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1 INTRODUCTION
The availability of comprehensive crime and justice figures is necessary for informed public debate and the development and evaluation of targeted crime prevention strategies.

This publication is the twenty-second in a series of quarterly reports and presents important crime and justice statistics relating to the Northern Territory. This publication covers the period December Quarter 2005 to the December Quarter 2007, presenting statistics that address four main areas:

- offences recorded by the Police;
- prisoners and detainees in correctional facilities;
- outcomes for drug offences; and
- court outcomes for aggravated property offences.

This publication was compiled by the Research and Statistics Unit of the Department of Justice. One of the major roles of the Unit is to collate, analyse and publish comprehensive crime and justice statistics. The Northern Territory Quarterly Crime and Justice Statistics publication will be publicised and freely available to the public via the website <www.nt.gov.au/justice>.

1.1 INTENDED AUDIENCE
This report contains statistics and commentary to inform the Northern Territory community and those organisations interested in trends and patterns in key crime indicators. Researchers and private and public agencies may also find this report both interesting and informative.

1.2 USE
Statistics in the Territory can be highly volatile, with large swings from one period to another. This is particularly the case for regional centres where small populations and changes in operational or administrative procedures may heavily influence statistics. Consequently, wherever possible crime and justice data is reported in this publication within an historical context to allow the reader to understand recent changes from a broader perspective.

Due to the complexity of crime and justice issues the statistics in this report may be misinterpreted. Consideration of the source of the data and what it represents is required before useful conclusions can be drawn. Supplementary notes and a glossary (which may be used to gain a fuller understanding of the contents of this report) are available at the end of the publication.

1.3 DATA SOURCES
The data used in the compilation of this report was sourced primarily from operational systems maintained by the Northern Territory Government. Consequently, as cases proceed through the criminal justice system new information may come to light that results in minor changes in statistics from one publication to another.

The data used in sections describing offences recorded by the NT Police was extracted from the Police Real-time On-line Management Information System. This is an operational system run by the Police that contains data relating to incidents and offences recorded by the Police.

The data used in the sections describing outcomes for offences was extracted from the Integrated Justice Information System. This is an operational system run by the Department of Justice containing data relating to NT Correctional Services, Courts Administration and Infringement Notices.

Data on the daily average number of prisoners and detainees has been obtained from records maintained by Northern Territory Correctional Services.
2 OVERVIEW

2.1 OFFENCES RECORDED BY THE POLICE

The following is a summary of the findings relating to key offence groups recorded by the Police for the Northern Territory as a whole, six major urban centres and the Northern Territory Balance.

A statistical test has been applied to the last 12 months of the recorded crime data to identify any upward or downward trends. The last 12 months data is considered to be stable unless a statistically significant trend is reported.

2.1.1 Northern Territory

Offences Against the Person

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded offences against the person was 1590; assault accounted for 91% and sexual assault 5%. The remaining offences were robbery, murder, manslaughter and other offences against the person. There were no recorded offences relating to attempted murder in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of assault has ranged between 324 and 483 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 483 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 2).
  
  There were 1448 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. There were no changes from the previous quarter, but an increase of 21% (249) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of sexual assault has remained stable at 30 offences per month during the past nine quarters (refer Figure 3).
  
  There were 76 sexual assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 13% (11) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 25% (25) from the same quarter the previous year.

Property Offences

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences was 5149; property damage accounted for 38% and other theft 35%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises, motor vehicle theft and related offences, house break-ins, and other property offences.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 127 and 173 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 127 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified (refer Figure 6).
  
  There were 407 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 18% (61) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 19% (95) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 130 and 155 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 155 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 7).
  
  There were 484 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 16% (66) from the previous quarter and an increase of 28% (105) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 106 and 150 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 150 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified (refer Figure 8).
There were 483 *motor vehicle theft and related offences* recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 6% (28) from the previous quarter and an increase of 68% (196) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of *other theft* has ranged between 580 and 705 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 580 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified (refer Figure 9).

There were 1794 *other theft* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 9% (149) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 9% (175) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of *property damage* has ranged between 617 and 679 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 645 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period (refer Figure 10).

There were 1959 *property damage* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 1% (14) from the previous quarter and an increase of 10% (171) from the same quarter the previous year.

### 2.1.2 Darwin

**Offences Against the Person**

In the current quarter, a total of 494 offences against the person were recorded in Darwin; *assault* accounted for 87% and both *robbery* and *sexual assault* 5% each. The remaining offences were *murder*, *manslaughter* and *other offences against the person*. There were no recorded offences related to *attempted murder* in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of *assault* has ranged between 82 and 143 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 143 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified (refer Figure 12).

There were 432 *assault* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 3% (13) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 37% (116) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of *sexual assault* has ranged between 8 and 11 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 8 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 13).

There were 24 *sexual assault* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 9% (2) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 33% (12) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Property Offences**

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in Darwin was 2490; both *other theft* and *property damage* accounted for 37% each. The remaining offences were *motor vehicle theft and related offences*, *house break-ins*, *break-ins to commercial or other premises*, and *other property offences*.

- The underlying average level of *house break-ins* has ranged between 59 and 86 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 59 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period (refer Figure 16).

There were 207 *house break-ins* recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 57% (75) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 23% (63) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of *break-ins to commercial or other premises* has ranged between 40 and 62 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 62 per month is at
the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 17).

There were 195 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 9% (16) from the previous quarter and an increase of 12% (21) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 56 and 77 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 77 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified (refer Figure 18).

There were 238 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 3% (7) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 76% (103) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 300 and 348 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 300 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 19).

There were 930 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 17% (135) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 14% (146) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 228 and 347 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 315 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period and decreased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 20).

There were 915 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 6% (57) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 6% (54) from the same quarter the previous year.

2.1.3 Palmerston

Offences Against the Person

In the current quarter, the total number of offences against the person recorded in Palmerston was 95; assault accounted for 95%. The remaining offences were sexual assault, robbery and other offences against the person. There were no offences recorded relating to murder, attempted murder or manslaughter in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of assault has ranged between 18 and 31 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 31 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 22).

There were 90 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 19% (21) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 73% (38) from the same quarter the previous year.

Property Offences

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in Palmerston was 617; property damage accounted for 41% and other theft 30%. The remaining offences were motor vehicle theft and related offences, commercial break-ins or other premises and house break-ins. There were no offences recorded relating to other property offences in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 16 and 29 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 21 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 24).

There were 45 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 31% (20) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 6% (3) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 8 and 19 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 19 per month is at the
higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period (refer Figure 25).

There were 59 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 7% (4) from the previous quarter and an increase of 195% (39) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 13 and 24 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 24 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified (refer Figure 26).

There were 77 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 18% (12) from the previous quarter and an increase of 97% (38) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of other theft has remained stable at 73 offences per month during the past nine quarters (refer Figure 27).

There were 184 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 17% (37) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 5% (9) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 47 and 79 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 79 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 28).

There were 252 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 14% (30) from the previous quarter and an increase of 83% (114) from the same quarter the previous year.

### 2.1.4 Alice Springs

#### Offences Against the Person

In the current quarter, the total number of offences against the person recorded in Alice Springs was 322; assault accounted for 95%. The remaining offences included sexual assault and other offences against the person. There were no offences recorded relating to murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or robbery in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of assault has ranged between 62 and 102 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 93 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period (refer Figure 30).

- There were 307 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 17% (44) from the previous quarter and an increase of 16% (42) from the same quarter the previous year.

#### Property Offences

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in Alice Springs was 869; property damage accounted for 43% and other theft 33%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises, house break-ins, motor vehicle theft and related offences and other property offences.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 19 and 30 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 19 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 33).

There were 69 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 33% (17) from the previous quarter and an increase of 17% (10) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 20 and 33 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 23 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 34).
There were 72 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 3% (2) from the previous quarter and an increase of 9% (6) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 15 and 24 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 24 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period (refer Figure 35).

There were 67 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 2% (1) from the previous quarter and an increase of 26% (14) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 84 and 121 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 84 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 36).

