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Summary

This summary presents the overall results of the Swedish Crime Survey (SCS) 2022. The results of the report are summarised and broken down into the following areas of inquiry: *exposure to crime, fear of crime, confidence in the criminal justice system, and crime victims' contact with the criminal justice system.*

Of the 200,000 people included in the sample for the 2022 SCS, approximately 65,000 people participated. The method for the SCS was revised in 2017, whereby the collection procedure was changed from mainly telephone interviews to internet questionnaires and postal questionnaires. The selection was also expanded and some of the questions were reformulated and new questions were added. Since one main purpose of the SCS is to be able to make comparisons over time, a method has been developed to enable the results for the period 2007–2016 to be compared with 2017–2022. Every effort has been made to ensure that all the descriptions of development over time for the results described in the report are unaffected by the change in method. It is important to emphasise this as the purpose of the survey is to study development over time and compare different groups in the population, rather than to estimate exact levels. Further information is provided in the Technical report for SCS 2018 (Brå 2019).

Introduction

Citizens' exposure to crime, fear of crime, confidence in the criminal justice system and crime victims' contact with the criminal justice system have long been a focus of Swedish crime policy. Therefore, detailed knowledge of which groups are exposed to crime more than others, which groups are adversely affected by fear of crime, and public confidence in the criminal justice system are of value to crime policy makers. The Swedish Crime Survey is an important source of information for this purpose.

Method

Sample and data collection

The SCS has been conducted since 2006¹ and is based on a nationally representative stratified simple random sample of people aged between 16 and 84.² Since 2017 the survey has included a sample of 200,000 people while in the SCS for 2007–2016 had a sample size of 20,000. In SCS 2022, 64,989 people from the sample participated. The sample was drawn from the population register administered by Statistics Sweden. Young people have been oversampled, and are thus overrepresented in the survey sample. When analysing the material, cases are weighted both to account for this overrepresentation and also to adjust for differences in levels of non-response among different groups within the sample.

Data collection was carried out by Statistics Sweden between January and April 2022. A cover letter was sent to those included in the sample.³ The cover letter described the survey and explained that participation was voluntary but important. In addition to the questionnaire data, certain data was also collected from existing registers including the respondents' age, place of residence and level of education.

¹ For methodological reasons concerning the change of method in 2017, the SCS for 2006 has been excluded from the presentation.

² SCS 2007–2016 include people aged between 16 and 79.

³ See appendix 1.

Change of method 2017

The method used for the SCS was revised in 2017. At this point, the collection procedure changed from mainly telephone interviews to internet questionnaires or postal questionnaires.⁴ The selection was also expanded and some of the questions were reformulated and new questions were added. Since one main purpose of the SCS is to be able to make comparisons over time, a method has been developed to enable the results for the period 2007–2016 to be compared with 2017–2022. Every effort has been made to ensure that all the descriptions of development over time for the results described in the report are unaffected by the change in method. It is important to emphasise this, as the purpose of the study is to study development over time and compare different groups in the population rather than to estimate exact levels.

The questions about pickpocketing, sales fraud, card/credit fraud and online harassment were introduced in the 2017 SCS, which means that results regarding exposure to these types of offences are only available for the period 2016–2021.

Non-response

Questionnaire surveys always involve a certain level of non-response because not everyone who is included in the sample wants, or is able, to participate (unit non-response), or because some people who do participate do not answer all of the questions (item non-response).

The total weighted non-response rate for the 2022 wave of the survey amounted to 64.1 percent of the sample, giving a response rate of 35.9 percent.⁵ To reduce the skewing effect of the non-responses, and to reduce sampling and coverage errors, weights were calibrated for use when analysing the material. Briefly, this technique employs a number of auxiliary variables (based on register data) to increase the weight assigned to the answers provided by groups that are under-represented in the sample. The weighting procedure ensures that the survey results are as representative as possible of the survey population as a whole.

The item non-response in the survey includes the response alternatives Don't know/Don't want to answer. Those who state that they have no opinion in relation to the questions on confidence in the criminal justice system are

⁴ See appendix 1 for the SCS 2022 postal questionnaire.

⁵ The total unweighted non-response for the 2022 SCS was 67.4 percent of the sample, giving a response rate of 32.6 percent.

included in the presentations. The reason for this is that the fact that some respondents have no particular view on a given issue is in itself an important factor to consider when assessing levels of public confidence. The item non-response for the postal questionnaires includes cases where answers have been left blank.

Reliability and comparability

A number of general limitations associated with the survey should be mentioned. The sample is not representative of all age groups in the population, and does not include young people aged under 16 or the oldest members of the population aged over 84, for example. Nor does it include people resident in institutions (e.g. in the healthcare sector or the prison system). It is also unlikely that the most marginalised groups within the population, such as the homeless and drug abusers are sufficiently well-represented.

Measurement errors constitute the principal source of error in survey studies. The extent to which the results of the survey reflect the real picture is primarily dependent on the extent of these measurement errors. In the context of the SCS, the main problem is deemed to be the respondents' willingness and ability to provide correct answers. It may be difficult to remember exactly when an incident occurred, and thus crimes that should not be included in the survey may nonetheless be reported. Another factor may be that respondents may choose to adjust their responses, either in order to give a socially desirable answer, e.g. that a crime has been reported to the police even though this is not in fact the case. Errors may also occur as a result of ignorance. The respondent may have been exposed to incidents that are not defined as crimes in the Penal Code but which are perceived as crimes by the respondent, which may be the case, for example, in certain instances perceived as threats or harassment. Respondents may also have been exposed to criminal acts without themselves defining these incidents as crimes.

Covid-19 pandemic

When comparing over time, it should be pointed out that the covid-19 pandemic has been going on since March 2020, which has led to restrictions of varying extent and under different periods of time. Therefore, it cannot be ruled out that the results for the question areas included in the SCS have been affected by the changed lifestyle patterns that the pandemic has brought about for large parts of the population. For example, many have spent more time at home, which may have had an impact on exposure to crime but also affected the circumstances surrounding responding to the survey, such as the

possibility of answering the survey/questionnaire in private and the respondents' sense of anonymity. In order to increase knowledge about how the pandemic may have affected the respondents' life patterns, which in turn may affect the exposure to the crimes measured in SCS, a random extra sample of 10,000 people was drawn in 2021 SCS, where the regular questions were supplemented with questions about different conditions during the pandemic (reference period 2020). The results from these questions have been published in a separate report. The report showed, among other things, that eight out of ten people have cut back on seeing friends during the pandemic (80%). Most have also reduced their visits to shopping centers, malls and museums (80%), have less often gone to restaurants, bars and pubs (70%) or to cinemas, theaters and concerts (67%). Furthermore, seven out of ten people (68%) have reduced their shopping in physical stores during the pandemic, and in terms of travel habits, the results shows that more than half reduced their travel both within and outside Sweden (62 and 54%, respectively). On the other hand, 41 percent stated that during the pandemic they shopped online to a greater extent than before.

In 2021 SCS (refers to exposure to crime in 2020), a decrease in exposure to basically all types of crime was seen, and the same tendency is also visible in 2022 SCS. It probably has to do with what the above results show, namely that as a result of the pandemic, fewer people than normal have been at locations that generally are common locations for the types of offences included in the SCS. The only type of offence that increased according to 2021 SCS (as well as 2022 SCS) was sales fraud, which is in line with the findings that online shopping was one of the few activities engaged in to a greater extent during the pandemic compared to before.

However, it is not possible to know to what extent the pandemic has affected the results, instead future research can show whether the trends and patterns of recent years continue or break.

Presentation of results

The presentation of the main results is broken down into sections relating to exposure to crime, fear of crime, public confidence in the criminal justice system and crime victims' experiences of contact with the criminal justice system.

In this summary, findings are presented on the basis of sex and age. The findings in the main report are for the most part presented on the basis of the following background information and sub-groups of the population:

- sex⁶
- age
- Swedish/foreign background (born in Sweden with one/both parents born in Sweden, born in Sweden with both parents born outside Sweden, foreign-born)
- level of education, the highest level attained (pre-further education, further education or post-further education)
- marital status (living with partner or single, with or without children)
- type of housing (house or apartment building)
- degree of urbanisation, based on sectioning by The Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR).

Most of the information about the respondents' background has been collected from existing registers. The only background information collected in the Swedish Crime Survey itself relates to marital status, type of housing and, in some cases, level of education.

The areas covered by the questions in the survey focus on varying periods of time. A summary description is provided below.

- *Exposure to crime*
 - The reference period employed in relation to exposure to crime is the preceding calendar year (when the source cited is the Swedish Crime Survey 2022, this relates to events in 2021).

⁶ Recorded in the population register.

- *Fear of crime*
 - Questions about concerns over being exposed to different types of crimes relate to the past twelve months (counted from the date when the respondent answered the questionnaire).
 - The more general questions relate to the respondent's perceptions at the time the respondent answered the questionnaire.

- *Confidence in the criminal justice system*
 - In the section on public confidence in the justice system, the questions relate to the respondent's perceptions at the time the respondent answered the questionnaire.

- *Crime victims' contacts with the criminal justice system*
 - In the section on crime victims' contacts with the justice system, the presentation relates to experiences during the past three years (counted from the date the respondent answered the questionnaire).

Results

Exposure to crime

Exposure to crime was investigated for the calendar year preceding the year on which the question was asked. This means that incidents where the respondent was exposed to crime reported in the 2022 SCS, reflect offences that took place in 2021. Exposure to crime in terms of *offences against the person* is reported as the percentage of persons exposed to crime, unlike *property offences against households*, which is reported as the percentage of households exposed to crime.

The questions about pickpocketing, sales fraud, card /credit fraud and online harassment were introduced in connection with the 2017 SCS, which means that there are only results from the 2017—2022 SCS for those types of offences.

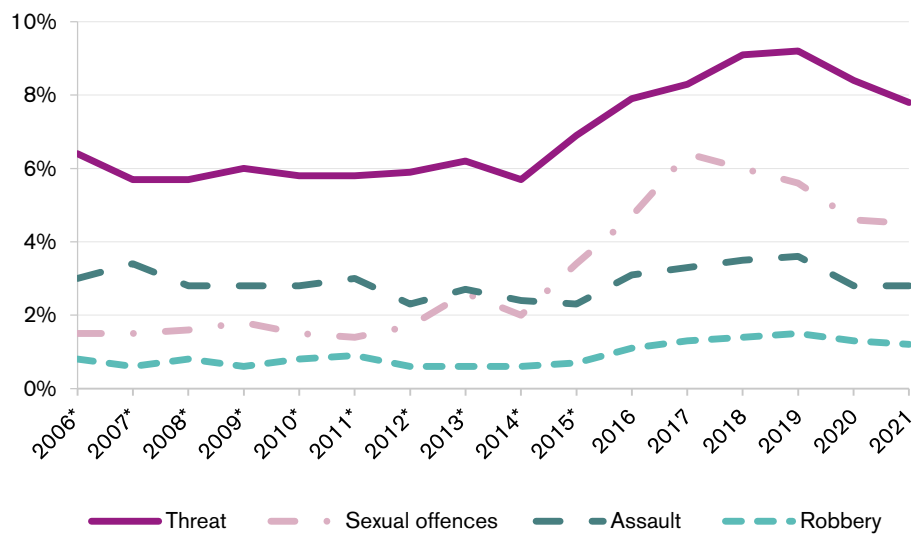
Offences against the person

- In the 2022 SCS, 19.5 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they were exposed to one or more of the types of offences referred to in the report as offences against the person: assault, threats, sexual offences, robbery, pickpocketing, sales fraud, card/credit fraud and online harassment⁷ in 2021. This is a decrease compared with the preceding year (in 2020 the proportion was 20.2%). There was an increase in exposure to offences against the person up to and including 2018, followed by a decreasing trend and the prevalence rate is now the lowest measured in the SCS since 2016.
- The type of offence that had the highest prevalence rate according to the 2022 SCS was threats (7.8 %) while robbery had the lowest prevalence rate (1.2%).
- Compared to 2020, self-reported exposure to threats, pickpocketing, card/credit fraud and online harassment has decreased in 2021, while exposure to sales fraud has increased slightly. As far as assaults, robberies and sexual offences are concerned, the prevalence rate is more or less the same as 2020.

⁷ Exposure to harassment were included in the category “offences against the person” until SCS 2020. Since then, harassment has been presented as a separate category.

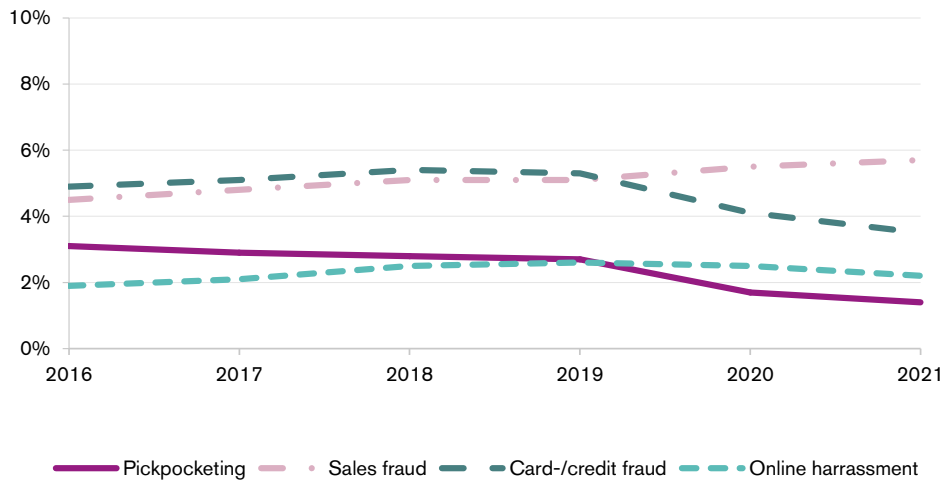
- Among those who stated that they were exposed to offences against the person in 2021, 43.9 percent (corresponding to 8.5% of the population) were exposed to crime once, 29.0 percent (corresponding to 5.7% of the population) were exposed to offences two to three times and 27.0 percent (corresponding to 5.3% of the population) were exposed to offences four times or more. Individuals in this group make up almost three-quarters (76.3%) of all incidents of offences against the person.

Figure 1. Self-reported exposure to various types of offences against the person. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84), 2006–2021.^a



^a The results regarding exposure to crime in 2006–2015 have been recalculated as the SCS was carried out using a different method in this period. Read more about this in the 2018 SCS, Technical report (Brå 2019). For the corresponding results before the recalculation, see previous SCS publications.

Figure 2. Self-reported exposure to various types of offences against the person. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84), 2016–2021.^a

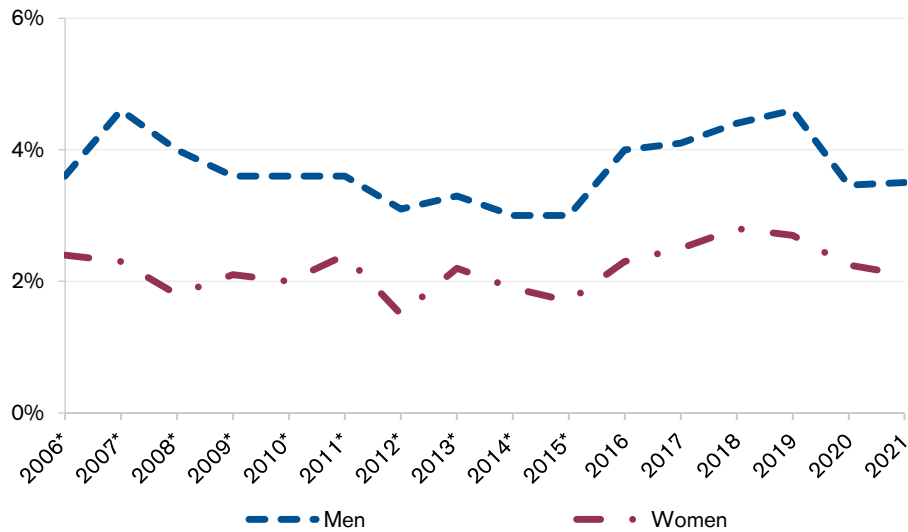


^a The questions on pickpocketing, sales fraud and card/credit fraud were introduced in the 2017 SCS.

Assault

- The percentage of individuals who state that they were exposed to assault in 2021 is 2.8 percent of the population (aged 16–84), which is at the same level as 2020. The trend for the period 2006–2015 was one of a weak decline, but the following period show an increasing trend until a decrease in 2020.
- Men (3.5%) state more often that they were exposed to assault than women (2.1%) in 2021.
- In terms of age, self-reported exposure to assault was most common in the 16–19 age bracket (men, 11.0% and women 6.7%).

Figure 3. Self-reported exposure to assault. Percentage for men and women, 2006–2021.^a

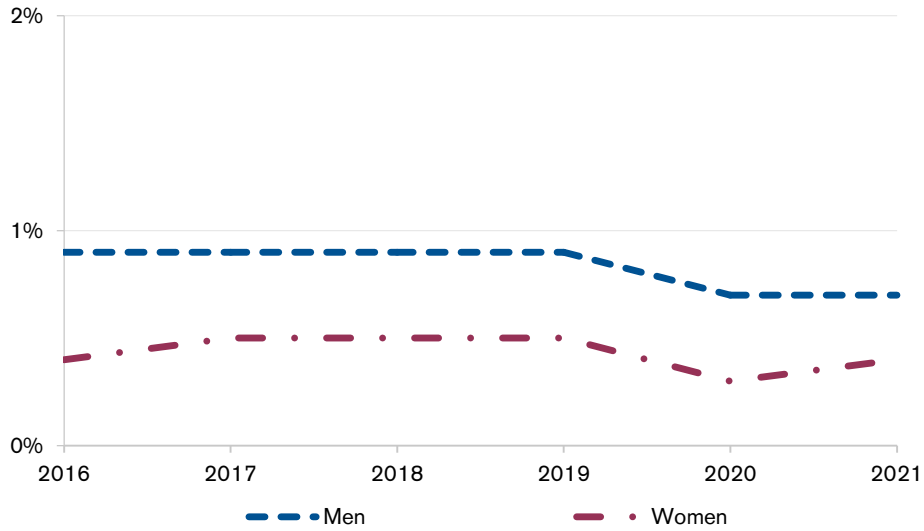


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Serious assault

- A proportion of 0.5 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they were exposed to serious assault, which in the SCS refers to assaults leading to injuries requiring medical treatment by a doctor, nurse or dentist. This is the same level as 2020, but a decrease compared to the period 2016–2019 when the prevalence rate was 0.7 percent.
- Men (0.7%) state more often that they were victims than women (0.4%) in 2021.
- Self-reported exposure to serious assault was most common among men in the 16–19 age bracket (1.4%) and among women, in the 20–24 age bracket (1.0%).

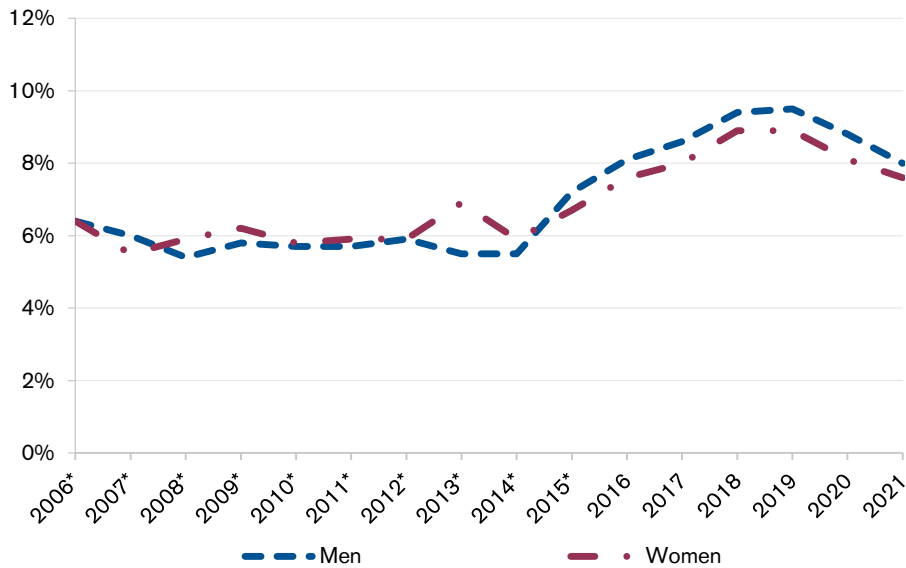
Figure 4. Self-reported exposure to serious assault. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.



Threats

- In 2021 7.8 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they were exposed to threats, which is a lower level compared to 2020 (8.4%). Self-reported exposure to threats remained at a relatively stable level during the period 2006–2014, thereafter the level increased each year until a decrease in 2020. The results from upcoming SCS will show if the declining prevalence rate is the beginning of a new trend.
- The prevalence rate in 2021 is higher among men (8.0%) than women (7.6%).
- Self-reported exposure to threats was most common among young people in the 20–24 age bracket (men, 12.2% and women, 11.4%).

Figure 5. Self-reported exposure to threats. Percentage for men and women, 2006–2021.^a



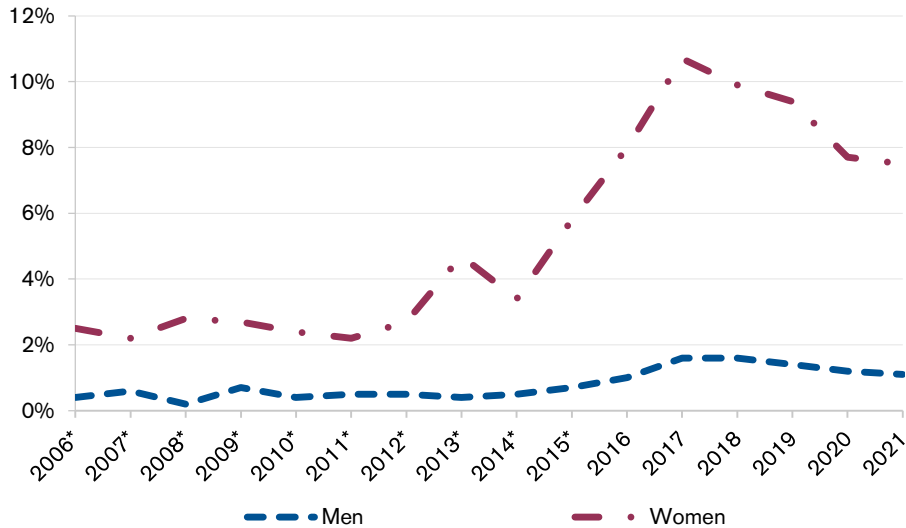
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Sexual offences⁸

- In 2021, 4.5 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they have been exposed to a sexual offence, which is approximately the same level as 2020 (4.6%). The prevalence rate remained relatively unchanged during the period 2006–2011 but then increased almost every year until 2017. A declining trend has been noted since 2018.
- Women (7.5%) state significantly more often that they were exposed to a sexual offence than men (1.1%) in 2021.
- There are large differences between age groups. The prevalence rate for both men and women is greatest in the age group 20–24, where 28.5 percent of women state they were exposed to a sexual offence, and 3.2 percent of men.

⁸ Include, for example, offensive, sexual comments in speech or writing, forced sexual acts or rape. Incidents could have happened at home, at school, at work, on the internet or in another location.

Figure 6. Self-reported exposure to a sexual offence. Percentage for men and women, 2006–2021.^a



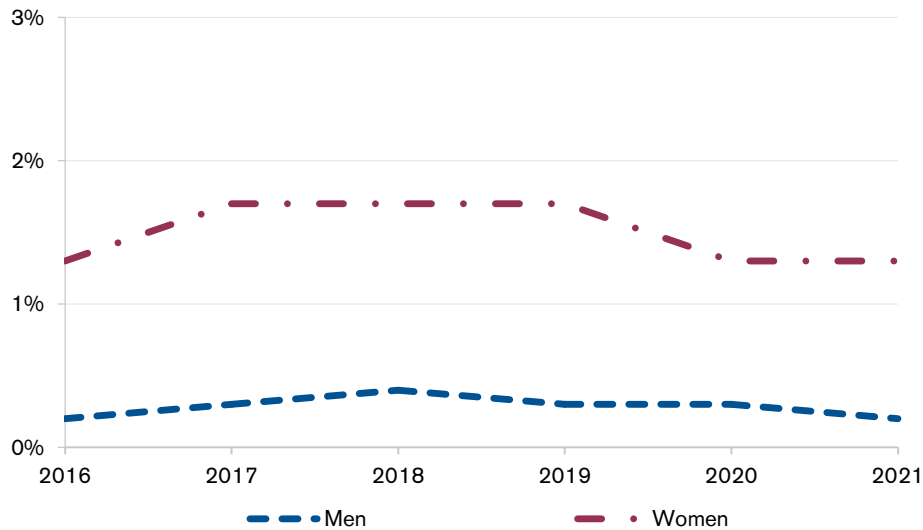
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Serious sexual offences involving the use of force⁹

- Of the population (aged 16–84), 0.8 percent state that they were exposed to a sexual offence involving the use of force in 2021, which is the same level as in 2020. Looking at the development over time, the prevalence rate remained virtually unchanged during the period 2017–2019, and is thereafter at a slightly lower level.
- The prevalence rate is significantly higher among women (1.3%) than men (0.2%) in 2021.
- There are large differences between age groups. The proportion for both men and women is largest among young people in the 16–24 age bracket, where the prevalence rate among women is 4.9 percent, and 0.5 percent among men.

