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Motor vehicle theft in Australia improved marginally in the March quarter delivering an 8 per cent increase for the 12 months to March 2017, down from the 10 per cent experienced in the 12 months to December 2016. With 57,173 vehicles stolen, national volumes are 7 per cent less than five years ago. Both short term and profit motivated passenger/light commercial (PLC) thefts remain the drivers for the increase offset by a small decrease in motorcycle theft. Declines in NSW continue to offset increases in most other jurisdictions.

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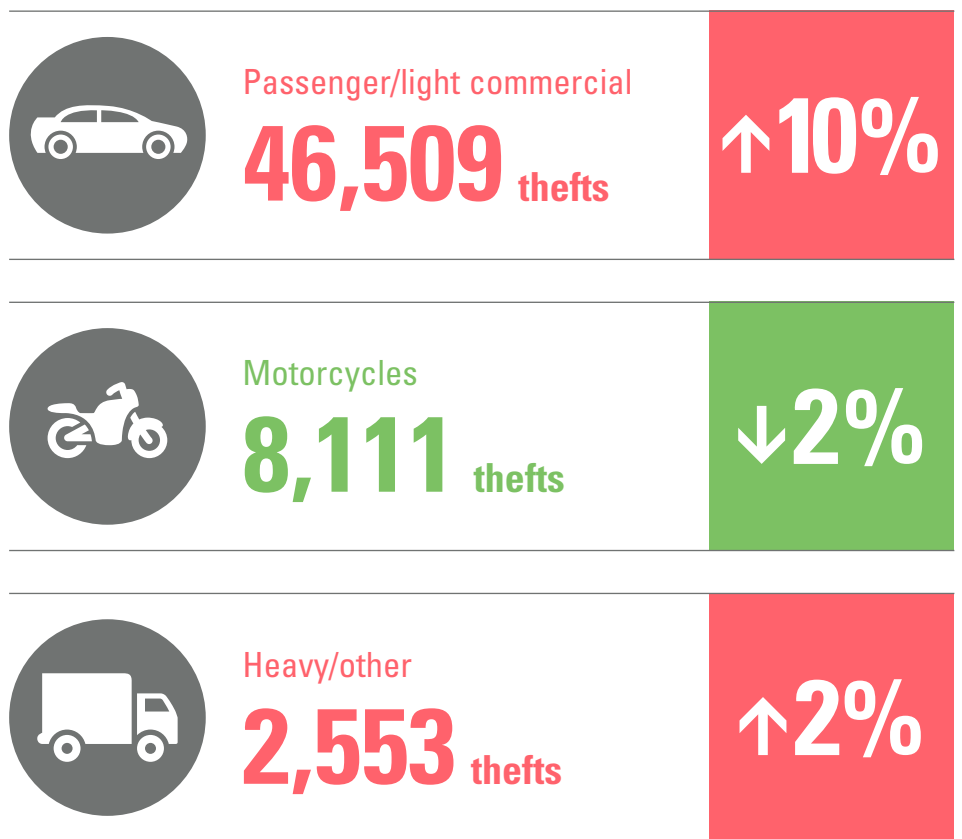


comprehensive auto-theft research system

theft watch

12 months to March 2017

Total vehicle thefts



Breakdown by theft type



Short term
thefts

36,374
↑11%

3,762
↓3%

1,293
↑4%

Profit-motivated
thefts

10,135
↑9%

4,349
↓0%

1,260
↑0%

State and territory breakdown – PLC theft

Number of PLC thefts – 12 months ending 31 March 2017



Thirty-five per cent of all PLC short term theft (12,843) and 35 per cent of all profit-motivated theft (3,557) occurred in VIC. Twenty-seven per cent of PLC profit-motivated thefts (2,774) occurred in NSW.

Percentage change from previous 12 months



Short term theft increased 35 per cent in QLD with VIC also experiencing a significant 16 per cent increase. VIC had the highest percentage increase in profit-motivated theft of the larger jurisdictions of 24 per cent.

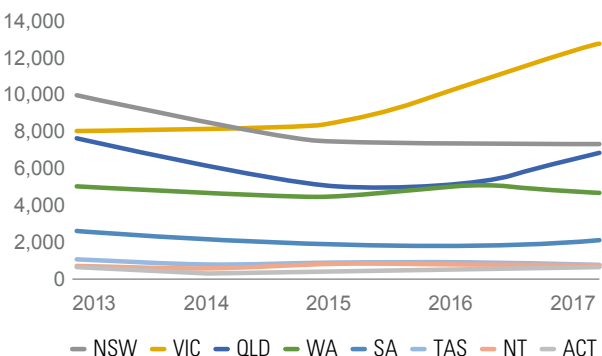
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Theft rate per 1,000 registrations



When expressed as a rate per 1,000 registrations, VIC had the highest short term theft rate of the larger jurisdictions* of 2.88. VIC also had the highest profit-motivated theft rate of 0.80.

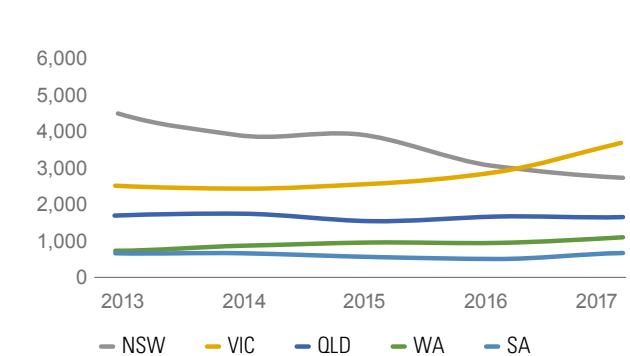
Short term theft (five year trend to March 2017)



Short term PLC thefts in VIC remain 59 per cent up from five years ago despite a 12 per cent improvement in the March quarter compared to March 2016. Compared to five years ago thefts are down significantly in NSW (26%), QLD (10%) and SA (21%).

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Profit-motivated theft (five year trend to March 2017)



Profit-motivated theft in NSW has fallen 37 per cent over the five year period. Over two-thirds of the reduction are in vehicles aged 10 years and over. Thefts are also down 12 per cent in SA while stable in QLD, as increasing trends are observed in the remaining larger jurisdictions. Profit-motivated theft in the ACT, NT and TAS has remained relatively stable.*

Want more stats?

This report provides fast data on motor vehicle theft for the 12 months to March 2017.

For a more detailed analysis of current theft trends log onto our interactive Dashboard at: <https://carsafe.com.au/dashboard#tab1>