



# Offence Profile

## South Australia

This report provides an analysis of the offences recorded in South Australia.

### Explanatory notes

- ❖ The data presented in the profile relate to offences and incidents that occurred in South Australia, irrespective of where the offence was reported to the police.

### Understanding crime statistics<sup>1</sup>

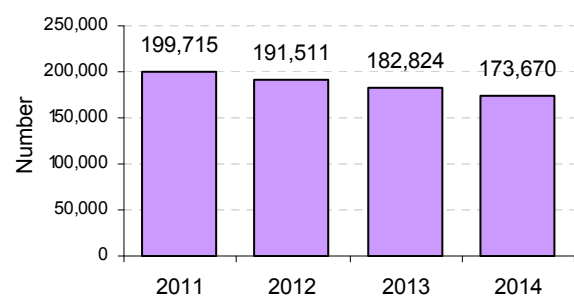
- ❖ When an incident is reported or becomes known to the police, a police incident report is made. Each incident report may contain more than one offence or more than one count of the same offence.
- ❖ For the majority of statistics presented in this report, the counting unit used is offences and offence counts recorded on all incident reports made by police in a specified period of time.
- ❖ For further information regarding counting rules please contact the Office of Crime Statistics and Research via email at [ocsar.agd@sa.gov.au](mailto:ocsar.agd@sa.gov.au) or on (08) 8463 4364.

### Recorded offences in South Australia

#### Number of offences

- ❖ There were 173,670 offences recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This decreased 5.0% from 182,824 offences recorded in 2013, continuing a two year decrease.

#### The number of recorded offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



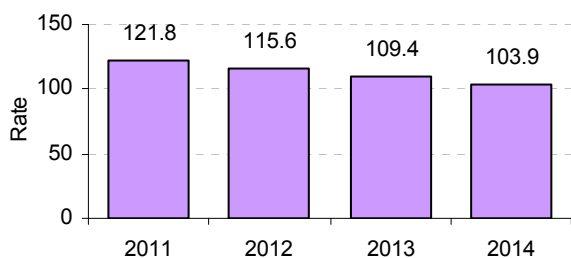
#### Rate of offences<sup>2</sup>

- ❖ South Australia recorded an offence rate of 103.9 per 1,000 population in 2014.

<sup>1</sup> The source database used for this report contained data to 31 Dec 2014.

<sup>2</sup> The offence rates presented in this report are calculated using Estimated Residential Populations from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (see Regional Population Growth 3218.0). The most recent population estimate is 30 June 2013.

### The rate per 1,000 population of recorded offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



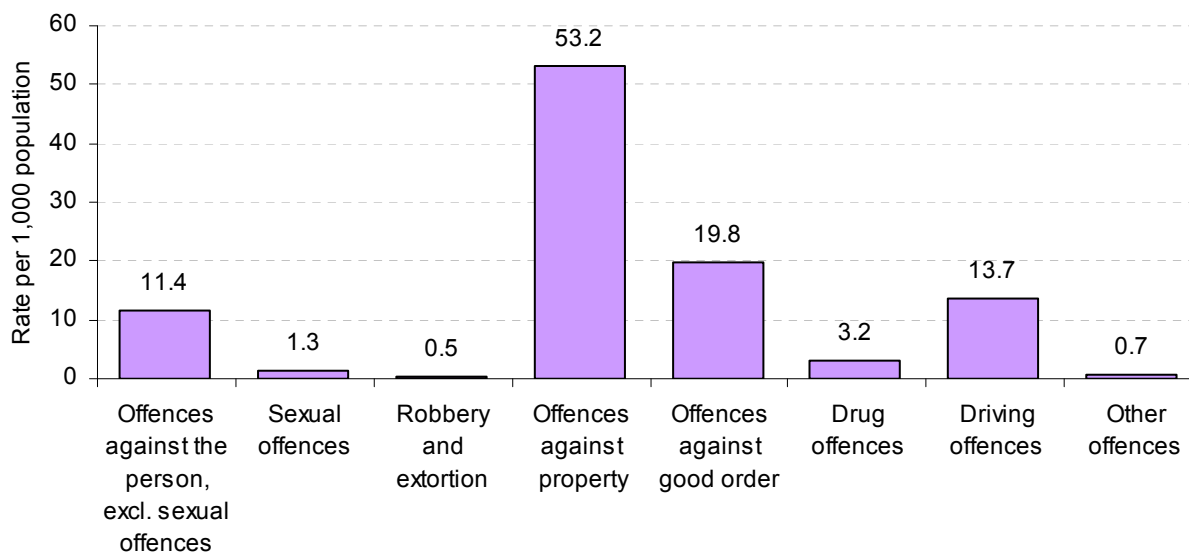
- ❖ The most common types of offences recorded in South Australia in 2014 were offences against property (88,963 offences or 51.2% of all recorded offences) followed by offences against good order (33,150 offences or 19.1%), driving offences (22,912 offences or 13.2%) and offences against the person (excluding sexual offences) (19,092 offences or 11.0%).

