

## Is the information I give confidential?

Yes. The information you give us will be treated as confidential as directed by the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. It will be used to produce statistics that will not identify you or anyone in your household. All such statistics produced are subject to the Code and the same standards of protection are applied to your information at all times.

## Why did we choose you?

As it is not possible to ask everyone to take part in the survey, a sample of addresses is selected to represent the entire country. One adult (aged 16 or over) from each address will be selected to participate. Your address is one of these and was selected at random from a list of private addresses held by the Royal Mail.

## Do I have to take part?

Our work is very important and we need your help to make our studies successful. Every year about 35,000 people help us by taking part in the survey. No-one has to take part if they do not want to, but for us to paint an accurate picture of our society, it is vital that we interview as many people as possible, from all walks of life and whether or not you have experienced any crime.

## What do you need to do?

You do not need to do anything now. An interviewer will visit your address to ask you to take part in the survey.

## Where can you find more information?

More information about the survey, including details about the types of questions asked, is available online at [www.crimesurvey.co.uk/inhome](http://www.crimesurvey.co.uk/inhome).

If you would like to speak to someone about the survey you can call our freephone Crime Survey information line **0800 051 0882**.

You can access our privacy policy at: [www.crimesurvey.co.uk/inhome/en/surveyprivacypolicy](http://www.crimesurvey.co.uk/inhome/en/surveyprivacypolicy) or by calling the information line.

If you would like further information about the Office for National Statistics or about the Crime Survey for England and Wales please contact:

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**Thank you for your help**



Crime Survey  
for England & Wales



**Why your help  
is important**



Home Office

This leaflet answers some of the questions you may have about taking part in the survey.

## Who are we?

The Office for National Statistics are responsible for the collection and publication of a wide range of official statistics that serve to inform parliament, the media and the wider public on the work of government. These include the monthly unemployment and inflation statistics for the UK, the quarterly crime statistics for England and Wales and the ten-yearly Population Census in England and Wales. Kantar is an independent agency specialising in social research.

## What is the Crime Survey for England and Wales?

The Crime Survey for England and Wales measures the amount of crime in England and Wales by asking people, such as yourself, about crimes you or your household may or may not have experienced in the past year. The Crime Survey for England and Wales records crimes that may not have been reported to the police, so it is used as an alternative to police records. Without the Crime Survey, the Home Office and the rest of government would have no information on these unreported crimes. The Home Office use the survey to help develop policy and monitor public opinion in areas such as crime prevention, sentencing and tackling anti-social behaviour.

Your answers and opinions are very important to us, whether or not you have experienced any crime.

## What will I be asked about?

As well as measuring crime experienced in the last 12 months, the Crime Survey for England and Wales also includes questions on:

- Risk of crime - identifying those most at risk of crime is important for designing crime prevention programmes.
- Your attitudes to crime and the Criminal Justice System, including the police and the courts.
- Your experiences of anti-social behaviour and how this has affected your quality of life.

## Who uses the results?

The Home office are the main users of the survey but the data are also used by other Government departments, approved researchers, the police and criminologists.

## Why does this survey matter?

As well as measuring crime, the Crime Survey for England and Wales is also used to:

- Understand people's experiences of anti-social behaviour and how this has affected their quality of life.
- Predict those most at risk of crime to help in designing crime prevention programmes.

The Crime Survey has highlighted that the risk of car crime is increased when a car is parked in a car park and this has led to an increased focus on car park security measures.

## Where can you find the results?

Detailed results from the Crime Survey for England and Wales are published every quarter and can be found by following the appropriate links at [www.ons.gov.uk](http://www.ons.gov.uk)

### Overall estimates of crime

Number of offences (thousands)

Rises in crime levels during the 90s were mainly due to increases in violence, vehicle-related theft and burglary.

Excluding fraud and computer misuse, we have seen continued falls in overall levels of crime over recent decades

Source: Crime Survey for England and Wales, year ending September 2019



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