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CSEW: New developments and programme of work

Crime Surveys User Conference - 2019

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Overview

- General update – Crime Survey contract
- Update on 2018/19 data and microdata access
- Update on repeat victimisation and re-supply of historic microdata

Update on Crime survey contract

- We interviewed 34,163 respondents in year ending March 2019 after achieving a 69.4% response rate
- Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) questionnaire development work for the survey year 2020-21 is underway.
- Moving the CSEW online is not planning on happening imminently. A commercial re-tender will be taking place for another 4-year contract from April 2022. It is unlikely this will be online.



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2018/19 CSEW instrument

New content and other changes in the 2018/19 survey instrument

Extended existing 10-15s survey to include online behaviour in **April 2019**.

Sensitive questions focused on five main sections:

- Online bullying
- Meeting with online strangers
- Speaking with online strangers
- Sending sexual images and messages
- Receiving sexual images and messages

New content and other changes in the 2018/19 survey instrument

Gender Identity question added into the survey in October 2019.

- The question was developed by the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation team at ONS for the Census.
- We will need to collect data on these questions for 12 months before a full review

Gender identity is collected in addition to information on respondents sex. This is asked in the same manner.



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2018/19 CSEW Dataset

Progress with 2018/19 dataset supply

- The 2018/19 CSEW dataset was deposited with the ONS Secure Research Service (SRS) at the end of November 2019
- The End User Licence datasets were also deposited with the UK Data Archive at the same time – PFA level data
- This data will be accessible within the Secure Lab and SRS and made available to Approved Researcher users by the new year.

Further updates on development work

Survey development consultation:

- In order to make better use of the CSEW, we are proposing moving to a bi-annual rotation of the survey's modules, expected to commence for 2021/22.
- The CSEW from this date will in effect operate two versions of the survey in alternate years.

2020 consultation on new bi-annual approach to CSEW questions (1)

- Excluding the core victimisation modules, it is proposed all other modules will be rotated on a bi-annual basis, meaning that many estimates will only be produced every other year.
- We appreciate that with this approach there will be potential impacts for our stakeholders and users (e.g. three-year datasets).
- Therefore, ahead of moving to a bi-annual rotation, in early 2020 we will be launching a large consultation.

2020 consultation on new bi-annual approach to CSEW questions (2)

- During the consultation period you will have the opportunity to:
 - Review the entire survey
 - Raise new requirements
 - Submit exceptional business cases for retaining annual inclusion of questions and/or modules.
 - Potentially fill space on survey with Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded questions for users/academics



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High frequency repeat victimisation

High frequency repeat victimisation - Recap

- Following our consultation in 2016 on high frequency repeat victimisation it was agreed that:
 - the 98th percentile of victim incident counts for each crime type will be used as the highest value on the number of repeat incidents
 - A further decision to trim the component dwelling unit weight, for the calculation of household weights. In calculating the core individual weight, the product of the multiplication of the dwelling unit weight and individual component weights will also be trimmed.
- The time series was revised back to 1981
- Uncapped data was made available as part of our methodology information

High frequency repeat victimisation

- All data back to 1981 has had the cap removed
- All data has been re-processed to adjust the cap to the 98th percentile and all incident estimates recalculated on this basis for all survey years
- The first publication of incident estimates based on the 98th percentile was in the 'Crime in England and Wales: Year to September 2018' release, published on the 24th January 2018.

High frequency repeat victimisation

- All datasets have been processed on both the 98th percentile and the uncapped data
- Data includes the full range of incident variables and their derivations based on both the 98th percentile and the uncapped data
- Intention is to allow users to apply their own judgement in the treatment of high levels of repeat victimisation, and encourage greater analysis of repeat victimisation

High frequency repeat victimisation

- Data back to 2012-13 based on the new methodology was deposited to the UKDA and SRS alongside the latest 2018-19 data in November 2019.
- This data will be accessible within the Secure Lab and SRS and made available to Approved Researcher users by the new year.
- We are intending to re-release the remaining survey micro data back to 1981 to the UKDA, SRS, and Secure Lab by summer 2020

Any Questions?



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Publications

- **Domestic abuse in England and Wales** – published November 2019. How domestic abuse is dealt with at the local level within England and Wales, using annual data from various sources.
- **Crime in England and Wales: Sep 2019 – January 2020**
- **Child abuse in England and Wales** – January 2020. A collection of articles providing an overview of child abuse in England and Wales, bringing together a range of different data sources from across government and the voluntary sector.
- Nature of Fraud article
- Nature of crime tables