⁹ Refers to incidents which include someone forcing, or trying to force, the person into a sexual act by threatening, holding onto or hurting the person in some way.

Figure 7. Self-reported exposure to a sexual offence involving the use of force. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.

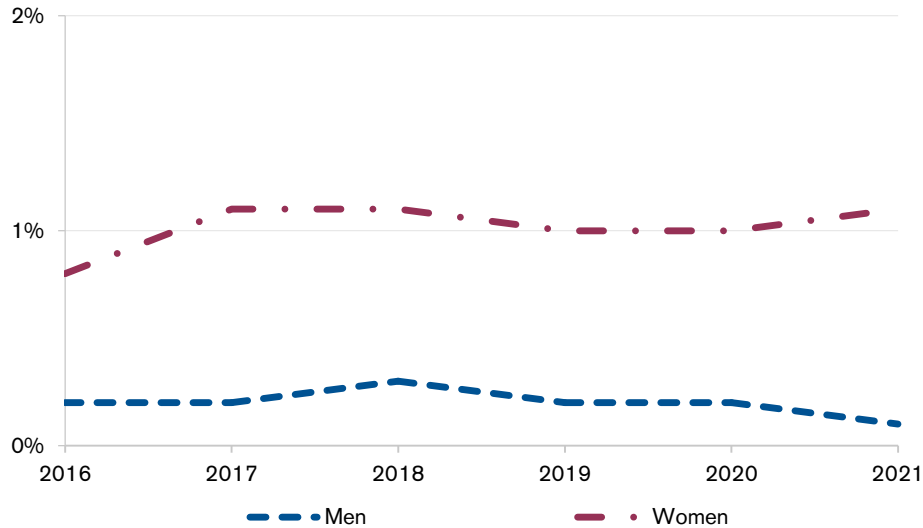


Serious sexual offences involving the exploitation of a defenceless condition¹⁰

- Of the population (aged 16–84), 0.7 percent state that they were exposed to a sexual offence involving the exploitation of a defenceless condition in 2021, which is almost at the same level as 2020 (0.6%). The prevalence rate has been relatively unchanged since 2017 (it was slightly lower in 2016).
- The prevalence rate is significantly higher among women (1.1%) than men (0.2%).
- There are large differences between age groups. The proportion for both men and women is largest among young people in the 16–24 age bracket, whereas among women 5.6 percent state they were exposed to a sexual offence involving the exploitation of a defenceless condition, and among men the prevalence rate was 0.8 percent.

¹⁰ Refers to incidents which include sexual abuse while the person was asleep or when the person was in a defenceless state due to intoxication.

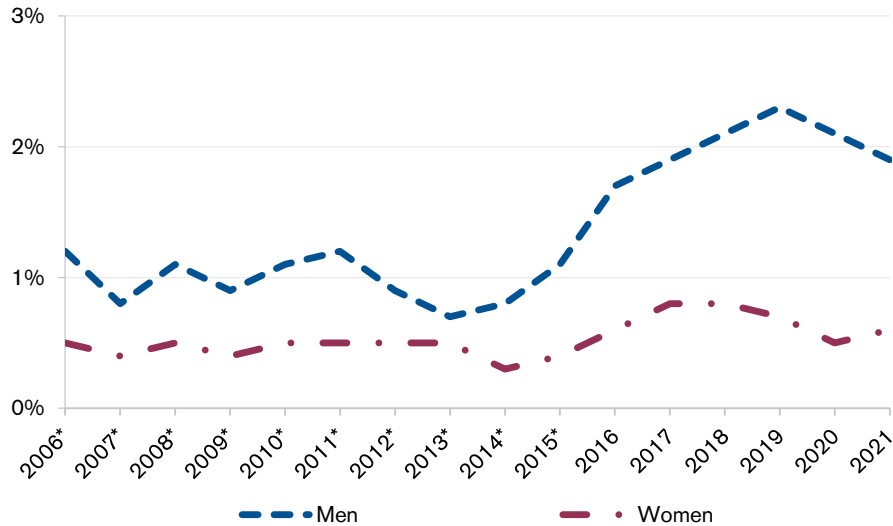
Figure 8. Self-reported exposure to a sexual offence involving the exploitation of a defenceless condition. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.



Robbery

- In 2021, 1.2 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state they were exposed to robbery or exposed to an attempted robbery, which is approximately the same level as in 2020 (1.3%). The prevalence rate was relatively unchanged until 2015, after which a slightly upward trend is visible up to and including 2019, followed by a small decrease the following year.
- It is more common that men (1.9%) state that they were exposed to robbery or attempted robbery during 2021 than women (0.6%).
- In terms of age, self-reported exposure to robbery was most common among men in the 16–19 age bracket (4.5%) and among women in the 16–19 and 35–44 age brackets (0.9%).

Figure 9. Self-reported exposure to robbery. Percentage for men and women, 2006–2021.^a

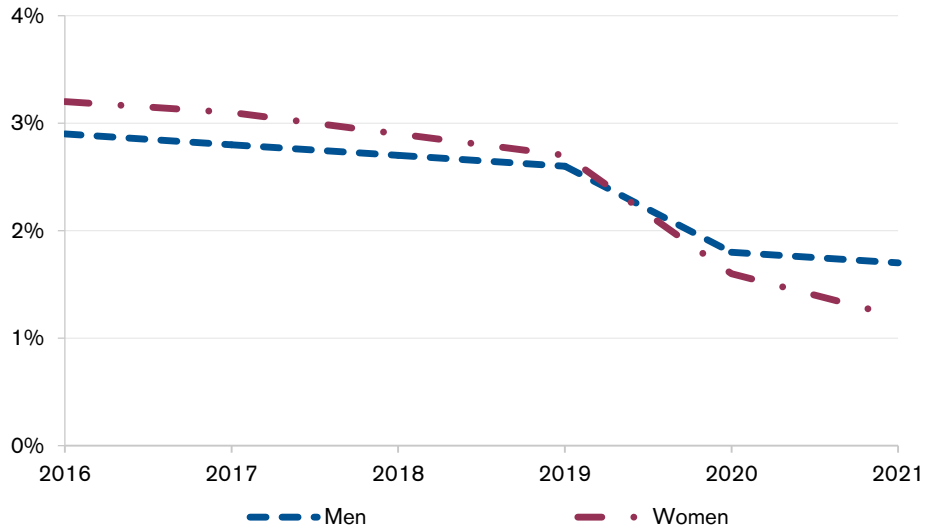


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Pickpocketing

- In 2021, 1.4 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they were exposed to pickpocketing. This is a decrease compared with 2020 (1.7%). The development over time shows a downward trend throughout the measurement period, which has been particularly noticeable in the last two years.
- Women (1.2%) state less often that they were exposed to pickpocketing than men (1.7%) in 2021.
- Self-reported exposure to pickpocketing among men was most common in the 20–24 age bracket (3.5%), and among women in the 16–19 age bracket (2.4%)

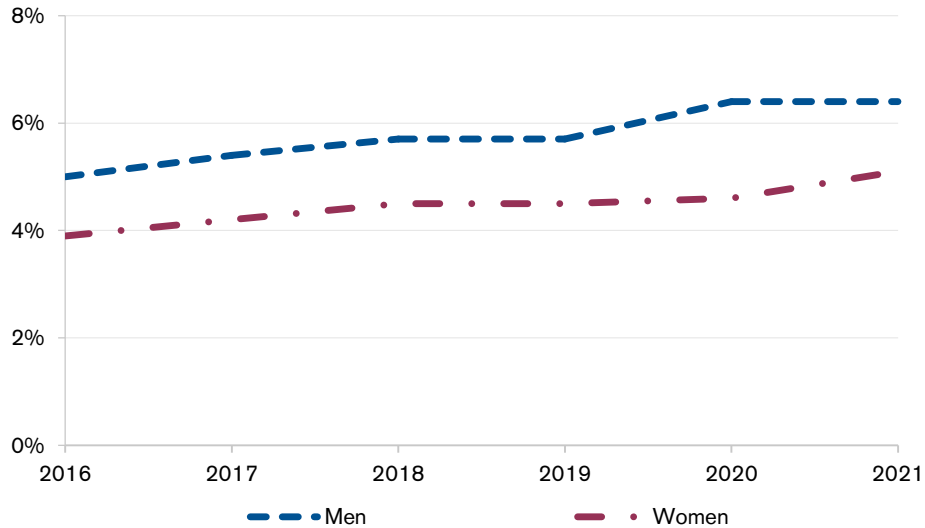
Figure 10. Self-reported exposure to pickpocketing. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.



Sales fraud

- Of the population (aged 16–84), 5.7 percent state that they were exposed to sales fraud in 2021. The prevalence rate is somewhat higher compared to 2020 (5.5 %), and an increasing trend can be seen during the whole measurement period.
- Men (6.4%) state more often that they were exposed to sales fraud in 2021 than women (5.1%).
- The greatest percentage of self-reported exposure to sales fraud 2021, was found in the 35–44 age bracket among both men (8.7%) and women (6.9%).

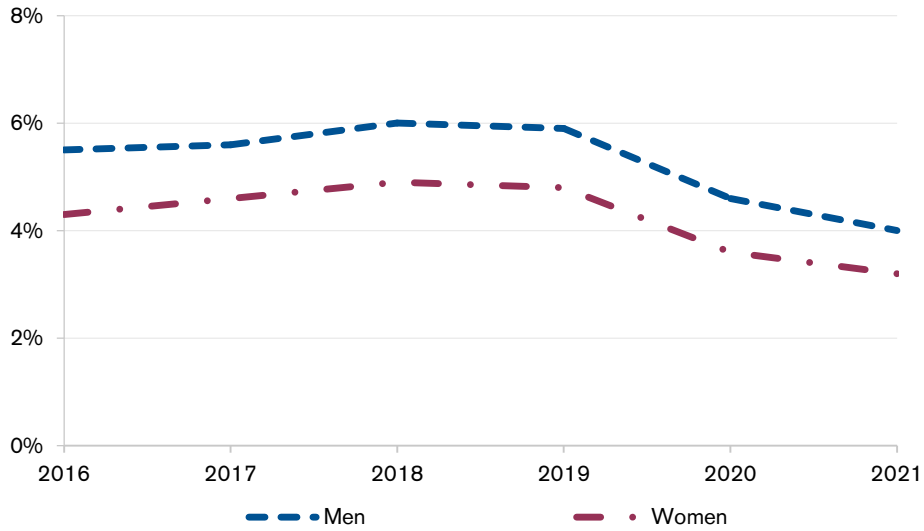
Figure 11. Self-reported exposure to sales fraud. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.



Card/credit fraud

- Self-reported exposure to card/credit fraud amounted to 3.5 percent of the population (aged 16–84) in 2021. This is a lower level compared to 2020 (4.1%) and a continuation of the decrease seen in recent SCS. Before that, an increase was seen between 2016 and 2018.
- The prevalence rate is higher among men (4.0%) than women (3.2%) in 2021.
- In terms of age, exposure to card/credit fraud are most common among men in the 45–54 age bracket (4.7%) and among women in the 35–44 age bracket (3.8%).

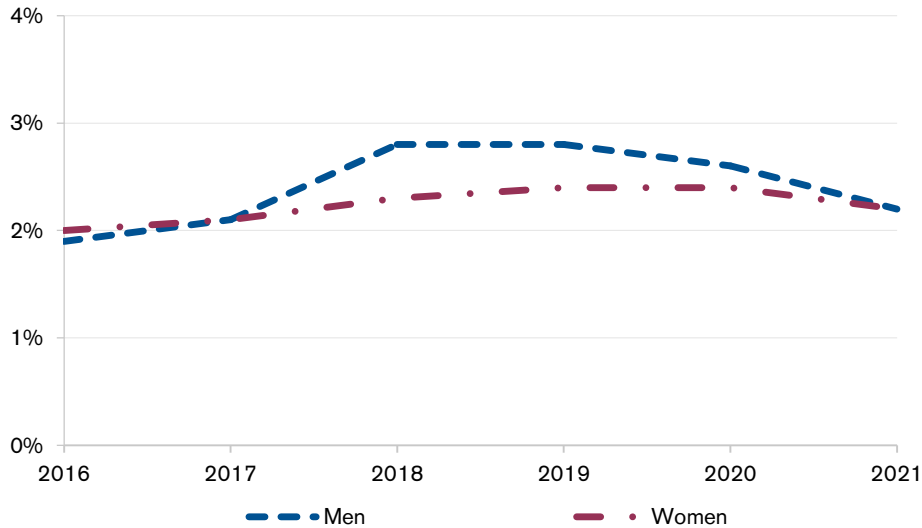
Figure 12. Self-reported exposure to card/credit fraud. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.



