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Crime statistics 2007/2008

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1 Executive summary

1.1 Statewide crime statistics 2007/2008

Overall crime

In 2007/2008, there was a decline in overall crime of 1.9%, as a rate per 100,000 population. In terms of the number of offences, crime in 2007/2008 decreased by 0.4%.

Since 2000/2001, overall crime has decreased by 24.5%, as a rate per 100,000 population. Recorded crime has decreased by 17.0% over the same period.

Crime against the person

In terms of a rate per 100,000 population, crimes against the person has decreased by 0.2%. In 2007/2008 there were 42,947 offences which fall into the category of crime against the person. This is an increase of 1.4% compared with 2006/2007.

There were 169 homicide offences recorded in 2007/2008, a decrease of 14.2% on the 197 offences recorded in 2006/2007. As a rate per 100,000 population, homicide has reduced by 15.6% with a rate of 3.2 homicides per 100,000 population.

Rapes have decreased by 8.1% to 1,562 offences recorded in 2007/2008, which translates to a reduction of 9.6% in the rate per 100,000 population. In 77.5% of matters, the offender was known to the victim.

There were 6,263 sex (non-rape) offences recorded in 2007/2008, an increase of 0.9% on the 6,210 offences recorded in 2006/2007. As a rate per 100,000 population, sex (non-rape) has declined marginally by 0.7%.

Robbery offences have increased by 15.7% from 2,880 to 3,332 in 2007/2008, resulting in an increased rate per 100,000 population of 13.9%, mainly due to an increase of unarmed robberies (24.6%). Almost all robberies (90.1%) were committed by males; male victims of robberies under the age of 18 have increased by 26.6% and male offenders under the age of 18 have increased by 46.3%.

The rate of assaults per 100,000 population has decreased by 0.8%. There has been a 0.7% increase in assaults, an increase of 232 offences when compared to last financial year. Of these, 135 assaults are attributed to family incidents and the code of practice in the investigation into family violence. Assaults not linked to family violence have decreased by 1.2% per 100,000 population.

The introduction of the Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence on 31 August 2004 has been effective in changing the way police deal with family incidents. The introduction of this policy has led to members taking more effective action when attending family violence incidents. As a result we have seen an increase in the number of intervention orders sought by police, the number of assaults, property damage and justice procedures arising out of family incidents since 2003/2004. Family violence incidents now represent 24% of all assaults; in 2003/2004 family violence incidents were 15% of all assaults.

Crime against property

In 2007/2008 there were 281,134 offences against property, a decrease of 0.4% compared with 2006/2007. Crime against property has decreased in terms of rates per 100,000 population by 2.0%, from 5468.0 to 5,358.9 offences per 100,000 population.

During 2007/2008, there were 145,179 offences of theft recorded by Victoria Police.

The number of theft from motor vehicle offences recorded in 2007/2008 (52,178) was 12.3% higher than that recorded in 2006/2007. Theft of motor vehicle has increased marginally by 0.1%, the first increase in this category since 2000/2001. In terms of rates per 100,000 population, theft of motor vehicles has decreased by 1.5% due to increases in population.

Since the introduction of Operation Vehicle Watch in March 2002, theft of motor vehicle has more than halved, with a decrease of 52.2%.

Drug offences

In 2007/2008 there were 14,204 drug offences recorded, a decrease of 2.5% compared with 2006/2007. There is an increase of 1.8% for drugs (possess / use) this year and a decrease of 11.5% in the category of drugs (cultivate / manufacture / traffick).

1.2 The Way Ahead 2008–2013

Over 2003–2008, Victoria Police focussed on providing intelligent and confident policing in partnership with the community. One of the goals we set ourselves over this time was to reduce the overall crime rate by 5%.

In 2003, the crime rate was 8602.7 offences per 100,000 population. At the end of June 2008, the crime rate was 7185.5 offences per 100,000 population, a reduction of 16.6%.

Building on the success of the previous strategic plan, *The Way Ahead 2008–2013* came into effect on 1 July 2008, under which Victoria Police aims to connect the community, through our people, to deliver a safer Victoria. From this our three key priorities are – *A Safer Victoria*, *Connecting the Community*, and *Valuing our People*.

The Way Ahead 2008–2013 also sets out the goals against which we will measure our performance and report to the community; under *A Safer Victoria*, we intend to reduce crime by 12% over 2008–2013.

We are enthusiastic to achieve these goals, and deliver on our ongoing commitment to make Victoria safer.

2 Total crime

2.1 Across Victoria

During 2007/2008, 376,958 crimes were recorded as occurring in Victoria. The total number of offences recorded in 2007/2008 is 0.4% lower than in 2006/2007. Expressed as a rate of recorded criminal offences per 100,000 population, there were 7,185.5 offences recorded in 2007/2008. This crime rate is 1.9% lower than the crime rate recorded during 2006/2007 and is the lowest rate per 100,000 population since the implementation of LEAP in March 1993.

Figure 1: Summary of offences recorded and cleared, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

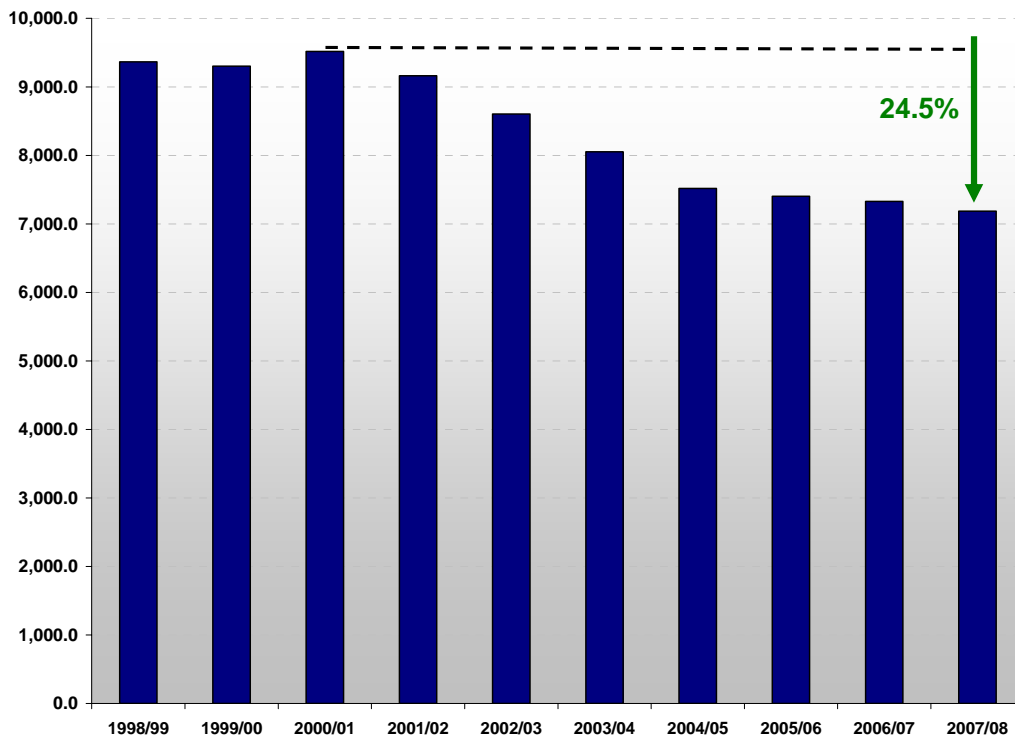
	Offences Recorded						Single Year Clearances			
	No.		% Change from	Rate per 100,000 Population*		% Change from	No. Cleared		% Cleared	
	2006/2007	2007/2008		2006/2007	2007/2008		2007/2008	2006/2007		
Crime against the person	Homicide	197	169	-14.2	3.8	3.2	-15.6	152	-10.1	89.9
	Rape	1,700	1,562	-8.1	32.9	29.8	-9.6	1,234	-5.4	79.0
	Sex (non rape)	6,210	6,263	0.9	120.3	119.4	-0.7	4,817	3.5	76.9
	Robbery	2,880	3,332	15.7	55.8	63.5	13.9	1,516	14.5	45.5
	Assault	31,052	31,284	0.7	601.4	596.3	-0.8	25,024	-0.3	80.0
	Abduction / Kidnap	314	337	7.3	6.1	6.4	5.6	264	10.9	78.3
	Sub-total	42,353	42,947	1.4	820.2	818.6	-0.2	33,007	0.7	76.9
Crime against property	Arson	3,229	3,186	-1.3	62.5	60.7	-2.9	520	-0.2	16.3
	Property damage	52,509	52,972	0.9	1,016.9	1,009.7	-0.7	11,767	0.1	22.2
	Burglary (aggravated)	1,669	1,741	4.3	32.3	33.2	2.7	893	2.2	51.3
	Burglary (residential)	29,551	28,817	-2.5	572.3	549.3	-4.0	3,831	2.8	13.3
	Burglary (other)	19,140	19,322	1.0	370.7	368.3	-0.6	3,512	1.9	18.2
	Deception	25,682	23,290	-9.3	497.4	444.0	-10.7	18,609	-8.8	79.9
	Handle stolen goods	7,673	6,627	-13.6	148.6	126.3	-15.0	6,515	-14.0	98.3
	Theft from motor vehicle	46,482	52,178	12.3	900.2	994.6	10.5	4,481	4.9	8.6
	Theft (shopsteal)	16,160	15,704	-2.8	313.0	299.3	-4.3	13,253	-0.1	84.4
	Theft of motor vehicle	17,998	18,008	0.1	348.6	343.3	-1.5	3,736	0.7	20.7
	Theft of bicycle	5,679	5,853	3.1	110.0	111.6	1.4	494	-0.4	8.4
	Theft (other)	56,576	53,436	-5.6	1,095.7	1,018.6	-7.0	12,637	-14.3	23.6
	Sub-total	282,348	281,134	-0.4	5,468.0	5,358.9	-2.0	80,248	-5.4	28.5
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	4,704	4,164	-11.5	91.1	79.4	-12.9	4,110	-11.6	98.7
	Drug (possess, use)	9,862	10,040	1.8	191.0	191.4	0.2	9,927	1.7	98.9
	Sub-total	14,566	14,204	-2.5	282.1	270.8	-4.0	14,037	-2.6	98.8
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	445	467	4.9	8.6	8.9	3.3	458	3.4	98.1
	Justice procedures	17,939	17,288	-3.6	347.4	329.5	-5.1	16,437	-3.4	95.1
	Regulated public order	1,937	2,070	6.9	37.5	39.5	5.2	1,909	7.8	92.2
	Weapons / Explosives	6,726	6,946	3.3	130.3	132.4	1.6	6,824	2.9	98.2
	Harassment	2,825	2,964	4.9	54.7	56.5	3.3	2,208	2.3	74.5
	Behaviour in public	3,423	3,285	-4.0	66.3	62.6	-5.5	3,166	-4.1	96.4
	Other	5,812	5,653	-2.7	112.6	107.8	-4.3	4,769	-1.7	84.4
Sub-total	39,107	38,673	-1.1	757.4	737.2	-2.7	35,771	-1.1	92.5	
TOTAL	378,374	376,958	-0.4	7,327.6	7,185.5	-1.9	163,063	-3.0	43.3	

* Rates were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 31 December for 2007 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3101.0).

Recorded offences

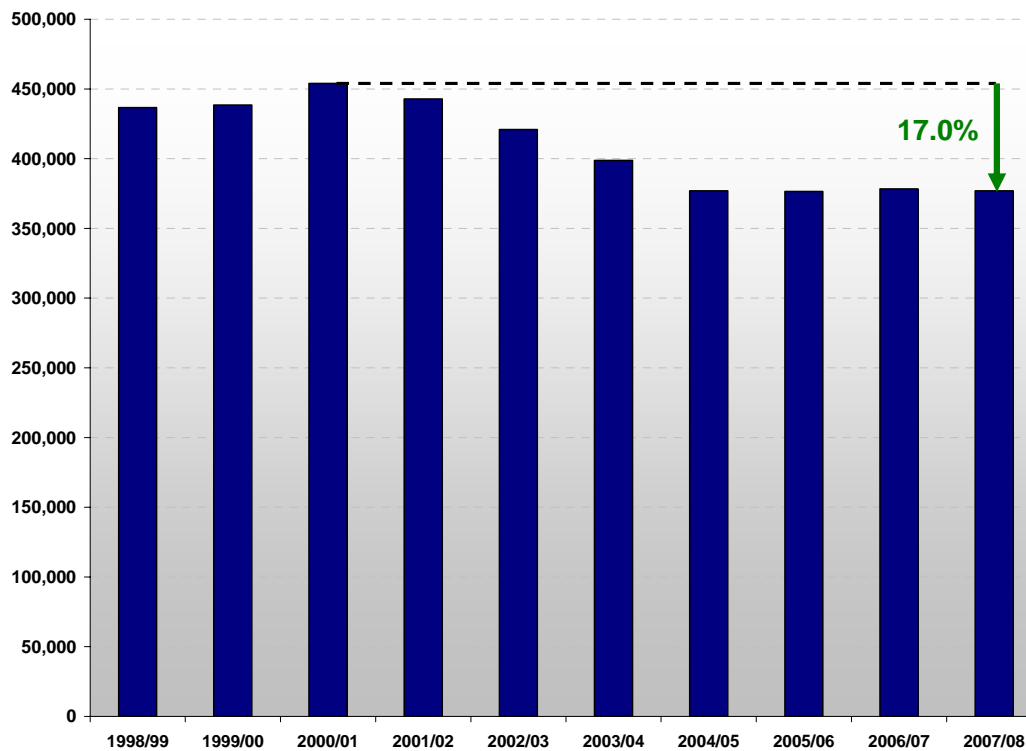
Since 2000/2001 the crime rate per 100,000 population has decreased by 24.5%.

Figure 2: Total crime recorded per 100,000 population per year, 1998/1999 to 2007/2008



Since 2000/2001, the overall crime rate has decreased by 17.0%.

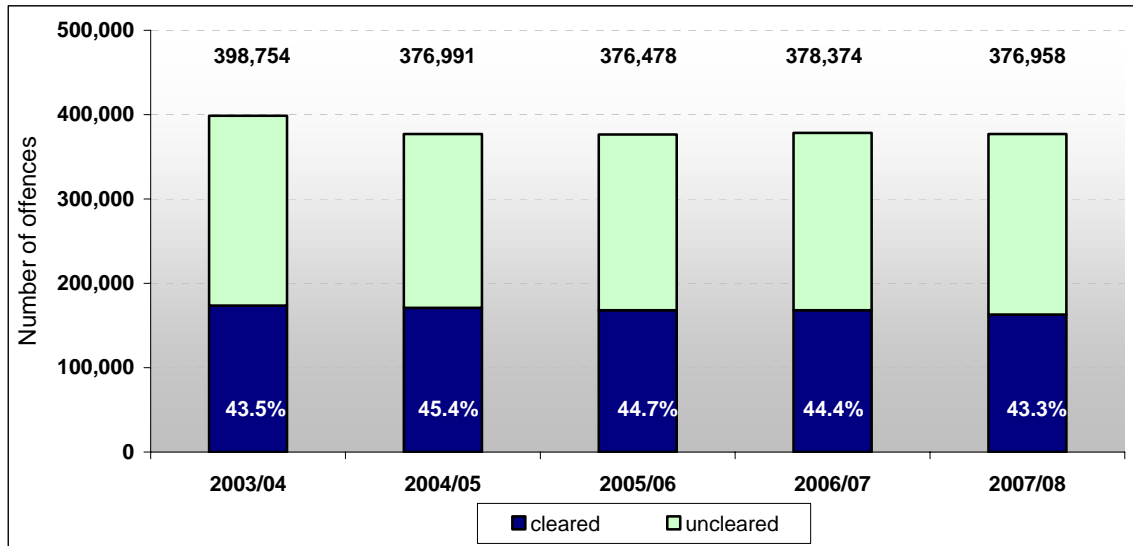
Figure 3: Total offences recorded per year, 1998/1999 to 2007/2008



Cleared offences

Of the 376,958 offences recorded during 2007/2008, 163,063 were cleared within the same financial year. This gives a single year clearance rate of 43.3% (down 1.1 percentage points from the clearance rate recorded in 2006/2007). An additional 11,411 offences recorded prior to 2007/2008 were also cleared during 2007/2008. Over the last five years, the average single year clearance rate has been 44.2%.

