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The 2016/17 financial year saw total vehicle theft increase by 4 per cent to 56,184 vehicles stolen. Despite this, national volumes are still down 6 per cent from five years ago. Short term passenger/light commercial (PLC) thefts made up the highest proportion of the rise (6%), which was off-set by decreases in profit-motivated motorcycle and other vehicle theft. NSW was the only state to experience a reduction in profit motivated theft with increases in VIC, QLD and SA.

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comprehensive auto-theft research system

theft watch

2016/17 financial year

Total vehicle thefts



Passenger/light commercial

45,666 thefts

↑6%



Motorcycles

8,056 thefts

↓3%



Heavy/other

2,462 thefts

↓2%

Breakdown by theft type



Short term
thefts

35,947
↑6%

3,701
↓7%

1,267
↓0.5%

Profit-motivated
thefts

9,719
↑5%

4,355
↓0.4%

1,195
↓4%

State and territory breakdown – PLC theft

Number of PLC thefts – 12 months ending 30 June 2017



Notwithstanding significant improvements in the second half of the year, 33 per cent (12,041) of all PLC short term theft occurred in VIC. VIC also had the greatest percentage of the nation's profit-motivated PLC theft at 34 per cent (3,338) followed by NSW at 27 per cent (2,671).

Percentage change from previous 12 months



Short term theft increased 31 per cent in QLD while VIC short term theft has stabilised with a significant decrease in the second half year offsetting first half increases. Of the larger jurisdictions, SA had the highest percentage increase in profit-motivated theft with 15 per cent.

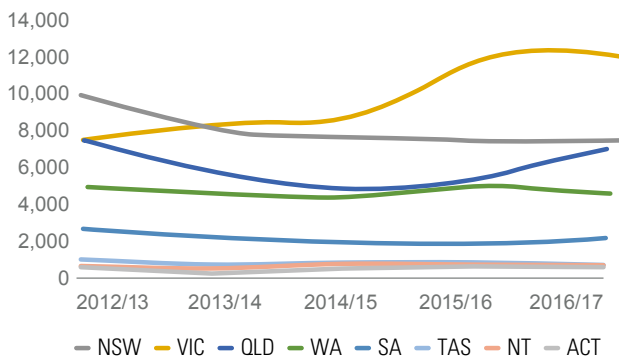
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Theft rate per 1,000 registrations



When expressed as a rate per 1,000 registrations, VIC had the highest short term theft rate of the larger jurisdictions* of 2.66. VIC also had the highest profit-motivated theft rate of 0.74.

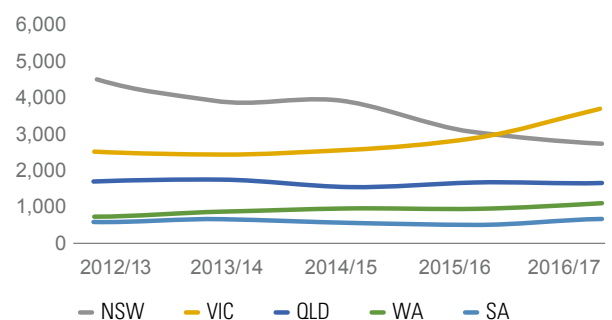
Short term theft (five year trend to June 2017)



Whilst short term PLC theft has stabilised, VIC remains 61 per cent higher than five years ago as a result of the sharp increase between 2014 and 2016. In contrast, thefts over the same period are down significantly in NSW (22%), SA (18%), WA (7%) and QLD (3%).

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



Profit-motivated theft in NSW has fallen 35 per cent over the five year period. Over two-thirds of the reduction are in vehicles aged 16 years and over. Theft rates are also down 10 per cent in SA and 5 per cent in QLD, while 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 June 2017.

For a more detailed analysis of current theft trends be sure to check out our interactive Dashboard at: ncars.on.net/dashboard.aspx