

Personal safety/property security

The table below provides an overview of the QPS's performance against service standards from the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan and 2011-12 Service Delivery Statement.

Personal safety	Notes	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Target/Est.	2011-12 Actual
Rate (per 100 000 population) of personal safety offences reported:	1,2			
- Homicide		3	2-4	2
- Assault		429	420-460	449
- Sexual assault		115	110-160	105
- Robbery		40	30-50	40
- Total personal safety		665	720-820	680
Client satisfaction with the police response to personal safety offences	3,4	N/A	≥ 70%	69.3%
Other measures				
Number of personal safety offences reported:	2			
- Homicide		125	110-170	107
- Assault		19 191	19 000-22 000	20 331
- Sexual assault		5 126	5 000-6 500	4 740
- Robbery		1 779	1 700-2 000	1 816
- Total personal safety		29 769	30 000-34 000	30 768
Number of personal safety offences cleared:	2,5			
- Homicide		113	> 116	113
- Assault		17 141	> 16 935	17 844
- Sexual assault	6	4 738	> 4 784	4 367
- Robbery		1 098	> 1 055	1 189
- Total personal safety		25 670	> 25 459	26 295

Notes:

- 2010-11 Actual figures may differ from those reported in the QPS Annual Report 2010-11 due to settlement of data and revised Queensland population figures. The ABS has reviewed all population figures for Australia based on the 2011 census.
- The offence categories reported separately are those classified as 'violent' crimes and are the most significant personal safety offence categories in terms of their impact on the community. The 'total personal safety' offences figure also includes the offence categories of extortion, kidnapping, abduction and deprivation of liberty and other offences against the person. Homicide includes the offence categories of murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to murder.
- Derived from the *Queensland Police Service Crime Victims Survey 2011*. Personal safety offences include the four categories of sexual offence, robbery, assault and personal offence.
- This is a new service standard for 2011-12. The 2010-11 service standard was a combined measure of 'client satisfaction with the police response to personal safety and property security offences'.
- The number of offences cleared relates to the total number of offences cleared in the period regardless of when they were reported.
- Investigating sexual assault offences often involves a high level of complexity, which can affect clear up rates. This is exacerbated in the case of historical offences. Consequently, the number of cleared sexual assault offences can vary from year to year.

Property security	Notes	2010-11 Actual	2011-12 Target/Est.	2011-12 Actual
Rate (per 100 000 population) of property security offences reported:	1,2,3			
- Unlawful entry		960	900-1 150	1 010
- Other property damage		943	900-1 100	948
- Motor vehicle theft	4	217	200-240	265
- Other theft (excl unlawful entry)		2 193	1 950-2 250	2 398
- Total property security		4 816	4 600-5 600	5 101
Client satisfaction with the police response to property security offences	5,6	N/A	≥ 75%	74.9%
Other measures				
Number of property security offences reported:	2,3			
- Unlawful entry		42 971	40 000-50 000	45 710
- Other property damage		42 200	40 000-50 000	42 885
- Motor vehicle theft	4	9 709	8 000-11 000	11 979
- Other theft (excl unlawful entry)		98 136	90 000-100 000	108 476
- Total property security		215 477	190 000-230 000	230 775
Number of property security offences cleared:	2, 3,7			
- Unlawful entry		9 542	> 9 139	10 885
- Other property damage		13 698	> 13 276	15 195
- Motor vehicle theft	4	3 490	> 3 359	4 541
- Other theft (excl unlawful entry)		29 299	> 28 397	32 791
- Total property security		74 072	> 73 173	79 577

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- The offence categories reported separately are classified as high volume property security offences.
- The total property security offences figures also include the offence categories of arson, fraud and handling stolen goods.
- This offence category relates to unlawful use of a motor vehicle.
- Derived from the *Queensland Police Service Crime Victims Survey 2011*.
- This is a new service standard for 2011-12. The 2010-11 service standard was a combined measure of 'client satisfaction with the police response to personal safety and property security offences'.
- The number of offences cleared relates to the total number of offences cleared in the period regardless of when they were reported.

Queensland police work to maintain the safety of the Queensland people and the security of their property. Related activities include child protection and domestic and family violence services, investigation of missing persons, background checks on people with criminal histories, and community-police partnerships such as Adopt-a-Cops and Crime Stoppers.

Achievement highlights

The QPS has maintained its position as the lead law enforcement agency in Australia in the investigation of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

During 2011-12, detectives identified and prosecuted 185 offenders on 918 charges, including procuring and grooming children via the internet, making and distributing child exploitation material, and the sexual assault of children. Sixty-one children were identified and removed from harm, and 234 international and interstate targets were referred to partner law enforcement agencies. During this same period, detectives also seized 199 204 child exploitation images and 479 hours of child exploitation video, resulting in the identification of 11 Queensland based child victims and 13 children based interstate and internationally.