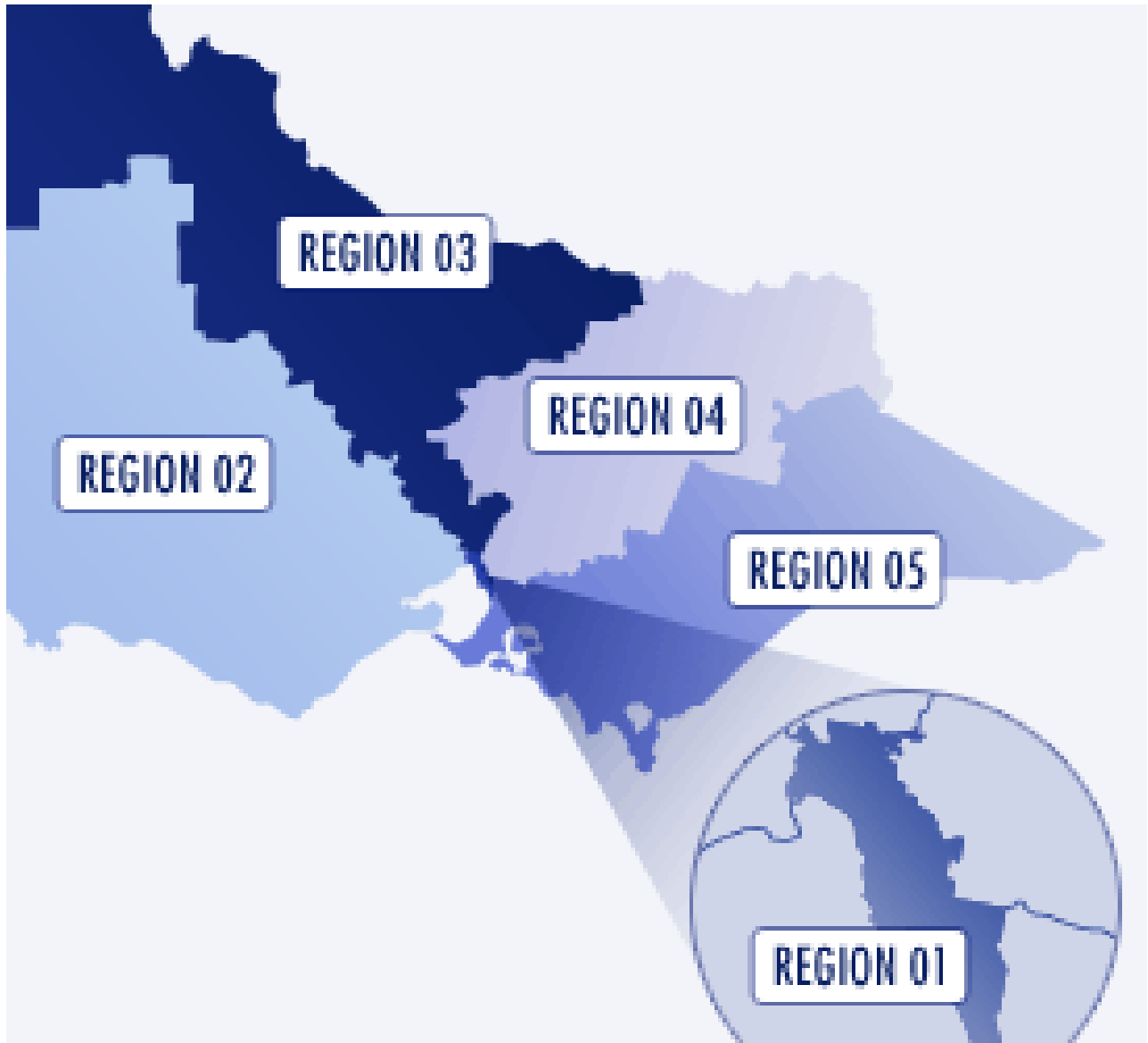
Figure 4: Recorded and cleared crime, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



2.2 By region

For management of police responses, tasking and coordination, Victoria is divided into five geographical regions.

Figure 5: Victoria Police region boundaries



Region 1

Figure 6: Region 1 Offences recorded and cleared, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

	Offences Recorded						Single Year Clearances			
	No.		% Change from 2006/2007	Rate per 100,000 Population*		% Change from 2006/2007	No.		% Cleared 2007/2008	
	2006/2007	2007/2008		2006/2007	2007/2008		2007/2008	%Diff from 2006/2007		
Crime against the person	Homicide	34	27	-20.6	4.9	3.8	-22.0	26	5.1	96.3
	Rape	313	239	-23.6	44.9	33.7	-25.0	174	0.9	72.8
	Sex (non rape)	904	768	-15.0	129.7	108.2	-16.5	466	-0.8	60.7
	Robbery	984	1,072	8.9	141.1	151.1	7.0	526	3.9	49.1
	Assault	5,574	5,700	2.3	799.5	803.3	0.5	3980	-3.0	69.8
	Abduction / Kidnap	59	68	15.3	8.5	9.6	13.2	52	7.0	76.5
	Sub-total	7,868	7,874	0.1	1128.6	1109.6	-1.7	5224	-1.7	66.3
Crime against property	Arson	292	263	-9.9	41.9	37.1	-11.5	36	0.3	13.7
	Property damage	8,464	8,183	-3.3	1214.1	1153.2	-5.0	1722	-1.4	21.0
	Burglary (aggravated)	276	247	-10.5	39.6	34.8	-12.1	118	-6.2	47.8
	Burglary (residential)	6,285	5,395	-14.2	901.5	760.3	-15.7	602	-0.5	11.2
	Burglary (other)	4,106	4,016	-2.2	589.0	565.9	-3.9	528	0.3	13.1
	Deception	8,313	7,481	-10.0	1192.4	1054.2	-11.6	5696	-2.3	76.1
	Handle stolen goods	2,121	1,346	-36.5	304.2	189.7	-37.7	1324	-0.8	98.4
	Theft from motor vehicle	13,885	14,822	6.7	1991.7	2088.7	4.9	904	-0.7	6.1
	Theft (shopsteal)	3,610	3,327	-7.8	517.8	468.8	-9.5	2641	0.4	79.4
	Theft of motor vehicle	3,401	3,233	-4.9	487.8	455.6	-6.6	656	0.2	20.3
	Theft of bicycle	1,812	2,067	14.1	259.9	291.3	12.1	123	-0.1	6.0
	Theft (other)	14,336	12,585	-12.2	2056.4	1773.5	-13.8	2199	-4.4	17.5
Sub-total	66,901	62,965	-5.9	9596.3	8873.1	-7.5	16,549	-3.2	26.3	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	1,189	821	-31.0	170.6	115.7	-32.2	813	-0.1	99.0
	Drug (possess, use)	2,478	2,589	4.5	355.4	364.8	2.6	2546	0.0	98.3
	Sub-total	3,667	3,410	-7.0	526.0	480.5	-8.6	3,359	-0.1	98.5
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	118	138	16.9	16.9	19.4	14.9	136	-1.4	98.6
	Justice procedures	3,331	3,022	-9.3	477.8	425.9	-10.9	2900	2.5	96.0
	Regulated public order	382	266	-30.4	54.8	37.5	-31.6	247	5.4	92.9
	Weapons / Explosives	1,143	1,204	5.3	164.0	169.7	3.5	1181	-0.2	98.1
	Harassment	605	701	15.9	86.8	98.8	13.8	457	2.5	65.2
	Behaviour in public	570	507	-11.1	81.8	71.4	-12.6	481	1.4	94.9
	Other	1,058	1,240	17.2	151.8	174.7	15.1	1124	0.3	90.6
Sub-total	7,207	7,078	-1.8	1033.8	997.4	-3.5	6,526	1.2	92.2	
TOTAL	85,643	81,327	-5.0	12284.7	11460.7	-6.7	31,658	-2.2	38.9	

* Rates for Police Regions were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 30 June 2007 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3218.0).

Region 2

Figure 7: Region 2 Offences recorded and cleared, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

		Offences Recorded					Single Year Clearances			
		No.	No.	% Change	Rate per 100,000		% Change	No.	%Diff	%
		2006/2007	2007/2008	from	Population*		from	Cleared	from	Cleared
				2006/2007	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008
Crime against the person	Homicide	41	39	-4.9	3.7	3.5	-6.7	37	7.1	94.9
	Rape	353	329	-6.8	31.9	29.2	-8.6	247	3.7	75.1
	Sex (non rape)	1,450	1,243	-14.3	131.2	110.3	-16.0	951	-5.8	76.5
	Robbery	558	628	12.5	50.5	55.7	10.3	216	-12.6	34.4
	Assault	6,726	6,916	2.8	608.5	613.5	0.8	5,541	-0.3	80.1
	Abduction / Kidnap	68	60	-11.8	6.2	5.3	-13.5	47	12.2	78.3
	Sub-total	9,196	9,215	0.2	832.0	817.4	-1.8	7,039	-1.9	76.4
Crime against property	Arson	814	747	-8.2	73.6	66.3	-10.0	112	1.0	15.0
	Property damage	12,112	12,648	4.4	1095.8	1122.0	2.4	2,522	0.0	19.9
	Burglary (aggravated)	412	463	12.4	37.3	41.1	10.2	214	-4.8	46.2
	Burglary (residential)	6,667	7,042	5.6	603.2	624.7	3.6	911	1.0	12.9
	Burglary (other)	3,888	4,070	4.7	351.8	361.0	2.6	750	0.1	18.4
	Deception	4,042	3,285	-18.7	365.7	291.4	-20.3	2,681	2.4	81.6
	Handle stolen goods	1,347	1,428	6.0	121.9	126.7	3.9	1,390	-1.0	97.3
	Theft from motor vehicle	8,601	10,754	25.0	778.2	953.9	22.6	782	-2.1	7.3
	Theft (shopsteal)	3,199	3,211	0.4	289.4	284.8	-1.6	2,782	5.2	86.6
	Theft of motor vehicle	4,141	4,663	12.6	374.7	413.6	10.4	857	0.0	18.4
	Theft of bicycle	1,118	1,079	-3.5	101.1	95.7	-5.4	77	0.4	7.1
	Theft (other)	12,511	11,522	-7.9	1131.9	1022.1	-9.7	2,451	-7.9	21.3
Sub-total	58,852	60,912	3.5	5324.5	5403.3	1.5	15,529	-2.8	25.5	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	1,134	1,080	-4.8	102.6	95.8	-6.6	1,056	-0.7	97.8
	Drug (possess, use)	1,944	2,008	3.3	175.9	178.1	1.3	1,978	-0.5	98.5
	Sub-total	3,078	3,088	0.3	278.5	273.9	-1.6	3,034	-0.5	98.3
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	87	103	18.4	7.9	9.1	16.1	98	-3.7	95.1
	Justice procedures	3,634	3,359	-7.6	328.8	298.0	-9.4	3,176	-0.2	94.6
	Regulated public order	351	374	6.6	31.8	33.2	4.5	321	-10.5	85.8
	Weapons / Explosives	1,442	1,472	2.1	130.5	130.6	0.1	1,438	-0.9	97.7
	Harassment	388	433	11.6	35.1	38.4	9.4	333	-2.5	76.9
	Behaviour in public	801	749	-6.5	72.5	66.4	-8.3	731	0.2	97.6
	Other	1,016	1,040	2.4	91.9	92.3	0.4	871	0.7	83.8
Sub-total	7,719	7,530	-2.4	698.4	668.0	-4.4	6,968	-1.0	92.5	
TOTAL	78,845	80,745	2.4	7133.4	7162.6	0.4	32,570	-2.2	40.3	

* Rates for Police Regions were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 30 June 2007 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3218.0).

Region 3

Figure 8: Region 3 Offences recorded and cleared, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

		Offences Recorded					Single Year Clearances			
		No.		% Change from 2006/2007	Rate per 100,000 Population*		% Change from 2006/2007	No.		% Cleared 2007/2008
		2006/2007	2007/2008		2006/2007	2007/2008		2007/2008	2006/2007	
Crime against the person	Homicide	39	44	12.8	3.7	4.1	11.2	37	-5.7	84.1
	Rape	387	331	-14.5	36.6	30.9	-15.7	256	-0.7	77.3
	Sex (non rape)	1,169	1,320	12.9	110.6	123.1	11.3	1,035	1.0	78.4
	Robbery	491	646	31.6	46.4	60.2	29.7	310	4.8	48.0
	Assault	6,371	6,535	2.6	602.6	609.3	1.1	5,357	-0.4	82.0
	Abduction / Kidnap	88	67	-23.9	8.3	6.2	-24.9	54	3.3	80.6
	Sub-total	8,545	8,943	4.7	808.2	833.8	3.2	7,049	-0.4	78.8
Crime against property	Arson	805	767	-4.7	76.1	71.5	-6.1	99	-2.4	12.9
	Property damage	10,397	11,458	10.2	983.3	1068.2	8.6	2,579	0.5	22.5
	Burglary (aggravated)	403	414	2.7	38.1	38.6	1.3	187	-2.5	45.2
	Burglary (residential)	6,106	6,290	3.0	577.5	586.4	1.5	892	1.6	14.2
	Burglary (other)	3,865	3,805	-1.6	365.5	354.7	-3.0	733	-1.3	19.3
	Deception	4,508	4,390	-2.6	426.4	409.3	-4.0	3,314	-2.0	75.5
	Handle stolen goods	1,694	1,406	-17.0	160.2	131.1	-18.2	1,373	-0.9	97.7
	Theft from motor vehicle	8,607	10,479	21.7	814.0	977.0	20.0	916	-0.7	8.7
	Theft (shopsteal)	3,117	3,151	1.1	294.8	293.8	-0.4	2,519	-2.0	79.9
	Theft of motor vehicle	4,837	4,457	-7.9	457.5	415.5	-9.2	839	0.3	18.8
	Theft of bicycle	1,090	1,116	2.4	103.1	104.0	0.9	129	-0.3	11.6
Theft (other)	10,941	10,742	-1.8	1034.8	1001.5	-3.2	2,906	1.9	27.1	
Sub-total	56,370	58,475	3.7	5331.4	5451.6	2.3	16,486	-1.0	28.2	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	955	812	-15.0	90.3	75.7	-16.2	801	-0.1	98.6
	Drug (possess, use)	2,322	2,270	-2.2	219.6	211.6	-3.6	2,253	-0.2	99.3
	Sub-total	3,277	3,082	-6.0	309.9	287.3	-7.3	3,054	-0.1	99.1
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	93	85	-8.6	8.8	7.9	-9.9	84	-1.2	98.8
	Justice procedures	3,523	3,342	-5.1	333.2	311.6	-6.5	3,154	-0.6	94.4
	Regulated public order	375	622	65.9	35.5	58.0	63.5	593	2.0	95.3
	Weapons / Explosives	1,670	1,658	-0.7	157.9	154.6	-2.1	1,623	-0.6	97.9
	Harassment	520	795	52.9	49.2	74.1	50.7	611	2.6	76.9
	Behaviour in public	665	649	-2.4	62.9	60.5	-3.8	623	-0.5	96.0
	Other	1,167	1,191	2.1	110.4	111.0	0.6	939	0.9	78.8
Sub-total	8,013	8,342	4.1	757.9	777.7	2.6	7,627	-0.6	91.4	
TOTAL	76,205	78,842	3.5	7207.4	7350.5	2.0	34,216	-2.2	43.4	

* Rates for Police Regions were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 30 June 2007 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3218.0).

Region 4

Figure 9: Region 4 Offences recorded and cleared, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

		Offences Recorded					Single Year Clearances			
				% Change from 2006/2007	Rate per 100,000 Population*		% Change from 2006/2007			% Cleared 2007/2008
		No. 2006/2007	No. 2007/2008		2006/2007	2007/2008		No. Cleared 2007/2008	%Diff from 2006/2007	
Crime against the person	Homicide	44	23	-47.7	3.3	1.7	-48.1	19	-3.8	82.6
	Rape	304	296	-2.6	22.6	21.8	-3.3	238	-1.5	80.4
	Sex (non rape)	1,294	1,259	-2.7	96.1	92.8	-3.4	890	5.1	70.7
	Robbery	449	594	32.3	33.4	43.8	31.3	277	2.5	46.6
	Assault	5,384	4,942	-8.2	400.0	364.5	-8.9	4,021	-0.5	81.4
	Abduction / Kidnap	45	61	35.6	3.3	4.5	34.6	49	-1.9	80.3
	Sub-total	7,520	7,175	-4.6	558.7	529.1	-5.3	5,494	-0.3	76.6
Crime against property	Arson	615	614	-0.2	45.7	45.3	-0.9	99	0.2	16.1
	Property damage	11,265	10,448	-7.3	836.9	770.5	-7.9	2,191	-1.9	21.0
	Burglary (aggravated)	266	272	2.3	19.8	20.1	1.5	163	11.4	59.9
	Burglary (residential)	6,246	5,636	-9.8	464.0	415.6	-10.4	565	-0.7	10.0
	Burglary (other)	3,770	3,668	-2.7	280.1	270.5	-3.4	614	-0.1	16.7
	Deception	4,526	4,169	-7.9	336.2	307.4	-8.6	3,400	-0.3	81.6
	Handle stolen goods	1,117	902	-19.2	83.0	66.5	-19.8	889	0.0	98.6
	Theft from motor vehicle	8,401	8,549	1.8	624.1	630.5	1.0	769	1.0	9.0
	Theft (shopsteal)	2,954	2,927	-0.9	219.5	215.9	-1.6	2,530	4.6	86.4
	Theft of motor vehicle	2,684	2,473	-7.9	199.4	182.4	-8.5	582	-0.3	23.5
	Theft of bicycle	793	740	-6.7	58.9	54.6	-7.4	67	-0.2	9.1
	Theft (other)	9,428	9,328	-1.1	700.4	687.9	-1.8	2,120	-1.8	22.7
Sub-total	52,065	49,726	-4.5	3867.9	3667.1	-5.2	13,989	-0.7	28.1	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	631	606	-4.0	46.9	44.7	-4.7	602	0.4	99.3
	Drug (possess, use)	1,606	1,561	-2.8	119.3	115.1	-3.5	1,547	-0.5	99.1
	Sub-total	2,237	2,167	-3.1	166.2	159.8	-3.8	2,149	-0.2	99.2
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	77	68	-11.7	5.7	5.0	-12.3	68	0.0	100.0
	Justice procedures	3,286	3,000	-8.7	244.1	221.2	-9.4	2,834	0.2	94.5
	Regulated public order	396	331	-16.4	29.4	24.4	-17.0	296	-4.0	89.4
	Weapons / Explosives	1,129	1,298	15.0	83.9	95.7	14.1	1,276	-0.5	98.3
	Harassment	619	527	-14.9	46.0	38.9	-15.5	424	7.9	80.5
	Behaviour in public	647	685	5.9	48.1	50.5	5.1	649	-0.8	94.7
	Other	1,341	1,360	1.4	99.6	100.3	0.7	1,140	5.6	83.8
Sub-total	7,495	7,269	-3.0	556.8	536.1	-3.7	6,687	1.6	92.0	
TOTAL	69,317	66,337	-4.3	5149.5	4892.1	-5.0	28,319	-2.2	42.7	

* Rates for Police Regions were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 30 June 2007 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3218.0).

Region 5

Figure 10: Region 5 Offences recorded and cleared, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

		Offences Recorded					Single Year Clearances			
		No.	No.	% Change	Rate per 100,000		% Change	No.	%Diff	%
		2006/2007	2007/2008	from	Population*		from	Cleared	from	Cleared
				2006/2007	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008	2006/2007	2007/2008
Crime against the person	Homicide	39	36	-7.7	4.2	3.8	-9.4	33	17.3	91.7
	Rape	343	367	7.0	37.2	39.1	5.0	319	6.2	86.9
	Sex (non rape)	1,393	1,673	20.1	151.0	178.0	17.9	1,475	5.8	88.2
	Robbery	398	392	-1.5	43.1	41.7	-3.3	187	-4.6	47.7
	Assault	6,995	7,188	2.8	758.3	765.0	0.9	6,122	0.0	85.2
	Abduction / Kidnap	54	81	50.0	5.9	8.6	47.3	62	-10.5	76.5
	Sub-total	9,222	9,737	5.6	999.7	1036.2	3.7	8,198	1.0	84.2
Crime against property	Arson	703	795	13.1	76.2	84.6	11.0	174	1.0	21.9
	Property damage	10,271	10,235	-0.4	1113.4	1089.2	-2.2	2,753	1.8	26.9
	Burglary (aggravated)	312	345	10.6	33.8	36.7	8.6	211	-1.0	61.2
	Burglary (residential)	4,247	4,453	4.9	460.4	473.9	2.9	861	1.4	19.3
	Burglary (other)	3,511	3,763	7.2	380.6	400.5	5.2	887	1.4	23.6
	Deception	4,183	3,912	-6.5	453.5	416.3	-8.2	3,484	6.7	89.1
	Handle stolen goods	1,393	1,542	10.7	151.0	164.1	8.7	1,536	0.6	99.6
	Theft from motor vehicle	6,778	7,401	9.2	734.8	787.6	7.2	1,110	-0.2	15.0
	Theft (shopsteal)	3,280	3,088	-5.9	355.6	328.6	-7.6	2,781	3.4	90.1
	Theft of motor vehicle	2,935	3,182	8.4	318.2	338.6	6.4	802	0.3	25.2
	Theft of bicycle	866	851	-1.7	93.9	90.6	-3.5	98	-1.1	11.5
	Theft (other)	9,320	9,234	-0.9	1010.3	982.7	-2.7	2,961	1.2	32.1
Sub-total	47,799	48,801	2.1	5181.7	5193.5	0.2	17,658	0.9	36.2	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	795	845	6.3	86.2	89.9	4.3	838	0.1	99.2
	Drug (possess, use)	1,511	1,612	6.7	163.8	171.6	4.7	1,603	1.0	99.4
	Sub-total	2,306	2,457	6.5	250.0	261.5	4.6	2,441	0.7	99.3
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	70	73	4.3	7.6	7.8	2.4	72	0.1	98.6
	Justice procedures	4,165	4,563	9.6	451.5	485.6	7.6	4,371	-0.5	95.8
	Regulated public order	433	477	10.2	46.9	50.8	8.1	452	7.2	94.8
	Weapons / Explosives	1,342	1,314	-2.1	145.5	139.8	-3.9	1,306	0.5	99.4
	Harassment	693	501	-27.7	75.1	53.3	-29.0	376	-16.7	75.0
	Behaviour in public	740	695	-6.1	80.2	74.0	-7.8	682	-0.2	98.1
	Other	1,229	822	-33.1	133.2	87.5	-34.3	695	-4.2	84.5
Sub-total	8,672	8,445	-2.6	940.1	898.7	-4.4	7,954	-0.8	94.2	
TOTAL	67,999	69,440	2.1	7371.5	7389.9	0.3	36,251	-2.2	52.2	

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2.3 Where crime occurred

Figure 11: Offences recorded by type of location, 2007/2008

	Residential	Other *	Retail	Street / Lane / Footpath	Other Transport	Educ. / Health / Religious	Public Transport	Sports / Recreation Facilities	Licensed Premises	Open Space	Other Community	TOTAL
Crime Against The Person												
Homicide	62	9	0	74	5	3	12	0	0	4	0	169
Rape	1,077	163	13	83	32	46	10	18	22	95	3	1,562
Sex (non rape)	3,672	771	194	651	68	237	200	103	39	321	7	6,263
Robbery	191	132	534	1,712	113	22	349	29	28	220	2	3,332
Assault	12,796	1,838	1,829	9,197	796	737	1,215	591	1,578	660	47	31,284
Abduction / Kidnap	169	23	9	94	10	5	7	2	3	15	0	337
Sub-Total	17,967	2,936	2,579	11,811	1,024	1,050	1,793	743	1,670	1,315	59	42,947
Crime Against Property												
Arson	975	288	143	615	224	225	29	105	4	572	6	3,186
Property Damage	22,214	4,832	5,926	10,219	2,888	3,066	1,393	817	522	903	192	52,972
Burglary (Aggravated)	1,662	26	28	5	0	9	1	5	5	0	0	1,741
Burglary (Residential)	28,817	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	28,817
Burglary (Other)	n.a.	7,095	6,609	33	120	3,131	58	1,526	368	234	148	19,322
Deception	2,664	8,188	10,765	808	85	138	179	110	343	8	2	23,290
Handle Stolen Goods	2,227	2,169	549	1,313	136	35	113	24	14	45	2	6,627
Theft From Motor Vehicle	13,400	6,272	1,127	18,228	9,946	363	1,907	281	83	531	40	52,178
Theft (Shopsteal)	19	627	14,796	19	7	12	2	7	213	1	1	15,704
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	3,937	1,811	1,278	7,835	1,500	117	1,166	102	153	108	1	18,008
Theft Of Bicycle	2,988	368	242	851	352	496	345	64	10	130	7	5,853
Theft (Other)	12,734	8,373	18,425	3,114	837	2,816	1,093	1,884	2,685	1,229	246	53,436
Sub-Total	91,637	40,049	59,888	43,040	16,095	10,408	6,286	4,925	4,400	3,761	645	281,134
Drug Offences												
Drug (Cult., Manuf., Traff.)	2,362	778	46	727	137	10	20	15	37	31	1	4,164
Drug (Possess, Use)	2,734	1,924	234	3,567	744	74	274	124	93	271	1	10,040
Sub-Total	5,096	2,702	280	4,294	881	84	294	139	130	302	2	14,204
Other Crime												
Going Equipped To Steal	18	156	48	204	20	4	13	1	0	3	0	467
Justice Procedures	5,542	8,281	367	2,360	136	150	147	95	116	91	3	17,288
Regulated Public Order	779	207	34	547	41	36	61	50	143	171	1	2,070
Weapons / Explosives	2,204	1,212	283	2,366	242	84	306	44	63	140	2	6,946
Harassment	1,548	930	90	233	8	87	23	14	9	22	0	2,964
Behaviour in Public	215	445	264	1,728	106	65	166	70	92	127	7	3,285
Other	1,359	1,281	514	1,016	133	342	470	93	264	165	16	5,653
Sub-Total	11,665	12,512	1,600	8,454	686	768	1,186	367	687	719	29	38,673
TOTAL	126,365	58,199	64,347	67,599	18,686	12,310	9,559	6,174	6,887	6,097	735	376,958
Percentage (%)	33.5%	15.4%	17.1%	17.9%	5.0%	3.3%	2.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.6%	0.2%	100.0%

* Other includes: Justice, Financial, Administrative/Professional, Wholesale, Warehouse/Storage, Manufacturing, Agricultural, Other Recreational, Other Location and unspecified locations.

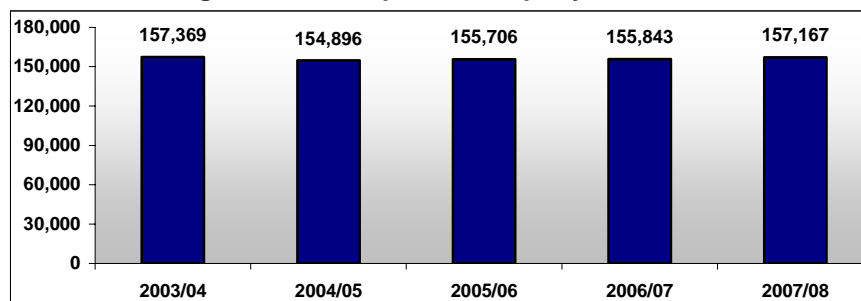
Figure 12: Offences recorded by type of location, % change from 2006/2007 to 2007/2008

	Residential	Other *	Retail	Street / Lane / Footpath	Other Transport	Educ. / Health / Religious	Public Transport	Sports / Recreation Facilities	Licensed Premises	Open Space	Other Community	TOTAL
Crime Against The Person												
Homicide	-8.8	-100.0	-100.0	-26.7	150.0	-25.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-14.2
Rape	-10.9	71.6	-27.8	-28.4	-23.8	-43.9	66.7	10.5	0.0	-18.2	50.0	-8.1
Sex (non rape)	-4.6	52.1	1.0	12.0	-15.0	-4.4	-1.5	-23.2	8.3	18.4	-12.5	0.9
Robbery	13.7	20.0	-12.2	25.8	14.1	-4.3	24.2	31.7	-36.4	61.1	100.0	15.7
Assault	0.1	-6.0	-10.1	4.0	8.6	-10.6	17.3	-4.8	2.7	4.0	9.3	0.7
Abduction / Kidnap	23.4	-37.8	-66.7	16.0	42.9	-16.7	16.7	36.4	200.0	100.0	n.a.	7.3
Sub-Total	-1.4	8.1	-10.5	6.6	6.3	-11.5	16.9	-4.8	1.9	6.8	9.3	1.4
Crime Against Property												
Arson	2.3	-1.7	-0.7	5.5	13.1	12.5	-31.0	-18.9	0.0	6.1	n.a.	-1.3
Property Damage	1.4	1.8	-0.1	2.6	9.6	-5.9	2.4	-5.1	-0.9	-16.5	-26.4	0.9
Burglary (Aggravated)	5.7	-10.3	-22.2	25.0	n.a.	-50.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0	150.0	n.a.	4.3
Burglary (Residential)	-2.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-2.5
Burglary (Other)	n.a.	1.6	4.0	10.0	21.2	-8.0	23.4	12.5	-15.6	7.2	-2.6	1.0
Deception	10.4	-2.2	-13.4	-19.1	9.0	-82.4	-8.2	-55.6	61.8	-16.7	-96.4	-9.3
Handle Stolen Goods	1.9	-17.2	-43.6	-13.4	-16.6	-16.7	73.8	-26.2	-36.4	0.0	0.0	-13.6
Theft From Motor Vehicle	11.0	5.3	1.3	13.0	18.6	-9.5	46.6	-17.5	-7.8	-15.4	-34.4	12.3
Theft (Shopsteal)	-48.6	16.1	-3.6	-32.1	-12.5	140.0	-33.3	-80.0	32.3	-69.6	.	-2.8
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	7.6	-5.8	3.9	0.1	-18.0	-7.1	19.6	18.7	-28.5	-17.1	-66.7	0.1
Theft Of Bicycle	2.7	-1.1	-17.7	13.5	37.0	-8.5	6.8	12.1	-56.5	-20.0	-46.2	3.1
Theft (Other)	-3.3	-17.6	1.0	0.7	-0.6	-10.1	-0.5	-18.1	-11.7	-8.9	4.7	-5.6
Sub-Total	1.3	-4.6	-3.5	5.2	11.0	-12.6	16.2	-12.6	-7.1	-6.8	-18.5	-0.4
Drug Offences												
Drug (Cult., Manuf., Traff.)	-13.3	6.7	-6.1	-26.0	14.2	25.0	25.0	-22.5	68.2	0.0	n.a.	-11.5
Drug (Possess, Use)	1.2	15.5	-33.3	-0.8	-4.2	-5.1	26.9	-7.8	-16.2	74.6	0.0	1.8
Sub-Total	-6.1	12.8	-30.0	-6.2	-1.8	-2.3	26.7	-9.6	-2.3	61.6	100.0	-2.5
Other Crime												
Going Equipped To Steal	-33.3	38.1	29.7	-8.9	-13.0	-42.9	85.7	0.0	-100.0	-66.7	n.a.	4.9
Justice Procedures	-7.6	-1.2	-14.3	-2.1	-0.7	1.4	-2.0	2.2	0.9	18.8	-40.0	-3.6
Regulated Public Order	185.3	-13.4	-60.9	-31.6	17.1	-5.3	-26.5	14.8	-24.7	22.0	-50.0	6.9
Weapons /Explosives	-6.0	24.1	-8.4	3.5	3.9	-10.6	24.4	-9.7	70.3	4.8	100.0	3.3
Harassment	12.9	-0.6	20.0	-7.9	-33.3	-12.1	-34.3	-18.5	-18.2	366.7	-100.0	4.9
Behaviour in Public	-11.9	24.0	-12.6	-6.0	-22.6	-4.4	9.9	1.6	-20.7	-7.9	16.7	-4.0
Other	-11.7	53.6	-18.4	20.2	-16.9	-10.2	-51.4	-37.7	238.5	-12.3	166.7	-2.7
Sub-Total	-1.1	5.7	-14.3	-2.4	-6.9	-8.0	-27.7	-11.6	25.4	4.6	26.1	-1.1
TOTAL	0.4	-1.3	-4.3	3.6	9.3	-12.2	8.4	-10.7	-2.4	-3.8	-15.4	-0.4

2.4 Alleged offenders processed

Victoria Police processed a total of 157,167 alleged offenders in 2007/2008, an increase of 0.8% compared with the 155,843 processed in 2006/2007.

Figure 13: Alleged offenders processed per year, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



There were 122,442 adults processed during 2007/2008, which is a decrease of 1.5% on the 124,366 processed in 2006/2007. There were 33,911 juvenile offenders processed in 2007/2008 which is an increase of 10.4% on the 30,715 processed in 2006/2007.

Figure 14: Alleged juvenile and adult offenders processed by offence, 2006/2007 & 2007/2008

	Juveniles (<18)**			Adults			Total persons*		
	No. 2006/2007	No. 2007/2008	% Change from 2006/2007	No. 2006/2007	No. 2007/2008	% Change from 2006/2007	No. 2006/2007	No. 2007/2008	% Change from 2006/2007
Crime against the person									
Homicide	7	9	28.6	201	196	-2.5	209	205	-1.9
Rape	99	81	-18.2	669	682	1.9	775	769	-0.8
Sex (non rape)	424	453	6.8	2466	2554	3.6	2914	3040	4.3
Robbery	832	1232	48.1	1244	1309	5.2	2081	2555	22.8
Assault	4047	4854	19.9	21588	21214	-1.7	25814	26233	1.6
Abduction / Kidnap	28	26	-7.1	270	276	2.2	298	305	2.3
Sub-total	5437	6655	22.4	26438	26231	-0.8	32,091	33,107	3.2
Crime against property									
Arson	315	346	9.8	398	383	-3.8	720	732	1.7
Property damage	4564	5497	20.4	8624	8082	-6.3	13268	13659	2.9
Burglary (aggravated)	164	201	22.6	1063	991	-6.8	1228	1195	-2.7
Burglary (residential)	1199	1453	21.2	3799	3929	3.4	5012	5390	7.5
Burglary (other)	2070	1934	-6.6	3573	4238	18.6	5671	6194	9.2
Deception	481	485	0.8	10728	9866	-8.0	11231	10400	-7.4
Handle stolen goods	510	625	22.5	4945	4637	-6.2	5469	5281	-3.4
Theft from motor vehicle	1312	1760	34.1	4424	4428	0.1	5747	6206	8.0
Theft (shopsteal)	4883	5140	5.3	10371	10017	-3.4	15354	15282	-0.5
Theft of motor vehicle	2053	2222	8.2	3044	3014	-1.0	5101	5250	2.9
Theft of bicycle	290	312	7.6	269	238	-11.5	562	554	-1.4
Theft (other)	1852	2021	9.1	7764	7901	1.8	9659	9976	3.3
Sub-total	19693	21996	11.7	59002	57724	-2.2	79,022	80,119	1.4
Drug offences									
Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	92	80	-13.0	3874	3918	1.1	3981	4012	0.8
Drug (possess, use)	573	573	0.0	9229	9548	3.5	9845	10166	3.3
Sub-total	665	653	-1.8	13103	13466	2.8	13,826	14,178	2.5
Other crime									
Going equipped to steal	73	72	-1.4	371	372	0.3	444	446	0.5
Justice procedures	925	973	5.2	12351	11738	-5.0	13329	12759	-4.3
Regulated public order	930	866	-6.9	701	615	-12.3	1645	1488	-9.5
Weapons / Explosives	802	923	15.1	5412	5579	3.1	6243	6526	4.5
Harassment	109	76	-30.3	1321	1300	-1.6	1438	1383	-3.8
Behaviour in public	470	479	1.9	2819	2690	-4.6	3314	3185	-3.9
Other	1611	1218	-24.4	2848	2727	-4.2	4491	3976	-11.5
Sub-total	4920	4607	-6.4	25823	25021	-3.1	30,904	29,763	-3.7
TOTAL	30715	33911	10.4	124366	122442	-1.5	155,843	157,167	0.8

Includes offenders where the sex and/or date of birth is unspecified.

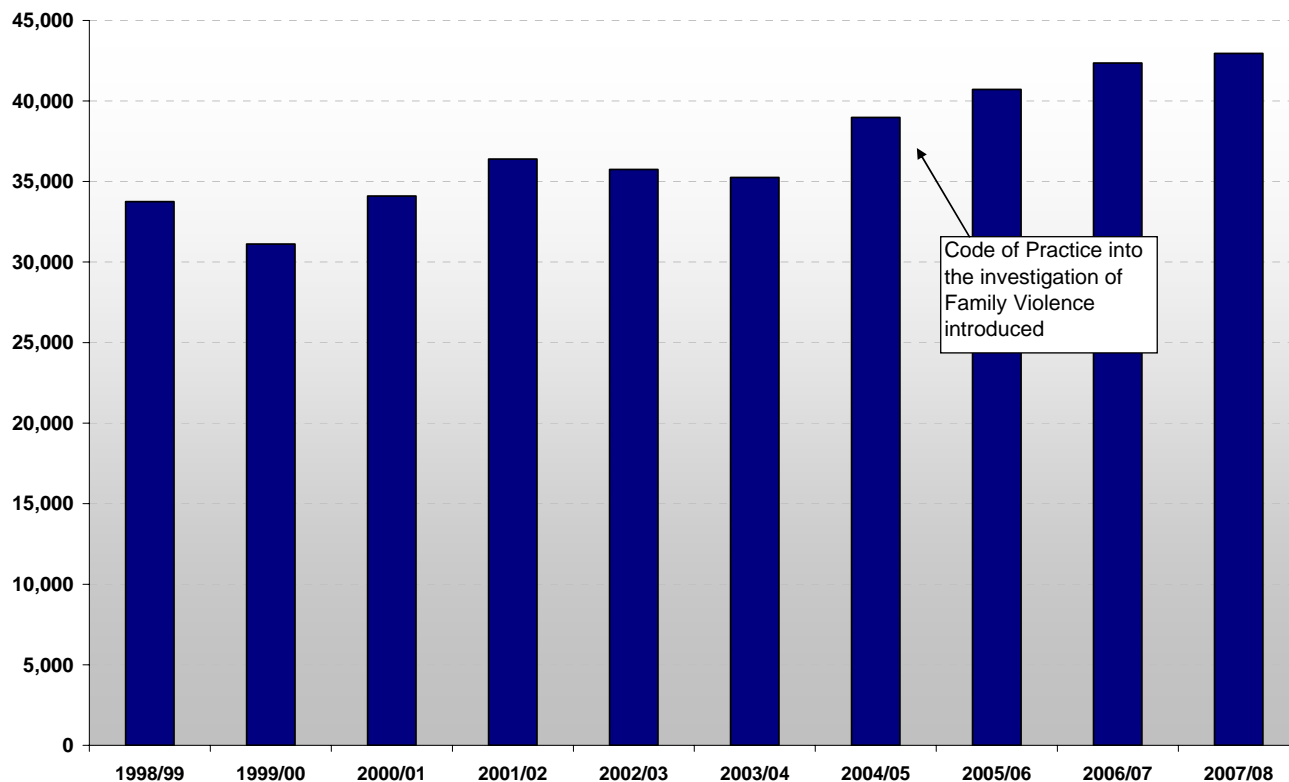
Note: Figures are based on the date charge records were created on LEAP, not the date the offender was processed.