Online harassment

- Self-reported exposure to online harassment amounted to 2.2 percent of the population (aged 16–84) in 2021. This is a decrease since 2020, when the prevalence rate was 2.5 percent. The prevalence rate increased initially, and was then at a stable level until the last year's decrease.
- Exposure to online harassment is equally common among men and women (2.2%) in 2021.
- The prevalence rate is highest in the 16–19 age bracket, and is higher among young women (7.9%) than young men (4.5%).

Figure 13. Self-reported exposure to online harassment. Percentage for men and women, 2016–2021.

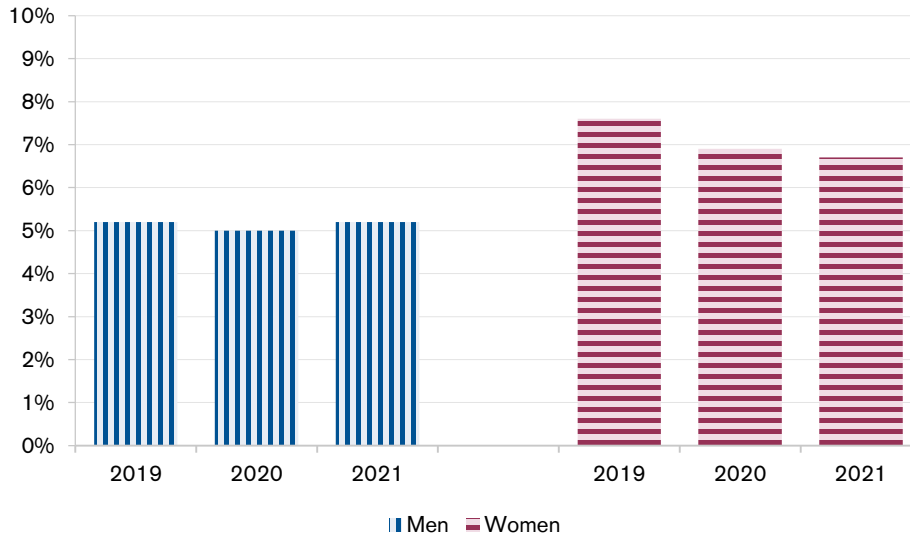


Harassment

In connection with the follow-up interviews, it emerged that some people had misunderstood the screening question about harassment. They may have understood it as including telephone sales, for example. The wording of the question and how the results are reported were reviewed before the 2020 SCS and therefore only the results for 2019–2021 are presented.

- Of the population (aged 16–84), 6.0 percent state that they were exposed to harassment in 2021, which is the same level as 2020.
- The prevalence rate is higher among women (6.7%) than men (5.2%).
- In terms of age, self-reported exposure to harassment was most common in the 16–19 age bracket among both men and women (men 7.8%, and women 13.6%).

Figure 14. Self-reported exposure to harassment. Percentage for men and women, 2019–2021.^a

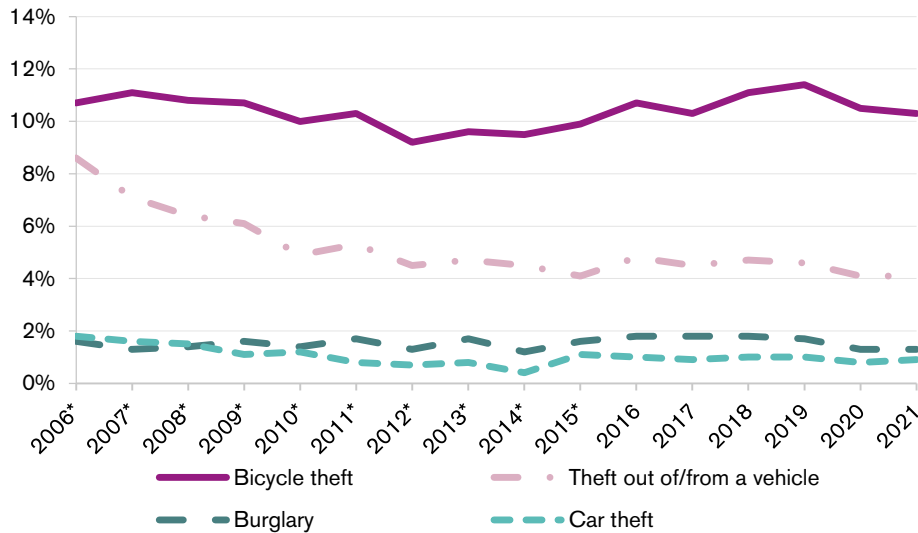


^a The results regarding harassment are only presented for 2019–2021. This is because the question in the survey was rephrased in conjunction with the data collection in 2020.

Property offences against households

- The proportion of households exposed to car theft, theft out of or from a vehicle, bicycle theft, or burglary (all referred to as property offences against households) is 13.1 in 2021. This is approximately the same level as 2020 (13.2%). Over time, the prevalence rate has decreased since 2006, and the main reason is less people report exposure to theft of or from vehicles.
- The most common property offence reported for 2021 is bicycle theft (10.3%), while vehicle theft is the least common (0.9%).
- The property offences that have seen the most significant development since 2006 are car-related crimes, which have decreased considerably.
- A majority (66.2%) of those who were exposed to property offences against households state that they were exposed once in 2021, while 27,7 percent were exposed two or three times. A smaller proportion of the households state that they were victims four times or more (6.1%). This group suffered 23,5 percent of all property offences.

Figure 15. Self-reported exposure to various types of property offences. Percentage of households exposed to crime nationwide, 2006–2021.^{abc}



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^b The results show car theft among households that had a car in the relevant year as this is the most commonly agreed form of accounting.

^c The results show bicycle theft among households that owned a bicycle in the relevant year as this is in line with the accounting of car theft.

Burglary

- According to the SCS 2022, 1.3 percent of households were exposed to burglary during 2021, which is the same level as 2020. For most of the measurement period the prevalence rate has varied from year to year, but between 2016 and 2019 it was virtually unchanged, and has after that been at a slightly lower level.

Car theft

- In 2021, 0.9 percent of households¹¹ report that they were exposed to car theft, which means that the proportion is approximately the same as in 2020 (0.8%). The proportion declined significantly during the period 2006–2014, but then increased in 2015 and has since been virtually unchanged. Despite the increase, the prevalence rate in recent

¹¹ Refers to households which had a car.

years is considerably lower than in the beginning of the measurement period.

Theft out of or from a vehicle

- The proportion of households that were exposed to theft out of or from a vehicle was 4.1 percent in 2021, which is the same level as 2020. During the period 2006–2012, the prevalence decreased dramatically and has remained at a relatively stable level since then, until a decrease in 2020.

Bicycle theft

- The proportion of households that were exposed to bicycle theft was 10.3 percent in 2021. This is a small decrease since 2020, when the proportion was 10.5 percent. The prevalence decreased during the period 2008–2012. Since then a slightly increasing trend has been noted until a decrease in 2020.

Fear of crime

Measuring fear of crime is complicated, but the SCS can contribute by providing a number of key indicators on the subject. The reference periods reflected in the section on fear of crime vary depending on the type of question. Questions about concern regarding various types of offences refer to the most recent twelve months (prior to the time of interview). The more comprehensive questions refer to the perception respondents had at the time the question was asked (2022). Regarding concerns about being exposed to crime, the questions about burglary and theft or vandalism of vehicles are the only ones that have been included in their present form every year since the survey was initiated, while the questions on concern about the remaining offences were added in conjunction with the revision of the survey in 2017.

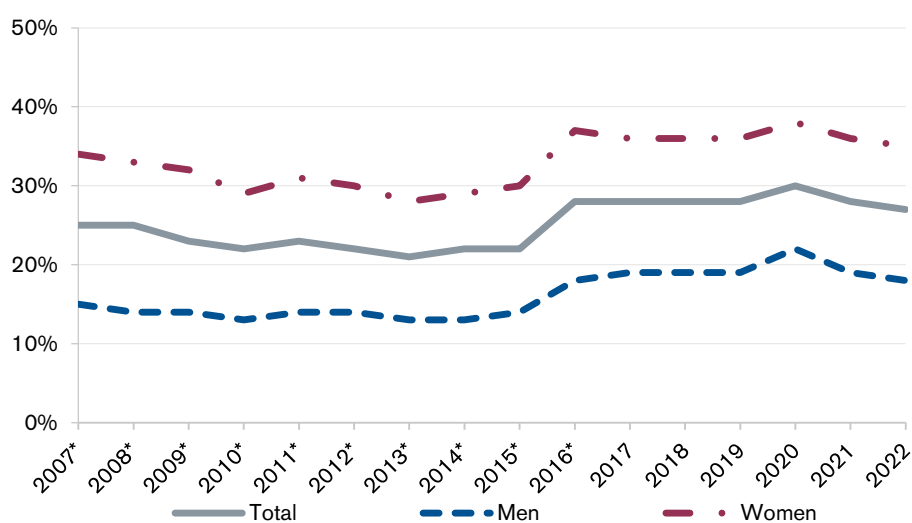
Feeling unsafe outdoors late at night

- The results in the 2022 SCS show that a total of 27 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they feel very unsafe or quite unsafe when outdoors alone at night or that they avoid going out alone at night due to feeling unsafe (of these, 6 percent state that they do not go out due to feeling unsafe). This is almost the same level as 2021, when the proportion was 28 percent. A decrease occurred during the first period of the survey and then remained at a stable level until 2016

when a significant increase can be noted. The proportion has since then remained at that higher level.

- It is significantly more common for women (35%) to state that they feel unsafe than for men (18%).
- The proportion is largest among men in the 20–24 and 75–84 age brackets (21%) and in the 20–24 age bracket among women (47%).

Figure 16. Feeling unsafe (very unsafe/quite unsafe) in own neighbourhood when going out late at night, as well as those who do not go out due to feeling unsafe. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2007–2022.^a



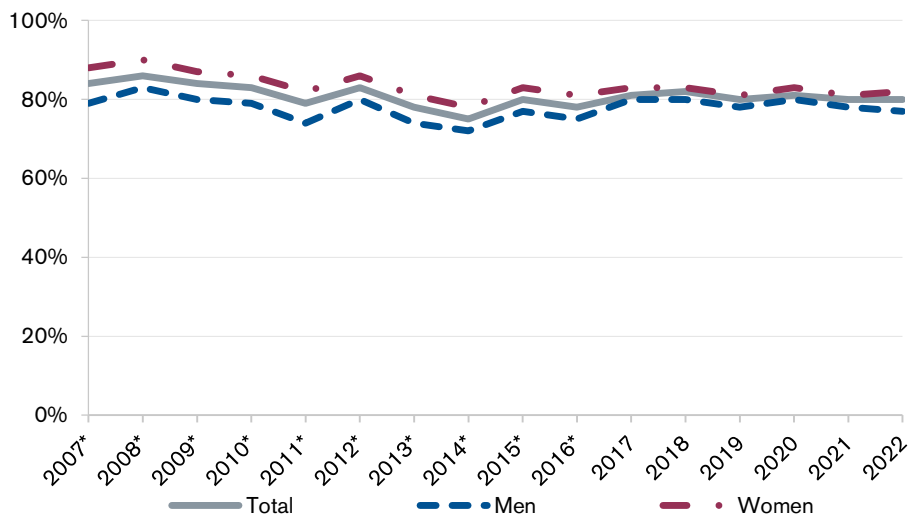
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Perception of crime development

- A total of 80 percent of the population (aged 16–84) believes that the number of crimes in Sweden has increased over the past three years, which is the same level as 2021. A decrease could be seen up to and including 2014, but with some annual variations. After an increase in 2015 the level has remained relatively stable, but it is at slightly lower levels in recent years compared to the first years of measurement.
- A greater proportion of women (82%) than men (77%) state that they believe that the number of crimes in Sweden has increased over the past three years.
- The proportion is greatest in the youngest age bracket (aged 16–19) among men (86%) and in the older age brackets, particularly the oldest

(aged 75–84) among women (89%).