State Crime Operations Command manages the Queensland Child Protection Register and provides specialist investigative resources. Under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*, offenders who have committed serious offences against children are required to register their personal details and whereabouts with police.

The QPS's role is to ensure offenders comply with their reporting obligations under the Act. Compliance monitoring is undertaken at a police district level, with offenders reporting to specified local officers. The QPS has created new coordinator positions at a regional level to effectively manage the monitoring of reportable offenders. As at 30 June 2012, Queensland's Register contained the details of 4 193 offenders. There are no reportable offenders with 'whereabouts unknown' status in Queensland.

As a further protection, under the *Child Protection (Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2008*, police are able to seek a Child Sex Offender Prohibition Order through a court. This restricts where sex offenders can live, the places they can visit, club memberships and the circumstances of their employment. As at 30 June 2012, police have sought 16 Child Protection Offender Prohibition Orders.

The QPS, in conjunction with the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, developed the inter-agency Blue Card compliance model for detecting, managing and prosecuting Blue Card related offences. The model allows information about Blue Card compliance to be effectively exchanged between agencies.

In January 2012, a six-month trial began between Queensland and New Zealand to strengthen background checks on people with criminal histories. As part of a shared database, QPS can access New Zealand criminal histories at the touch of a button. Similarly, New Zealand is able to access Queensland criminal information. The trial allows police to conduct tougher checks on any prospective public servant, including those who deal with vulnerable Queenslanders or large sums of money.

As part of the QPS's continuing commitment to addressing domestic violence in the community, there are now 32 District Domestic Violence Liaison Officer positions established in police districts throughout Queensland.

The Missing Persons Unit continued to overview almost 6 000 missing persons cases reported in Queensland this year. The Unit also assisted interstate and international law enforcement agencies, and appropriate external agencies. Over 99% of missing persons were recovered in Queensland in 2011-12.

After years of intensive police work, the remains of 13-year old Daniel Morcombe were found in August 2011. A 41-year old man has been charged and the matter is now before the courts and within the criminal justice system.

Adopt-a-Cops build better relationships between police officers and school students. Based predominately in primary schools, Adopt-a-Cops volunteer their time to help children gain a better understanding about the role of police in the community. They educate school children about the role of police, road safety, personal safety, bullying and internet safety. By being a familiar face in schools, children may feel more confident to seek help from police.

An annual awards program has been established to recognise the good work performed by QPS Adopt-a-Cops. Acting Sergeant Troy Nowitzki was named Adopt-a-Cop of the Year in 2011.

There are currently around 1 000 Adopt-a-Cops performing duties in over 1 025 primary and secondary schools, and to a lesser extent, in early childhood centres, special schools and community groups. In addition to Adopt-a-Cops, there are 35 School Based Police Officer positions in 46 Queensland state secondary schools.

The QPS Crime Stoppers Unit, in partnership with Crime Stoppers Queensland Limited, continued to receive information from the public on criminal activity. Since commencing operation in 1989, Crime Stoppers Queensland has collected over 154 000 pieces of information from members of the public. This has resulted in:

- 22 558 people being apprehended
- more than 59 700 charges being laid
- 21 murders being solved
- 20 attempted murders being solved
- more than \$593 million worth of drugs being confiscated
- \$3.2 million in proceeds of crime being seized
- more than \$10 million worth of stolen property being recovered.

Task Force Perpetual was established in April 2012 following a spike in 'ram raid' and burglary offences across the southeast corner of the state. The task force charged 58 people with 431 offences in a little over six weeks, and also resulted in a drop in break and enter and burglary offences in targeted areas across the southeast.

Future initiatives

In 2012-13, the QPS will support the Commission of Inquiry into the Child Protection System, and implement Queensland Government election commitments in relation to the management of reportable offenders.

Task Force Argos will further strengthen its partnerships with local and international law enforcement agencies and internet content and service providers through engagement of key stakeholders focusing on children and the digital world.

The *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* will commence on 17 September 2012. The Act contains a number of key features expected to benefit operational officers, including:

- enabling a police officer to issue a short-term protection notice
- extending detention periods under certain circumstances including intoxication
- increasing penalties for breaches
- reducing the impost of service requirements.

Fifteen more school and community based police will be provided across Queensland. In addition, the Adopt a School program will connect local police to local schools where there is no permanent school based police officer.

The Government is committed to renewing Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers to inject new life and new direction into community policing. Every police station will have an officer to coordinate community crime reduction. Social media and Internet campaigns will be used to re-engage community interest in Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch.