

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: 2016 VS 2020

2016

57,243

motor vehicles stolen

46,196 passenger & light commercial vehicles

8,427 motorcycles

2,620 other vehicles

2020

49,438

motor vehicles stolen

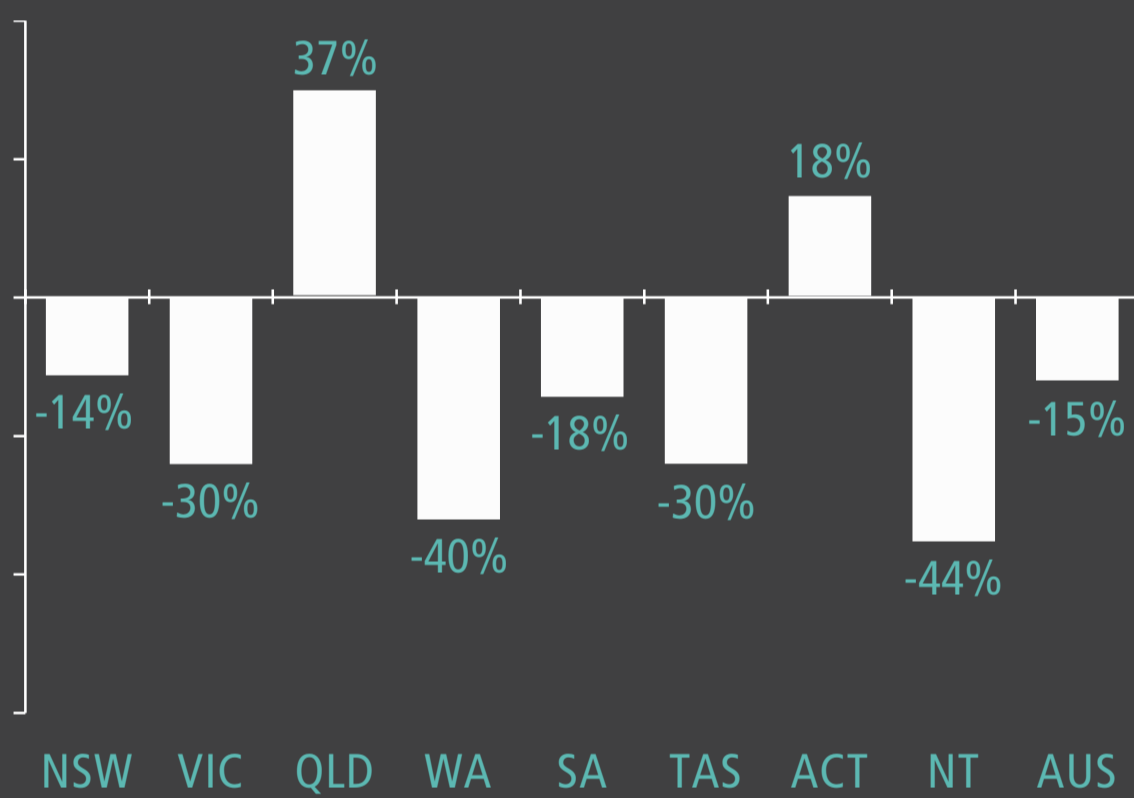
39,400 passenger & light commercial vehicles