3 Crime against the person

3.1 Overall

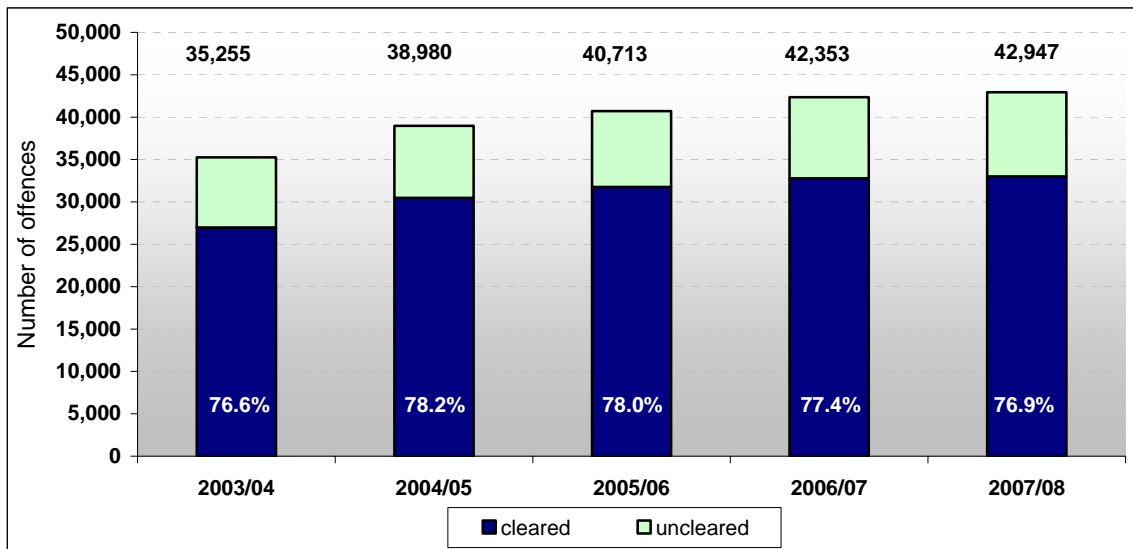
In 2007/2008 there were 42,947 offences which fall into the category of crime against the person which when expressed in rates per 100,000 population is a decrease of 0.2%. The number of offences is an increase of 1.4% compared with 2006/2007.

Figure 15: Crime against the person per year, 1998/1999 to 2007/2008



This offence group had a clearance rate of 76.9%, which is 0.5 percentage points lower than the clearance rate recorded in 2006/2007.

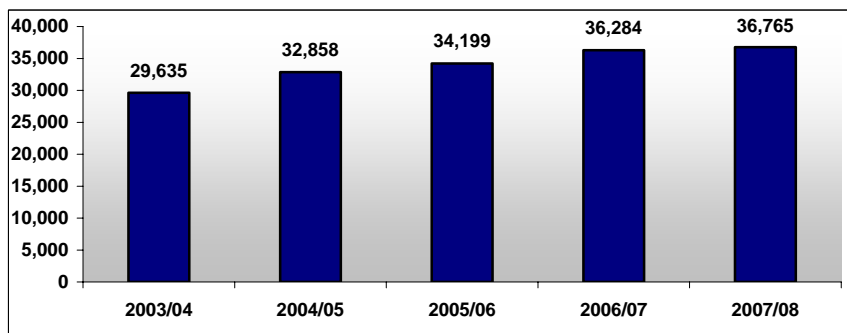
Figure 16: Crime against the person recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



3.2 Victims of crimes against the person

36,765 people were recorded during 2007/2008 as victims of crime against the person. This is 1.3% higher than the 36,284 victims recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 17: Recorded victims of crime against the person per year, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



Victims of crimes against the person in the 2007/2008 financial year were predominantly male (55.1%). Of all male victims, 83.4% were victims of assault offences, with 3.5% being victims of rape and sex (non-rape) offences. This result contrasts with female victims, where 70.1% were victims of assault and 24.4% were victims of rape and sex (non-rape) offences.

Of all victims of crime against the person, 7,497, or 20.4% were aged under 18.

Figure 18: Victims of offences against the person, by offence, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

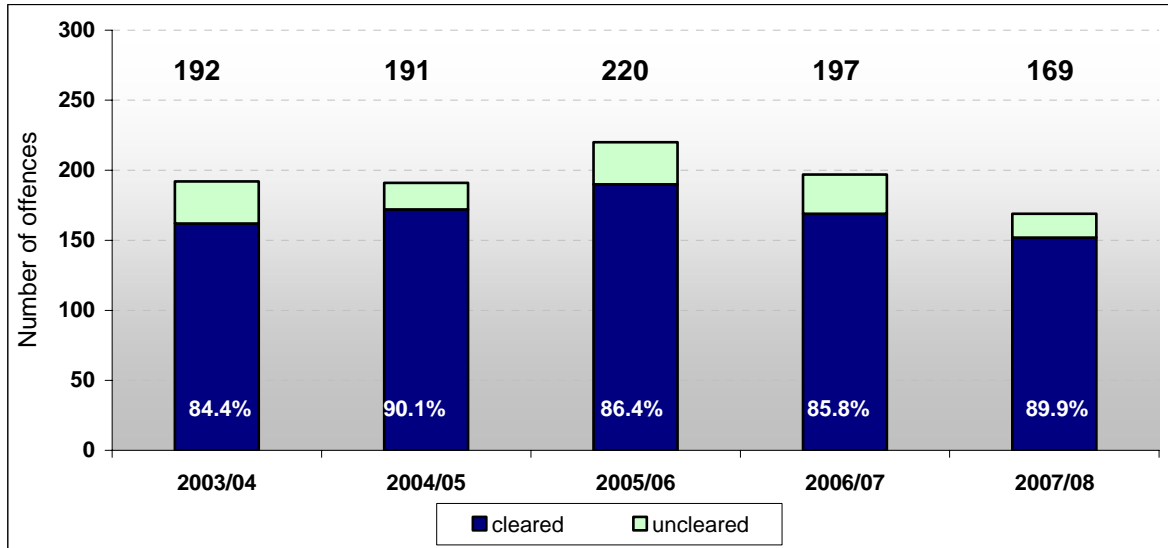
		Males			Females			Total Persons*		
		No.	No.	% Change	No.	No.	% Change	No.	No.	% Change
		2006/07	2007/08	from 2006/07	2006/07	2007/08	from 2006/07	2006/07	2007/08	from 2006/07
Homicide	Juvenile (<18)	14	14	0.0	10	10	0.0	24	24	0.0
	Adult (18-59)	95	75	-21.1	43	36	-16.3	138	112	-18.8
	Adult (60+)	9	10	11.1	14	15	7.1	23	26	13.0
	Total Victims *	121	100	-17.4	71	62	-12.7	192	165	-14.1
Rape	Juvenile (<18)	53	53	0.0	359	356	-0.8	412	409	-0.7
	Adult (18-59)	48	49	2.1	785	762	-2.9	834	816	-2.2
	Adult (60+)	2	0	n.a.	23	22	-4.3	26	22	-15.4
	Total Victims *	104	103	-1.0	1,171	1,144	-2.3	1,277	1,252	-2.0
Sex (non rape)	Juvenile (<18)	462	507	9.7	2,044	2,033	-0.5	2,513	2,543	1.2
	Adult (18-59)	69	72	4.3	674	737	9.3	743	812	9.3
	Adult (60+)	4	3	-25.0	38	40	5.3	42	43	2.4
	Total Victims *	539	607	12.6	2,777	2,859	3.0	3,323	3,472	4.5
Robbery	Juvenile (<18)	414	524	26.6	72	75	4.2	487	600	23.2
	Adult (18-59)	1,471	1,830	24.4	486	486	0.0	1,968	2,333	18.5
	Adult (60+)	61	65	6.6	61	51	-16.4	123	119	-3.3
	Total Victims *	1,976	2,456	24.3	631	617	-2.2	2,623	3,097	18.1
Assault	Juvenile (<18)	2,328	2,208	-5.2	1,633	1,600	-2.0	3,969	3,824	-3.7
	Adult (18-59)	13,352	13,630	2.1	9,509	9,309	-2.1	22,961	23,007	0.2
	Adult (60+)	552	580	5.1	324	362	11.7	881	946	7.4
	Total Victims *	16,689	16,839	0.9	11,716	11,504	-1.8	28,570	28,459	-0.4
Abduction / Kidnap	Juvenile (<18)	28	25	-10.7	70	71	1.4	99	97	-2.0
	Adult (18-59)	63	50	-20.6	129	157	21.7	192	207	7.8
	Adult (60+)	3	6	100.0	1	4	300.0	4	10	150.0
	Total Victims *	95	83	-12.6	203	236	16.3	299	320	7.0
Total	Juvenile (<18)	3,299	3,331	1.0	4,188	4,145	-1.0	7,504	7,497	-0.1
	Adult (18-59)	15,098	15,706	4.0	11,626	11,487	-1.2	26,836	27,287	1.7
	Adult (60+)	631	664	5.2	461	494	7.2	1,099	1,166	6.1
TOTAL*	19,524	20,188	3.4	16,569	16,422	-0.9	36,284	36,765	1.3	

* Includes victims where age/sex is unknown.
n.a. denotes that no calculation was possible.

3.3 Homicide¹

There were 169 homicide offences recorded in 2007/2008, a decrease of 14.2% on the 197 offences recorded in 2006/2007. The main offence within homicide is murder, which decreased 1.0% to 101 in 2007/2008 from the 102 recorded offences in 2006/2007. After murder, culpable driving is the next largest contributor to homicide offences. There were 48 culpable driving offences recorded in 2007/2008, an decrease of 25.0% on the 64 recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 19: Homicides recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



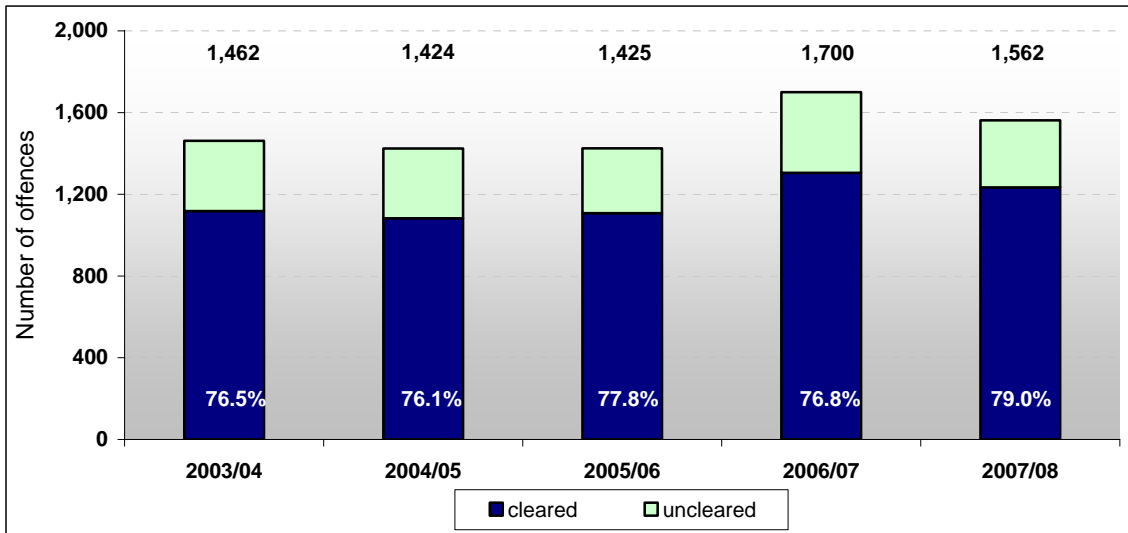
Of the 169 offences recorded during 2007/2008, 152 (89.9%) were cleared within the financial year. An additional 19 offences from previous years were also cleared. Offences recorded during 2007/2008 were cleared by the processing of offenders in 147 instances (96.7% of the above clearances).

¹ Homicide includes offences such as accident (fail to assist – death), murder, aid and abet suicide, manslaughter, culpable driving and abortion.

3.4 Rape

There were 1,562 rape offences recorded in 2007/2008, which is a decrease of 8.1% on the 1,700 offences recorded in 2006/2007. Of the 1,562 rape offences recorded in 2007/2008, 1,234 (79.0%) were cleared during the same period. An additional 240 offences were cleared that had been reported in previous years.

Figure 20: Rapes recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



Offences recorded during 2007/2008 were cleared by the processing of offenders in 847 offences (68.6% of clearances) and 70 (5.7%) offences resulted in no offence being detected. The complaint was withdrawn in 305 (24.7%) offences and 12 (1.0%) were cleared by other means.

Victoria Police recorded 1,252 rape victims during 2007/2008, a decrease of 2.0% on the 1,277 recorded in 2006/2007. There were 1,144 female victims (down 2.3% compared with last year) and 103 male victims (down 1.0%). Nearly a third (409 or 32.7%) of all victims of rape recorded during 2007/2008 were under the age of 18 years.²

² Please note, the number of victims differs significantly from the number of offences recorded due to some victims reporting multiple counts of victimisation.

Time lag for victim to report rape offence

The following table shows for the last five financial years the lag time between rape offences being reported and when they were committed. The proportion of rapes reported in less than one month increased from 53.2% to 55.6% during 2007/2008. On the other hand reported rapes which occurred more than one month and more than one year before being reported has decreased to 16.1% and 28.9% respectively.

Figure 21: Time lag to report rape offence per year, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

Time lag to report offence	No. of offences recorded					Proportion of total 2007/08
	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	
Less than one month	817	828	870	904	869	55.6%
One month to a year	266	283	233	305	252	16.1%
More than one year	379	313	322	491	441	28.2%
Total	1,462	1,424	1,425	1,700	1,562	100.0%

Time lag and the relationship between the victim and the offender

Examining the rape offences recorded during 2007/2008 by the time lag and the relationship type, the following table shows that a victim is more likely to report the offence to police, within a month of the incident occurring, when the offender is unknown to them. In cases where it took some time the victim to gain the confidence to report the offence, the offender is more likely to be known to the victim. For instance, 95.7% of victims that took more than a year to report the offence knew the offender.

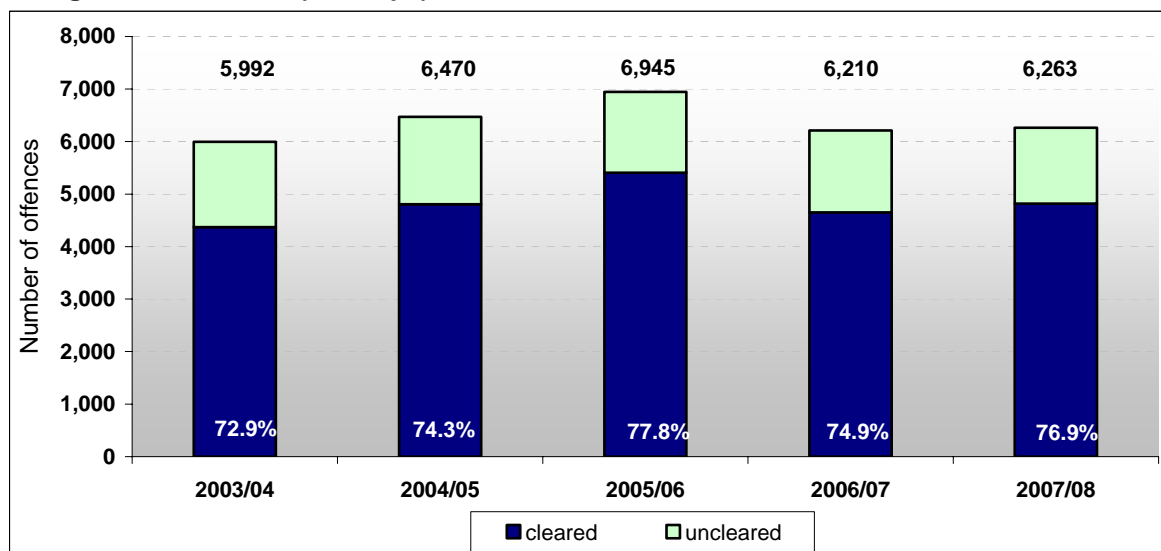
Figure 22: Time lag by relationship type, 2007/2008

Time lag to report offence	Relationship type			% Known to victim
	Known to victim	Not related / associated	Could not be determined	
Less than one month	582	207	115	64.4%
One month to a year	266	25	14	87.2%
More than one year	470	8	13	95.7%
Total	1,318	240	142	77.5%

3.5 Sex (non-rape)³

There were 6,263 sex (non-rape) offences recorded in 2007/2008, an increase of 0.9% on the 6,210 offences recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 23: Sex (non-rape) offences recorded and cleared , 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



Of the 6,263 sex (non-rape) offences recorded in 2007/2008, 4,817 (76.9%) were cleared during the same period. An additional 639 offences were cleared that had been reported in previous years.