There were 283 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 19% (46) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 12% (40) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 115 and 147 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 123 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified (refer Figure 37).

There were 371 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 6% (23) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 10% (41) from the same quarter the previous year.

2.1.5 Katherine

Offences Against the Person

In the current quarter, the total number of offences against the person recorded in Katherine was 164; assault accounted for 91% and sexual assault 7%. The remaining offences were manslaughter and other offences against the person. There were no recorded offences relating to murder, attempted murder or robbery.

- The underlying average level of assault has ranged between 41 and 47 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 41 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 39).

There were 149 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 31% (35) from the previous quarter and an increase of 16% (20) from the same quarter the previous year.

Property Offences

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in Katherine was 275; other theft accounted for 38% and property damage 35%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises, house break-ins and motor vehicle theft and related offences and other property offences.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 7 and 12 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 7 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period (refer Figure 41).

There were 14 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 52% (15) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 52% (15) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 7 and 14 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 14 per month is at the
higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 42).

There were 43 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 43% (13) from the previous quarter and an increase of 187% (28) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 2 and 6 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 6 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period (refer Figure 43).

There were 14 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 26% (5) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 75% (6) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 30 and 42 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 34 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 44).

There were 105 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 8% (8) from the previous quarter and an increase of 12% (11) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 18 and 30 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 30 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 45).

There were 95 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 16% (13) from the previous quarter and an increase of 34% (24) from the same quarter the previous year.

2.1.6 Tennant Creek

Offences Against the Person

In the current quarter, the total number of offences against the person recorded in Tennant Creek was 142; assault accounted for 94% and sexual assault 5%. The remaining offences were robbery and other offences against the person. There were no offences recorded relating to murder, attempted murder or manslaughter in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of assault has ranged between 27 and 41 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 41 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period (refer Figure 47).

There were 133 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 2% (2) from the previous quarter and an increase of 21% (23) from the same quarter the previous year.

Property Offences

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in Tennant Creek was 169; property damage accounted for 43% and other theft 28%. The remaining offences were house break-ins, break-ins to commercial or other premises, motor vehicle theft and related offences and other property offences.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 3 and 7 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 5 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period (refer Figure 49).

There were 26 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 160% (16) from the previous quarter and an increase of 18% (4) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 3 and 11 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 5 per month is in the
middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified (refer Figure 50).

There were 14 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 17% (2) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 36% (8) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 1 and 2 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 2 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period (refer Figure 51).

There were 7 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 3 from the previous quarter and an increase of 4 from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 15 and 23 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 16 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period and decreased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 52).

There were 47 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 4% (2) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 24% (15) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 21 and 23 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 21 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 53).

There were 73 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 38% (20) from the previous quarter and an increase of 11% (7) from the same quarter the previous year.

### 2.1.7 Nhulunbuy

**Offences Against the Person**

In the current quarter, the total number of offences against the person recorded in Nhulunbuy was 45; assault accounted for 91%. The remaining offences were sexual assault and other offences against the person. There were no recorded offences relating to murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or robbery.

- The underlying average level of assault has ranged between 5 and 13 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 13 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 55).

There were 41 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 8% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 141% (24) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Property Offences**

In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in Nhulunbuy was 75; property damage accounted for 43% and other theft 35%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises, motor vehicle theft and related offences and house break-ins. There were no offences relating to other property offences in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 0 and 2 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 0 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period (refer Figure 57).

There was 1 house break-in offence recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 1 from the previous quarter and a decrease of 2 from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 2 and 3 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 3 per month is at the
higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 58).

There were 8 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 1 from the previous quarter, but an increase of 6 from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 8 and 11 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 8 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period (refer Figure 59).

There were 26 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 13% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 24% (5) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of property damage has remained stable at 10 offences per month during the past nine quarters (refer Figure 60).

There were 32 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 10% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 33% (8) from the same quarter the previous year.

2.1.8 Northern Territory Balance
The Northern Territory Balance is the area of the Northern Territory that lies outside of the six major urban centres of Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.

Offences Against the Person
In the current quarter, the total number of offences against the person recorded in the Northern Territory Balance was 328; assault accounted for 90% and sexual assault 7%. The remaining offences were murder and other offences against the person. There were no recorded offences relating to attempted murder, manslaughter or robbery in this quarter.

- The underlying average level of assault has remained stable at 101 offences per month during the past nine quarters (refer Figure 62).

There were 296 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 14% (50) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 5% (14) from the same quarter the previous year.

Property Offences
In the current quarter, the total number of recorded property offences in the Northern Territory Balance was 654; property damage accounted for 34% and other theft 33%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises, motor vehicle theft and related offences, house break-ins and other property offences.

- The underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 16 and 23 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 16 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period and decreased again in the middle of the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified (refer Figure 65).

There were 45 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 20% (11) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 37% (26) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 24 and 39 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 27 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 66).

There were 93 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 48% (30) from the previous quarter and an increase of 16% (13) from the same quarter the previous year.
• The underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 12 and 18 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 18 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 67).

There were 72 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 41% (21) from the previous quarter and an increase of 64% (28) from the same quarter the previous year.

• The underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 74 and 75 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 74 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 68).

There were 219 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 2% (4) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 10% (19) from the same quarter the previous year.

• The underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 67 and 78 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 67 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable (refer Figure 69).

There were 221 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 15% (28) from the previous quarter and an increase of 2% (5) from the same quarter the previous year.

2.2 PRISONERS AND DETAINEES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

• The daily average number of prisoners in the Northern Territory was 843 during the current quarter. This represents an increase of less than 1% (1) from the previous quarter and an increase of 2% (18) from the same quarter the previous year.

• Indigenous prisoners currently represent 82% (688) of the daily average prison population. The current daily average of 688 was 2% (11) lower than the previous quarter but 2% (14) higher than the same quarter last year.

• The daily average number of juvenile detainees was 25 in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 11% (3) from the previous quarter, and a decrease of 4% (1) from the same quarter the previous year.

2.3 OUTCOMES FOR DRUG OFFENCES

• Sentences were passed for 361 drug offences during the first six months of the 2007-08 financial year. During the period:

  • The most common drug offences, which were sentenced, were the possession and/or use of illicit drugs 48% (174) and the non-commercial dealing in illicit drugs 35% (128).

  • A monetary order was the most common principal penalty accounting for 61% (221) of the drug offences which had sentences passed. A term of imprisonment (actual or fully suspended) or home detention was ordered for 32% (115) of the drug offences.

• Sentences were passed for 754 drug offences during the 2006-07 financial year.

  • The most common drug offences, which were sentenced, were the possession and/or use of illicit drugs 42% (317) and the non-commercial dealing in illicit drugs 40% (300).

  • The principal penalty for 60% (456) of the drug offences was a monetary order. For 31% (232) of the drug offences the principal penalty was imprisonment (including home detention and fully suspended imprisonment).
• A total of 107 drug infringement notices, relating to 108 separate offences, were issued during the December quarter 2007. This is 12% (15) less notices than were issued in the previous quarter and 23% (20) more notices than were issued in the December quarter 2006.

• Possession of cannabis is the most common offence for which drug infringement notices have been issued (99% of offences in the December quarter 2007).

2.4 COURT OUTCOMES FOR AGGRAVATED PROPERTY OFFENCES

• A total of 257 aggravated property offences had sentences passed between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007, of which the most prevalent offence group was break-ins (65%).

• The principal penalty for 83% (213) of aggravated property offences fell within the standard sentencing guidelines (imprisonment, home detention or a community work order) contained in the Sentencing Act.

• A total of 520 aggravated property offences was finalised during the 2006-07 financial year.

• The principal penalty for 83% (431) of these offences fell within the standard sentencing guidelines contained in the Sentencing Act.

• In relation to 63% (328) of offences, the principal penalty was an actual term of imprisonment.
3 OFFENCES RECORDED BY THE POLICE

This section provides information on selected categories of offences recorded by the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services (NTPFES) for the period from the December quarter 2005 to the December quarter 2007.

