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Total national theft in the 12 months to September was 2 per cent less than the preceding 12 months. The decrease was largely a result of a 7 per cent fall in short term heavy/other vehicle theft. Profit motivated motorcycle theft increased by 2 per cent. QLD has had a significant increase of 15 per cent which has been off-set by continuing improvement in VIC. The nation's total theft is down 10 per cent compared to five years ago with a total of 54,294 vehicles stolen.

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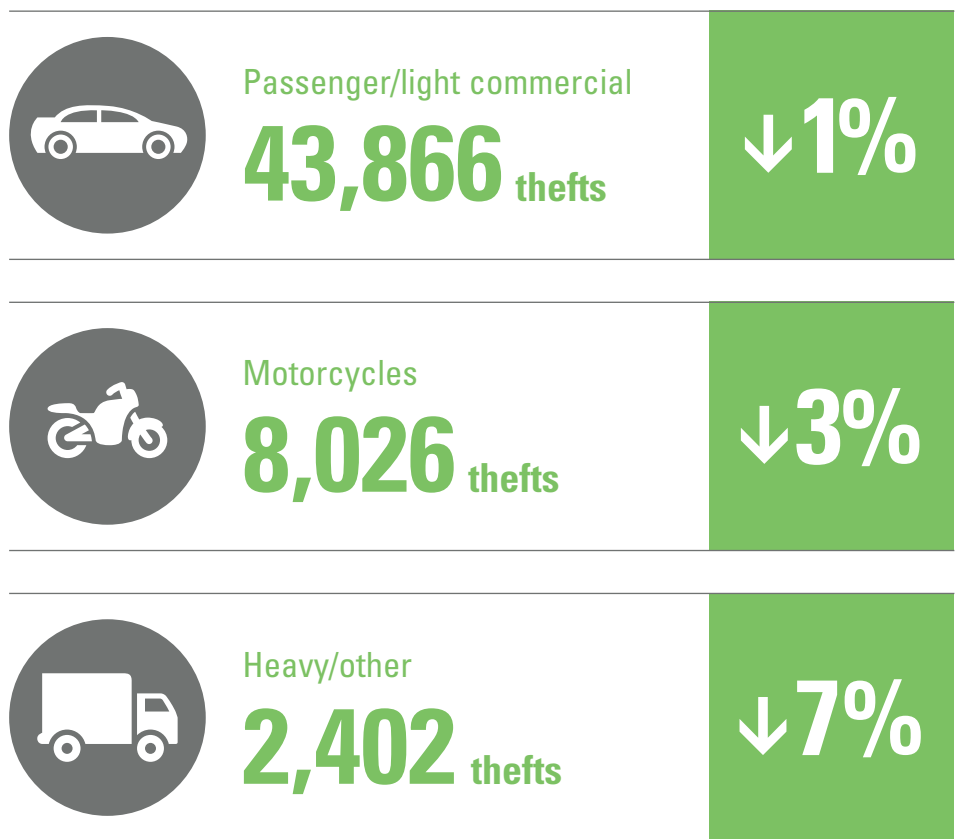


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## 12 months to September 2017

### Total vehicle thefts



### Breakdown by theft type



### Short term thefts

**34,691**  
↓-1%

**3,654**  
↓-9%

**1,227**  
↓-8%

### Profit-motivated thefts

**9,175**  
↓-2%

**4,372**  
↑2%

**1,175**  
↓-6%

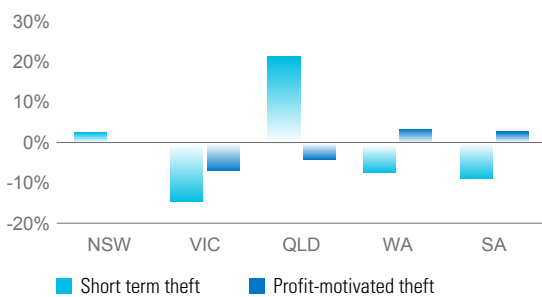
# State and territory breakdown – PLC theft

**Number of PLC thefts – 12 months ending 30 September 2017**



Notwithstanding continuous significant improvements in the second half of the year, 10,796 vehicles were stolen in VIC, making up 31 per cent of all PLC theft. Thirty-three per cent of all profit-motivated PLC theft (3,072) also occurred in VIC. NSW followed with 7,485 PLCs stolen representing 22 per cent of the nation's total theft.

**Percentage change from previous 12 months**



Short term theft increased by 21 per cent in QLD and a marginal 3 per cent in NSW. VIC's theft continued to decrease in the second half of the year with a decrease of 14 per cent in short term theft and a 7 per cent decrease in profit motivated theft leading to an overall decline of 13 per cent in the 12 month period. Of the larger jurisdictions, WA had the highest percentage increase in profit-motivated theft with 4 per cent.

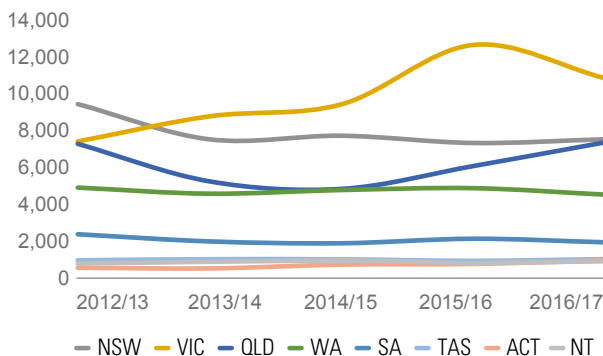
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**Theft rate per 1,000 registrations**



When expressed as a rate per 1,000 registrations, VIC has the highest short term theft rate of the larger jurisdictions\* of 2.36. VIC also had the highest profit-motivated theft rate of 0.67.

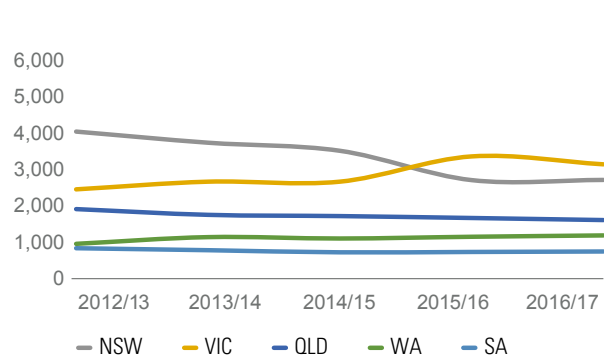
**Short term theft (five year trend to September 2017)**



Whilst short term PLC theft has improved significantly, VIC remains 47 per cent higher than five year ago as a result of the sharp increase between 2014 and 2016. In contrast, thefts over the same period are down in NSW (20%), SA (18%) and WA (8%). QLD has remained relatively stable over the period.

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**Profit-motivated theft (five year trend to September 2017)**



Profit-motivated theft in NSW has fallen 35 per cent over the five year period. Thefts are also down 15 per cent in SA and 18 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 in the 12 months to September 2017.

For a more detailed analysis of current theft trends be sure to check out our interactive Dashboard at: <https://carsafe.com.au/ashboard#tab1>