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## PREFACE

This publication presents a range of statistics relating to victims of selected crimes. The statistics were derived from a survey conducted throughout Australia during February 1983 to January 1984 to obtain information on the number and types of crimes experienced, the characteristics of victims and the reasons why crimes are and are not reported to the police. An earlier publication (Catalogue no. 4505.0) containing preliminary results from the survey was published in December 1984.

The information contained in this publication is divided into chapters and is presented in tabular and graphical form. Each chapter is accompanied by descriptive analyses of the major findings.

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## MAIN FEATURES

*It should be borne in mind that the responses obtained in this survey were based on respondents' perceptions of particular offences that occurred to them. Those perceptions do not necessarily correspond with legal or police definitions of offences.*

According to a survey of the Australian population conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics during 1983, 9 per cent of households (462,700) experienced a break and enter and/or a household property theft in the previous 12 months. Of these households, 22 per cent experienced a break and enter and/or a household property theft twice or more during that period, and 9 per cent experienced them three times or more.

In addition to household offences, an estimated 1,121,000 people (10 per cent of the population aged 15 years or more) reported that they had been the victim of other offences at least once in the previous 12 months. Other offences included in the survey were motor vehicle theft, robbery, other theft, sexual assault and assault.

The survey defined a victim as a person or household who recorded one or more incidents of any selected offence during the previous twelve month period. Of all States/Territories, the lowest victimisation rate (57 victims per thousand of population aged fifteen years and over) was recorded for incidents occurring in Tasmania. The highest rate (135 victims per thousand of population) was recorded for incidents in the Northern Territory.

Persons in the 15-19 and 20-24 age ranges showed the highest victimisation rates of all age groups (respectively 163 and 185 per thousand of population in each age range). Generally, the older the age range the fewer victims were recorded, the lowest rate being 24 victims per thousand people aged between 70 and 74.

Nearly twice as many males as females reported having been a victim of an offence (63 per cent of all personal victims were male). Never married, separated and divorced males, and separated females were the most victimised groups while married and widowed females recorded the fewest victimisations.

People born in New Zealand recorded being victimised at almost twice the mean rate for all respondents (174 victims per thousand, compared with the general rate of 98 per thousand). People born in Italy recorded being a victim least frequently (44 victims per thousand).

Victims of crimes involving violence or threatened violence were much more likely to have been victimised on more than one occasion than were victims of crimes not involving violence. 41 per cent of victims of assault, 38 per cent of victims of robbery and 40 per cent of victims of sexual assault recorded that they had been a victim of that offence two or more times in the preceding twelve months.

No property was recovered in respect of 88 per cent of the last incidents of each type of offence which resulted in property being stolen. Of all such incidents recorded in the survey which resulted in cash being stolen, 70 per cent involved cash amounts less than \$100. Only 4 per cent of recorded incidents involved amounts greater than \$500.

One out of two victims (49 per cent) reported at least one last incident to the police. 56 per cent of all victims did not report one or more incidents to the police. These figures do not add to 100 per cent because some victims who reported at least one offence to the police also recorded not reporting at least one other offence to the police. Of the victims who did not report a last incident to the police, about half did not report the incident mainly because the offence was considered 'too trivial or unimportant'. The most frequently recorded main reason for telling the police was 'to try or hoped to get property back'.

Type of offence was an important factor in whether police were notified—94 per cent of motor vehicle thefts, 69 per cent of break and enters and 25 per cent of sexual assaults were reported to the police.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

1. The Crime Victims Survey was conducted throughout Australia between February 1983 and January 1984 to obtain information on whether households and persons had been the victims of certain types of offences during the preceding twelve months. Household offences covered in the survey were break and enter and household property theft. Individuals were asked about motor vehicle theft, theft or attempted theft involving violence or threat of violence, other theft and assault. Additionally, females aged 18 years and over were asked about sexual assaults. Definitions of these offences are given in paragraphs 11-17.

2. This publication contains final estimates from the survey.

3. Selected offences reported to the police in this publication do not refer to the statistical series 'Selected offences reported or becoming known to the police' published in the Australian Year Book.

### Scope and Coverage

4. Only incidents which occurred in Australia in the twelve months prior to the interview were included. Incidents in which the victim was a business or company were excluded.

5. The estimates contained in this publication are based on a sample of about 18,000 private dwellings and special dwelling units (defined in paragraph 6) and cover about one third of one per cent of the population of Australia aged fifteen years and over. Households were selected at random using a stratified multi-stage area sample.

6. Dwellings included in the sample were houses, flats and other structures being used as private dwellings, and non-private dwellings such as hotels, motels, caravan parks and boarding houses. With the exception of residential staff, people in hospitals and homes (retirement homes, orphanages, homes for the handicapped etc.), prisons and reformatories, and religious and education institutions were not included in the survey.

7. All persons aged fifteen years and over resident in selected dwellings were included except:

- (a) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from Census and estimated populations;
- (b) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- (c) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia; and
- (d) those people, other than staff, in the institutions listed in paragraph 6.

#### Survey methods

8. Information was obtained by specially trained interviewers from a responsible adult member of the household in respect of the household related offences, and by personal interview with each household member in respect of the other offences. Where it was not possible for the interviewer to conduct a personal interview (e.g. a respondent was incapable of being interviewed because of severe illness or mental or physical condition), a responsible adult from the same household was asked the questions on behalf of that member. The survey was conducted over a twelve month period because of possible seasonal effects on numbers of offences.

9. Detailed information was only sought from respondents regarding the last incident of each offence.

#### Definitions

10. The term *offence* is used in this bulletin to indicate crimes of which persons regarded themselves as having been a victim (i.e. the responses obtained in this survey are based on the respondents' perception of their having been the victim of an offence). The terms used are for ready understanding by the respondent and may not necessarily correspond with the legal or police definitions which are used for each offence.

11. *Break and enter* is the unauthorised entry into a home (including other dwelling structures such as caravans or campervans) or out-buildings such as garages or sheds which are on the dwelling block. Where a motor vehicle registered to a household member was the only item stolen in a break and enter the incident was recorded as break and enter but the details were collected in motor vehicle theft. Where a motor vehicle registered to a household member and other items were taken in a break and enter, the details of the motor vehicle were recorded in motor vehicle theft and the other items in break and enter. Where a motor vehicle not registered to a household member was the only item stolen the details were not collected in either break and enter or motor vehicle theft.

12. *Household property theft* relates to incidents in which property belonging to more than one usual resident of the household (e.g. household furniture, household appliances) has been stolen other than in a break and enter. Thefts of household property involving a break and enter are included as a break and enter and not as household property theft. Items stolen from households occupied by only one person are regarded as personal theft and appear under 'Other theft'.

13. *Motor vehicle theft* is the theft or illegal use of any type of registered motor vehicle including cars, utilities, trucks, motor bikes and mini-bikes (if registered) owned by the respondent (e.g. registered in their name). Cases of interference (such as attempts at entering vehicles, removing aerials, tyres, etc.) and the theft of caravans, trailers and floats are treated as 'Other theft'.

14. *Robbery* is the theft or attempted theft of property from the immediate possession or control of a person and accompanied by actual or threatened use of a weapon or by harm or injury to the person or damage to the property. The property which the offender is attempting to, or actually, steals may belong to the person from whom it is taken or someone else. An example of theft of property owned by someone else is where a shop employee is held up for money or goods. (This incident type includes, but is more extensive in scope than, incidents which the police usually regard as robbery in crime reports).

15. *Other theft* is the stealing of property belonging to an individual, other than registered motor vehicles, where no threat of violence or a break and enter are involved. It includes personal possessions stolen from inside a car, and the theft of personal items from work.

16. *Sexual assault* includes all assaults or threatened assaults of a sexual nature, regardless of whether there was any use or threatened use of violence. This incident type is not restricted to incidents defined by law as rape or sexual assault, and includes any incident of a sexual nature considered by the respondent to be forced upon her. Only females aged 18 years and over were asked sexual assault questions.

17. *Assault* includes any incident in which there was actual or threatened use of violence except if this was part of an attempt to steal something from the victim or the force or violence was of a sexual nature.

18. *Household offences* refers to break and enter and household property theft. In terms of collection procedures household offences are distinguished from personal offences because one adult member of each household was asked to provide information for offences against household property.

19. *Personal offences*. For information on the five personal offences, personal interviews were conducted as the survey, for these offences, was concerned with offences against the individual.

20. An *incident* is one occurrence of a particular offence.

21. The term *victim* is used to indicate persons or households who regarded themselves as having been the subject of one or more offences on one or more occasions during the twelve months immediately prior to the interview.

22. *Type of victim.* Five types of victim classifications have been used in this publication.

- *Household victim* refers to the household of more than one adult person on whose behalf a responsible adult answered questions and to one adult person households in respect of break and enter. Household victims are recorded as victims in break and enter and/or household property theft.
- *Personal victim* refers to any individual member of the selected household aged fifteen years or more who recorded being a victim of motor vehicle theft, robbery, other theft or assault or was a female aged eighteen years or more who recorded being a victim of sexual assault. A victim may have been recorded as a victim of more than one of these offences.
- *Crime victim* refers to a victim of any offence whether household or personal.
- *Victim of theft* refers to any victim of break and enter, household property theft, motor vehicle theft, robbery and other theft.
- *Victim of actual or threatened attack* refers to any victim of an offence involving threat or attack i.e. robbery, sexual assault or assault.

23. In this publication only the demographic characteristics relating to personal victims are shown. As no standard attributes of household demographic characteristics are available, demographic tabulations have only been provided for personal victims including victims of actual or threatened attack. However, 'victims of theft,' 'household victims' and 'crime victims' are not tabulated against demographic characteristics.

24. Offence characteristics pertaining to the incident itself, being independent of the victim's demographic profile and household structure, are tabulated against all offences and all types of victims.

25. *Counting of victims.* In the 'total victims' entries of each table, each victim is counted once only, regardless of the number of offences (and the number of incidents of each offence) involving the victim. For example, a respondent who reported having been a victim of assault on two occasions and motor vehicle theft on one occasion in the twelve months prior to interview will appear in tables about victims once as an assault victim and once as a victim of motor vehicle theft. However, in the 'total victims' entries in these tables the victim will be counted only once.

26. A *household* is defined as a group of persons in a dwelling who consider themselves to be separate from other persons (if any) in the dwelling, and who make regular provision to take meals separately from other persons, i.e. at different times or in different rooms.

27. *Method of attack* refers to the manner in which victims were threatened or attacked in robbery, sexual assault or assault. The methods recorded are:

- *Verbal:* any verbal threat or abuse to the respondent when no weapon was seen and no physical violence occurred. It includes verbal threats to harm the respondent, another person or property.
- *Knife.*
- *Gun.*
- *Other weapon:* any instrument apart from a knife or a gun.
- *Other physical:* any other type of physical attack made directly on the respondent which did not involve the use of a weapon.
- *Other* includes a physical attack on someone else or damage to property.

28. *State or Territory of interview* is the State or Territory in which the respondent was interviewed, regardless of the State or Territory in which an incident occurred.

29. *State or Territory of location of last incident* is the State or Territory in which the last incident occurred. This information was sought only in respect of the last incident of each offence.

30. *City size* is based on the whole population of the size of the city in which the interview occurred. It does not refer to the size of the city of the location of the last incident as this information was not collected.

#### Estimation procedure

31. Estimates derived from the survey are obtained by using a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself. Since the survey was conducted over a 12 month period estimates were made to conform to the distribution at each quarter of the year.

#### Reliability of the estimates

32. Since the estimates are based on a sample they are subject to sampling variability (see Technical Note, Appendix 2, for further details). In this publication only estimates with relative standard errors less than 25 per cent are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with relative standard errors between 25 per cent and 50 per cent have been included, preceded by the symbol \* as a caution to indicate that they are subject to high errors. Estimates with relative standard errors greater than 50 per cent have not been shown, and are indicated by the symbol \*\*. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

33. In addition to sampling errors, the estimates are subject to non-sampling errors. These may be caused by respondent error such as difficulty in recall, or misunderstanding or unwillingness to reveal all details. Errors may arise in survey processing for instance in coding and data recording. Such errors may occur in any statistical collection whether it is a full census count or a sample survey. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors in the survey to a minimum by careful design and testing of questionnaires, by intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and by efficient operating procedures.

#### **Interpretation of results**

34. It should be borne in mind that the results presented in this publication are based on the respondent's perception of whether he/she was a victim of a particular offence (as defined in paragraphs 11-17). The incidents reported do not necessarily relate to the legal definitions for each type of crime, nor do they necessarily correspond with the categories which the police use.

35. Between March and May 1975, the ABS conducted a survey on crime victimisation as part of the General Social Survey. However, because of a number of differences between this and the 1983 survey, it is not possible to draw direct comparisons between the two sets of results. Appendix 1 of this publication details the differences between the two surveys.

36. Selected crime statistics (published in the *Year Book Australia* (1301.0)) are compiled on the number of offences as recorded by the police. It should be emphasised that due to differences in definition, coverage, timing, sampling variability, and scope of offences, great care should be taken in drawing conclusions from a comparison of the results of this survey and the selected crime series.

37. Figures in the tables have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Discrepancies may also occur between sums of component items and totals in tables relating to number of victims of selected offences (see paragraph 25).

#### **Related publications**

38. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### **Symbols and other usages**

- \* estimate is subject to a relative standard error of between 25 and 50 per cent. See paragraph 32
- \*\* estimate is subject to a relative standard error of over 50 per cent. See paragraph 32
- .. not applicable



## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

### Aims of the survey

The Crime Victims Survey was conducted throughout Australia between February 1983 and January 1984. The major purposes of the survey were to provide a measure of the totality of certain crimes against private individuals and households, obtain information on victims, identify high risk potential victims, assess the extent of reporting of crime to the police and provide information on reasons for reporting or not reporting crimes to the police.

### Background

Since the Second World War most Western countries have experienced accelerated increases in recorded crime rates as measured in the statistics compiled by police forces. There has been much debate as to whether the rates indicate a rapid increase in the numbers of criminal acts performed, whether the statistics merely measure an increased propensity for victims to report crime or whether the police have become more efficient in recording the reported offences. Crime victims surveys have not conclusively settled the issue, but they have demonstrated that there are considerable numbers of unrecorded offences and that the proportion of offences reported to police varies over time.

The Australian Crime Victims Survey, 1983, cannot provide evidence of changes over time in the proportion of selected offences reported to the police. Although the Australian Bureau of Statistics conducted a Crime Victims Survey in 1975, major definitional changes for selected offences were made for the 1983 survey (see Appendix I in this publication). Additionally, the 1975 survey excluded rural areas and the Northern Territory whereas the 1983 survey included these areas. The 1983 survey provides a baseline for certain offences which any future survey could use for ascertaining trends in victimisation rates and trends in the proportion of victims who reported the offences to the police.

The survey provides an alternative source of data on crime for selected offences in the community—including crime which is not reported to the police. As such, this and other crime victims surveys are important in order to identify the nature of crime that is not reported to the police. The information provided in this publication should be viewed as a necessary complement to the published police statistics on crime.

In addition to providing some measure of the incidence of crime, the survey is an important source of information about victims and the risks and some of the measurable consequences of victimisation which are not usually published in police and judicial statistics. Interest in victims has increased in recent years as evidenced by the development of victim support schemes. Information provided by the Crime Victims Survey can be of assistance to governmental and voluntary bodies making decisions about the directions which should be taken to assist victims.

### Concept of victimisation

Social Surveys have an advantage over administrative statistical collections in being able to concentrate on an individual victim's experience of, or susceptibility to, victimisation rather than merely on the incidents themselves. The emphasis in this publication is on victims, and victimisation during a twelve month period, rather than on incidents, particularly as detailed information was collected only in respect of the last incident of each offence recorded.

In the results shown in the tables, the sum of victims of specific offences generally exceeds the number of victims (of those offences). This occurs because some victims were victims, at least once, of more than one type of offence. It is inappropriate to count incidents because details of each offence were recorded for the last incident only. Chapter 3 demonstrates that for each offence, a significant number of victims suffered from more than one incident for each recorded offence in the previous twelve month period (see table 3.1).

The survey recorded information on the types of theft and of physical attack or threats of attack to which respondents could have been vulnerable. However, it does not include murder (and indeed cannot!), extortion, poisoning, kidnapping and abduction, hijacking and other similar acts against the individual or household. These offences, although serious, occur infrequently and are better measured by official administrative statistics, rather than by a sample survey.

Fraud, forgery and false pretences were included in the 1975 Crime Victims Survey but were excluded from the 1983 survey because of the difficulties of obtaining adequate definitions of the types of such incidents to be included.

For the Crime Victims Survey, the definition of total victims is restricted to those offences included in the survey; it by no means represents total crime.

### Perception of crime

The Crime Victims Survey, being a self perception survey, relies upon the willingness and ability of respondents to recall events that match the questions.

Overseas research into crime victims surveys indicates that the more screening (or 'prompting') questions asked, the higher the victim response rate.<sup>1</sup> This research indicates that additional screening questions tend to jog the respondent's memory or, additionally, they identify situations which the respondent would otherwise have regarded as not satisfying the definition for a particular offence. For events which are not clearly identifiable as criminal victimisations, for example verbal threats to the person, it is not certain whether this survey recorded incidents on a uniform basis. Other overseas evidence suggests that certain groups in the population were more inclined to report incidents than others. Mike Hough and Pat Mayhew reported of the British Crime Survey that 'better educated respondents seen more adept at recalling relevant events at interview, and middle-class respondents seem more prepared than others to define certain classes of incident as assaults.'<sup>2</sup>

1. Richard W. Dodge, 'Response to screening questions in the National Crime Survey' Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington June 1985.

2. Mike Hough and Pat Mayhew, 'The British Crime Survey: first report, Home Office research study no. 76, H.M.S.O., London 1983, p.4.

The recall period used in the 1983 Australian Crime Victims Survey was twelve months. It is most likely that individual respondents differed in their ability to recall appropriate events. It is additionally possible that the more serious incidents were recalled more readily. On the other hand, incidents which caused respondents much distress may have been deliberately not recorded. It must also be considered that respondents, knowingly or otherwise, may have reported victimisations outside the recall period, and perhaps the more serious the victimisation the more likely that this occurred. Finally, respondents who experienced more than one incident of a particular offence may have tended to choose the most serious, rather than the *last* incident experienced. It is not possible, with the survey's methodology, to test these propositions.

#### Interpretation of the data

Some specific points in the interpretation of the data in this publication should be noted.

#### Other theft and marital status

As discussed in Appendix 1, household property theft is distinguished from personal theft in that household property theft relates to property jointly belonging to more than one adult within the household. The theft of a television set would be recorded as 'household property theft' for a married couple but as 'other theft' for a one adult household. As demographic tables were tabulated only against personal offences, the theft of the television for the one adult household appears in tables showing demographic characteristics, but the theft of the television from a household containing two or more adults (where the television was regarded for survey purposes as household property) was classified as household property theft and not tabulated against any demographic characteristics.

Table 2.5, on marital status, indicates a relatively high level of victimisation classified as 'other theft' against separated and divorced persons. In interpreting this result, it should be borne in mind that this estimate may be affected by the methods of recording demographic characteristics for victims of 'household property theft' and 'other theft'.

#### Robbery and break and enter

For break and enter or robbery to be recorded it was not necessary for anything to be actually stolen. In fact, in only two cases in three for break and enter, and in less

than one in three for robbery, was any article actually stolen. Chapter 7, which provides information on seriousness of crime, presents data which restricts the definition of victims of break and enter and robbery to those who actually suffered a loss.

#### Sexual assault

Victims of sexual assault were given the option of not providing details on the last incident. As some victims declined to answer further questions, discrepancies may arise between the sum of the components and the total for all tables that include victims of sexual assault. Where this occurs, the relevant tables have been footnoted. It should be noted that only females aged eighteen years and over were asked if they were a victim of sexual assault.

#### State or Territory of interview/State or Territory of incident data

The preliminary Crime Victims Survey bulletin (ABS catalogue no. 4505.0) produced victim tables based on the State or Territory where the interview took place. In contrast, this final publication, where possible, provides tables on the State or Territory of location of the incident.

A comparison between a *State or Territory of interview* table and a *State or Territory of incident* table, e.g. Table 1.1 (which was also included as Table 1 in the preliminary publication) and Table 2.1, demonstrates that in general the Territories and the smaller States show a lower number of victimisations for state of incident tables than for State of interview tables. This suggests that people travelling from smaller States or Territories to larger States were either more vulnerable to victimisations or more likely to recall incidents, than if they had remained at home. It is possible that the actual act of travelling away from home in itself leaves people more vulnerable to victimisation.

#### Calculation of rates

In calculating victimisation rates per head of a population group it is not possible to define a population based on State or Territory of incident totals. In consequence, all State or Territory of incident tables that provide rates for victimisations use the estimated population of the State or Territory of the location of the incident.

**TABLE 1.1(PART 1). VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME(a): TYPE OF OFFENCE BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF INTERVIEW(b)**  
(<sup>' 000</sup>)

| Type of offence                   | N.S.W.       | Vic.         | Qld          | S.A.         | W.A.         | Tas.        | N.T.        | A.C.T.      | Australia      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>HOUSEHOLD VICTIMS</b>          |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |                |
| Break and enter                   | 123.5        | 76.6         | 46.8         | 30.4         | 25.9         | 5.4         | 2.9         | 3.8         | 315.4          |
| Household property theft          | 47.4         | 48.0         | 25.8         | 17.6         | 16.0         | 4.7         | 4.3         | 2.7         | 166.5          |
| <b>Total household victims(c)</b> | <b>164.0</b> | <b>119.0</b> | <b>69.5</b>  | <b>46.4</b>  | <b>41.2</b>  | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>6.5</b>  | <b>6.2</b>  | <b>462.7</b>   |
| <b>PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>           |              |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |                |
| Motor vehicle theft               | 47.4         | 25.2         | 5.1          | 7.1          | 8.4          | *1.1        | **          | **          | 95.2           |
| Robbery                           | 33.7         | 10.8         | 8.0          | 4.1          | 6.5          | **          | **          | *1.1        | 65.3           |
| Other theft                       | 213.0        | 185.8        | 98.6         | 65.0         | 77.3         | 13.3        | 7.9         | 12.4        | 673.3          |
| Sexual assault(d)                 | 11.3         | *6.2         | *3.4         | *1.5         | *3.1         | **          | **          | *0.7        | 26.7           |
| Assault                           | 120.5        | 116.3        | 52.1         | 41.3         | 42.4         | 4.5         | 5.9         | 7.9         | 390.9          |
| <b>Total personal victims(e)</b>  | <b>370.9</b> | <b>311.5</b> | <b>154.0</b> | <b>107.0</b> | <b>124.9</b> | <b>18.2</b> | <b>14.4</b> | <b>20.1</b> | <b>1,121.0</b> |

(a) Victims refers to households which were recorded as victims of one or more household offences and persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) State or Territory of interview is not necessarily the State or Territory in which the offence occurred. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since households could have been victims of more than one household offence. (d) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (e) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one personal offence.

**TABLE 1.1(PART 2). VICTIMS PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS AND OF ALL PERSONS BY TYPE OF OFFENCE IN EACH STATE OR TERRITORY OF INTERVIEW**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Type of offence                | N.S.W.    | Vic.       | Qld       | S.A.       | W.A.       | Tas.      | N.T.       | A.C.T.     | Australia |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>HOUSEHOLD VICTIMS</b>       |           |            |           |            |            |           |            |            |           |
| Break and enter                | 67        | 56         | 58        | 64         | 57         | 36        | 85         | 53         | 61        |
| Household property theft       | 26        | 35         | 32        | 37         | 35         | 32        | 125        | 38         | 32        |
| <b>Total household victims</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>88</b>  | <b>86</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>91</b>  | <b>66</b> | <b>190</b> | <b>87</b>  | <b>89</b> |
| <b>PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>        |           |            |           |            |            |           |            |            |           |
| Motor vehicle theft            | 12        | 8          | 3         | 7          | 8          | *4        | **         | **         | 8         |
| Robbery                        | 8         | 4          | 4         | 4          | 7          | **        | **         | *7         | 6         |
| Other theft                    | 53        | 61         | 54        | 64         | 78         | 42        | 87         | 76         | 59        |
| Sexual assault(b)              | 6         | *4         | *4        | *3         | *7         | **        | **         | *9         | 5         |
| Assault                        | 30        | 38         | 29        | 40         | 43         | 14        | 65         | 48         | 34        |
| <b>Total personal victims</b>  | <b>93</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>105</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

## CHAPTER 2. DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONAL VICTIMS

### Introduction

This chapter presents data about the demographic characteristics of victims of selected personal crimes. For this survey, personal crime/offences are assault, sexual assault, motor vehicle theft, other theft and robbery. Demographic characteristics refer to such personal details as sex, marital status and age and also include such items as city size. The aim of presenting data relating to single or combined demographic characteristics is to attain a measure of their influence on the likelihood of victimisation.

All the tables are divided into two parts. Part 1 of Tables 2.2, 2.3 and 2.10 shows the estimated number of victims of *all personal crimes* by one or more demographic characteristics. In Tables 2.3 and 2.10 the percentage of the total population aged fifteen years and over with those same demographic characteristics is also shown.

The first part of Tables 2.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9 and 2.11 shows the estimated number of victims of *each type of offence* by one or more demographic characteristics. The percentages of the total Australian population aged fifteen years and over with those same demographic characteristics are also shown; for sexual assault, percentages for the female population aged eighteen years and over are shown. The victims of each type of offence with particular demographic characteristics are also shown as a percentage (or proportion) of all victims of each type of offence. The comparisons these figures facilitate allow a measure of which groups are disproportionately victimised.

Part 2 of Tables 2.1, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9 and 2.11 shows the *rate* of victimisation per thousand people in the population within each demographic grouping. From these *rates* the *chances* of victimisation for particular groups may be extrapolated. Part 2 of tables 2.2, 2.3, 2.10 and 2.12 shows rates of victimisation for *all personal crime*.

The following example refers to Table 2.5. The first line of Part 1 indicates that married (including de facto) males form 31.7 per cent of the total population aged 15 years and above. Nearly 40,000 married males were victims of at least one motor vehicle theft and 42 per cent of all victims of motor vehicle theft were married males.

The first line of Table 2.5, Part 2, estimates that 11 out of every thousand married males in Australia were victims of at least one motor vehicle theft. The table also shows that 8 out of every thousand persons in Australia were victims of at least one motor vehicle theft. Therefore the survey indicates that the chances of married males being victimised for motor vehicle theft are greater than those of the population as a whole.

### Summary of Findings

Figure 2a shows number of victims of personal crime by sex and by the selected offences included in the survey.

Table 2.1, which covers type of offence by State or Territory of last incident, shows relatively high rates for motor vehicle theft and robbery in N.S.W., relatively high levels of other theft and assault in Northern Territory and Western Australia and a low incidence of all offences in Tasmania.

Table 2.2 shows the victimisation of particular age groups in each state or territory. One third of all 20-24 year olds in the Northern Territory, nearly one quarter of 15-19 year olds in Western Australia and one fifth of 15-19 year olds in the A.C.T. reported being victimised.

Table 2.3 reveals little variation in victimisation rates according to income levels across the states and territories. Tasmania alone showed a rate almost double the average where income exceeded \$25,000. In the Northern Territory, rates were higher at the top and bottom of the income scale.

Table 2.4 shows that age is a significant factor in victimisation. Most offences generally show a pattern of rates increasing from the 15-19 to 20-24 year ranges and steadily falling thereafter. Motor vehicle theft is an exception to the pattern; although victimisation increases from the 15-19 to the 20-24 year ranges, the rate remains constant across the ranges till the 45-49 age group, after which it declines. For this offence only, 25-49 year olds are almost as vulnerable as 20-24 year olds.

Table 2.5 indicates significant differences between the victimisation experiences of males and females and considerable variation in experience among the married, divorced, separated, widowed and never married.

Almost 40 per cent of male victims were assault victims and this high figure boosted the total male victimisation rate. The male assault rate was two and a half times the female assault rate while the overall male victimisation rate was 75 per cent higher than the female rate.

The totals show a clear pattern of victimisation according to marital status. The victimisation rate for the never married and separated is three times as high as the rate for the married and four times as high as the rate for the widowed. Specific offences largely reflect the general pattern; it is particularly accentuated in other theft and assault. In other theft the rate for never married males is twice as high, and for never married females over three times as high, as the rates for the married. The assault rate for never married males is two and a half times, and for never married females, nearly four times as high as the rates for the married.

For females the never married are four and a half times more likely to be victims of sexual assault than the married. The separated show rates similar to the never married for all offences with the exceptions of female

victims of assault and sexual assault; separated females are two and one half times more likely to be victims of assault and 75 per cent more likely to be victims of sexual assault than never married women. Additionally they suffer a ten-fold and an eight-fold risk respectively for these offences compared with married females.

Divorced males show similar rates to the separated and never married male population, but higher rates than the married. The divorced female population is less victimised than the separated female population but more than the married female population.

Chances of victimisation for both sexes are greatly reduced after they marry. Separation returns the male rate towards the male pre-marital rate. For females, separation increases risk beyond the pre-marital rate while divorce reduces it to marginally below that rate. Chances of victimisation are substantially reduced for the widowed but this may be an effect of the concentration of this group in the older age ranges (see Table 2.4) rather than of marital status.

Employment status (Table 2.6) significantly affected victimisation rates in all types of offences. The victimisation rates of the unemployed were consistently higher than those of the employed while those 'not in the labour force' consistently showed the lowest rates. The unemployed reported being victimised twice as often as the average person.

Among those in the labour force, few occupation groups had victimisation rates which greatly deviated from the average, although 'tradesmen, production process workers and labourers' had a higher rate in motor vehicle theft and 'service, sport and recreation workers' a higher assault rate.

No clear pattern of victimisation emerged in Table 2.7 which concerns educational attainment. No general conclusion about the vulnerability of those with particular levels or types of educational qualifications may be drawn although those with 'higher qualifications' report the highest rate of victimisation (190 persons per thousand of all people with higher qualifications, as against 98 per thousand of the total population).

Table 2.8, shows victimisation rates for specific offences by income, but, similarly to Table 2.3 shows a lack of significant variation. In every offence category but robbery, rates are generally consistent with the total trend; those in the lower-middle income ranges are closer to the average rate than those in the middle to higher ranges, whose chances of victimisation are slightly increased. Robbery is the only type of offence for which the chance of victimisation does not increase in the middle to higher income ranges. Those with incomes below \$10,000 appear particularly vulnerable.

A clear relationship between particular types of offences and kinds of accommodation emerges in Table 2.9. High rates of victimisation occur for residents of all dwelling types but separate houses. The highest rate, one in five, is for persons in the 'other' category. This category includes live-in staff of boarding schools and institutions, residents of caravan parks, Aboriginal settlements, boarding houses, hotels, hostels and flop-houses. Separate estimates cannot be provided for those groups. Residents of mobile or improvised homes, and residents of low-rise flats and units were victimised at a rate of one in six. Residents of mobile or improvised homes also had the highest likelihood of being victims of 'other theft'. The rate of one in seven for residents of semi-detached or terrace houses, villa units or townhouses, although only the third highest, is still higher than the average rate of one in ten.

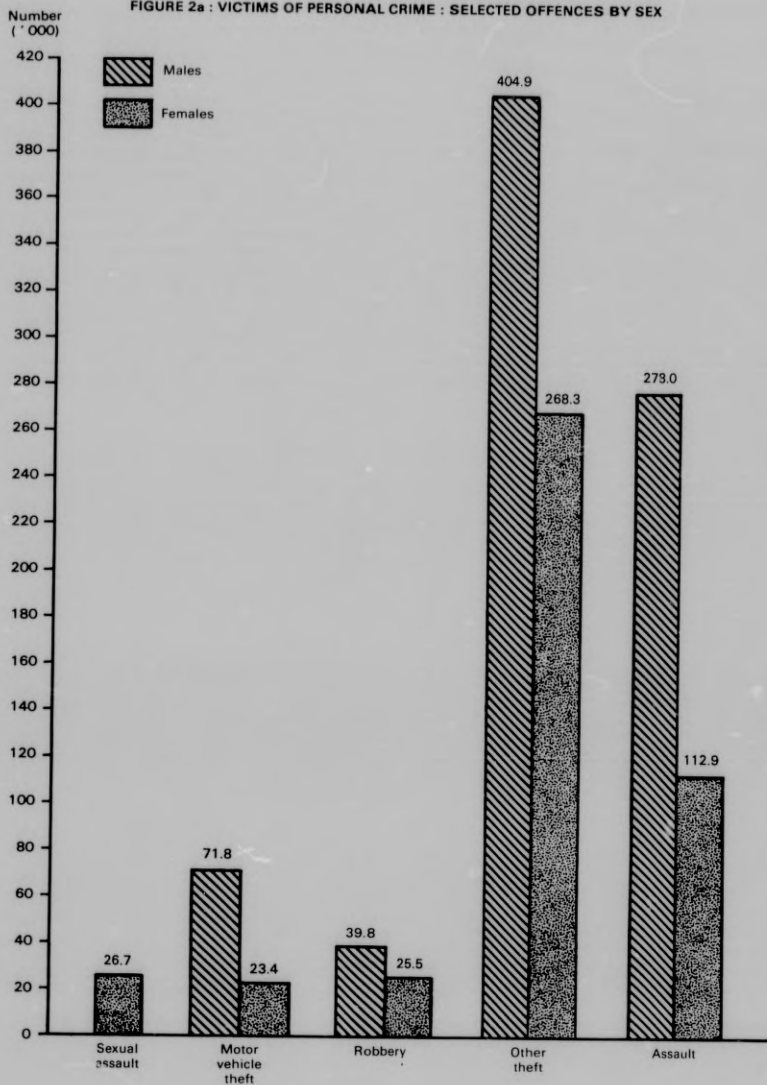
Both low-rise and high-rise flat dwellers had high rates for 'other theft'. Semi detached/townhouse/villa dwellers had the highest sexual assault rate. Residents of 'combined dwelling/non dwellings' had the highest rate for motor vehicle theft.

The rates of victimisation of different nationalities, shown in Table 2.10, largely reflect the proportion in which each nationality is represented within the community. Exceptions are those born in New Zealand, Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia. The victimisation rate for New Zealand born males is significantly higher than that of the general male population and the rate for New Zealand born females is over twice the general female rate. The rates for both males and females born in Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia are lower than the rate for the Australian born and the average rate.

The high rates for those born in New Zealand may only reflect the high proportion in the 20 to 34 age range (one in two of those aged 15 years and over compared with one in three in the general population). Additionally, the New Zealand born show a significantly higher proportion of unemployed, and a lower proportion classified as 'not in the labour force' than for the general population (proportions for the New Zealand born population in age ranges and labour force status are found in Tables 1 and 9 in *Cross-classified Characteristics of Persons and Dwellings, 1981 Census of Population and Housing, Australia* (2452.0). In Tables 2.2 and 2.6 it will be noted that youth and the unemployed are relatively more vulnerable to victimisation while the aged and people 'not in the labour force' experience less risk of victimisation than the average.

In Table 2.11, which shows victimisation according to city size, a clear pattern emerges in the totals. Victimisation rates are higher than average for cities at the top ranges of the population scale and lower than average for those in the bottom ranges. The degree of deviations from the average is slight. There are, however, exceptions to a general trend of escalating victimisation with increasing city size. For other theft and assault, cities in the range 500,000 to one million had the highest rates.

FIGURE 2a : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME : SELECTED OFFENCES BY SEX



**TABLE 2.1 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST RECORDED INCIDENT(b) OF EACH OFFENCE BY TYPE OF OFFENCE, AND AS A PERCENTAGE(c) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE**

| Percentage of population—type of offence |                                     |                    |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                           |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| State or Territory of incident           | % of females aged 18 years and over | Sexual assault (d) |                                    |                                              | Motor vehicle theft |                                         | Robbery           |                             | Other theft       |                                 | Assault           |                             | Total                |                           |
|                                          |                                     | Number of victims  | As % of all sexual assault victims | % of total population aged 15 years and over | Number of victims   | As % of all motor vehicle theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all robbery victims | Number of victims | As % of all other theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all assault victims | Number of victims(e) | As % of all total victims |
|                                          |                                     |                    |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                           |
| New South Wales                          | 35.3                                | 11.1               | 41.5                               | 35.0                                         | 48.4                | 50.8                                    | 32.3              | 49.5                        | 221.2             | 32.9                            | 120.2             | 30.8                        | 378.9                | 33.8                      |
| Victoria                                 | 26.5                                | *5.9               | 22.1                               | 26.5                                         | 24.9                | 26.1                                    | 11.4              | 17.5                        | 181.3             | 26.9                            | 116.8             | 29.9                        | 309.6                | 27.6                      |
| Queensland                               | 15.7                                | *3.4               | 12.8                               | 15.8                                         | *4.6                | 4.8                                     | 8.2               | 12.5                        | 98.4              | 14.6                            | 51.6              | 13.2                        | 154.3                | 13.8                      |
| South Australia                          | 9.0                                 | *1.3               | 4.8                                | 8.9                                          | 7.0                 | 7.3                                     | 5.2               | 8.0                         | 65.8              | 9.8                             | 41.8              | 10.7                        | 109.6                | 9.8                       |
| Western Australia                        | 8.6                                 | 2.7                | 10.2                               | 8.7                                          | 8.7                 | 9.1                                     | 6.5               | 10.0                        | 75.8              | 11.3                            | 43.3              | 11.1                        | 124.1                | 11.1                      |
| Tasmania                                 | 2.8                                 | **                 | **                                 | 2.8                                          | *1.1                | *1.2                                    | **                | **                          | 13.2              | 2.0                             | 4.6               | 1.2                         | 18.4                 | 1.6                       |
| Northern Territory                       | 0.7                                 | **                 | **                                 | 0.8                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | 7.2               | 1.1                             | 5.3               | 1.4                         | 12.3                 | 1.1                       |
| Australian Capital Territory             | 1.5                                 | *0.7               | 2.6                                | 1.4                                          | **                  | **                                      | 1.0               | 1.5                         | 10.4              | 1.5                             | 7.3               | 1.9                         | 17.3                 | 1.5                       |
| Australia                                | 100.0                               | (f)26.7            | (f)100.0                           | 100.0                                        | 95.2                | 100.0                                   | 65.3              | 100.0                       | 673.3             | 100.0                           | 390.9             | 100.0                       | 1,121.0              | 100.0                     |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) State or Territory of incident is not necessary the State or Territory of interview. (c) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (d) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (e) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence. (f) State or Territory components may not sum to the total figure for sexual assault because some females, given the option, chose not to provide information on the location of the offence.

**TABLE 2.1 (PART 2). NUMBER OF VICTIMS IN EACH STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST RECORDED INCIDENT PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS IN THAT STATE OR TERRITORY BY EACH TYPE OF OFFENCE (Rates per thousand)**

| State or Territory of incident | Type of offence   |                     |          |             |           | Total     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Sexual assault(b) | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery  | Other theft | Assault   |           |
| New South Wales                | 6                 | 12                  | 8        | 55          | 30        | 95        |
| Victoria                       | *4                | 8                   | 4        | 60          | 39        | 112       |
| Queensland                     | *4                | *3                  | 5        | 54          | 29        | 85        |
| South Australia                | *3                | 7                   | 5        | 65          | 41        | 107       |
| Western Australia              | *6                | 9                   | 7        | 76          | 44        | 125       |
| Tasmania                       | **                | *3                  | **       | 41          | 14        | 57        |
| Northern Territory             | **                | **                  | **       | 79          | 58        | 135       |
| Australian Capital Territory   | *9                | **                  | *6       | 63          | 44        | 106       |
| <b>Australia</b>               | <b>5</b>          | <b>8</b>            | <b>6</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>34</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates per thousand of population are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

**TABLE 2.2 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY AGE GROUPS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST RECORDED INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE ('000)**

|                   | State or Territory of incident(b) |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|-----------|
| Age groups        | N.S.W.                            | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia |
| 15-19 years       | 64.0                              | 53.7  | 32.2  | 20.7  | 27.8  | 2.9  | *1.4 | 4.2    | 206.0     |
| 20-24 years       | 85.4                              | 66.9  | 34.0  | 23.6  | 22.8  | 3.4  | 3.8  | 3.3    | 244.3     |
| 25-29 years       | 56.6                              | 51.3  | 20.9  | 14.5  | 19.5  | 3.1  | 2.8  | 3.1    | 170.5     |
| 30-34 years       | 42.1                              | 28.6  | 17.5  | 12.0  | 14.7  | 2.3  | *1.5 | *2.0   | 120.4     |
| 35-39 years       | 35.0                              | 30.5  | 17.9  | 9.3   | 13.0  | *1.9 | *1.7 | *1.5   | 110.7     |
| 40-44 years       | 24.1                              | 19.8  | 8.6   | 7.2   | 7.8   | *1.4 | **   | *1.6   | 70.8      |
| 45-49 years       | 18.2                              | 15.8  | 7.6   | 5.9   | 6.2   | *0.6 | **   | *0.7   | 55.0      |
| 50-54 years       | 15.7                              | 14.8  | 5.3   | 6.6   | *3.4  | *0.8 | **   | *0.8   | 47.6      |
| 55-59 years       | 14.7                              | 9.0   | *3.6  | *2.5  | 4.0   | **   | **   | **     | 34.4      |
| 60-64 years       | 9.3                               | 9.7   | *1.4  | *1.9  | *1.7  | *0.6 | **   | **     | 25.1      |
| 65-69 years       | *6.3                              | *3.3  | *2.2  | *1.8  | *1.0  | **   | **   | **     | 14.9      |
| 70-74 years       | *3.6                              | **    | *2.4  | *1.2  | *1.5  | **   | **   | **     | 9.8       |
| 75 years and over | *3.9                              | *3.4  | **    | *2.3  | **    | *0.5 | **   | **     | 11.4      |
| Total(c)          | 378.9                             | 309.6 | 154.3 | 109.6 | 124.1 | 18.4 | 12.3 | 17.3   | 1,121.0   |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. A victim is counted once only in each State or Territory in which he/she had an incident irrespective of whether other than last incidents in that State or Territory were also recorded by the victim. (b) State or Territory of incident is not necessarily the State or Territory of interview. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims in more than one State or Territory.

**TABLE 2.2 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY AGE GROUPS IN EACH STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST RECORDED INCIDENT WITHIN THAT STATE OR TERRITORY (Rates per thousand)**

| Age groups        | State or Territory of incident |      |     |      |      |      |      |        | Australia |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
|                   | N.S.W.                         | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |           |
| 15-19 years       | 152                            | 157  | 156 | 186  | 241  | 78   | *113 | 211    | 163       |
| 20-24 years       | 188                            | 198  | 158 | 204  | 190  | 91   | 333  | 170    | 185       |
| 25-29 years       | 130                            | 157  | 104 | 134  | 164  | 89   | 186  | 154    | 135       |
| 30-34 years       | 99                             | 89   | 90  | 114  | 126  | 69   | *109 | *91    | 98        |
| 35-39 years       | 89                             | 103  | 99  | 97   | 126  | *62  | 136  | *72    | 98        |
| 40-44 years       | 77                             | 85   | 61  | 97   | 96   | 57   | **   | 110    | 80        |
| 45-49 years       | 67                             | 78   | 65  | 90   | 92   | 27   | **   | 59     | 72        |
| 50-54 years       | 59                             | 74   | 47  | 98   | *54  | *39  | **   | *85    | 64        |
| 55-59 years       | 54                             | 45   | *32 | *36  | 69   | **   | **   | **     | 46        |
| 60-64 years       | 38                             | 56   | *13 | *30  | *33  | *38  | **   | **     | 38        |
| 65-69 years       | *32                            | 23   | *26 | *35  | *25  | **   | **   | **     | 28        |
| 70-74 years       | *24                            | **   | *38 | 27   | *50  | **   | **   | **     | 24        |
| 75 years and over | *25                            | *25  | **  | *50  | **   | *39  | **   | **     | 25        |
| Total             | 95                             | 102  | 85  | 107  | 125  | 57   | 135  | 106    | 98        |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over.



**TABLE 2.3 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a): GROSS PERSONAL INCOME BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST RECORDED INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE(b) AND AS A PERCENTAGE(c) OF ALL VICTIMS IN EACH INCOME GROUP**

| Gross personal income                     |        | State or Territory of incident |       |       |       |       |      |      |        | Victims in each gross income group as percentage of all victims | Gross income group as percentage of total population aged 15 years and over |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           |        | N.S.W.                         | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |                                                                 |                                                                             |
| Not applicable                            | ('000) | 40.6                           | 41.1  | 14.1  | 11.3  | 15.8  | *1.7 | *1.8 | 3.0    | 129.2                                                           |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 31.4                           | 31.8  | 10.8  | 8.7   | 12.2  | *1.3 | 1.4  | 2.3    | 100.0                                                           | 11.5                                                                        |
| Not known                                 | ('000) | 29.1                           | 20.0  | 8.5   | 4.8   | 5.6   | **   | **   |        | 70.5                                                            |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 41.2                           | 28.3  | 12.1  | 6.8   | 8.0   | **   | **   | 1.5    | 100.0                                                           | 6.3                                                                         |
| \$1-\$3,999                               | ('000) | 65.1                           | 44.5  | 30.8  | 20.2  | 23.4  | 2.8  | *2.3 | 2.1    | 190.4                                                           |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 34.2                           | 23.4  | 16.2  | 10.6  | 12.3  | 1.5  | *1.2 | 1.1    | 100.0                                                           | 17.0                                                                        |
| \$4,000-\$9,999                           | ('000) | 68.2                           | 50.1  | 34.3  | 26.0  | 24.5  | 5.5  | **   | 2.4    | 210.6                                                           |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 32.4                           | 23.8  | 16.3  | 12.4  | 11.6  | 2.6  | **   | 1.1    | 100.0                                                           | 18.8                                                                        |
| \$10,000-\$14,999                         | ('000) | 70.2                           | 57.9  | 26.6  | 23.4  | 21.9  | 2.9  | *2.4 | 3.8    | 209.1                                                           |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 33.6                           | 27.7  | 12.7  | 11.2  | 10.5  | 1.4  | *1.1 | 1.8    | 100.0                                                           | 18.7                                                                        |
| \$15,000-\$24,999                         | ('000) | 87.0                           | 75.5  | 32.8  | 20.9  | 22.7  | 2.6  | *1.8 | 4.0    | 246.1                                                           |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 35.3                           | 30.7  | 13.3  | 8.5   | 9.2   | 1.1  | *0.7 | 1.6    | 100.0                                                           | 22.0                                                                        |
| \$25,000 and over                         | ('000) | 18.7                           | 20.7  | 7.3   | *3.0  | 10.2  | 2.0  | 3.1  | **     | 65.1                                                            |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 28.8                           | 31.7  | 11.2  | *4.6  | 15.7  | 3.0  | 4.8  | **     | 100.0                                                           | 5.8                                                                         |
| Total(d)                                  | ('000) | 378.9                          | 309.6 | 154.3 | 109.6 | 124.1 | 18.4 | 12.3 | 17.3   | 1,121.0                                                         |                                                                             |
| Percentage of total victims in this group |        | 33.8                           | 27.6  | 13.8  | 9.8   | 11.1  | 1.6  | 1.1  | 1.5    | 100.0                                                           | 100.0                                                                       |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. A victim is counted once only in each State or Territory for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) State or Territory of incident is not necessarily the State or Territory of interview. (c) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (d) Totals may be less than the sums of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 2.3 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME : GROSS PERSONAL INCOME BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST RECORDED INCIDENT PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS IN THAT STATE OR TERRITORY (Rates per thousand)**

| Gross personal income | State or Territory of incident(b) |      |     |      |      |      |      |        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|
|                       | N.S.W.                            | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |
| Not applicable        | 79                                | 90   | 62  | 113  | 125  | *36  | *110 | 150    |
| Not known             | 88                                | 94   | 66  | 65   | 81   | **   | **   | *88    |
| \$1-\$4,999           | 80                                | 77   | 76  | 82   | 110  | 44   | *232 | *79    |
| \$5,000-\$9,999       | 89                                | 87   | 91  | 110  | 116  | 77   | *55  | 114    |
| \$10,000-\$14,999     | 114                               | 116  | 95  | 137  | 148  | 60   | 210  | 152    |
| \$15,000-\$24,999     | 119                               | 141  | 107 | 133  | 138  | 53   | 88   | 124    |
| \$25,000 and over     | 84                                | 125  | 83  | *79  | 166  | 144  | 219  | **     |
| Total                 | 95                                | 102  | 85  | 107  | 125  | 57   | 135  | 106    |

(a) Rates are based on all persons aged 15 years and over. (b) State or Territory of incident is not necessarily the State or Territory of interview.

**TABLE 2.4 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY AGE, BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE**

| Age groups        | Percentage of population—type of offence |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                           |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | Sexual assault (c)                       |                   |                                    |                                              | Motor vehicle theft |                                         | Robbery           |                             | Other theft       |                                 | Assault           |                             | Total                |                           |
|                   | % of females aged 18 years and over      | Number of victims | As % of all sexual assault victims | % of total population aged 15 years and over | Number of victims   | As % of all motor vehicle theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all robbery victims | Number of victims | As % of all other theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all assault victims | Number of victims(d) | As % of all total victims |
|                   |                                          | '000              |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                           |
| 15-19 years       | 4.7                                      | *1.9              | *1.0                               | 11.1                                         | *4.2                | *4.4                                    | 13.3              | 20.4                        | 134.0             | 20.0                            | 84.3              | 21.6                        | 206.0                | 18.4                      |
| 20-24 years       | 12.2                                     | 9.0               | 33.6                               | 11.6                                         | 25.3                | 26.6                                    | 16.3              | 24.9                        | 140.7             | 20.9                            | 89.1              | 22.8                        | 244.3                | 21.8                      |
| 25-29 years       | 11.6                                     | *6.0              | *22.4                              | 11.0                                         | 13.1                | 13.7                                    | 7.5               | 11.5                        | 99.7              | 14.8                            | 63.3              | 16.2                        | 170.5                | 15.2                      |
| 30-34 years       | 11.4                                     | *3.6              | 13.4                               | 10.8                                         | 10.0                | 10.5                                    | *4.9              | *7.5                        | 70.8              | 10.5                            | 44.3              | 11.3                        | 120.4                | 10.7                      |
| 35-39 years       | 10.4                                     | *2.2              | 8.2                                | 9.9                                          | 11.5                | 12.1                                    | 8.1               | 12.3                        | 64.3              | 9.6                             | 36.6              | 9.4                         | 110.7                | 9.9                       |
| 40-44 years       | 8.1                                      | **                | **                                 | 7.8                                          | 10.5                | 11.0                                    | *4.0              | *6.1                        | 40.9              | 6.1                             | 21.6              | 5.5                         | 70.8                 | 6.3                       |
| 45-49 years       | 6.9                                      | **                | **                                 | 6.7                                          | 7.1                 | 7.1                                     | *3.5              | *5.3                        | 32.7              | 4.9                             | 17.5              | 4.5                         | 55.0                 | 4.9                       |
| 50-54 years       | 6.8                                      | **                | **                                 | 6.5                                          | *4.0                | *4.2                                    | *2.7              | *4.1                        | 27.5              | 4.1                             | 15.0              | 3.9                         | 47.6                 | 4.3                       |
| 55-59 years       | 6.9                                      | **                | **                                 | 6.5                                          | *3.7                | *3.9                                    | *2.5              | *3.8                        | 20.9              | 2.4                             | 9.0               | 2.3                         | 34.4                 | 3.1                       |
| 60-64 years       | 6.3                                      | **                | **                                 | 5.8                                          | *1.8                | *1.9                                    | **                | **                          | 15.8              | 2.4                             | 6.9               | 1.8                         | 25.1                 | 2.2                       |
| 65-69 years       | 5.3                                      | **                | **                                 | 4.7                                          | *1.9                | *2.0                                    | **                | **                          | 8.7               | 1.3                             | *2.7              | *0.7                        | 14.9                 | 1.3                       |
| 70-74 years       | 4.4                                      | **                | **                                 | 3.6                                          | *1.9                | *2.0                                    | **                | **                          | 6.7               | 1.0                             | **                | **                          | 9.8                  | 0.9                       |
| 75 years and over | 5.1                                      | **                | **                                 | 4.0                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | 10.4              | 1.6                             | **                | **                          | 11.4                 | 1.0                       |
| <b>Total(d)</b>   | <b>100.0</b>                             | <b>26.7</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                       | <b>100.0</b>                                 | <b>95.2</b>         | <b>100.0</b>                            | <b>65.3</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                | <b>673.3</b>      | <b>100.0</b>                    | <b>390.9</b>      | <b>100.0</b>                | <b>1,121.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>              |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 2.4 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL PERSONS IN EACH AGE GROUP BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Age groups        | Type of offence   |                     |          |             |           |           |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                   | Sexual assault(b) | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery  | Other theft | Assault   | Total     |
| 15-19 years       | *7                | *3                  | 11       | 106         | 67        | 163       |
| 20-24 years       | 14                | 19                  | 12       | 106         | 67        | 185       |
| 25-29 years       | *10               | 10                  | 6        | 79          | 50        | 135       |
| 30-34 years       | *6                | 8                   | 4        | 58          | 36        | 98        |
| 35-39 years       | *4                | 10                  | 7        | 57          | 32        | 98        |
| 40-44 years       | **                | 12                  | 4        | 46          | 24        | 79        |
| 45-49 years       | **                | 9                   | 5        | 43          | 23        | 72        |
| 50-54 years       | **                | *5                  | 3        | 37          | 20        | 64        |
| 55-59 years       | **                | *5                  | **       | 28          | 12        | 46        |
| 60-64 years       | **                | *3                  | **       | 24          | 10        | 38        |
| 65-69 years       | **                | *4                  | **       | 16          | *5        | 28        |
| 70-74 years       | **                | *5                  | **       | 16          | **        | 24        |
| 75 years and over | **                | **                  | **       | 23          | **        | 25        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>5</b>          | <b>8</b>            | <b>6</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>34</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

TABLE 2.5 (PART I). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE

| Percentage of population—type of offence |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Marital status and sex                   | Sexual assault (c)                  |                   |                                    |                                              | Motor vehicle theft |                                         | Robbery           |                             | Other theft       |                                 | Assault           |                             | Total             |                     |
|                                          | % of females aged 18 years and over | Number of victims | As % of all sexual assault victims | % of total population aged 15 years and over | Number of victims   | As % of all motor vehicle theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all robbery victims | Number of victims | As % of all other theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all assault victims | Number of victims | As % of all victims |
|                                          |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
| Married (incl. defacto)                  |                                     | '000              |                                    |                                              | '000                |                                         | '000              |                             | '000              |                                 | '000              |                             | '000              |                     |
| Males                                    | ..                                  | ..                | ..                                 | 31.7                                         | 40.0                | 42.0                                    | 12.2              | 18.7                        | 180.8             | 26.9                            | 114.1             | 29.2                        | 319.6             | 28.5                |
| Females                                  | 66.2                                | 9.4               | 35.1                               | 31.4                                         | 13.7                | 14.4                                    | 8.6               | 13.2                        | 103.2             | 15.3                            | 36.3              | 9.3                         | 166.6             | 14.9                |
| Persons                                  | 66.2                                | 9.4               | 35.1                               | 63.1                                         | 53.7                | 56.4                                    | 20.8              | 31.9                        | 284.0             | 42.2                            | 150.5             | 38.5                        | 486.2             | 43.4                |
| Separated                                |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
| Males                                    | ..                                  | ..                | ..                                 | 0.8                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | 8.3               | 1.2                             | 7.3               | 1.9                         | 15.4              | 1.4                 |
| Females                                  | 2.5                                 | *2.8              | *10.4                              | 1.2                                          | **                  | **                                      | *2.9              | *4.5                        | 8.9               | 1.3                             | 14.0              | 3.6                         | 25.0              | 2.2                 |
| Persons                                  | 2.5                                 | *2.8              | *10.4                              | 1.9                                          | **                  | **                                      | *4.1              | *6.2                        | 17.2              | 2.6                             | 21.3              | 5.5                         | 40.4              | 3.6                 |
| Divorced                                 |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
| Males                                    | ..                                  | ..                | ..                                 | 1.3                                          | *3.4                | *3.6                                    | **                | **                          | 13.9              | 2.1                             | 11.8              | 3.0                         | 27.1              | 2.4                 |
| Females                                  | 3.7                                 | *2.4              | *8.8                               | 1.8                                          | **                  | **                                      | *2.9              | *4.5                        | 15.8              | 2.3                             | 10.7              | 2.7                         | 25.9              | 2.3                 |
| Persons                                  | 3.7                                 | *2.4              | *8.8                               | 3.0                                          | *4.6                | *4.8                                    | *4.1              | *6.2                        | 29.7              | 4.4                             | 22.5              | 5.8                         | 53.0              | 4.7                 |
| Widowed                                  |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
| Males                                    | ..                                  | ..                | ..                                 | 1.0                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | *5.2              | *0.8                            | *2.2              | *0.6                        | 8.4               | 0.8                 |
| Females                                  | 10.5                                | **                | **                                 | 5.0                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | 15.3              | 2.3                             | *2.7              | *0.7                        | 21.2              | 1.9                 |
| Persons                                  | 10.5                                | **                | **                                 | 6.0                                          | *2.1                | *2.3                                    | *1.8              | *2.7                        | 20.5              | 3.1                             | *4.8              | *1.2                        | 29.6              | 2.6                 |
| Never married                            |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
| Males                                    | ..                                  | ..                | ..                                 | 14.1                                         | 26.2                | 27.5                                    | 24.9              | 38.1                        | 196.7             | 29.2                            | 142.5             | 36.5                        | 335.8             | 30.0                |
| Females                                  | 17.2                                | 10.9              | 40.9                               | 11.3                                         | 6.9                 | 7.2                                     | 9.7               | 14.9                        | 125.1             | 18.6                            | 49.2              | 12.6                        | 176.0             | 15.7                |
| Persons                                  | 17.2                                | 10.9              | 40.9                               | 26.0                                         | 33.1                | 34.8                                    | 34.6              | 52.9                        | 321.9             | 47.8                            | 191.7             | 49.1                        | 511.8             | 45.7                |
| Total(d)                                 |                                     |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                   |                     |
| Males                                    | ..                                  | ..                | ..                                 | 49.4                                         | 71.8                | 75.4                                    | 39.8              | 61.1                        | 404.9             | 60.1                            | 278.0             | 71.1                        | 706.4             | 63.0                |
| Females                                  | 100.0                               | 26.7              | 100.0                              | 50.6                                         | 23.4                | 24.6                                    | 25.5              | 39.0                        | 268.3             | 39.9                            | 112.9             | 28.9                        | 414.6             | 37.0                |
| Persons                                  | 100.0                               | 26.7              | 100.0                              | 100.0                                        | 95.2                | 100.0                                   | 65.3              | 100.0                       | 673.3             | 100.0                           | 390.9             | 100.0                       | 1,121.0           | 100.0               |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 2.5 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL PERSONS WITHIN EACH MARITAL STATUS AND SEX GROUP BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)  
(Rates per thousand)

| Marital status and sex  | Type of offence   |                     |         |             |         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|
|                         | Sexual assault(b) | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery | Other theft | Assault |       |
| Married (incl. defacto) |                   |                     |         |             |         |       |
| Males                   | ..                | 11                  | 3       | 50          | 32      | 88    |
| Females                 | 3                 | 4                   | 2       | 29          | 10      | 47    |
| Persons                 | 3                 | 7                   | 3       | 39          | 21      | 67    |
| Separated               |                   |                     |         |             |         |       |
| Males                   | ..                | **                  | **      | 97          | 85      | 180   |
| Females                 | 21                | **                  | *22     | 65          | 103     | 184   |
| Persons                 | 21                | **                  | 18      | 78          | 96      | 183   |
| Divorced                |                   |                     |         |             |         |       |
| Males                   | ..                | *23                 | **      | 97          | 82      | 188   |
| Females                 | 12                | **                  | *15     | 79          | 54      | 130   |
| Persons                 | 12                | *13                 | *12     | 86          | 66      | 154   |
| Widowed                 |                   |                     |         |             |         |       |
| Males                   | ..                | **                  | **      | *43         | *18     | 70    |
| Females                 | **                | **                  | **      | 27          | 5       | 37    |
| Persons                 | **                | *3                  | *3      | 30          | 7       | 43    |
| Never married           |                   |                     |         |             |         |       |
| Males                   | ..                | 16                  | 15      | 117         | 85      | 200   |
| Females                 | 12                | 5                   | 7       | 97          | 38      | 136   |
| Persons                 | 12                | 11                  | 12      | 108         | 63      | 172   |
| Total                   |                   |                     |         |             |         |       |
| Males                   | ..                | 13                  | 7       | 72          | 49      | 125   |
| Females                 | 5                 | 4                   | 4       | 46          | 19      | 72    |
| Persons                 | 5                 | 8                   | 6       | 59          | 34      | 98    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

TABLE 2.6(PART I). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND OCCUPATION GROUP BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE

| Employment status and occupation groups                          | Percentage of population—type of offence |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                  | Sexual assault (c)                       |                   |                                    |                                              | Motor vehicle theft |                                         | Robbery           |                             | Other theft       |                                 | Assault           |                             | Total                |                     |
|                                                                  | % of females aged 18 years and over      | Number of victims | As % of all sexual assault victims | % of total population aged 15 years and over | Number of victims   | As % of all motor vehicle theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all robbery victims | Number of victims | As % of all other theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all assault victims | Number of victims(d) | As % of all victims |
|                                                                  | '000                                     |                   |                                    |                                              | '000                |                                         | '000              |                             | '000              |                                 | '000              |                             | '000                 |                     |
| Unemployed                                                       | 3.8                                      | **                | **                                 | 5.6                                          | 12.0                | 12.6                                    | 12.2              | 18.6                        | 59.0              | 8.8                             | 58.5              | 15.0                        | 120.3                | 10.7                |
| Not in labour force                                              | 54.2                                     | 11.5              | 43.0                               | 39.2                                         | 14.0                | 14.7                                    | 15.7              | 24.1                        | 171.8             | 25.5                            | 85.8              | 22.0                        | 269.8                | 24.1                |
| Occupation groups                                                |                                          |                   |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                     |
| Professional, technical and related workers                      | 8.4                                      | *2.4              | *9.0                               | 8.6                                          | 7.7                 | 8.1                                     | *3.7              | *5.6                        | 82.8              | 12.3                            | 43.3              | 11.1                        | 125.2                | 11.2                |
| Administrative, executive and managerial workers                 | 1.4                                      | **                | **                                 | 4.4                                          | *5.1                | *5.3                                    | *3.3              | *5.1                        | 37.1              | 5.5                             | 18.3              | 4.7                         | 57.9                 | 5.2                 |
| Clerical workers                                                 | 14.4                                     | *4.5              | *16.8                              | 10.1                                         | 10.0                | 10.4                                    | *5.4              | *8.2                        | 68.2              | 10.1                            | 28.7              | 7.3                         | 107.5                | 9.6                 |
| Sales workers                                                    | 4.6                                      | **                | **                                 | 4.5                                          | *6.0                | *6.3                                    | *4.7              | *7.2                        | 41.4              | 6.2                             | 17.1              | 4.4                         | 63.6                 | 5.7                 |
| Farmers, fishermen, hunters, timber getters, and related workers | 1.9                                      | **                | **                                 | 3.7                                          | *2.4                | *2.6                                    | *1.8              | *2.7                        | 20.9              | 3.1                             | 13.0              | 3.3                         | 34.6                 | 3.1                 |
| Miners, quarrymen and related workers                            | (e)                                      | **                | **                                 | 0.3                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | *2.9              | *0.4                            | **                | **                          | *4.0                 | *0.4                |
| Workers in transport and communication                           | 0.9                                      | **                | **                                 | 2.9                                          | *4.0                | *4.2                                    | **                | **                          | 22.0              | 3.3                             | 10.4              | 2.7                         | 35.4                 | 3.2                 |
| Tradesmen, production/ process workers and labourers             | 3.7                                      | **                | **                                 | 15.1                                         | 29.4                | 30.8                                    | 12.7              | 19.4                        | 118.7             | 17.6                            | 68.7              | 17.6                        | 208.9                | 18.6                |
| Service, sport and recreation workers                            | 6.9                                      | *2.3              | *8.5                               | 5.4                                          | *4.5                | *4.7                                    | *3.8              | *5.8                        | 46.4              | 6.9                             | 44.4              | 11.4                        | 89.7                 | 8.0                 |
| Armed Services workers                                           | (e)                                      | **                | **                                 | 0.2                                          | **                  | **                                      | **                | **                          | *2.0              | *0.3                            | **                | **                          | *4.0                 | *0.4                |
| Total(d)                                                         | 100.0                                    | 26.7              | 100.0                              | 100.0                                        | 95.2                | 100.0                                   | 65.3              | 100.0                       | 673.3             | 100.0                           | 390.9             | 100.0                       | 1,121.0              | 100.0               |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence. (e) Less than 0.05 per cent.

TABLE 2.6 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND BY ALL PERSONS IN EACH EMPLOYMENT STATUS GROUP AND OCCUPATION GROUP BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)  
(Rates per thousand)

| Employment status<br>and occupation group                           | Type of offence   |                        |          |             |           | Total     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                                     | Sexual assault(b) | Motor vehicle<br>theft | Robbery  | Other theft | Assault   |           |
| Unemployed                                                          | **                | 19                     | 19       | 91          | 91        | 187       |
| Not in the labour force                                             | 4                 | 3                      | 3        | 38          | 19        | 60        |
| Occupation groups                                                   |                   |                        |          |             |           |           |
| Professional, technical and related<br>workers                      | 5                 | 8                      | 4        | 84          | 44        | 127       |
| Administrative, executive and managerial<br>workers                 | **                | *10                    | *7       | 74          | 36        | 115       |
| Clerical workers                                                    | *6                | 9                      | *5       | 59          | 25        | 94        |
| Sales workers                                                       | **                | 12                     | 9        | 81          | 33        | 125       |
| Farmers, fishermen, hunters, timber<br>getters, and related workers | **                | *6                     | *4       | 49          | 31        | 81        |
| Miners, quarrymen and related workers                               | **                | **                     | **       | 74          | 33        | 103       |
| Workers in transport and communication                              | **                | 12                     | 5        | 67          | **        | 107       |
| Tradesmen, production/process workers<br>and labourers              | **                | 17                     | 7        | 69          | 40        | 121       |
| Service, sport and recreation workers                               | 6                 | *7                     | 6        | 75          | 72        | 146       |
| Armed Services workers                                              | **                | **                     | **       | 89          | **        | 179       |
| <b>Total</b>                                                        | <b>5</b>          | <b>8</b>               | <b>6</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>34</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

TABLE 2.7 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY EDUCATIONAL STATUS BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE

| Educational status                    | Percentage of population—type of offence        |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                      |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                            |                           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                       | Sexual assault<br>(c)                           |                         |                                             | Motor vehicle<br>theft                                   |                         | Robbery                                             |                         | Other theft                          |                         | Assault                                  |                         | Total                                |                            |                           |
|                                       | % of<br>females<br>aged 18<br>years and<br>over | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all sexual<br>assault<br>victims | % of total<br>population<br>aged 15<br>years and<br>over | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all motor<br>vehicle<br>theft<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all<br>robbery<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all other<br>theft<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all<br>assault<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims(d) | As %<br>of all<br>victims |
|                                       |                                                 |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                      |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                            |                           |
| Never went to school                  | 0.6                                             | '000                    |                                             | 0.4                                                      | '000                    |                                                     | '000                    |                                      | '000                    |                                          | '000                    |                                      | '000                       |                           |
| Still at school                       | 0.3                                             | **                      | **                                          | 4.4                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | *3.1                    | *4.7                                 | 56.0                    | 8.3                                      | 25.7                    | 6.6                                  | 73.0                       | 6.5                       |
| No qualification since school         | 70.2                                            | 14.0                    | 52.4                                        | 60.7                                                     | 57.3                    | 60.2                                                | 34.4                    | 52.7                                 | 339.7                   | 50.5                                     | 211.9                   | 54.2                                 | 587.7                      | 52.4                      |
| Secondary school course               | 1.0                                             | **                      | **                                          | 1.0                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | **                      | **                                   | 7.3                     | 1.1                                      | *4.5                    | *1.2                                 | 13.4                       | 1.2                       |
| Trade/apprenticeship                  | 2.7                                             | **                      | **                                          | 11.3                                                     | 18.4                    | 19.3                                                | *5.9                    | *9.0                                 | 92.3                    | 13.7                                     | 60.4                    | 15.5                                 | 161.3                      | 14.4                      |
| Certificate/diploma                   | 19.8                                            | 6.6                     | 24.8                                        | 15.2                                                     | 12.1                    | 12.7                                                | 15.4                    | 23.7                                 | 116.5                   | 17.3                                     | 48.7                    | 12.5                                 | 180.9                      | 16.1                      |
| Bachelor degree/post-graduate diploma | 4.1                                             | *2.6                    | *9.7                                        | 5.3                                                      | *4.0                    | *4.2                                                | *4.2                    | *6.4                                 | 45.3                    | 6.7                                      | 26.2                    | 6.7                                  | 73.5                       | 6.6                       |
| Higher qualifications                 | 0.4                                             | **                      | **                                          | 0.8                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | **                      | **                                   | 9.9                     | 1.5                                      | *6.0                    | *1.5                                 | 16.2                       | 1.5                       |
| Adult education/hobby course          | 0.7                                             | **                      | **                                          | 0.6                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | **                      | **                                   | *3.8                    | *0.6                                     | *5.4                    | *1.4                                 | 10.3                       | 0.9                       |
| None of these                         | 0.3                                             | **                      | **                                          | 0.3                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | **                      | **                                   | *2.4                    | *0.4                                     | *2.0                    | 0.5                                  | *4.3                       | *0.4                      |
| Total(d)                              | 100.0                                           | 26.7                    | 100.0                                       | 100.0                                                    | 95.2                    | 100.0                                               | 65.3                    | 100.0                                | 673.3                   | 100.0                                    | 390.9                   | 100.0                                | 1,121.0                    | 100.0                     |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 2.7 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL PERSONS IN EACH EDUCATIONAL STATUS GROUP BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)  
 (Rates per thousand)

| Educational status                    | Type of offence   |                     |          |             |           | Total     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                       | Sexual assault(b) | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery  | Other theft | Assault   |           |
| Never went to school                  | **                | **                  | **       | **          | **        | **        |
| Still at school                       | **                | **                  | 6        | 111         | 51        | 145       |
| No qualification since school         | 4                 | 8                   | 5        | 49          | 31        | 85        |
| Secondary school course               | **                | **                  | **       | 64          | *40       | 118       |
| Trade/apprenticeship                  | **                | 14                  | *5       | 71          | 47        | 125       |
| Certificate/diploma                   | 6                 | 7                   | 9        | 67          | 28        | 104       |
| Bachelor degree/post-graduate diploma | *12               | *7                  | *7       | 75          | 43        | 121       |
| Higher qualifications                 | **                | **                  | **       | 116         | *70       | 190       |
| Adult education/hobby course          | **                | **                  | **       | *60         | *84       | 161       |
| None of these                         | **                | **                  | **       | *69         | *59       | *125      |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>5</b>          | <b>8</b>            | <b>6</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>34</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

TABLE 2.8 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY GROSS PERSONAL INCOME GROUPS BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE

| Gross personal income | Percentage of population—type of offence |                    |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                     |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                       | % of females aged 18 years and over      | Sexual assault (c) |                                    |                                              | Motor vehicle theft |                                         | Robbery           |                             | Other theft       |                                 | Assault           |                             | Total                |                     |
|                       |                                          | Number of victims  | As % of all sexual assault victims | % of total population aged 15 years and over | Number of victims   | As % of all motor vehicle theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all robbery victims | Number of victims | As % of all other theft victims | Number of victims | As % of all assault victims | Number of victims(d) | As % of all victims |
|                       |                                          |                    |                                    |                                              |                     |                                         |                   |                             |                   |                                 |                   |                             |                      |                     |
| Not applicable        | 16.6                                     | '000               |                                    | 13.2                                         | '000                |                                         |                   | '000                        |                   | '000                            |                   | '000                        |                      |                     |
| Not known             | 6.9                                      | **                 | *16.3                              | 7.6                                          | 5.2                 | 6.5                                     | *6.0              | *9.2                        | 88.8              | 13.2                            | 39.2              | 10.0                        | 129.2                | 11.5                |
| \$1-\$3,999           | 27.4                                     | 7.4                | **                                 | 20.7                                         | 7.1                 | 7.5                                     | *4.3              | *6.6                        | 41.9              | 6.2                             | 24.1              | 6.2                         | 70.5                 | 6.3                 |
| \$4,000-\$9,999       | 24.9                                     | 7.6                | 27.5                               | 19.9                                         | 13.7                | 14.4                                    | 14.5              | 22.2                        | 109.8             | 16.3                            | 73.4              | 18.8                        | 190.4                | 17.0                |
| \$10,000-\$14,999     | 14.7                                     | *4.9               | 28.3                               | 15.7                                         | 13.6                | 14.3                                    | 18.2              | 27.8                        | 119.3             | 17.7                            | 80.2              | 20.5                        | 210.6                | 18.8                |
| \$15,000-\$24,999     | 8.3                                      | *2.5               | *18.4                              | 17.5                                         | 24.6                | 25.9                                    | 9.5               | 14.6                        | 128.9             | 19.2                            | 62.4              | 16.0                        | 209.1                | 18.7                |
| \$25,000 and over     | 1.1                                      | **                 | *9.5                               | 5.5                                          | 24.5                | 25.7                                    | 10.4              | 16.0                        | 146.2             | 21.7                            | 87.7              | 22.5                        | 246.1                | 22.0                |
| Total(d)              | 100.0                                    | 26.7               | 100.0                              | 100.0                                        | 95.2                | 100.0                                   | 65.3              | 100.0                       | 673.3             | 100.0                           | 390.9             | 100.0                       | 1,121.0              | 100.0               |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 2.8 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL VICTIMS IN EACH GROSS PERSONAL INCOME GROUPING BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)  
 (Rates per thousand)

| Gross personal income | Type of offence      |                        |         |             |         | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|
|                       | Sexual<br>assault(b) | Motor<br>vehicle theft | Robbery | Other theft | Assault |       |
| Not applicable        | *5                   | 4                      | *4      | 59          | 26      | 86    |
| Not known             | **                   | 8                      | *5      | 49          | 28      | 82    |
| \$1-\$3,999           | 5                    | 6                      | 6       | 47          | 31      | 81    |
| \$4,000-\$9,999       | 6                    | 6                      | 8       | 52          | 35      | 92    |
| \$10,000-\$14,999     | *6                   | 14                     | 5       | 72          | 35      | 116   |
| \$15,000-\$24,999     | *6                   | 12                     | 5       | 73          | 44      | 123   |
| \$25,000 and over     | **                   | *9                     | *4      | 61          | 38      | 104   |
| Total                 | 5                    | 8                      | 6       | 59          | 34      | 98    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.



TABLE 2.9 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF CRIME(a) BY TYPE OF DWELLING BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE

| Type of dwelling                   | Percentage of population—type of offence        |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                         |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                            |                           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                    | Sexual assault<br>(c)                           |                         |                                             |                                                          | Motor vehicle<br>theft  |                                                     | Robbery                 |                                         | Other theft             |                                          | Assault                 |                                      | Total                      |                           |
|                                    | % of<br>females<br>aged 18<br>years and<br>over | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all sexual<br>assault<br>victims | % of total<br>population<br>aged 15<br>years and<br>over | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all motor<br>vehicle<br>theft<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As %<br>of<br>all<br>robbery<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all other<br>theft<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all<br>assault<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims(d) | As % of<br>all<br>victims |
|                                    |                                                 |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                         |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                            |                           |
| Separate house                     | 82.6                                            | '000                    |                                             |                                                          | '000                    |                                                     | '000                    |                                         | '000                    |                                          | '000                    |                                      | '000                       |                           |
| 'Low rise' flat/unit               | 6.2                                             | *4.7                    | *17.6                                       | 5.6                                                      | 71.6                    | 75.2                                                | 44.6                    | 68.4                                    | 500.4                   | 74.3                                     | 283.5                   | 72.5                                 | 829.1                      | 74.0                      |
| Semi-detached, townhouse, villa    | *7.4                                            | *3.3                    | *12.2                                       | 6.6                                                      | 6.8                     | 7.1                                                 | 6.4                     | 9.8                                     | 65.5                    | 9.7                                      | 31.6                    | 8.1                                  | 104.0                      | 9.3                       |
| 'High-rise' flat/unit              | 1.0                                             | **                      | **                                          | 1.0                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | **                      | **                                      | 56.4                    | 8.4                                      | 47.3                    | 12.1                                 | 108.6                      | 9.7                       |
| Mobile/improvised dwelling         | 0.2                                             | **                      | **                                          | 0.2                                                      | **                      | **                                                  | **                      | **                                      | 11.5                    | 1.7                                      | *5.0                    | *1.3                                 | 17.0                       | 1.5                       |
| Dwelling and non-dwelling combined | 0.6                                             | **                      | **                                          | 0.6                                                      | *1.7                    | *1.8                                                | **                      | **                                      | *4.5                    | *0.7                                     | *2.3                    | *0.6                                 | 8.1                        | 0.7                       |
| Other                              | 2.1                                             | **                      | **                                          | 2.2                                                      | *3.3                    | *3.4                                                | *3.9                    | *5.9                                    | 31.2                    | 4.6                                      | 19.9                    | 5.1                                  | 49.6                       | 4.4                       |
| Total(d)                           | 100.0                                           | 26.7                    | 100.0                                       | 100.0                                                    | 95.2                    | 100.0                                               | 65.3                    | 100.0                                   | 673.3                   | 100.0                                    | 390.9                   | 190.0                                | 1,121.0                    | 100.0                     |

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 (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 2.9 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL PERSONS BY TYPE OF DWELLING GROUP BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)  
 (Rates per thousand)

| Type of dwelling                   | Type of offence   |                     |          |             |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | Sexual assault(b) | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery  | Other theft | Assault   | Total     |
| Separate house                     | 4                 | 7                   | 5        | 52          | 30        | 87        |
| 'Low rise' flat/unit               | *14               | 11                  | 10       | 103         | 50        | 164       |
| Semi-detached, townhouse, villa    | *8                | 15                  | 11       | 75          | 63        | 145       |
| 'High-rise' flat/unit              | **                | **                  | **       | 107         | *46       | 158       |
| Mobile/improvised dwelling         | **                | **                  | **       | *144        | **        | *180      |
| Dwelling and non-dwelling combined | **                | *25                 | **       | *69         | *35       | 123       |
| Other                              | **                | *13                 | *15      | 124         | 79        | 197       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>5</b>          | <b>8</b>            | <b>6</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>34</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

**TABLE 2.10 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY SEX AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH SEX**

| Country of birth | % of total population aged 15 years and over | Sex          |                       |              |                         |                |                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                  |                                              | Males        |                       | Females      |                         | Persons        |                    |
|                  |                                              | Males '000   | % of all male victims | Females '000 | % of all female victims | Persons '000   | % of total victims |
| Australia        | 75.1                                         | 545.7        | 77.3                  | 325.5        | 78.5                    | 871.2          | 77.7               |
| U.K. and Ireland | 9.5                                          | 65.8         | 9.3                   | 37.0         | 8.9                     | 102.8          | 9.2                |
| Italy            | 2.6                                          | 8.9          | 1.3                   | *4.0         | *1.0                    | 12.9           | 1.2                |
| Greece           | 1.3                                          | 7.0          | 1.0                   | **           | 0.2                     | 7.8            | 0.7                |
| Yugoslavia       | 1.2                                          | *6.1         | *0.9                  | *3.3         | *0.8                    | 9.4            | 0.8                |
| Holland          | 0.9                                          | 6.8          | 1.0                   | *3.1         | *0.7                    | 9.9            | 0.9                |
| Germany          | 1.1                                          | 9.1          | 1.3                   | *3.6         | *0.9                    | 12.7           | 1.1                |
| New Zealand      | 1.3                                          | 13.9         | 2.0                   | 12.5         | 3.0                     | 26.4           | 2.4                |
| Other            | 7.2                                          | 43.1         | 6.1                   | 24.9         | 6.0                     | 67.9           | 6.1                |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>100.0</b>                                 | <b>706.4</b> | <b>100.0</b>          | <b>414.6</b> | <b>100.0</b>            | <b>1,121.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>       |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

**TABLE 2.10 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL PERSONS BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY SEX(a)**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Country of birth | Sex        |           |           |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                  | Males      | Females   | Persons   |
| Australia        | 131        | 74        | 102       |
| U.K. and Ireland | 120        | 69        | 95        |
| Italy            | 57         | *29       | 44        |
| Greece           | 84         | **        | 52        |
| Yugoslavia       | *86        | *53       | 71        |
| Holland          | 125        | *68       | 99        |
| Germany          | 133        | 68        | 105       |
| New Zealand      | 183        | 165       | 174       |
| Other            | 106        | 60        | 83        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>125</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on males, females and persons aged 15 years and over.

**TABLE 2.11 (PART 1). PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY CITY SIZE BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND AS A PERCENTAGE(b) OF ALL VICTIMS OF EACH OFFENCE**

| City size (persons)                                       | EACH OFFENCE                                    |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                      |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                         |                           | TOTAL VICTIMS |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
|                                                           | Percentage of population—type of offence        |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                      |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                         |                           |               |  |
|                                                           | Sexual assault<br>(c)                           |                         |                                             | Motor vehicle<br>theft                                   |                         | Robbery                                             |                         | Other theft                          |                         | Assault                                  |                         | Total                                |                         |                           |               |  |
|                                                           | % of<br>females<br>aged 18<br>years and<br>over | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all sexual<br>assault<br>victims | % of total<br>population<br>aged 15<br>years and<br>over | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all motor<br>vehicle<br>theft<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all<br>robbery<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all other<br>theft<br>victims | Number<br>of<br>victims | As % of<br>all<br>assault<br>victims | Number of<br>victims(d) | As % of<br>all<br>victims |               |  |
|                                                           |                                                 |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                      |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                         |                           |               |  |
| Over 1 million                                            | 49.1                                            | 17.2                    | 64.2                                        | 48.4                                                     | 64.3                    | 67.5                                                | 39.4                    | 60.4                                 | 342.6                   | 50.9                                     | 193.7                   | 49.6                                 | 1 000                   | 52.6                      |               |  |
| 500,000-1 million                                         | 13.0                                            | *4.1                    | *15.3                                       | 12.8                                                     | 10.5                    | 11.1                                                | 8.7                     | 13.3                                 | 108.7                   | 16.2                                     | 69.3                    | 17.7                                 | 589.3                   | 16.1                      |               |  |
| 100,000-499,999                                           | 9.2                                             | **                      | **                                          | 9.3                                                      | *5.2                    | *5.4                                                | 6.8                     | 10.5                                 | 56.2                    | 8.3                                      | 33.2                    | 8.5                                  | 180.9                   | 8.0                       |               |  |
| 50,000-99,999                                             | 4.1                                             | **                      | **                                          | 4.2                                                      | *1.6                    | *1.7                                                | *1.8                    | *2.7                                 | 29.0                    | 4.3                                      | 14.8                    | 3.8                                  | 42.9                    | 3.8                       |               |  |
| Under 50,000                                              | 24.6                                            | *3.3                    | *12.2                                       | 25.3                                                     | 13.6                    | 14.3                                                | 8.6                     | 13.2                                 | 136.8                   | 20.3                                     | 79.7                    | 20.4                                 | 217.8                   | 19.4                      |               |  |
| Total(d)                                                  | 100.0                                           | 26.7                    | 100.0                                       | 100.0                                                    | 95.2                    | 100.0                                               | 65.3                    | 100.0                                | 673.3                   | 100.0                                    | 390.9                   | 100.0                                | 1,121.0                 | 100.0                     |               |  |
| (a) Victims refers to persons who were injured or killed. |                                                 |                         |                                             |                                                          |                         |                                                     |                         |                                      |                         |                                          |                         |                                      |                         |                           |               |  |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve month period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

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**TABLE 2.11 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND OF ALL PERSONS BY CITY SIZE BY TYPE OF OFFENCE(a)**  
 (Rates per thousand)

| City size (persons) | Type of offence      |                        |          |             |           | Total     |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                     | Sexual<br>assault(b) | Motor<br>vehicle theft | Robbery  | Other theft | Assault   |           |
| Over 1 million      | 5                    | 12                     | 7        | 62          | 35        | 107       |
| 500,000-1 million   | *6                   | 7                      | 6        | 74          | 47        | 124       |
| 100,000-499,999     | **                   | *5                     | 6        | 53          | 31        | 85        |
| 50,000-99,999       | **                   | *3                     | *4       | 61          | 31        | 91        |
| Under 50,000        | *2                   | 5                      | 3        | 47          | 27        | 75        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>5</b>             | <b>8</b>               | <b>6</b> | <b>59</b>   | <b>34</b> | <b>98</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over with the exception of sexual assault rates which are based on females aged 18 years and over. (b) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over.

## CHAPTER 3: VICTIMS OF MULTIPLE INCIDENTS

### Introduction

This chapter presents data about victims by the number of incidents they recorded in the previous twelve month period. This is in contrast to the other chapters in this publication which show details about only the last incident recorded of each offence suffered by victims. Table 3.1 is the only table that provides information on the number of incidents separately for each particular offence. The remaining tables record data for victims of offences on the basis of the number of incidents of all offences for personal victims, that is, data for particular offences are not separately shown. This information is tabulated against selected demographic characteristics. The definition of the number of incidents in Tables 3.2 to 3.5 differs from Table 3.1 in that Tables 3.2 to 3.5 aggregate the total number of incidents recorded by the victim and classify this against the number of different offences recorded. Hence a victim may have recorded one incident of motor vehicle theft, one assault and one sexual assault. In Tables 3.2 to 3.5 this victim will be recorded as having suffered three incidents and three offences. Another victim who recorded three incidents of assault but no other offence, will be recorded as having three incidents but only one offence.

### Summary of Findings

Table 3.1 demonstrates that for theft offences roughly four in five victims recorded one incident only for each offence. For motor vehicle theft the figure is approximately nine in ten. However for robbery, sexual assault and assault one victim in four recorded three or more incidents of that offence.

Table 3.2 to 3.5 are based on the recorded data for all incidents. Six in ten victims recorded one incident only (of any offence) in the previous twelve months.

From the broad age ranges in Table 3.2 a consistent pattern emerges. The youngest range experienced the highest total victimisation rate, the highest rates for victims of more than one offence, the highest rates for victims of more than one incident and the highest rate for four or more incidents of victimisation. With increasing age the percentages in each rates category decline. The older members of the community are not only less likely to be victims but they are less likely, if a victim, to be victimised more than once.

Table 3.3 demonstrates that males have higher victimisation levels than females, higher rates for multiple incidents and for multiple offences and are more likely to

have experienced four or more incidents of victimisation. Males also show a higher proportion of multiple victimisations than females.

Table 3.4 suggests that marital status is an important determinant of multiple victimisations. The separated suffered the highest victimisation rates, the highest rate for multiple incidents and multiple offences and the highest rate of four or more incidents. The divorced demonstrate a lower victimisation rate than the never married, but experienced a higher rate of multiple victimisations, measured by both incidents and offences. The married and the widowed, demonstrate both lower victimisation rates and lower multiple victimisation rates.

In terms of numbers of victims, the divorced show a higher proportion of multiple incident and multiple offence victims than the separated, although the latter demonstrate a higher proportion of victims with four or more victimisations. The married and the widowed, if victimised, were less likely to have been multiple victims.

Table 3.5 on country of birth suggests that the Mediterranean born (Italy, Greece and Yugoslavia) consistently recorded the lowest victimisation rates and the lowest multiple victimisation rates. As a proportion of victims, those born in Mediterranean countries were less likely to be multiple victims than those born elsewhere. Conversely the New Zealand born suffered the highest victimisation rates, the highest multiple victimisation rates and those who were victimised were more likely to suffer multiple victimisations than all others. Australian born and those born in the British Isles were victims of a wider range of offences than those of Dutch or German birth, but suffered a lower rate of multiple incident victimisations than the Dutch. Both were lower than the Dutch and German born for four or more incidents.

In general, for the four demographic characteristics examined in this chapter, a consistent pattern emerges. Population groups vulnerable to victimisation were also vulnerable to higher rates of multiple victimisations irrespective of the measure used. Conversely, those with low victimisation rates recorded low incidences of multiple victimisations and additionally if they had the misfortune to be victims, they were less likely to suffer from multiple victimisations than high victimisation groups.

TABLE 3.1. VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME(a) BY TYPE OF OFFENCE BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS ('000)

| Type of offence            | Number of incidents |       |        |              | Total      |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------|--------|--------------|------------|
|                            | One                 | Two   | Three  | Four or more |            |
| HOUSEHOLD VICTIMS          |                     |       |        |              |            |
| Break and enter            | 248.7               | 41.1  | 13.1   | 12.5         | 315.4      |
| Household property theft   | 131.0               | 17.9  | 9.6    | 7.9          | 166.5      |
| Total household victims(b) | 371.3               | 58.6  | 22.7   | 20.0         | (c)462.7   |
| PERSONAL VICTIMS           |                     |       |        |              |            |
| Motor vehicle theft        | 87.0                | *5.9  | *2.3   | ..           | 95.2       |
| Robbery                    | 40.5                | 7.9   | 6.6    | 10.4         | 65.3       |
| Other theft                | 505.8               | 87.2  | 41.1   | 39.1         | 673.3      |
| Sexual assault(d)          | 14.9                | *4.2  | (e)6.6 | ..           | (f)26.7    |
| Assault                    | 231.5               | 48.4  | 34.6   | 76.1         | 390.9      |
| Total personal victims(b)  | 825.9               | 150.4 | 91.0   | 115.4        | (c)1,121.0 |
| Total crime victims        | 1,153.7             | 206.8 | 112.7  | 132.3        | (e)1,494.2 |

(a) Victims refers to persons or households who were recorded as victims of one or more offences in the previous twelve months period. (b) Total may be less than sum of components since households or persons could have been victims of more than one offence. (c) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons or households who had been victims of more than one offence could have had a different number of incidents for each offence. (d) Sexual assault questions were asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (e) The number of incidents is three or more as victims were asked of the offence occurred one, two or three or more times. (f) Number of incidents components may not sum. The total figure for sexual assault because some females, given the option, chose not to provide information on the number of incidents.

TABLE 3.2 (PART I). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a): AGE GROUPS AND NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES(b) BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES ('000)

| Age groups and number of incidents of all offences(b) | Number of offences |       |       |      | Total   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------|---------|
|                                                       | One                | Two   | Three | Four |         |
| 15-24 years                                           |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                   | 267.8              | ..    | ..    | ..   | 267.8   |
| Two                                                   | 53.9               | 18.9  | ..    | ..   | 72.8    |
| Three(c)                                              | 32.8               | 9.8   | **    | ..   | 43.2    |
| Four or more                                          | 35.3               | 25.2  | *5.5  | **   | 66.5    |
| Total victims                                         | 389.7              | 54.0  | *6.1  | **   | 450.3   |
| 25-34 years                                           |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                   | 166.1              | ..    | ..    | ..   | 166.1   |
| Two                                                   | 40.1               | 11.5  | ..    | ..   | 51.6    |
| Three(c)                                              | 23.8               | *5.2  | **    | ..   | 29.1    |
| Four or more                                          | 32.3               | 8.5   | *3.4  | **   | 44.2    |
| Total victims                                         | 262.2              | 25.1  | *3.5  | **   | 290.9   |
| 35-44 years                                           |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                   | 108.2              | ..    | ..    | ..   | 108.2   |
| Two                                                   | 23.7               | 7.9   | ..    | ..   | 31.5    |
| Three(c)                                              | 10.9               | *2.4  | **    | ..   | 13.2    |
| Four or more                                          | 21.6               | *6.1  | **    | **   | 28.5    |
| Total victims                                         | 164.3              | 16.3  | **    | **   | 181.5   |
| 45-59 years                                           |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                   | 88.9               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 88.9    |
| Two                                                   | 16.6               | *4.4  | ..    | ..   | 21.0    |
| Three(c)                                              | 9.4                | *1.5  | **    | ..   | 11.0    |
| Four or more                                          | 11.8               | *3.7  | **    | **   | 16.1    |
| Total victims                                         | 126.7              | 9.7   | **    | **   | 137.0   |
| 60 years and over                                     |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                   | 43.2               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 43.2    |
| Two                                                   | 6.8                | **    | ..    | ..   | 7.4     |
| Three(c)                                              | *4.9               | **    | **    | ..   | *4.9    |
| Four or more                                          | *5.0               | **    | **    | **   | *5.7    |
| Total victims                                         | 59.9               | **    | **    | **   | 61.2    |
| Total                                                 |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                   | 674.1              | ..    | ..    | ..   | 674.1   |
| Two                                                   | 141.1              | 43.3  | ..    | ..   | 184.4   |
| Three(c)                                              | 81.7               | 18.9  | **    | ..   | 101.5   |
| Four or more                                          | 105.9              | 44.3  | 10.4  | **   | 161.1   |
| Total victims                                         | 1,002.8            | 106.4 | 11.3  | **   | 1,121.0 |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents for each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

TABLE 3.2 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY AGE GROUP AND NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES  
(Rates per thousand)

| Age groups and number of incidents of all offences(b) | Number of offences |     |       |      | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
|                                                       | One                | Two | Three | Four |       |
| <b>15-24 years</b>                                    |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                   | 103                | ..  | ..    | ..   | 103   |
| Two                                                   | 21                 | 7   | ..    | ..   | 28    |
| Three(c)                                              | 13                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 17    |
| Four or more                                          | 14                 | 10  | *2    | ..   | 26    |
| Total victims                                         | 151                | 21  | *2    | ..   | 174   |
| <b>25-34 years</b>                                    |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                   | 67                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 67    |
| Two                                                   | 16                 | 5   | ..    | ..   | 21    |
| Three(c)                                              | 10                 | *2  | ..    | ..   | 12    |
| Four or more                                          | 13                 | 3   | *1    | ..   | 18    |
| Total victims                                         | 105                | 10  | *1    | ..   | 117   |
| <b>35-44 years</b>                                    |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                   | 53                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 53    |
| Two                                                   | 12                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 16    |
| Three(c)                                              | 5                  | *1  | ..    | ..   | 7     |
| Four or more                                          | 11                 | *3  | ..    | ..   | 14    |
| Total victims                                         | 81                 | 8   | ..    | ..   | 90    |
| <b>45-59 years</b>                                    |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                   | 39                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 39    |
| Two                                                   | 7                  | *2  | ..    | ..   | 9     |
| Three(c)                                              | 4                  | *1  | ..    | ..   | 5     |
| Four or more                                          | 5                  | *2  | ..    | ..   | 7     |
| Total victims                                         | 56                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 61    |
| <b>60 years and over</b>                              |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                   | 21                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 21    |
| Two                                                   | 3                  | ..  | ..    | ..   | 4     |
| Three(c)                                              | *2                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | *2    |
| Four or more                                          | *2                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | *3    |
| Total victims                                         | 29                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 30    |
| <b>Total</b>                                          |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                   | 59                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 59    |
| Two                                                   | 12                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 16    |
| Three(c)                                              | 7                  | 2   | ..    | ..   | 9     |
| Four or more                                          | 9                  | 4   | 1     | ..   | 14    |
| Total victims                                         | 88                 | 9   | 1     | ..   | 98    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents for each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

**TABLE 3.3 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a): SEX BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES(b) BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES**  
( '000)

| Sex and number of incidents of all offences(b) | Number of offences |              |             |           | Total          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                                | One                | Two          | Three       | Four      |                |
| <b>Males</b>                                   |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                            | 414.2              | ..           | ..          | ..        | 414.2          |
| Two                                            | 88.3               | 31.3         | ..          | ..        | 119.6          |
| Three                                          | 48.8               | 14.4         | **          | ..        | 63.7           |
| Four or more                                   | 73.9               | 28.5         | 6.5         | **        | 108.9          |
| <b>Total males</b>                             | <b>625.2</b>       | <b>74.1</b>  | <b>7.0</b>  | <b>**</b> | <b>706.4</b>   |
| <b>Females</b>                                 |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                            | 259.9              | ..           | ..          | ..        | 259.9          |
| Two                                            | 52.7               | 12.0         | ..          | ..        | 64.7           |
| Three(c)                                       | 32.9               | *4.5         | **          | ..        | 37.8           |
| Four or more                                   | 32.0               | 15.8         | *3.9        | **        | 52.2           |
| <b>Total females</b>                           | <b>377.6</b>       | <b>32.3</b>  | <b>*4.2</b> | <b>**</b> | <b>414.6</b>   |
| <b>Persons</b>                                 |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                            | 674.1              | ..           | ..          | ..        | 674.1          |
| Two                                            | 141.1              | 43.3         | ..          | ..        | 184.4          |
| Three(c)                                       | 81.7               | 18.9         | **          | ..        | 101.5          |
| Four or more                                   | 105.9              | 44.3         | 10.4        | **        | 161.1          |
| <b>Total persons</b>                           | <b>1,002.8</b>     | <b>106.4</b> | <b>11.3</b> | <b>**</b> | <b>1,121.0</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents for each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

**TABLE 3.3 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY SEX BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Sex and number of incidents of all offences(b) | Number of offences |           |           |           | Total      |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                                                | One                | Two       | Three     | Four      |            |
| <b>Males</b>                                   |                    |           |           |           |            |
| One                                            | 73                 | ..        | ..        | ..        | 73         |
| Two                                            | 16                 | 6         | ..        | ..        | 21         |
| Three                                          | 9                  | 3         | **        | ..        | 11         |
| Four or more                                   | 13                 | 5         | 1         | **        | 19         |
| <b>Total males</b>                             | <b>111</b>         | <b>13</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>**</b> | <b>125</b> |
| <b>Females</b>                                 |                    |           |           |           |            |
| One                                            | 45                 | ..        | ..        | ..        | 45         |
| Two                                            | 9                  | 2         | ..        | ..        | 11         |
| Three(c)                                       | 6                  | *1        | **        | ..        | 7          |
| Four or more                                   | 6                  | 3         | *1        | **        | 9          |
| <b>Total females</b>                           | <b>65</b>          | <b>6</b>  | <b>*1</b> | <b>**</b> | <b>72</b>  |
| <b>Persons</b>                                 |                    |           |           |           |            |
| One                                            | 59                 | ..        | ..        | ..        | 59         |
| Two                                            | 12                 | 4         | ..        | ..        | 16         |
| Three(c)                                       | 7                  | 2         | **        | ..        | 9          |
| Four or more                                   | 9                  | 4         | 1         | **        | 14         |
| <b>Total persons</b>                           | <b>88</b>          | <b>9</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>**</b> | <b>98</b>  |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents for each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

TABLE 3.4 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME<sup>(a)</sup>: MARITAL STATUS BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES<sup>(b)</sup> BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES  
(\* 000)

| Marital status and number of incidents of all offences <sup>(b)</sup> | Number of offences |              |             |           | Total          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                                                       | One                | Two          | Three       | Four      |                |
| <b>Married (inc de facto)</b>                                         |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                                                   | 306.7              | ..           | ..          | ..        | 306.7          |
| Two                                                                   | 57.9               | 14.5         | ..          | ..        | 72.4           |
| Three(c)                                                              | 38.0               | 6.7          | **          | ..        | 44.8           |
| Four or more                                                          | 52.4               | 9.0          | **          | **        | 62.3           |
| <b>Total married</b>                                                  | <b>455.0</b>       | <b>30.2</b>  | <b>**</b>   | <b>**</b> | <b>486.2</b>   |
| <b>Separated</b>                                                      |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                                                   | 20.5               | ..           | ..          | ..        | 20.5           |
| Two                                                                   | *3.5               | *1.7         | ..          | ..        | *5.2           |
| Three(c)                                                              | *2.9               | **           | **          | ..        | *3.7           |
| Four or more                                                          | 7.4                | *3.1         | **          | **        | 10.9           |
| <b>Total separated</b>                                                | <b>34.3</b>        | <b>*3.5</b>  | <b>**</b>   | <b>**</b> | <b>40.4</b>    |
| <b>Divorced</b>                                                       |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                                                   | 25.3               | ..           | ..          | ..        | 25.3           |
| Two                                                                   | 7.6                | *2.4         | ..          | ..        | 10.0           |
| Three(c)                                                              | *4.5               | **           | **          | ..        | *5.2           |
| Four or more                                                          | *5.8               | 6.3          | **          | **        | 12.5           |
| <b>Total divorced</b>                                                 | <b>43.2</b>        | <b>9.4</b>   | <b>**</b>   | <b>**</b> | <b>53.0</b>    |
| <b>Widowed</b>                                                        |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                                                   | 20.6               | ..           | ..          | ..        | 20.6           |
| Two                                                                   | *4.5               | **           | ..          | ..        | *4.7           |
| Three(c)                                                              | *2.2               | **           | **          | ..        | *2.2           |
| Four or more                                                          | *1.5               | **           | **          | **        | *2.1           |
| <b>Total widowed</b>                                                  | <b>28.8</b>        | <b>**</b>    | <b>**</b>   | <b>**</b> | <b>29.6</b>    |
| <b>Never married</b>                                                  |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                                                   | 301.0              | ..           | ..          | ..        | 301.0          |
| Two                                                                   | 67.6               | 24.4         | ..          | ..        | 92.0           |
| Three(c)                                                              | 34.1               | 10.8         | **          | ..        | 45.6           |
| Four or more                                                          | 38.8               | 25.4         | 8.5         | **        | 73.2           |
| <b>Total never married</b>                                            | <b>441.5</b>       | <b>60.7</b>  | <b>9.1</b>  | <b>**</b> | <b>511.8</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                                                          |                    |              |             |           |                |
| One                                                                   | 674.1              | ..           | ..          | ..        | 674.1          |
| Two                                                                   | 141.1              | 43.3         | ..          | ..        | 184.4          |
| Three(c)                                                              | 81.7               | 18.9         | **          | ..        | 101.5          |
| Four or more                                                          | 105.9              | 44.3         | 10.4        | **        | 161.1          |
| <b>Total persons</b>                                                  | <b>1,002.8</b>     | <b>106.4</b> | <b>11.3</b> | <b>**</b> | <b>1,121.0</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents of each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.



TABLE 3.4 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY MARITAL STATUS BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES(b) BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES (Rates per thousand)

| Marital status and number of incidents of all offences(b) | Number of offences |     |       |      | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
|                                                           | One                | Two | Three | Four |       |
| Married (inc de facto)                                    |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                       | 43                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 43    |
| Two                                                       | 8                  | 2   | ..    | ..   | 10    |
| Three(c)                                                  | 5                  | 1   | **    | ..   | 6     |
| Four or more                                              | 7                  | 1   | **    | **   | 9     |
| Total married                                             | 63                 | 4   | **    | **   | 67    |
| Separated                                                 |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                       | 93                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 93    |
| Two                                                       | *16                | *8  | ..    | ..   | *24   |
| Three(c)                                                  | *13                | **  | **    | ..   | *17   |
| Four or more                                              | 33                 | *14 | **    | **   | 49    |
| Total separated                                           | 153                | *25 | **    | **   | 183   |
| Divorced                                                  |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                       | 74                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 74    |
| Two                                                       | 22                 | *7  | ..    | ..   | 29    |
| Three(c)                                                  | *13                | **  | **    | ..   | *15   |
| Four or more                                              | *17                | 18  | **    | **   | 36    |
| Total divorced                                            | 126                | 27  | **    | **   | 154   |
| Widowed                                                   |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                       | 30                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 30    |
| Two                                                       | *7                 | **  | ..    | ..   | *7    |
| Three(c)                                                  | *3                 | **  | **    | ..   | *3    |
| Four or more                                              | *2                 | **  | **    | **   | *3    |
| Total widowed                                             | 42                 | **  | **    | **   | 43    |
| Never married                                             |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                       | 101                | ..  | ..    | ..   | 101   |
| Two                                                       | 23                 | 8   | ..    | ..   | 31    |
| Three(c)                                                  | 11                 | 4   | **    | ..   | 15    |
| Four or more                                              | 13                 | 9   | 3     | **   | 25    |
| Total never married                                       | 149                | 20  | 3     | **   | 172   |
| Total                                                     |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                       | 59                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 59    |
| Two                                                       | 12                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 16    |
| Three(c)                                                  | 7                  | 2   | **    | ..   | 9     |
| Four or more                                              | 9                  | 4   | 1     | **   | 14    |
| Total persons                                             | 88                 | 9   | 1     | **   | 98    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents of each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

TABLE 3.5 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a): COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES(b) BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES ('000)

| Country of birth and number of incidents of all offences(b) | Number of offences |       |       |      | Total   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------|---------|
|                                                             | One                | Two   | Three | Four |         |
| <b>Australia</b>                                            |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 521.4              | ..    | ..    | ..   | 521.4   |
| Two                                                         | 107.1              | 34.4  | ..    | ..   | 141.5   |
| Three(c)                                                    | 67.2               | 13.0  | ..    | ..   | 81.0    |
| Four or more                                                | 82.5               | 35.1  | 9.3   | ..   | 127.4   |
| Total                                                       | 778.2              | 82.4  | 10.1  | ..   | 871.2   |
| <b>U.K. and Ireland</b>                                     |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 62.6               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 62.6    |
| Two                                                         | 13.1               | *3.7  | ..    | ..   | 16.9    |
| Three(c)                                                    | *4.5               | *3.3  | ..    | ..   | 7.8     |
| Four or more                                                | 11.1               | *3.8  | ..    | ..   | 15.5    |
| Total                                                       | 91.3               | 10.9  | ..    | ..   | 102.8   |
| <b>Italy</b>                                                |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 8.7                | ..    | ..    | ..   | 8.7     |
| Two                                                         | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | *2.1    |
| Three(c)                                                    | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Four or more                                                | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Total                                                       | 12.0               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 12.9    |
| <b>Greece</b>                                               |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | *5.7               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *5.7    |
| Two                                                         | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Three(c)                                                    | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Four or more                                                | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Total                                                       | 7.3                | ..    | ..    | ..   | 7.8     |
| <b>Yugoslavia</b>                                           |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 6.5                | ..    | ..    | ..   | 6.5     |
| Two                                                         | *1.6               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *1.6    |
| Three(c)                                                    | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Four or more                                                | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Total                                                       | 9.0                | ..    | ..    | ..   | 9.4     |
| <b>Holland</b>                                              |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | *4.4               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *4.4    |
| Two                                                         | *2.8               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *3.5    |
| Three(c)                                                    | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Four or more                                                | *1.7               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *1.7    |
| Total                                                       | 9.0                | ..    | ..    | ..   | 9.9     |
| <b>Germany</b>                                              |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 8.1                | ..    | ..    | ..   | 8.1     |
| Two                                                         | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | ..      |
| Three(c)                                                    | ..                 | ..    | ..    | ..   | *1.7    |
| Four or more                                                | *1.8               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *2.0    |
| Total                                                       | 11.6               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 12.7    |
| <b>New Zealand</b>                                          |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 12.8               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 12.8    |
| Two                                                         | *4.1               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *4.9    |
| Three(c)                                                    | *1.7               | *1.6  | ..    | ..   | *3.4    |
| Four or more                                                | *3.6               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *5.3    |
| Total                                                       | 22.2               | *3.7  | ..    | ..   | 26.4    |
| <b>Other</b>                                                |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 44.0               | ..    | ..    | ..   | 44.0    |
| Two                                                         | 9.6                | *2.3  | ..    | ..   | 11.9    |
| Three(c)                                                    | *5.3               | ..    | ..    | ..   | *5.3    |
| Four or more                                                | *3.5               | *3.2  | ..    | ..   | 6.8     |
| Total                                                       | 62.3               | *5.6  | ..    | ..   | 67.9    |
| <b>Total</b>                                                |                    |       |       |      |         |
| One                                                         | 674.1              | ..    | ..    | ..   | 674.1   |
| Two                                                         | 141.1              | 43.3  | ..    | ..   | 184.4   |
| Three(c)                                                    | 81.7               | 18.9  | ..    | ..   | 101.5   |
| Four or more                                                | 105.9              | 44.3  | 10.4  | ..   | 161.1   |
| Total                                                       | 1,002.8            | 106.4 | 11.3  | ..   | 1,121.0 |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents of each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

TABLE 3.5 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND (a) OF ALL PERSONS BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH BY NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF ALL OFFENCES (b) BY NUMBER OF OFFENCES  
(Rates per thousand)

| Country of birth and number of incidents of all offences (b) | Number of offences |     |       |      | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
|                                                              | One                | Two | Three | Four |       |
| <b>Australia</b>                                             |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 61                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 61    |
| Two                                                          | 12                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 16    |
| Three(c)                                                     | 8                  | 2   | **    | ..   | 9     |
| Four or more                                                 | 10                 | 4   | 1     | **   | 15    |
| Total                                                        | 91                 | 10  | 1     | **   | 102   |
| <b>U.K. and Ireland</b>                                      |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 58                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 58    |
| Two                                                          | 12                 | *3  | ..    | ..   | 16    |
| Three(c)                                                     | *4                 | *3  | ..    | ..   | 7     |
| Four or more                                                 | 10                 | *4  | **    | **   | 14    |
| Total                                                        | 85                 | 10  | **    | **   | 95    |
| <b>Italy</b>                                                 |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 30                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 30    |
| Two                                                          | **                 | **  | ..    | ..   | **    |
| Three(c)                                                     | **                 | **  | ..    | ..   | **    |
| Four or more                                                 | ..                 | **  | **    | **   | **    |
| Total                                                        | 41                 | **  | **    | **   | 44    |
| <b>Greece</b>                                                |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | *38                | ..  | ..    | ..   | *38   |
| Two                                                          | **                 | **  | ..    | ..   | **    |
| Three(c)                                                     | **                 | **  | ..    | ..   | **    |
| Four or more                                                 | **                 | **  | **    | **   | **    |
| Total                                                        | 48                 | **  | **    | **   | 52    |
| <b>Yugoslavia</b>                                            |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 49                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 49    |
| Two                                                          | *12                | **  | ..    | ..   | *12   |
| Three(c)                                                     | **                 | **  | **    | ..   | **    |
| Four or more                                                 | **                 | **  | **    | **   | **    |
| Total                                                        | 67                 | **  | **    | **   | 71    |
| <b>Holland</b>                                               |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | *44                | ..  | ..    | ..   | *44   |
| Two                                                          | *27                | **  | ..    | ..   | *35   |
| Three(c)                                                     | **                 | **  | **    | ..   | **    |
| Four or more                                                 | *17                | **  | **    | **   | *17   |
| Total                                                        | 90                 | **  | **    | **   | 99    |
| <b>Germany</b>                                               |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 67                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 67    |
| Two                                                          | **                 | **  | ..    | ..   | **    |
| Three(c)                                                     | **                 | **  | **    | ..   | **    |
| Four or more                                                 | *15                | **  | **    | **   | *14   |
| Total                                                        | 96                 | **  | **    | **   | 105   |
| <b>New Zealand</b>                                           |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 85                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 85    |
| Two                                                          | *27                | **  | ..    | ..   | *32   |
| Three(c)                                                     | *11                | *11 | **    | ..   | *22   |
| Four or more                                                 | *24                | **  | **    | **   | *35   |
| Total                                                        | 147                | *24 | **    | **   | 174   |
| <b>Other</b>                                                 |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 54                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 54    |
| Two                                                          | 12                 | *3  | ..    | ..   | 15    |
| Three(c)                                                     | *6                 | **  | **    | ..   | *6    |
| Four or more                                                 | *4                 | *4  | **    | **   | 8     |
| Total                                                        | 76                 | *7  | **    | **   | 83    |
| <b>Total</b>                                                 |                    |     |       |      |       |
| One                                                          | 59                 | ..  | ..    | ..   | 59    |
| Two                                                          | 12                 | 4   | ..    | ..   | 16    |
| Three(c)                                                     | 7                  | 2   | **    | ..   | 9     |
| Four or more                                                 | 9                  | 4   | 1     | **   | 14    |
| Total                                                        | 88                 | 9   | 1     | **   | 98    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over. (b) Number of incidents of all offences records the sum of the number of incidents of each offence. (c) Victims of three or more sexual assaults are included in this count.

## CHAPTER 4—DETAILS OF OFFENCE

### Introduction

This chapter presents data on the last recorded incident of each offence type and methods of attack and types of theft; scene and light conditions at the time of the incident; details of injuries sustained; property stolen and whether items stolen were insured or not.

### Summary of Findings

Table 4.1 shows victims of actual or threatened attack by marital status, sex and method of attack. Separated females and males and never married and divorced males are the most likely groups to experience at least one actual or threatened attack, while married and widowed females are the least likely groups. Verbal and 'other physical' attacks account for almost all last incidents recorded.

Table 4.2 shows that 26 out of every 1,000 females reported being victims of at least one actual or threatened attack. Of these, 7 (or 27 per cent) were injured as a result of the last incident. While males were roughly twice as likely to be victims of actual or threatened attack, a similar proportion were injured in the last incident, the respective figures being 54 out of every 1,000 males being victims and 14 (or 27 per cent) being injured as a result.

In Table 4.3, persons aged between 15-24 years recorded being victims of actual or threatened attack much more often than victims in other age groups (77 persons per 1000 compared with 40 persons per 1000 for all victims). Generally, for each method of attack, the rate of victimisation falls as age increases. Verbal assaults account for about half of all victims of actual or threatened attacks in each age range except the 15-24 year range where 'other physical' attacks account for one half of overall attacks.

Employment status by method of attack details are presented in Table 4.4. Unemployed persons are more than twice as likely to be victims of actual or threatened attack than employed persons or persons not in the labour force. 'Other physical' attacks account for over half of all last attacks recorded by unemployed persons but less than one half of those attacks recorded by other persons. The unemployed are more likely to be attacked by each method than the employed with the exception of attack by knife or gun where the rates are the same at 3 per thousand of population.

Figures 4a and 4b depict victims of actual or threatened attack by scene of last incident and light conditions at the time. The scenes of last incident recorded where the biggest majority of incidents occurred during hours of darkness were 'outside elsewhere', 'inside some other building' and 'inside another person's home'; conversely, 'at a place of work or study'—both inside and outside and 'at home—other' were the scenes where the most last incidents occurred during daylight. Verbal attacks were more likely to take place during the day while 'other physical' attacks were more likely at night. Attacks with a knife or gun were almost evenly spread between daylight and dark.

Table 4.5 shows that 88 per cent of all offences which resulted in property being stolen had no property found. Break and enter, household property theft and other theft showed a similar percentage of non-recovery. However property stolen from motor vehicles was found 6 per cent less often, while robbery had a more favourable non-recovery figure of 83 per cent.

Table 4.6 indicates that for all offences except robbery (for which figures have been suppressed due to high relative standard errors) and items stolen from motor vehicles, the last incident was more likely to become known to police if all or some of the stolen items were insured. This is particularly marked for Household Property Theft and Other Theft.

As Table 4.7 shows, the proportion of last incidents which became known to the police increased with the amount of cash stolen—from 52 per cent (103,000 out of 199,000 incidents) for less than \$100, through 74 per cent for between \$100-\$500 to 90% for \$500 or more. 70 per cent of all last incidents which resulted in cash being stolen involved amounts less than \$100, while only 4 per cent involved amounts greater than \$500.

Aggregate property/cash stolen data are presented in Table 4.8. Over three quarters of victims recorded thefts of property only—813,000 out of 1,065,000. Of these thefts, over half involved thefts of property worth less than \$100. The large majority of incidents in which property or cash was stolen involved amounts of cash less than \$100 and/or value of property also less than \$100.

The last two diagrams in this chapter, Figures 4c and 4d, depict persons who were victims of theft, by scene of incident and light conditions, and by type of theft and light conditions. Thefts from own home (other than inside dwelling) and from a motor vehicle more commonly occur at night, while thefts from place of work or study and from inside own home are far more likely to occur during daylight hours. Motor vehicle thefts and household property thefts occur more often at night. Break and enters, robberies and other thefts occur slightly more frequently in daylight.

Tables 4.9 and 4.10 provide information about the cost of damage resulting from motor vehicle theft and break and enter incidents.

From all last incidents of recorded motor vehicle thefts, 85 per cent of vehicles were recovered. Of these, 70 per cent were returned in worse condition than when stolen. (This data is not shown in the tables.) Table 4.9 provides combined data on both the cost of damage sustained and the cost of replacement of vehicles not recovered. This table differs from the other tables in this publication, which refer to the value of stolen items in motor vehicle theft, rather than the value of the stolen vehicle itself.

Table 4.10 provides data on the cost of damage inflicted on the house, garage or shed as a result of the last incident recorded of break and enter. The notable point is that while one third of break and enter victims suffered no loss of property, almost half of these did suffer damage to their property. In fact, a higher proportion of victims with nothing stolen recorded that damage occurred in the incident than those victims who had property stolen.

Table 4.11 provides data about theft victims and the items stolen as a result of the last incident recorded for each offence. More than one item may have been stolen as a result of each offence.

The data shows no apparent association between

specific items stolen and particular offences, apart from theft of motor vehicles.

Figure 4e provides a graphic representation of the proportion of theft victims who had items stolen as a result of the last incident, by whether police became aware of the incident or not, and by the type of items stolen.

It should be noted that the specified item may not have been reported because it was itself stolen, but rather because it was either stolen with a number of items (and the cumulative value of loss induced the victim to report the theft) or else it was part of a loss of items of significant value to the victim. For example, a car radio may have been reported, not for its own intrinsic value, but rather because of the loss of the vehicle itself.

FIGURE 4a: VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK: SCENE OF LAST INCIDENT BY LIGHT CONDITIONS

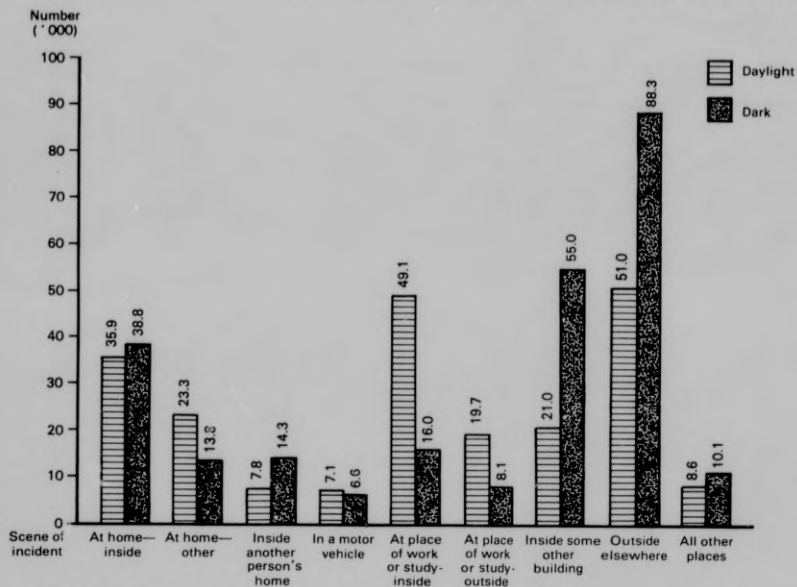


FIGURE 4b: VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK: METHOD OF ATTACK BY LIGHT CONDITION AT LAST INCIDENT

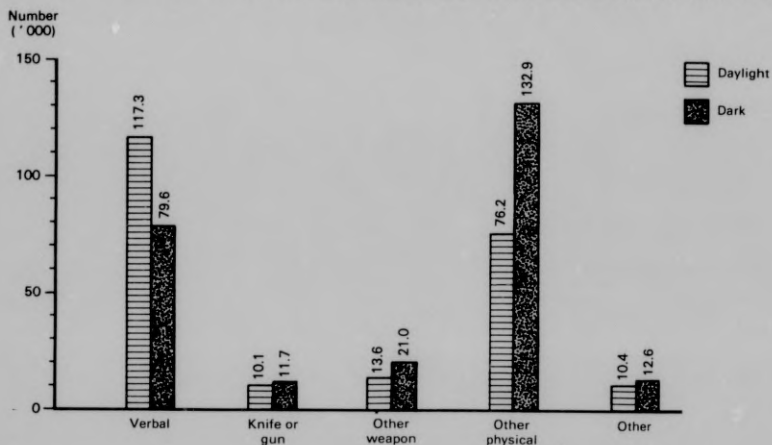
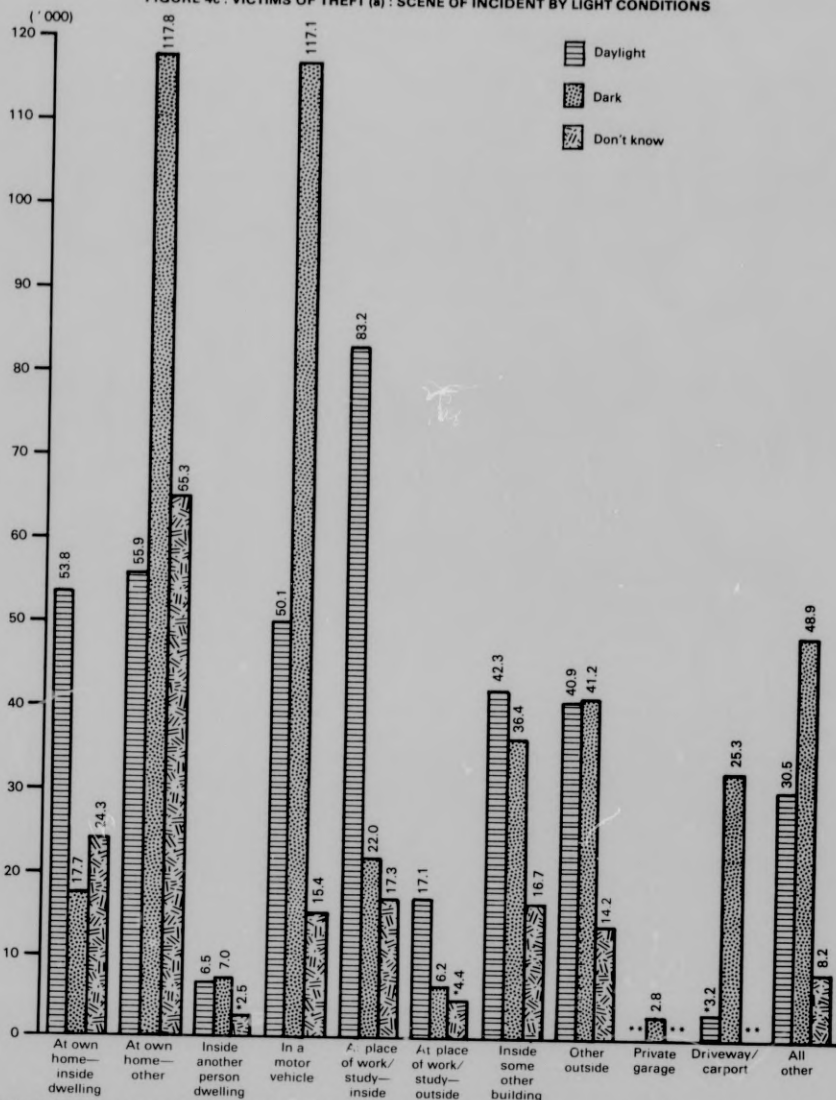


FIGURE 4c: VICTIMS OF THEFT (a): SCENE OF INCIDENT BY LIGHT CONDITIONS



(a) This figure excludes victims of break and enter who had 135,000 incidents during daylight, 121,700 when dark and 58,800 victims who did not know the light conditions.

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FIGURE 4d : VICTIMS OF THEFT :TYPE OF THEFT BY LIGHT CONDITIONS AT LAST INCIDENT

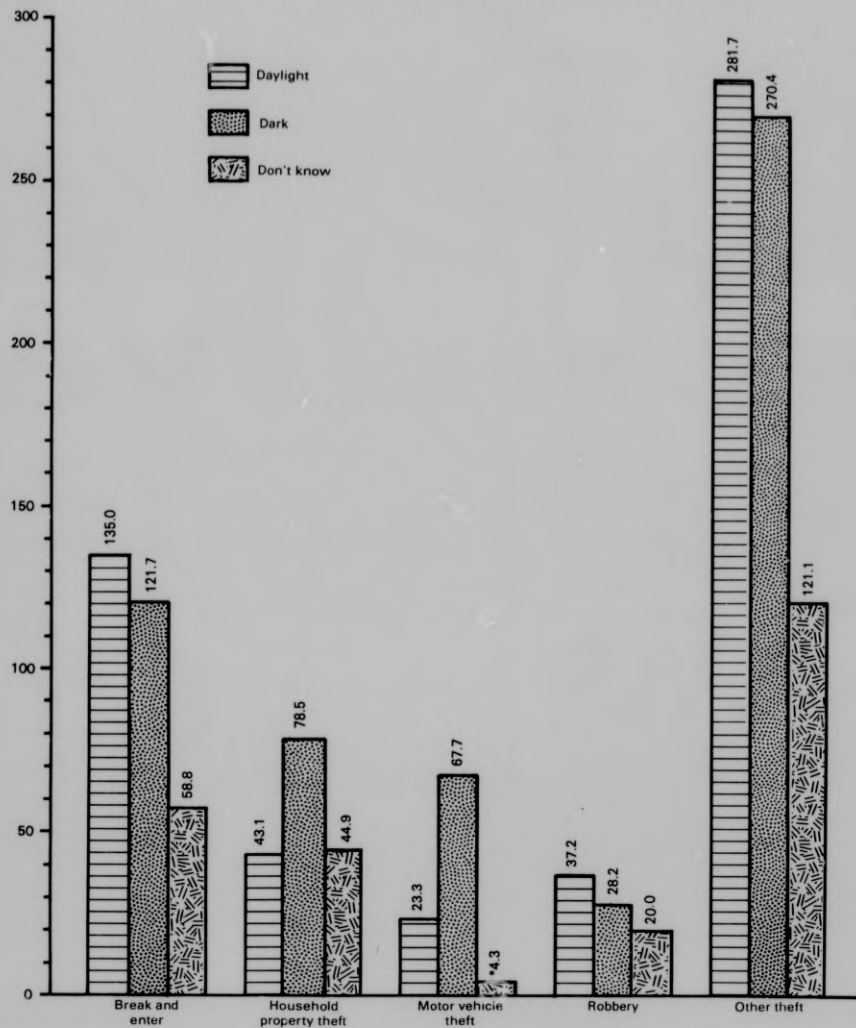
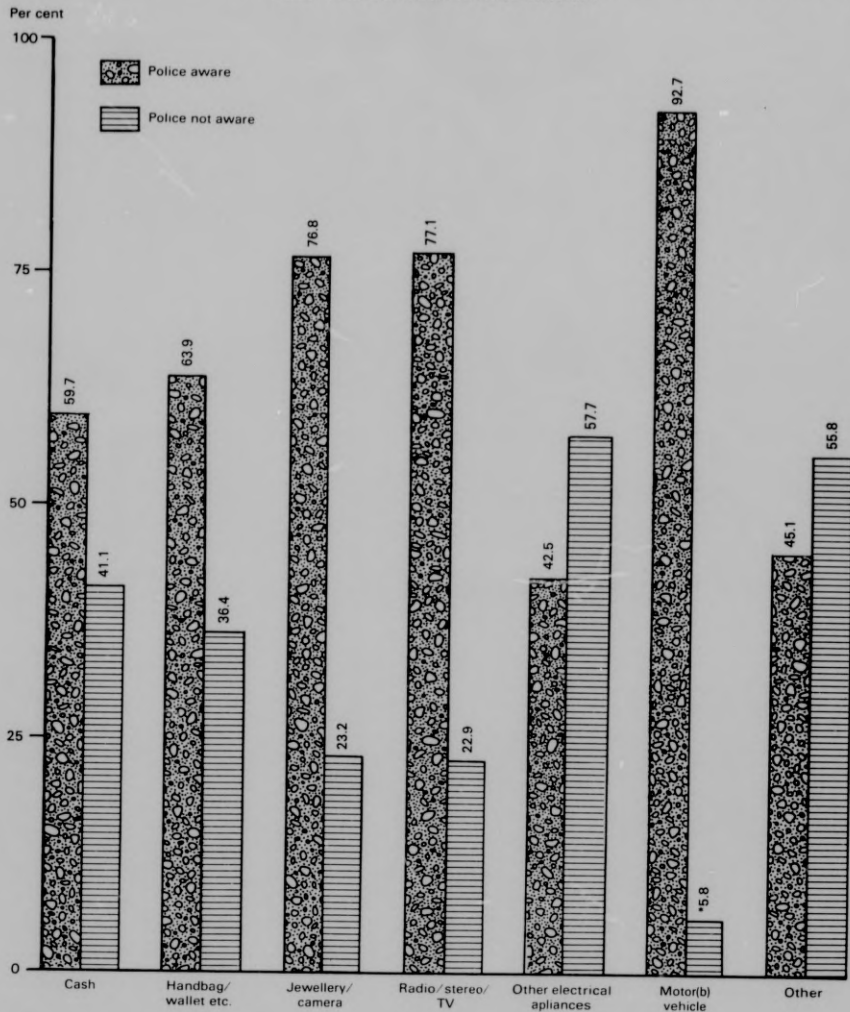




FIGURE 4e : VICTIMS OF THEFT PERCENTAGE OF INCIDENT IN WHICH SPECIFIED ITEMS WERE STOLEN (a), BY WHETHER POLICE WERE AWARE OF THE LAST INCIDENT



(a) The percentages may not add to 100 percent of victims, with more than one recorded incident in which the same item was stolen, informed the police of at least one of the incidents but not of one or more others.

(b) Motor vehicles that were recorded as stolen in break and enter, where it was the only item stolen, were treated as motor vehicle thefts and the details for the incident were recorded under that offence. However where the vehicle was not registered in the name of the respondent no details were sought. Hence the components do not sum to 100 per cent.

TABLE 4.1 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): MARITAL STATUS BY SEX  
BY METHOD OF ATTACK OF LAST INCIDENT;  
(\* 000)

| Marital status and sex | Method of attack |                 |                 |                   |       | Total(b) |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|----------|
|                        | Verbal           | Knife<br>or gun | Other<br>weapon | Other<br>physical | Other |          |
| Married (inc de facto) |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 66.2             | 6.9             | 9.7             | 42.3              | *4.3  | 124.9    |
| Females                | 27.7             | *2.6            | *1.7            | 17.9              | *4.6  | 53.2     |
| Persons                | 93.9             | 9.4             | 11.4            | 60.2              | 8.8   | 178.1    |
| Separated              |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | *3.2             | **              | **              | *3.3              | **    | 7.9      |
| Females                | 7.5              | **              | **              | 9.7               | **    | 17.7     |
| Persons                | 10.7             | **              | **              | 12.9              | *2.1  | 25.6     |
| Divorced               |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | *5.1             | **              | **              | 6.8               | **    | 12.9     |
| Females                | 7.3              | **              | **              | 5.6               | **    | 13.8     |
| Persons                | 12.4             | **              | **              | 12.4              | **    | 26.7     |
| Widowed                |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | *1.9             | **              | **              | **                | **    | *2.7     |
| Females                | *3.2             | **              | **              | **                | **    | *5.1     |
| Persons                | *5.1             | **              | **              | **                | **    | 7.8      |
| Never married          |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 52.2             | 7.4             | 16.8            | 86.3              | *4.3  | 156.9    |
| Females                | 21.8             | *3.1            | *3.5            | 34.2              | *5.5  | 62.2     |
| Persons                | 74.1             | 10.5            | 20.3            | 120.5             | 9.8   | 219.1    |
| Total                  |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 128.6            | 14.3            | 29.0            | 139.2             | 9.5   | 305.3    |
| Females                | 67.5             | 7.5             | *5.6            | 68.2              | 13.5  | 152.0    |
| Persons                | 196.1            | 21.8            | 34.6            | 207.4             | 22.9  | 457.3    |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more offences involving actual or threatened attack in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 4.1 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK PER THOUSAND (a) OF ALL PERSONS BY MARITAL STATUS BY SEX AND BY METHOD OF ATTACK OF LAST INCIDENT  
(Rates per thousand)

| Marital status and sex | Method of attack |                 |                 |                   |       | Total(b) |
|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|----------|
|                        | Verbal           | Knife<br>or gun | Other<br>weapon | Other<br>physical | Other |          |
| Married (inc de facto) |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 18               | 2               | 3               | 12                | *1    | 36       |
| Females                | 8                | *1              | **              | 5                 | *1    | 15       |
| Persons                | 13               | 1               | 2               | 8                 | 1     | 25       |
| Separated              |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 38               | **              | 13              | *38               | 9     | 92       |
| Females                | 55               | **              | **              | 71                | 10    | 131      |
| Persons                | 48               | **              | **              | 58                | *10   | 116      |
| Divorced               |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | *35              | **              | **              | 47                | **    | 90       |
| Females                | 37               | **              | **              | *28               | **    | 69       |
| Persons                | 36               | **              | **              | 36                | **    | 78       |
| Widowed                |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | *16              | **              | **              | **                | **    | *22      |
| Females                | *6               | **              | **              | **                | **    | *9       |
| Persons                | 7                | **              | **              | **                | **    | 11       |
| Never married          |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 31               | 4               | 10              | 51                | *3    | 94       |
| Females                | 17               | *2              | *3              | 26                | *4    | 48       |
| Persons                | 25               | 4               | 7               | 41                | 3     | 74       |
| Total                  |                  |                 |                 |                   |       |          |
| Males                  | 23               | 3               | 5               | 25                | 2     | 54       |
| Females                | 12               | 1               | *1              | 12                | 2     | 26       |
| Persons                | 17               | 2               | 3               | 18                | 2     | 40       |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over.

**TABLE 4.2 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): SEX BY WHETHER INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE LAST INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE**  
( ' 000)

| Sex     | Whether injured |       |          |
|---------|-----------------|-------|----------|
|         | Yes             | No    | Total(b) |
| Males   | 81.7            | 227.8 | 305.3    |
| Females | 40.4            | 116.2 | 152.0    |
| Persons | 122.2           | 344.0 | 457.3    |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more offences involving actual or threatened attack in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.2 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY SEX BY WHETHER INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE LAST INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Sex     | Whether injured |    |          |
|---------|-----------------|----|----------|
|         | Yes             | No | Total(b) |
| Males   | 14              | 40 | 54       |
| Females | 7               | 20 | 26       |
| Persons | 11              | 30 | 40       |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over.

**TABLE 4.3 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): METHOD OF ATTACK BY AGE AT LAST INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE**  
( ' 000)

| Method of attack | Age groups |           |           |                 | Total |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|                  | 15-24 yrs  | 25-34 yrs | 35-49 yrs | 50 yrs and over |       |
| Verbal           | 68.3       | 59.9      | 44.4      | 23.6            | 196.1 |
| Knife or gun     | 11.1       | *3.3      | *4.7      | *2.6            | 21.8  |
| Other weapon     | 18.1       | 6.7       | *5.6      | *4.2            | 34.6  |
| Other physical   | 108.5      | 52.9      | 33.0      | 13.0            | 207.4 |
| Other            | 7.4        | 7.0       | *5.2      | *3.2            | 22.9  |
| Total(b)         | 200.6      | 123.0     | 89.3      | 44.4            | 457.3 |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more offences involving actual or threatened attack in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.3 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY METHOD OF ATTACK BY AGE AT LAST INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Method of attack | Age groups |           |           |                 | Total |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|                  | 15-24 yrs  | 25-34 yrs | 35-49 yrs | 50 yrs and over |       |
| Verbal           | 26         | 24        | 16        | 7               | 17    |
| Knife or gun     | 4          | *1        | *2        | 1               | *2    |
| Other weapon     | 7          | 3         | *2        | *1              | 3     |
| Other physical   | 42         | 21        | 12        | 4               | 18    |
| Other            | 3          | 3         | *2        | *1              | 2     |
| Total            | 77         | 49        | 32        | 12              | 40    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over.

**TABLE 4.4 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF VICTIMS(b) BY EACH METHOD OF ATTACK BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT LAST INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE**

| Method of attack | Employment status |            |                                 |            |                            |            | Total |               |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|-------|---------------|
|                  | Employed          |            | Unemployed,<br>Looking for work |            | Not in the<br>labour force |            |       |               |
|                  | '000              | percentage | '000                            | percentage | '000                       | percentage | '000  | percentage(b) |
| Verbal           | 125.3             | 63.9       | 23.0                            | 11.7       | 47.8                       | 24.4       | 196.1 | 100.0         |
| Knife or gun     | 16.6              | 76.2       | *2.2                            | 10.0       | *3.0                       | 13.8       | 21.8  | 100.0         |
| Other weapon     | 21.1              | 61.0       | 7.9                             | 22.9       | *5.6                       | 16.1       | 34.6  | 100.0         |
| Other physical   | 120.2             | 58.0       | 38.4                            | 18.5       | 48.8                       | 23.5       | 207.4 | 100.0         |
| Other            | 15.4              | 67.0       | *2.3                            | 10.0       | *5.3                       | 23.0       | 22.9  | 100.0         |
| Total(c)         | 283.6             | 62.0       | 66.9                            | 14.6       | 106.7                      | 23.3       | 457.3 | 100.0         |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more offences involving actual or threatened attack in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.4 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY METHOD OF ATTACK BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT LAST INCIDENT OF EACH OFFENCE**  
(Rates per thousand)

| Method of attack | Employment status |                                 |                            | Total     |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                  | Employed          | Unemployed,<br>Looking for work | Not in the<br>labour force |           |
| Verbal           | 20                | 36                              | 11                         | 17        |
| Knife or gun     | 3                 | *3                              | *1                         | 2         |
| Other weapon     | 3                 | 12                              | *1                         | 3         |
| Other physical   | 19                | 60                              | 11                         | 18        |
| Other            | 2                 | *4                              | *1                         | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>45</b>         | <b>104</b>                      | <b>24</b>                  | <b>40</b> |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over.