Figure 17. Perception that the number of crimes in Sweden has increased (considerably/slightly) over the past three years. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2007–2022.^a

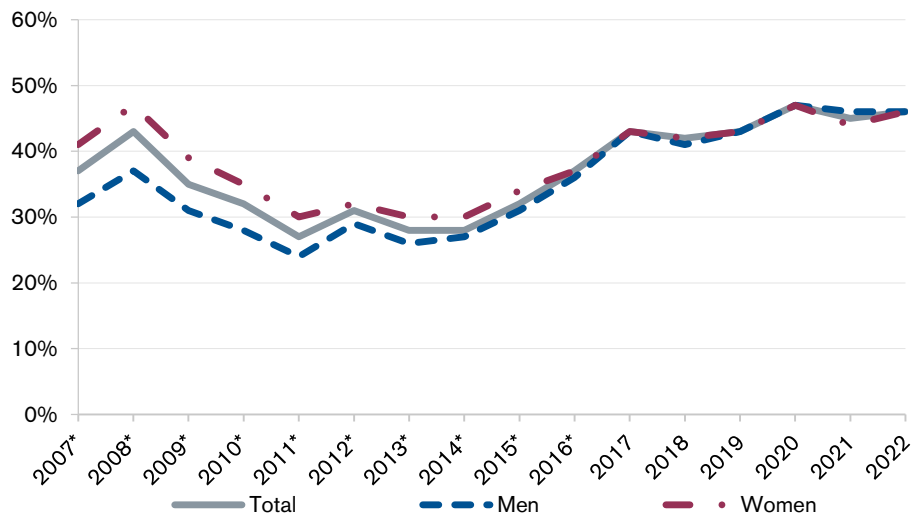


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Concern about crime in society

- In 2022 SCS 46 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have great concern about crime in society, which is approximately the same level as 2021 (45%). Leading up to and including 2011, the percentage who experienced great concern decreased, followed by an increase up to and including 2017. The proportion then remained stable for a few years until an increase in 2020 and has since remained at a slightly higher level than before.
- The proportion of people who have great concern about crime is equally large among men and women (46%).
- Among men, the percentage is greatest among people aged 55–64 (53%) and in the 65–74 age bracket among women (57%).

Figure 18. Concern about crime in society (in large extent). Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2007–2022.^a

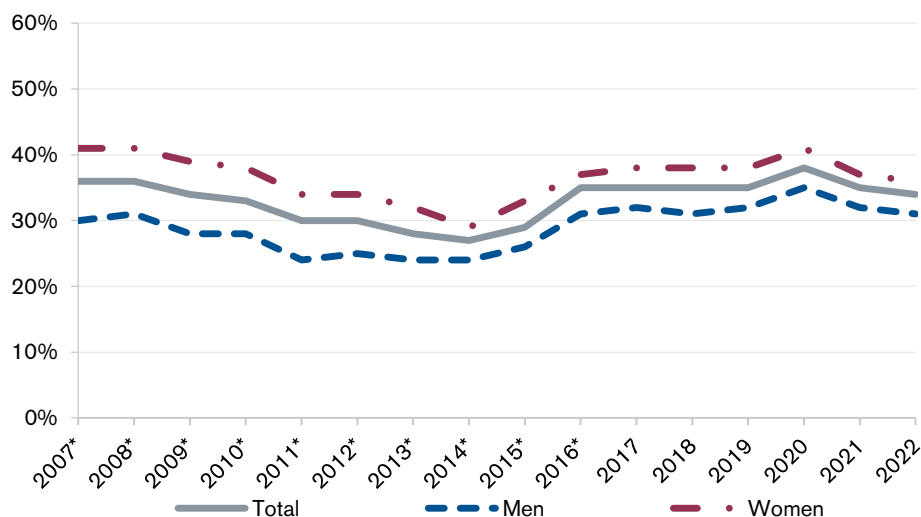


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Concern about close friends and family

- In 2022 SCS 34 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they, very often or quite often feel concerned that someone close to them will be subjected to crime; this is almost the same level compared to the preceding year 2021 (35%). The proportion decreased until 2014, followed by an increase up to and including 2016, and since remained at the same level almost every year.
- It is more common for women (36%) to be concerned that friends or family will be subjected to crime than for men (31%).
- Concern that friends or family will be subjected to crime, is most common in the 45–54 age bracket among both men (38%) and women (43%).

Figure 19. Concern (very often/quite often) that someone close to them will be subjected to crime. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2007–2022.^a



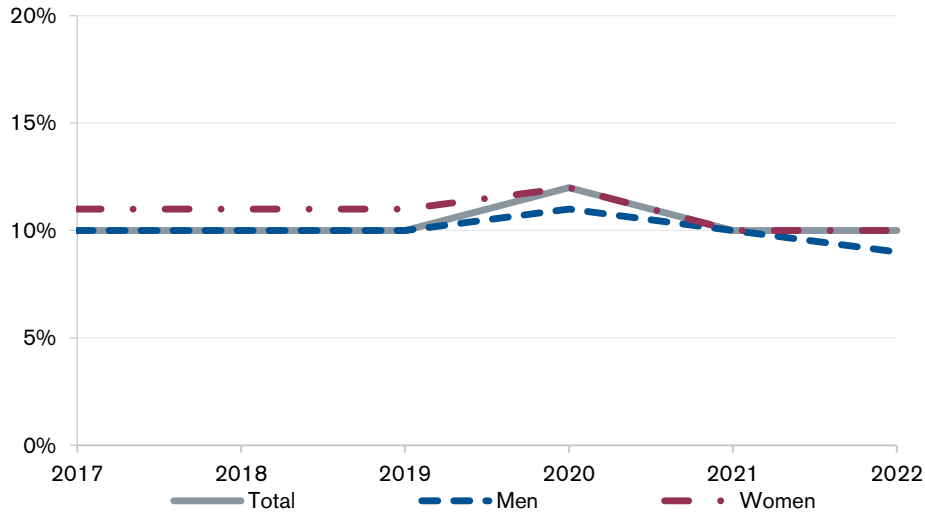
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The following questions about concerns about assault, rape/sexual assault, robbery and fraud on the internet were added in conjunction with the 2017 SCS, which means that results are only available for these types of offences for 2017–2022.

Concern about assault

- The percentage of people who state that they are concerned very often or quite often about being a victim of assault 2022 is 10 percent, which is the same level as 2021. The proportion has remained the same with the exception for the temporary increase in 2020.
- The percentage of people who are concerned about being a victim of assault is almost the same for men and women (men, 9% and women, 10%).
- The highest percentage is found among men aged 20–24 (15%), and among women aged 16–19 and 20–24 and (16%).

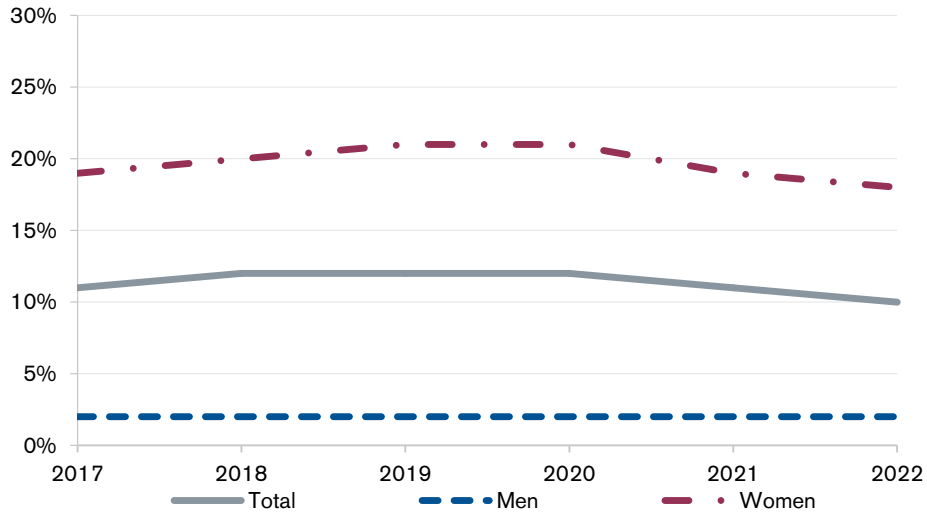
Figure 20. Concern (very often/quite often) about being a victim of assault. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2017–2022.



Concern about rape/sexual assault

- The percentage of people who, in 2022, are often concerned about being a victim of rape or another type of sexual assault is 10 percent of the population (aged 16–84), which is approximately at the same level as in 2021 (11%). The proportion has remained at a relatively stable level since 2017.
- It is significantly more common for women (18%) to be concerned about being a victim of rape or another type of sexual assault than men (2%).
- In terms of age groups, the proportion is highest among women in the 20–24 age group, where 46 percent report this concern. Among men the proportion is highest in the 16–19, 20–24 and 25–34 age brackets (3%).

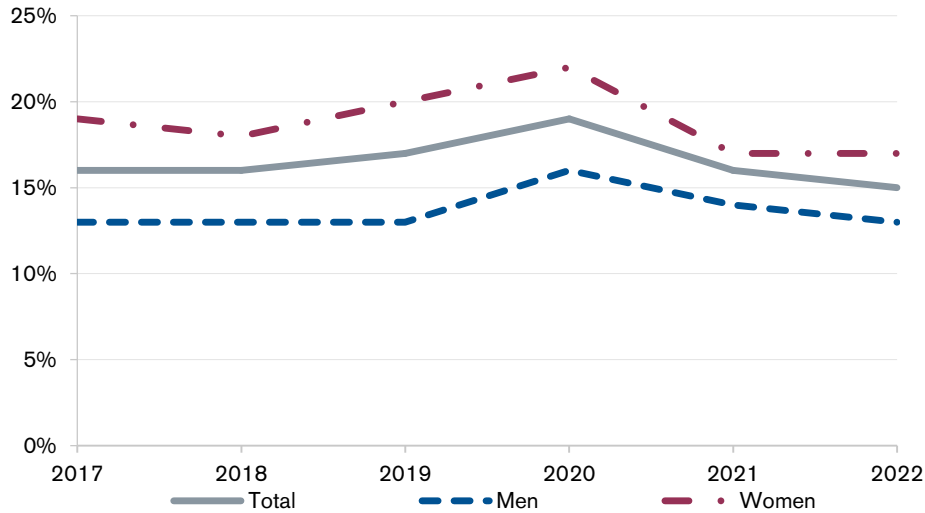
Figure 21. Concern (very often/quite often) about being a victim of rape/sexual assault. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2017–2022.



Concerns about robbery

- In the population (aged 16–84), 15 percent state that they are concerned about being a victim of robbery in 2022, which is almost the same level compared to 2021 (16%). The proportion has basically remained unchanged since 2017, with the exception of 2020, when it was at a slightly higher level.
- It is more common for women (17%) to be concerned about robbery than men (13%).
- Among both men and women, the proportion is highest in the 20–24 age bracket where the proportion among men is 19 percent and among women the proportion is 21 percent.

Figure 22. Concern (very often/quite often) about being a victim of robbery. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2017–2022.

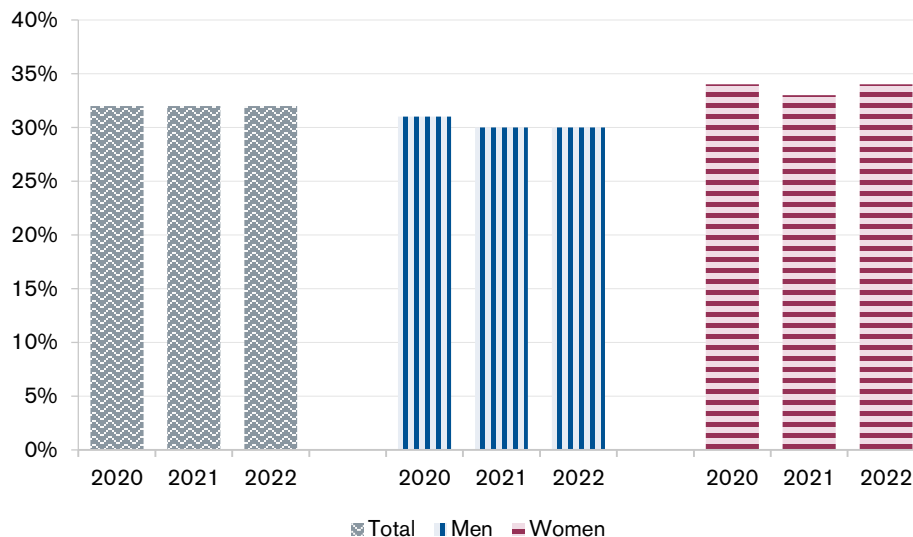


Concern about fraud on the Internet¹²

- In 2022, 32 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they are concerned about being a victim of fraud on the internet, which is at the same level as 2021. The proportion has remained at the same level since the question was reformulated in 2020.
- The proportion of people who are concerned about being a victim of fraud on the internet is larger for women (34%) than men (30%).
- Among both men and women, the level of concern about being a victim of fraud on the internet is highest in the 75–84 age bracket where the proportion among men is 37 percent and among women the proportion is 43 percent.