8,059 motorcycles

1,979 other vehicles

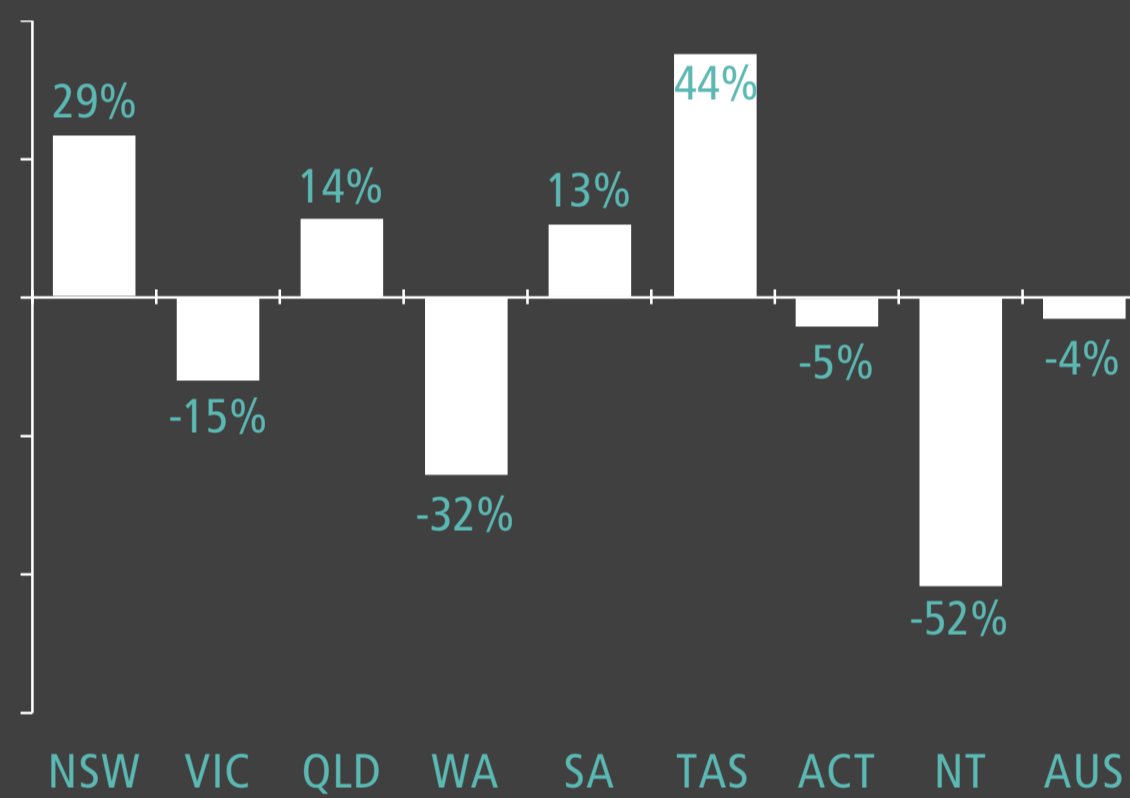
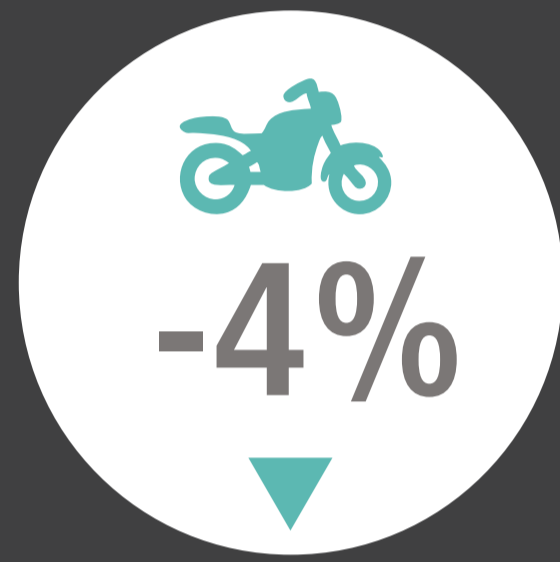
5 year proportional change in theft by vehicle type and jurisdiction:

Passenger & light commercial vehicles



There has been a 15% decrease in PLC thefts due to a considerable decrease in most jurisdictions. The only increases were seen in Queensland (37%) and Australian Capital Territory (18%). Among the large jurisdictions, Western Australia and Victoria recorded reductions of 40% and 30%, respectively.

