

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT: 2016/17 VS 2020/21

2016/17

57,034

motor vehicles stolen

46,242 passenger & light commercial vehicles

8,292 motorcycles

2,500 other vehicles

2020/21

47,803

motor vehicles stolen

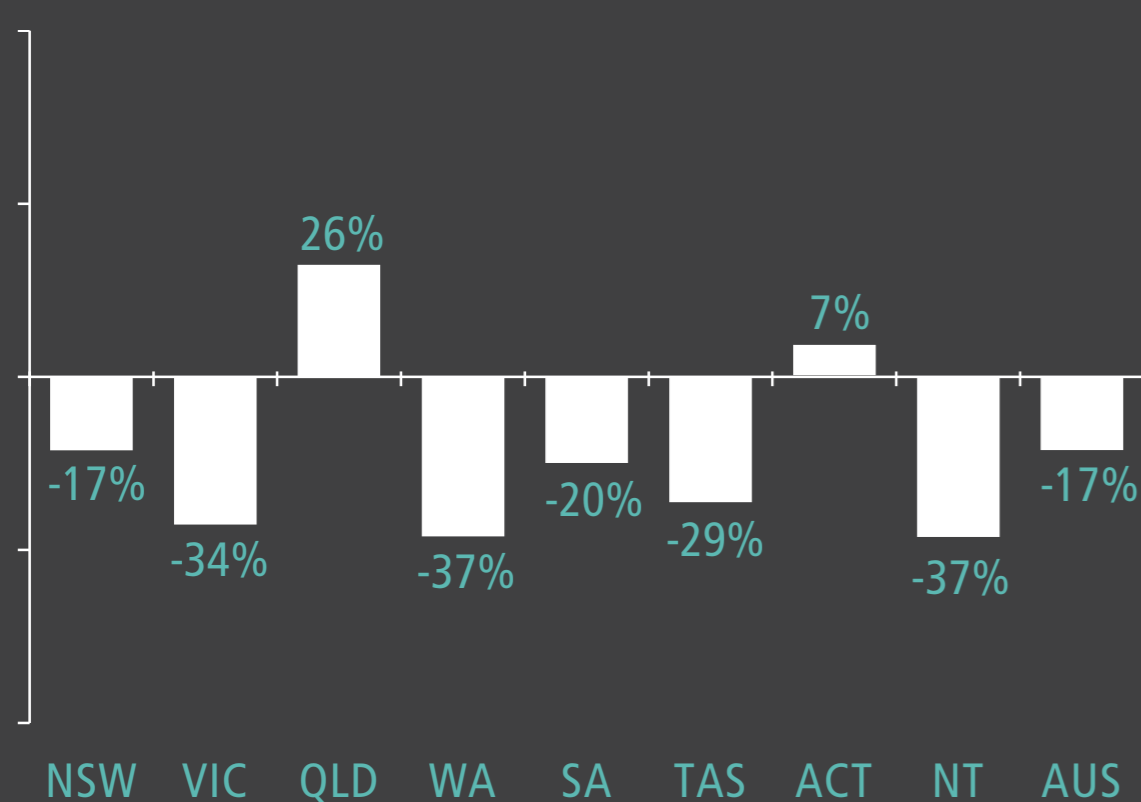
38,187 passenger & light commercial vehicles

7,701 motorcycles

1,915 other vehicles

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

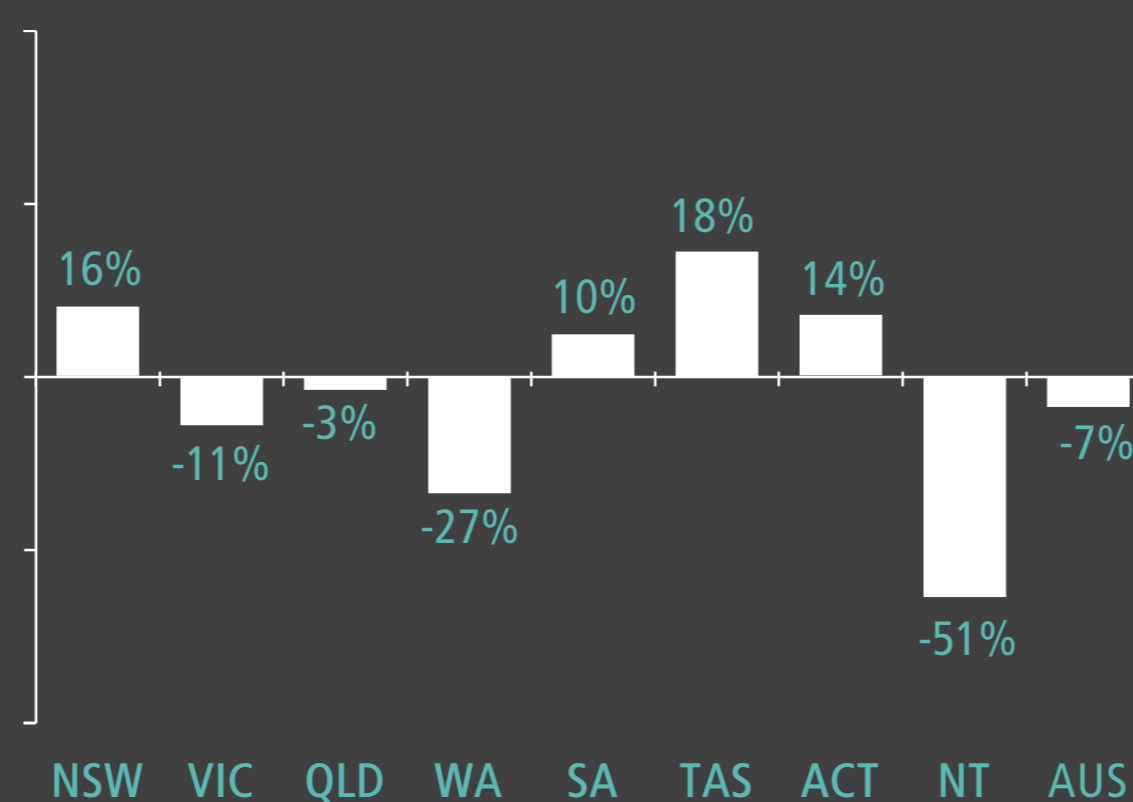
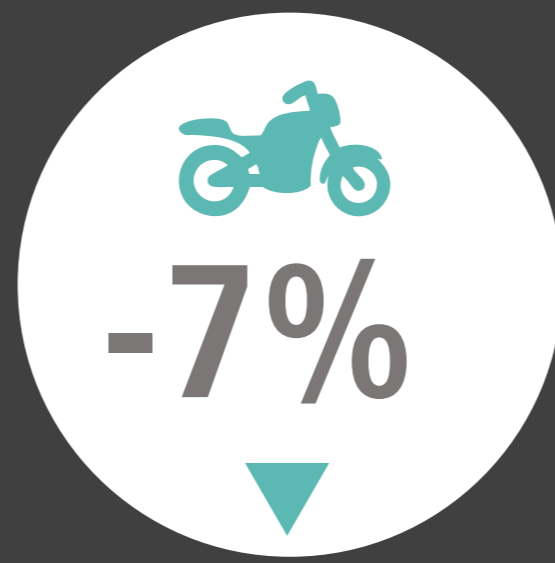
Passenger & light commercial vehicles



There has been a 17% decrease in PLC thefts with all except Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory recording reductions. The reductions were all considerably large ranging between -17% and -37%.

Queensland saw an increase of 2,289 thefts during the time.