¹² The question about concern over being a victim of fraud on the internet was rephrased in conjunction with the SCS 2020. Therefore, results are only presented for 2020–2022.

Figure 23. Concern (very often/quite often) for being a victim of fraud on the internet. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2020–2022.^a

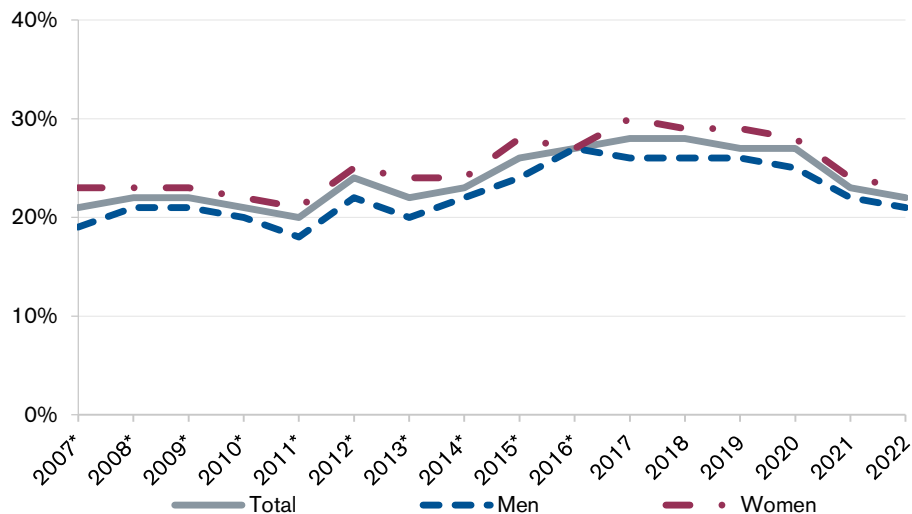


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Concern about burglary

- In 2022, 22 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they are concerned about burglary, which is at approximately the same level as 2021 (23%). The proportion remained relatively unchanged during the first years, followed by an increase in 2012 that lasted until 2017. Since then the proportion has remained stable until a decrease in 2021.
- It is more common for women (23%) to state that they are concerned about burglary than men (21%).
- The percentage concerned about burglary is greatest in the 45–54 and 55–64 age brackets among men (25%) and in the 55–64 age bracket among women (26%).

Figure 24. Concern (very often/quite often) over being a victim of burglary. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2007–2022.^a

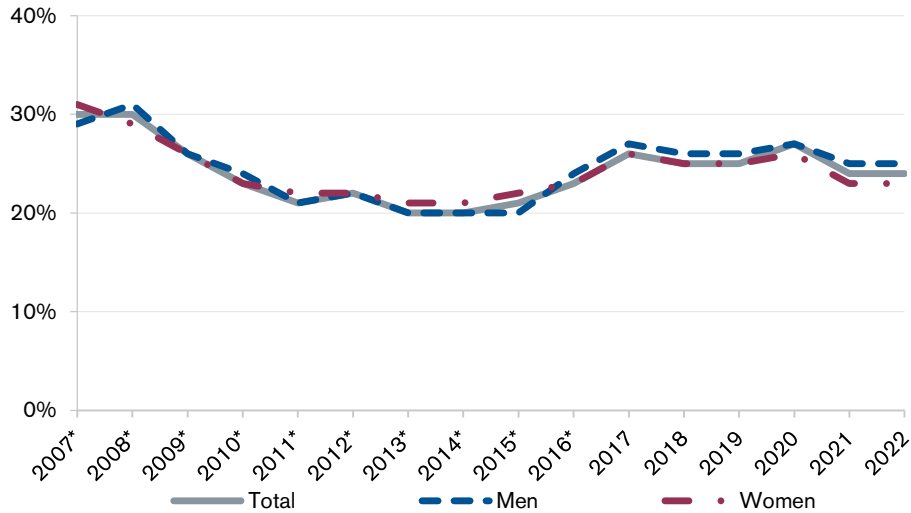


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Concern about theft/vandalism of vehicle

- Among the respondents in 2022 SCS who stated that someone in the household owns a car, 24 percent are concerned that the household's car will be stolen or vandalised, which is the same level compared to 2021. The percentage concerned about the household's car being stolen or vandalised decreased during the first part of the measurement period and was relatively stable thereafter. After 2015 there was an increase leading up to and including 2017. The proportion then remained virtually unchanged until a decrease in 2021.
- The percentage concerned about theft or vandalism of vehicle is slightly higher among men (25%) than among women (23%).
- In terms of age, the proportion is largest among men aged 25–34 and 45–54 and among women aged 55–64 (28%).

Figure 25. Concern (very often/quite often) over being a victim of theft/vandalism of a vehicle. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2007–2022.^a

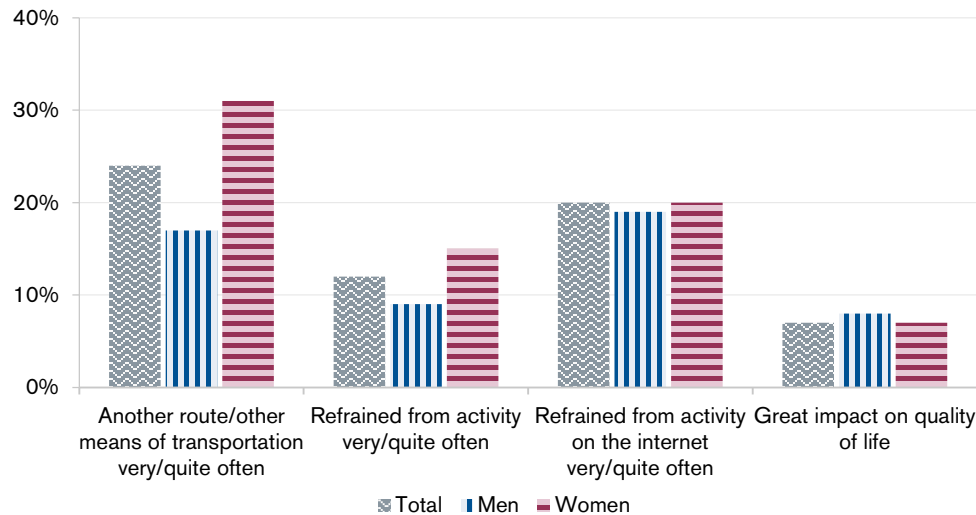


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Consequences of feeling unsafe

- In 2022, 24 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they often have chosen another route or another mode of transport as a result of concern about being a victim of crime, while 12 percent have often refrained from an activity as a result of this concern. Furthermore, 20 percent state that they have often refrained from an activity on the internet as a result of concern about being a victim of threats or harassment, and of these respondents, 3 percent never engage in activities on the internet due to this concern. Lastly, 7 percent state that their quality of life is affected as a result of being concerned about being a victim of crime.
- A significantly larger proportion of women than men state that they often have chosen another route or another mode of transport (women, 31% and men, 17%), and refrained from an activity due to concern about being a victim of crime (women, 15% men, 9%). For the other questions, the differences are small.

Figure 26. Consequences of feeling unsafe and concern over being a victim of crime. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84) and for men and women, 2022.



Confidence in the criminal justice system

The criminal justice system comprises several different public agencies and the SCS asks questions about the criminal justice system as a whole, as well as more specific questions regarding four of its agencies – the police, the public prosecutors, the courts, and the prison and probation service. The section on confidence in the criminal justice system reflects the respondents’ perception at the time the questionnaire was answered (2022).

The results shown on confidence in the criminal justice system are mainly for the percentage stating that they have high (very high or quite high) confidence. The other response alternatives are low (very, or quite low) confidence or no opinion. This means that respondents that do not have high confidence do not by definition need to have low confidence. They could have stated that they have no opinion. However, the fact that some respondents have no particular view on a given issue, or are unwilling to commit themselves, is in itself an important factor to consider when assessing levels of public confidence. For this reason, those who state that they have no opinion in relation to the questions on confidence in the justice system are included in the result.

Confidence in the criminal justice system as a whole

- In 2022, more than half (53%) of the population (aged 16–84) state that they have a high (very high or quite high) degree of confidence in

the criminal justice system as a whole. This is at approximately the same level as in 2021, when the proportion was 52 percent. After a small increase at the beginning of the measurement period, the proportion was relatively stable until a temporary decline in 2017. The proportion then increased again, and is in 2022 at the highest level measured in the SCS.

- It is more common for women (55%) to state that they have a high degree of confidence in the criminal justice system as a whole than for men (50%).
- In terms of age, the proportion is greatest among men in the 35–44 and 45–54 age brackets (53%) and among women in the age group 45–54 (61%).

Confidence in the police

- The proportion of the population (aged 16–84) who state that they have a high degree of confidence in the way the police perform their work is 59 percent in 2022, which is the highest level measured in the SCS but almost the same level compared to 2021, when the proportion was 58 percent. The level was relatively stable (with annual variations) until 2016, but 2017 saw a decrease in the proportion stating that they have a high degree of confidence. Since 2018, there has been a continued increase, and a total increase of 17 percentage points has occurred between 2017 and 2022
- It is more common for women (63%) to have a high degree of confidence in the police than for men (55%).
- In terms of age, the proportion is largest among men in the 75–84 age bracket (58%) and among women in the age group 45–54 (67%).

Confidence in the public prosecutors

- In the SCS 2022, 43 percent of the population (aged 16–84) state that they have a high degree of confidence in the way the public prosecutors perform their work. This is the same level as 2021. The proportion increased until 2009 and then remained at a stable level, followed by a decrease in 2017. However, the result shows that the proportion has increased again and is since 2021 at the highest level measured in the SCS.
- It is more common for women (45%) to have a high degree of confidence in the public prosecutors than for men (41%).
- Among both men and women, the proportion with a high degree of confidence in the public prosecutors is greatest in the age group 45–54,

where the proportion among men is 44 percent and among women the proportion is 50 percent.

Confidence in the courts

- A little more than two-fifths (41%) of the population (aged 16–84) state that they have a high degree of confidence in the way the courts perform their work, which is the same level as 2021. The proportion was relatively stable for most of the measurement period up to and including 2016. The proportion then declined in 2017, but has since 2019 increased slightly and is since 2021 at the highest level measured in the SCS (2010 SCS also measured 41 %).
- It is almost as common for men (40%) to have a high degree of confidence in the courts as for women (41%).
- In terms of age, the proportion is greatest in the age group 45–54 among both men and women (men, 43% and women, 49%).

Confidence in the prison and probation service

- In the SCS 2022, 37 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have a high degree of confidence in the way in which the prison and probation service operates, which is an increase since 2021 (34%). The proportion with a high degree of confidence in the prison and probation service increased between 2007 and 2010 and has since remained relatively stable, until this recent increase and the level in 2022 is the highest measured in the SCS.
- It is more common for women (38%) to have a high degree of confidence in the prison and probation service than for men (36%).
- Among men, the proportion is greatest in the 16–19 age bracket (42%) and among women, the proportion is greatest in the 20–24 age bracket (44%).

