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Welcome to the first edition of the updated Theft Watch. This new version is designed to provide readers with quick and easy access to key motor vehicle theft statistics for the latest 12 month period at both the national and state/territory level. We hope you enjoy the fresh, new format!

The NMVTRC is an initiative of Australian Governments and the Insurance Industry

The NMVTRC acknowledges all police services, registration authorities, participating insurers, the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, Glass's Information Services and Insurance Australia Group for their supply of the data. Theft incident data may be subject to later revision by the data provider.

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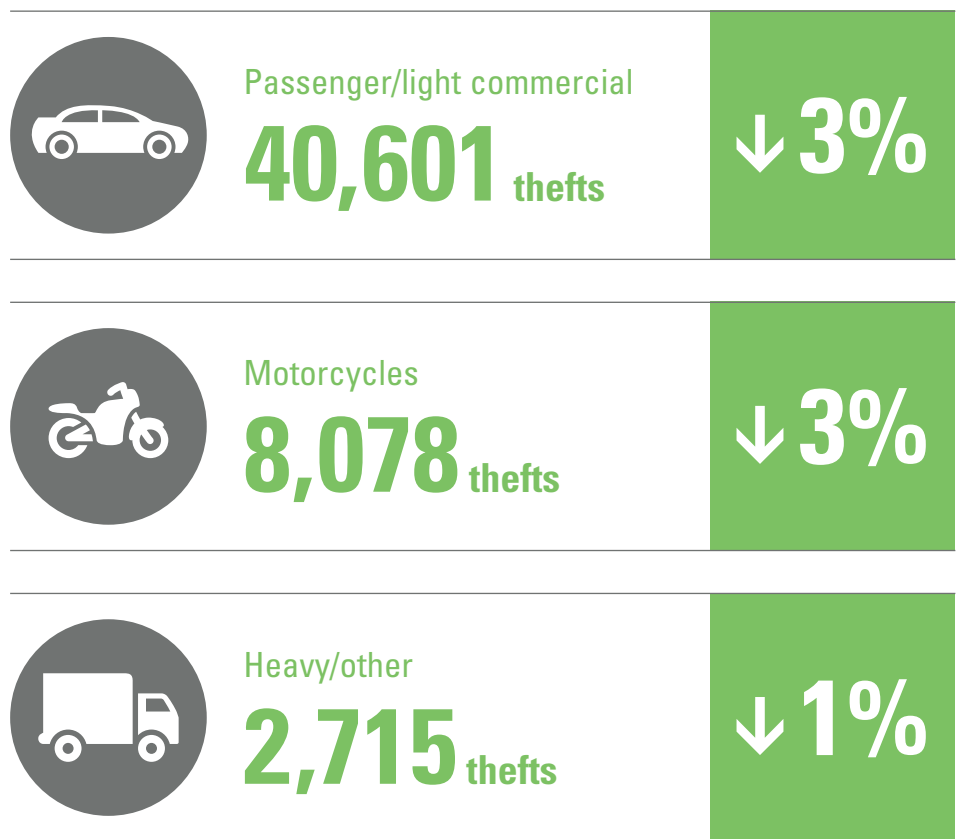


comprehensive auto-theft research system

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2014/15 financial year wrap up

Total vehicle thefts



Breakdown by theft type



Short term thefts

30,355
↓ 4%

3,512
↓ 9%

1,243
↓ 8%

Profit-motivated thefts

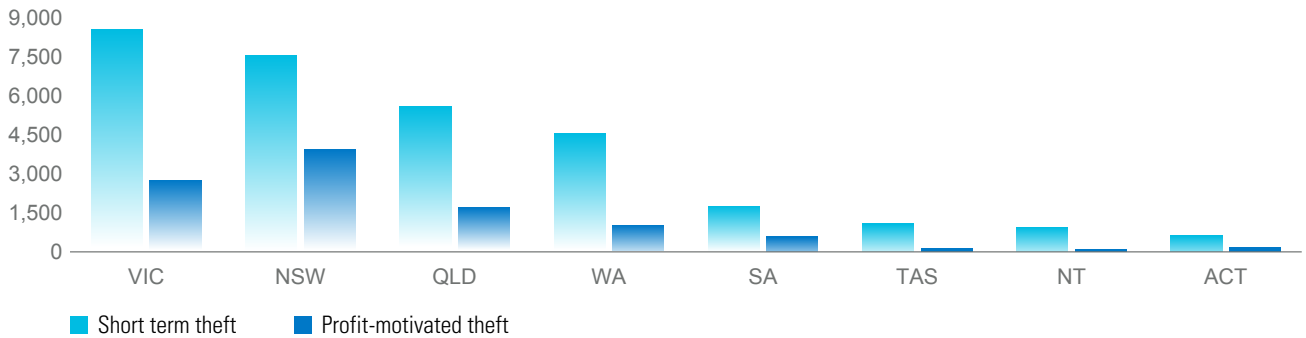
10,246
↑ 3%

4,566
↑ 2%

1,472
↑ 6%

State and territory breakdown – PLC theft

Number of vehicle thefts 2014/15



Victoria has now overtaken NSW for the highest number of short term PLC thefts in a 12 month period. NSW maintained the highest volume of profit-motivated thefts.

Percentage change from 2013/14



QLD experienced the largest reduction of 1,104 thefts in the period.*

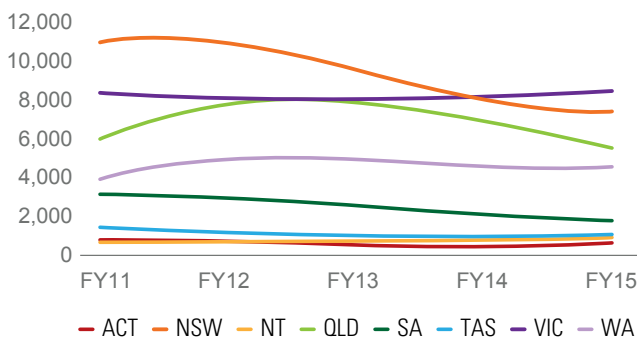
Theft rate per 1,000 registrations



Of the larger jurisdictions, WA had the highest short term theft rate of 2.29 per 1,000 registrations. NSW maintained the highest profit-motivated theft rate of 0.81.*

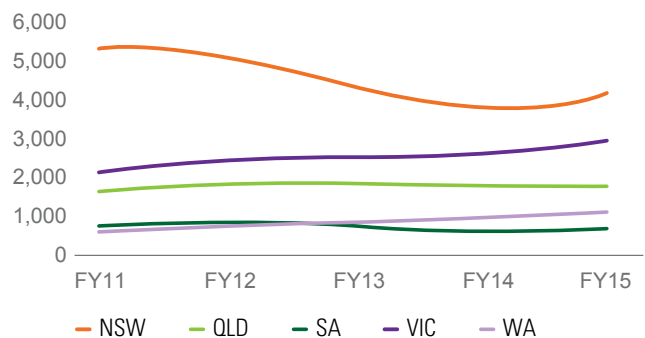
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Short term theft (five year trend)



Short term PLC theft in NSW has fallen by 31 per cent over the past five years. Thefts have increased over the same period in VIC, WA and the NT.

Profit-motivated theft (five year trend)



Profit-motivated theft in NSW has followed a similar trend, declining 26 per cent over the five year period. Thefts have been steadily increasing in VIC and WA. Profit-motivated theft in the ACT, TAS and the NT has remained relatively steady over the past five years.*

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Want more stats?

This report provides fast data on motor vehicle theft in 2014/15. For a more detailed analysis of current theft trends be sure to check out our interactive Dashboard at: ncars.on.net/dashboard.aspx