



Malicious Damage - Crime Data Fact Sheet

Although the Sutherland Shire has a comparatively low crime rates compared to the Sydney Metropolitan Area, crime data indicates that some offences are more prolific. Rates of Malicious Damage in 2008 indicate the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is slightly higher than rates of malicious damage in the Sydney Statistical Division per 100,000 population.

Figures in Red indicate the rate is higher than the Sydney Average Recorded Crime rate per 100,000 people for Malicious Damage to Property in 2008

Sydney Average	Bankstown	Canterbury	Sutherland	Hurstville	Wollongong	Strathfield	Liverpool
1369.5	1162.6	880.1	1383.7	1191.8	1671.5	956.6	1259.4

Sutherland Shire is ranked 84 out of 140 Local Governments in NSW for malicious damage offences to property. The Local Government Areas bordering the Sutherland Shire, Wollongong, Hurstville and Bankstown were ranked, 65, 99 and 102 respectively.

April 2004 to March 2009

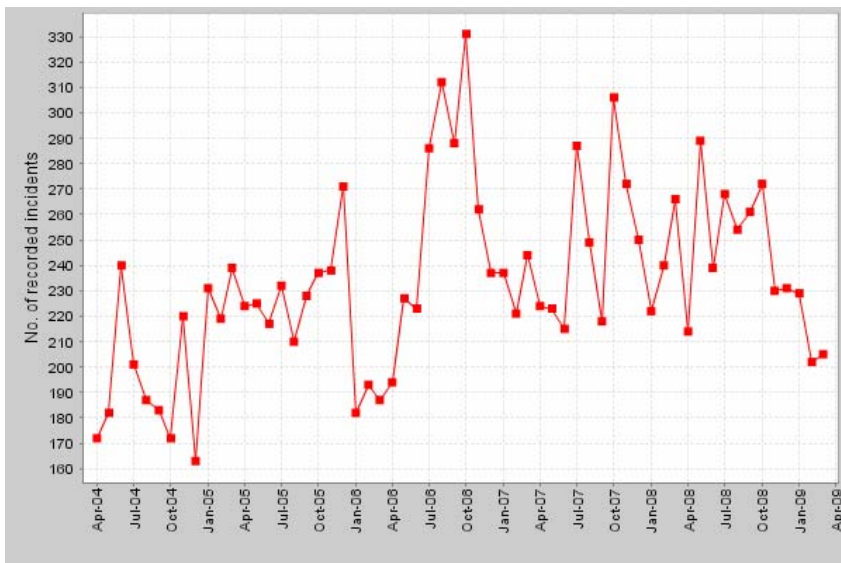
Malicious damage to property, Sutherland Shire Local Government Area

Statistically significant upward trend over the 60 month period.

The average annual percentage change was: 4.7%

Table 1. Recorded incidents of selected offences in the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area Annual totals and 60 month trend from April 2004 to March 2009

Offence	Apr 2004 to Mar 2005	Apr 2005 to Mar 2006	Apr 2006 to Mar 2007	Apr 2007 to Mar 2008	Apr 2008 to Mar 2009	60 month trend	Average annual percentage change
Malicious damage to property	2409	2644	3062	2972	2894	Up	4.7%



It costs Council approximately \$186,000 annually to remove graffiti on Council owned or managed property. According to Council data, Council removed 1,631 incidents of graffiti during the 2008/2009 financial year. This equates to approximately 22,278sqm of graffiti being removed.

In addition to the cost for graffiti removal, it costs Sutherland Shire Council

- \$25,000 to implement graffiti prevention projects.
- \$55,000 for rapid removal projects.
- \$50,000 to implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design projects.
- \$30,000 to implement the Vandalism Reward Scheme.
- PLUS staff costs to implement and monitor these programs.