The selected offence categories are:

- **Offences Against the Person:**
  - Murder
  - Attempted Murder
  - Manslaughter
  - Robbery
  - Assault
  - Sexual Assault
  - Other Offences Against the Person

- **Property Offences:**
  - House Break-ins
  - Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises
  - Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences
  - Other Theft
  - Property Damage
  - Other Property Offences

The offence data is presented for the Northern Territory as a whole, six major urban centres and the Northern Territory Balance (areas outside of the six major urban centres):

- Northern Territory
- Darwin
- Palmerston
- Alice Springs
- Katherine
- Tennant Creek
- Nhulunbuy
- Northern Territory Balance

3.1 EXPLANATORY NOTES

The data used in this section was extracted from the Police Real-time On-line Management Information System on 01 February 2008.

- For a variety of reasons not all crimes are reported to the Police. Consequently, levels of recorded crime should not be interpreted as comprehensively representing the level of crime in the Northern Territory. Recorded crime is however adopted nationally as a lead indicator of the level and nature of crime and provides a sound basis for measuring changes over time.
• The underlying average summarises a data series, by reducing it to periods of stability and points from which sustained change is observed. The underlying average level at any point in a data series is the average of all data points in the same period of stability. The underlying average serves to focus attention on important underlying characteristics of a data series and is used extensively in the graphs presented in this section.

• A statistical test has been applied to the last 12 months of the recorded crime data to detect the presence of any upward or downward trends. The last 12 months data is considered to be stable unless a statistically significant trend is reported.

• The segments of the pie charts shown in this chapter may not sum to exactly 100 per cent due to rounding.
3.2 FINDINGS

3.2.1 Northern Territory

The following table presents the number of recorded offences by offence category on a quarterly basis.

Table 1 Recorded Offences in the Northern Territory

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| Property Offences | | | | | | | | | |
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| Break-ins | | | | | | | | | |
| House | 471 | 531 | 528 | 489 | 502 | 527 | 459 | 346 | 407 |
| Commercial or Other Premises | 335 | 458 | 385 | 429 | 379 | 488 | 470 | 418 | 484 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences | 374 | 401 | 382 | 351 | 287 | 337 | 480 | 455 | 483 |
| Other Theft | 1856 | 2125 | 1986 | 2009 | 1969 | 2011 | 1878 | 1645 | 1794 |
| Property Damage | 1742 | 2090 | 1777 | 1896 | 1788 | 2046 | 1949 | 1945 | 1959 |
| Other Property Offences | 22 | 34 | 37 | 17 | 24 | 24 | 21 | 25 | 22 |
| Total | 4800 | 5639 | 5095 | 5191 | 4949 | 5433 | 5257 | 4834 | 5149 |
Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 1590 offences against the person were recorded in the Territory. This represents a decrease of 1% (17) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 18% (237) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below, assault was by far the most frequent offence, accounting for 91% of offences against the person. The remaining offences were sexual assault 5%, both other offences against the person and robbery 2% each and both murder and manslaughter less than 1% each. There were no recorded offences relating to attempted murder.

Figure 1 Recorded Offences Against the Person in the Northern Territory – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 324 and 483 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 483 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period.

- There were 1448 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. There were no changes from the previous quarter, but an increase of 21% (249) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 2 Recorded Assault in the Northern Territory
Sexual Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of sexual assault has remained stable at 30 offences per month during the past nine quarters.
- There were 76 sexual assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 13% (11) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 25% (25) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 3 Recorded Sexual Assault in the Northern Territory
Robbery

- The figure shows the underlying average level of robbery has ranged between 5 and 8 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 8 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 27 robbery offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 10% (3) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 42% (8) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 4 Recorded Robbery in the Northern Territory**
Property Offences

- In the current quarter, a total of 5149 property offences were recorded in the Territory. This represents an increase of 7% (315) from the previous quarter and an increase of 4% (200) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows 38% of property offences relate to *property damage*, with *other theft* at 35%. The remaining offences were *break-ins to commercial or other premises* and *motor vehicle theft and related offences* both 9% each, *house break-ins* 8% and *other property offences* less than 1%.

Figure 5 Recorded Property Offences in the Northern Territory – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 127 and 173 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 127 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified.

- There were 407 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 18% (61) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 19% (95) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 6 Recorded House Break-ins in the Northern Territory
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 130 and 155 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 155 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 484 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 16% (66) from the previous quarter and an increase of 28% (105) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 7 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in the Northern Territory
Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *motor vehicle theft and related offences* has ranged between 106 and 150 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 150 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified.

- There were 483 *motor vehicle theft and related offences* recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 6% (28) from the previous quarter and an increase of 68% (196) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 8 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in the Northern Territory

![Graph showing the number of recorded motor vehicle theft and related offences from October 2005 to December 2007. The graph includes data points for each month, showing the underlying average and the actual count of recorded offences. The graph indicates an upward trend over the period.](image-url)
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 580 and 705 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 580 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified.

- There were 1794 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 9% (149) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 9% (175) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 9 Recorded Other Theft in the Northern Territory
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 617 and 679 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 645 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period.

- There were 1959 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 1% (14) from the previous quarter and an increase of 10% (171) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 10 Recorded Property Damage in the Northern Territory

![Graph showing recorded property damage in the Northern Territory from October 2005 to December 2007. The underlying average is shown with a dashed line, while the offence count is shown with a solid line. The graph includes data for each month, with the number of offences ranging from a low of 514 in October 2005 to a high of 796 in October 2007. Over the period, the underlying average has remained relatively stable, with minor fluctuations.](image-url)
### 3.2.2 Darwin

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Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 494 offences against the person were recorded in Darwin. There were no changes from the previous quarter, but an increase of 33% (122) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below assault was by far the most frequent offence, accounting for 87% of offences against the person. The remaining offences were robbery and sexual assault representing 5% each, other offences against the person 2% and both murder and manslaughter less than 1% each. There were no recorded offences relating to attempted murder.

Figure 11 Recorded Offences Against the Person in Darwin – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 82 and 143 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 143 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified.

- There were 432 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 3% (13) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 37% (116) from the same quarter the previous year.
Sexual Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of sexual assault has ranged between 8 and 11 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 8 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period.

- There were 24 sexual assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 9% (2) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 33% (12) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 13 Recorded Sexual Assault in Darwin
Robbery

- The figure shows the underlying average level of robbery has ranged between 4 and 8 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 8 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified.

- There were 25 robbery offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 14% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 127% (14) from the same quarter the previous year.
Property Offences

- There were 2490 recorded property offences in Darwin in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 7% (157) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 1% (35) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows that other theft and property offences each represent 37% of the property offences. The remaining offences were motor vehicle theft and related offences 10%, house break-ins and break-ins to commercial or other premises 8% each and other property offences less than 1%.

Figure 15 Recorded Property Offences in Darwin – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 59 and 86 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 59 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period.

- There were 207 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 57% (75) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 23% (63) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 16 Recorded House Break-ins in Darwin
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 40 and 62 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 62 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 195 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 9% (16) from the previous quarter and an increase of 12% (21) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 17 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Darwin
**Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences**

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *motor vehicle theft and related offences* has ranged between 56 and 77 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 77 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified.

- There were 238 *motor vehicle theft and related offences* recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 3% (7) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 76% (103) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 18 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in Darwin**
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 300 and 348 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 300 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 930 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 17% (135) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 14% (146) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 19 Recorded Other Theft in Darwin
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 228 and 347 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 315 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period and decreased in the middle of the period.

- There were 915 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 6% (57) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 6% (54) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 20 Recorded Property Damage in Darwin
3.2.3 Palmerston

The following table presents the number of recorded offences by offence category on a quarterly basis.

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| Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences|
| 29 50 37 37 39 39 75 65 77             |
| Other Theft                            |
| 208 245 239 210 193 256 223 221 184    |
| Property Damage                        |
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Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter there were 95 offences against the person recorded in Palmerston. This represents a decrease of 22% (27) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 53% (33) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below assault was by far the most frequent offence, accounting for 95% of offences against the person in the current quarter. The remaining offences were sexual assault and other offences against the person 2% each and robbery 1%. There were no offences recorded relating to murder, attempted murder or manslaughter.

Figure 21 Recorded Offences Against the Person in Palmerston – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 18 and 31 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 31 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 90 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 19% (21) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 73% (38) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 22 Recorded Assault in Palmerston
Property Offences

- In the current quarter there was a total of 617 recorded property offences in Palmerston. This represents a decrease of 2% (14) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 41% (179) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below property damage accounted for 41% of the property offences. The remaining offences were other theft 30%, motor vehicle theft and related offences 12%, commercial break-ins or other premises 10% and house break-ins 7%. There were no offences recorded relating to other property offences.

Figure 23 Recorded Property Offences in Palmerston – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 16 and 29 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 21 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 45 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 31% (20) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 6% (3) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 24 Recorded House Break-ins in Palmerston
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 8 and 19 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 19 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period.

- There were 59 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 7% (4) from the previous quarter and an increase of 195% (39) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 25 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Palmerston
Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences

- The figure shows the underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 13 and 24 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 24 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period. A statistically significant upward trend was identified.

- There were 77 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 18% (12) from the previous quarter and an increase of 97% (38) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 26 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in Palmerston
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has remained stable at 73 offences per month during the past nine quarters.
- There were 184 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 17% (37) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 5% (9) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 27 Recorded Other Theft in Palmerston
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 47 and 79 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 79 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 252 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 14% (30) from the previous quarter and an increase of 83% (114) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 28 Recorded Property Damage in Palmerston
3.2.4 Alice Springs

The following table presents the number of recorded offences by offence category on a quarterly basis.

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### Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 322 offences against the person were recorded in Alice Springs. This represents an increase of 12% (35) from the previous quarter and an increase of 13% (37) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below assault was by far the most frequent offence, accounting for 95% of offences against the person in the current quarter. The remaining offences included sexual assault and other offences against the person both accounting for 2% each. There were no offences recorded relating to murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or robbery.

#### Figure 29 Recorded Offences Against the Person in Alice Springs – Current Quarter
**Assault**

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 62 and 102 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 93 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period.

- There were 307 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 17% (44) from the previous quarter and an increase of 16% (42) from the same quarter the previous year.

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**Figure 30 Recorded Assault in Alice Springs**

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Recorded Offences – Alice Springs

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Sexual Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of sexual assault has remained stable at 3 offences per month during the past nine quarters.
- There were 8 sexual assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 33% (4) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 33% (4) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 31 Recorded Sexual Assault in Alice Springs
Property Offences

- In the current quarter there was a total of 869 recorded property offences in Alice Springs. This represents an increase of 5% (45) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 5% (49) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows 43% of property offences relate to property damage and 33% relate to other theft. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises, house break-ins and motor vehicle theft and related offences accounting for 8% each while other property offences accounted for 1%.

Figure 32 Recorded Property Offences in Alice Springs – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 19 and 30 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 19 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 69 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 33% (17) from the previous quarter and an increase of 17% (10) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 33 Recorded House Break-ins in Alice Springs
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 20 and 33 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 23 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period.

- There were 72 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 3% (2) from the previous quarter and an increase of 9% (6) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 34 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Alice Springs
Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *motor vehicle theft and related offences* has ranged between 15 and 24 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 24 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period.

- There were 67 *motor vehicle theft and related offences* recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 2% (1) from the previous quarter and an increase of 26% (14) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 35 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in Alice Springs
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *other theft* has ranged between 84 and 121 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 84 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period.

- There were 283 *other theft* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 19% (46) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 12% (40) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 36 Recorded Other Theft in Alice Springs**
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 115 and 147 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 123 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified.

- There were 371 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 6% (23) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 10% (41) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 37 Recorded Property Damage in Alice Springs
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Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 164 offences against the person were recorded in Katherine. This represents an increase of 31% (39) from the previous quarter and an increase of 18% (25) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below assault was the dominant offence, accounting for 91% of offences against the person in the current quarter. The remaining offences were sexual assault 7%, other offences against the person 2% and manslaughter 1%. There were no recorded offences relating to murder, attempted murder or robbery.

Figure 38 Recorded Offences Against the Person in Katherine – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 41 and 47 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 41 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 149 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 31% (35) from the previous quarter and an increase of 16% (20) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 39 Recorded Assault in Katherine
Property Offences

- In the current quarter there was a total of 275 recorded property offences in Katherine. This represents an increase of 7% (17) from the previous quarter and an increase of 27% (58) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows 38% of property offences relate to other theft, with property damage at 35%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises 16%, house break-ins and motor vehicle theft and related offences both accounted for 5% each and other property offences 1%.

Figure 40 Recorded Property Offences in Katherine – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 7 and 12 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 7 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period.
- There were 14 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 52% (15) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 52% (15) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 41 Recorded House Break-ins in Katherine
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 7 and 14 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 14 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period.

- There were 43 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 43% (13) from the previous quarter and an increase of 187% (28) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 42 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Katherine
Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences

- The figure shows the underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 2 and 6 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 6 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period.
- There were 14 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 26% (5) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 75% (6) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 43 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in Katherine
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 30 and 42 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 34 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 105 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 8% (8) from the previous quarter and an increase of 12% (11) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 44 Recorded Other Theft in Katherine
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of property damage has ranged between 18 and 30 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 30 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased in the middle of the period.

- There were 95 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 16% (13) from the previous quarter and an increase of 34% (24) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 45 Recorded Property Damage in Katherine
3.2.6 Tennant Creek

The small population of Tennant Creek results in relatively low numbers of offences that are particularly volatile and may result in large proportional swings from one period to the next. The following table presents the number of recorded offences by offence category on a quarterly basis.

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Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 142 offences against the person were recorded in Tennant Creek. This represents a decrease of 1% (1) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 23% (27) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below, assault was the dominant offence, accounting for 94% of offences against the person in the current quarter. The remaining offences were sexual assault 5% and both robbery and other offences against the person accounted for 1% each. There were no offences recorded relating to murder, attempted murder or manslaughter.

Figure 46 Recorded Offences Against the Person in Tennant Creek – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 27 and 41 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 41 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 133 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 2% (2) from the previous quarter and an increase of 21% (23) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 47 Recorded Assault in Tennant Creek
Property Offences

- In the current quarter there was a total of 169 recorded property offences in Tennant Creek. This represents an increase of 32% (41) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 4% (7) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows 43% of property offences relate to property damage, with other theft at 28%. The remaining offences were house break-ins 15%, break-ins to commercial or other premises 8%, motor vehicle theft and related offences 4% and other property offences 1%.

**Figure 48 Recorded Property Offences in Tennant Creek – Current Quarter**
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 3 and 7 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 5 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period.

- There were 26 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 160% (16) from the previous quarter and an increase of 18% (4) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 49 Recorded House Break-ins in Tennant Creek
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 3 and 11 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 5 per month is in the middle of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified.

- There were 14 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 17% (2) from the previous quarter, but a decrease of 36% (8) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 50 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Tennant Creek

![Graph of Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Tennant Creek]
Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences

- The figure shows the underlying average level of motor vehicle theft and related offences has ranged between 1 and 2 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 2 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period.

- There were 7 motor vehicle theft and related offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 3 from the previous quarter and an increase of 4 from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 51 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in Tennant Creek
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 15 and 23 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 16 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average increased early in the period and decreased in the middle of the period.

- There were 47 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 4% (2) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 24% (15) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 52 Recorded Other Theft in Tennant Creek
**Property Damage**

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *property damage* has ranged between 21 and 23 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 21 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 73 *property damage* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 38% (20) from the previous quarter and an increase of 11% (7) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 53 Recorded Property Damage in Tennant Creek**
3.2.7 Nhulunbuy

The small population of Nhulunbuy results in relatively low numbers of offences that are particularly volatile. This may result in large proportional swings from one period to the next. The following table presents the number of recorded offences by offence category on a quarterly basis.

