

How is the British Crime Survey used?

Examples of some of the projects for which applications to use the BCS were made in 2008

- New migrants in the British Crime Survey 2006-7

Dr Roger Grimshaw (King's College London – LAW)

The Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees at City University and the Centre For Crime and Justice Studies at King's College London have been commissioned to ascertain the confidence of new migrant communities in the Metropolitan Police and to compare their experiences of crime and safety with the rest of the London region population.

- Deprivation and the fear of crime

Dr Jonathan Jackson (University of London School of Economics – Methodology Institute)

This is research to examine the links between deprivation and the fear of crime. The analysis sits within a broader project to explore the drivers of public attitudes towards crime and criminal justice.

- Trends in and Fear of, Crime

Dr Mark Oldfield (University of Kent – SSPSSR)

Re-analysis of data from the BCS to examine trends in fear of crime and to correlate these with actual trends and trends across other indices of social change.

- Estimating the number of children living with substance misusing parents.

Dr Victoria Manning (King's College London – psychological medicine)

The aim of this study is to estimate the number of children living with parents who misuse alcohol or drugs and to estimate the number at elevated / cumulative risk of harm through substance use and other problem behaviours e.g. mental illness.

- Drug use and social deprivation

Mr Alex Stevens (University of Kent – Social Policy)

To test relationships between social deprivation and drug use by multivariate analysis of indicators in the British Crime Survey.

- Explaining and sustaining the crime drop

Miss Jen Mailley (Loughborough University – Social Sciences)

Data are to be used in research into Explaining and Sustaining the Drop in Crime in Industrialised Countries.

- Exploring the Goodhart Thesis at the Local Scale: Neighbourhood Social Heterogeneity and Perceptions of Quality of Life in the British Crime Survey

Mrs Joanna Taylor (University of Portsmouth – Geography)

The political commentator David Goodhart suggested that the UK is now "too diverse" - in other words, that socioeconomic heterogeneity is associated with adverse social consequences, such as a decline in trust. This research will explore the influence of socioeconomic and ethnic segregation on people's perceptions of social cohesion and quality of life, using the British Crime Survey.

- Worcestershire County Economic Assessment

Mr Chris Baker

The usage will provide valuable data for the economic assessment, which is an analysis of current trends and developments in Worcestershire's economy and contains information to provide an overview of recent national policy in order to establish a framework for, and give meaning to, development in the county.

- Crime trends across Europe

Dr Ben Vollaard

A comparison of crime trends between UK and Netherlands. I will focus on differing trends between property crime and violent crime. Trends are surprisingly similar, which demands further investigation.

- Police under Public Scrutiny

Mr Andreas Cebulla (National Centre for Social Research – Quantitative Research Department)

Investigating the evidence of police reforms affecting public perceptions and experiences of the police - as intended by the reforms. The research will compare a range of BCS datasets, testing specific reforms.

What publications are based on the BCS?

- Barnett, JH, Werners, U, Secher, SM, Hill, KE, Brazil, R, Masson, K, Pernet, DE, Kirkbride, JB, Murray, GK, Bullmore, E and Jones, PB (2007) "Substance use in a population-based clinic sample of people with first-episode psychosis," *British Journal Of Psychiatry*, 190, 515 – 520.
- Moore, S and Shepherd, J (2007) "The elements and prevalence of fear," *British Journal Of Criminology*, 47, 154 – 162.
- Poulter, DR and McKenna, FP (2007) "Is speeding a "real" antisocial behaviour? A comparison with other antisocial behaviours," *Accident Analysis And Prevention*, 39, 384 – 389.
- Swaray, R (2007) "On the relationship between the public's worry about safety from burglary and probabilities of burglary: Some evidence from simultaneous equation models," *Social Indicators Research*, 80, 361 – 378.

More publications are located at www.esds.ac.uk/government/citations/