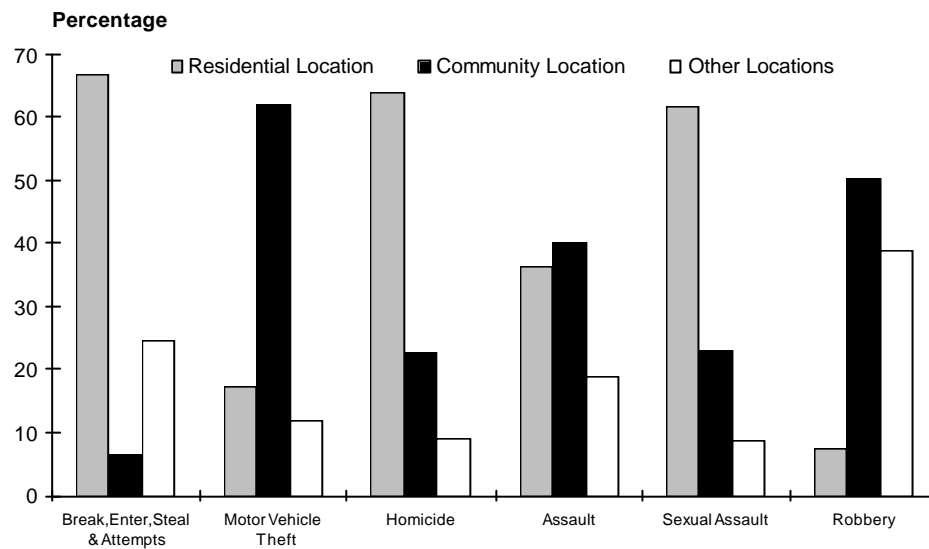
### **Violent crime**

- About two in three homicides in Australia take place in residential locations and a majority of these occur in private dwellings. More than six out of ten homicides in New South Wales and Victoria occurs in private dwellings. Approximately 46 per cent of the homicides in the Northern Territory take place in community locations such as street/footpaths.
- Assaults, both common and serious, (excluding sexual assaults) take place in all types of locations; however, about one in three take place in private dwellings. Another quarter of such assaults occur in open areas such as the street/footpath. More than half of the assaults in the Australian Capital Territory take place in community locations.
- The most common place for the crime of robbery is the street/footpath. This pattern varies across States and

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- Territories. In WA and Tasmania, retail outlets are the most common targets of robbery.
- Over six in ten sexual assaults in Australia take place in residential locations and most of these locations are private homes.

**Figure 2.1: AUSTRALIA, 1995**  
*Percentage of Victims by Location of Offence*



**Table 2.1: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
*Break, Enter, Steal and Attempts*

<i>Place of Offence</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>91808</b>	<b>43587</b>	<b>45285</b>	<b>41770</b>	<b>21122</b>	<b>6791</b>	<b>3168</b>	<b>3241</b>	<b>256772</b>
Private Dwelling	80093	37755	41762	40797	16800	5207		3006	225420
Other Dwelling	11715	5832	3523	973	4322	1584	3168	235	31352
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>8415</b>	<b>4996</b>	<b>5064</b>	<b>4022</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>25905</b>
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>31711</b>	<b>18306</b>	<b>15416</b>	<b>14941</b>	<b>7554</b>	<b>3667</b>	<b>1872</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>94671</b>
Retail	17613	9622	7730	9290	4142	2632	970	764	52763
Recreation	3948	1706	2252	1509	198	515	223	55	10406
Other	10150	6978	5434	4142	3214	520	679	385	31502
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>4034</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>7549</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133216</b>	<b>70923</b>	<b>67557</b>	<b>61027</b>	<b>30665</b>	<b>11351</b>	<b>5285</b>	<b>4873</b>	<b>384897</b>
<b>Percentage of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>66.7</b>
Private Dwelling	60.1	53.2	61.8	66.9	54.8	45.9	0.0	61.7	58.6
Other Dwelling	8.8	8.2	5.2	1.6	14.1	14.0	59.9	4.8	8.1
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>24.6</b>
Retail	13.2	13.6	11.4	15.2	13.5	23.2	18.4	15.7	13.7
Recreation	3.0	2.4	3.3	2.5	0.6	4.5	4.2	1.1	2.7
Other	7.6	9.8	8.0	6.8	10.5	4.6	12.8	7.9	8.2
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Adapted from 1995 National Crime Statistics ABS Catalogue No. 4150.0, 1996.

**Table 2.2: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*

<i>Place of Offence</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Number of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>6126</b>	<b>3809</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>7499</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>21807</b>
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>36009</b>	<b>17720</b>	<b>12765</b>	<b>5882</b>	<b>4480</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>78863</b>
Street/Footpath	20727	13723	5208	2227	4426	203	0	0	46514
Car park	12822	1861	6711	1658		66	0	747	23865
Other	2460	2136	846	1997	54	90	474	427	8484
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>2583</b>	<b>6927</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>4447</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15208</b>
Retail	1374	5322	361	2916	185	164	38	17	10377
Recreation	579	524	57	778	30	106	6	7	2087
Other	630	1081	179	753	43	22	28	8	2744
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1870</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>3872</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2844</b>	<b>1587</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11041</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46588</b>	<b>29259</b>	<b>18397</b>	<b>17869</b>	<b>9976</b>	<b>2251</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>126919</b>
<b>Percentage of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>62.1</b>
Street/Footpath	44.5	46.9	28.3	12.5	44.4	9.0	0.0	0.0	36.6
Car park	27.5	6.4	36.5	9.3	0.0	2.9	0.0	48.0	18.8
Other	5.3	7.3	4.6	11.2	0.5	4.0	46.4	27.4	6.7
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>
Retail	2.9	18.2	2.0	16.3	1.9	7.3	3.7	1.1	8.2
Recreation	1.2	1.8	0.3	4.4	0.3	4.7	0.6	0.4	1.6
Other	1.4	3.7	1.0	4.2	0.4	1.0	2.7	0.5	2.2
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Adapted from 1995 National Crime Statistics ABS Catalogue No. 4150.0, 1996.



**Table 2.3: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
*Other Theft*

<i>Place of Offence</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
	<b>Number of Victims</b>								
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>10226</b>	<b>21678</b>	<b>7828</b>	<b>26451</b>	<b>13215</b>	<b>3449</b>	<b>2426</b>	<b>2735</b>	<b>88008</b>
Private Dwelling	3860	10752	4391	24624	4155	722	0	2443	50947
Other Dwelling	6366	10926	3437	1827	9060	2727	2426	292	37061
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>69006</b>	<b>37496</b>	<b>27321</b>	<b>18836</b>	<b>22212</b>	<b>3437</b>	<b>2759</b>	<b>4075</b>	<b>185142</b>
Street/Footpath	34378	20528	8889	5944	2884	2189	0	0	74812
Car park	14275	9081	10397	4430	1190	99	0	1608	41080
Other	20353	7887	8035	8462	18138	1149	2759	2467	69250
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>53475</b>	<b>35602</b>	<b>28332</b>	<b>29229</b>	<b>15285</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>1468</b>	<b>3164</b>	<b>170690</b>
Retail	35494	27007	20684	20497	10971	2808	1107	2314	120882
Recreation	8087	2951	3626	3361	1167	701	95	141	20129
Other	9894	5644	4022	5371	3147	626	266	709	29679
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>6704</b>	<b>16913</b>	<b>21217</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>45945</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>139411</b>	<b>111689</b>	<b>84698</b>	<b>75096</b>	<b>50878</b>	<b>11040</b>	<b>6653</b>	<b>10320</b>	<b>489785</b>
	<b>Percentage of Victims</b>								
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>18.0</b>
Private Dwelling	2.8	9.6	5.2	32.8	8.2	6.5	0.0	23.7	10.4
Other Dwelling	4.6	9.8	4.1	2.4	17.8	24.7	36.5	2.8	7.6
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>37.8</b>
Street/Footpath	24.7	18.4	10.5	7.9	5.7	19.8	0.0	0.0	15.3
Car park	10.2	8.1	12.3	5.9	2.3	0.9	0.0	15.6	8.4
Other	14.6	7.1	9.5	11.3	35.6	10.4	41.5	23.9	14.1
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>34.8</b>
Retail	25.5	24.2	24.4	27.3	21.6	25.4	16.6	22.4	24.7
Recreation	5.8	2.6	4.3	4.5	2.3	6.3	1.4	1.4	4.1
Other	7.1	5.1	4.7	7.2	6.2	5.7	4.0	6.9	6.1
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 2.4: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
*Homicide*

<i>Place of Offence</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>224</b>
Private Dwelling	70	41	39	29	9	3	0	0	191
Other Dwelling	4	6	5	0	6	1	11	0	33
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>80</b>
Street/Footpath	11	7	5	7	0	1	0	0	31
Car park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other	13	10	7	2	4	1	11	0	48
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
Retail	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
Recreation	1	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	9
Other	4	1	1	7	3	0	1	0	17
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>351</b>
<b>Percentage of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>63.8</b>
Private Dwelling	63.1	61.2	57.4	56.9	39.1	50.0	0.0	0.0	54.4
Other Dwelling	3.6	9.0	7.4	0.0	26.1	16.7	45.8	0.0	9.4
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22.8</b>
Street/Footpath	9.9	10.4	7.4	13.7	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	8.8
Car park	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.3
Other	11.7	14.9	10.3	3.9	17.4	16.7	45.8	0.0	13.7
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Retail	2.7	1.5	0.0	2.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Recreation	0.9	0.0	2.9	9.8	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	2.6
Other	3.6	1.5	1.5	13.7	13.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	4.8
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 2.5: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
 Assault

<i>Place of Offence</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>14529</b>	<b>5475</b>	<b>4533</b>	<b>4450</b>	<b>5791</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>36678</b>
Private Dwelling	13494	4552	4356	4113	4217	631	0	326	31689
Other Dwelling	1035	923	177	337	1574	147	769	27	4989
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>15352</b>	<b>7000</b>	<b>6735</b>	<b>3826</b>	<b>5118</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>40514</b>
Street/Footpath	10045	4609	4305	2446	3218	597	0	0	25220
Car park	799	261	576	274	419	12	0	42	2383
Other	4508	2130	1854	1106	1481	191	917	724	12911
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>7037</b>	<b>3153</b>	<b>2813</b>	<b>2671</b>	<b>2452</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>19163</b>
Retail	1823	2059	848	1795	1567	305	203	76	8676
Recreation	4632	690	1748	565	475	137	88	9	8344
Other	582	404	217	311	410	13	52	154	2143
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>3506</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4794</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37856</b>	<b>15807</b>	<b>17587</b>	<b>10990</b>	<b>13457</b>	<b>2034</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>101149</b>
<b>Percentage of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>36.3</b>
Private Dwelling	35.6	28.8	24.8	37.4	31.3	31.0	0.0	23.5	31.3
Other Dwelling	2.7	5.8	1.0	3.1	11.7	7.2	37.9	1.9	5.0
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>40.1</b>
Street/Footpath	26.5	29.2	24.5	22.3	23.9	29.4	0.0	0.0	24.9
Car park	2.1	1.7	3.3	2.5	3.1	0.6	0.0	3.0	2.4
Other	11.9	13.5	10.5	10.1	11.0	9.4	45.2	52.1	12.8
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>
Retail	4.8	13.0	4.8	16.3	11.6	15.0	10.0	5.5	8.6
Recreation	12.2	4.4	9.9	5.1	3.5	6.7	4.3	0.6	8.2
Other	1.5	2.6	1.2	2.8	3.0	0.6	2.6	11.1	2.1
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 2.6: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
*Sexual Assault*

<i>Place of Offence</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Number of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>2155</b>	<b>1557</b>	<b>1752</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>7886</b>
Private Dwelling	2004	1431	1688	1213	838	77	0	48	7299
Other Dwelling	151	126	64	58	113	9	66	0	587
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>1434</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2965</b>
Street/Footpath	505	210	148	129	73	20	0	0	1085
Car park	67	24	11	19	17	7	0	2	147
Other	862	316	175	133	164	14	50	19	1733
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1102</b>
Retail	87	79	37	68	38	15	10	1	335
Recreation	107	128	134	71	43	10	1	0	504
Other	53	61	18	77	58	3	0	3	263
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>856</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4039</b>	<b>2799</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>1781</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12809</b>
<b>Percentage of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>61.6</b>
Private Dwelling	49.6	51.1	68.3	68.1	61.7	48.1	0.0	64.0	57.0
Other Dwelling	3.7	4.5	2.6	3.3	8.3	5.6	52.0	0.0	4.6
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>23.1</b>
Street/Footpath	12.5	7.5	6.0	7.2	5.4	12.5	0.0	0.0	8.5
Car park	1.7	0.9	0.4	1.1	1.3	4.4	0.0	2.7	1.1
Other	21.3	11.3	7.1	7.5	12.1	8.8	39.4	25.3	13.5
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Retail	2.2	2.8	1.5	3.8	2.8	9.4	7.9	1.3	2.6
Recreation	2.6	4.6	5.4	4.0	3.2	6.3	0.8	0.0	3.9
Other	1.3	2.2	0.7	4.3	4.3	1.9	0.0	4.0	2.1
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 2.7: AUSTRALIA**  
*Location where Offence Occurred, 1995*  
 Robbery

<i>Place of Offence</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1213</b>
Private Dwelling	484	114	145	158	110	18	0	10	1039
Other Dwelling	68	24	22	23	23	3	9	2	174
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>4993</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>8250</b>
Street/Footpath	3451	606	567	314	553	38	0	0	5529
Car park	370	69	117	47	118	4	0	11	736
Other	1172	191	151	85	231	6	53	96	1985
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>3869</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6420</b>
Retail	2641	397	489	605	215	46	11	25	4429
Recreation	577	87	113	54	135	7	0	0	973
Other	651	87	83	108	69	3	2	15	1018
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>583</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9588</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>16466</b>
<b>Percentage of Victims</b>									
<b>Residential Location</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Private Dwelling	5.0	6.7	7.4	11.3	7.5	14.4	0.0	6.3	6.3
Other Dwelling	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.6	1.6	2.4	12.0	1.3	1.1
<b>Community Location</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>50.1</b>
Street/Footpath	36.0	35.5	29.1	22.4	37.8	30.4	0.0	0.0	33.6
Car park	3.9	4.0	6.0	3.3	8.1	3.2	0.0	6.9	4.5
Other	12.2	11.2	7.8	6.1	15.8	4.8	70.7	60.0	12.1
<b>Other Locations</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>39.0</b>
Retail	27.5	23.3	25.1	43.1	14.7	36.8	14.7	15.6	26.9
Recreation	6.0	5.1	5.8	3.8	9.2	5.6	0.0	0.0	5.9
Other	6.8	5.1	4.3	7.7	4.7	2.4	2.7	9.4	6.2
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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## Offender Profiles

These tables about offenders should be interpreted with great caution.

They are presented to give some **indicative view** of the number and rates (over time) of offenders arrested/identified for certain crimes.

It must be remembered that a minority of property crimes are cleared, and thus generalising to the population as a whole leaves a great deal to be desired. Our knowledge about who commits crime is based on the fraction of offences that are cleared, and thus definitive judgment should be avoided.

Clearance is also a difficult concept. Different jurisdictions use different definitions of “cleared”:

*Victoria:*

Alleged offenders processed (also alleged distinct offenders)

*Queensland:*

Offenders associated with cleared offences

*Western Australia:*

Arrests, summonses and cautions

*South Australia:*

Offenders recorded

*Tasmania:*

Charges laid

*Northern Territory:*

Arrests

*ACT:*

Arrest details

Although the States and Territories provide the above information by gender and age it would be inaccurate to call these “offenders”. Also, it would be inappropriate to aggregate these under any category, “offenders”, “arrests”, “charges”, etc.

It must also be noted that some “offenders” are apprehended for multiple offences, and in some cases the base number is the number of offences, in others the number of “offenders”.

The tables below give the number of offences cleared (number) and the rate of offenders per 100 000 men, women and total population (rate).

Without trying to compare the data between jurisdictions, some general comments can be made:

- males outnumber females in every offence category;
- stealing is the offence in which males and females appear to be involved most frequently and this is also the offence in which female participation is maximum;
- fraud is the offence in which the difference between the male and female participation rate is the smallest.

Note:

Data for this chapter were not available from New South Wales.

**Table 3.1a: VICTORIA, Alleged Offenders Processed,  
Gender, 1991-96  
Property Crimes**

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Total</b>										
Males	16951	13017	12936	12862	13868	768.74	588.59	583.65	577.06	617.10
Females	1318	1147	1252	1172	1414	58.74	50.92	55.42	51.56	61.65
Persons	18269	14164	14188	14034	15282	410.65	317.28	317.02	311.73	336.53
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Dwellings</b>										
Males	7798	5807	6072	5882	6703	353.65	262.57	273.96	263.90	298.27
Females	684	646	688	660	814	30.48	28.68	30.45	29.04	35.49
Persons	8482	6453	6760	6542	7517	190.66	144.55	151.05	145.31	165.54
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Shops and Other</b>										
Males	9153	7210	6864	6980	7164	415.10	326.01	309.69	313.16	318.79
Females	634	501	564	512	582	28.26	22.24	24.97	22.52	25.37
Persons	9787	7711	7428	7492	7746	219.99	172.73	165.97	166.41	170.58
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>										
Males	7965	4827	6096	6202	6750	361.22	218.26	275.04	278.26	300.36
Females	521	503	609	547	694	23.22	22.33	26.96	24.06	30.26
Persons	8486	5330	6705	6749	7444	190.75	119.39	149.82	149.91	163.93
<b>Stealing</b>										
Males	25090	21756	22869	21419	23813	1137.85	983.73	1031.81	960.97	1059.64
Females	11482	10832	11396	10957	10629	511.72	480.86	504.45	482.03	463.39
Persons	36572	32588	34265	32376	34442	822.06	729.99	765.62	719.15	758.47
<b>Arson</b>										
Males	440	381	385	481	483	19.95	17.23	17.37	21.58	21.49
Females	54	37	38	58	57	2.41	1.64	1.68	2.55	2.49
Persons	494	418	423	539	540	11.10	9.36	9.45	11.97	11.89
<b>Property Damage</b>										
Males	3682	3015	5914	4592	4801	166.98	136.33	266.83	206.02	213.64
Females	267	209	601	324	445	11.90	9.28	26.60	14.25	19.40
Persons	3949	3224	6515	4916	5246	88.77	72.22	145.57	109.20	115.53
<b>Fraud</b>										
Males	7724	6736	7734	8826	9225	350.29	304.58	348.95	395.98	410.50
Females	3316	3591	4085	5448	4270	147.79	159.41	180.83	239.67	186.16
Persons	11040	10327	11819	14274	13495	248.16	231.33	264.08	317.06	297.18

**Source:** Adapted from Victoria Police, *Crime Statistics* 1991-92 to 1995-96.

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.1b: VICTORIA, Alleged Offenders Processed,  
Gender, 1991-96  
Violent Crimes**

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide<sup>1</sup></b>										
Males	58	72	145	129	111	2.63	3.26	6.54	5.79	4.94
Females	4	5	24	17	15	0.18	0.22	1.06	0.75	0.65
Persons	62	77	169	146	126	1.39	1.72	3.78	3.24	2.77
<b>Serious Assault</b>										
Males	3395	3340	4890	5914	5726	153.97	151.02	220.63	265.33	254.80
Females	334	307	548	641	677	14.89	13.63	24.26	28.20	29.52
Persons	3729	3647	5438	6555	6403	83.82	81.69	121.51	145.60	141.00
<b>Common Assault</b>										
Males	5256	5281	6265	7644	7388	238.36	238.79	282.67	342.95	328.75
Females	672	760	1001	1298	1350	29.95	33.74	44.31	57.10	58.86
Persons	5928	6041	7266	8942	8738	133.25	135.32	162.35	198.62	192.42
<b>Robbery</b>										
Males	1105	826	827	863	862	50.11	37.35	37.31	38.72	38.36
Females	107	71	89	136	130	4.77	3.15	3.94	5.98	5.67
Persons	1212	897	916	999	992	27.24	20.09	20.47	22.19	21.85

1. From 1993-94 onwards, homicide figures include attempted murder.

**Source:** Adapted from Victoria Police, *Crime Statistics* 1991-92 to 1995-96.

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.