The number of victims of sex (non-rape) offences recorded during 2007/2008 was 3,472, an increase of 4.5% from the 3,323 victims recorded in 2006/2007. There were 2,859 female and 607 male victims. Of all sex (non-rape) victims, 2,543 (73.2%) were less than 18 years old.⁴

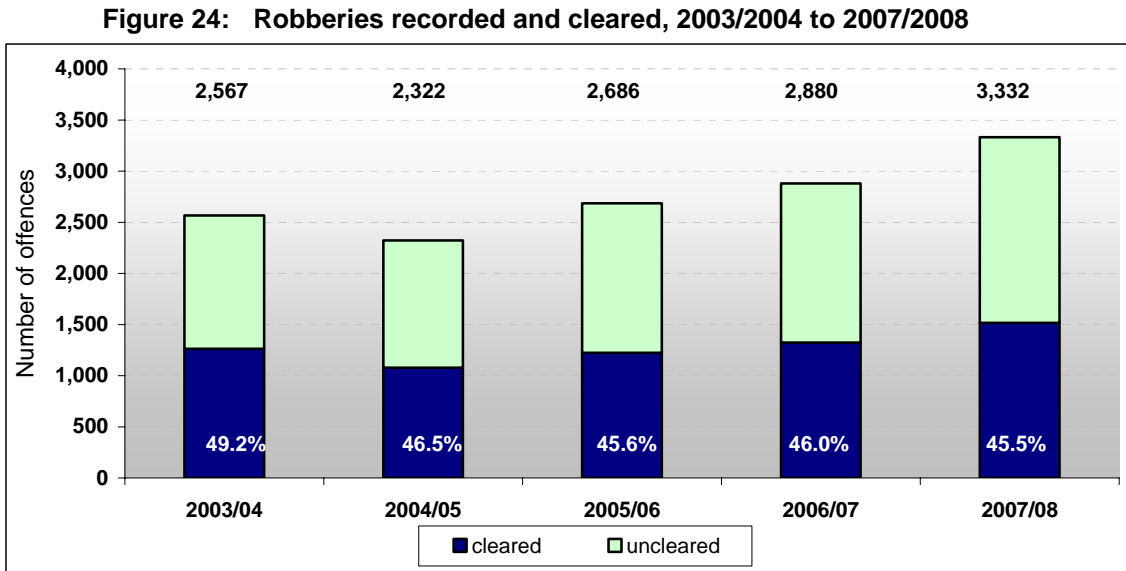
³ Sex (non-rape) includes offences such as indecent assault, indecent act, wilful and obscene exposure in public, incest, sexual penetration of a child, and gross indecency.

⁴ Please note, as with rape offences the number of victims differs significantly from the number of offences recorded due to some victims reporting multiple counts of victimisation.

3.6 Robbery⁵

Robbery offences recorded in 2007/2008 increased by 15.7% from 2,880 to 3,332.

Robbery offences consists of 1,113 (43.0%) armed robberies. This figure is down by 3.3%, compared to 2006/2007.



Of all the robbery offences recorded in 2007/2008, 1,516 (45.5%) were cleared during the same period. An additional 217 offences were cleared from the previous year. Robbery offences recorded during 2007/2008 were cleared by the processing of offenders in 1,318 offences (86.9% of all clearances), 66 (4.4%) offences resulted in no offence being detected, the complaint being withdrawn in 119 (7.8%) offences and 13 (0.9%) were cleared by other means.

The number of unarmed robberies recorded during 2007/2008 was 1,846 up 24.6% from 1,482 recorded in 2006/2007. Armed robbery during 2007/2008 saw a small increase of 6.0% recording 1,432 offences.

Figure 25: Robberies recorded by offence and degree, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

	2006/07			2007/08			% Change
	Substantive	Attempted	Total	Substantive	Attempted	Total	
Armed robbery	1,113	235	1,351	1,139	287	1,432	6.0%
Robbery	1,246	236	1,482	1,534	311	1,846	24.6%
Assault with intent to rob	47		47	52	2	54	14.9%
Robbery Total	2,406	471	2,880	2,725	600	3,332	15.7%

The main location for robberies occurring are on street / lane / footpaths. Robberies at these locations for 2007/2008 have increased by 25.8%. Public transport locations have also increased by 24.2%. A possible reason for the increase in robberies at these locations is the increase in the number of people carrying personal electronic devices such as mobile phones and ipods. Cash monies still remain the most recorded property type stolen during robberies.

⁵ Robbery includes offences of armed robbery and robbery/assault with intent to rob.

Male victims of robberies under the age of 18 have increased by 26.6% in comparison to 2006/07 and adult males aged 18 – 59 years have increased by 24.4%. Juvenile female victims of robberies has increased by 4.2% while females aged 18 – 59 has remained stable.

Figure 26: Robberies recorded by victim age and sex, 2007/2008

		2007/08			%change from 2006/07		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Persons	Juvenile (<18)	524	75	600	26.6%	4.2%	23.2%
	Adult (18-59)	1830	486	2333	24.4%	0.0%	18.5%
	Adult (60+)	65	51	119	6.6%	-16.4%	-3.3%
	Total Persons *	2456	617	3097	24.3%	-2.2%	18.1%
Business		n/a	n/a	160	n/a	n/a	-21.2%
Total Victims		2456	617	3281	24.3%	-2.2%	15.1%

* includes victims where age is unspecified

Figure 27: Robberies recorded by alleged offender age and sex, 2007/2008

	2007/08			%change from 2006/07		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Juvenile	1118	114	1232	46.3%	67.6%	48.1%
Adult	1175	133	1308	4.8%	12.7%	5.6%
Adult 60+	1	0	1	-80.0%	n.a.	-80.0%
Total Alleged Offenders*	2304	249	2555	21.6%	33.2%	22.8%

* includes offenders where age is unspecified

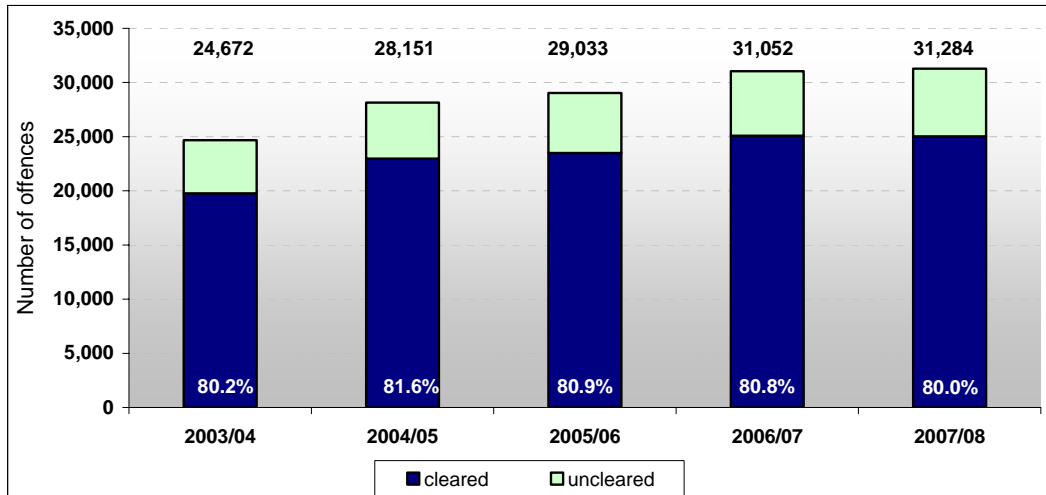
90.1% of all recorded alleged robbery offenders for 2007/08 have been identified as males, with a 46.3% increase in juvenile male alleged offenders.

3.7 Assault⁶

The number of recorded assaults in 2007/2008 (31,284) is 0.7% higher than the number recorded in 2006/2007 (31,052).

Of these assault offences recorded during 2007/2008, 25,024 (80.0%) were cleared during the same period. An additional 1,624 offences were cleared having been recorded in previous years. Offences recorded during 2007/2008 were cleared by the processing of offenders in 22,251 (88.9%) offences. 282 (1.1%) offences resulted in no offence being detected, the complaint was withdrawn in 2,353 (9.4%) offences and 138 (0.6%) were cleared by other means.

Figure 28: Assaults recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



For all assaults, there has been a 3.7% decrease in offenders who are under 18; and a 7.4% increase in victims who are over 60. Adult victims aged between 18 and 59 have increased marginally by 0.2%.

Looking at where these crimes occur, 40.9% of assault offences occurred in residential premises. During 2007/2008 there were 1,578 assault offences occurring at licensed premises, 2.7% higher than the previous period.

There have also been increases in assaults occurring at street / lane / footpath locations (4.0%). Assaults at these locations make up 29.4% of all assaults.

The largest % increase for any location was public transport locations, with an increase of 17.3% and 1,215 recorded offences. (Refer to figure 28).

⁶ Assault includes indictable and summary assault offences such as intentionally/recklessly cause injury, make threats to kill, reckless conduct endangering life/serious injury, unlawful assault, assault police (serious and summary) assault with weapon/instrument, and discharge missile/stone to injure/danger.

Figure 29: Assault offences recorded by type of location, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

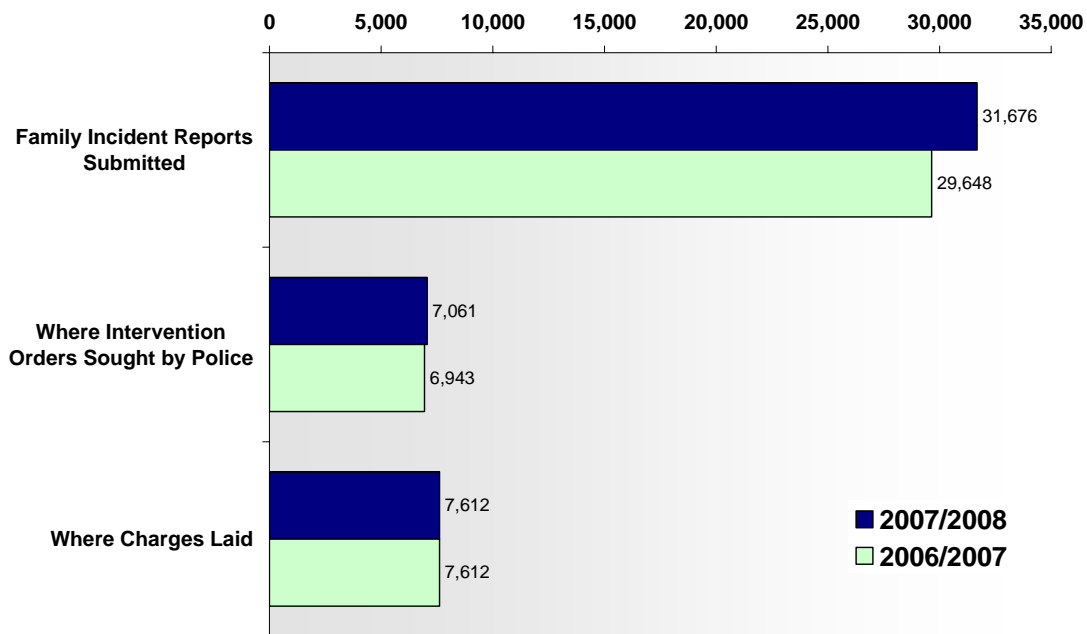
Type of Location	No. of offences recorded					% Change from 2006/2007
	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	
Residential(Private)	7730	10072	10954	11358	11161	-1.7%
Residential(Non-Private)	235	445	575	612	701	14.5%
Residential(Other)	732	829	804	818	934	14.2%
Educational	426	485	454	534	502	-6.0%
Health	225	214	177	263	218	-17.1%
Religious	33	31	19	27	17	-37.0%
Public Transport	1109	954	886	1036	1215	17.3%
Other Transport	601	741	759	733	796	8.6%
Justice	659	735	677	730	643	-11.9%
Open Space	524	596	528	692	659	-4.8%
Street/Lane/Footpath	6519	7716	7933	8842	9197	4.0%
Other Community Location	37	33	42	43	47	9.3%
Administrative/Professional	200	175	210	235	180	-23.4%
Financial	20	27	17	21	13	-38.1%
Retail	1633	1434	1527	1622	1434	-11.6%
Wholesale	5	5	5	3	7	133.3%
Warehouse/Storage	21	25	16	24	19	-20.8%
Manufacturing	99	95	104	110	79	-28.2%
Agricultural	36	53	51	53	25	-52.8%
Licensed Premises	2149	1488	1424	1536	1578	2.7%
Other Recreational	366	399	385	483	497	2.9%
Other Location	147	239	240	227	211	-7.0%
Unspecified	1166	1360	1246	1050	1151	9.6%
Total	24672	28151	29033	31052	31284	0.7%

Family violence

Of all assaults reported in 2007/2008, 23.7% were family violence related. Of family violence incidents reported in 2007/2008, just under one half of all offences were assaults.

During 2007/2008, there were 31,676 incidents where police submitted family incident reports. This is 6.9% higher than the 29,648 reports submitted in 2006/2007. Of all family incidents attended, Police sought intervention orders in 7,061 instances, which is a slight increase of 1.7% from the previous financial year. 7,612 family incidents attended by police in 2006/07, resulted in laying charges against one or more parties involved. This is the same as the previous year.

Figure 30: Recorded family incidents, 2006/2007 to 2007/2008



Between July 2003 and August 2004, approximately 15% of assaults were family violence related. Since the introduction of the Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence, launched on 31 August 2004, this figure has risen to approximately 24%. The Code of Practice is one of many programs and strategies developed to improve police responses to family violence incidents and encourage community confidence to report these offences to police.

Figure 31: Offences arising from family incidents, 2007/2008 (Left)

Figure 32: Percentage of assaults arising from family incidents, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

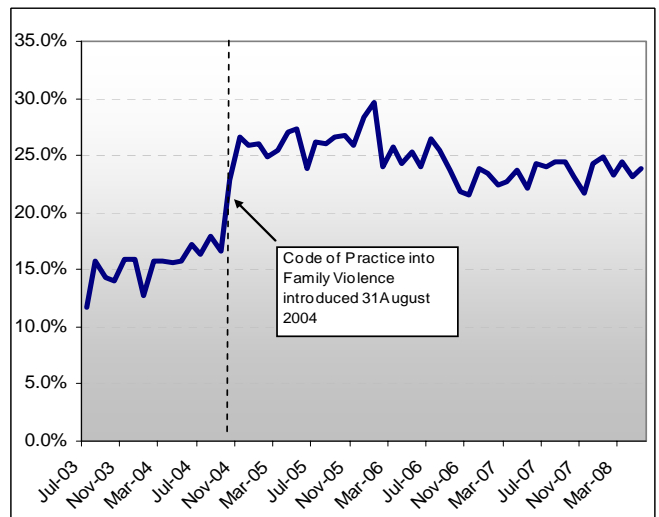
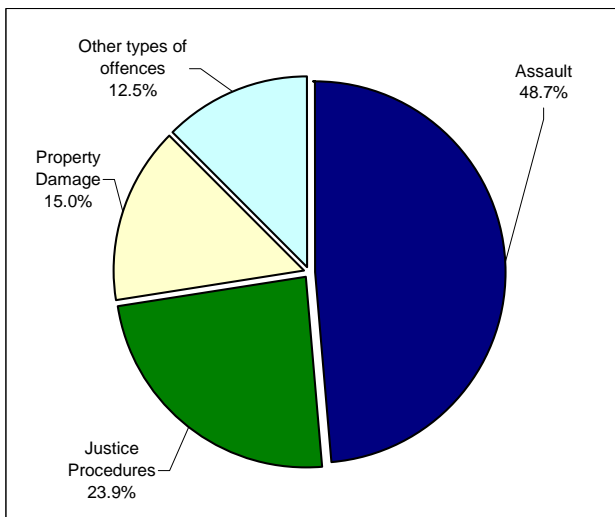


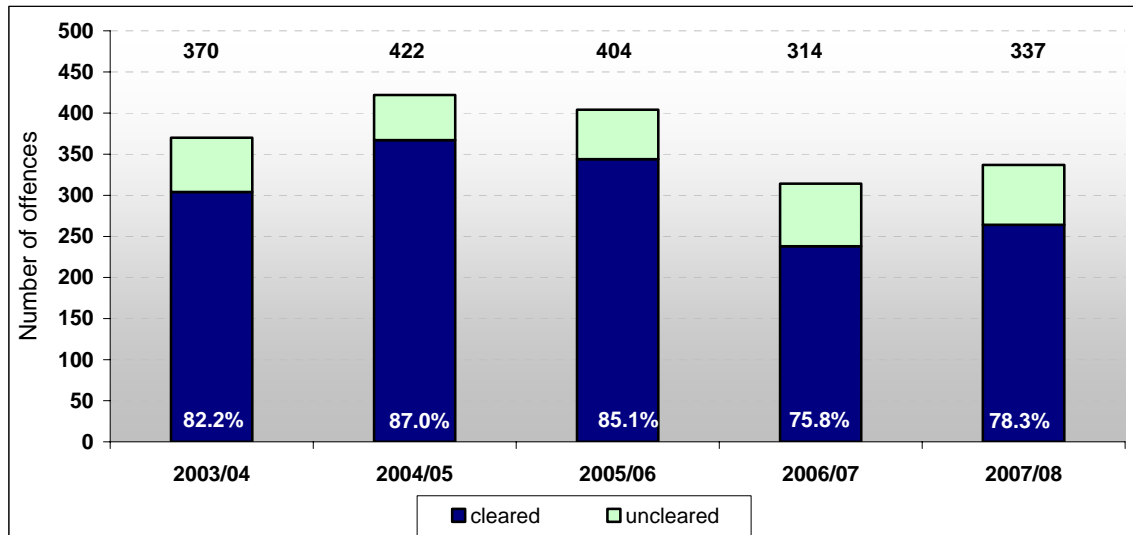
Figure 33: Assaults arising and not arising from family incidents, 2006/2007 to 2007/2008

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2006/2007	Rate per 100,000 Population		%change from 2006/2007
	2006/2007	2007/2008		2006/2007	2007/2008	
Assaults arising from family incidents	7,270	7,405	1.9%	140.8	141.2	0.3%
Assaults not arising from family incidents	23,782	23,879	0.4%	460.6	455.2	-1.2%
Total Assaults	31,052	31,284	0.7%	601.4	596.3	-0.8%
% of assaults arising from family incidents	23.4%	23.7%				

3.8 Abduction/kidnap⁷

There were 337 abduction/kidnap offences recorded in 2007/2008, an increase of 7.3% on the 314 offences recorded in 2006/2007. The bulk offence category within abduction / kidnap is false imprisonment with 212 offences recorded in 2007/2008.