### Types of offences

The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of all offences recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Offences against the person (excluding sexual offences)	19,092	11.4	11.0
Sexual offences	2,232	1.3	1.3
Robbery and extortion	816	0.5	0.5
Offences against property	88,963	53.2	51.2
Offences against good order	33,150	19.8	19.1
Drug offences	5,324	3.2	3.1
Driving offences	22,912	13.7	13.2
Other offences	1,181	0.7	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,670</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

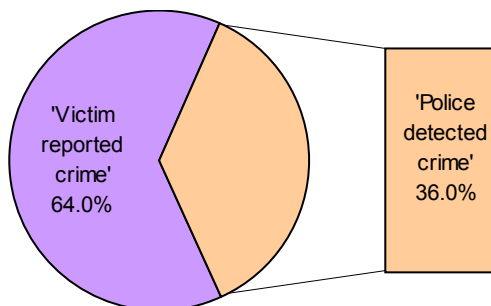
### The rate per 1,000 population of selected offences recorded in South Australia, 2014



### 'Crime reported by victims' vs 'Crime detected due to proactive policing'

- ❖ 'Crime reported by victims' is heavily dependent upon whether the victim of the crime chooses to report that offence. Victim surveys have indicated that sometimes offences are never reported and so are never counted in official police statistics. 'Crime reported by victims' includes offence categories such as offences against the person, sexual offences, robbery and extortion and offences against property.
- ❖ The identification and recording of 'crime detected due to proactive policing' rests predominantly with police. Policing practices and the number and range of specialist operations conducted in any given period may influence these statistics. 'Crime detected due to proactive policing' includes offences against good order, drug offences and driving offences.
- ❖ In 2014, 36.0% of the recorded crime in South Australia was 'crime detected due to proactive policing'.

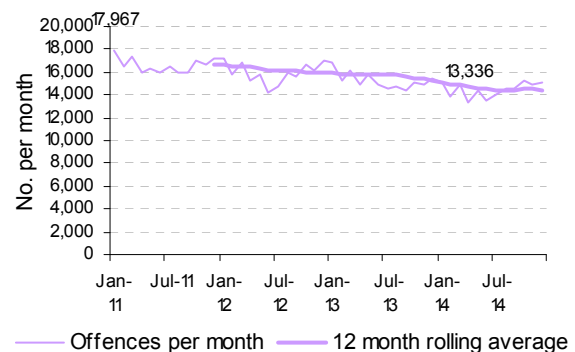
### 'Victim reported crime' and 'police detected crime': percentage breakdown, 2014



### Monthly trends

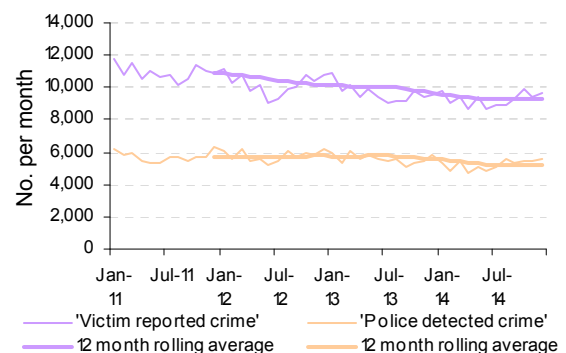
- ❖ The average number of offences recorded per month during 2014 was 14,472.5 offences, much lower than the average over the last four years (15,577.5 offences per month)
  - The lowest number of offences recorded per month over the last four years occurred in April 2014 (13,336 offences).
  - The highest number of offences recorded per month occurred in January 2011 (17,967 offences).

