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An 8 per cent rise saw Australia's upward trend in motor vehicle theft continue in the 12 months to September 2016, with a total of 55,571 vehicles stolen. The increase was largely driven by a 13 per cent rise in short term passenger/light commercial (PLC) theft. Profit-motivated PLC theft also rose 3 per cent. Thefts continue to decline in NSW, while VIC and QLD saw statistically significant¹ increasing trends. Despite the national increase, the total theft volume is 7 per cent lower than five years ago.

1. Based on Kendall's Tau-B significance testing of theft over a 24 month period.

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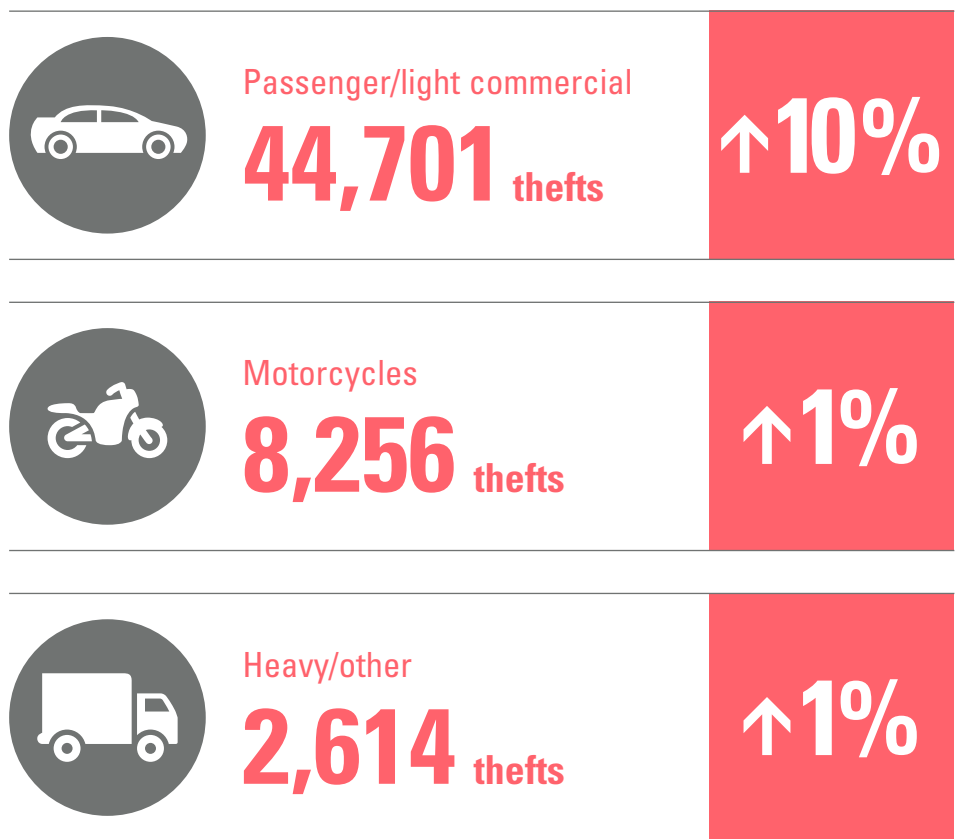


comprehensive auto-theft research system

theft watch

12 months to September 2016

Total vehicle thefts



Breakdown by theft type



Short term thefts

34,828
↑13%

3,826
↑2%

1,303
↑4%

Profit-motivated thefts

9,873
↑3%

4,430
↑1%

1,311
↓2%

State and territory breakdown – PLC theft

Number of vehicle thefts 12 months to September 2016



Thirty-six per cent of all PLC theft occurred in VIC (15,914 by volume), despite the State having only 26 per cent of registered PLCs. Thirty-five per cent of all profit-motivated theft (3,407) also occurred in VIC. NSW followed with 9,917 PLCs stolen representing 22 per cent of the nation's thefts and 29 per cent of registrations.

Percentage change from 12 months to September 2015



VIC experienced very similar increases in both short term and profit-motivated PLC theft of 34 and 31 per cent, respectively. NSW's 11 per cent reduction was statistically significant indicating a sustained downward trend. Conversely, QLD's 19 per cent increase indicates a rising trend for the State.

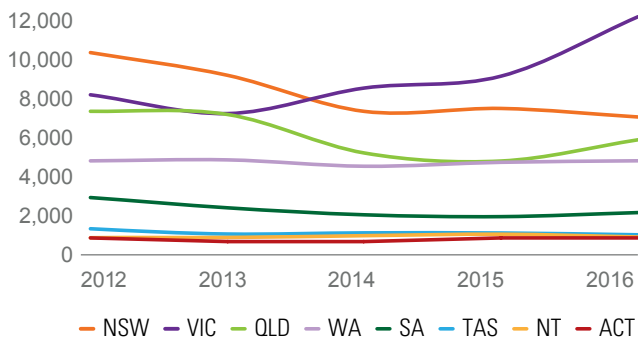
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Theft rate per 1,000 registrations



When expressed as a rate per 1,000 registrations, VIC and WA had the highest short term theft rates of the larger jurisdictions* of 2.8 and 2.4, respectively. VIC's profit-motivated theft rate of 0.76 was also the highest, followed by NSW at 0.55.

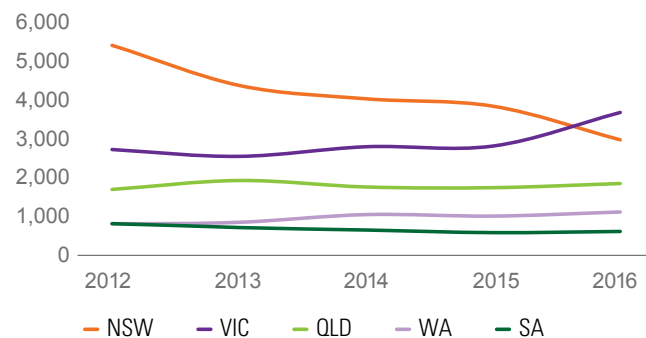
Short term theft (five year trend to September)



Short term PLC thefts have fallen considerably in NSW (32%), QLD (21%) and SA (28%) over the past five years. In contrast, short term PLC thefts have increased by 49 per cent in VIC over the same period. Despite fluctuations over the past five years, the volume of short term theft has returned to 2012 levels in WA, NT and the ACT.

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Profit-motivated theft (five year trend to September)



Profit-motivated PLC theft in NSW has fallen 45 per cent over the five year period. Over two-thirds of the reduction are in vehicles aged 16 years and over. Thefts are also down 25 per cent in SA. The NT and ACT have experienced large fluctuations over this time due to their small population size. Tasmanian volumes remain stable.

Want more stats?

This report provides fast data on motor vehicle theft in the 12 months to September 2016.

For a more detailed analysis of current theft trends be sure to check out our interactive Dashboard at: carsafe.com.au/dashboard