**Table 3.2a: QUEENSLAND, Offenders Associated with Cleared Offences  
Gender, 1991-96  
Property Crimes**

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Total</b>										
Males	10103	9897	8918	9317	12149	665.38	633.70	556.65	567.14	722.43
Females	418	369	593	795	943	27.64	23.74	37.20	48.64	56.37
Persons	10521	10266	9511	10112	13092	347.18	329.46	297.58	308.54	390.26
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Dwellings</b>										
Males	3801	3520	4086	3663	4821	250.33	225.38	255.05	222.97	286.68
Females	215	211	459	471	485	14.22	13.58	28.79	28.81	28.99
Persons	4016	3731	4545	4134	5306	132.52	119.74	142.20	126.14	158.17
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Shops and Other</b>										
Males	6302	6377	4832	5654	7328	415.05	408.31	301.61	344.17	435.75
Females	203	158	134	324	458	13.43	10.17	8.41	19.82	27.38
Persons	6505	6535	4966	5978	7786	214.65	209.72	155.38	182.40	232.09
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>										
Males	4167	4000	3743	3931	4106	274.44	256.12	233.64	239.29	244.16
Females	226	179	229	249	323	14.95	11.52	14.37	15.23	19.31
Persons	4393	4179	3972	4180	4429	144.96	134.11	124.28	127.54	132.02
<b>Stealing</b>										
Males	10098	10153	8500	12050	14121	665.05	650.09	530.56	733.50	839.69
Females	2310	2675	2490	2238	2512	152.77	172.11	156.20	136.92	150.15
Persons	12408	12828	10990	14288	16633	409.44	411.68	343.85	435.96	495.82
<b>Arson</b>										
Males	120	169	185	171	231	7.90	10.82	11.55	10.41	13.74
Females	13	26	4	16	20	0.86	1.67	0.25	0.98	1.20
Persons	133	195	189	187	251	4.39	6.26	5.91	5.71	7.48
<b>Property Damage</b>										
Males	4378	5021	5171	5863	6397	288.33	321.49	322.77	356.89	380.39
Females	344	304	368	477	544	22.75	19.56	23.09	29.18	32.52
Persons	4722	5325	5539	6340	6941	155.82	170.89	173.30	193.45	206.91
<b>Fraud</b>										
Males	5415	7781	5876	5106	5729	356.63	498.21	366.78	310.81	340.67
Females	1767	2578	2376	1791	2855	116.86	165.87	149.05	109.57	170.65
Persons	7182	10359	8252	6897	8584	236.99	332.44	258.19	210.44	255.88

Source: Adapted from unpublished data (Queensland Police, Information Resource Centre).

Note: These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.2b: QUEENSLAND, Offenders Associated with Cleared Offences**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Violent Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide</b>										
Males	66	54	50	44	54	4.35	3.46	3.12	2.68	3.21
Females	13	5	10	7	16	0.86	0.32	0.63	0.43	0.96
Persons	79	59	60	51	70	2.61	1.89	1.88	1.56	2.09
<b>Serious Assault</b>										
Males	2666	3279	3273	3330	3624	175.58	209.95	204.30	202.70	252.75
Females	302	353	416	459	531	19.97	22.71	26.10	28.08	41.76
Persons	2968	3632	3689	3789	4155	97.94	116.56	115.42	115.61	144.59
<b>Common Assault</b>										
Males	2129	2564	2444	2290	2242	140.22	164.17	152.55	139.40	133.32
Females	336	432	489	482	471	22.22	27.80	30.68	29.49	28.15
Persons	2465	2996	2933	2772	2713	81.34	96.15	91.77	84.58	80.87
<b>Robbery - Total</b>										
Males	627	893	730	925	1215	41.29	57.18	45.57	56.31	72.25
Females	66	46	50	92	147	4.36	2.96	3.14	5.63	8.79
Persons	693	939	780	1017	1362	22.87	30.13	24.40	31.03	40.60
<b>Robbery - Armed</b>										
Males	384	583	487	719	886	25.29	37.33	30.40	43.77	52.69
Females	18	22	25	61	78	1.19	1.42	1.57	3.73	4.66
Persons	402	605	512	780	964	13.27	19.42	16.02	23.80	28.74
<b>Robbery - Unarmed</b>										
Males	243	310	243	206	329	16.00	19.85	15.17	12.54	19.56
Females	48	24	25	31	69	3.17	1.54	1.57	1.90	4.12
Persons	291	334	268	237	398	9.60	10.72	8.39	7.23	11.86

**Source:** Adapted from unpublished data (Queensland Police, Information Resource Centre).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.3a: WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Arrests, Summonses and Cautions  
Gender, 1991-96  
Property Crimes**

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal</b>										
Males	8146	8077	7133	7345	7780	978.08	958.76	834.62	844.51	879.22
Females	964	808	830	982	992	116.96	96.89	98.06	113.92	113.00
Persons	9110	8885	7963	8327	8772	549.76	530.02	468.12	480.85	497.64
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>										
Males	3291	3780	3152	2794	2379	395.15	448.69	368.81	321.25	268.85
Females	305	337	311	382	291	37.00	40.41	36.74	44.32	33.15
Persons	3596	4117	3463	3176	2670	217.01	245.59	203.58	183.40	151.47
<b>Stealing</b>										
Males	8465	8471	7916	7790	8553	1016.38	1005.53	926.24	895.67	966.58
Females	4623	4381	4284	4481	4324	560.89	525.36	506.13	519.85	492.56
Persons	13088	12852	12200	12271	12877	789.82	766.67	717.20	708.60	730.51
<b>Arson</b>										
Males	87	143	116	116	140	10.45	16.97	13.57	13.34	15.82
Females	9	19	16	20	12	1.09	2.28	1.89	2.32	1.37
Persons	96	162	132	136	152	5.79	9.66	7.76	7.85	8.62
<b>Property Damage</b>										
Males	3401	3556	4026	3577	4200	408.35	422.11	471.08	411.27	474.64
Females	407	459	514	435	514	49.38	55.04	60.73	50.46	58.55
Persons	3808	4015	4540	4012	4714	229.80	239.51	266.89	231.68	267.43
<b>Fraud</b>										
Males	2980	4950	2575	3149	2395	357.81	587.58	301.30	362.06	270.66
Females	1743	2388	2006	3365	2023	211.47	286.37	237.00	390.38	230.45
Persons	4723	7338	4581	6514	4418	285.02	437.74	269.30	376.16	250.63

**Source:** Adapted from unpublished data (Western Australia Police, Criminal Records Section).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.3b: WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Arrests, Summonses and Cautions**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Violent Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide</b>										
Males	23	41	38	49	33	2.76	4.87	4.45	5.63	3.73
Females	5	4	1	11	3	0.61	0.48	0.12	1.28	0.34
Persons	28	45	39	60	36	1.69	2.68	2.29	3.46	2.04
<b>Serious Assault</b>										
Males	1470	1533	1757	1949	2189	176.50	181.97	205.58	224.09	247.38
Females	209	196	266	300	322	25.36	23.50	31.43	34.80	36.68
Persons	1679	1729	2023	2249	2511	101.32	103.14	118.93	129.87	142.45
<b>Common Assault</b>										
Males	1862	1855	1991	2200	2603	223.57	220.19	232.96	252.95	294.17
Females	371	336	406	500	577	45.01	40.29	47.97	58.01	65.73
Persons	2233	2191	2397	2700	3180	134.76	130.70	140.91	155.91	180.40
<b>Robbery - Total</b>										
Males	274	510	469	431	504	32.90	60.54	54.88	49.56	56.96
Females	24	29	45	105	93	2.91	3.48	5.32	12.18	10.59
Persons	298	539	514	536	597	17.98	32.15	30.22	30.95	33.87
<b>Robbery - Armed</b>										
Males	130	310	269	252	338	15.61	36.80	31.48	28.97	38.08
Females	7	4	16	35	30	0.85	0.48	1.89	4.06	3.42
Persons	137	314	285	287	368	8.27	18.73	16.75	16.57	20.82
<b>Robbery - Unarmed</b>										
Males	144	200	200	179	167	17.29	23.74	23.40	20.58	18.87
Females	17	25	29	70	63	2.06	3.00	3.43	8.12	7.18
Persons	161	225	229	249	230	9.72	13.42	13.46	14.38	13.05

**Source:** Adapted from unpublished data (Western Australia Police, Criminal Records Section).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. *See* notes on page 25.

**Table 3.4a: SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Offenders Recorded**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Property Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Total</b>										
Males	3889	3759	3909	3604	3137	537.97	517.61	535.86	492.55	427.13
Females	286	367	331	342	326	38.99	49.82	44.74	46.08	43.78
Persons	4175	4126	4240	3946	3463	286.66	282.04	288.56	267.71	234.12
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Dwellings</b>										
Males	1379	1362	1424	1643	1285	190.76	187.55	195.21	224.54	174.96
Females	143	199	216	225	213	19.50	27.01	29.19	30.31	28.60
Persons	1522	1561	1640	1868	1498	104.50	106.71	111.61	126.73	101.27
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Shops and Other</b>										
Males	2510	2397	2485	1961	1852	347.21	330.06	340.65	268.00	252.17
Females	143	168	115	117	113	19.50	22.81	15.54	15.76	15.17
Persons	2653	2565	2600	2078	1965	182.16	175.34	176.95	140.98	132.85
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>										
Males	1903	1732	1278	1336	1335	263.24	238.49	175.19	182.59	181.77
Females	172	166	140	128	151	23.45	22.53	18.92	17.24	20.28
Persons	2075	1898	1418	1464	1486	142.47	129.74	96.50	99.32	100.46
<b>Stealing</b>										
Males	7367	6856	6573	5913	5944	1019.08	944.06	901.05	808.11	809.33
Females	3794	3913	3678	3126	2995	517.24	531.17	497.10	421.15	402.17
Persons	11161	10769	10251	9039	8939	766.33	736.14	697.65	613.24	604.33
<b>Arson</b>										
Males	134	214	216	193	172	18.54	29.47	29.61	26.38	23.42
Females	12	19	20	34	15	1.64	2.58	2.70	4.58	2.01
Persons	146	233	236	227	187	10.02	15.93	16.06	15.40	12.64
<b>Property Damage</b>										
Males	3425	3217	3852	3700	3767	473.78	442.98	528.05	505.67	512.91
Females	331	309	380	427	502	45.13	41.95	51.36	57.53	67.41
Persons	3756	3526	4232	4127	4269	257.89	241.03	288.01	279.99	288.61
<b>Fraud</b>										
Males	1284	1231	1387	1775	1999	177.62	169.51	190.14	242.58	272.18
Females	517	524	575	685	749	70.48	71.13	77.71	92.29	100.58
Persons	1801	1755	1962	2460	2748	123.66	119.97	133.53	166.90	185.78

Note: Cases where gender of persons involved in crimes cleared was unknown have been excluded.

Source: Adapted from *Statistical Review* 1991-92 to 1995-96, South Australia Police, Statistical Services.

Note: These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.4b: SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Offenders Recorded**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Violent Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide</b>										
Males	18	20	29	25	21	2.49	2.75	3.98	3.42	2.86
Females	6	3	8	3	2	0.82	0.41	1.08	0.40	0.27
Persons	24	23	37	28	23	1.65	1.57	2.52	1.90	1.55
<b>Serious Assault</b>										
Males	946	911	1028	1116	1038	130.86	125.44	140.92	152.52	141.33
Females	102	107	121	157	154	13.91	14.52	16.35	21.15	20.68
Persons	1048	1018	1149	1273	1192	71.96	69.59	78.20	86.37	80.59
<b>Common Assault</b>										
Males	3326	3404	4101	4145	3910	460.09	468.73	562.18	566.48	532.38
Females	555	577	718	816	782	75.66	78.33	97.04	109.93	105.01
Persons	3881	3981	4819	4961	4692	266.47	272.13	327.96	336.57	317.21
<b>Robbery - Total</b>										
Males	432	425	486	462	441	59.76	58.52	66.62	63.14	60.05
Females	73	122	114	162	122	9.95	16.56	15.41	21.83	16.38
Persons	505	547	600	624	563	34.67	37.39	40.83	42.33	38.06
<b>Robbery - Armed</b>										
Males	121	118	172	139	117	16.74	16.25	23.58	19.00	15.93
Females	16	21	52	23	19	2.18	2.85	7.03	3.10	2.55
Persons	137	139	224	162	136	9.41	9.50	15.24	10.99	9.19
<b>Robbery - Unarmed</b>										
Males	311	307	314	323	324	43.02	42.27	43.04	44.14	44.12
Females	57	101	62	139	103	7.77	13.71	8.38	18.73	13.83
Persons	368	408	376	462	427	25.27	27.89	25.59	31.34	28.87

Note: Cases where gender of persons involved in crimes cleared was unknown have been excluded.

Source: Adapted from *Statistical Review* 1991-92 to 1995-96, South Australia Police, Statistical Services.

**Note: These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.**

**Table 3.5a: TASMANIA, Charges Laid**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Property Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal</b>										
Males	546	924	1125	1130	1200	234.40	395.31	480.07	481.79	511.07
Females	10	57	46	60	96	4.22	23.99	19.32	25.16	40.24
Persons	556	981	1171	1190	1296	118.34	208.13	247.85	251.57	273.78
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>										
Males	158	247	239	343	395	67.83	105.67	101.99	146.24	168.23
Females	9	16	9	18	26	3.80	6.73	3.78	7.55	10.90
Persons	167	263	248	361	421	35.54	55.80	52.49	76.32	88.94
<b>Stealing</b>										
Males	n/a	1689	1875	1935	1892	n/a	722.59	800.12	825.02	805.79
Females	n/a	477	524	524	530	n/a	200.75	220.05	219.72	222.15
Persons	n/a	2166	2399	2459	2422	n/a	459.53	507.76	519.85	511.64
<b>Arson</b>										
Males	n/a	7	10	25	24	n/a	2.99	4.27	10.66	10.22
Females	n/a	2	1	1	3	n/a	0.84	0.42	0.42	1.26
Persons	n/a	9	11	26	27	n/a	1.91	2.33	5.50	5.70
<b>Property Damage</b>										
Males	n/a	10	11	28	28	n/a	4.28	4.69	11.94	11.93
Females	n/a	0	0	0	9	n/a	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.77
Persons	n/a	10	11	28	37	n/a	2.12	2.33	5.92	7.82
<b>Fraud</b>										
Males	62	207	170	233	197	26.62	88.56	72.54	99.34	83.90
Females	27	92	123	101	114	11.40	38.72	51.65	42.35	47.78
Persons	89	299	293	334	311	18.94	63.43	62.02	70.61	65.70

n/a Not available

**Source:** Data for 1992-93 to 1995-96 adapted from unpublished data (Tasmania Police, Crime Statistics Unit). Data for 1991-92 derived from data on persons involved in crimes cleared (Australian Institute of Criminology).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.5b: TASMANIA, Charges Laid,  
Gender, 1991-96  
Violent Crimes**

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide</b>										
Males	n/a	3	6	10	10	n/a	1.28	2.56	4.26	4.26
Females	n/a	1	0	0	2	n/a	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.84
Persons	n/a	4	6	10	12	n/a	0.85	1.27	2.11	2.53
<b>Serious Assault</b>										
Males	28	27	67	72	66	12.02	11.55	28.59	30.70	28.11
Females	5	1	8	5	7	2.11	0.42	3.36	2.10	2.93
Persons	33	28	75	77	73	7.02	5.94	15.87	16.28	15.42
<b>Common Assault</b>										
Males	n/a	33	46	67	73	n/a	14.12	19.63	28.57	31.09
Females	n/a	0	4	10	8	n/a	0.00	1.68	4.19	3.35
Persons	n/a	33	50	77	81	n/a	7.00	10.58	16.28	17.11
<b>Robbery - Total</b>										
Males	30	54	79	61	71	12.88	23.10	33.71	26.01	30.24
Females	0	1	2	6	7	0.00	0.42	0.84	2.52	2.93
Persons	30	55	81	67	78	6.39	11.67	17.14	14.16	16.48
<b>Robbery - Armed</b>										
Males	n/a	32	52	40	36	n/a	13.69	22.19	17.05	15.33
Females	n/a	0	2	5	5	n/a	0.00	0.84	2.10	2.10
Persons	n/a	32	54	45	41	n/a	6.79	11.43	9.51	8.66
<b>Robbery - Unarmed</b>										
Males	n/a	22	27	21	35	n/a	9.41	11.52	8.95	14.91
Females	n/a	1	0	1	2	n/a	0.42	0.00	0.42	0.84
Persons	n/a	23	27	22	37	n/a	4.88	5.71	4.65	7.82

n/a Not available

**Source:** Data for 1992-93 to 1995-96 adapted from unpublished data on numbers of charges laid classified by Age and Gender (Tasmania Police, Crime Statistics Unit) . Data for 1991-92 derived from data on persons involved in crimes cleared (Australian Institute of Criminology).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.