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Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 45 offences against the person were recorded in Nhulunbuy. This represents an increase of 2% (1) from the previous quarter and an increase of 125% (25) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below assault was the most frequent offence, accounting for 91% of offences against the person in the current quarter. Sexual assault and other offences against the person accounted for 4% each. There were no recorded offences relating to murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or robbery.

Figure 54 Recorded Offences Against the Person in Nhulunbuy – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has ranged between 5 and 13 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 13 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 41 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 8% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 141% (24) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 55 Recorded Assault in Nhulunbuy
Property Offences

- In the current quarter there was a total of 75 recorded property offences in Nhulunbuy. This represents an increase of 9% (6) from the previous quarter and an increase of 36% (20) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows 43% of property offences relate to property damage, with other theft at 35%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises and motor vehicle theft and related offences accounting for 11% each and house break-ins 1%. There were no offences relating to other property offences.

Figure 56 Recorded Property Offences in Nhulunbuy – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 0 and 2 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 0 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased in the middle of the period.

- There was 1 house break-in offence recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 1 from the previous quarter and a decrease of 2 from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 57 Recorded House Break-ins in Nhulunbuy
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of break-ins to commercial or other premises has ranged between 2 and 3 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 3 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 8 break-ins to commercial or other premises recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 1 from the previous quarter, but an increase of 6 from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 58 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in Nhulunbuy
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 8 and 11 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 8 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period.

- There were 26 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 13% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 24% (5) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 59 Recorded Other Theft in Nhulunbuy
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of property damage has remained stable at 10 offences per month during the past nine quarters.
- There were 32 property damage offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 10% (3) from the previous quarter and an increase of 33% (8) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 60 Recorded Property Damage in Nhulunbuy
### 3.2.8 Northern Territory Balance
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Offences Against the Person

- In the current quarter, a total of 328 offences against the person were recorded in the Northern Territory Balance. This represents a decrease of 16% (64) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 9% (32) from the same quarter the previous year.

- As shown in the figure below, assault was by far the most frequent offence, accounting for 90% of offences against the person. The remaining offences were sexual assault 7%, other offences against the person 3% and murder less than 1%. There were no recorded offences relating to attempted murder, manslaughter or robbery.

Figure 61 Recorded Offences Against the Person in the Northern Territory Balance – Current Quarter
Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of assault has remained stable at 101 offences per month during the past nine quarters.
- There were 296 assault offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 14% (50) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 5% (14) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 62 Recorded Assault in the Northern Territory Balance
Sexual Assault

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *sexual assault* has remained stable at 9 offences per month during the past nine quarters.
- There were 22 *sexual assault* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 19% (5) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 31% (10) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 63 Recorded Sexual Assault in the Northern Territory Balance**
Property Offences

- In the current quarter, a total of 654 property offences were recorded in the Northern Territory Balance. This represents an increase of 11% (63) from the previous quarter and an increase of 5% (34) from the same quarter the previous year.

- The figure below shows 34% of property offences relate to property damage, with other theft at 33%. The remaining offences were break-ins to commercial or other premises 14%, motor vehicle theft and related offences 11%, house break-ins 7% and other property offences 1%.

Figure 64 Recorded Property Offences in the Northern Territory Balance – Current Quarter
House Break-ins

- The figure shows the underlying average level of house break-ins has ranged between 16 and 23 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 16 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average decreased early in the period and decreased again in the middle of the period. A statistically significant downward trend was identified.

- There were 45 house break-ins recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 20% (11) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 37% (26) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 65 Recorded House Break-ins in the Northern Territory Balance**
Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *break-ins to commercial or other premises* has ranged between 24 and 39 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 27 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 93 *break-ins to commercial or other premises* recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 48% (30) from the previous quarter and an increase of 16% (13) from the same quarter the previous year.

**Figure 66 Recorded Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises in the Northern Territory Balance**

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Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *motor vehicle theft and related offences* has ranged between 12 and 18 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 18 per month is at the higher end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 72 *motor vehicle theft and related offences* recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 41% (21) from the previous quarter and an increase of 64% (28) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 67 Recorded Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences in the Northern Territory Balance
Other Theft

- The figure shows the underlying average level of other theft has ranged between 74 and 75 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 74 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 219 other theft offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 2% (4) from the previous quarter, but an increase of 10% (19) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 68 Recorded Other Theft in the Northern Territory Balance
Property Damage

- The figure shows the underlying average level of *property damage* has ranged between 67 and 78 offences per month during the past nine quarters. Its current level of 67 per month is at the lower end of the range. Over the past 12 months the underlying average remained stable.

- There were 221 *property damage* offences recorded in the current quarter. This represents an increase of 15% (28) from the previous quarter and an increase of 2% (5) from the same quarter the previous year.

Figure 69 Recorded Property Damage in the Northern Territory Balance
4 PRISONERS AND DETAINEEs IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

This section provides a description of persons under the custodial supervision of Northern Territory Correctional Services during the period from the December quarter 2005 to the December quarter 2007.

The statistics cover two areas:

- the average number of adults held in prison; and
- the average number of juveniles held in detention.

4.1 EXPLANATORY NOTES

The data used for this section was extracted from the Northern Territory Correctional Services Monthly Daily Average Returns.

- The quarterly daily average is the average number of persons held in institutions per day over the stipulated three-month period. The quarterly daily averages have been rounded to the closest whole number — as a result, discrepancies may occur between the sum of component items and the total.

- People smugglers are foreign national persons convicted under Federal legislation for offences relating to the transport of illegal immigrants to Australia.

- Fine defaulters are persons who are imprisoned solely for non-payment of fines.

4.2 FINDINGS

4.2.1 Adults

- Over the past nine quarters the quarterly daily average number of prisoners has ranged between 764 and 898. In the current quarter, the daily average was 843. It increased by less than 1% (1) from the previous quarter and increased by 2% (18) from the same quarter last year.

- The current quarterly daily average number was 888, 2% (11) lower than the previous quarter but 2% (14) higher than the same quarter last year. During the current quarter, Indigenous prisoners represented 82% of the total daily average prison population.

- The daily average number of female prisoners is small compared to the number of males, representing around 4% of the total prison population during the nine-quarter reporting period. On average there were 37 female prisoners in the current quarter. This represents a decrease of 3% (1) from the previous quarter but an increase of 23% (7) from the same quarter the previous year.
Figure 70 Quarterly Daily Average Number of Adults Held in Prison

- All Prisoners
- All Indigenous
- All Non-Indigenous
4.2.2 Juveniles

- The number of juveniles detained in the Territory is small and relatively volatile. The quarterly daily average ranged between 15 and 35 over the period December quarter 2005 to the current quarter.

- In the current quarter, the quarterly daily average number of juveniles held in detention in the Northern Territory was 25. This represents a decrease of 11% (3) from the previous quarter and a decrease of 4% (1) from the same quarter last year.

- Indigenous juveniles represented 92% (23) of the daily average detainee population in the current quarter.

Figure 71 Quarterly Daily Average Number of Juveniles Held in Detention
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5 OUTCOMES FOR DRUG OFFENCES

This section provides information on the outcome of judicial and administrative processes relating to drug offences.

This section presents the outcome for drug offences in two parts:

- an overview of court outcomes for drug offences; and
- drug offences dealt with by Drug Infringement Notices in the Northern Territory.

5.1 COURT OUTCOMES

Offences reported in this section refer to illicit and licit drug offences which have been finalised by a court in the Northern Territory during the specified period.

5.1.1 Explanatory Notes

The data used for the table in this section was extracted from the Integrated Justice Information System.

- An offence reflects a distinct charge brought against an individual on the basis of relevant Northern Territory legislation. A single incident may involve multiple offences of the same or different types.
- The number of offences processed by the court does not reflect the number of individuals who appeared before the court or the number of occasions on which sentence was passed.
- The proportion of actual crime that comes before the court is unknown. Changes in the number of offences processed by the court may not reflect changes in the level of crime in the community.
- An offence is considered to be finalised on the first date that the court makes an order that implies a definite finding of guilt. Where a court order is appealed, the offence is not counted as finalised until the appeal is decided.
- Offences relating to licit drugs are mainly prescription fraud.
- The principal penalty for an offence is the court order that is perceived to be the most severe in relation to each offence.
- Principal penalties classified as other orders in this section include good behaviour bonds and post-court juvenile diversions.

