



Secondary Analysis for Social Scientists
Exemplar workbook 1 – More...

*Analysing the fear of crime using the British Crime
Survey*

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Description of workbook contents

Section 1: Before you start, think!

Reading around the topic of interest (literature review) to develop research questions. This section also gives an introduction to the topic 'fear of crime'

Section 2: Pret a porter analysis: using published tables and reports

Using published tables and published reports to inform research questions

Section 3: Finding the right survey microdata to analyse

What are microdata?

Selecting a dataset

Useful resources for finding data: The Economic And Social Data Service and The Question Bank

Section 4: The British Crime Survey 2000 and the British Crime Survey 2000 Teaching Dataset

An introduction to the 2000 British Crime Survey and the BCS 2000 Teaching Dataset

Section 5: Accessing the large-scale government survey microdata

Downloading the survey data (including registering)

Exploring survey data online using Nesstar

Section 6: Getting started with the BCS 2000 Teaching Dataset

Opening the dataset, SPSS basics, SPSS syntax

Getting ready for exploratory data analysis including variable labels and missing values, looking at unweighted frequencies, weighting a dataset, looking at variable distributions, tabulating categorical variables, graphing categorical variables

Section 7: Exploratory analysis: using the British Crime Survey 2000 Teaching Dataset to explore variations in fear of crime

Basic exploratory analysis including frequency tables, charts, using sub-samples, recoding and computing variables

Section 8: Further exploratory data analysis

2 and 3 way crosstabulations, interval variables, descriptive statistics and histograms

Section 9: Reporting exercise

An exercise to help students critique a mock-up research dissertation