**Table 3.6a: AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, Arrest Details**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Property Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Total</b>										
Males	243	210	367	255	582	164.85	139.91	242.61	166.48	375.00
Females	15	22	6	7	34	10.22	14.78	4.01	4.64	22.32
Persons	258	232	373	262	616	87.71	77.62	123.98	86.15	200.32
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Dwellings</b>										
Males	116	110	249	170	417	78.70	73.29	164.61	110.99	268.69
Females	11	17	6	5	15	7.50	11.42	4.01	3.31	9.85
Persons	127	127	255	175	432	43.17	42.49	84.76	57.54	140.48
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Shops and Other</b>										
Males	127	100	118	85	165	86.16	66.62	78.01	55.49	106.32
Females	4	5	0	2	19	2.73	3.36	0.00	1.32	12.47
Persons	131	105	118	87	184	44.53	35.13	39.22	28.61	59.84
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>										
Males	87	110	168	89	195	59.02	73.29	111.06	58.11	125.65
Females	7	7	5	10	13	4.77	4.70	3.34	6.62	8.54
Persons	94	117	173	99	208	31.96	39.14	57.50	32.55	67.64
<b>Stealing</b>										
Males	310	339	504	422	856	210.31	225.86	333.18	275.51	551.55
Females	55	55	86	86	160	37.48	36.96	57.49	56.97	105.05
Persons	365	394	590	508	1016	124.08	131.82	196.10	167.04	330.39
<b>Property Damage<sup>1</sup></b>										
Males	246	131	328	233	320	166.89	87.28	216.83	152.12	233.62
Females	30	12	10	21	22	20.44	8.06	6.68	13.91	16.32
Persons	276	143	338	254	342	93.83	47.84	112.34	83.52	125.85
<b>Fraud</b>										
Males	39	74	107	99	160	26.46	49.30	70.73	64.63	103.09
Females	12	11	49	16	14	8.18	7.39	32.75	10.60	9.19
Persons	51	85	156	115	174	17.34	28.44	51.85	37.81	56.68

1. Includes arson.

**Source:** Adapted from unpublished data (Australian Federal Police, Statistical Services).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.6b: AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, Arrest Details**  
*Gender, 1991-96*  
*Violent Crimes*

	Number					Rate per 100 000 Population				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide</b>										
Males	7	3	1	3	10	4.75	2.00	0.66	1.96	6.44
Females	0	0	1	1	0	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.66	0.00
Persons	7	3	2	4	10	2.38	1.00	0.66	1.32	3.25
<b>Serious Assault</b>										
Males	58	96	142	131	169	39.35	63.96	93.87	85.53	108.89
Females	3	6	6	7	13	2.04	4.03	4.01	4.64	8.54
Persons	61	102	148	138	182	20.74	34.13	49.19	45.38	59.18
<b>Common Assault</b>										
Males	177	151	237	219	319	120.08	100.60	156.67	142.98	205.54
Females	17	28	38	40	44	11.58	18.82	25.40	26.50	28.89
Persons	194	179	275	259	363	65.95	59.89	91.40	85.16	118.04
<b>Robbery</b>										
Males	22	51	48	39	75	14.92	33.98	31.73	25.46	48.33
Females	3	6	8	0	16	2.04	4.03	5.35	0.00	10.50
Persons	25	57	56	39	91	8.50	19.07	18.61	12.82	29.59

**Source:** Adapted from unpublished data (Australian Federal Police, Statistical Services).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.7a: NORTHERN TERRITORY Arrests**  
*Gender, 1993-96<sup>1</sup>*  
*Property Crimes*

	Number			Rate per 100 000 Population		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Total</b>						
Males	807	861	966	912.29	962.82	1058.80
Females	41	59	59	49.63	69.86	68.22
Persons	848	920	1025	495.70	529.11	576.74
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Dwellings</b>						
Males	286	327	364	323.31	365.67	398.97
Females	19	27	34	23.00	31.97	39.31
Persons	305	354	398	178.29	203.59	223.95
<b>Break, Enter and Steal - Shops and Other</b>						
Males	521	534	602	588.97	597.15	659.83
Females	22	32	25	26.63	37.89	28.91
Persons	543	566	627	317.41	325.52	352.80
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>						
Males	658	794	751	743.85	887.89	823.15
Females	40	48	19	48.42	56.84	21.97
Persons	698	842	770	408.02	484.25	433.26
<b>Stealing</b>						
Males	954	986	995	1078.47	1102.60	1090.59
Females	130	138	158	157.36	163.40	182.69
Persons	1084	1124	1153	633.65	646.43	648.77
<b>Arson</b>						
Males	6	7	1	6.78	7.83	1.10
Females	0	3	2	0.00	3.55	2.31
Persons	6	10	3	3.51	5.75	1.69
<b>Property Damage</b>						
Males	718	755	682	811.68	844.28	747.52
Females	75	76	64	90.78	89.99	74.00
Persons	793	831	746	463.55	477.92	419.76
<b>Fraud</b>						
Males	128	130	184	144.70	145.37	201.68
Females	29	24	20	35.10	28.42	23.12
Persons	157	154	204	91.77	88.57	114.79

1. Data for 1991-92 and 1992-93 were not made available.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record data on arrests 1993-94 to 1995-96 (Northern Territory Police, Statistical Services).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. See notes on page 25.

**Table 3.7b: NORTHERN TERRITORY, Arrests**  
*Gender, 1993-96<sup>1</sup>*  
*Violent Crimes*

	Number			Rate per 100 000 Population		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Homicide</b>						
Males	51	41	22	58.06	46.35	24.60
Females	7	4	4	8.59	4.84	4.74
Persons	58	45	26	34.26	26.30	14.95
<b>Serious Assault</b>						
Males	324	339	222	366.27	379.09	243.33
Females	34	45	34	41.16	53.28	39.31
Persons	358	384	256	209.27	220.84	144.05
<b>Common Assault</b>						
Males	910	1089	1365	1028.73	1217.78	1496.14
Females	80	83	122	96.84	98.28	141.06
Persons	990	1172	1487	578.70	674.04	836.70
<b>Robbery - Total</b>						
Males	78	90	116	88.18	100.64	127.14
Females	7	5	12	8.47	5.92	13.87
Persons	85	95	128	49.69	54.64	72.02
<b>Robbery - Armed</b>						
Males	18	21	26	20.35	23.48	28.50
Females	2	0	3	2.42	0.00	3.47
Persons	20	21	29	11.69	12.08	16.32
<b>Robbery - Unarmed</b>						
Males	60	69	90	67.83	77.16	98.65
Females	5	5	9	6.05	5.92	10.41
Persons	65	74	99	38.00	42.56	55.70

1. Data for 1991-92 and 1992-93 were not made available.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record data on arrests 1993-94 to 1995-96 (Northern Territory Police, Statistical Services).

**Note:** These data must be interpreted with caution. *See* notes on page 25.

# 4



## Level of Crime as revealed by Surveys

### **Introduction**

Surveys of populations and households to estimate the true level of crime are becoming commonplace in many parts of the world. Called by different names, for example, crime surveys, crime victimisation surveys, crime and safety surveys, these provide much needed data to supplement information already available through official crime statistics. Furthermore, these surveys offer a vast amount of new information which is not usually available from statistics produced by official agencies such as the police or the courts. In Australia, such surveys are also becoming more frequent; the first was conducted in 1975.

Official crime statistics, produced primarily by the police services of States and Territories, provide details of criminal incidents reported by the victims (relatives, friends, bystanders, etc.) and relatively few detected by the police. Research and analysis of survey data from Australia and overseas over the last three decades repeatedly inform us that only about four out of ten criminal incidents that occur in any community are ever reported to the police. In other words, official statistics are only able to tell us about less than half of crimes that actually occur. The Australian crime and safety surveys, therefore, fill the gap in our knowledge about the level and nature of crime that official crime statistics are unable to provide. The surveys provide much needed information on characteristics of victims, for both personal and household crimes.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has so far conducted three such national surveys and a large number of State-based surveys. Among the property crimes included in these

surveys are break and enter, attempted break and enter, and motor vehicle theft. We begin this section with an overview of the level of crime revealed by these surveys. The data are drawn from the 1993 Australian Crime and Safety Survey, and the 1995 State-based surveys for New South Wales/ACT, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, and South Australia.

### **Property crime**

According to the 1993 Crime and Safety Survey:

#### *Level of victimisation*

- About 522 000 of all households in Australia were targets of at least one break and enter, attempted break and enter, or motor vehicle theft in the 12 months prior to the survey. This amounts to about one in 12 households of any type.
- 44 out of every 1000 households in Australia was touched by a crime of break and enter; among the States and Territories, households in Western Australia were at most risk, with 75 break-ins for every 1000 households.
- Among the households, those consisting of single parents were more likely to be broken into than

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- those with other family types; in Queensland and Western Australia lone person households exhibited the highest rate of break-ins.
- Owner occupied households tended to be targets of break and enter less frequently than households occupied by tenants.
- Households that are occupied for a relatively short term by the same residents tended to be victimised more often than those occupied for a longer period.
- Of every 1000 households in Australia 17 became victims of a motor vehicle theft. Since not every household in Australia had a registered motor vehicle, the victimisation rate of households with at least one registered motor vehicle was slightly higher, 20 for every 1000 households.
- Households consisting of married couples with children, and those occupied for short periods, exhibited marginally higher motor vehicle thefts.

### *Victimisations reported to police*

Whether an offence is reported to the police depends upon not only the type of offence but also on certain victim characteristics. For example, in instances where a household was actually broken into, over 78 per cent were reported to the police, whereas less than one in three *attempted* break and enter offences were reported; about 94 per cent of motor vehicle thefts were reported to the police.

- Households consisting of married couples only, those owner occupied and occupied for long time, and those which suffered actual loss of property, tended to report to the police more often than households of other types; similar patterns were observed for motor vehicle thefts as well. There were some differences in these patterns across States/Territories.
- Households that were victims of the same offence more than once in the reference period tended to report the incident to the police less often than those victimised only once.

### *Repeat and multiple victimisation*

Repeat victimisation refers to victimisation for the same offence more

than once during the reference period and multiple victimisation refers to persons or households that have been victims more than once for a combination of offences. Studies of such victimisations and their results are being examined by criminal justice professionals because they appear to offer valuable information for possible crime prevention measures. According to the 1993 Crime and Safety Survey:

- more than one in five households in Australia were victims of repeat break and enter offences;
- households with single parent families, those occupied by tenants, occupied for relatively short periods, and those not members of neighbourhood watch schemes were more likely to be victimised again for break and enter than were other households;
- households that were victimised for attempted break and enter were more likely to be victimised for break and enter;
- households where any member was a victim of a personal crime was more likely to be a victim of a break and enter.

### *State Crime and Safety Surveys*

In 1995, the Australian Bureau of Statistics conducted Crime and Safety Surveys for all States (except Tasmania) and the Australian Capital Territory. According to these surveys:

- between 63 and 158 per 1000 households were affected by an offence of break and enter, attempted

- break and enter, or motor vehicle theft in the 12 months prior to the survey. Victoria encountered the least number of these offences and Western Australia the most;
- capital cities exhibited a substantially higher victimisation rate than the rest of the States, ranging between 75 per 1000 households in Melbourne and 175 per 1000 households in Perth;
- households with single parent families were more at risk of being a victim of a household property crime than those with other types of families. A quarter of the single parent households in Western Australia was touched by a property crime;
- a large majority of the households in each jurisdiction was a victim of a household crime only once;
- most of the actual break and enter offences and motor vehicle thefts in each jurisdiction were reported to the police.

### **Violent crime**

The 1993 Crime and Safety Survey included in its scope three violent (personal) crimes of robbery, assault and sexual assault.

According to this survey:

#### *Level of victimisation*

- 37 out of every 1000 persons aged 15 years and above in Australia were a victim of at least one of the above three violent crimes in the 12 months prior to the survey; the Northern Territory, followed by the Australian Capital Territory, showed higher rates of victimisation than the States;
- nationally, of 1000 individuals aged 15 years and over, 12 were a victim of robbery;
- males, those aged 15-24, never married, and unemployed were more likely to be a victim of robbery than any other demographic group; with rare exceptions this profile recurs in every jurisdiction;
- of every 1000 individuals aged 15 years and above, 25 were victims of an assault; the demographic profile of an assault victim was exactly similar to that of a robbery victim;
- six out of every 1000 women aged 18 years and over were victims of sexual

assault and young women under the age of 25 were several times more likely to be victims of sexual assault than women 25 year and older.

#### *Victimisations reported to police*

- A little over half the victims of robbery reported the incident to the police. However, reporting behaviour varied not only in terms of victim characteristics but also in relation to States and Territories. For Australia as a whole, females, those 55-years-old and over, employed, who did not know the offender, who were victim of only one robbery, and faced an armed offender, tended to report robberies to the police more than victims with other characteristics.
- Less than one in three victims of assault reported the incident to the police. Victims who were females, in the age group 25-34, employed, knew the offender, were assaulted at home, and who suffered injury, reported the incident more often than other victims.

#### *State Crime and Safety Surveys*

- The victimisation rate for violent offences (including robbery, assault, and sexual assault) was marginally higher than that revealed by the 1993 Australian survey. Males, aged 15-24, and unemployed were more likely to be victims of violence than others.
- Between two-thirds and three-quarters of the victims were robbed once during the reference period and about half of the victims of assault were assaulted once.

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**Household Crime**

*Level of victimisation*

**Table 4.1:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993  
Victimisation Rates per 100 Households  
*Household Crimes*

<i>Type of offence</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia
Break and enter	3.7	3.3	5.2	7.5	5.0	4.0	7.4	5.0	4.4
Attempted break and enter	2.6	2.6	3.2	4.9	3.8	2.0	5.4	4.9	3.1
Motor vehicle theft	2.0	1.7	1.3	2.2	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.7
<b>Total household victims</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>

Source: *Crime and Safety Australia, April 1993* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.2a:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993  
Victimisation Rates per 100 Households by Selected Risk Factors  
*Break and Enter*

<i>Selected risk factors</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT/ACT <sup>1</sup>	Australia
<b>Household type</b>								
Person living alone	5.3	4.4	6.4	8.7	7.1	4.5	7.4	5.8
Married couple only	2.4	2.4	4.4	5.5	3.0	2.8	4.5	3.2
Married couple with children	2.7	2.7	4.1	6.5	4.9	2.9	4.7	3.6
Single parent	6.4	5.6	6.0	10.7	5.8	5.7	10.0	6.6
Other households	4.7	3.0	8.1	10.5	5.7	10.6	5.4	5.6
<b>Nature of occupancy of household</b>								
Owned/being purchased	3.4	3.0	4.7	6.9	4.5	3.4	5.4	4.0
Rented	4.8	4.4	6.8	9.2	6.7	6.1	6.7	5.8
Other	2.2	3.2	3.3	6.1	3.8	0.0	0.0	3.0
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	5.0	3.5	5.0	5.8	7.0	5.6	5.3	4.9
1 to less than 3 years	4.8	4.4	6.7	10.2	3.6	5.5	5.2	5.6
3 to less than 5 years	3.4	3.0	6.8	6.8	6.8	4.0	5.8	4.6
5 years or more	3.1	2.9	4.3	7.1	4.6	3.1	6.3	3.8

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

Source: Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).



**Table 4.2b: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
 Victimisation Rates per 100 Households by Selected Risk Factors  
 Attempted Break and Enter

<i>Selected risk factors</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT/ACT <sup>1</sup>	Australia
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	3.5	3.0	2.4	5.4	6.0	1.1	6.2	3.6
Married couple only	1.3	2.6	2.7	3.5	2.7	1.2	3.2	2.3
Married couple with children	2.0	2.1	2.8	4.2	1.9	2.0	3.8	2.4
Single parent	5.6	3.7	4.8	8.8	7.3	5.2	7.8	5.5
Other households	3.3	3.2	5.7	6.7	5.7	4.3	7.4	4.3
<b>Nature of occupancy of household</b>								
Owned/being purchased	2.1	2.2	2.5	4.2	3.1	1.3	4.3	2.5
Rented	3.9	4.3	4.9	6.9	6.2	4.8	6.3	4.8
Other	1.1	0.0	5.5	6.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	1.7
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	2.6	4.9	4.4	4.6	5.1	2.2	7.0	4.0
1 to less than 3 years	4.4	3.2	4.3	6.4	6.4	3.7	5.5	4.5
3 to less than 5 years	2.3	2.6	4.2	3.7	6.3	3.7	3.6	3.3
5 years or more	2.1	2.0	1.9	4.7	2.2	1.2	4.3	2.3

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.2c: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
 Victimisation Rates per 100 Households by Selected Risk Factors  
 Motor Vehicle Theft

<i>Selected risk factors</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT/ACT <sup>1</sup>	Australia
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.8	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.1
Married couple only	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.8
Married couple with children	2.8	2.6	1.6	3.1	2.5	1.4	0.7	2.4
Single parent	2.7	1.2	0.3	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.4	1.8
Other households	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.1	2.6	2.4	1.1	2.6
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	2.5	1.8	1.7	1.0	3.4	1.7	0.6	2.0
1 to less than 3 years	2.0	1.3	1.5	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.6
3 to less than 5 years	1.7	1.5	0.7	3.5	2.5	1.0	1.5	1.7
5 years or more	1.9	1.9	1.2	2.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.7

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.2d:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993  
 Victimization Rates per 100 Households with at least One Registered Motor Vehicle  
 by Selected Risk Factors  
 Motor Vehicle Theft

<i>Selected risk factors</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	2.1	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.9	0.7	1.0	1.7
Married couple only	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.8
Married couple with children	3.0	2.7	1.6	3.2	2.6	1.4	0.7	2.6
Single parent	3.6	6.0	0.4	3.0	2.6	2.4	1.7	2.3
Other households	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.0	2.6	1.2	2.9
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	3.1	2.1	1.9	1.1	4.1	2.0	0.7	2.3
1 to less than 3 years	2.4	1.5	1.7	2.9	1.0	0.4	0.4	1.9
3 to less than 5 years	2.0	1.7	0.8	3.9	2.9	1.1	1.6	2.0
5 years or more	2.3	2.1	1.4	2.5	1.6	1.2	1.0	2.0

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

## Reporting Behaviour

**Table 4.3a: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
 Percentage of Victimisations Reported to the Police According to Selected Factors  
 Break and Enter

<i>Selected Factors</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT/ACT <sup>1</sup>	Australia
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	62.8	85.3	68.9	78.8	85.8	86.2	62.8	73.8
Married couple only	81.4	91.8	87.4	97.6	83.9	77.8	85.3	87.9
Married couple with children	79.0	75.5	80.9	85.9	75	86.8	96.9	80.2
Single parent	76.8	85.9	72.4	79.4	86.1	66.2	63.7	78.7
Other households	73.3	81.5	60.7	83.2	78	76.5	63.7	72.9
<b>Nature of occupancy of household</b>								
Owned/being purchased	77.8	87.1	83.9	87.1	88.3	83.6	86.0	84.0
Rented	64.8	72.0	60.0	71.0	79.0	74.5	66.1	68.0
Other	100.0	100.0	49.3	49.0	51.0	♦	♦	75.3
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	79.7	68.6	66.5	79.6	63.5	75.2	60.7	72.5
1 to less than 3 years	67.4	85.5	69.7	82.0	89.2	72.1	69.5	75.6
3 to less than 5 years	74.3	90.2	72	88.7	74.5	86.9	82.3	79.2
5 years or more	73.4	84.0	84.2	87.9	87.8	85.6	86.0	82.1
<b>Whether something was stolen during the last incident</b>								
Yes	82.2	81.7	78.5	88.4	80.4	89.1	82.4	82.3
No	48.1	87.5	61.9	76.6	84.4	53.8	64.4	66.2
<b>Whether a victim of more than one incident of the same offence</b>								
Repeat victim	51.5	72.1	54.7	64.6	67.1	64.0	67.6	60.0
Victim of a single incident	78.6	85.6	83.0	90.0	83.0	85.7	79.5	83.5

♦ No victimisations reported by households under this category.