5.1.2 Findings

Current Financial Year to Date (1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007)

A total of 361 drug offences were finalised by the courts between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007. The principal penalty for 7% (25) of these offences was an actual term of imprisonment, for 2% (9) a period of home detention and for another 22% (81) a fully suspended term of imprisonment was ordered. For 61% (221) of the offences, the principal penalty was a monetary order. Community work orders comprised 2% (9) of the penalties.

Court Outcomes by Offence Group

Possession and non-commercial dealing in illicit drugs accounted for 84% (302) of drug offences finalised by the courts between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007. Principal penalties for non-commercial dealing in illicit drugs were as follows:

- 43% of offences (55) were associated with a fully suspended term of imprisonment;
- 32% of offences (41) were associated with a monetary order;
- 9% of offences (12) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
- 7% of offences (9) were associated with some form of other order;
- 5% of offences (6) were associated with a community work order; and
• 4% of offences (5) were associated with a home detention order.

• Principal penalties for possession and/or use of illicit drugs were as follows:
  • 87% of offences (151) were associated with a monetary order;
  • 9% of offences (15) were associated with a fully suspended term of imprisonment;
  • 2% of offences (3) were associated with a community work order;
  • 2% of offences (3) were associated with some form of other order; and
  • 1% of offences (2) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment.

Previous Financial Year (2006-07)
A total of 754 drug offences were finalised by the courts during the 2006-07 financial year. The principal penalty for 11% (83) of these offences was an actual term of imprisonment, for 2% (13) a period of home detention and for another 18% (136) a fully suspended term of imprisonment was ordered. For 60% (456) of the offences, the principal penalty was a monetary order. Community work orders comprised 4% (33) of the penalties.

Court Outcomes by Offence Group
Possession and non-commercial dealing in illicit drugs accounted for 82% (617) of drug offences finalised by the courts during the 2006-07 financial year.

• Principal penalties for non-commercial dealing in illicit drugs were as follows:
  • 43% of offences (130) were associated with a monetary order;
  • 29% of offences (88) were associated with a fully suspended term of imprisonment;
  • 17% of offences (52) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
  • 4% of offences (13) were associated with some form of other order;
  • 4% of offences (12) were associated with a community work order; and
  • 2% of offences (5) were associated with a home detention order.

• Principal penalties for possession and/or use of illicit drugs were as follows:
  • 81% of offences (257) were associated with a monetary order;
  • 6% of offences (18) were associated with a fully suspended term of imprisonment;
  • 5% of offences (17) were associated with a community work order;
  • 4% of offences (13) were associated with some form of other order; and
  • 3% of offences (11) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment.
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5.2 DRUG INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

5.2.1 Explanatory Notes
The data used for the table in this section was extracted from the Integrated Justice Information System.

- Drug infringement notices are summarily imposed fines that may be issued by Police for the possession or cultivation of cannabis for personal use only.
- A penalty of $200 is payable for an offence issued with a drug infringement notice.

5.2.2 Findings
- A total of 107 drug infringement notices, relating to 108 separate offences, were issued during the December quarter 2007. This is 12% (15) less notices than were issued in the previous quarter, and 23% (20) more notices than were issued in the December quarter 2006.
- Possession of cannabis is the most common offence for which drug infringement notices have been issued. It constituted 99% of offences in the December quarter 2007.
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6  COURT OUTCOMES FOR AGGRAVATED PROPERTY OFFENCES

On 22 October 2001, legislation mandating prison sentences for property offences was repealed and replaced with an alternative sentencing regime for aggravated property offences.

Under the amended Sentencing Act, it is presumed that a person convicted for an aggravated property offence will receive at least one of the following:

- a term of imprisonment;
- a home detention order; or
- a community work order,

unless there are exceptional circumstances in relation to the offence or the offender.

6.1  EXPLANATORY NOTES

The data used for the tables in this section was extracted from the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS).

- An offence reflects a distinct charge brought against an individual on the basis of relevant Northern Territory legislation. A single incident may involve multiple offences of the same or different types.

- The number of offences processed by the court does not reflect the number of individuals who appeared before the court or the number of occasions on which sentence was passed under the sentencing regime for aggravated property offences.

- The proportion of actual crime which comes before the court is unknown. Changes in the number of offences processed by the court may not reflect changes in the level of crime in the community.

- An offence is considered to be finalised on the first date that the court makes an order that implies a definite finding of guilt. Where a court order is appealed, the offence is not counted as finalised until the appeal is decided.

- The principal penalty for an offence is the court order that is perceived to be the most severe in relation to each offence.

- Principal penalties classified as other orders in this section include fully suspended terms of imprisonment, fines and good behaviour bonds.

- Break-ins, in this chapter, do not include home invasions and business invasions as these are considered separately. This differs from the chapter on offences recorded by the Police, where home invasions are included in house break-ins and business invasions are included in break-ins to commercial or other premises.

- Adults are persons who are aged 18 years or older at the time of the offence and are dealt with under the Sentencing Act. As juveniles are generally sentenced under the Youth Justice Act/ Juvenile Justice Act and not the Sentencing Act, they are not included in these tables.

6.2  FINDINGS

Current Financial Year to Date (1 July 2007 – 31 December 2007)

A total of 257 aggravated property offences had sentences passed between 1 July 2007 and 31 December 2007.

The principal penalty for 83% (213) of these offences fell within the standard sentencing guidelines contained in the Sentencing Act.

In relation to 70% (179) of offences the principal penalty was an actual term of imprisonment.
Court Outcomes by Offence Group

The majority (99%) of offences dealt with under the sentencing regime for aggravated property offences were break-ins (166), property damage (51) and unlawful use of motor vehicle (37).

- Principal penalties for break-ins were as follows:
  - 73% of offences (121) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
  - 14% of offences (24) received orders other than those presumed in the sentencing guidelines, implying a finding of exceptional circumstances;
  - 10% of offences (16) were associated with a community work order; and
  - 3% of offences (5) were associated with a home detention order.

- Principal penalties for property damage were as follows:
  - 71% of offences (36) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
  - 20% of offences (10) received other orders, implying a finding of exceptional circumstances;
  - 8% of offences (4) were associated with a community work order; and
  - 2% of offences (1) were associated with a home detention order.

- Principal penalties for unlawful use of a motor vehicle were as follows:
  - 54% of offences (20) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
  - 24% of offences (9) received other orders, implying a finding of exceptional circumstances;
  - 16% of offences (6) were associated with a community work order; and
  - 5% of offences (2) were associated with a home detention order.

Previous Financial Year (2006-07)

A total of 520 aggravated property offences was finalised during the 2006-07 financial year. The principal penalty for 328 (63%) of these offences was an actual term of imprisonment and for a further 103 offences (20%), the principal penalty fell within the standard sentencing guidelines contained in the Sentencing Act.

The principal penalty for the remaining 89 offences (17%) included fully suspended terms of imprisonment, fines and good behaviour bonds. These outcomes imply a finding of exceptional circumstances in relation to the offender or the offence.

Court Outcomes by Offence Group

The majority (96%) of offences dealt with under the sentencing regime for aggravated property offences were break-ins (321), property damage (117) and unlawful use of motor vehicle (60).

- Principal penalties for break-ins were as follows:
  - 61% of offences (196) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
  - 21% of offences (68) were associated with a community work order;
  - 16% of offences (52) received orders other than those presumed in the sentencing guidelines, implying a finding of exceptional circumstances; and
  - 2% of offences (5) were associated with a home detention order.