### The number of recorded offences per month in South Australia, 2011 to 2014<sup>3</sup>



- ❖ The average number of 'police detected crime' offences recorded per month during 2014 in South Australia was 5,215.7 offences, much lower than that of 'victim reported crime' offences (9,256.8).

### The number of recorded offences per month in South Australia by type of crime, 2011 to 2014



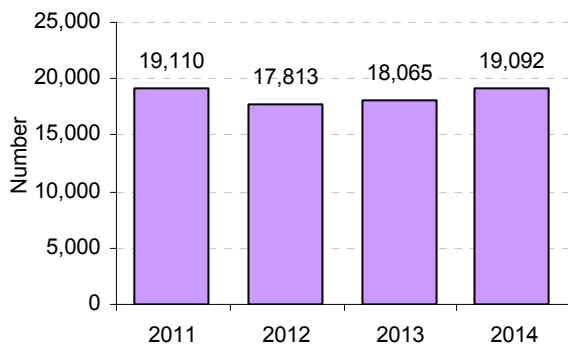
<sup>3</sup> The 12 month rolling average has been computed by averaging the current and previous 11 months for each of the months depicted.

## Types of offences in South Australia

### Offences against the person (excluding sexual offences)

- ❖ There were 19,092 offences against the person (excluding sexual offences) recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This increased 5.7% from 18,065 offences recorded in 2013, after remaining relatively stable for two years (ranging from 17,813 in 2012 to 18,065 in 2013).

### The number of recorded offences against the person (excluding sexual offences) in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



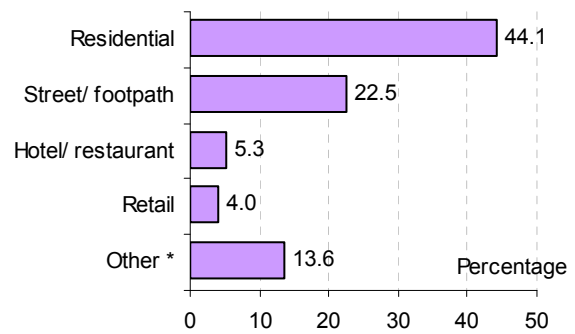
- ❖ South Australia recorded an offence against the person (excluding sexual offences) rate of 11.4 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ During 2014, the most common type of offence against the person (excluding sexual offences) recorded in South Australia was minor assault (15,394 offences).

### The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of offences against the person (excluding sexual offences) recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Homicide	63	0.0	0.3
Major Assault	703	0.4	3.7
Minor Assault	15,394	9.2	80.6
Other offences against the person	2,932	1.8	15.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,092</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- ❖ The most common type of location for offences against the person to occur in South Australia in 2014 was residential (44.1%) followed by street/ footpath (22.5%).

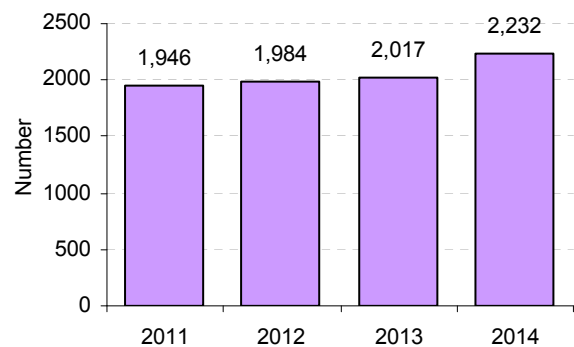
### Offences against the person (excluding sexual offences) by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>4</sup>



### Sexual offences

- ❖ There were 2,232 sexual offences recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This increased 10.7% from 2,017 offences recorded in 2013, after remaining relatively stable for two years (ranging from 1,984 in 2012 to 2,017 in 2013).