Figure 34: Abduction / kidnap recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



Of the 337 abduction/kidnap offences recorded during 2007/2008, 264 offences (78.3%) were cleared during the same period. An additional 32 offences were cleared from previous financial years.

Offences recorded in 2007/2008 were cleared by the processing of offenders in 231 (87.5%) offences, 17 (6.4%) offences resulted in no offence being detected, and the complaint was withdrawn in 17 (6.4%) offences.

⁷ Abduction/kidnap includes offences of abduction, child stealing, cause abduction, kidnap and false imprisonment.

4 Crime against property

4.1 Overall

In 2007/2008 there were 281,134 offences against property, an decrease of 0.4% compared with 2006/2007. This offence group had a clearance rate of 28.5%, which is 1.5 percentage points lower than the rate recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 35: Crime against property per year, 1998/1999 to 2007/2008

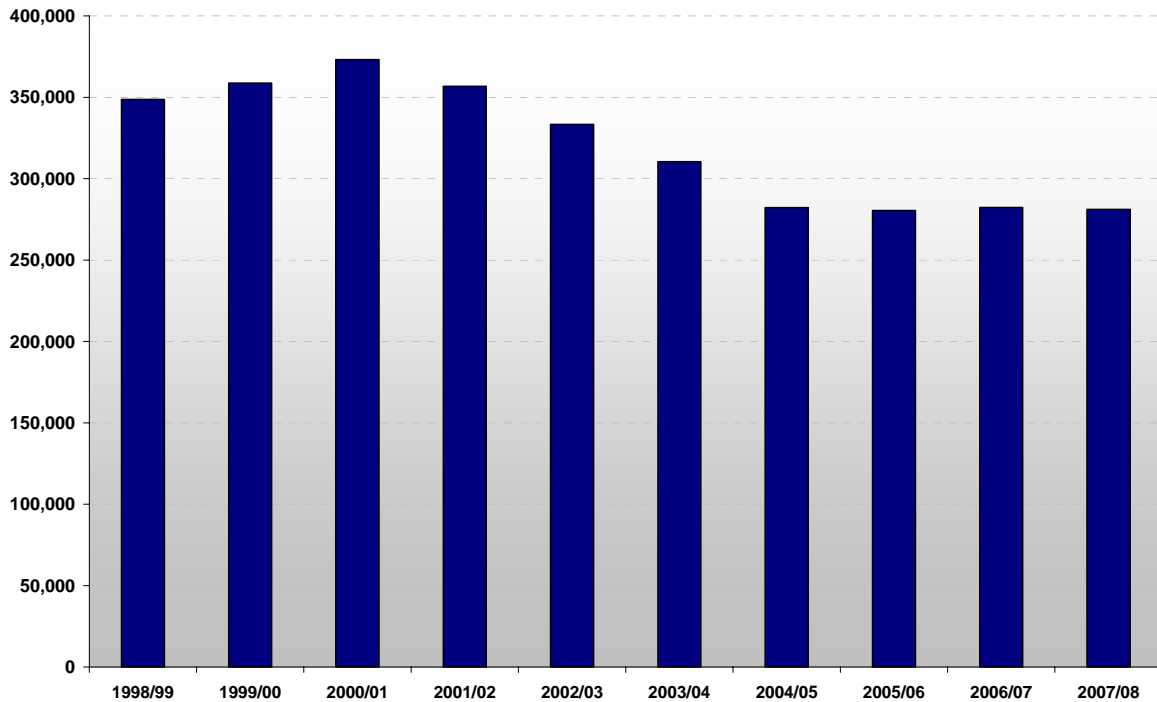
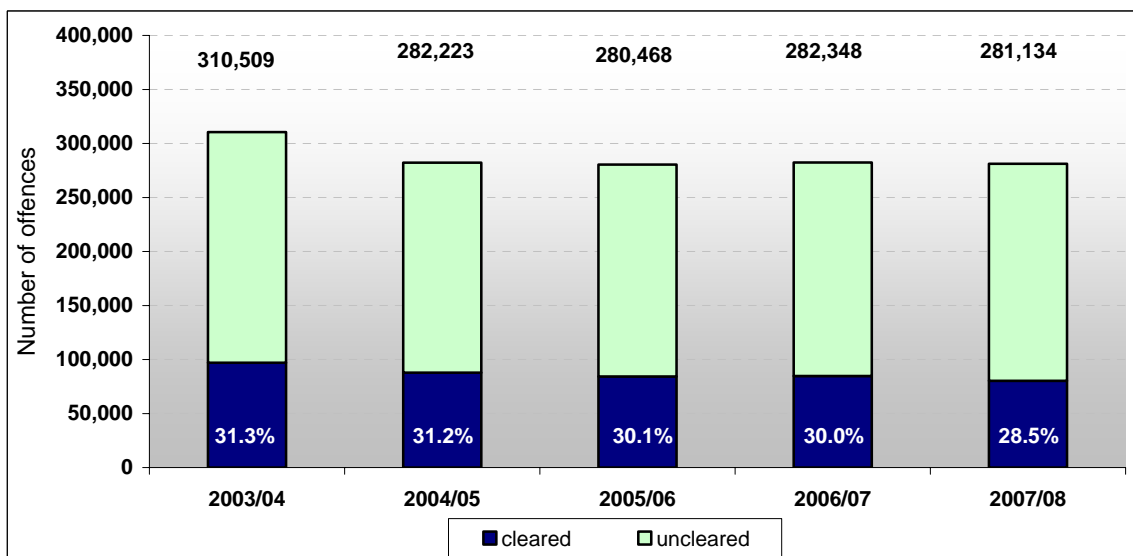


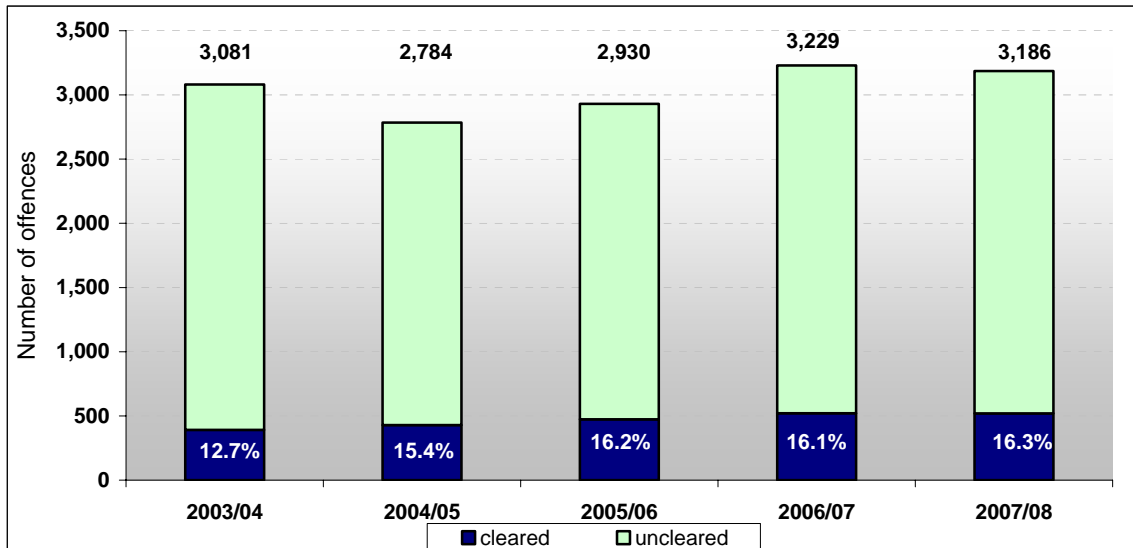
Figure 36: Crime against property recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



4.2 Arson⁸

There were 3,186 offences of arson recorded during 2007/2008, a decrease of 1.3% from the 3,229 arsons recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 37: Arsons recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

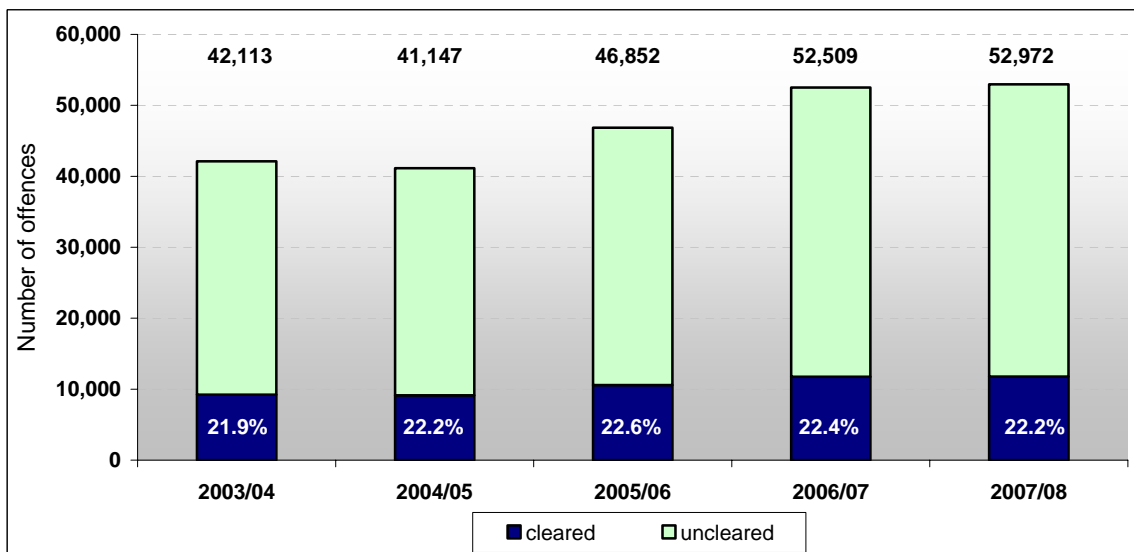


Of the 3,186 offences recorded in 2007/2008, 520 (16.3%) were cleared within the same period. This is a marginal increase of 0.2 percentage points compared with last year.

4.3 Property damage⁹

In 2007/2008, there were 52,972 offences of property damage recorded by Victoria Police, an increase of 0.9% on the 52,509 offences recorded during 2006/2007.

Figure 38: Property damages recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



⁸ Arson includes offences of criminal damage by fire, light fire on PTC vehicle/premises, light/use fire and destroy/damage property and light/use fire to endanger property/life.

⁹ Property damage includes offences such as criminal damage (intent to damage/destroy), wilful damage/injure property and possess article for criminal damage.

Of the 52,972 property damage offences recorded during 2007/2008, 11,767 (22.2%) were cleared in the same year. This is 0.2 percentage points less than the clearance rate recorded in 2006/2007.

Property damage associated with family violence

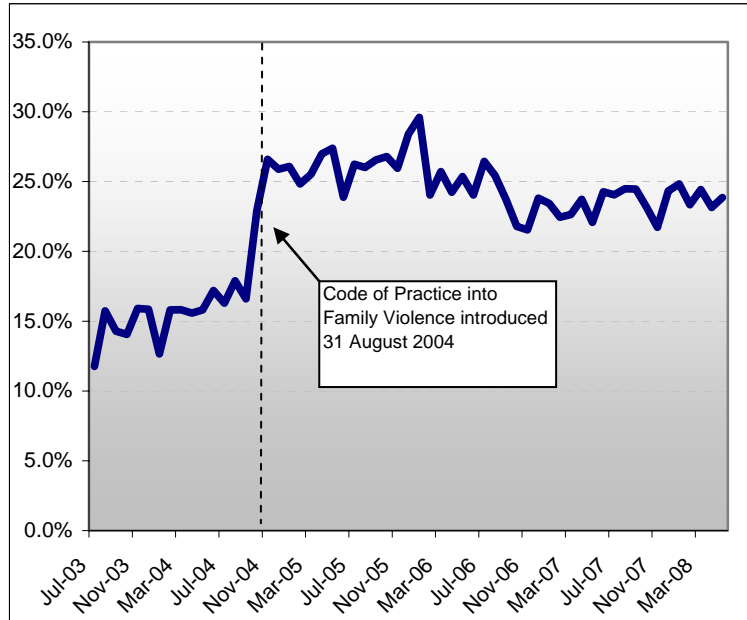
Of all property damage offences, 4.3% are family violence related.

Figure 39: Recorded property damage offences arising from family violence

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2006/2007
	2006/2007	2007/2008	
Property damage arising from family incidents	2,166	2,282	5.4%
Property damage not arising from family incidents	50,343	50,690	0.7%
Total property damage	52,509	52,972	0.9%
% of property damage arising from family incidents	4.1%	4.3%	

Of all offences arising out of family violence incidents in 2007/2008, 15.0% were property damage related. Since the introduction of the Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence these types of offences have significantly increased. The following chart shows the increase in all property damage offences which were family violence related.

Figure 40: Percentage of property damage arising from family incidents, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

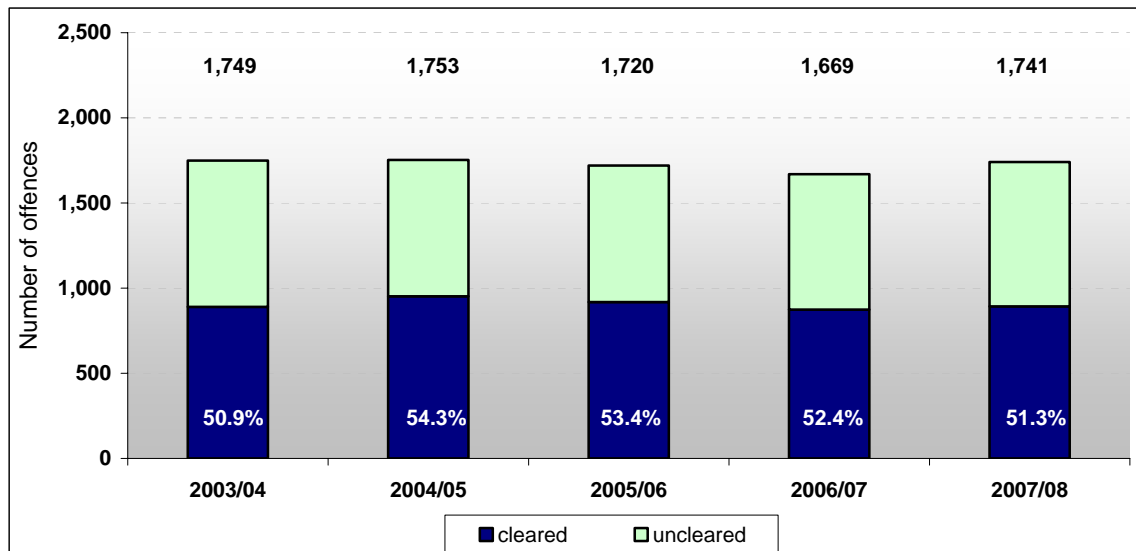


4.4 Burglary (aggravated)¹⁰

During 2007/2008 there were a total of 49,880 burglaries, recorded by Victoria Police.

The number of aggravated burglaries recorded during 2007/2008 increased 4.3% from 1,669 in 2006/2007 to 1,741. Burglary (Aggravated) had a clearance rate of 51.3% during 2007/2008, a figure of 1.1 percentage points lower than the rate from 2006/2007.

Figure 41: Aggravated burglaries recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

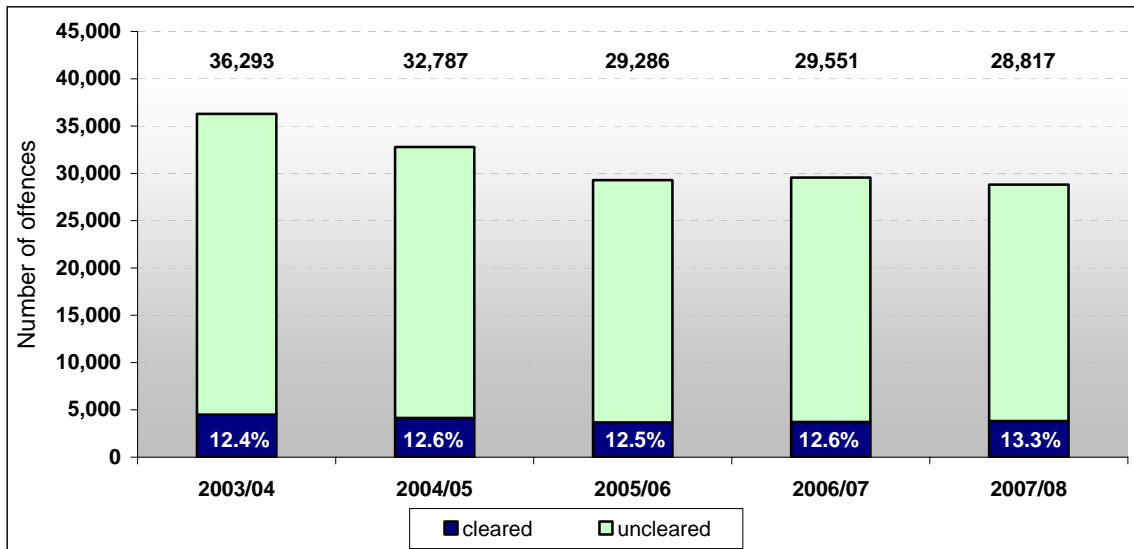


¹⁰ Burglary (aggravated) is based on the offence of aggravated burglary. Please note that a change in the definition of the offence in the Crimes Act came into effect on 1 September 1997.

4.5 Burglary (residential)¹¹

The number of residential burglaries recorded, decreased 2.5% from 29,551 in 2006/2007 to 28,817 during 2007/2008. Burglary (residential) had a clearance rate of 13.3% during 2007/2008, 0.7 percentage points higher than that of 2006/2007.