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.3b: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
*Percentage of Victimisations Reported to the Police According to Selected Factors*  
*Attempted Break and Enter*

<i>Selected Factors</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	29.1	52.6	18.1	30.6	34.6	25.8	26.9	33.8
Married couple only	11.6	44.0	30.3	37.3	37.2	48.3	21.6	32.8
Married couple with children	22.1	28.6	32.4	33.2	31.6	34.9	48.1	29.5
Single parent	43.0	51.6	33.2	32.0	28.6	48.2	37.7	39.7
Other households	33.1	24.1	26.2	29.0	22.9	32.0	25.1	28.0
<b>Nature of occupancy of household</b>								
Owned/being purchased	28.8	42.8	31.4	38.2	26.2	37.8	33.9	34.1
Rented	28.4	33.8	24.1	23.2	40.4	39.9	32.8	29.8
Other	♦	♦	52.6	♦	♦	♦	51.6	25.7
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	19.2	34	26.2	33.6	32.7	49.1	42.7	29.5
1 to less than 3 years	36.2	49.4	29.1	26.0	23.7	32.8	24.2	33.3
3 to less than 5 years	25.4	38.0	17.0	51.0	38.0	25.7	27.9	32.1
5 years or more	27.1	38.7	37.5	25.4	36.4	46.6	35.0	33.2
<b>Whether a victim of more than one incident of the same offence</b>								
Repeat victim	19.2	25.5	11.6	24.0	42.2	29.5	37.8	22.9
Victim of a single incident	33.4	45.5	39.1	36.4	27.6	45.7	32.0	37.0

♦ No victimisations reported by households under this category.

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.3c: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
*Percentage of Victimisations Reported to the Police According to Selected Factors*  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*

<i>Selected Factors</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	100.0	71.8	100.0	81.4	46.9	46.9	45.5	85
Married couple only	88.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.8
Married couple with children	96.7	96.0	92.3	91.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.8
Single parent	92.5	100.0	100.0	83.9	81.5	100.0	100.0	92.1
Other households	93.7	92.5	100.0	70.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.6
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	89.9	83.8	93.6	82.1	75.4	100.0	100.0	87.5
1 to less than 3 years	90.5	90.7	93.2	87.8	79.3	100.0	♦	89.6
3 to less than 5 years	100.0	100.0	100.0	60.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.0
5 years or more	98.4	96.2	100.0	100.0	96.0	90.9	100.0	97.8
<b>Whether a victim of more than one incident of the same offence</b>								
Repeat victim	74.0	34.2	100.0	71.7	100.0	100.0	♦	74.6
Victim of a single incident	98.1	96.3	96.3	88.7	88.8	93.8	100.0	95.4
<b>Whether stolen vehicle was comprehensively insured</b>								
Yes	97.3	93.9	96.8	88.5	95.7	86.1	100.0	95.0
No	92.4	94.7	96.4	84.5	85.1	100.0	86.9	91.8

♦ No victimisations were reported by households under this category.

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

Repeat Victimisation

**Table 4.4a:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993, Percentage of Victims Reporting more than one Incident of the Same Offence, by Selected Factors  
*Break and Enter*

<i>Selected Factors</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	21.5	16.1	32.0	32.1	17.2	37.2	11.8	23.5
Married couple only	6.3	22.8	20.5	20.6	4.0	7.1	21.6	15.7
Married couple with children	13.2	23.0	23.6	13.9	17.8	13.8	13.7	17.9
Single parent	27.2	14.2	26.7	24.0	35.4	46.6	13.1	24.3
Other households	28.5	24.7	42.4	11.9	14.1	22.6	40.5	28.0
<b>Nature of occupancy of household</b>								
Owned/being purchased	16.7	16.1	22.0	16.1	10.5	14.7	18.1	16.9
Rented	24.0	28.4	38.5	28.6	27.7	42.1	17.7	29.2
Other	♦	49.9	100.0	49.2	49.0	♦	♦	45.6
<b>Length of occupancy in dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	17.0	19.4	46.8	28.1	31.1	24.1	14.3	27.6
1 to less than 3 years	24.5	21.8	24.7	18.3	15.1	34.2	21.0	22.4
3 to less than 5 years	25.7	16.6	13.7	23.3	11.8	38.6	♦	18.3
5 years or more	16.1	20.2	27.7	17.8	13.4	14.8	23.0	19.1
<b>Whether a member of Neighbourhood (or Rural) Watch</b>								
Member	18.6	11.6	18.6	13.9	20.3	22.1	21.0	16.9
Not a member	22.2	26.4	30.2	16.4	19.4	25.4	16.2	23.8
Don't know	10.8	13.8	28.8	22.5	25.0	♦	14.4	17.6
<b>Gender of Responsible Adult</b>								
Male	18.7	21.0	30.2	21.2	10.7	17.6	17.3	21.0
Female	19.9	18.1	25.7	17.7	29.8	39.4	19.1	21.7
<b>Age of Responsible Adult</b>								
15-34	23.2	25	30.3	25.7	23.8	30.1	5.1	25.2
35-54	13.5	20.7	29.6	15.5	16.2	19.4	20.0	19.2
55 and Over	24.9	10.6	24.4	22.2	5.8	21.3	28.2	19.9
<b>Whether a victim of Attempted B&amp;E</b>								
Yes	35.5	35.4	37.6	41.1	29.8	75.4	35.9	37.1
No	15.6	17.5	26.9	15.4	14.6	17.9	12.5	18.1
<b>Whether any household member was a victim of any personal offence</b>								
Yes	37.7	29.5	35.4	16.8	24.0	40.2	38.5	31.7
No	15.3	18.1	27.3	20.7	15.4	20.3	13.2	19.2

♦ No victimisations were reported by households under this category.

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**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.4b: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
*Percentage of Victims Reporting more than One Incident of the Same Offence*  
*by Selected Factors*  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*

<i>Selected Factors</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>VIC</i>	<i>QLD</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>TAS</i>	<i>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Australia</i>
<b>Household Type</b>								
Person living alone	8.1	14.3	♦	8.7	♦	♦	54.5	7.6
Married couple only	32.2	♦	12.5	16.1	♦	♦	♦	13.2
Married couple with children	8.2	3.8	3.5	2.5	6.6	10.2	♦	5.6
Single parent	15.2	♦	♦	32.0	♦	32.4	♦	13.2
Other households	6.3	♦	18.3	18.3	35.9	♦	♦	10.1
<b>Length of Occupancy in Dwelling</b>								
Less than 1 year	15.7	7.8	7.6	♦	16.5	23.6	♦	11.8
1 to less than 3 years	4.7	♦	9.0	5.5	♦	♦	100.0	5.1
3 to less than 5 years	♦	♦	28.4	13.0	♦	♦	♦	5.1
5 years or more	12.5	3.7	3.7	12.2	7.3	8.4	♦	8.4
<b>Gender of Responsible Adult</b>								
Male	8.0	4.4	6.7	7.3	7.4	7.6	12.1	6.7
Female	18.8	♦	13	16.3	9.6	16.4	♦	12.9
<b>Age of Responsible Adult</b>								
15-34	15.0	♦	14.3	9.8	15.2	♦	25.7	10.7
35-54	11.4	2.2	3.5	8.8	5.8	10.4	♦	7.5
55 and Over	♦	10.2	♦	16.3	♦	32.3	♦	5.2
<b>Whether a victim of Attempted B&amp;E</b>								
Yes	10.0	♦	♦	8.0	♦	♦	♦	4.3
No	10.5	3.7	9.9	10.1	8.9	10.4	9.8	8.5
<b>Whether any household member was a victim of any personal offence</b>								
Yes	21.0	♦	21.6	13.2	14.1	♦	♦	14.6
No	8.9	3.8	4.9	8.9	7.1	13.1	9.7	7.0

♦ No victimisations were reported by households under this category.

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**Personal Crime**

*Level of Victimisation*

**Table 4.5:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993  
Victimisation Rates per 100 Persons  
*Personal Crimes*

<i>Type of offence</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Australia
Robbery	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.7	1.7	1.2
Assault	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.2	2.5	2.8	3.6	3.5	2.5
Sexual Assault	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.6
<b>Total personal victims</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Source: Crime and Safety Australia, April 1993 (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.6a:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993  
Victimisation Rates per 100 Persons by Selected Risk Factors  
*Robbery*

<i>Selected Risk Factors</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT/ACT <sup>1</sup>	Australia
<b>Gender of victim</b>								
Male	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.9	2.2	1.4
Female	1.3	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.2	1.1
<b>Age of victim</b>								
15-24	2.9	1.4	2.5	2.1	2.3	1.4	2.6	2.3
25-34	1.7	1.6	1.4	2.0	1.6	0.8	2.2	1.6
35-54	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.8
55 years and over	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.4	0.5
<b>Marital status of victim</b>								
Never married	2.7	1.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.1	2.5	2.3
Married/defacto	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.8
Divorced/separated	1.3	0.9	1.4	0.9	2.0	0.9	2.0	1.2
Other	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4	♦	0.6
<b>Labour force status of victim</b>								
Employed	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.7	1.3
Unemployed	3.2	1.4	3.2	2.5	2.2	2.2	5.7	2.6
Not in labour force	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.5	1.0	0.9

♦ No victimisations reported by persons under this category.

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**Table 4.6b: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
Victimisation Rates per 100 Persons by Selected Risk Factors

<i>Assault</i>								
<i>Selected Risk Factors</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Gender of victim</b>								
Male	3.3	2.9	3.9	3.0	2.8	3.8	4.5	3.3
Female	1.8	1.6	2	1.5	2.2	1.8	2.6	1.8
<b>Age of victim</b>								
15-24	5.6	5	6.1	5.2	6.0	6.9	6.6	5.6
25-34	3.2	2.9	3.6	1.5	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.0
35-54	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.8	2.3	2.9	2.0
55 years and over	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4
<b>Marital status of victim</b>								
Never married	5.2	4.8	5.7	4.4	5.4	6.1	5.9	5.2
Married/defacto	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.4	1.4
Divorced/separated	4.2	3.3	4.9	4.3	4.6	3.5	4.3	4.2
Other	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.3	♦	♦	♦	0.3
<b>Labour force status of victim</b>								
Employed	2.8	2.5	3	2.2	2.7	3.0	3.7	2.7
Unemployed	6.2	3.2	6.7	8.0	8	7.7	9.2	5.5
Not in labour force	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.1	1.1	1.7	2.0	1.7

♦ No victimisations reported by persons under this category.

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**Table 4.6c: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
Victimisation Rates per 100 Persons and Age Group

<i>Sexual Assault</i>								
<b>Age of victim</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Australia</b>
15-24	6.9	2.5	3.2	2.1	7.1	4.9	4.4	4.5
25-34	0.9	0.5	0.3	♦	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
35-54	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	♦	0.3	0.3
55 years and over	♦	0.1	♦	0.3	♦	♦	♦	0.0

♦ No victimisations reported by persons under this category.

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**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

Reporting Behaviour

**Table 4.7a: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Australia, April 1993**  
 Percentage of Victimisations Reported to the Police According to Selected Factors

<i>Robbery</i>								
<i>Selected Factors</i>	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT/ACT	Australia
<b>Gender of victim</b>								
Male	37.9	45.3	49.4	52.2	60.3	46.6	47.4	45.5
Female	53.8	64.6	60.9	62.8	72.9	74.0	61.4	60.4
<b>Age of victim</b>								
15-24	30.0	37.4	58.6	63.1	56.7	52.2	45.9	42.9
25-34	55.7	42.2	47.2	37.6	61.4	48.7	38.3	48.6
35-54	54.0	71.4	54.7	67.0	76.5	65.3	76.7	63.1
55 years and over	68.0	68.0	49.9	80.4	81.7	74.8	68.7	69.0
<b>Labour force status of victim</b>								
Employed	49.1	55.7	57.6	57.4	64.7	50.2	60.6	54.7
Unemployed	27.6	26.7	51.1	63.6	55.9	64.2	♦	37.9
Not in labour force	48.8	53.1	46.9	54.1	74.1	75.5	66.5	53.8
<b>Whether offender known to victim</b>								
Yes	18.2	10.6	58.9	47.2	61.5	50.4	36.5	33.9
No	54.0	61.1	52.1	60.8	68.1	61.0	57.5	57.6
<b>Location of incident</b>								
A home	55.6	60.6	59.4	51.4	68.4	47.7	61.9	58.4
Work/Study	34.2	45.8	54.8	63.5	84.1	100	56.4	49.2
Street/Open bush	39.9	32.4	44.5	62.8	67.2	52.7	47.6	43.8
Other	44.8	60.6	55.4	56.0	52.6	82.3	29.4	52.3
<b>Whether a victim of more than one incident of the same offence</b>								
Yes	37.4	34.4	40.9	58.3	56.6	70.2	44.3	41.5
No	49.8	59.1	61.9	57.1	70.8	53.8	58.0	57.0
<b>Whether offender used a weapon</b>								
Yes	46.6	73.2	53.1	54.3	69.2	57.6	31.8	56.0
No	45.5	48.8	54.4	57.6	66.1	59.2	56.0	51.4

♦ No victimisations reported by persons under this category.

1. Unit records for the ACT and the NT have been given the same jurisdiction indicative. Therefore, it is not possible to generate separate estimates for each Territory.

**Source:** Adapted from unit record files (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1994).

**Table 4.7b: AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993**  
*Percentage of Victimisations Reported to the Police According to Selected Factors*  
*Assault*

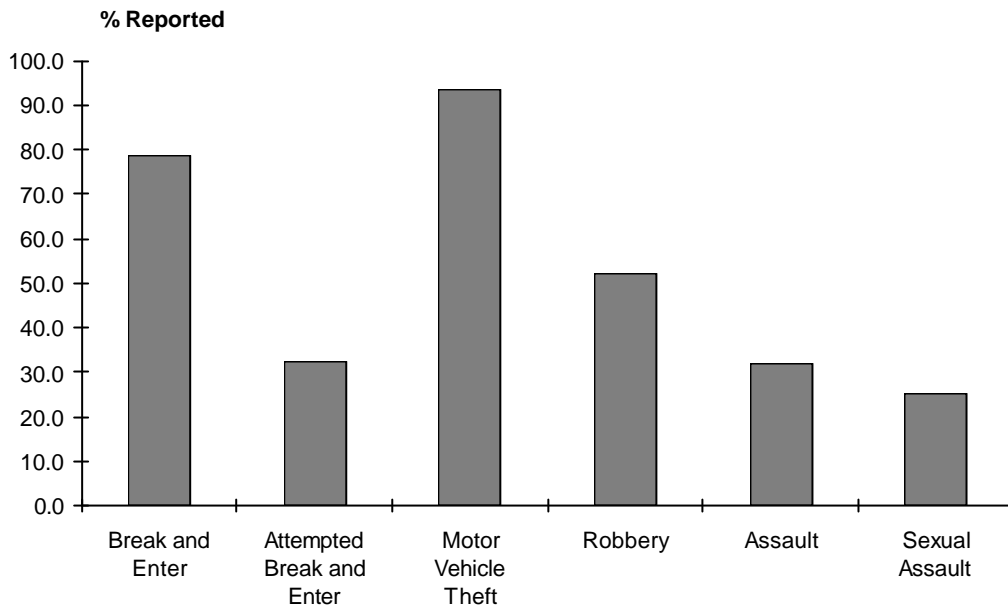
<i>Selected Factors</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT/ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Gender of victim</b>								
Male	28.0	29.0	26.4	37.4	27.8	30.0	28.1	28.8
Female	39.0	46.0	32.9	31.2	36.0	36.9	26.4	38.1
<b>Age of victim</b>								
15-24	32.2	21.2	19.8	22.3	25.4	15.5	19.6	24.7
25-34	28.0	48.9	30.5	65.5	37.8	44.7	30.8	36.9
35-54	39.6	43.7	41.8	41.6	38.6	47.3	32.4	41.0
55 years and over	10.7	52.5	22.3	30.3	♦	66.6	66.3	24.7
<b>Labour force status of victim</b>								
Employed	35.3	36.1	31.2	39.7	31.3	39.4	31.2	34.7
Unemployed	15.5	33.2	21.0	18.5	29.3	30.8	22.4	22.2
Not in labour force	34.0	34.0	27.1	32.9	35.2	14.5	11.2	31.6
<b>Whether offender known to victim</b>								
Yes	37.0	41.5	35.1	32.1	33.8	32.7	22.6	36.2
No	26.4	29.0	19.4	39.6	28.1	30.8	33.0	27.2
<b>Location of incident</b>								
A home	42.7	52.1	44.0	42.0	37.9	46.2	26.2	44.3
Work/Study	34.7	29.5	29.7	37.4	26.0	42.2	36.6	32.4
Street/Open bush	31.3	31.0	19.8	15.0	31.2	12.3	29.7	27.6
Other	18.0	23.9	16.9	34.4	27.5	21.7	13.1	21.1
<b>Whether a victim of more than one incident of the same offence</b>								
Yes	27.7	29.6	28.6	29.5	29.6	18.8	29.1	28.4
No	35.2	38.8	28.6	39.8	33.1	38.6	25.9	34.9
<b>Whether offender used a weapon</b>								
Yes	54.1	51.9	51.6	55.7	43.1	30.3	34.4	50.8
No	28.6	32.3	24.4	32.0	28.9	32.1	26.1	29.0
<b>Whether victim was injured</b>								
Yes	45.6	45.2	31.7	46.0	42.8	23.6	26.9	41.8
No	25.6	30.7	27.6	31.6	26.6	35.4	27.7	28.1

♦ No victimisations reported by persons under this category.