### The number of recorded sexual offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



- ❖ South Australia recorded a sexual offence rate of 1.3 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ During 2014, the most common types of sexual offences recorded in South Australia were indecent assault (683 offences), rape (659) and other sexual offences (601).

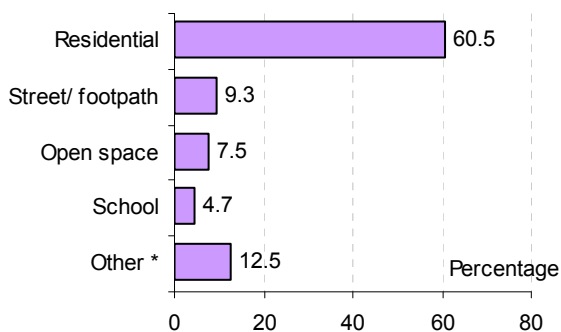
<sup>4</sup> Recorded for where the offence took place. Percentages may not sum to 100 as unknown locations are not shown.  
 \* Other includes other transport \*\* (2.9%), school (2.8%), open space (2.7%), public transport (1.5%), other building \*\*\* (1.5%), medical (1.0%), justice (1.0%), agricultural (0.1%) and financial (0.1%).  
 \*\* Other transport includes car parks and motor vehicles.  
 \*\*\* Other building includes construction sites, offices, factory/warehouses, places of worship and public toilets.

### The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of sexual offences recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Rape	659	0.4	29.5
Indecent assault	683	0.4	30.6
Unlawful sexual intercourse	289	0.2	12.9
Other sexual offences	601	0.4	26.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- ❖ The most common type of location for sexual offences to occur in South Australia in 2014 was residential (60.5%).

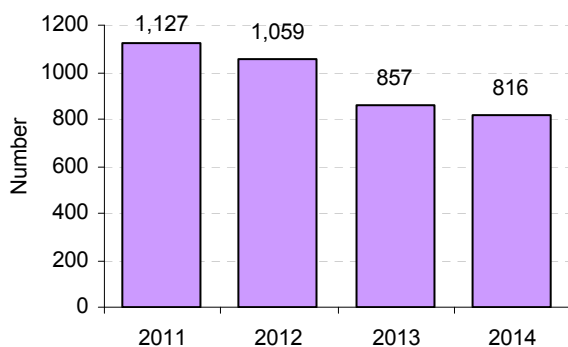
### Sexual offences by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>5</sup>



### Robbery and extortion

- ❖ There were 816 robbery and extortion offences recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This decreased 4.8% from 857 offences recorded in 2013, continuing a two year decrease.

### The number of recorded robbery and extortion offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



<sup>5</sup> Recorded for where the offence took place. Percentages may not sum to 100 as unknown locations are not shown.  
 \* Other includes other transport \*\* (3.3%), retail (2.6%), public transport (1.8%), medical (1.7%), other building \*\*\* (1.3%), hotel/ restaurant (1.1%), justice (0.6%) and agricultural (0.1%).  
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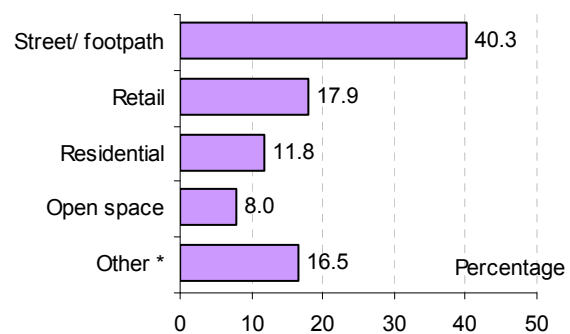
- ❖ South Australia recorded a robbery and extortion rate of 0.5 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ During 2014, the most common types of robbery and extortion offences recorded in South Australia were unarmed robbery (386 offences) and armed robbery (367).