Figure 27. Very/quite high degree of confidence in the criminal justice system.
Percentage of the population (aged 16–84), 2007–2022.^a

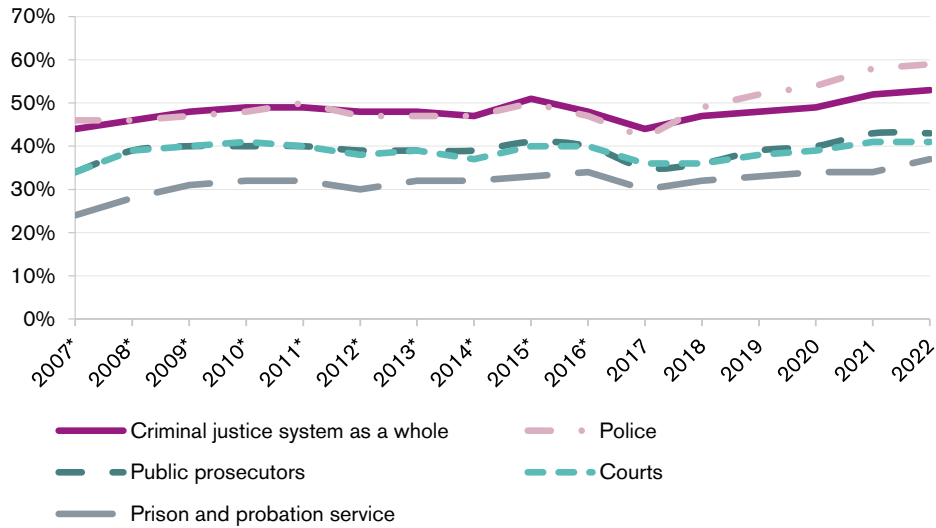
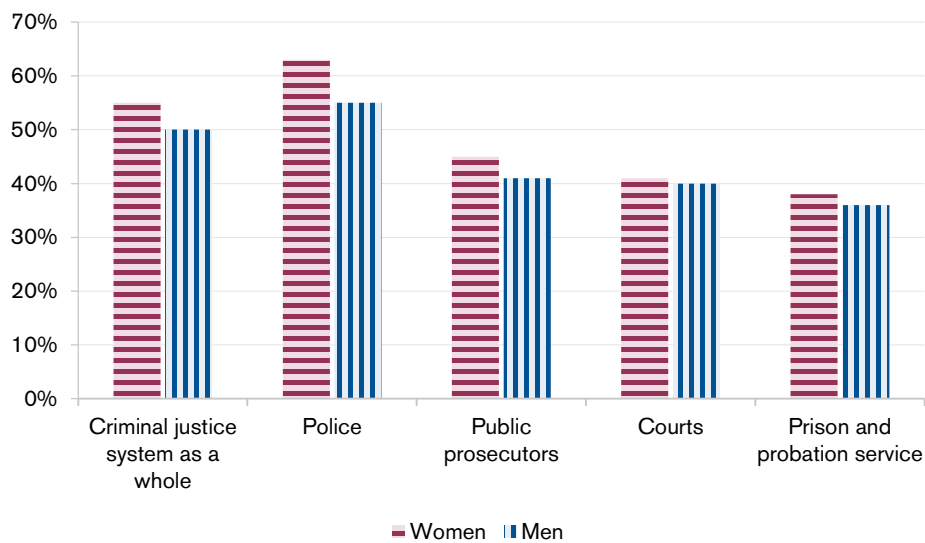


Figure 28. Very/quite high degree of confidence in the criminal justice system.
Percentage for men and women 2022.



Confidence that the criminal justice system as a whole treats suspects fairly

- The results for 2022 show that 45 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have a high degree of confidence that the criminal justice system as a whole treats those suspected of crimes fairly, which is at about the same level as 2021 when the proportion was 44 percent. The

proportion has remained at a relatively stable level for most of the measurement period, except for 2017 when the proportion decreased. A slight increasing trend has since been noted.

- It is as common among both men and women to have a high degree of confidence that the criminal justice system as a whole treats those suspected of crimes fairly (45%).
- In terms of age, the proportion among men is greatest in the 35–44 and 45–54 age brackets (51%) and in the age bracket 45–54 for women (52%).

Confidence that the police treat suspects fairly

- In 2022 SCS 54 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have a high degree of confidence that the police treats those suspected of crimes fairly, which is an increase since 2021 (51 %). The proportion has generally been at a stable level between 2006 and 2017, but as of 2018 an increase has been noted, and in 2022 the proportion is at the highest level measured in the SCS.
- It is basically just as common for men (54%) and women (53%) to have a high degree of confidence that the police treat those suspected of crimes fairly.
- In terms of age, the proportion is greatest in the 45–54 age bracket among both men and women (men, 59% and women, 60%).

Confidence that the criminal justice system as a whole treats crime victims well

- In the 2022 SCS, 30 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have a high degree of confidence that the criminal justice system as a whole treats crime victims well, which is the same level as 2021. The proportion with a high degree of confidence increased slightly at the beginning of the measurement period and has subsequently remained at a relatively stable level. Between 2018–2021, however, the percentage increased, which has led to it now being at the highest level measured in the SCS.
- It is more common for women (32%) to have a high degree of confidence that the criminal justice system as a whole treats crime victims well than for men (29%).
- Among men, the proportion is greatest in the 16–19 age bracket (39%) and among women, the proportion is greatest in the 45–54 age bracket (36%).

Confidence that the police treat crime victims well

- The results for 2022 show that 49 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have a high degree of confidence that the police treat crime victims well, which is at a slightly higher level compared to 2021 when the proportion was 47 percent. The proportion has remained at a stable level for most of the measurement period, but an increasing trend can be seen since 2018 and is in 2022 at the highest level measured in the SCS.
- It is more common for women (50%) to have a high degree of confidence that the police treat crime victims well than for men (47%).
- In terms of age, the proportion is greatest in the 16–19 age bracket among men (54%) and in the 45–54 age bracket among women (56%).

Crime victims' contact with the criminal justice system

When a person has been subjected to an offence that is reported to the police, the person gains experience of one or more of the agencies within the criminal justice system. The experience is customarily limited to the person's contact with the police in connection with the police report, but may also comprise contact with public prosecutors, counsel for injured parties and, in the event the offence comes to trial, courts. The section on crime victims' contact with the criminal justice system reports experiences in the most recent three years at the date the question was answered (2022).

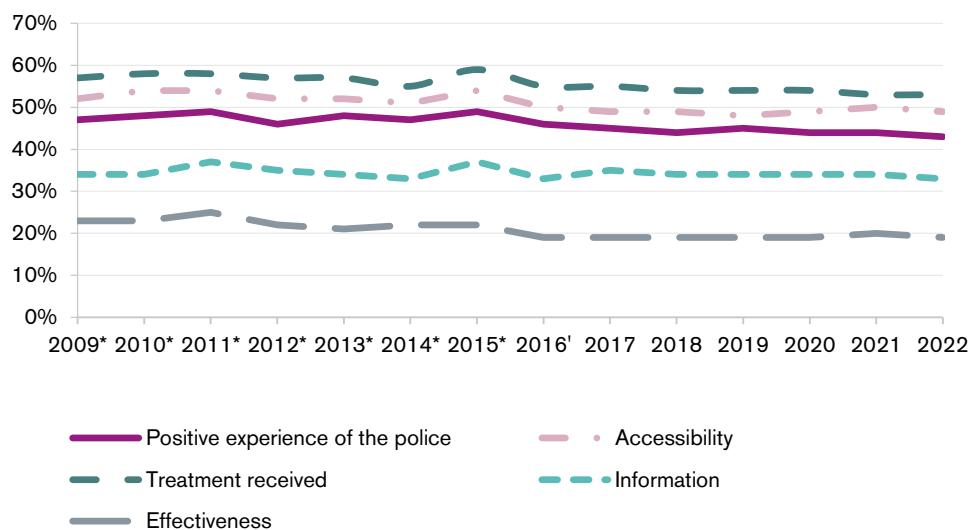
Experience of the police in connection with reporting a crime to the police

- The 2022 SCS shows that 21 percent of the population (aged 16–84) have been subjected to a crime that was reported to the police in the last three years.
- Of these, 43 percent stated that they had a positive experience of the police overall, which is approximately at the same level as 2021 (44%). The proportion was virtually unchanged up to and including 2015. Since 2016, however, the proportion has been at a slightly lower level with a certain tendency to decrease. The proportion of positive experiences is greater among those who were victims of crimes that contained some form of threat or violence (47%) than among those where the incident did not contain it (42%).
- With regard to various parts of the police's work, the victims are most satisfied with the way the police treated them (53%) and with police accessibility (49%), but less satisfied with the information they received

regarding how the police were working with their case (33%) and with police effectiveness in investigating the crime (19%). When comparing crimes with and without elements of threats or violence, the proportion of satisfaction is greater when the incident has entailed threats or violence, seen in terms of police's effectiveness and the way the police treated respondents. Looking at the question of the police's accessibility and information respondents received on how the police were working with their case, the proportion is almost equal.

- Women state that they have a positive experience of the police more often than men, in terms of both overall experience of the police and the various parts of the police's work.
- The proportion with positive experiences is greatest among the oldest age groups, for both men and women. In terms of both overall experience of the police and the various parts of the police's work.

Figure 29. Experiences of the police among those who have been subjected to any crime reported to the police in the last three years, according to the 2007–2022 SCS. Percentage of people who have very/quite positive experience of the police, and who are very/quite satisfied with different parts of the police's work.^{ab}



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^b Questions about experiences of different parts of the police's work were added to the questionnaire in 2009.

Experience with public prosecutors and courts

- Approximately 1.9 percent of the population state that they have been in contact with public prosecutors as a result of having been a victim of crime at some time in the past three years, even if the investigation did not subsequently lead to a trial. Of these people, 40 percent state that their contact with public prosecutors was positive, which is a decrease since 2021 (43%).
- Of the population aged 16–84, 1.0 percent state that they have participated in a trial as an injured party in the most recent three years. Of these, 52 percent state that they are satisfied with the way they were treated in court, which is a decrease since 2021 (58%). Furthermore, 65 percent state that they thought it was easy to understand the trial, which is a small increase since 2021 (63%). Lastly, 53 percent feel that they were given enough information before the trial, which is a decrease since 2021 (56%). Of those who participated in a trial as an injured party, 59 percent had what is termed a counsel for an injured party. Of these, 66 percent describe their experience of the counsel for an injured party as positive, which is a lower level compared to 2021 (70%).
- The differences between men and women are generally small in 2022, however, there are large differences in terms of experience with counsel for an injured party (as 74% of women have positive experiences compared to 55% of men). Among women, however, a decrease can be seen for almost all of these questions since 2021, while among men a decrease can be seen with regard to the questions about experiences with courts and counsel for an injured party and an increase with regard to the question of understanding the trial.

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Confidence in the criminal justice system

Figure 27. Very/quite high degree of confidence in the criminal justice system. Percentage of the population (aged 16–84), 2007–2022.

Figure 28. Very/quite high degree of confidence in the criminal justice system. Percentage for men and women 2022.

Crime victims' contact with the criminal justice system

Figure 29. Experiences of the police among those who have been subjected to any crime reported to the police during the last three years, according to the 2007–2022 SCS. Percentage of people who have very/quite positive experience of the police, and who are very/quite satisfied with different parts of the police's work.

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Appendix

Appendix 1 Questionnaire

Background questions

1. **What year were you born?**
Enter the year with four digits, e.g. 1986 or 2001.
 - Year of birth_____

2. **a) Which people do you live with?**
*You can select more than one alternative. Include children who live at least half the time in your household. Include foster children and your partner's children as well. Do **not** include any lodgers.*
 - None
 - Husband/wife/cohabitee/partner
 - Parent/s
 - Sibling/s
 - Other adults
 - Children or adolescents under the age of 20 (not your siblings)
b) Including yourself, how many people from 15 to 84 years of age (born 1937-2005) are there in your household?
*Include adults and children who live at least half the time in your household, i.e. foster children and your partner's children as well. Do **not** include any lodgers.*
Number_____people

3. **a) What type of accommodation do you have?**
Select only one alternative. If several alternatives are relevant, select the alternative where you live the most.
 - Villa (detached single-family home for one or two families)
 - Townhouse, terraced house or semi-detached
 - Apartment in multi-unit dwelling
 - Other accommodation
b) Do you own or rent your home or are you a member of a tenant-owners' housing association?
Select only one alternative. If several alternatives are relevant,

select the alternative where you live the most.

- Own (right of possession, partnership share)
- Rent (right of tenancy, first, second, or third-hand contract, cooperative)
- Tenant-owners' housing association
- Other

4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Select only one alternative. Do you have a foreign education? Try to translate this into the equivalent Swedish educational level.

- Have not completed any level of education/lack an education
- Elementary school, lower secondary school or similar
- Secondary education, college or similar
- Post-secondary education that lasted at least 1 year (e.g. vocational training courses).
- University or other form of higher education shorter than 3 years
- University or other form of higher education 3 years or longer

5. What is your main occupation at the moment?

Select only one alternative. If several alternatives are relevant, select the one most relevant to you.

- Employee
- Self-employed
- Student
- Job seeker or in a labour market policy measure
- Parental leave or leave of absence
- Long-term sick leave (more than 3 months)
- Sickness or activity compensation (previously known as early retirement pension, invalidity pension or temporary disability allowance)
- Pensioner (old-age pensioner, retired)
- Housewife/house husband (not retired)

Attitudes to the Swedish criminal justice system

The section below contain questions regarding your attitude to criminal justice system. The justice system relates to the authorities responsible for the rule of law and legal rights. The justice system maintains Swedish law for example through crime prevention, the investigation of crimes, enforcing sanctions and providing support for victims. The justice system includes,

among others, the police, prosecutors, courts and the prison and probation service.

The police are tasked to prevent, combat and investigate crimes. **The prosecutor** investigates and prosecutes those suspected of committing a crime. **The courts** determine whether a suspect is guilty and what the punishment will be. **The prison and probation service** is responsible for remand centres, prisons and the probation system.