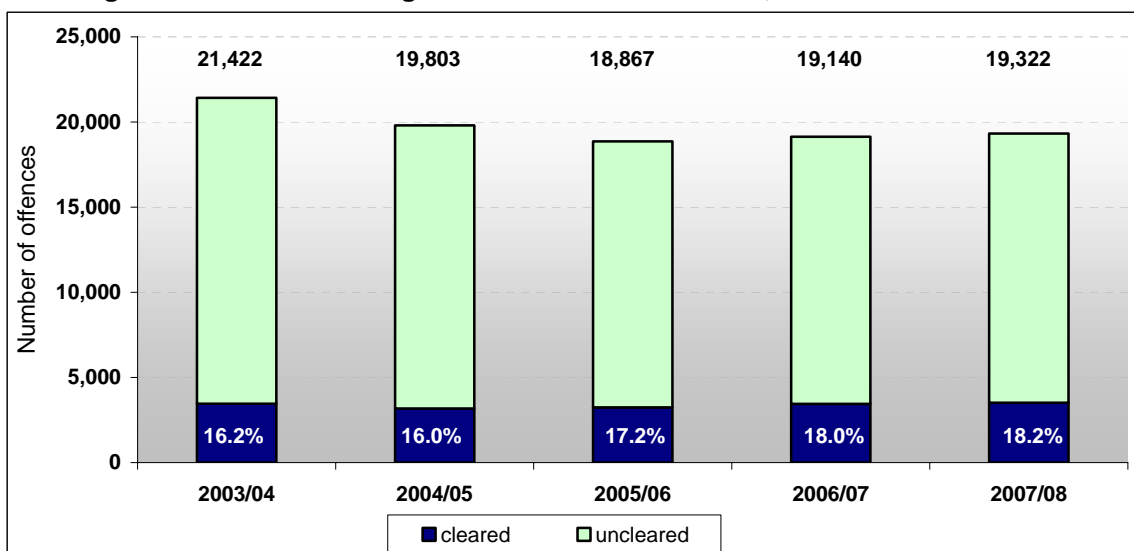
Figure 42: Residential burglaries recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



4.6 Burglary (other)¹²

There were 19,322 non-residential burglaries recorded in 2007/2008, an increase of 1.0%. Of all these type of offences recorded during 2007/2008, 3,512 (18.2%) were cleared in the same year. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than the clearance rate recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 43: Other burglaries recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



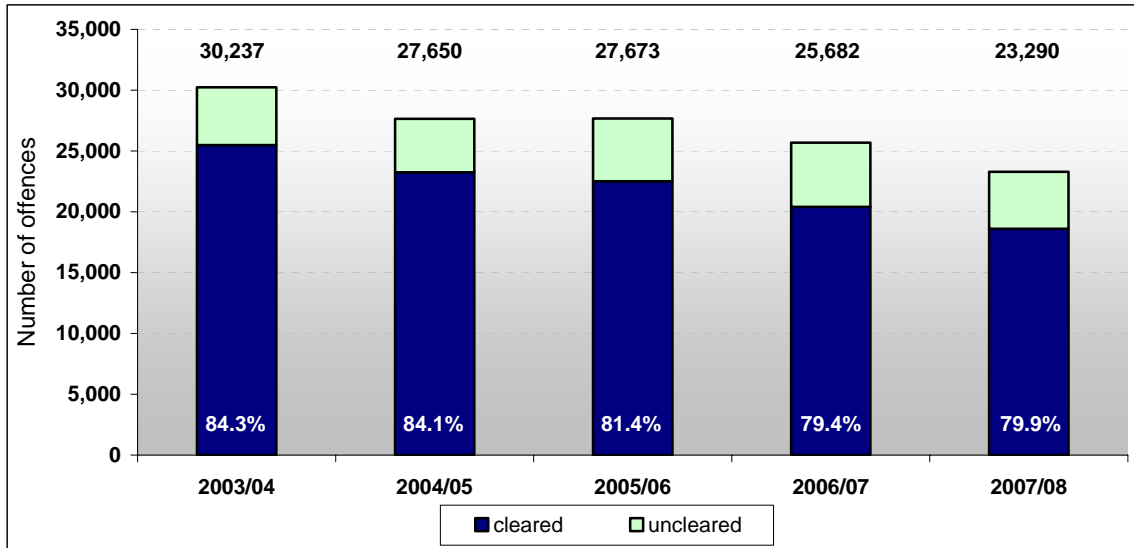
¹¹ Burglary (residential) is based on the offence of burglary where the location type is residential.

¹² Burglary (other) is based on the offence of burglary where the location type is other than a residential location.

4.7 Deception¹³

There were 23,290 offences of deception recorded during 2007/2008, a decrease of 9.3% on the 25,682 recorded during 2006/2007.

Figure 44: Deception offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

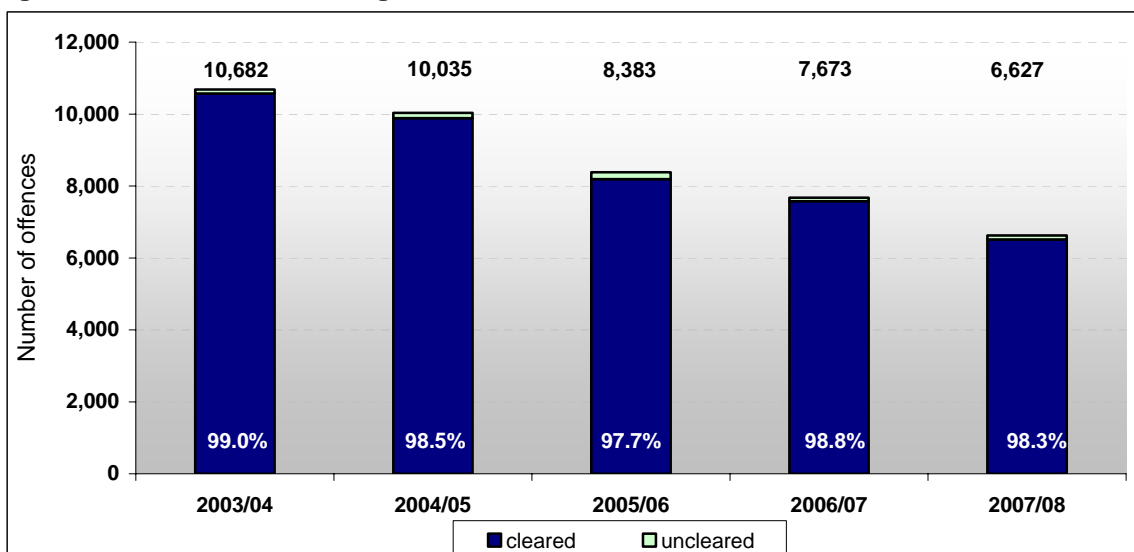


Of the 23,290 offences recorded in 2007/2008, 18,609 (79.9%) were cleared within the same period. An additional 1,917 offences were also cleared in 2007/2008 from previous years. Offences were mainly cleared by the processing of offenders, in 18,074 (97.1%) instances.

4.8 Handle stolen goods¹⁴

There were 6,627 offences of handle stolen goods recorded during 2007/2008, 13.6% lower than the 7,673 offences recorded in 2006/2007. This crime category reflects a lot of proactive work done by police; nearly all offences (6,515 or 98.3%) recorded during 2007/2008 were cleared within the same period.

Figure 45: Handle stolen goods offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



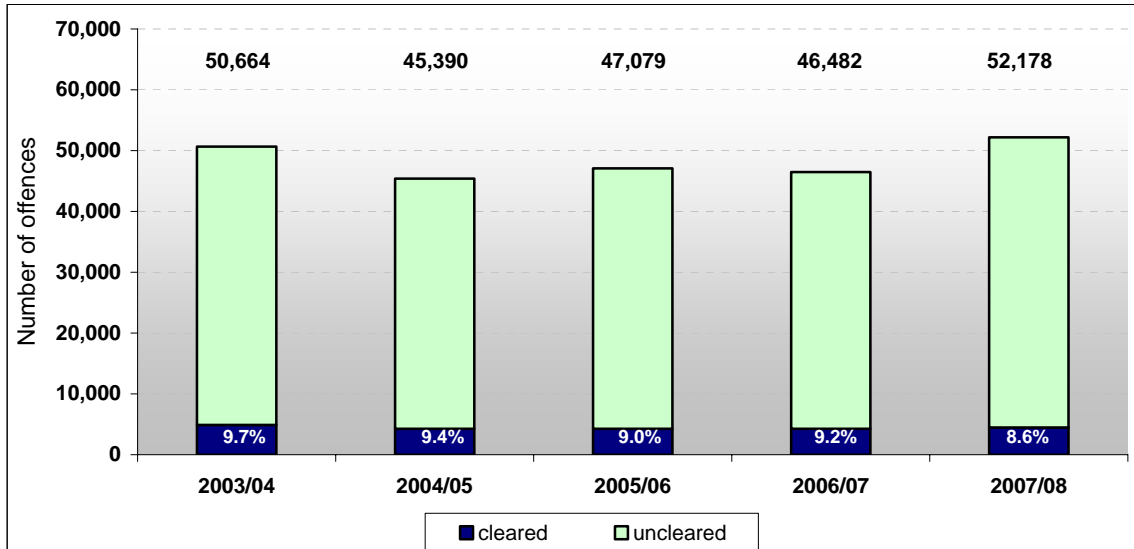
¹³ Deception includes offences such as obtain property by deception, obtain financial advantage by deception, make false document, false accounting and imposition (Commonwealth benefit/money).

¹⁴ Handle stolen goods includes unlawful possession and hand/receive/retention stolen goods.

4.9 Theft from motor vehicle¹⁵

The number of theft from motor vehicle offences recorded in 2007/2008 (52,178) was 12.3% higher than that recorded in 2006/2007. The 2007/2008 clearance rate of 8.6% is 0.6 percentage points lower than the rate from 2006/2007.

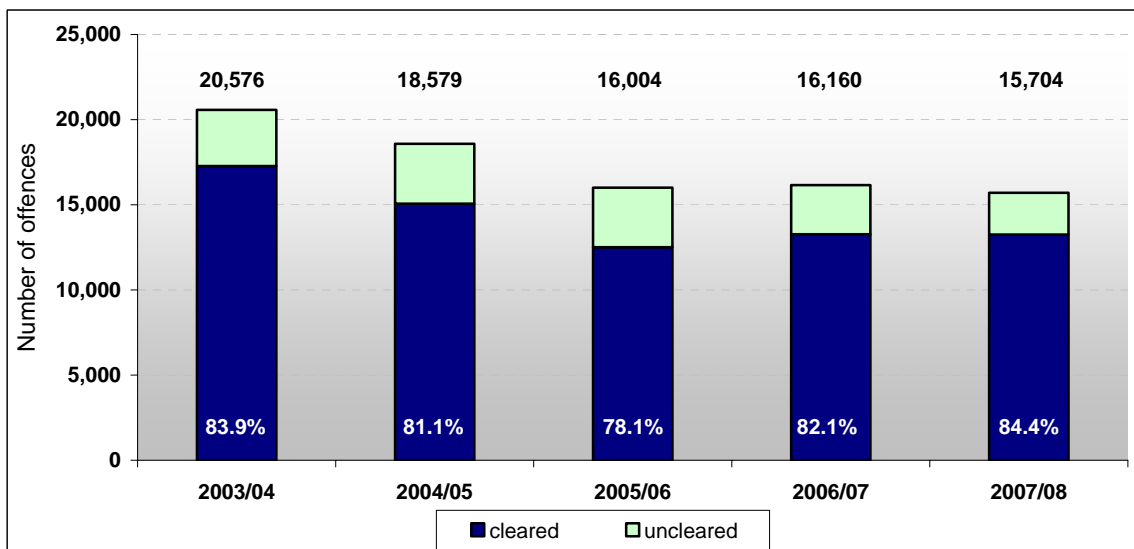
Figure 46: Theft from motor vehicle offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



4.10 Theft (shopsteal)¹⁶

The number of shopsteal offences recorded during 2007/2008 (15,704) was 2.8% less than that recorded during 2006/2007 (16,160). The 2007/2008 clearance rate of (84.4%) is 2.3% more than the rate recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 47: Theft (shopsteal) offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



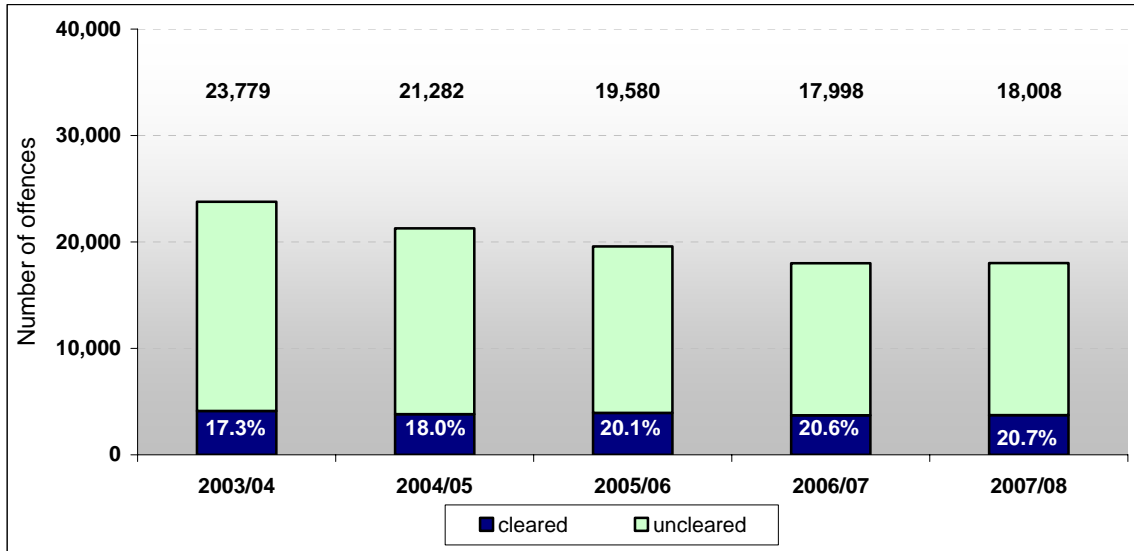
¹⁵ Theft from motor vehicle is based on the offence of theft from motor vehicle.

¹⁶ Theft (shopsteal) is based on the offence of theft from shop (shopsteal).

4.11 Theft of motor vehicle¹⁷

The number of theft of motor vehicle offences recorded in 2007/2008 (18,008) is 0.1% higher than the 17,998 recorded in 2006/2007. The 2007/2008 clearance rate is 0.1 percentage points higher than the rate recorded in 2006/2007.

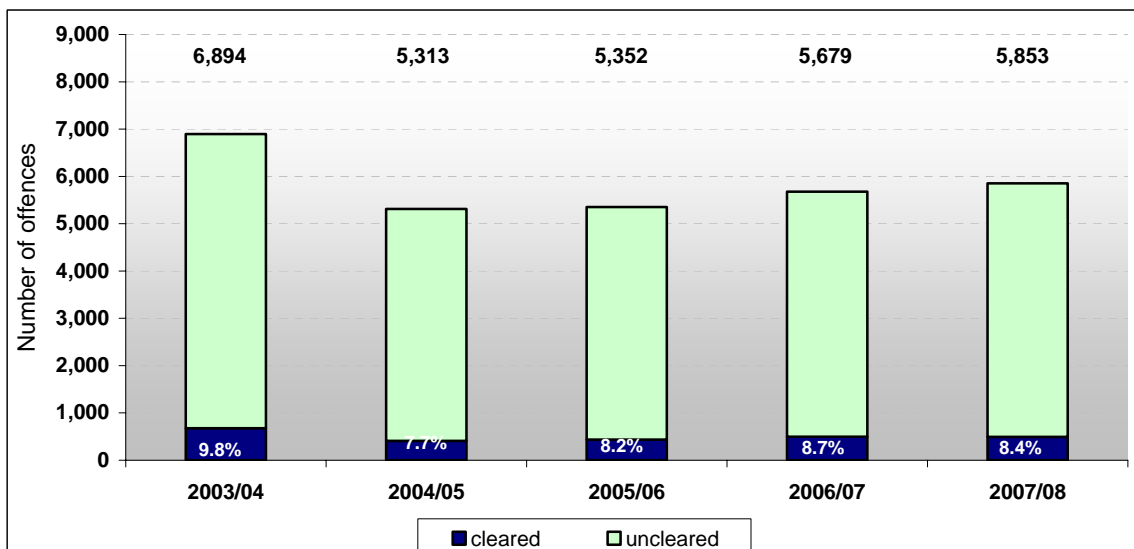
Figure 48: Theft of motor vehicle offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



4.12 Theft (bicycle)¹⁸

There were 5,853 bicycle thefts recorded in 2007/2008, 3.1% more than the number recorded in 2006/2007 (5,679). In 2007/2008, 8.4% of offences were cleared. This is 0.3% lower than the rate recorded in 2006/2007.

Figure 49: Theft (bicycle) offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



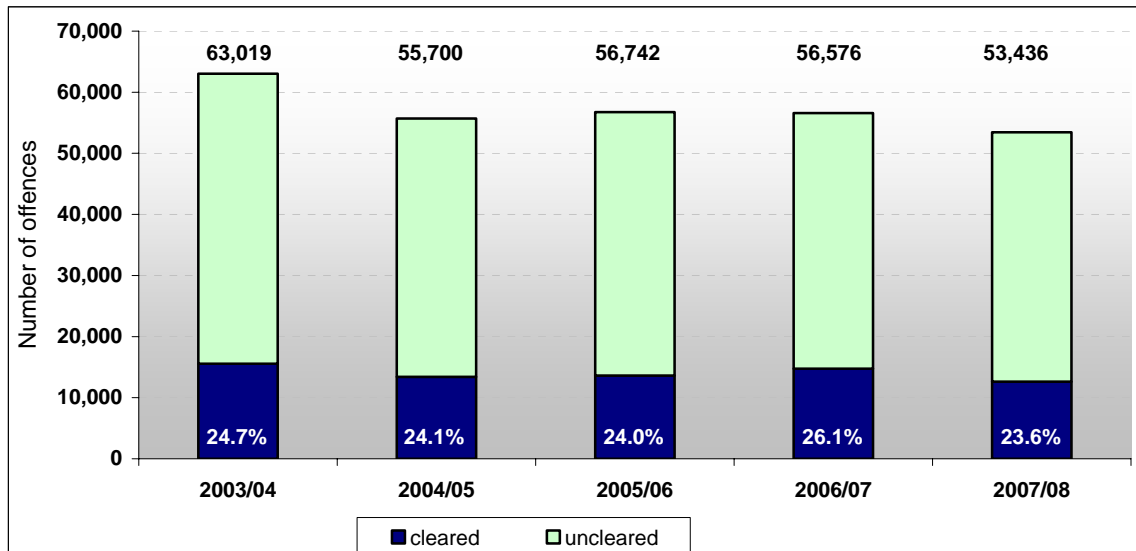
¹⁷ Theft of motor vehicle is based on the offence of theft of motor vehicle.