### The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of robbery and extortion offences recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Armed robbery	367	0.2	45.0
Unarmed robbery	386	0.2	47.3
Extortion	63	0.0	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- ❖ The most common type of location for robbery and extortion offences to occur in South Australia in 2014 was street/ footpath (40.3%) followed by retail (17.9%).

### Robbery and extortion by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>6</sup>

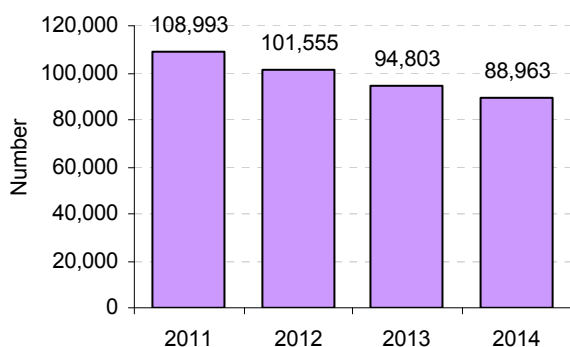


<sup>6</sup> Recorded for where the offence took place. Percentages may not sum to 100 as unknown locations are not shown.  
 \* Other includes other transport \*\* (6.1%), hotel/ restaurant (4.2%), public transport (3.6%), other building \*\*\* (1.5%), financial (0.6%), school (0.2%), medical (0.2%) and justice (0.1%).  
 \*\* Other transport includes car parks and motor vehicles.  
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## Offences against property

- ❖ There were 88,963 offences against property recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This decreased 6.2% from 94,803 offences recorded in 2013, continuing a two year decrease.

### The number of recorded offences against property in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



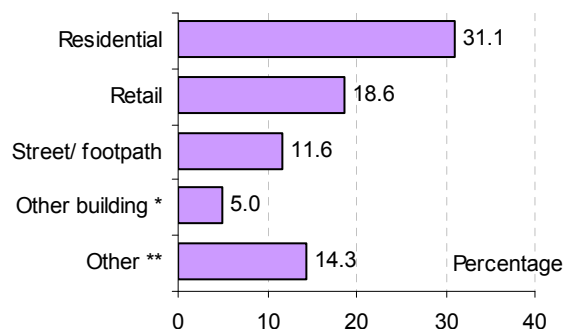
- ❖ South Australia recorded an offence against property rate of 53.2 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ During 2014, the most common type of offence against property recorded in South Australia was other theft (31,378 offences).

### The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of offences against property recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Serious criminal trespass/ break and enter	13,666	8.2	15.4
Fraud and misappropriation	3,123	1.9	3.5
Receiving and unlawful poss. of stolen goods	1,353	0.8	1.5
Theft/ illegal use of motor vehicle	3,687	2.2	4.1
Theft from a motor vehicle	9,649	5.8	10.8
Theft from shops	7,057	4.2	7.9
Other theft	31,378	18.8	35.3
Arson/ explosives	1,944	1.2	2.2
Property damage	17,106	10.2	19.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,963</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- ❖ The most common type of location for offences against property to occur in South Australia in 2014 was residential (31.1%) followed by retail (18.6%) and street/ footpath (11.6%).

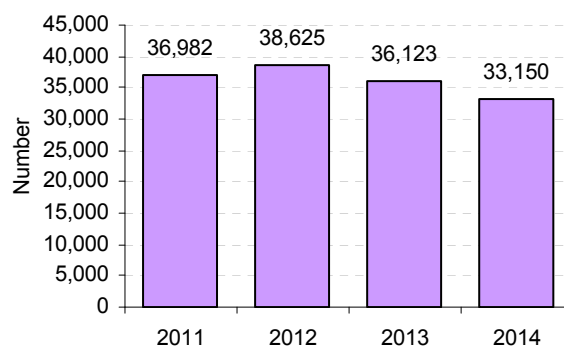
## Offences against property by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>7</sup>



## Offences against good order

- ❖ There were 33,150 offences against good order recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This decreased 8.2% from 36,123 offences recorded in 2013, continuing a decrease from the previous year.