- 6. Consider the criminal justice system as a whole, how much confidence do you have in the criminal justice system?**
 - A great deal
 - Quite a lot
 - Neither a lot nor little
 - Not very much
 - Very little
 - No opinion/Don't know

- 7. How much confidence do you have in the way the police conduct their work?**
 - A great deal
 - Quite a lot
 - Neither a lot nor little
 - Not very much
 - Very little
 - No opinion/Don't know

- 8. How much confidence do you have in the way the prosecutors conduct their work?**
 - A great deal
 - Quite a lot
 - Neither a lot nor little
 - Not very much
 - Very little
 - No opinion/Don't know

- 9. How much confidence do you have in the way the courts conduct their work?**
 - A great deal
 - Quite a lot
 - Neither a lot nor little

- Not very much
- Very little
- No opinion/Don't know
- Attitudes to the Swedish criminal justice system

10. How much confidence do you have in the way the prison and probation service conducts its work?

- A great deal
- Quite a lot
- Neither a lot nor little
- Not very much
- Very little
- No opinion/Don't know

11. a) How much confidence do you have that the criminal justice system as a whole treats those who are *suspected* of crime *fair*?

- A great deal
- Quite a lot
- Neither a lot nor little
- Not very much
- Very little
- No opinion/Don't know

b) How much confidence do you have that the criminal justice system as a whole treats *victims* of crime in a *good* way?

- A great deal
- Quite a lot
- Neither a lot nor little
- Not very much
- Very little
- No opinion/Don't know

c) How much confidence do you have that the police treats those who are *suspected* of crime *fair*?

- A great deal
- Quite a lot
- Neither a lot nor little
- Not very much
- Very little
- No opinion/Don't know

d) **How much confidence do you have that the police treats *victims* of crime in a *good* way?**

- A great deal
- Quite a lot
- Neither a lot nor little
- Not very much
- Very little
- No opinion/Don't know

Perceived safety/worry about crime over the past year

A number of questions will now follow about how safe you feel and whether you are worried about crime.

12. To what extent are you worried about crime in society?

“Society” means Sweden as a whole – and not just the area where you live.

- To a great extent
- To some extent
- Not at all
- Don't know

13. a) If you go out alone late in the evening in the area where you live, how safe/unsafe do you feel?

- Very safe
- Quite safe
- Quite unsafe
- Very unsafe
- I never go out alone late at night

Those who answered “I never go out alone late at night” are asked to answer a follow up question:

b) What is your main reason for never going out alone late in the evening?

- Because I have no reason or opportunity to go out alone late in the evening
- I feel unsafe
- Other reason

14. Over the past year have you chosen to take a different route or a different mode of transport because you were worried about being exposed to crime?

A different mode of transport might for example be going by car or taxi instead of public transport.

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

15. Over the past year have you refrained from some form of activity, e.g. going for a walk, visiting a restaurant or meeting someone because you were worried about being exposed to crime?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

16. a) Over the past year have you refrained from writing something or posting pictures or videos on the internet because you were worried about being exposed to harassment or threat?

This may include social media, such as Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, or in any other respect on the internet.

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never
- I never write or post anything on the Internet

Those who answered "I never write or post anything on the Internet" are asked to answer a follow up question:

b) What is your main reason for never write or post anything on the internet?

- Do not have access to the internet
- Because of concerns of being exposed to harassments or threats
- Other reason

17. Over the past year were you worried about your home being broken into?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

18. Over the past year have you worried about your car being stolen or vandalised?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never
- No one in the household had a car over the past year

19. a) Over the past year have you worried about being a victim of fraud when purchasing goods or services on the internet?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never
- I never buy goods or services on the internet

Those who answered "I never buy goods or services on the internet" are asked to answer a follow up question:

b) What is your main reason for never buy goods or services on the internet?

- Do not have access to the internet
- Because of concerns of being exposed to fraud
- Other

20. Over the past year have you worried about being assaulted?

- Very often
- Quite often

- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

21. Over the past year have you worried about being robbed?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

22. Over the past year have you worried about being raped or otherwise sexually assaulted?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

23. During the past year have you worried about someone close to you becoming a victim of crime?

- Very often
- Quite often
- Quite rarely
- Very rarely
- Never

24. To what extent do your worries about being exposed to crime affect your quality of life?

- To a great extent
- To some extent
- Not at all
- Don't know

25. To what extent do you think that the following is a problem in the area where you live?

a) Littering

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent

- Not at all

b) Vandalism

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

c) Graffiti

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

d) Speeding

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

e) Other reckless driving (moped, car or other motorvehicle)

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

f) People under the influence of alcohol or drugs outdoors

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

g) Gangs loitering in the area

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

h) Individuals or gangs who cause trouble or disturbances

- To great extent

- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

i) Open drug trafficking

- To great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all

26. To what extent do you think that the police care about the problems in the area where you live?

- To a great extent
- To some extent
- To a minor extent
- Not at all
- There are no problems in the area where I live
- Don't know/No opinion

27. On the whole, do you think that the number of crimes in Sweden has increased, decreased or remained unchanged over the past three years?

- Increased significantly
- Increased somewhat
- Remained unchanged
- Decreased somewhat
- Decreased significantly
- Don't know/No opinion

Exposure to crime 2021

A number of questions will now follow about exposure to crime last year (1 January-31 December 2021). They concern incidents that may have affected you personally or someone in your household.

It is **very important** that crimes that occurred before or after this period are not included here, no matter how serious they are.

28. Did you or someone in your household have a bike stolen during the course of last year (2021)?

- Yes, number of times_____

- No
- No one in the household owned a bike last year

29. Did you or someone in your household have a car stolen during the course of last year (2021)?

Include company/leased cars.

- Yes, number of times_____
- No
- No one in the household owned a car last year

30. Did you or someone in your household have something taken/stolen *out of/from* a car, motorcycle, moped, caravan or similar during the course of last year (2021)?

*For example, wheels, stereo or a bag. Do **not** include theft from a bicycle.*

- Yes, number of times_____
- No

31. Did anyone break into your home in order to steal something during the course of last year (2021)?

*Do not include break-ins in garages, storerooms or basements that are separated from your home/dwelling. Do **not** include incidents when someone entered an unlocked house.*

- Yes, number of times_____
- No

A number of questions will now follow about incidents that may have happened to you personally during the course of last year (1 January-31 December 2021). If you do not wish to answer a particular question, you may skip it and move on to the next. **But** your answers are of great value and contribute to important knowledge.

32. Has anyone tried unlawfully to make use of your account number, credit card/credit card information or your personal data in order to get money or other valuables during the course of last year (2021)?

This may include for example so-called skimming or identity theft.

- Yes, number of times_____
- No

33. Has anyone unlawfully tricked you out of money when you, as a private individual, bought or sold something during the course of last year (2021)?

For example, an item that you paid for but did not receive, or something you sold but did not receive payment for.

- Yes, number of times_____
- No

34. Did someone take your money or other valuables that you were carrying with you in your pocket or bag (so-called pickpocketing) during the course of last year (2021)?

Do not include incidents in which threats or violence occurred, they are dealt with in question 35.

- Yes, number of times_____
- No

35. Did anyone rob or try to rob you by using threats or violence during the course of last year (2021)?

- Yes, number of times_____
- No

36. a) During the course of last year (2021) did anyone sexually molest, sexually assault or sexually coerce you?

This may include for example offensive, sexual comments in speech or writing, or that someone groped you, forced you into a sexual act or raped you. It may have happened at home, at school, at work, on the internet or in another location.

- Yes, number of times_____
- No -----→ Go to question 37

Those who answered "Yes" are asked to answer two follow up questions.

b) Did the incident or any of the incidents include someone forcing you or trying to force you into a sexual act by threatening, holding on to you or hurting you in some way?

- Yes
- No

- c) Did the incident or any of the incidents include someone abusing you sexually while you were asleep or when you were so intoxicated that you couldn't defend yourself?
- Yes
 - No
37. a) Did anybody hit, kick or intentionally subject you to some other form of physical violence, in a way that caused you pain or injury during the course of last year (2021)?
Do not include incidents referred to previously.
- Yes, number of times _____
 - No -----→ Go to question 38
- b) Did the incident or any of the incidents lead to you sustaining injuries so that you had to visit a doctor, nurse or dentist?
- Yes
 - No
38. Did anyone threaten you, in such a way that you were frightened, during the course of last year (2021)?
Do not include incidents referred to previously.
- Yes, number of times _____
 - No
39. During the course of last year (2021) did you, by one and the same person on a repeated number of occasions, receive unwanted visits, phone calls or messages by mail, sms or via the internet?
This does not include telephone sales or similar.
- Yes
 - No
40. Did anyone spread sensitive information, pictures, videos and/or comments about you on the internet with the intention to offend or hurt you during the course of last year (2021)?
This may have been via social media, such as Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, or in any other respect.
- Yes, number of times _____
 - No
41. During the course of last year (2021) were you subjected to any

crimes other than those already asked about in the questionnaire?

- Yes, number of times _____
- No

42. During the course of last year (2021) was anyone close to you exposed to a serious crime?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Contacts with agencies of the Swedish justice system over the past three years

A number of questions will now follow about any possible contact you have had with the Swedish criminal justice system, i.e. the police, prosecutors, courts and the probation service. This section relates to incidents that have occurred over the past three years.

43. Over the past three years have you been exposed to a crime that was then reported to the police by you or someone else?

- Yes
- No -----→ *Go to question 47*

If you have reported several incidents, we would like to ask you in the following questions to describe only **the most recent incident** that was reported to the police.

44. a) Did you yourself report the incident to the police or did someone else?

- I did
- I did, together with another person
- Another person

b) Was the report made by telephone, via the internet or through direct contact with the police?

*By direct contact we mean that you met a representative of the police in connection with the reporting of the crime. Answer by selecting **only one** alternative.*

- Telephone
- Internet
- Direct contact

- Don't know

45. Did the incident that was reported to the police involve any form of threat or violence?

- Yes
- No

46. a) Overall, how would you describe your experiences of the police in connection with this crime?

- Very positive
- Quite positive
- Neither positive nor negative
- Quite negative
- Very negative
- Don't know/No opinion

b) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with regard to how easy it was to get in touch with someone at the police who was able to help you?

- Very satisfied
- Quite satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Quite dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/No opinion

c) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the treatment you received from the police?

- Very satisfied
- Quite satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Quite dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/No opinion

d) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the information you received about how the police were working with your case?

- Very satisfied
- Quite satisfied

- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Quite dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/No opinion

e) **How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the police's efforts to investigate and solve the crime?**

- Very satisfied
- Quite satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Quite dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know/No opinion

47. a) **During the past three years, have you been in contact with a prosecutor as a result of having been exposed to a crime?**

- Yes
- No -----→ *Go to question 51*

b) **How would you describe your overall experience of the prosecutor?**

- Very positive
- Quite positive
- Neither positive nor negative
- Quite negative
- Very negative

48. **During the past three years, have you participated in a court trial as a result of having been exposed to a crime?**

- Yes
- No -----→ *Go to question 51*

Below are a number of questions about the trial. If you have participated in more than one trial, the questions should be answered on the basis of **the most recent one**.

49. a) **Did you have an injured party counsel in connection with the trial?** *An injured party counsel is a lawyer whose task is to help the victim of crime during the preliminary investigation and trial.*

- Yes -----→ *Please, answer question 49b*
- No -----→ *Please, answer question 49c*

b) *If Yes*: Overall, how would you describe your experiences of the injured party counsel?

- Very positive
- Quite positive
- Neither positive nor negative
- Quite negative
- Very negative

c) *If No*: Would you have liked to have an injured party counsel?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

50. a) In your opinion, was the information you were given before the trial sufficient or insufficient?

- Sufficient
- Insufficient
- Don't know/No opinion

b) How easy or difficult was it to understand what happened during the trial?

- Very easy
- Quite easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Quite difficult
- Very difficult

c) How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the treatment you received in court?

- Very satisfied
- Quite satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Quite dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

To learn more about exposure to crime, we would like to interview some of those who answered the survey. These interviews are very important to achieve a more in-depth understanding of the situation in Sweden in terms of crime and feelings of safety. We would therefore be grateful if you could

provide a telephone number and information regarding which times you prefer we call. You choose whether or not to participate and you can decline at any time.

51. What is the best phone number to use to contact you if you are selected for a follow-up interview?

Primary_____

Secondary_____

52. What is your preferred time for us to call you for the interview?

Please feel free to choose as many options as you like!

- Weekday – daytime
- Weekday – evening
- Weekend – daytime
- Weekend – evening

Thank you for your participation! For more information about the survey, please visit www.bra.se/ntu

Please send the completed questionnaire to Statistics Sweden in the postage-paid envelope provided.



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