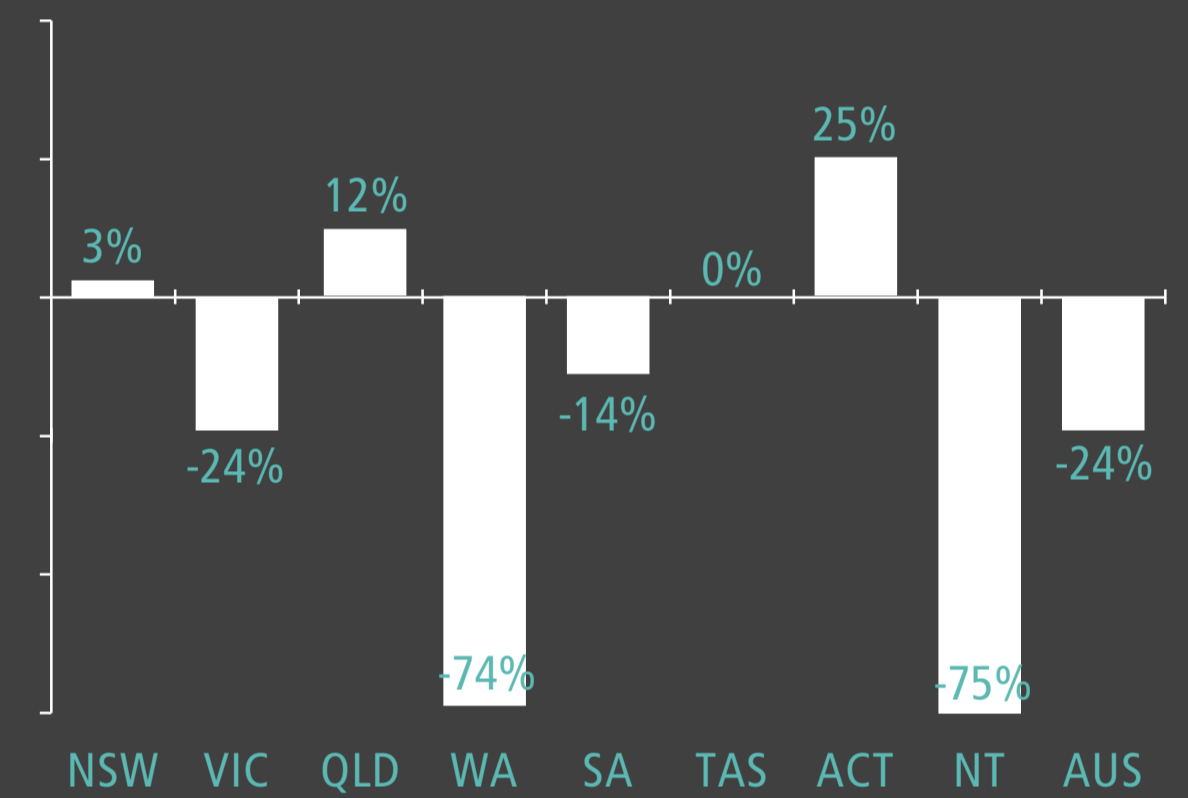
Motorcycles



Motorcycle thefts increased in half of the jurisdictions between 2016 and 2020. Large increases were recorded in New South Wales (+29%), Queensland (+14%), and South Australia (+13%).

By contrast, Western Australia (-32%) recorded a large reduction.

Other vehicles



Overall 'other vehicle' thefts have reduced by 24% over the last five years with a large reduction of -74% in Western Australia (-57%) and Victoria (-24%).

The largest numerical increase was seen in Queensland (+53 thefts).



54% of motor vehicle thefts were stolen from a residential location followed by 26% from the street.



On average passenger & light commercial vehicles stolen in 2020 were recovered 25 kms away, which is 5 kms closer than vehicles stolen in 2016.



Motorcycles were recovered 13 kms away from the theft location in 2020 compared to 25 kms for passenger & light commercial vehicles.



The estimated average vehicle value of PLCs stolen increased from \$11,692 in 2016 to \$13,688 in 2020.

Between 2016 and 2020 there was a 15% decrease in PLC theft, but no change in total stolen PLC vehicle value.

\$539 million



The value of PLCs stolen in 2020 in Australia