### The number of recorded offences against good order in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



- ❖ South Australia recorded an offence against good order rate of 19.8 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ The most common type of location for offences against good order to occur in South Australia in 2014 was residential (32.6%) followed by street/ footpath (28.7%).

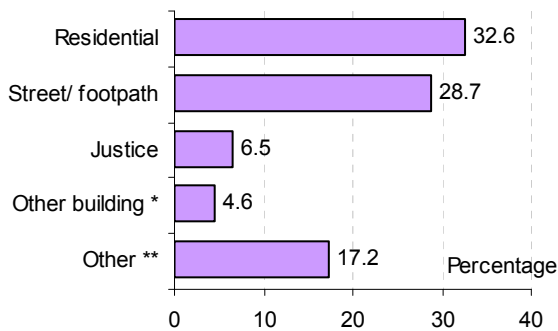
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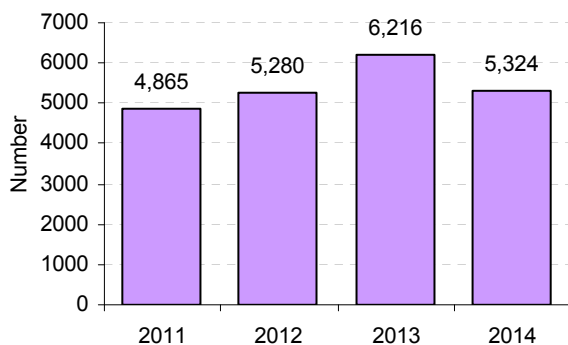
## Offences against good order by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>8</sup>



## Drug offences

- ❖ There were 5,324 drug offences recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This decreased substantially, down 14.4% from 6,216 offences recorded in 2013, reversing a two year increase.

## The number of recorded drug offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



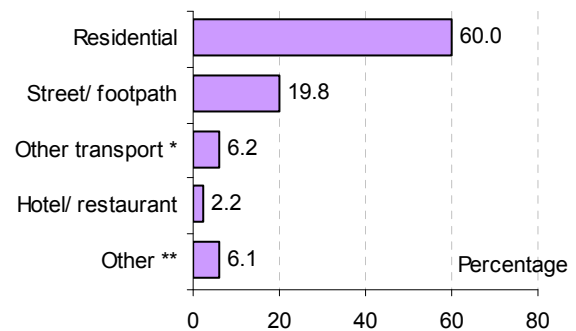
- ❖ South Australia recorded a drug offence rate of 3.2 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ During 2014, the most common types of drug offences recorded in South Australia were possess implement for drug use (1,504 offences), sell/trade (1,257) and produce/ manufacture (1,128).

## The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of drug offences recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Possess/ use	705	0.4	13.2
Sell/trade	1,257	0.8	23.6
Produce/ manufacture	1,128	0.7	21.2
Possess implement for drug use	1,504	0.9	28.2
Other drug offences	730	0.4	13.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- ❖ The most common type of location for drug offences to occur in South Australia in 2014 was residential (60.0%).

## Drug offences by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>9</sup>



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\* Other building includes construction sites, offices, factory/warehouses, places of worship and public toilets.

\*\* Other includes hotel/ restaurant (3.9%), retail (3.0%), other transport \*\*\* (2.6%), school (2.3%), public transport (2.2%), open space (2.2%), medical (0.6%), agricultural (0.3%) and financial (0.1%).

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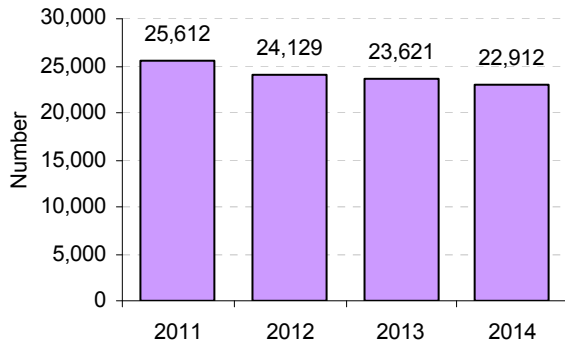
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## Driving offences

- ❖ There were 22,912 driving offences recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This decreased 3.0% from 23,621 offences recorded in 2013, continuing a two year decrease.