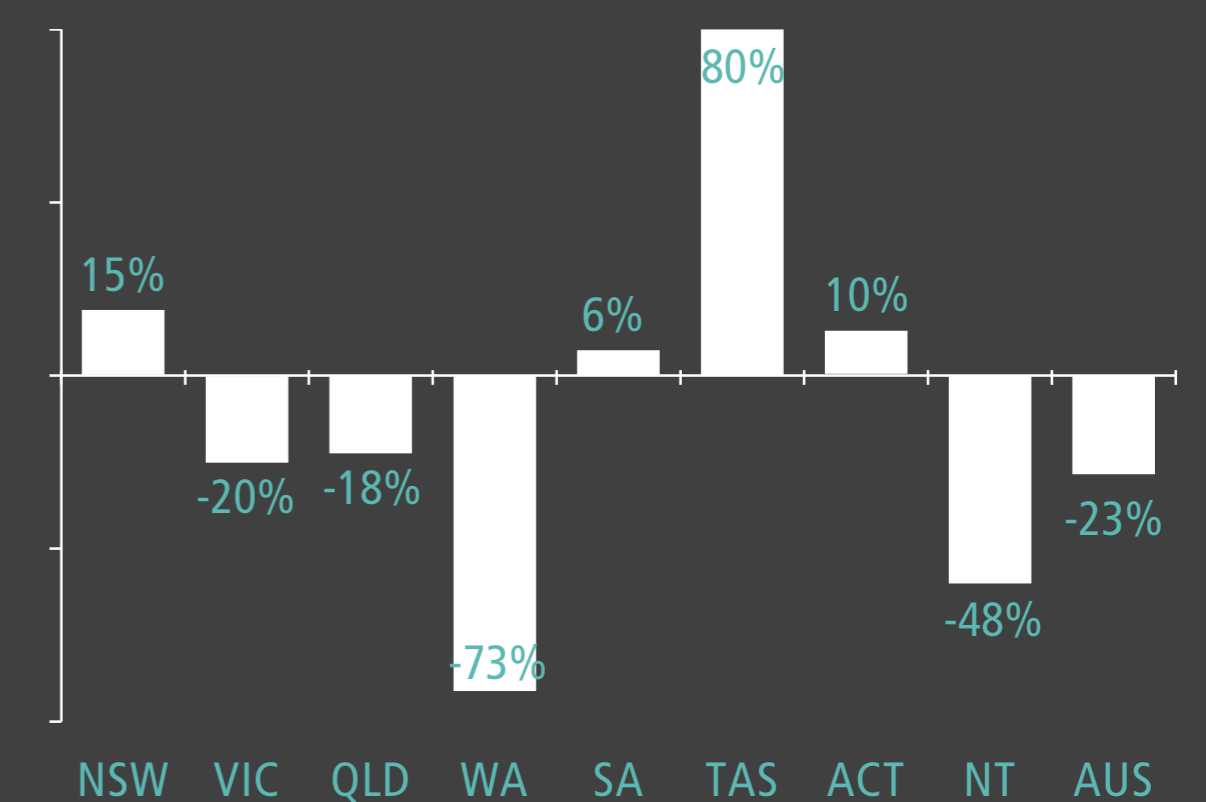
Motorcycles



Between 2016/17 and 2020/21 large increases in motorcycle thefts were recorded in South Australia (+10%), New South Wales (+16%), Tasmania (19 thefts) and Australian Capital Territory (15 thefts).

By contrast the Northern Territory, Western Australia (-27%) and Victoria (-11%) recorded reductions.

Other vehicles



Overall 'other vehicle' thefts have reduced by 23% over the last five years with the largest reduction occurring in Western Australia (-73%) and smaller reductions in Victoria (-20%) and Queensland (-18%).

The largest increase in Tasmania is based on only 50 thefts in 2016/17 and per cent changes can appear large.



56% of PLC thefts were stolen from a residential location followed by 25% from the street.



On average passenger & light commercial vehicles stolen in 2020/21 were recovered 26 kms away, which is 5 km closer than vehicles stolen in 2016/17.



Motorcycles were recovered 14 kms away from the theft location in 2020/21 compared to 26 kms for passenger & light commercial vehicles.



The estimated average vehicle value of PLCs stolen increased from \$11,854 in 2016/17 to \$14,201 in 2020/21.

Between 2016/17 and 2020/21 there was a 17% decrease in PLC theft, but only a 1% decrease in total stolen PLC vehicle value.

\$542 million



= The value of PLCs stolen in 2020/21 in Australia