- Principal penalties for property damage were as follows:
  - 62% of offences (72) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
  - 26% of offences (31) received other orders, implying a finding of exceptional circumstances;
  - 10% of offences (12) were associated with a community work order; and
  - 2% of offences (2) were associated with a home detention order.
Principal penalties for *unlawful use of motor vehicle* were as follows:

- 70% of offences (42) were associated with an actual term of imprisonment;
- 18% of offences (11) were associated with a community work order;
- 8% of offences (5) received other orders, implying a finding of exceptional circumstances; and
- 3% of offences (2) were associated with a home detention order.
### Table 13 Aggravated Property Offences Finalised by Principal Penalty

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<th>Imprisonment Order</th>
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<td>121</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle</td>
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<td>71%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>179</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>26</td>
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| **Previous Financial Year (1 July 2006 - 30 June 2007)** |                   |                     |                      |             |       |
| Robbery                        | 15     | 83%   | 5      | 2%    | 68     | 21%   | 52     | 16%   | 321    |       |
| Break-ins                      | 196    | 61%   | 2      | 3%    | 11     | 18%   | 5      | 8%    | 321    |       |
| Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle  | 42     | 70%   | 2      | 3%    | 11     | 18%   | 5      | 8%    | 60     |       |
| Home Invasion                  | 1      | 50%   | 1      | 50%   | 0      | 0%    | 0      | 0%    | 2      |       |
| Business Invasion              | 2      | 100%  | 0      | 0%    | 0      | 0%    | 0      | 0%    | 2      |       |
| Property Damage                | 72     | 62%   | 2      | 2%    | 12     | 10%   | 31     | 26%   | 117    |       |
| **Total**                      | 328    | 63%   | 12     | 2%    | 91     | 18%   | 89     | 17%   | 520    |       |

A SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

A.1 OFFENCES RECORDED BY THE NT POLICE

Selected Offences

This report presents information on the two categories of offence that are of high public interest: offences against the person and property offences. Within each category, statistics are presented for the following offence groups:

- Offences Against the Person
  - Murder
  - Attempted Murder
  - Manslaughter
  - Robbery
  - Assault
  - Sexual Assault
  - Other Offences Against the Person

- Property Offences
  - House Break-ins
  - Break-ins to Commercial or Other Premises
  - Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences
  - Other Theft
  - Property Damage
  - Other Property Offences

Regional Centres and Northern Territory Balance

Six major urban centres and the Northern Territory Balance are reported on in this report:

- Darwin
- Palmerston
- Alice Springs
- Katherine
- Tennant Creek
- Nhulunbuy
- Northern Territory Balance (includes areas outside the six major urban centres)

Unreported Offences

Recorded crime statistics can only include those offences that are known to Police. It is well understood that there is a varying degree of under reporting across different types of offences. In its Crime and Safety Survey publication (4509.0, April 2005) the Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that nationally 26% of house break-ins and 69% of assault offences are not reported to the Police.

The reasons crimes were not reported to Police include: the offence was perceived to be too trivial; the victim did not want the offender punished; it was thought the Police could do nothing as the matter was seen as personal; and the victim would take care of it.
As a result of under reporting it is not appropriate to interpret recorded crime figures as comprehensively representing the actual level of crime occurring in the community. However, recorded crime is adopted nationally as the best data available for measuring changes in the nature and volume of crime over time.

**Recording Offences**

Data presented in this section were extracted from the Police Real-time On-line Management Information System (PROMIS). The Northern Territory Police use PROMIS to record incidents that come to their attention. Subsequent inquiries by the Police determine what, if any, offences are associated with the incident and should be recorded in PROMIS.

On 30 April 2007, Northern Territory Police introduced a new version of PROMIS which enhanced members capacity to record offences.

**Counting Methodology**

For the selected offences of interest every distinct offence recorded in an incident in PROMIS is counted. Police jurisdictions across Australia have not adopted a standard approach to counting offences. Consequently comparisons cannot be made between the statistics published in this report and those of other jurisdictions.

**Underlying Average**

Statistics in the Northern Territory are often volatile with large swings in values from one period to another, particularly for small regional centres. In order to assist the reader to understand the underlying patterns in recorded crime, the Research and Statistics Unit has adopted a technique from the South Australian Office of Crime Statistics and Research, known as underlying averages (also referred to as fluctuating averages).

The underlying average is based on the average of five or more observations in a time series; the actual number of observations depending on how far into the series a break occurs. A break occurs at a data point if the next five successive observations take higher or lower values than the average calculated to that point. The underlying average will then take the value of the average of the observations from the first point after the break to the next break point, or the end of the time series, whichever comes first.

The underlying average is calculated from the 1 September 2000 to provide a consistent base across publications.

The underlying average provides a simplified graphical presentation of time series data by defining points of change in the average value of a time series.

The range of the underlying average for an offence is defined by its maximum and minimum values over the period in question. If the underlying average value for an offence is in the bottom 25% of the range it is at the lower end of the range. If it is in the top 25% it is at the higher end of the range. All values in between are in the middle of the range. The underlying average values are rounded to the nearest whole number before the maximum and minimum range is calculated to enhance readability.

**Trend Analysis**

The Kendall rank-order correlation test was used to detect the presence of any upward or downward trends in recorded crime levels in the last 12 months data. The tests were performed at the 95% confidence level.

The Kendall rank-order correlation test is a statistical tool that is widely used by academic and research organisations. The New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has used the Kendall rank-order correlation test to detect the presence of trends in recorded crime levels for a number of years. The Research and Statistics Unit has used computer procedures kindly provided by BOCSAR to implement the Kendall test.
A.2 PRISONERS AND DETAINEES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Quarterly Daily Average

The average number of persons held in correctional institutions per day over the stipulated three month period. The quarterly daily averages have been rounded to the closest whole number. As a result, discrepancies may occur between the sum of component items and the total.

People Smugglers

Foreign national persons convicted under Federal legislation for offences relating to the transport of illegal immigrants to Australia. The Northern Territory prison population experienced an influx of people smugglers in late 1999. Since the end of 2002 the number of people smugglers has been falling.

A.3 OUTCOMES FOR DRUG OFFENCES

Offences

An offence reflects a distinct charge brought against an individual on the basis of relevant federal and Northern Territory legislation. A single incident may involve multiple offences of the same or different types.

The number of offences processed by the court does not reflect the number of individuals who appeared before the court, the number of occasions on which sentence was passed or the level of crime in the community.

Offence Groups

Offence Groups reported are based mainly on the interpretation of the Commonwealth Customs Act, the Misuse of Drugs Act, the Kava Management Act, and the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act. Offence groups are detailed below.

Import or Export Illicit Drugs

Relates mainly to three offences, namely, “Import narcotic goods, namely heroin”, “Import a prohibited import” and “Attempt to export a prohibited export”, in the Commonwealth Customs Act.

Deal or Traffic in Illicit Drugs - Non-Commercial

Relates to offences such as the possession, supply or purchase of prohibited drugs of a non-commercial quantity, mainly from the Misuse of Drugs Act. It also includes offences from the Kava Management Act, the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act and the Commonwealth Crimes Act.

Deal or Traffic in Illicit Drugs - Commercial

Relates to offences such as the possession, supply or purchase of prohibited drugs of a commercial quantity, mainly from the Misuse of Drugs Act, some offences from the Kava Management Act and the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act.

Manufacture or Cultivate Illicit Drugs - Non-Commercial

Relates to offences such as the production, manufacturing and cultivation of a non-commercial quantity of prohibited drugs. Offences mainly relate to the Misuse of Drugs Act, the Kava Management Act and the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act.

Manufacture or Cultivate Illicit Drugs - Commercial

Relates to offences such as the production, manufacturing and cultivation of a commercial quantity of prohibited drugs. Offences mainly relate to the Misuse of Drugs Act, the Kava Management Act and the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act.
Possess and/or Use Illicit Drugs

Relates to offences such as the personal use, possession and administering of prohibited drugs, mainly from the Misuse of Drugs Act, the Kava Management Act, the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act and the Commonwealth Customs Act.

Other Drug Related Offences

Relates to offences such as stealing or receiving prohibited drugs, possession/supply of drug use equipment (eg. syringe), supply of volatile substances (petrol, glue) and failure to dispose of a syringe in a prescribed manner. It also includes possession of precursors, equipment and information for the manufacture of prohibited drugs. Offences mainly relate to the Misuse of Drugs Act and the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act.