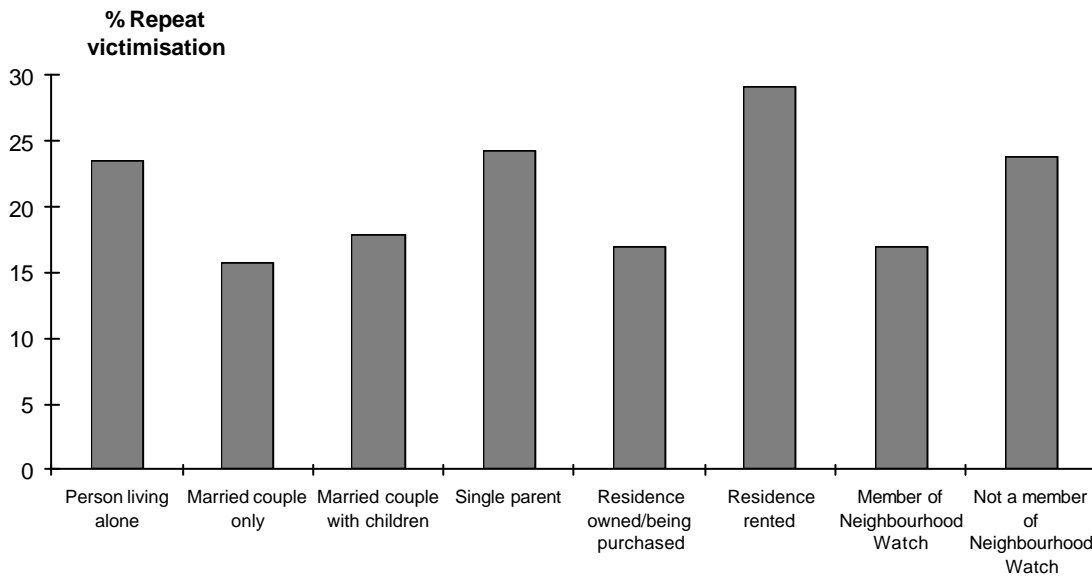
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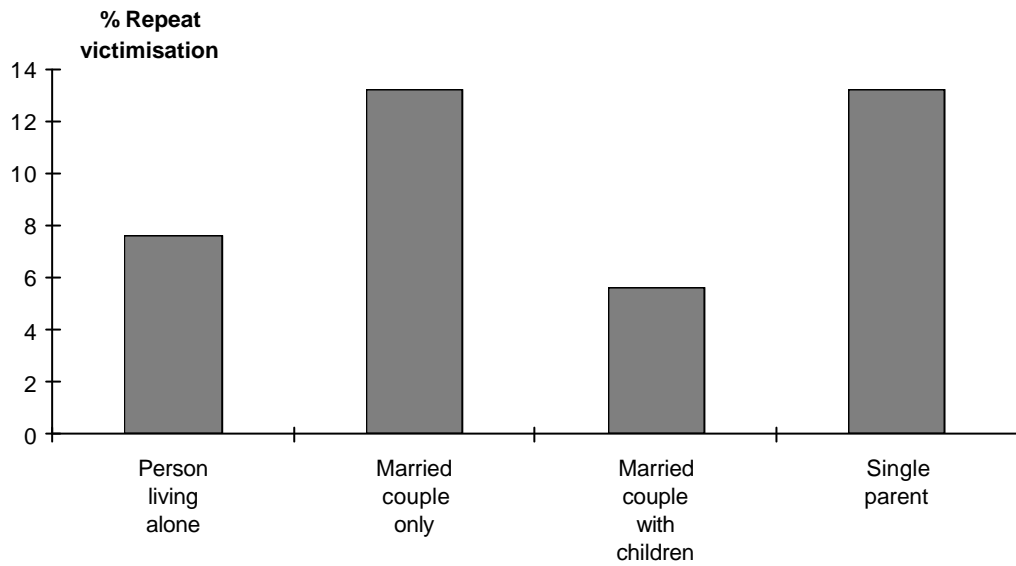
**Figure 4.1:** AUSTRALIA, Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993  
 Percentage of Victimisations Reported to the Police and Offence Type



**Figure 4.2:** Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 199.  
 Percentage victimised more than once by household characteristics  
 Break & Enter



**Figure 4.3:** *Crime and Safety Survey Australia, April 1993*  
 Percentage victimised more than once by household characteristics  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*



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**Household Crimes**

*Level of victimisation*

**Table 4.8a:** AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995  
*Offence, Area and Household Type*  
 Victimization Rates per 100 Households  
 Household Crimes

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Offences</b>						
Break and Enter	5.3	3.2	6.3	8.9	4.6	4.5
Attempted Break and Enter	4.1	2.3	5.5	7.1	4.0	4.5
Motor Vehicle Theft	2.1	1.5	1.4	3.0	1.1	1.0
<b>Area</b>						
Capital City	12.2	7.5	14.2	17.5	9.5	n/a
Rest	6.9	3.5	9.1	11.0	5.6	n/a
<b>Household Type</b>						
Person living alone	10.7	5.5	12.4	16.4	9.7	7.9
Married couple only	6.9	3.8	9.7	11.3	6.7	6.4
Married couple with children	9.3	6.5	10.2	15.3	7.9	7.3
Single parent	15.5	11.6	15.6	25.5	13.0	13.3
Other Households	14.3	9.2	14.4	19.5	9.6	12.7
<b>All households</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>

n/a Not available.

**Table 4.8b:** AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995  
*Percentage of Victims According to Number of Incidents and*  
*Percentage of Victims Reporting the Last Incident to the Police*  
 Break and Enter

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Number of victimisations</b>						
One	81.0	78.4	78.5	80.1	89.9	n/a
Two	13.2	10.5	17.0	19.9 <sup>1</sup>	8.4	n/a
Three or more	5.9	11.1	14.4		1.7	n/a
<b>Percentage reported to police</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>87.8</b>

1. Two or more.

n/a Not available.

**Source Tables 4.8a & 4.8b** Adapted from: April 1995 Crime and Safety New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.1); April 1995 *Crime and Safety Victoria* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.2); April 1995 *Crime and Safety Queensland* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.3); April 1995 *Crime and Safety South Australia* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.4); October 1995 *Crime and Safety Western Australia* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.5).

## Reporting Behaviour

**Table 4.8c: AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995**  
*Percentage of Victims According to Number of Incidents and*  
*Percentage of Victims Reporting the Last Incident to the Police*  
*Attempted Break and Enter*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Number of victimisations</b>						
One	75.0	63.9	68.9	71.6	72.7	n/a
Two	17.0	22.6	18.0	28.4 <sup>1</sup>	20.8	n/a
Three or more	8.0	13.6	13.2		5.5	n/a
<b>Percentage reported to police</b>	31.3	37.4	28.6	31.2	32.7	38.1

1. Two or more.

n/a Not available.

**Table 4.8d: AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY, State Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995**  
*Percentage of Victims According to Number of Incidents and*  
*Percentage of Victims Reporting the Last Incident to the Police*  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Number of victimisations</b>						
One	87.7	89.7	86.1	87.4	93.3	n/a
Two	10.3	6.7	9.9	12.6 <sup>1</sup>	6.7	n/a
Three or more	2.0	3.6	4.0		n/a	n/a
<b>Percentage reported to police</b>	91.4	96.5	94.1	93.1	96.8	100.0

1. Two or more.

n/a Not available.

**Source Tables 4.8c & 4.8d** Adapted from: April 1995 Crime and Safety New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.1); April 1995 *Crime and Safety Victoria* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.2); April 1995 *Crime and Safety Queensland* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.3); April 1995 *Crime and Safety South Australia* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.4); October 1995 *Crime and Safety Western Australia* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.5).

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**Personal Crimes**

*Level of Victimisation*

**Table 4.9a:** AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995  
*Offence, Area and Personal Characteristics*  
 Victimisation Rates per 100 Persons  
 Personal Crimes

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Area</b>						
Capital City	4.9	3.4	5.6	4.6	4.0	5.3
Rest	3.9	2.5	4.0	4.1	4.4	
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	5.1	3.8	5.9	5.1	5.3	6.2
Female	3.6	2.4	3.6	3.8	3.0	4.5
<b>Age Group</b>						
15-24	8.6	6.2	8.7	8.2	8.6	9.4
25-34	5.2	4.8	5.4	5.1	5.5	7.0
55 years or more	2.3	1.7	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.9
<b>Labour force status</b>						
Employed	4.9	3.6	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.6
Unemployed	7.5	4.5	10.5	6.6	8.7	12.0
Not in the labour force	3.0	2.1	3.4	3.3	2.5	3.2

*Reporting Behaviour*

**Table 4.9b:** AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995  
 Percentage of Victims According to Number of Incidents and  
 Percentage of Victims Reporting the Last Incident to the Police  
 Robbery

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Number of victimisations</b>						
One	67.4	63.1	75.5	74.0	62.6	n/a
Two	23.1	14.4	11.5	26.1 <sup>1</sup>	21.3	n/a
Three or more	9.4	22.5	13.0		14.1	n/a
<b>Percentage reported to police</b>	52.2	56.7	55.0	60.5	54.0	62.5

1. Two or more.  
 n/a Not available.

**Source Tables 4.9a & 4.9b** Adapted from: April 1995 Crime and Safety New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.1); April 1995 *Crime and Safety Victoria* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.2); April 1995 *Crime and Safety Queensland* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.3); April 1995 *Crime and Safety South Australia* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.4); October 1995 *Crime and Safety Western Australia* (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.5).



**Table 4.9c: AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995**  
*Percentage of Victims According to Number of Incidents and*  
*Percentage of Victims Reporting the Last Incident to the Police*  
*Assault*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Number of victimisations</b>						
One	53.8	55.4	57.2	68.1	51.3	n/a
Two	20.2	19.9	24.1	31.9 <sup>1</sup>	22.4	n/a
Three or more	26.0	24.7	18.7		24.8	n/a
<b>Percentage reported to police</b>	30.4	33.2	36.5	45.9	38.5	31.6

1. Two or more.

n/a Not available.

**Table 4.9d: AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995**  
*Percentage of Victims According to Number of Incidents and*  
*Percentage of Victims Reporting the Last Incident to the Police*  
*Sexual Assault*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	ACT
<b>Number of victimisations</b>						
One	62.5	55.6	69.3	59.6	59.2	n/a
Two	16.0	n/a	15.7	40.5 <sup>1</sup>	18.8	n/a
Three or more	21.5	n/a	15.1	n/a	12.0	n/a
<b>Percentage reported to police</b>	n/a	n/a	16.1	n/a	25.6	♦

1. Two or more.

n/a Not available.

**Source Tables 4.9c & 4.10d** Adapted from April 1995 Crime and Safety New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.1). April 1995 Crime and Safety Victoria (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.2). April 1995 Crime and Safety Queensland (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.3). April 1995 Crime and Safety South Australia (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.4). October 1995 Crime and Safety Western Australia (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.5)

**Table 4.10:** AUSTRALIA, STATE/TERRITORY Crime and Safety Surveys, 1995  
 Victims and Non-Victims of Personal Crime  
 Perceptions of Crime or Public Nuisance Problems in the Neighbourhood

<i>Crime or public nuisance problem</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>ACT</b>
None	48.6	48.1	42.6	50.8	46.3
Burglary	18.1	44.3	32.0	21.6	23.2
Dangerous/noisy driving	10.7	20.1	6.5	7.0	10.3
Louts/young gangs	6.8	10.9	3.9	2.8	3.1
Vandalism/graffiti	3.9	6.7	4.6	8.1	7.8
Illegal drugs	3.7	4.1	3.0	1.2	2.4
Car theft	2.6	2.1	3.1	1.4	1.0

**Source:** Adapted from: April 1995 Crime and Safety New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.1); April 1995 Crime and Safety Victoria (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.2); April 1995 Crime and Safety Queensland (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.3); April 1995 Crime and Safety South Australia (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.4); October 1995 Crime and Safety Western Australia (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Catalogue No. 4509.5)

# 5



## Responses to Crime

The 1990s have seen a significant shift in approaches to crime control in Australia. Earlier, rising crime was always accompanied by demands from various sectors of the criminal justice system for increased resources. In recent years there has been more emphasis on efficient management, accountability, and cooperation, coordination and partnership in crime control than a call for more resources to respond to increased levels of crime. In this chapter we present data on cost, personnel, and caseloads.

- In 1994-95 the total expenditure by the eight police services was approximately \$3 229 million;
- the average salary for police staff paid in 1994-95 was \$52 753 per officer;
- the cost of court administration in Australia in 1993-94 was over \$524 million;
- the total number of criminal matters filed in magistrates' courts in Australia in 1993-94 was about 1 515 500;
- the recurrent expenditure on maintaining public prisons in Australia in 1994-95 was over \$814 million;
- on 30 June 1994 there were 16 944 prisoners in custody in Australia.

Note that sources of data are different for various tables which accounts for some small inconsistencies.

**Table 5.1: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories, 1994-95**  
*Police Expenditure, Average Police Salaries, Size of Police Forces,*  
*and Numbers of Police Stations*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
<b>Police Expenditure (\$' 000)</b>								
Recurrent Expenditure								
Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries	860 910	672 249	378 509	237 306	213 999	59 160	50 961	40 715
Total Recurrent Expenditure <sup>1</sup>	1 080 061	842 548	460 724	305 459	276 935	71 759	64 108	49 281
Capital expenditure	40 553	33 286	36 553	10 212	20 942	2076	4 215	8 020
Total expenditure <sup>2</sup>	1 100 993	869 839	480 895	308 299	274 944	73 178	64 743	56 279
<b>Average Annual Salaries (\$)</b>								
Police staff	56 009	59 425	52 481	44 085	52 022	46 058	53 476	58 466
Non-police staff	52 623	42 477	27 786	34 350	37 583	26045	36 714	33 375
<b>Size of Police Forces</b>								
Sworn police officers, uniformed	10 645	9 078	5 340	3 662	3 616.1	768	664	533
Sworn police officers, non-uniformed	2 425	938	950	565	0	304	92	128
Civilian	2 449	1 814	1 742	849	564.3	309	192	62
Other	666	429	188	179	95.6	0	0	0
Total	16 185	12 259	8 220	5 255	4276	1 381	948	723
<b>Numbers of Police Stations</b>								
Gazetted police stations	473	331	347	160	131	77	36	8

1. Includes salaries and payments in the nature of salaries, depreciation and other recurrent expenditure.

2. Total of all expenditure items, excluding revenue from own sources.

**Source:** Adapted from *Report on Government Service Provision*(Industry Commission 1995).

**Table 5.2: AUSTRALIA, 30 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	2	106	108	1.9
Chief Superintendent	2	94	96	2.1
Superintendent	2	381	383	0.5
Chief Inspector	4	241	245	1.6
Inspector	18	902	920	2.0
Senior Sergeant	49	1758	1807	2.7
Sergeant <sup>2</sup>	327	7253	7580	4.3
Senior Constable	1953	13331	15284	12.8
Constable <sup>3</sup>	2815	10984	13799	20.4
Probationary Constable	287	768	1055	27.2
Recruits	158	535	693	22.8
Cadets	40	126	166	24.1
Police Aides <sup>4</sup>	45	111	156	28.8
ACPO/Spec.Constable <sup>5</sup>	1	57	58	1.7
Other <sup>6</sup>	38	129	167	22.8
Total Sworn Officers	5741	36776	42517	13.5
Public Service Employee <sup>7</sup>	5490	3 101	9205	59.6
Other Personnel <sup>8</sup>	289	218	615	47.0
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>11520</b>	<b>40095</b>	<b>52337</b>	<b>22.0</b>

**Table 5.3: New South Wales, 30 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	1	11	12	8.3
Chief Superintendent	2	35	37	5.4
Superintendent	0	59	59	0.0
Chief Inspector	0	95	95	0.0
Inspector	4	298	302	1.3
Senior Sergeant	5	473	478	1.0
Sergeant	54	2098	2152	2.5
Senior Constable	969	5944	6913	14.0
Constable <sup>3</sup>	428	1684	2112	20.3
Probationary Constable	255	688	943	27.0
Total Sworn Officers	1718	11385	13103	13.1
Public Service Employee <sup>7</sup>	2053	1216	3269	62.8
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>3771</b>	<b>12601</b>	<b>16372</b>	<b>23.0</b>

Sources and notes: See page 69.

**Table 5.4: VICTORIA, 30 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	0	16	16	0.0
Chief Superintendent	0	25	25	0.0
Superintendent	0	57	57	0.0
Chief Inspector	2	85	87	2.3
Inspector	4	212	216	1.9
Senior Sergeant	14	513	527	2.7
Sergeant	75	1642	1717	4.4
Senior Constable	700	3592	4292	16.3
Constable	586	2484	3070	19.1
Recruits	62	200	262	23.7
Other <sup>6</sup>	38	129	167	22.8
Total Sworn Officers	1481	8955	10436	14.2
Public Service Employee	1153	643	1796	64.2
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>2634</b>	<b>9598</b>	<b>12232</b>	<b>21.5</b>

**Table 5.5: QUEENSLAND, 30 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	0	13	13	0.0
Chief Superintendent	0	16	16	0.0
Superintendent	0	31	31	0.0
Inspector	9	208	217	4.1
Senior Sergeant	21	377	398	5.3
Sergeant	78	1474	1552	5.0
Senior Constable	129	1586	1715	7.5
Constable	559	1797	2356	23.7
Recruits	63	125	188	33.5
Total Sworn Officers	859	5627	6486	13.2
Public Service Employee	1009	381	1390	72.6
Other Personnel	289	218	507	57.0
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>2157</b>	<b>6226</b>	<b>8383</b>	<b>25.7</b>

Sources and notes: See page 69.