¹⁸ Theft (bicycle) is based on the offence of theft of bicycle.

4.13 Theft (other)¹⁹

The number of theft (other) offences decreased by 5.6% to 53,436 in 2007/2008. Please note that theft (other) includes all forms of theft not elsewhere classified and can range from trivial offences involving almost no monetary value to thefts of significant value. The 2007/2008 clearance rate for theft (other) (23.6%) is a decrease of 2.5% on the clearance rate recorded during 2006/2007.

Figure 50: Recorded and cleared theft (other) offences, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



¹⁹ Theft (other) includes the offence of theft, and excludes theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle, theft of bicycle and theft from shop (shopsteal).

5 Drug offences

5.1 Overall

The number of drug offences recorded by Victoria Police during 2007/2008 was 14,204, a decrease of 2.5% from the previous year. This offence group had a clearance rate of 98.8%, which is 0.1 percentage points lower than the rate from 2006/2007.²⁰

This increase demonstrates a significant amount of work done by Victoria Police. Drugs are often a driver for other crimes, and our focus in this area is expected to lead to a decrease in other crime types.

Figure 51: Drug offences per year, 1998/1999 to 2007/2008

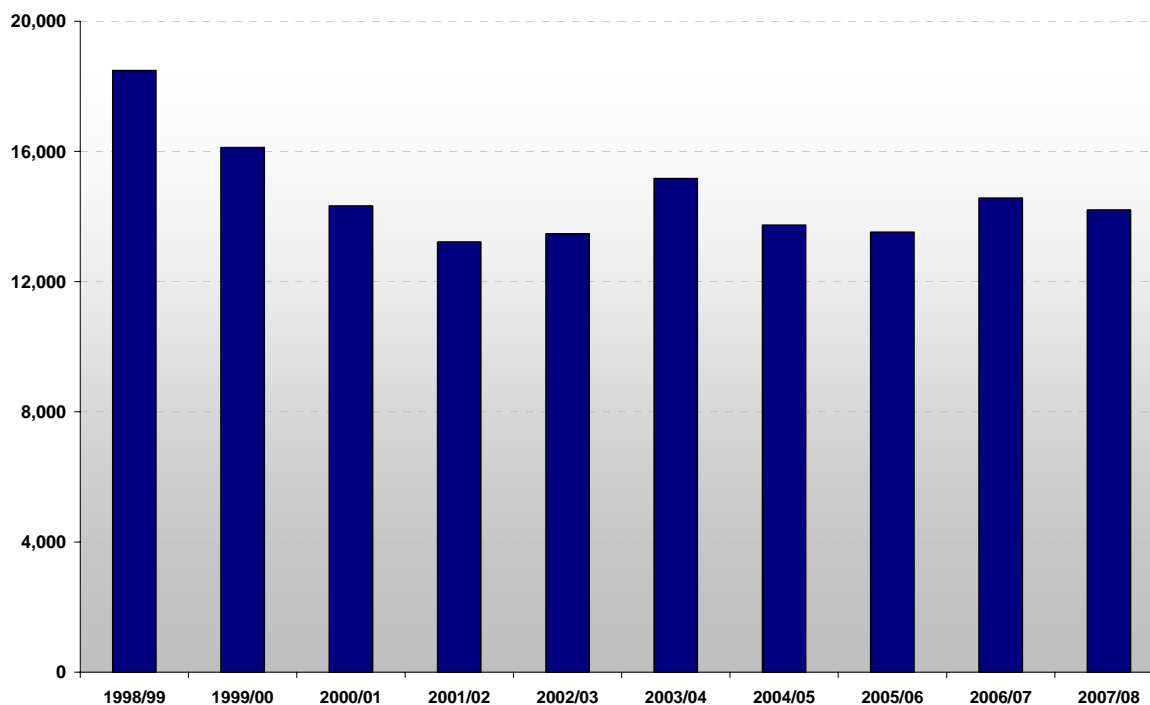
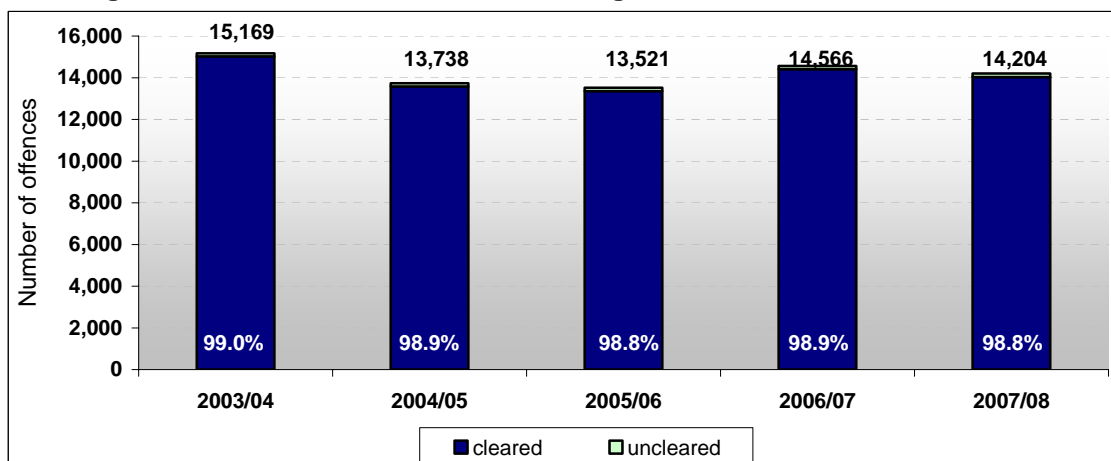


Figure 52: Recorded and cleared drug offences, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

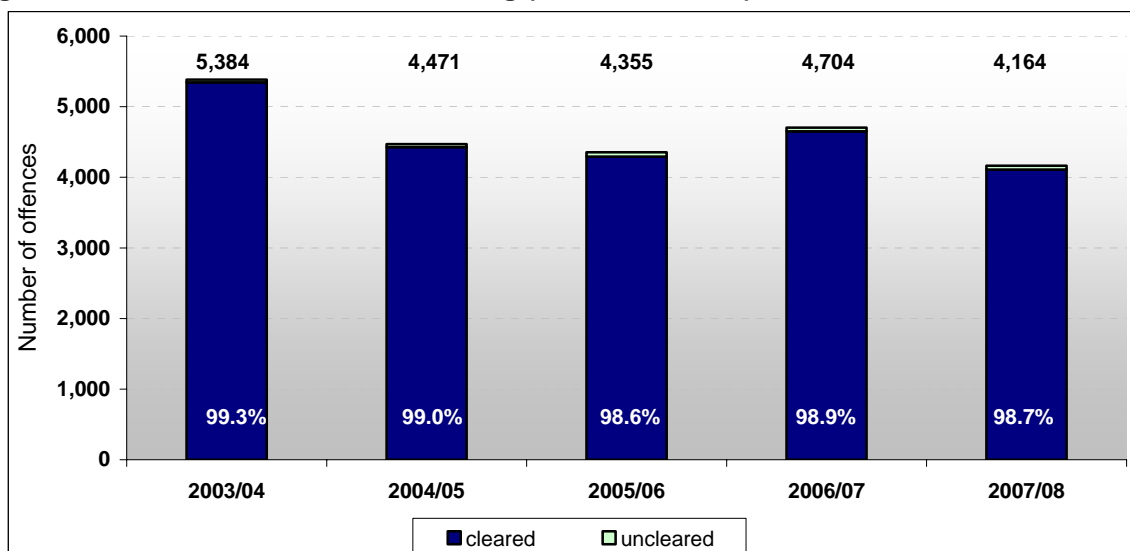


²⁰ Please note that in recorded crime statistics only the most serious offence that best describes a particular course of criminal conduct is counted and that secondary offences are not counted. Thus, where an alleged offender is in possession of a drug and admits using the drug, only the offence of possession is counted, although the alleged offender would be charged with both offences.

5.2 Drug (cultivate/manufacture/traffick)²¹

There were 4,164 offences of Drug (cultivate/manufacture/traffick) recorded in 2007/2008, a decrease of 11.5% from the number of offences recorded in 2006/2007. The clearance rate in 2007/2008 for drug (cultivate, manufacture, traffick) offences was 98.7%, 0.2 percentage points lower than 2006/2007.

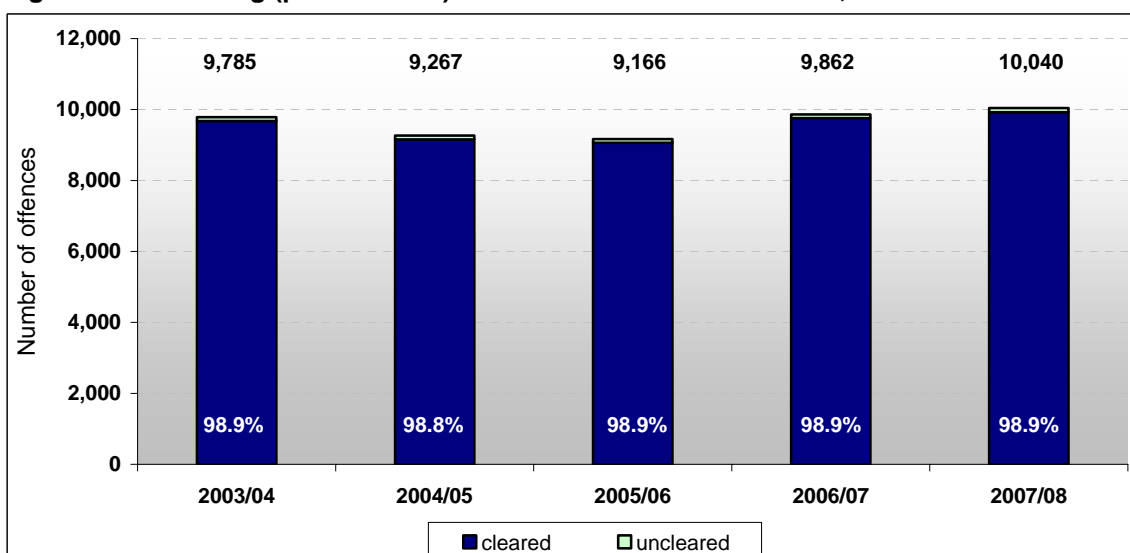
Figure 53: Recorded and cleared drug (cult, manuf, traff) offences, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



5.3 Drug (possess/use)²²

There were 10,040 offences of drug possession and use in 2007/2008, an increase of 1.8% from 2006/2007. The clearance rate in 2007/2008 for drug (possess/use) offences was 98.9%, the same rate as 2006/2007.

Figure 54: Drug (possess/use) recorded and cleared offences, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



²¹ Drug (cultivate/manufacture/traffick) includes offences of cultivate, traffic, conspire to traffick, and aid and abet traffick of illicit drugs, controlled substances and other drugs of dependence. The types of drugs include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, hashish, amphetamine and ecstasy.

²² Drug (possess, use) includes offences of possess, use and introduce drug into the body of another. The types of drugs include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, hashish, amphetamine and ecstasy.

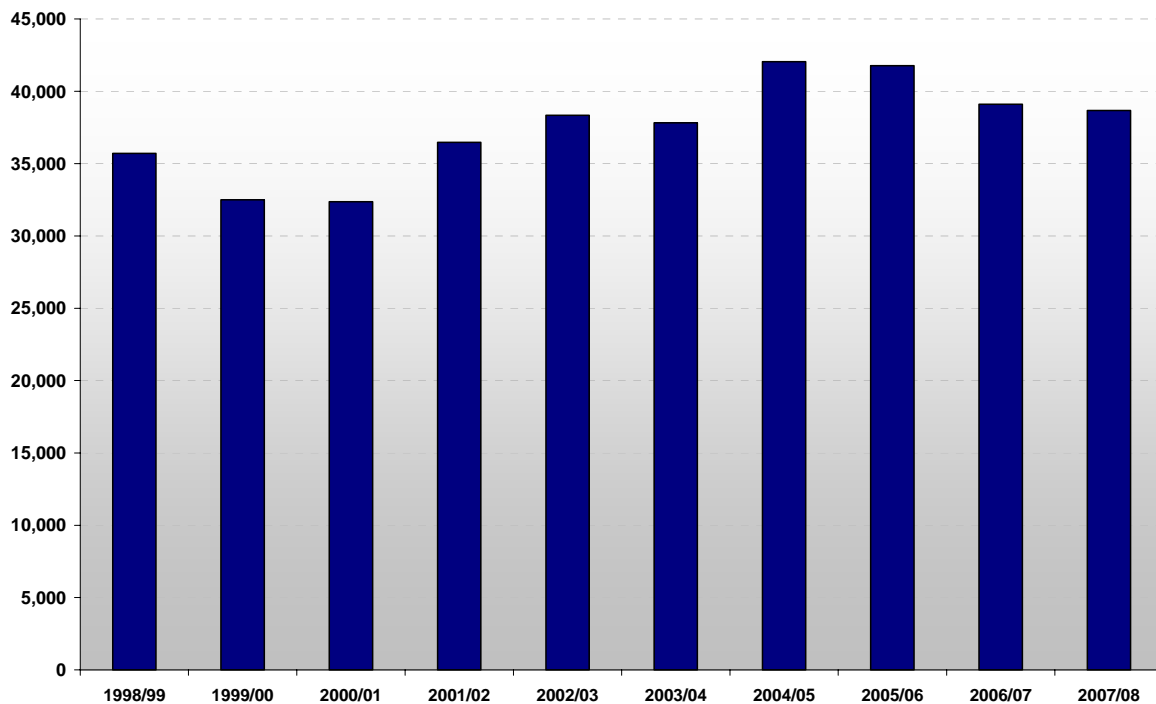
6 Other crime²³

In 2007/2008 there were 38,673 other offences recorded, a decrease of 1.1% compared with 2006/2007. This offence group had a clearance rate of 92.5%, a figure which is equal to that of the previous year.

Figure 55: Other offence categories, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008

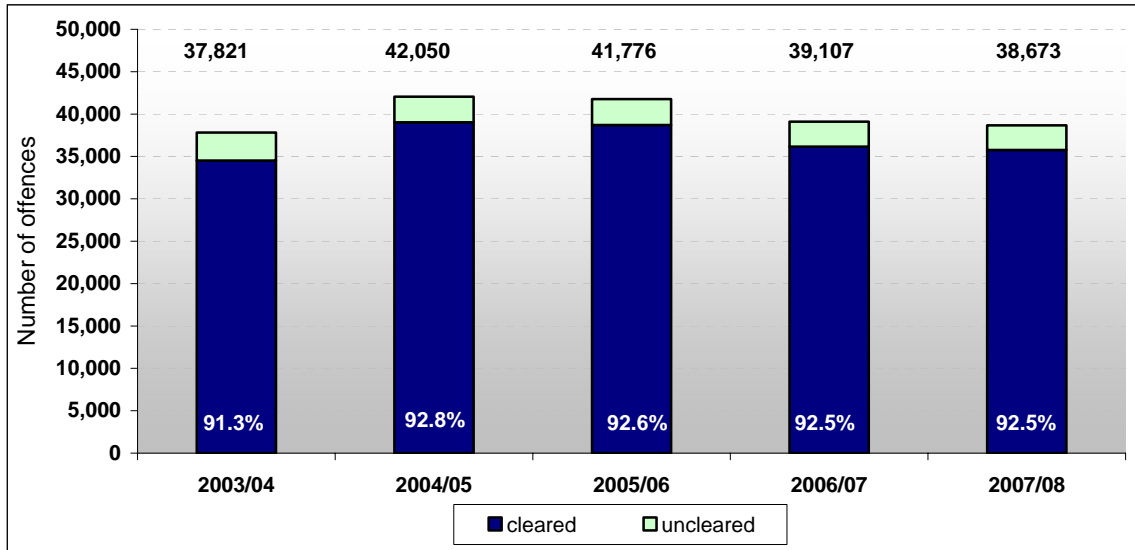
Other Crime Offence Category	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	% Change from 2006/07 to 2007/08
Going equipped to steal	761	663	628	445	467	4.9%
Justice procedures	14,817	17,637	20,573	17,939	17,288	-3.6%
Regulated public order	2,145	2,188	2,101	1,937	2,070	6.9%
Weapons / explosives	6,038	6,229	6,409	6,726	6,946	3.3%
Harassment	2,434	2,451	2,540	2,825	2,964	4.9%
Behaviour in public	4,387	4,672	3,762	3,423	3,285	-4.0%
Other	7,239	8,210	5,763	5,812	5,653	-2.7%
Total	37,821	42,050	41,776	39,107	38,673	-1.1%

Figure 56: Other offences per year, 1998/1999 to 2007/2008



²³ Going equipped to steal is based on the offence of going equipped to steal/cheat. Justice procedures includes offences such as breach intervention order, fail to answer bail, escape from lawful custody, resist police/resist arrest, hinder police and make false report to police. Regulated public order include offences involving betting, gaming, liquor, tobacco, censorship and prostitution. Weapons/explosives is based on offences related to firearms, controlled weapons and explosives. Harassment includes offences of stalking and use phone/postal service/listening devices to menace/harass/offend. Behaviour in public includes offences related to drunkenness, indecent/offensive behaviour/language. Other includes indictable and summary offences not covered by the previous offence categories.

Figure 57: Other offences recorded and cleared, 2003/2004 to 2007/2008



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