CSEW: update, latest data and findings

Crime Surveys User Conference - 2020

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1. General update

2. Update on 2019/20 data and microdata access


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General CSEW update
General Update

- Fieldwork for the year ending March 2020 was suspended two weeks early on 17 March 2020 just prior to the lockdown restrictions being announced by the government on 23 March 2020.

- We interviewed 33,735 adults with a response rate of 64%. Overall the impact on the survey estimates has therefore been minimal.
Publications: year ending March 2020

- Crime in England and Wales
  Year ending March 2020 data largely unaffected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as it mainly relates to the period prior to the lockdown.

- Nature of Crime tables

- Domestic abuse prevalence and trends, England and Wales

- Online bullying in England and Wales
2019/20 CSEW Dataset
Progress with 2019/20 dataset supply

• We aim to deposit the 2019/20 data to the SRS and UKDA by early 2021.

• Remaining historic datasets for re-supply following the change in methodology for handling repeat victimisation to be supplied alongside 2019/20.
Telephone-operated
CSEW overview
Telephone-operated CSEW

- The face-to-face Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) was **suspended on 17 March 2020** because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

- On 20 May 2020, we **launched an interim telephone survey** to continue collecting vital information on victimisation and the perception and nature of crime during the coronavirus pandemic period.
TCSEW sample

- Sample formed from respondents who had previously participated in the face-to-face CSEW in the last two years and who had agreed to being re-contacted for research purposes.

- Operate as a panel survey, re-interviewing respondents at three-monthly intervals.

- The TCSEW has a sample size of approximately 3,200 households per month.
TCSEW questionnaire

- Because of the time constraints placed on a telephone interview (TCSEW), we were unable to include many of the survey questions that are included in the face-to-face questionnaire or the separate questionnaire for children aged 10 to 15 years old.

- In addition, concerns around confidentiality and respondent safeguarding limited the types of questions asked; this included those relating to domestic abuse.
Latest findings
Latest TCSEW findings

Based on year ending June 2020 estimates:

• there were approximately **11.5 million offences** in the last 12 months in England and Wales; although not directly comparable

• the number of victims of total TCSEW crime including fraud and computer misuse **decreased** by 19% in April to June 2020 compared with January to March 2020.

• the TCSEW indicated that **public perceptions** of the police during this time were **largely positive**, with 9 in 10 adults satisfied with the way local police were responding to the pandemic.
Coronavirus and crime in England and Wales: August 2020

Impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on crime and people’s perceptions of crime during the April and May 2020 period of national lockdown.

Crime in England and Wales: year ending June 2020
Any Questions?

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