**Table 5.6: WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 30 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	0	10	10	0.0
Chief Superintendent	0	6	6	0.0
Superintendent	0	45	45	0.0
Chief Inspector	0	24	24	0.0
Inspector	0	96	96	0.0
Senior Sergeant	3	172	175	1.7
Sergeant <sup>2</sup>	17	766	783	2.2
Senior Constable	84	1083	1167	7.2
Constable <sup>3</sup>	301	1579	1880	16.0
Recruits	13	160	173	7.5
Cadets	10	81	91	11.0
Police Aides	3	62	65	4.6
ACPO/Spec.Constable <sup>5</sup>	0	26	26	0.0
Total Sworn Officers	431	4110	4541	9.5
Public Service Employee	587	333	920	63.8
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>4443</b>	<b>5461</b>	<b>18.6</b>

**Table 5.7: SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 30 June 1994**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	0	9	9	0.0
Chief Superintendent	0	12	12	0.0
Superintendent	0	27	27	0.0
Chief Inspector	2	37	39	5.1
Inspector	1	43	44	2.3
Senior Sergeant	5	180	185	2.7
Sergeant	18	464	482	3.7
Senior Constable	71	1126	1197	5.9
Constable	407	1194	1601	25.4
Probationary Constable	32	80	112	28.6
Cadets	30	45	75	40.0
Police Aides	6	24	30	20.0
Total Sworn Officers	572	3241	3813	15.0
Public Service Employee	—	—	614	—
Other Personnel <sup>8</sup>	—	—	108	—
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>3241</b>	<b>4535</b>	<b>—</b>

Sources and notes: See page 69.

**Table 5.8: TASMANIA, 30 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	0	4	4	0.0
Superintendent	0	8	8	0.0
Inspector	0	45	45	0.0
Sergeant <sup>2</sup>	6	164	170	3.5
Constable <sup>3</sup>	131	650	781	16.8
Recruits	20	50	70	28.6
Total Sworn Officers	157	921	1078	14.6
Public Service Employee <sup>7</sup>	201	131	332	60.5
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>25.4</b>

**Table 5.9: NORTHERN TERRITORY, 5 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	1	17	18	5.6
Superintendent	0	22	22	0.0
Senior Sergeant	1	43	44	2.3
Sergeant	12	106	118	10.2
Constable <sup>3</sup>	76	398	474	16.0
Police Aides <sup>4</sup>	36	25	61	59.0
ACPO/Spec.Constable <sup>5</sup>	1	31	32	3.1
Total Sworn Officers	127	642	769	16.5
Public Service Employee <sup>6</sup>	130	82	212	61.3
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>26.2</b>

**Table 5.10: AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE, 5 June 1995**  
*Composition of Police Services*  
*Number of Police Service Employees (Sworn and Public Service Personnel)*  
*Rank and Gender*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% Female</b>
Senior Executive <sup>1</sup>	0	26	26	0.0
Superintendent	2	132	134	1.5
Sergeant	67	539	606	11.1
Constable	327	1198	1525	21.4
Total Sworn Officers	396	1895	2291	17.3
Public Service Employee	357	315	672	53.1
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>2210</b>	<b>2963</b>	<b>25.4</b>

Sources and notes: See page 69.



**The following notes apply to Tables 5.2 to 5.10:**

**Sources:** Adapted from published and unpublished Police data.

1. Includes Commissioner/Chief Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Commander.
2. Includes Sergeant First Class in Western Australia, Sergeant qualified and unqualified in Tasmania.
3. Includes Constable First Class in New South Wales and Western Australia, Constable qualified and unqualified. in Tasmania, and in the Northern Territory - probationary constable, constable, constable first class and senior constable.
4. Includes police auxiliary in the Northern Territory.
5. Includes special constable unpaid. in Western Australia and Aboriginal Community Police Officers ACPO. in the Northern Territory.
6. Victoria includes reservists and Protective Security Officer PSO.
7. Includes administrative staff of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services. New South Wales includes ministerial employees. Tasmania includes State Emergency officers.
8. South Australia includes weekly paid and other.

**Table 5.11: Australian States and Territories, 1993-94**  
*Court Administration Statistics*  
*Expenditure, Staffing and Matters Filed*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total <sup>1</sup>
<b>Expenditure (\$' 000)</b>									
Total expenditure	190112	96501	89632	65295	47110	11144	16113	8223	524130
<b>Staffing (Full-Time Equivalent)</b>									
Total	2 296	912	905	575	500	133	122	115	5558
<b>Matters Filed - Criminal (000' s)</b>									
Higher Courts <sup>2</sup>	11.6	5.1	7.0	2.7	2.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	29.9
Magistrates' Court	400.0	522.5	219.1	181.6	142.7	25.9	15.7	8.0	1515.5
Minor traffic	169.2	412.1	68.0	73.5	34.7	6.0	2.4	1.1	766.9
Primary <sup>3</sup>	230.8	110.4	151.0	108.1	110.9	19.9	13.5	6.9	751.6
<b>Matters Filed - Civil (000' s)</b>									
Higher Courts <sup>2</sup>	27.5	19.2	12.7	11.1	5.3	3.8	0.3	1.2	80.9
Magistrates' Court	211.2	191.7	76.4	50.5	46.2	19.9	15.4	12.6	623.9
<b>Average Costs (\$)</b>									
<b>Criminal</b>									
Per primary criminal offender	503.0	403.5	392.8	311.2	204.5	377.3	555.3	485.6	391.6
Per minor traffic offender	26.2	13.9	36.0	3.8	15.0	23.5	70.6	284.1	18.3
<b>Civil</b>									
Per file	268.3	209.3	281.7	496.7	465.0	142.0	540.5	323.9	256.1

1. Data on Commonwealth Courts were not available.

2. Include Supreme Courts in all the States and Territories, and Country/District Courts. Tasmania, the Northern Territory, and the Australian Capital Territory do not have Country or District Courts.

3. Total criminal lodgments less minor traffic lodgments.

**Source:** Adapted from *Report on Government Service Provision* (Industry Commission 1995).

**Table 5.12: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories, 1994-95**  
 Corrective Services Management Statistics  
 Prisons, Community Custody and Community Supervision  
 Expenditure, Staffing, Performance Indicators

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
<b>Prisons<sup>1</sup></b>								
Total recurrent expenditure (\$'000)	341364	142654	123277	97108	68602	13067	25286	2790
Full-Time Staff	4132	1648	1253	1361	1059	232	288	n/a
Operational Staff	2715	1290	886	1159	766	172	257	n/a
Other Staff	1417	358	367	202	293	60	31	n/a
Average Total Prisoner Population	6278	2456	2675	2119	1342	262	465	19.0
Imprisonment Rate <sup>2</sup>	135.9	71.8	109.2	164.8	118.6	74.2	393.9	8.4
Useable prison capacity	6415	2593	2524	2029	1239	418	425	n/a
Number of detention centres	29	15	14	17	8	6	3	n/a
<b>Community Custody</b>								
Total recurrent expenditure (\$'000)	331	0	8771	n/a	931	0	214	0
Full-Time Staff	4	0	68	n/a	13	0	5	0
Number of Community Custody Orders Completed	48	0	1699	n/a	336	0	55	0
Community Custody Rate <sup>3</sup>	0.4	0.0	17.0	n/a	6.5	0.0	21.2	0.0
<b>Community Supervision</b>								
Total recurrent expenditure (\$'000)	35136	17818	19243	12181	12530	2650.6	4334	1623.6
Full-Time Staff	508	295	290	183	198	53	63	29
Number of Community Supervision Orders Completed	17526	17588	28900	13858	19187	1837	2206	800.6
Community Supervision Rate <sup>4</sup>	303.0	205.5	579.1	396.7	660.3	504.8	1131.6	348.1

1. Public Prisons.

2. Average prison population divided by total population over 17 years of age.

3. Number of persons serving CCOs per 100 000 population.

4. Number of persons serving CSOs per 100 000 population.

n/a Not available

**Source:** Adapted from *Report on Government Service Provision*(Industry Commission 1995).

**Table 5.13: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories. June 1994**  
 Prisoners by Gender and Legal Status

	Total Prisoners	Sentenced		Remand		Total	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
NSW	7711	6605	365	697	44	7302	409
VIC	2522	2070	119	319	14	2389	133
QLD	2491	2097	68	294	32	2391	100
WA	2137	1841	85	198	13	2039	98
SA	1348	1068	62	209	9	1277	71
TAS	258	214	8	35	1	249	9
NT	455	385	11	58	1	443	12
ACT	22	0	0	17	5	17	5
<b>Australia</b>	<b>16944</b>	<b>14280</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>16107</b>	<b>837</b>

**Source:** Adapted from *Prisoners in Australia, 1994*(ABS October 1996).

**Table 5.14a: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories. June 1994**  
*Sentenced Prisoners by most Serious Offence*  
*Numbers*

<i>Most serious offence</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
Homicide								
Murder	295	193	179	107	64	36	22	896
Other homicide	195	74	87	43	19	6	30	454
Assault	733	158	274	242	147	19	54	1627
Sex offences	704	323	419	345	105	18	64	1978
Other offences against the person	40	39	15	28	21	0	9	152
Robbery	970	220	330	242	158	20	23	1963
Extortion	24	4	5	2	2	0	0	37
Break & enter	936	258	307	263	198	15	37	2014
Fraud & Misappropriation	371	98	71	73	84	6	6	709
Receiving	156	25	18	17	27	5	3	251
Other theft	512	237	107	88	33	16	21	1014
Property damage/Environmental offences	78	31	29	27	10	4	8	187
Government security/A109Justice procedures offences	349	164	78	185	102	35	43	956
Unlawful possession of weapons	39	2	0	0	0	1	0	42
Other offences against good order	25	20	3	11	2	1	3	65
Possession/Use drugs	61	11	31	23	16	0	2	144
Deal/Traffic drugs	939	199	61	123	39	2	1	1364
Manufacture/Grow drugs	150	10	17	11	17	1	7	213
Driving offences	350	24	58	51	33	22	36	574
Licence/Registration offences	0	74	48	29	47	15	24	237
Other traffic offences	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
Other offences	43	24	25	15	4	0	3	114
Offences in custody	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6970</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>2165</b>	<b>1926</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>14998</b>

Source: Adapted from *Prisoners in Australia, 1994*(ABS October 1996).

**Table 5.14b: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories, June 1994**  
*Sentenced Prisoners by most Serious Offence*  
*Percentages*

<i>Most serious offence</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Homicide								
Murder	4.2	8.8	8.3	5.6	5.7	16.2	5.6	6.0
Other homicide	2.8	3.4	4	2.2	1.7	2.7	7.6	3.0
Assault	10.5	7.2	12.7	12.6	13	8.6	13.6	10.8
Sex offences	10.1	14.8	19.4	17.9	9.3	8.1	16.2	13.2
Other offences against the person	0.6	1.8	0.7	1.5	1.9	0.0	2.3	1.0
Robbery	13.9	10.1	15.2	12.6	14.0	9.0	5.8	13.1
Extortion	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Break & enter	13.4	11.8	14.2	13.7	17.5	6.8	9.3	13.4
Fraud & Misappropriation	5.3	4.5	3.3	3.8	7.4	2.7	1.5	4.7
Receiving	2.2	1.1	0.8	0.9	2.4	2.3	0.8	1.7
Other theft	7.3	10.8	4.9	4.6	2.9	7.2	5.3	6.8
Property damage/Environmental offences	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.4	0.9	1.8	2.0	1.2
Government security/Justice procedures offences	5.0	7.5	3.6	9.6	9	15.8	10.9	6.4
Unlawful possession of weapons	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3
Other offences against good order	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.4
Possession/Use drugs	0.9	0.5	1.4	1.2	1.4	0.0	0.5	1.0
Deal/Traffic drugs	13.5	9.1	2.8	6.4	3.5	0.9	0.3	9.1
Manufacture/Grow drugs	2.2	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	0.5	1.8	1.4
Driving offences	5.0	1.1	2.7	2.6	2.9	9.9	9.1	3.8
Licence/Registration offences	0.0	3.4	2.2	1.5	4.2	6.8	6.1	1.6
Other traffic offences	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other offences	0.6	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.8
Offences in custody	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Source:** Adapted from *Prisoners in Australia 1994* (ABS October 1996).

**Table 5.15: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories, June 1994**  
*Sentenced Prisoners by most Serious Offence and Actual Time Expected to Serve*

<i>Most serious offence</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
	<b>Median (Months)</b>							
Murder	132.2	144.2	47.5	30.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	139.0
Other Homicide	68.1	32.9	60.1	29.6	26.3	39.9	53	50.5
Assault	16.0	12.0	17.5	7.8	10.5	35.5	11	12.8
Sex Offenders	56.0	38.9	40.8	32.5	37.0	58.9	35.6	45.1
Robbery	60.0	35.5	40.9	29.1	52.0	30.1	32.0	48.0
Break & Enter	24.0	13.9	20.8	12.0	19.5	5.8	6.0	18.3
Fraud & Misappropriation	24.0	11.9	12.1	7.2	14.3	11.8	9.3	14.9
Other Theft	12.0	9.6	9.3	9.7	16.1	6.0	10.0	11.3
Deal/Traffic Drugs	52.2	29.1	37.4	18.5	32.0	28.6	80.1	46.8
Manufacture/Grow Drugs	47.9	17.8	15.6	50.5	25.1	3.0	18.0	34.2
Driving Offences	6.0	3.2	4.1	4.0	2.4	3.0	4.4	4.0

**Source:** Adapted from *Prisoners in Australia, 1994* (ABS October 1996).

**Table 5.16: AUSTRALIA, States and Territories, June 1994**  
*Percentage of Prisoners Under Sentence with Known Prior Imprisonment*  
*Gender and Aboriginality*

<i>Gender/Aboriginality</i>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Male</b>									
Aboriginal	79.3	81.5	71.4	76.8	91.4	69.2	83.2	50	78.5
Non Aboriginal	53.7	64.6	57.9	44.8	79	58.3	50.4	26.7	57.2
<b>Female</b>									
Aboriginal	76.2	100	78.3	72.2	95.2	0	100	0	80.4
Non Aboriginal	44.8	70.1	50.6	29	70	66.7	33.3	20	50.7
<b>Persons</b>									
Aboriginal	79.1	82.3	71.7	76.6	91.8	69.2	83.7	50	78.6
Non Aboriginal	53.2	64.9	57.6	44.2	78.6	58.6	50	25	56.9

**Source:** Adapted from *Prisoners in Australia, 1994* (ABS October 1996).

# 6



## International Data on Crime

### **Crime in Selected Countries**

Chapters 1 and 4 of this volume have described the level of crime in Australia. This task was accomplished with the help of time series on crimes reported to the police, and data from crime and safety surveys. The tables in these chapters enable the reader to examine the crime problem in Australia over time and across States and Territories.

Another way to examine the level of crime is to compare Australia's crime rate with rates in countries with similar economic, technological and political characteristics. At the superficial level, an examination of official crime statistics from countries provides such a perspective. Thus we can begin to answer questions like "Is Australia more violent than other countries?" or "Is the level of property crime in Australia higher than in other countries?". Canada, New Zealand, England and Wales, the United States, Germany and Japan, for which crime data were available, were selected for such comparison. We caution the reader that an accurate and scientifically valid comparison of levels of crime between countries is beyond the scope of this report. It is therefore recommended that the information presented in this chapter be used with caution.

Only five offences have been selected for this comparison. These are: burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny, homicide and robbery.

- Japan's burglary rate, although it includes only housebreaking theft, is remarkably low. Of the remaining six countries, the United States faces relatively lower burglary rate than the others;

- Germany has a relatively low rate of motor vehicle thefts than the rest;
- Japan's larceny rate is about one-third that of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England and Wales, and the United States, and about half that of Germany;
- currently Japan and the United States occupy the two extreme positions in the homicide rate — the former having the lowest rate of one per 100 000 population and the latter presenting the highest rate of 8.2 per 100 000 population. Of the remaining five countries, homicide rates in England and Wales, and Germany are lower than those of Australia, Canada and New Zealand;
- Japan's robbery rate is extremely low; of the remaining six countries, New Zealand has the lowest and the United States the highest rate of robbery.

### **Crime in Major Cities**

Cities usually have higher crime rates than rural areas; there is a growing interest in comparing crime in cities of different nations. In this section, rates of homicide, robbery and motor vehicle theft for a few

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cities from Australia, England and Wales, Germany and the United States have been presented. We wish to caution the reader on the comparability of data. Not only may definitions of crime, classification and procedures influence the level of recorded crime, but the definition of a city may also vary from country to country. British cities selected for this section include surrounding areas as well, defined by police districts. A host of other factors, such as, density of population, structure of the population, economic activity, level of migration, ethnicity, and so on, may also influence the level of crime.

For tables 6.6 to 6.8, crime data for cities in England and Wales were not available. The data presented in these tables relate to the six police force areas. These areas include the major cities as follows:

<b><u>Police Force Area</u></b>	<b><u>Major Cities</u></b>
London Metropolitan Police	London
Greater Manchester	Manchester
Merseyside	Liverpool
West Yorkshire	Leeds
West Midlands	Birmingham
Thames Valley	Reading, Oxford.



