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Motor vehicle theft in Australia increased 4 per cent in 2015 to a total of 52,303. Despite this, volumes are still down 7 per cent from five years ago. VIC had the highest volume of passenger/light commercial (PLC) thefts, with the majority of cars stolen for short term uses. Motorcycle theft increased marginally, with WA having the highest volume of bikes stolen.

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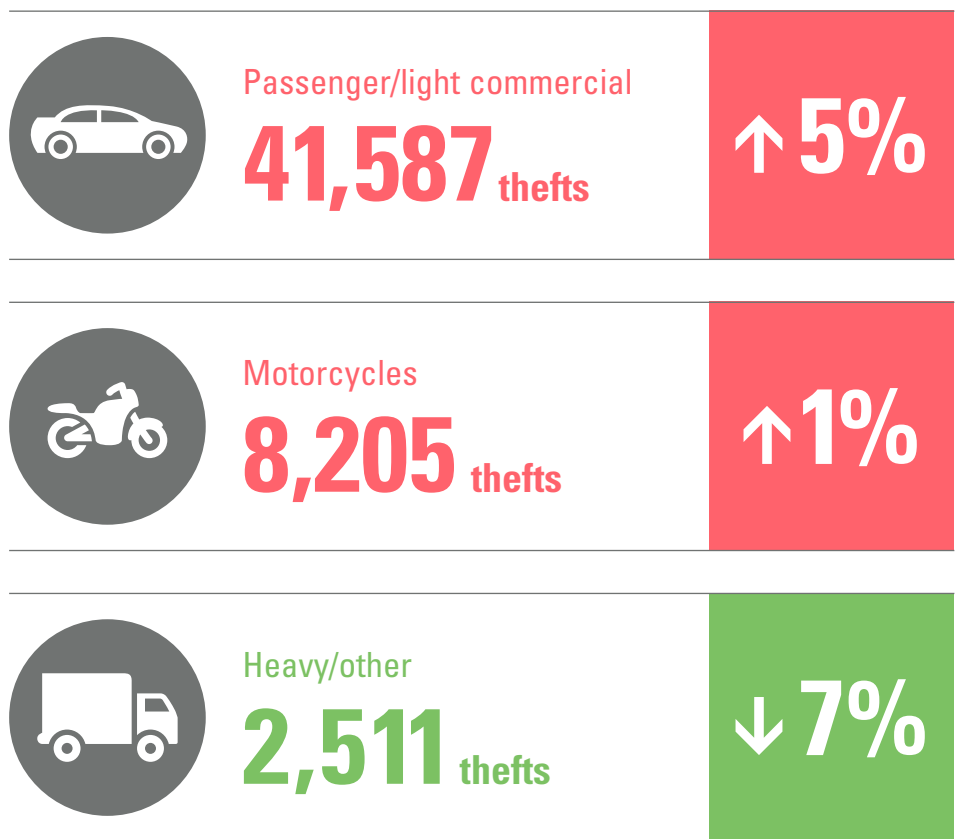


comprehensive auto-theft research system

theft watch

12 months to December 2015

Total vehicle thefts



Breakdown by theft type



Short term thefts

31,444
↑ 6%

3,556
↓ 6%

1,174
↓ 10%

Profit-motivated thefts

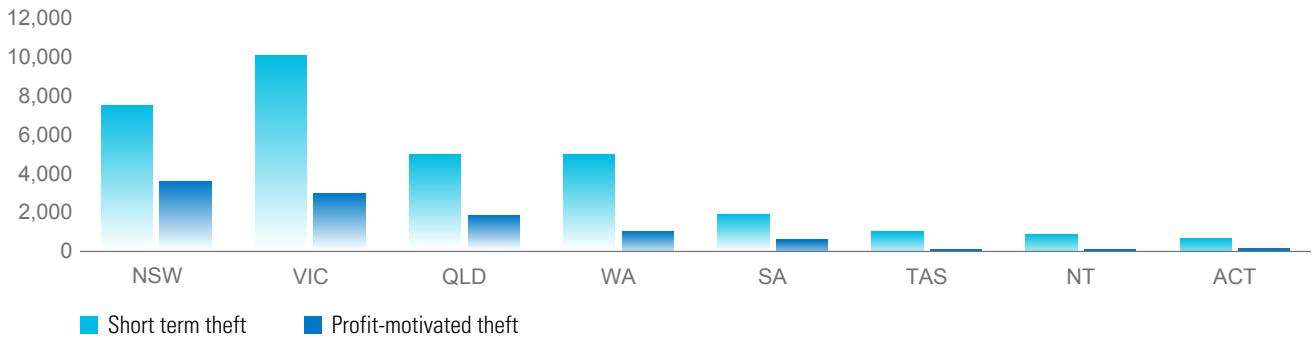
10,143
↑ 2%

4,649
↑ 8%

1,337
↓ 5%

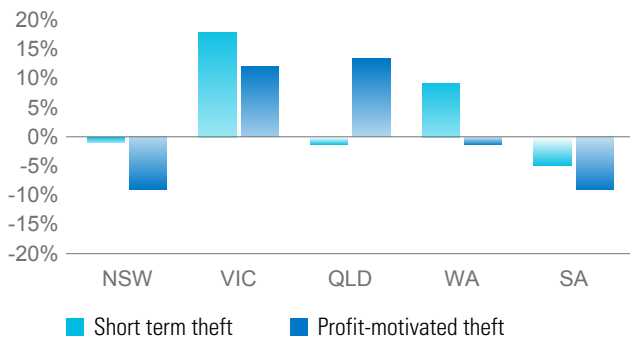
State and territory breakdown – PLC theft

Number of vehicle thefts 12 months to December 2015



Thirty-two per cent of all short term PLC vehicle thefts occurred in VIC. Despite a continuing downward trend, NSW still had the largest number of vehicles stolen for profit.

Percentage change from 12 months to December 2014



A reduction in short term theft in QLD and a rise in WA resulted in the two states experiencing close to equal theft numbers. Of the larger jurisdictions, QLD again had the highest percentage increase in profit-motivated theft of 13 per cent.

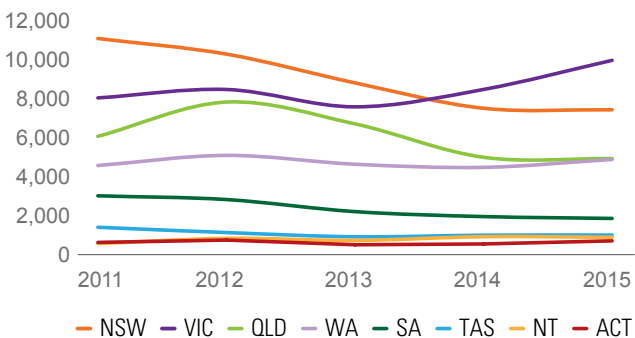
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Theft rate per 1,000 registrations



When expressed as a rate per 1,000 registrations, WA has the highest short term theft rate of 2.46 and NSW the highest profit-motivated theft rate of 0.73 of the larger jurisdictions.*

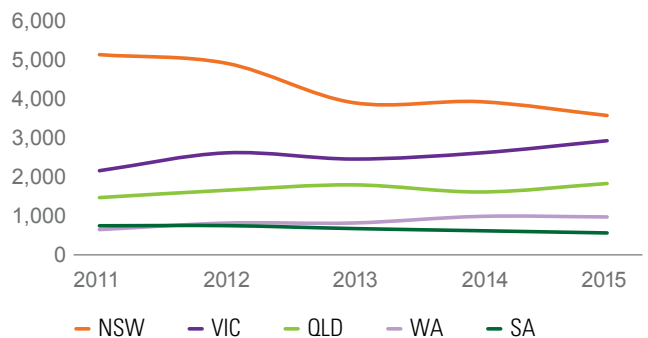
Short term theft (five year trend to December)



Short term PLC theft has increased 24 per cent in VIC over the past five years, with thefts also up 7 per cent in WA.

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Profit-motivated theft (five year trend to December)



Profit-motivated theft in NSW has fallen 30 per cent over the five year period, with over two-thirds of the reduction being vehicles aged 16 years and over. Thefts are also down 24 per cent in SA, 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 December 2015.

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