### The number of recorded driving offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



- ❖ South Australia recorded a driving offence rate of 13.7 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ During 2014, the most common types of driving offences recorded in South Australia were driving licences offences (7,790 offences) and driving offences involving alcohol or drugs (7,123).

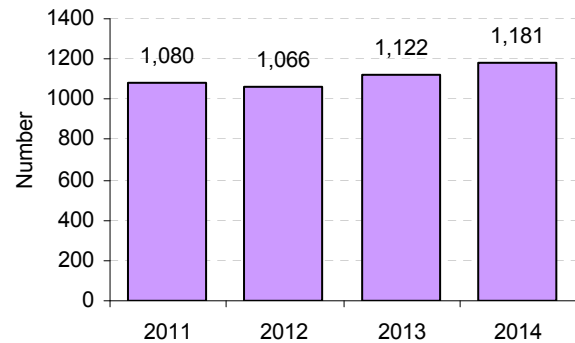
### The number, rate per 1,000 population and percentage of driving offences recorded in South Australia, 2014

	Number of offences	Rate / 1000 persons	% of total
Driving offences involving alcohol or drugs	7,123	4.3	31.1
Dangerous, reckless or negligent driving	2,215	1.3	9.7
Driving licences offences	7,790	4.7	34.0
Traffic offences	1,946	1.2	8.5
Motor vehicle registration offences	3,308	2.0	14.4
Other motor vehicle offences	530	0.3	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,912</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Other offences

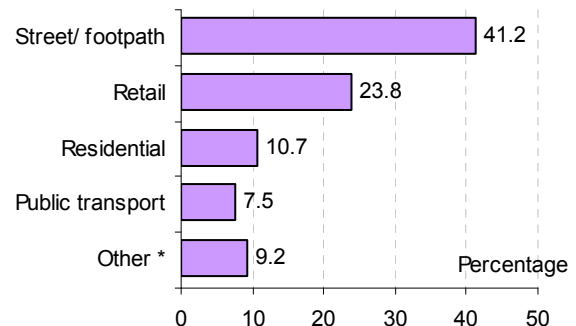
- ❖ There were 1,181 other offences recorded in South Australia in 2014.
  - This increased 5.3% from 1,122 offences recorded in 2013, continuing an increase from the previous year.

### The number of recorded other offences in South Australia, 2011 to 2014



- ❖ South Australia recorded an other offence rate of 0.7 per 1,000 population in 2014.
- ❖ The most common type of location for other offences to occur in South Australia in 2014 was street/ footpath (41.2%) followed by retail (23.8%).

### Other offences by type of location, South Australia, 2014<sup>10</sup>



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\* Other includes open space (3.1%), school (2.4%), agricultural (1.1%), other transport \*\* (0.9%), other building \*\*\* (0.5%), financial (0.5%), justice (0.3%), hotel/ restaurant (0.3%) and medical (0.1%).

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## Appendix 1

### The number, rate and percentage of all offences recorded in South Australia, 2014

	No. of recorded offences	Rate per 1,000 population	Percentage of all offences
	SA	SA	SA
<b>Offences against the person (excluding sexual offences)</b>	<b>19,092</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Homicide	63	0.0	0.0
Major Assault	703	0.4	0.4
Minor Assault	15,394	9.2	8.9
Other	2,932	1.8	1.7
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Rape	659	0.4	0.4
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<b>Robbery and extortion</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Armed robbery	367	0.2	0.2
Unarmed robbery	386	0.2	0.2
Extortion	63	0.0	0.0
<b>Offences against property</b>	<b>88,963</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>51.2</b>
Serious criminal trespass/ break and enter	13,666	8.2	7.9
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Receiving and unlawful possession of stolen goods	1,353	0.8	0.8
Theft/illegal use of motor vehicle	3,687	2.2	2.1
Theft from a motor vehicle	9,649	5.8	5.6
Theft from shops	7,057	4.2	4.1
Other larceny	31,378	18.8	18.1
Arson/explosives	1,944	1.2	1.1
Property damage and environmental offences	17,106	10.2	9.8
<b>Offences against good order</b>	<b>33,150</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>
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Motor vehicle registration offences	3,308	2.0	1.9
Other motor vehicle offences	530	0.3	0.3
<b>Other offences</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,670</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## The number of recorded offences and percentage changes (2013 to 2014 and 2011 to 2014) in South Australia