**Table 6.1: Crime in Australia and Selected Countries, 1972 to 1995**  
*Number of Offences Reported Per 100 000 Total Population*  
*Burglary<sup>1</sup>*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>England &amp; Wales</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Japan</i>
1972	948.0	874.6	895.5	894.8	1140.8	1472.1	n/a
1973	880.4	896.3	837.5	799.9	1222.5	1448.1	n/a
1974	880.9	1039.6	952.6	984.2	1437.7	1581.0	n/a
1975	890.9	1143.2	1126.6	1061.6	1525.9	1689.4	n/a
1976	910.2	1161.1	1194.1	1048.9	1439.4	1716.3	n/a
1977	958.7	1162.0	1386.6	1229.7	1410.9	1844.6	n/a
1978	1075.0	1185.9	1525.6	1151.7	1423.7	1972.4	274.3
1979	1137.2	1252.3	1560.7	1118.0	1499.1	1915.8	250.5
1980	1260.7	1462.3	1721.2	1255.9	1668.2	2068.7	247.7
1981	1367.8	1518.2	1855.3	1448.3	1632.1	2299.3	255.3
1982	1496.3	1501.5	2114.3	1623.8	1475.2	2512.7	254.4
1983	1706.5	1456.0	2316.1	1629.7	1337.7	2597.1	249.3
1984	1782.2	1421.0	2251.9	1793.0	1263.7	2457.3	251.0
1985	1730.1	1407.0	2580.3	1736.9	1287.3	2523.2	247.8
1986	1680.6	1440.0	2385.8	1860.3	1344.6	2699.9	244.1
1987	1888.7	1421.0	2356.3	1797.3	1329.6	2829.4	228.0
1988	1901.1	1386.0	2349.7	1623.2	1309.2	2632.9	211.4
1989	1974.1	1328.0	2372.1	1633.5	1276.3	2450.3	190.7
1990	2009.9	1490.9	2635.1	1991.0	1235.9	2464.8	184.3
1991	2146.5	1674.8	2745.5	2040.0	1252.0	2337.0	183.8
1992	2041.1	1640.4	2967.7	2659.7	1168.2	2966.1	183.7
1993	2160.7	1465.7	2906.4	2662.5	1099.2	3144.1	204.4
1994	2130.5	1326.2	2450.7	2452	1041.8	2936	198.1
1995	2131.9	n/a	2374.6	2392.1	987.6	2862	n/a

Note : German data until 1992 relate to West Germany only, since 1993 data relate to United Germany.

1. Figures for Germany relate to “theft under aggravating circumstances”. Figures for Japan relate to “Housebreaking theft”.

n/a Not available.

**Sources:** Australia - *Police Annual Reports*; Canada - *Canadian Crime Statistics*; New Zealand - *Police Annual Report to Parliament*; England & Wales - *Criminal Statistics England and Wales*; United States - *Crime in the US*; Germany - *Polizeiliche Kriminalstatistik: Polizeiliche Kriminalstatistik, Bundeskriminalamt*; Japan - *Summary White Paper on Crime, Japan*

**Table 6.2:** *Crime in Australia and Selected Countries, 1972 to 1995*  
*Number of Offences Reported Per 100 000 Total Population*  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*

<i>Year</i>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Germany</b>
1972	355.4	322.4	375.6	426.1	n/a
1973	374.6	324.0	397.8	442.6	n/a
1974	374.6	371.1	511.4	462.2	n/a
1975	360.7	398.2	538.8	469.4	101.3
1976	369.1	379.2	538.3	446.1	97.4
1977	403.4	361.7	631.7	451.9	100.4
1978	450.1	353.5	645.3	460.5	96.2
1979	476.5	385.1	629.6	505.6	99.6
1980	479.6	390.7	658.7	502.2	104.2
1981	512.3	395.3	670.5	474.7	116.6
1982	572.7	353.2	708.1	458.8	127.4
1983	622.3	305.0	656.7	430.8	130.6
1984	636.4	305.0	692.4	437.1	118.0
1985	653.4	324.0	736.3	462.0	114.2
1986	752.7	334.0	820.8	507.8	115.1
1987	825.3	340.0	777.9	529.4	121.0
1988	745.1	344.0	727.9	582.9	113.6
1989	756.5	382.0	778.1	630.4	107.8
1990	801.5	468.9	861.0	657.8	115.2
1991	807.1	556.8	1147.3	659.0	137.0
1992	686.9	584.6	1153.7	631.5	176.0
1993	637.0	583.1	1152.2	605.3	265.0
1994	671.2	545.9	848.2	591.2	260.0
1995	703.0	n/a	981.3	560.5	247.0

Note: German data until 1992 relate to West Germany only, since 1993 data relate to United Germany.  
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**Table 6.3: Crime in Australia and Selected Countries, 1972 to 1995**  
*Number of Offences Reported Per 100 000 Total Population*  
*Larceny<sup>1</sup>*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>England &amp; Wales</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Japan</i>
1972	1612.2	2123.5	2012.9	1603.0	1993.6	1306.9	n/a
1973	1478.5	2163.3	2006.2	1554.8	2071.9	1275.9	n/a
1974	1478.5	2401.0	2143.1	1816.6	2489.5	1336.2	n/a
1975	1452.0	2576.0	2398.5	1947.1	2804.8	1398.7	n/a
1976	1446.5	2609.4	2537.7	1987.8	2921.3	1514.8	n/a
1977	1577.4	2579.5	2661.5	2300.0	2729.9	1656.8	n/a
1978	1717.3	2671.7	2788.3	2192.1	2747.4	1741.0	684.9
1979	1895.8	2898.6	2882.1	2161.3	2999.1	1827.0	675.2
1980	2089.1	3195.1	3164.1	2234.6	3167.0	1891.3	720.7
1981	2046.7	3423.4	3242.2	2479.4	3139.7	1925.2	782.5
1982	2084.4	3515.0	3330.3	2744.0	3084.8	1990.7	824.2
1983	2117.6	3380.0	3596.9	2692.2	2868.9	1937.1	838.5
1984	2283.3	3296.0	3578.2	2847.6	2791.3	1765.7	853.4
1985	2391.2	3241.0	3822.6	2948.5	2901.2	1785.4	864.3
1986	2550.7	3288.0	3498.2	3097.7	3010.3	1756.7	857.6
1987	2784.3	3372.0	3454.3	3227.8	3081.3	1736.3	861.3
1988	2750.4	3309.0	3444.8	3833.2	3134.9	1702.6	919.4
1989	2700.5	3226.0	3376.1	3202.7	3171.3	1697.6	983.8
1990	2832.6	3516.1	3674.2	3275.6	3194.8	1830.5	956.3
1991	3060.7	3734.3	3951.2	4264.6	3228.8	1735.0	1028.9
1992	3011.1	3584.6	4306.2	4419.4	3103.0	1940.1	1042.4
1993	2986.5	3160.6	4328.8	4197.6	3032.4	1983.0	1065.2
1994	3029.6	2884.5	3951.4	4129.8	3025.4	1839.0	1047.8
1995	2960.8	n/a	3951.3	3670.9	3044.9	1890.0	n/a

1. Includes theft of motor cycles and bicycles. 1991 data for Japan includes Motor Vehicle Theft.

Figures for Germany relate to "Theft without aggravating circumstances".

Note: German data until 1992 relate to West Germany only, since 1993 data relate to United Germany.

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**Table 6.4: Crime in Australia and Selected Countries, 1972 to 1995**  
*Number of Offences Reported Per 100 000 Total Population*  
*Homicide<sup>1</sup>*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>England &amp; Wales</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Japan</i>
1972	2.2	2.2	1.0	1.0	9.0	1.3	2.0
1973	1.9	2.2	1.3	0.9	9.4	1.3	1.9
1974	2.2	2.7	1.6	1.2	9.8	1.3	1.7
1975	1.9	3.1	1.2	1.0	9.6	1.4	1.9
1976	2.1	2.9	2.0	1.1	8.8	1.4	1.9
1977	2.3	3.0	1.3	1.0	8.8	1.3	1.7
1978	2.2	2.8	1.9	1.1	9.0	1.4	1.6
1979	2.0	2.7	1.8	1.3	9.7	1.3	1.6
1980	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.3	10.2	1.4	1.4
1981	1.8	2.6	1.9	1.1	9.8	1.5	1.5
1982	2.0	2.7	2.0	1.2	9.1	1.6	1.5
1983	2.1	2.7	2.0	1.1	8.3	1.5	1.5
1984	2.1	2.6	1.8	1.2	7.9	1.5	1.5
1985	2.0	2.7	2.4	1.2	7.9	1.4	1.5
1986	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.3	8.6	1.5	1.4
1987	2.0	2.5	2.6	1.4	8.3	1.4	1.3
1988	2.3	2.2	2.5	1.2	8.4	1.3	1.2
1989	2.1	2.5	2.9	1.3	8.7	1.3	1.1
1990	2.1	2.5	3.0	1.2	9.4	1.2	1.0
1991	2.1	2.8	3.0	1.4	9.8	1.5	1.0
1992	2.0	2.7	3.1	1.3	9.3	1.4	1.0
1993	1.9	2.4	2.3	1.2	9.5	1.6	1.0
1994	1.8	2.0	2.7	1.3	9.0	1.4	1.0
1995	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.4	8.2	1.5	n/a

1. Includes murder & manslaughter (not by driving), except in the United States which includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter, and Japan includes murder and attempts, but excludes deaths of victims in the process of robbery and rape.

Note: German data until 1992 relate to West Germany only, since 1993 data relate to United Germany.

n/a Not available.

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**Table 6.5: Crime in Australia and Selected Countries, 1972 to 1995**  
*Number of Offences Reported Per 100 000 Total Population*  
*Robbery*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>England &amp; Wales</i>	<i>United States</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Japan<sup>1</sup></i>
1972	23.3	54.2	11.4	18.2	180.7	30.5	2.2
1973	23.3	59.6	10.3	15.0	183.1	29.5	1.9
1974	23.4	75.5	10.6	17.6	209.3	30.6	1.9
1975	21.2	93.4	11.5	23.0	218.2	32.9	2.0
1976	20.5	86.8	10.9	23.6	195.8	31.6	1.8
1977	21.1	83.6	11.9	28.0	187.1	34.6	1.6
1978	24.4	83.7	11.2	26.8	191.3	35.3	1.7
1979	24.3	88.8	14.7	25.4	212.1	35.8	1.8
1980	29.2	102.8	16.7	30.5	243.5	39.9	1.9
1981	30.8	108.6	17.6	40.9	250.6	44.9	2.0
1982	33.8	110.6	19.2	46.0	238.9	49.4	1.9
1983	42.9	98.0	23.0	44.6	216.5	48.1	1.9
1984	42.5	93.0	28.9	50.0	205.4	45.8	1.8
1985	42.3	90.0	39.2	55.0	208.5	48.7	1.5
1986	41.1	92.0	40.7	59.9	225.1	46.8	1.6
1987	49.0	88.0	40.5	65.2	212.7	46.0	1.5
1988	48.3	94.0	40.4	62.4	220.9	47.3	1.4
1989	50.3	98.0	42.6	65.6	233.0	48.6	1.3
1990	58.1	108.5	37.6	72.0	257.0	56.0	1.3
1991	67.0	125.9	44.9	89.0	272.7	61.0	1.5
1992	65.0	125.6	52.0	103.8	263.6	70.4	1.8
1993	72.3	106.5	52.6	112.5	255.8	76.0	2.0
1994	78.4	98.8	50.8	117.0	237.7	71.0	1.9
1995	91.2	n/a	52.7	131.4	220.9	78.0	n/a

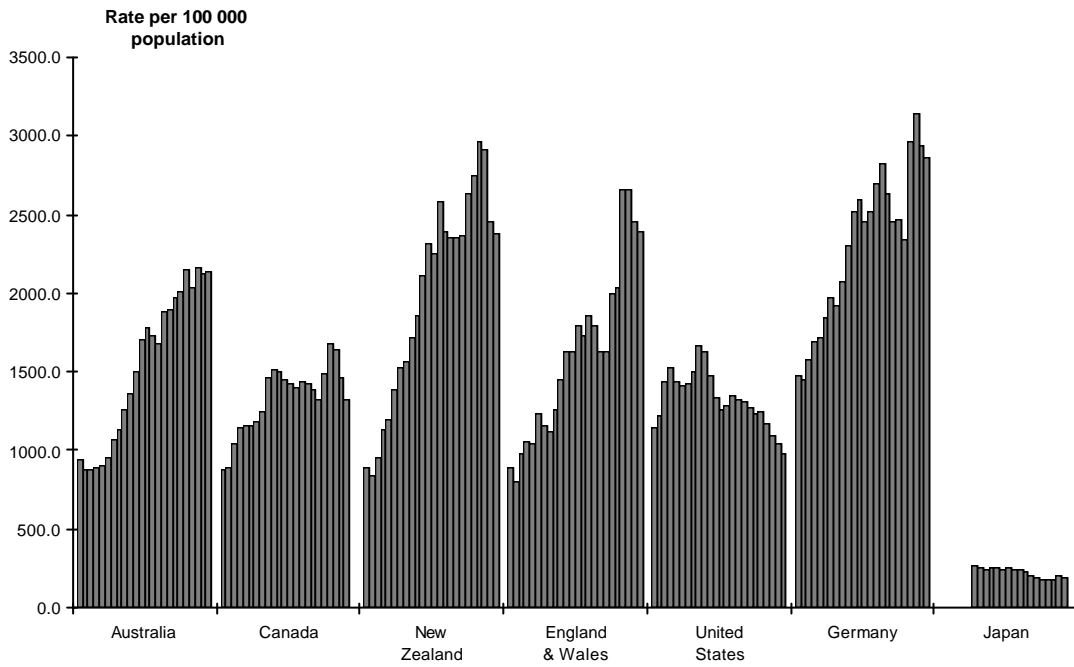
1. Includes robberies involving homicide, bodily injury, or rape.

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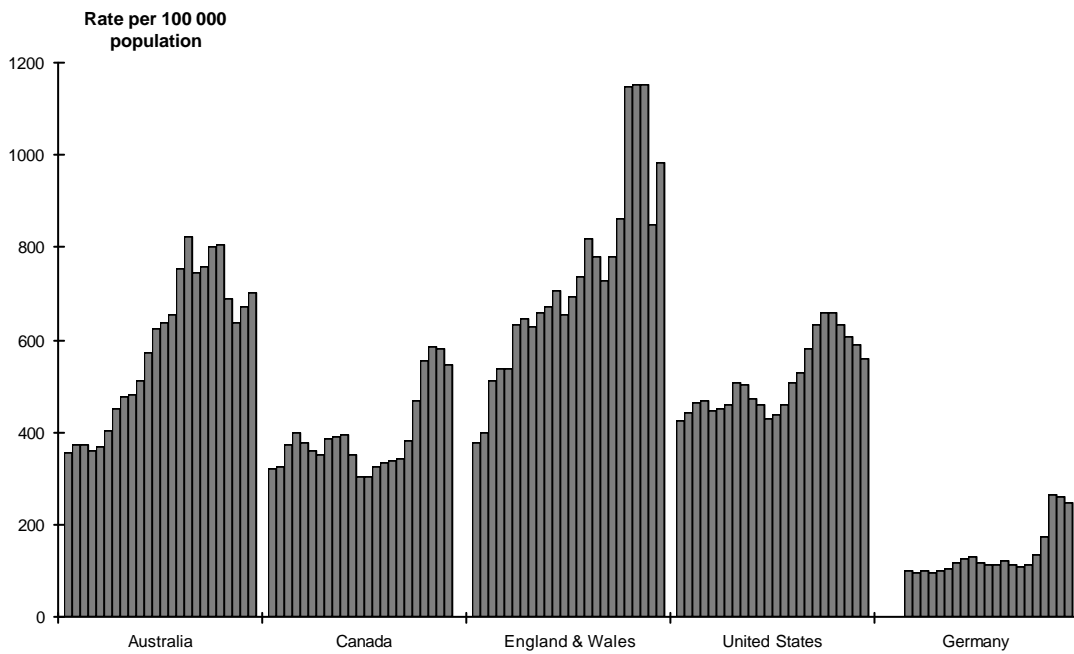
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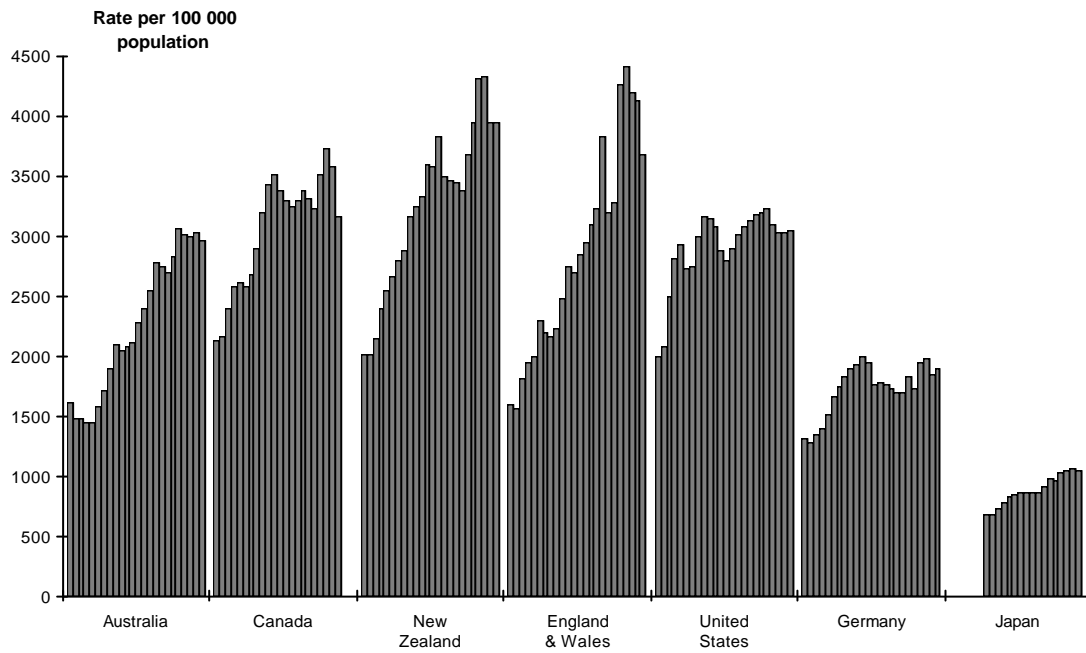
**Figure 6.1:** *International Crime Trends, BURGLARY, 1972-95*



