

Analysis of crime data is central to any preventative efforts. CHD Partners can help organisations in collating and analysing relevant existing crime data and devising new data capture procedures.

We have been engaged to develop comprehensive crime profiles for local governments. These comprehensive crime profiles include analysis of crime data by postcode, analysis of alcohol-related crime data, analysis of victim and persons of interest data and spatial and temporal crime trends. The information contained within these detailed reports helps guide preventative initiatives.

Further to this work, we have developed an on-line crime survey. This survey provides a low cost method for capturing how people feel about crime in their local area.

The on-line surveying method can look at different aspects of people's experiences, including:

- Victimization and reporting of crime
- Neighbourhood characteristics
- Places where fear of crime is the greatest

Victimization and Reporting of Crime

National and state-based household surveys rarely provide sufficient insight into experiences in local areas. By capturing the views of people in the local area, these rigorous state and national survey data can be augmented.

The following questions probe people's experiences of particular crimes and whether they reported these crimes.

About Your Experiences of Your Neighbourhood

Have you been a victim of these crimes*

If so how many times*

Have you been a victim of these crimes*

House break-in	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Car theft	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other theft	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism, graffiti or damage to your property	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual assault	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other assault	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

* in the last 12 months

Neighbourhood Characteristics

Often people are concerned about neighbourhood characteristics that do not register as crimes. Household surveys frequently highlight concerns with ‘disorder’ and ‘anti-social behaviour’. This could be because of people loitering in particular areas, driving that is loud and/or dangerous and the presence of smashed bottles or drug using paraphernalia. The following questions tap into these concerns that fall outside of particular crime types.

About Your Experiences of Your Neighbourhood

People might not often be directly affected by crime, but will hear and see things in the local neighbourhood which concern them. Please tick the following issues which you believe are a problem in your local neighbourhood (you can tick more than one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with neighbours | <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous / noisy driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drunkenness | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of illegal drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groups of people intimidating others | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Fear of Crime

Measuring people’s fear of crime is difficult. There are many factors that make people fearful. Despite the difficulties of accurately assessing fear, the following questions explore relevant issues which can add to existing hot spot maps and crime data.

About Your Fear of Crime

How safe do you feel at home alone during the day? _____

How safe do you feel at home alone during the night? _____

What areas in your local neighbourhood do you feel unsafe and please explain why?
(For example: Park ‘x’ because of lack of lighting) _____

On-line crime surveys can be tailored to your needs. Paper surveys and telephone interviews can also be employed if sampling of the local population is required.

Contact Garner Clancey on 0425 231 825 or garner@chdpartners.com.au to discuss your crime data analysis and survey needs.