	Number of recorded offences				Percentage change 2013 to 2014	Percentage change 2011 to 2014
	2011	2012	2013	2014		
<b>Offences against the person (excluding sexual offences)</b>	<b>19,110</b>	<b>17,813</b>	<b>18,065</b>	<b>19,092</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Homicide	76	61	53	63	18.9	-17.1
Major Assault	969	872	767	703	-8.3	-27.5
Minor Assault	15,636	14,629	14,523	15,394	6.0	-1.5
Other	2,429	2,251	2,722	2,932	7.7	20.7
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Rape	602	577	596	659	10.6	9.5
Indecent assault	612	600	585	683	16.8	11.6
Unlawful sexual intercourse	249	260	276	289	4.7	16.1
Other	483	547	560	601	7.3	24.4
<b>Robbery and extortion</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-27.6</b>
Armed robbery	512	541	355	367	3.4	-28.3
Unarmed robbery	569	469	450	386	-14.2	-32.2
Extortion	46	49	52	63	21.2	*
<b>Offences against property</b>	<b>108,993</b>	<b>101,555</b>	<b>94,803</b>	<b>88,963</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-18.4</b>
Serious criminal trespass/ break and enter	17,594	17,086	15,001	13,666	-8.9	-22.3
Fraud and misappropriation	2,546	2,511	2,936	3,123	6.4	22.7
Receiving and unlawful possession of stolen goods	1,495	1,627	1,517	1,353	-10.8	-9.5
Theft/illegal use of motor vehicle	4,902	4,818	3,984	3,687	-7.5	-24.8
Theft from a motor vehicle	11,625	10,330	10,537	9,649	-8.4	-17.0
Theft from shops	7,500	7,652	6,962	7,057	1.4	-5.9
Other larceny	37,490	34,343	32,758	31,378	-4.2	-16.3
Arson/explosives	2,411	2,405	2,265	1,944	-14.2	-19.4
Property damage and environmental offences	23,430	20,783	18,843	17,106	-9.2	-27.0
<b>Offences against good order</b>	<b>36,982</b>	<b>38,625</b>	<b>36,123</b>	<b>33,150</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>5,280</b>	<b>6,216</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>-14.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Possess/use	581	625	695	705	1.4	21.3
Sell/trade	1,090	1,264	1,920	1,257	-34.5	15.3
Produce/manufacture	1,309	1,245	1,223	1,128	-7.8	-13.8
Possess implement for drug use	1,296	1,422	1,482	1,504	1.5	16.0
Other	589	724	896	730	-18.5	23.9
<b>Driving offences</b>	<b>25,612</b>	<b>24,129</b>	<b>23,621</b>	<b>22,912</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-10.5</b>
Driving offences involving alcohol or drugs	8,452	7,980	7,615	7,123	-6.5	-15.7
Dangerous, reckless or negligent driving	2,621	2,478	2,391	2,215	-7.4	-15.5
Driving licences offences	7,114	7,220	7,478	7,790	4.2	9.5
Traffic offences	2,689	2,243	2,051	1,946	-5.1	-27.6
Motor vehicle registration offences	3,620	3,438	3,472	3,308	-4.7	-8.6
Other motor vehicle offences	1,116	770	614	530	-13.7	-52.5
<b>Other offences</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>199,715</b>	<b>191,511</b>	<b>182,824</b>	<b>173,670</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-13.0</b>
** Estimated resident population	1,639,614	1,656,035	1,670,827	1,670,827		

\* Percentage changes are not calculated for offence categories with less than 50 offences recorded in the base year.

\*\* The most recent population estimate for South Australia is 30 June 2013.

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