Prescription Drug Offences

Relates to offences such as prescription drug fraud (for example forging or altering a prescription, or supplying prescribed substances without a prescription), mainly from the Misuse of Drugs Act and Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act.

Final Orders

Final orders are defined as court orders that imply a finding of guilt and carry an associated penalty for any offence. More than one final order may apply to any offence. Combinations of final orders are classified to determine the principal penalty for an offence.

The order(s) used in the analysis are all final orders made on the first occasion that a final order was made with respect to an offence. Thus, if a person receives a community work order for an offence and is later imprisoned for failure to perform duties required under the order, the principal penalty reported will remain a community work order.

Principal Penalty

The principal penalty applying to an offence is the court final order that is perceived to be the most severe in relation to each offence. The comparative severity of court penalties is based on the sentencing legislation applying to drug offences.

The Principal Penalties reported are:

- **Imprisonment**
  An actual term of imprisonment or a term of imprisonment that is partially suspended (if the conditions set by the court are satisfied).

- **Home Detention Order**
  Confinement to a residence within the hours specified by the court order. It may be combined with fully suspended imprisonment orders.

- **Fully Suspended Imprisonment**
  A term of imprisonment that is fully suspended as long as conditions set by the court are satisfied.

- **Community Work Order**
  Compulsory participation in an approved project for up to 480 hours, with or without a fully suspended imprisonment order.

- **Monetary Order**
  Orders involving financial penalties, including fines, restitution orders and levies.

- **Other Order**
  All other final orders, including good behaviour bonds and post-court juvenile diversions.
A.4 COURT OUTCOMES FOR AGGRAVATED PROPERTY OFFENCES

Offences

An offence reflects a distinct charge brought against an individual on the basis of relevant Northern Territory legislation. A single incident may involve multiple offences of the same or different types.

The number of offences processed by the court may not reflect the number of individuals who appeared before the court, the number of occasions on which sentence was passed or the level of crime in the community.

Offence Groups

Offence groups reported are based on the interpretation of “aggravated property offence” as defined in section 3 of the Sentencing Amendment Act.

The aggravated property offence groups reported in this report are detailed below. All definitions refer to the Criminal Code Act.

Robbery

A broad category involving theft of property with the use or threat of immediate force: includes offences against sections 211 (robbery) and 212 (assault with intent to steal).

Break-ins

Unlawful Entry with Intent – unlawful entry to a premises with intent to commit an offence: includes offences against sections 213 (unlawful entry of buildings) and 215 (persons found armed with intent to unlawfully enter buildings), including attempts to commit offences against section 213.

Break-ins, in this chapter, do not include home invasions and business invasions as these are considered separately. This differs from the chapter on offences recorded by the Police, where home invasions are included in house break-ins and business invasions are included in break-ins to commercial or other premises.

Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle

The taking of a vehicle illegally and without permission, with the intent of depriving the owner or possessor of its use: includes offences against section 218(2) (aggravated unlawful use of vessel, motor vehicle, caravan or trailer) where the offence causes injury or danger to the public, the vehicle is valued at $20,000 or more or other aggravating circumstances.

Home Invasion

Unlawful entry of a dwelling and causing serious damage: includes offences against section 226(B)(1)&(3) where the offence is of a serious nature or damage caused is greater than $5,000.

Business invasion

Unlawful entry of a business premises and causing serious damage: includes offences against section 226(B)(2)&(3) where the offence is of a serious nature or damage caused is greater than $5,000.

Property Damage

The wilful and unlawful destruction, damage or defacement of property (including vandalism, graffiti and interfere with a motor vehicle causing damage): includes offences against section 251(2) (criminal damage in general) where the damage caused is greater than $5,000, or is 50% or more of the value of the motor vehicle or was done during the commission of another crime.

Final Orders

Final orders are defined as court orders that imply a finding of guilt and carry an associated penalty for any offence. More than one final order may apply to any offence. Combinations of final orders are classified to determine the principal penalty for an offence.
The order(s) used in the analysis are all final orders made on the first occasion that a final order was made with respect to an offence. Thus, if a person receives a community work order for an offence and is later imprisoned for failure to perform duties required under the order, the principal penalty reported will remain a community work order.

**Principal Penalty**

The principal penalty applying to an offence is the court order that is perceived to be the most severe in relation to each offence. The comparative severity of court penalties is based on the sentencing legislation applying to aggravated property offences. All court penalties not “presumed” for aggravated property offences are classified as “Other” orders.

The principal penalties reported are:

- **Imprisonment**
  
  An actual term of imprisonment or a term of imprisonment that is partially suspended if conditions set by the court are satisfied.

- **Home Detention**
  
  Confinement to a residence within the hours specified by the court order, alone and when combined with fully suspended imprisonment orders.

- **Community Work Order**
  
  Compulsory participation in an approved project for up to 480 hours, with or without a fully suspended imprisonment order.

- **Other Order**
  
  All other final orders, including fully suspended imprisonment orders not combined with home detention or community work orders. “Other” orders include fully suspended terms of imprisonment, monetary orders and good behaviour bonds.
## B GLOSSARY

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<td>Common assault and aggravated assault where the assault is of a non-sexual</td>
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<td>Attempted Murder</td>
<td>Attempted, unlawful intentional killing of another person, where death did</td>
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<td>where the amount involved is deemed to be of a quantity for personal use</td>
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<td>Drug Infringement Notice</td>
<td>An on-the-spot fine for possession or cultivation of cannabis for personal</td>
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<td>Fine Defaulters</td>
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<td>The killing of a person and related offences, includes murder, manslaughter,</td>
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<td>An event where an offence may have been committed.</td>
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<td>Kendall Rank-Order Correlation Test</td>
<td>A statistical technique used to detect the presence of trends.</td>
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<td>Murder</td>
<td>Unlawful intentional killing of another person.</td>
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<td>Northern Territory Balance</td>
<td>The Northern Territory Balance is the area of the Northern Territory that lies outside of the six major urban centres of Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.</td>
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<td>Offence</td>
<td>An act considered by the Northern Territory Police to be in conflict with the criminal law.</td>
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<td>Other Drug Related Offences</td>
<td>Includes offences such as stealing or receiving prohibited drugs, possession/supply of drug use equipment (eg. syringe), supply of volatile substance (petrol, glue), or failure to dispose of a syringe in a prescribed manner. It also includes possession of precursors, equipment and information for the manufacture of prohibited drugs.</td>
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<td>Other Offences Against the Person</td>
<td>Includes abduction and kidnapping, acts intended to cause injury, non-assaultive sexual offences, blackmail and extortion.</td>
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<td>Other Property Offences</td>
<td>Includes receiving, handling, or processing goods or money obtained illegally.</td>
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<td>Other Theft</td>
<td>A broad category involving theft without the use of force. Includes offences such as stealing and shoplifting.</td>
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<td>People Smugglers</td>
<td>Foreign national persons convicted under Federal legislation for offences relating to the transport of illegal immigrants to Australia.</td>
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<td>Possess and/or Use Illicit Drugs</td>
<td>Includes offences relating to the personal use, possession and administering of prohibited drugs.</td>
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<td>Prescription Drug Offences</td>
<td>Mainly prescription drug fraud, for example forging or altering a prescription, or supplying prescribed substances without a prescription.</td>
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<td>Principal Penalty</td>
<td>The most serious court first final order applying to an offence.</td>
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<td>Property Damage</td>
<td>The unlawful destruction, damage, or defacement of property: includes vandalism, graffiti and interfering with a motor vehicle causing damage.</td>
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<td>Quarterly Daily Average</td>
<td>The average number of persons held in adult/juvenile correctional institutions per day over the stipulated three-month period.</td>
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<td>Prison/Detention Population</td>
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<td>Robbery</td>
<td>A broad category involving theft of property with the use or threat of immediate force.</td>
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<td>Sexual Assault</td>
<td>Aggravated and non-aggravated assault of a sexual nature. Includes incest and rape.</td>
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<td>Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle</td>
<td>The taking of a vehicle illegally and without permission, with the intent of depriving the owner or possessor of its use.</td>
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