**Figure 6.2:** *International Crime Trends, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, 1972-95*



**Figure 6.3:** *International Crime Trends, LARCENY, 1972-95*



**Figure 6.4:** *International Crime Trends, HOMICIDE, 1972-95*

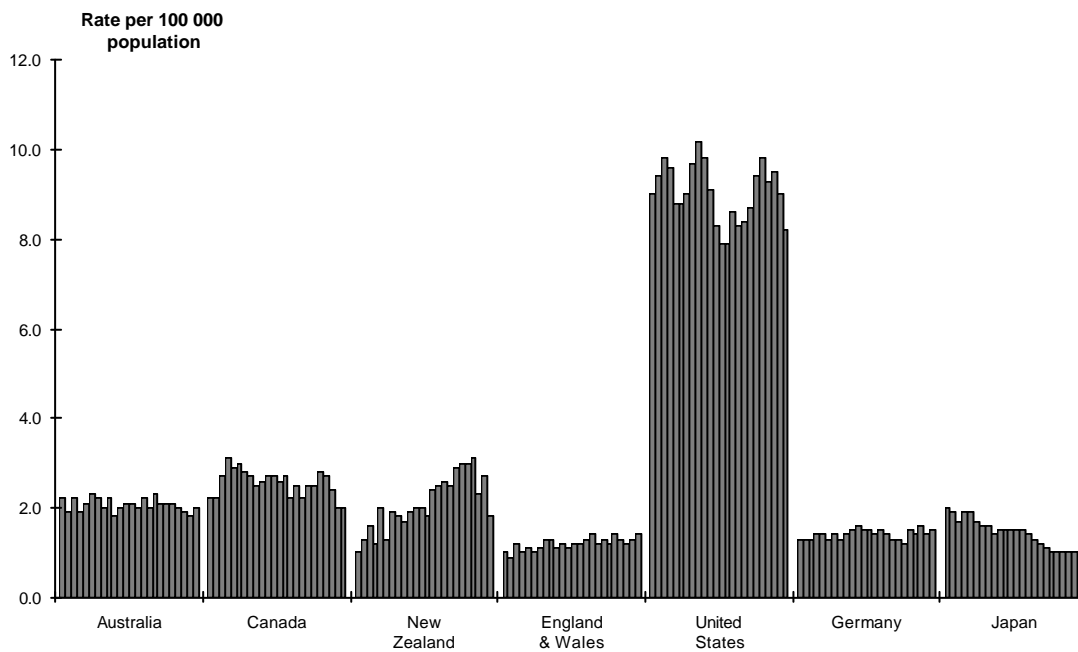
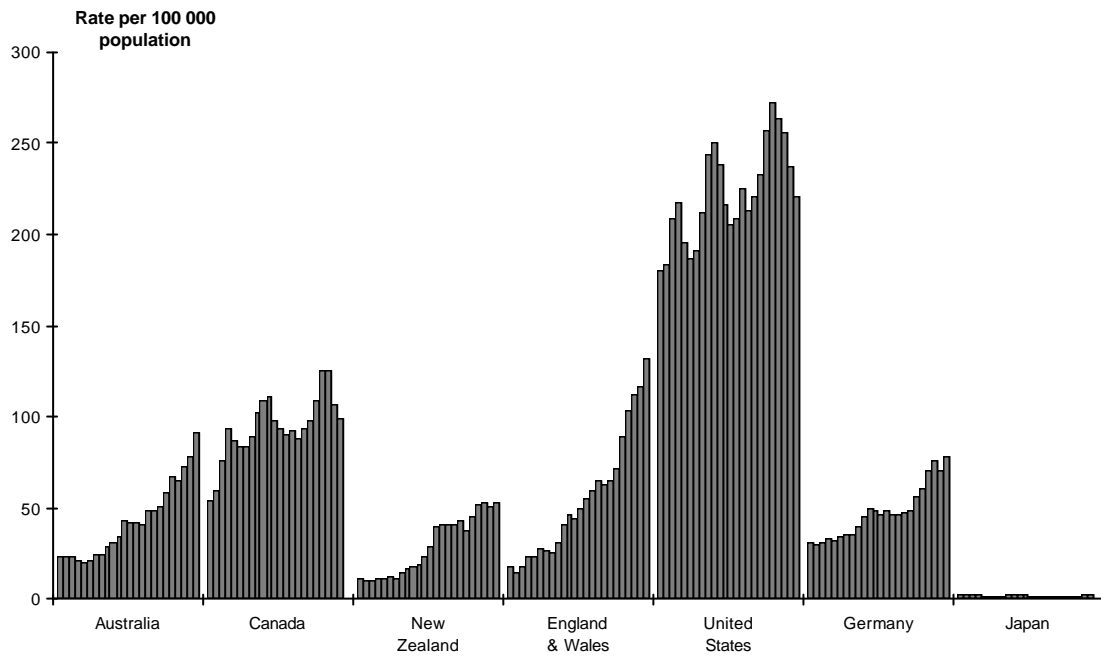


Figure 6.5: International Crime Trends, ROBBERY, 1972-95





**Table 6.6: Major Cities/Regions 1987-95**  
*Crime Rates per 100,000 population*  
*Homicide<sup>1</sup>*

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
<b>Brisbane</b>	2.10	1.30	1.61	2.76	1.94	1.50	2.20
<b>Canberra (ACT)</b>	0.00	1.04	0.34	0.34	0.66	1.32	0.32
<b>Melbourne</b>	3.30	1.86	1.20	1.69	1.59	1.60	2.16
<b>Sydney</b>	2.10	2.10	2.20	1.99	2.00	1.60	1.90
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>							
<b>Greater Manchester</b>	1.36	1.08	1.91	1.80	1.59	1.47	1.71
<b>London</b>	2.46	2.79	2.52	2.36	2.15	2.29	2.24
<b>Merseyside</b>	1.17	1.32	1.46	1.53	1.04	2.01	1.67
<b>Thames Valley</b>	0.82	0.91	0.86	0.81	0.95	1.20	1.19
<b>West Midlands</b>	1.19	1.41	1.53	2.14	1.52	1.86	1.94
<b>West Yorkshire</b>	1.60	2.08	1.65	1.65	1.29	1.28	2.04
<b>USA</b>							
<b>Chicago</b>	24.83	30.57	32.90	33.15	30.30	33.11	29.96
<b>Houston</b>	26.79	34.83	36.50	27.43	25.87	21.33	18.22
<b>Los Angeles</b>	25.48	28.20	28.86	30.26	30.52	23.80	24.49
<b>New York</b>	25.85	30.66	29.31	27.05	26.49	21.28	16.08
<b>Philadelphia</b>	28.75	31.72	27.56	26.50	28.15	25.89	28.24
<b>Washington DC</b>	71.85	77.77	80.60	75.21	78.55	70.00	65.16
<b>GERMANY</b>							
<b>Berlin</b>	2.60	2.30	2.68	3.16	4.40	3.90	3.50
<b>Bonn</b>	0.20	0.20	2.27	3.67	1.60	1.60	n/a
<b>Cologne</b>	2.70	1.70	1.68	3.03	2.10	1.70	1.50
<b>Frankfurt</b>	2.40	3.30	4.50	2.29	3.50	4.10	3.70
<b>Hamburg</b>	2.80	3.00	3.57	2.52	3.80	3.30	2.90
<b>Munich</b>	2.20	2.70	1.79	3.42	2.70	1.00	3.30

1. Includes murder & manslaughter (not by driving), except in the United States which includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter.

Note: German data until 1992 relates to West Germany only, since 1993 relates to United Germany.

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**Table 6.7: Crime in Major Cities 1987-1995**  
*Rates per 100 000 population*  
*Robbery*

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
<b>Brisbane</b>	58.70	71.60	82.24	103.25	89.16	91.18	95.92
<b>Canberra</b> (ACT)	14.50	34.20	36.00	43.49	47.19	36.17	59.19
<b>Melbourne</b>	49.80	55.80	54.00	51.87	48.00	46.00	49.00
<b>Sydney</b>	134.60	145.20	133.60	140.16	140.70	143.90	154.40
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>							
<b>Greater Manchester</b>	80.05	93.44	128.00	168.23	210.77	207.89	221.65
<b>London</b>	241.28	249.94	300.80	323.16	331.45	349.17	398.54
<b>Merseyside</b>	110.22	113.51	122.00	141.29	152.46	141.23	192.97
<b>Thames Valley</b>	30.57	31.87	41.00	51.27	45.76	56.47	65.39
<b>West Midlands</b>	108.57	119.16	153.00	191.22	227.25	266.85	299.57
<b>West Yorkshire</b>	43.44	57.54	90.00	133.64	151.61	141.23	158.93
<b>USA</b>							
<b>Chicago</b>	1057.07	1334.76	1557.29	1357.20	1261.71	1210.53	1094.08
<b>Houston</b>	573.10	792.43	833.44	656.54	n/a	567.74	531.73
<b>Los Angeles</b>	902.61	1035.69	1117.89	1092.70	1089.69	867.99	840.51
<b>New York</b>	1267.08	1369.47	1340.30	1237.12	1170.52	988.79	809.89
<b>Philadelphia</b>	619.36	807.66	871.86	728.41	739.39	814.19	889.76
<b>Washington DC</b>	1082.95	1213.54	1214.88	1265.87	1229.58	1107.19	1238.99
<b>GERMANY</b>							
<b>Berlin</b>	140.00	235.30	237.00	220.51	211.00	234.00	271.00
<b>Bonn</b>	39.80	47.40	52.00	65.46	59.00	101.00	295.00
<b>Cologne</b>	116.50	101.80	144.00	151.36	161.00	151.00	156.00
<b>Frankfurt</b>	221.40	310.00	379.00	333.29	297.00	268.00	319.00
<b>Hamburg</b>	209.10	263.10	304.00	311.91	368.00	278.00	339.00
<b>Munich</b>	75.20	82.00	101.00	108.29	97.00	90.00	92.00
<b>West Germany</b>	48.60	56.00	61.00	70.40	76.00	71.00	78.00

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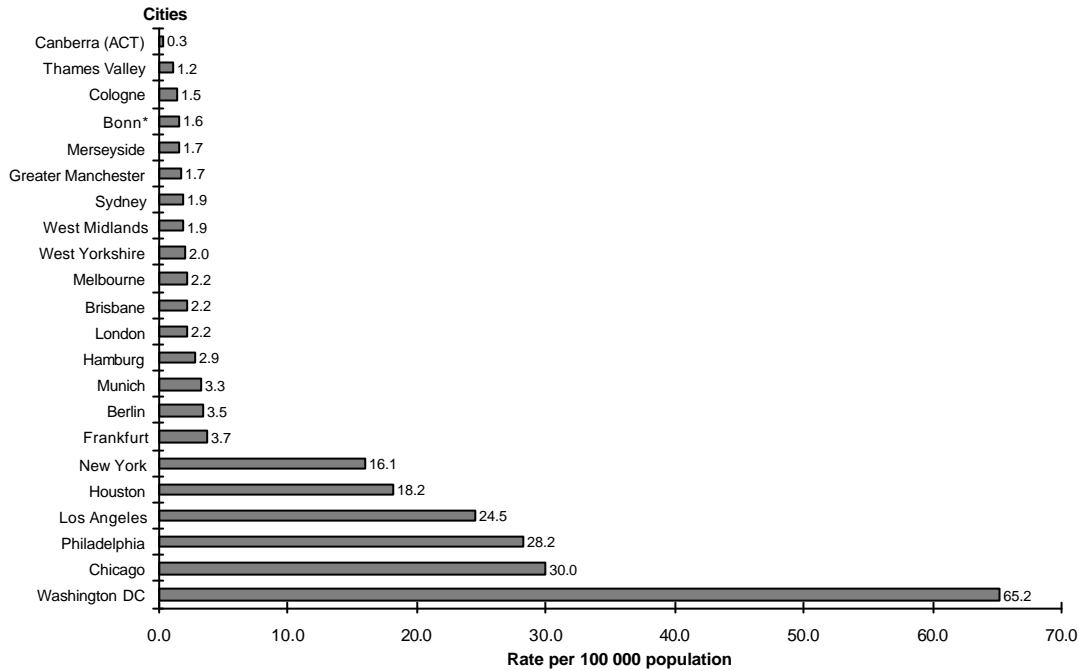
**Table 6.8: Crime in Major Cities 1987-95**  
*Rates per 100 000 population*  
*Motor Vehicle Theft*

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>							
<b>Brisbane</b>	718.90	733.80	718.39	786.70	745.30	771.42	688.06
<b>Canberra (ACT)</b>	520.90	511.20	572.14	535.3	550.66	566.92	495.28
<b>Melbourne</b>	912.90	957.85	834.00	772.23	883.00	800.00	859.00
<b>Sydney</b>	1258.70	1073.20	865.60	886.33	889.60	1038.60	1043.10
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>							
<b>Greater Manchester</b>	1546.59	1881.66	2136.60	2263.27	2181.35	1886.94	1765.23
<b>London</b>	931.42	1020.59	1120.76	1090.12	1032.61	893.46	800.33
<b>Merseyside</b>	1099.10	1157.45	1176.92	1106.11	1126.62	1062.41	1270.88
<b>Thames Valley</b>	763.18	921.13	1137.47	1119.98	1161.73	980.33	914.05
<b>West Midlands</b>	1101.11	1309.22	1583.75	1513.25	1527.55	1531.95	1716.39
<b>West Yorkshire</b>	919.50	1403.14	1943.72	1777.83	1826.15	1661.51	1610.58
<b>USA</b>							
<b>Chicago</b>	1535.94	1746.80	1685.80	1588.05	1449.91	1427.87	1316.31
<b>Houston</b>	2159.62	2505.47	2411.04	1824.99	1595.93	1287.25	1299.40
<b>Los Angeles</b>	1859.42	1825.13	1929.42	1880.34	1695.28	1434.30	1333.21
<b>New York</b>	1816.43	2009.17	1904.44	1721.46	1530.71	1300.67	992.94
<b>Philadelphia</b>	1515.75	1631.46	1523.02	1397.82	1525.14	1619.98	1556.30
<b>Washington DC</b>	1372.68	1336.13	1359.87	1547.88	1394.46	1448.60	1839.71
<b>GERMANY</b>							
<b>Berlin</b>	203.00	308.00	455.00	786.67	834.00	729.00	648.00
<b>Bonn</b>	95.00	101.00	96.00	140.31	138.00	105.00	120.00
<b>Cologne</b>	171.00	182.00	203.00	222.22	248.00	216.00	219.00
<b>Frankfurt</b>	330.00	340.00	457.00	546.11	481.00	414.00	345.00
<b>Hamburg</b>	431.00	409.00	449.00	574.20	467.00	396.00	399.00
<b>Munich</b>	128.00	129.00	136.00	161.10	142.00	113.00	91.00

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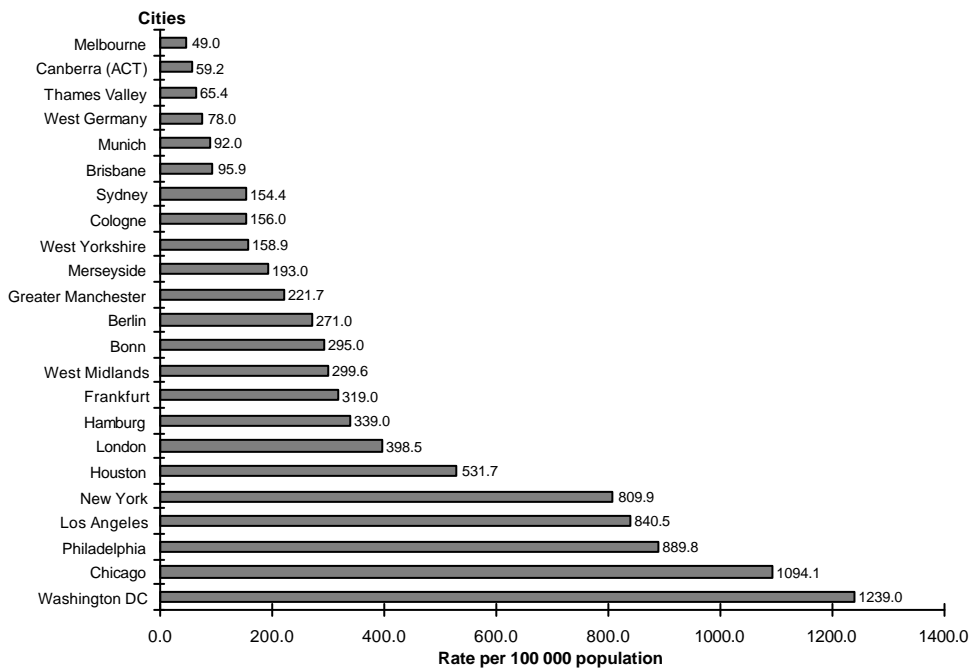
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**Figure 6.6:** *Crime in Major Cities/Regions, 1995, HOMICIDE, Rates per 100 000 population*

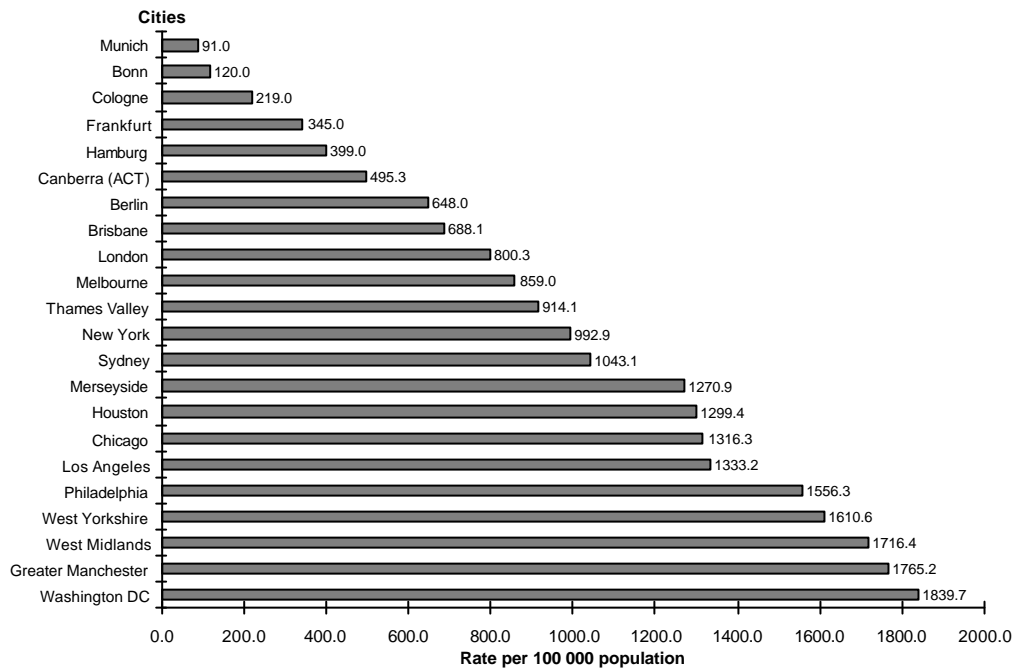


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**Figure 6.7:** *Crime in Major Cities/Regions, 1995, ROBBERY, Rates per 100 000 population*



**Figure 6.8:** *Crime in Major Cities/Regions, 1995, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, Rates per 100 000 population*



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