**TABLE 4.5 (PART 1). VICTIMS WHO HAD PROPERTY STOLEN(a): WHETHER ANY PROPERTY FOUND BY TYPE OF THEFT**  
( ' 000)

| Whether any property found | Type of theft      |                                |                              |             |                | Total<br>(c) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
|                            | Break and<br>enter | Household<br>property<br>theft | Motor<br>vehicle<br>theft(b) | Robbery     | Other<br>theft |              |
| No property found          | 157.2              | 145.1                          | 41.4                         | 9.7         | 527.1          | 848.5        |
| Some/all property found    | 17.9               | 17.7                           | *3.1                         | *2.0        | 75.1           | 115.4        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>175.1</b>       | <b>162.7</b>                   | <b>44.4</b>                  | <b>11.7</b> | <b>602.2</b>   | <b>958.5</b> |

(a) Victims refers to households on persons who were recorded as victims of one or more theft offences in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Excluding the motor vehicle itself. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since a household or person would have been victim of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.5 (PART 2). PERCENTAGE OF VICTIMS (a) WHO HAD PROPERTY STOLEN BY WHETHER ANY PROPERTY FOUND BY TYPE OF THEFT**  
(Per cent)

| Whether any property found | Type of theft      |                                |                           |              |                | Total        |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                            | Break and<br>enter | Household<br>property<br>theft | Motor<br>vehicle<br>theft | Robbery      | Other<br>theft |              |
| No property found          | 89.8               | 89.1                           | 93.1                      | 82.9         | 87.5           | 88.5         |
| Some/all property found    | 10.2               | 10.9                           | 6.9                       | 17.1         | 12.5           | 12.0         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>100.0</b>       | <b>100.0</b>                   | <b>100.0</b>              | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

**TABLE 4.6. VICTIMS WHO HAD PROPERTY STOLEN(a): WHETHER ITEMS INSURED BY WHETHER POLICE AWARE BY TYPE OF THEFT ('000)**

| Whether items insured and whether police aware   | Type of theft   |                          |                        |             |              | Total (c)    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                  | Break and enter | Household property theft | Motor vehicle theft(b) | Robbery     | Other theft  |              |
| All items insured                                |                 |                          |                        |             |              |              |
| Last incident became known to the police         | 90.3            | 21.6                     | 6.5                    | **          | 56.0         | 172.0        |
| Last incident did not become known to the police | 10.9            | 14.9                     | **                     | **          | 31.9         | 58.3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>101.2</b>    | <b>36.5</b>              | <b>6.9</b>             | <b>*1.6</b> | <b>87.8</b>  | <b>229.8</b> |
| Some items insured                               |                 |                          |                        |             |              |              |
| Last incident became known to the police         | ..              | *1.7                     | *2.2                   | **          | *5.6         | 9.6          |
| Last incident did not become known to the police | ..              | **                       | **                     | **          | *2.3         | *2.7         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>..</b>       | <b>*2.0</b>              | <b>*2.2</b>            | <b>**</b>   | <b>7.9</b>   | <b>12.3</b>  |
| No items insured                                 |                 |                          |                        |             |              |              |
| Last incident became known to the police         | 48.0            | 37.5                     | 34.1                   | *5.1        | 176.2        | 296.3        |
| Last incident did not become known to the police | 25.9            | 86.7                     | **                     | *4.8        | 330.2        | 442.0        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>73.9</b>     | <b>124.2</b>             | <b>35.3</b>            | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>506.4</b> | <b>729.1</b> |
| Total                                            |                 |                          |                        |             |              |              |
| Last incident became known to the police         | 138.3           | 60.8                     | 42.7                   | 6.3         | 237.8        | 473.4        |
| Last incident did not become known to the police | 36.8            | 101.9                    | *1.7                   | *5.4        | 364.4        | 501.2        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>175.1</b>    | <b>162.7</b>             | <b>44.4</b>            | <b>11.7</b> | <b>602.2</b> | <b>958.5</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more theft offences in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regarded of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Excluding the motor vehicle itself. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since households or persons could have been victim of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.7. (PART 1) VICTIMS WHO HAD CASH STOLEN(a): AMOUNT OF CASH STOLEN BY WHETHER POLICE AWARE ('000)**

| Amount of cash stolen | Whether police aware                     |                                                  | Total(b)     |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                       | Last incident became known to the police | Last incident did not become known to the police |              |
| Less than \$100       | 102.9                                    | 96.4                                             | 198.9        |
| \$100-\$500           | 56.8                                     | 20.0                                             | 76.8         |
| More than \$500       | 11.2                                     | **                                               | 12.4         |
| <b>Total(b)</b>       | <b>170.4</b>                             | <b>117.3</b>                                     | <b>285.6</b> |

(a) Victims refers to households or persons who were recorded as victims of one or more theft offences in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since households or persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.7. (PART 2). PERCENTAGE OF VICTIMS(a) WHO HAD CASH STOLEN: AMOUNT OF CASH STOLEN BY WHETHER POLICE WERE AWARE (Per cent)**

| Amount of cash stolen | Whether police aware                     |                                                  | Total        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                       | Last incident became known to the police | Last incident did not become known to the police |              |
| Less than \$100       | 60.4                                     | 82.2                                             | 69.6         |
| \$100-\$500           | 33.3                                     | 17.0                                             | 26.9         |
| More than \$500       | 6.5                                      | *1.1                                             | *4.4         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>100.0</b>                             | <b>100.0</b>                                     | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

**TABLE 4.8. VICTIMS WHO HAD PROPERTY OR CASH STOLEN(a): AGGREGATE PROPERTY/CASH VALUE BY TYPE OF THEFT**  
(<sup>1</sup> 000)

| Aggregate property/cash value | Type of theft   |                          |                        |             |              | Total (c)      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
|                               | Break and enter | Household property theft | Motor vehicle theft(b) | Robbery     | Other theft  |                |
| Cash only stolen:             |                 |                          |                        |             |              |                |
| less than \$100               | 20.9            | *2.2                     | **                     | *4.2        | 52.3         | 80.2           |
| \$100-\$500                   | 11.9            | *1.6                     | **                     | *2.5        | 16.7         | 32.6           |
| more than \$500               | **              | **                       | **                     | *1.5        | *2.1         | *4.8           |
| Property only stolen:         |                 |                          |                        |             |              |                |
| less than \$100               | 28.9            | 103.1                    | 11.5                   | *2.4        | 303.6        | 443.8          |
| \$100-\$500                   | 48.4            | 39.3                     | 19.6                   | **          | 144.2        | 249.0          |
| more than \$500               | 49.5            | 12.3                     | 9.2                    | *3.0        | 48.2         | 120.5          |
| Cash and property stolen:     |                 |                          |                        |             |              |                |
| Cash less than \$100—         |                 |                          |                        |             |              |                |
| property, less than \$100     | 0.3             | *3.9                     | **                     | **          | 64.3         | 80.0           |
| property, \$100-\$500         | *4.9            | **                       | *1.8                   | *2.4        | 13.3         | 23.7           |
| property, more than \$500     | 9.3             | **                       | **                     | **          | *5.1         | 16.2           |
| Cash, \$100-\$500—            |                 |                          |                        |             |              |                |
| property, less than \$100     | *4.4            | **                       | **                     | **          | 14.2         | 20.3           |
| property, \$100-\$500         | *4.3            | **                       | **                     | **          | *5.5         | 10.5           |
| property, more than \$500     | 10.2            | **                       | **                     | **          | *2.2         | 13.4           |
| Cash, more than \$500—        |                 |                          |                        |             |              |                |
| property, less than \$100     | **              | **                       | **                     | **          | **           | **             |
| property, \$100-\$500         | **              | **                       | **                     | **          | **           | **             |
| property, more than \$500     | *5.7            | **                       | **                     | **          | **           | 6.6            |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>211.3</b>    | <b>166.5</b>             | <b>45.8</b>            | <b>19.8</b> | <b>673.3</b> | <b>1,065.4</b> |

(a) Victims refers to households or persons who were recorded as victims of one or more theft offences in the previous twelve months period. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Excludes the theft of the motor vehicle itself. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 4.9. VICTIMS OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT(a): WHETHER POLICE AWARE OF LAST INCIDENT BY COST OF MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT(b)**  
(<sup>1</sup> 000)

| Whether police aware of last incident | Cost of motor vehicle repairs or replacement(b) |                 |                           |                   | Total       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                                       | Not applicable(c)                               | Less than \$500 | Between \$500 and \$5,000 | More than \$5,000 |             |
| Known to police                       | 22.9                                            | 22.3            | 39.2                      | *5.3              | 89.7        |
| Not known to police                   | *1.6                                            | *1.6            | *2.1                      | **                | *5.6        |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>24.5</b>                                     | <b>24.0</b>     | <b>41.3</b>               | <b>*5.5</b>       | <b>95.2</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of motor vehicle theft in the previous twelve months period. (b) Refers to the cost of repairs to vehicles found in worse condition than when stolen or the replacement cost of stolen vehicle which were not recovered. (c) Not applicable refers to victims whose vehicles were found in the same condition as when stolen.

**TABLE 4.10. VICTIMS OF BREAK AND ENTER(a): WHETHER ITEMS WERE STOLEN BY COST OF HOUSE REPAIRS**  
(<sup>1</sup> 000)

| Whether items stolen in incident | Cost of house repairs |                 |                         |                 | Total        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                  | No damage             | Less than \$100 | Between \$100 and \$500 | More than \$500 |              |
| Yes                              | 128.1                 | 60.2            | 20.6                    | *2.4            | 211.3        |
| No                               | 53.4                  | 40.5            | 7.3                     | *2.9            | 104.1        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>181.4</b>          | <b>100.8</b>    | <b>27.9</b>             | <b>*5.3</b>     | <b>315.4</b> |

(a) Victims refers to households who were recorded as victims of break and enter in the previous twelve months period.

TABLE 4.11. VICTIMS OF THEFT(a): WHETHER ITEMS STOLEN IN LAST INCIDENT AND TYPE OF ITEMS STOLEN BY TYPE OF THEFT  
(<sup>c</sup> 000)

| Whether items stolen and type of item stolen | Type of theft   |                          |                     |         |             | Total<br>(b) |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
|                                              | Break and enter | Household property theft | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery | Other theft |              |
| Items stolen—                                |                 |                          |                     |         |             |              |
| Cash                                         | 81.9            | 11.8                     | *5.5                | 13.3    | 177.3       | 285.6        |
| Handbag, wallet, etc                         | 16.1            | ..                       | *4.5                | *4.6    | 113.0       | 137.7        |
| Jewellery, camera                            | 56.2            | *6.0                     | *2.5                | *1.8    | 37.9        | 103.4        |
| Radio, stereo, T.V.                          | 55.7            | 7.9                      | 17.0                | *3.1    | 60.5        | 142.0        |
| Other electrical appliances                  | 15.7            | *4.0                     | *3.9                | **      | 17.5        | 41.5         |
| Other household goods                        | 46.7            | 86.8                     | 6.8                 | ..      | 53.5        | 192.1        |
| Motor vehicle                                | (c)*3.0         | ..                       | 95.2                | ..      | ..          | (c)96.7      |
| Other                                        | 72.7            | 70.8                     | 35.9                | *5.4    | 385.2       | 559.5        |
| Total, items stolen(d)                       | 211.3           | 166.5                    | 95.2                | 19.8    | 673.3       | 1,102.9      |
| Items not stolen                             | 104.1           | ..                       | ..                  | 45.5    | ..          | 149.7        |
| Total                                        | 315.4           | 166.5                    | 95.2                | 65.3    | 673.3       | 1,215.7      |

(a) Victims refers to households or persons who were recorded as victims of one or more theft offences. The household respondent was treated as the victim for household offences and may also appear as a personal victim for the personal offences. Victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since households or persons could have been victims of more than one offence. (c) In 1,500 incidents where a motor vehicle was stolen the motor vehicle was not registered in the name of the respondent and therefore was not recorded as a motor vehicle theft. In all other incidents where break and enter where a motor vehicle was stolen the vehicle was included as motor vehicle theft. Therefore the total number of victims who reported a motor vehicle stolen is less than the sum of the break and enter and motor vehicle theft victims who had reported a motor vehicle stolen. (d) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have had more than one item stolen as a result of each incident.

## CHAPTER 5. SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFENDER-VICTIM RELATIONSHIP

### Introduction

This chapter presents data about selected aspects of the offender-victim relationship.

### Summary of Findings

Figure 5a shows the percentage of victims of each type of offence who, for the last incident, had seen the offender before and, of those, the percentage who were victimised by a relative for each type of offence.

A greater proportion of victims of offences involving threatened or actual attack had seen the offender before (robbery 51.1 per cent, sexual assault 42.2 per cent, assault 58.3 per cent) than victims of 'non-contact' forms of theft; less than 10 per cent of victims of break and enter, household property theft, motor vehicle theft and other theft had seen the offender before.

Of those who had seen the offender before, nearly one quarter of robbery victims and one fifth of sexual assault victims (for whom the figure is less reliable) were related to the offender; 15 per cent of assault victims were related to the offender.

Figure 5b is derived from Table 5.1. The diagram shows the sex of the offenders and sex of the victims of actual or threatened attack (robbery, assault and sexual assault). The table shows the same data in relation to each method of attack.

Although males were not asked about sexual assault, there were still twice as many male victims of actual or threatened attack as female victims.

Offenders were more likely to be male than female; almost nine out of ten victims were threatened or attacked by one or more male offenders and, of the remainder, one in three were attacked by both male and female offenders.

Males victimised males at two and a half times the rate at which they victimised females. Females victimised females at three and a third times the rate at which they victimised males.

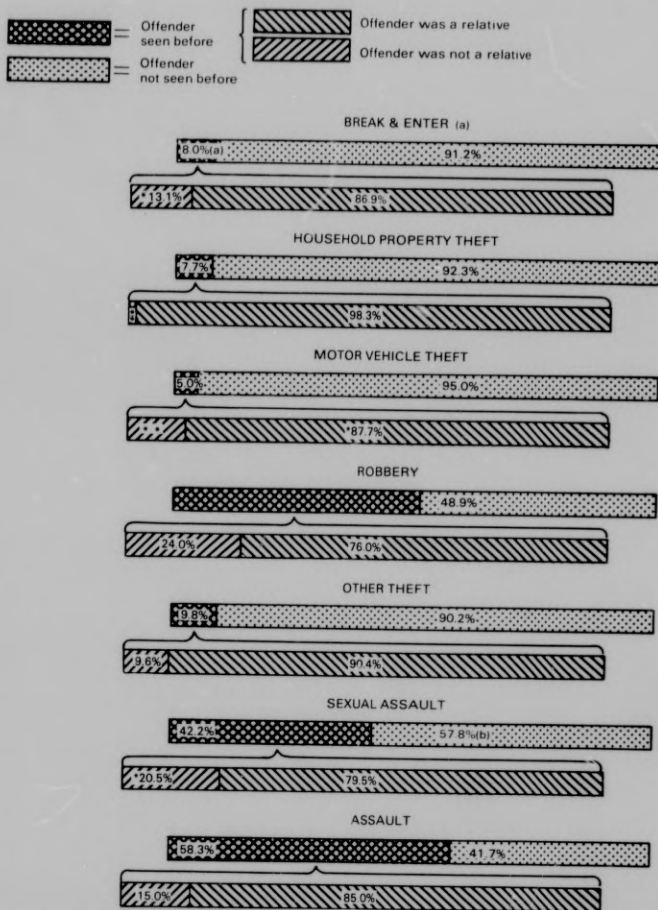
The predominance of male offenders led to a far greater likelihood of victimisation by males in the case of both males and females, despite the high female offender-female victim rate. Female victims were fifteen times more likely to be attacked or threatened by male offenders than were male victims by female offenders. Male victims were thirty-six times more likely to be threatened or attacked by male offenders than by female offenders.

The method of threat or attack causes no notable variation to the patterns outlined above.

Table 5.2 shows data about injury and whether the offender was a relative of the victim. A significantly higher proportion of injured victims (twice as many) were related to the offender than victims who were not injured. Overall, one in eleven victims of actual or threatened attack was related to the offender(s).



**FIGURE 5a: VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME: PERCENTAGE OF VICTIMS WHO HAD SEEN THE OFFENDER BEFORE; AND OF THESE, THE PERCENTAGE OF WHOM THE OFFENDER WAS A RELATIVE BY TYPE OF OFFENCE**



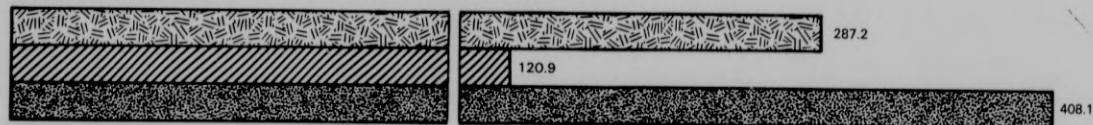
(a) 0.8 per cent of break and enter victims reported a motor vehicle only being stolen and details of the offender(s) are recorded under motor vehicle theft.

(b) In sexual assault some females, given the option, chose not to provide information on the victim/offender relationship. For the purposes of the diagram these females have been placed in the 'offender not seen before' category.

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FIGURE 5b : VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK : SEX OF OFFENDER(S) BY SEX OF VICTIM

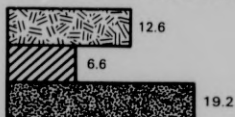
ONE OR MORE MALE OFFENDERS



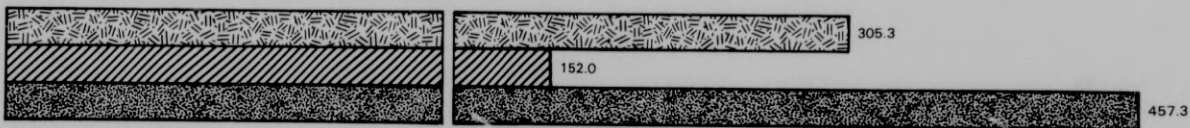
ONE OR MORE FEMALE OFFENDERS



BOTH MALE AND FEMALE OFFENDERS

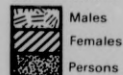


TOTAL



0 10 20 30 40 120 170 220 270 320 370 420 470  
( ' 000)

SEX OF VICTIMS



**TABLE 5.1 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a) : SEX OF VICTIMS BY NUMBER AND SEX OF OFFENDERS BY METHOD OF ATTACK OF LAST INCIDENT**  
( ' 000 )

| Sex of victim                  | Method of attack |              |              |                |       | Total(b) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|----------|
|                                | Verbal           | Knife or gun | Other weapon | Other physical | Other |          |
| One or more male offenders     |                  |              |              |                |       |          |
| Male                           | 118.8            | 13.1         | 26.5         | 133.9          | 8.4   | 287.2    |
| Female                         | 49.7             | 7.3          | *3.9         | 55.0           | 12.2  | 120.9    |
| Persons                        | 168.5            | 20.4         | 30.4         | 188.8          | 20.6  | 408.1    |
| One or more female offenders   |                  |              |              |                |       |          |
| Male                           | *4.8             | **           | **           | *2.6           | **    | 8.0      |
| Female                         | 14.8             | **           | **           | 11.1           | **    | 27.2     |
| Persons                        | 19.6             | **           | **           | 13.7           | *1.7  | 35.2     |
| Both male and female offenders |                  |              |              |                |       |          |
| Male                           | *5.5             | **           | *2.4         | *3.1           | **    | 12.6     |
| Female                         | *3.0             | **           | **           | *2.8           | **    | 6.6      |
| Persons                        | 8.6              | **           | *3.2         | *5.9           | **    | 19.2     |
| Total                          |                  |              |              |                |       |          |
| Male                           | 128.5            | 14.3         | 29.0         | 139.2          | 9.5   | 305.3    |
| Female                         | 67.5             | 7.5          | *5.6         | 68.2           | 13.5  | 152.0    |
| Persons                        | 196.1            | 21.8         | 34.6         | 207.4          | 22.9  | 457.3    |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more actual or threatened attack offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

**TABLE 5.1 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK PER THOUSAND(a) OF ALL PERSONS BY SEX OF VICTIM BY NUMBER AND SEX OF OFFENDERS BY METHOD OF ATTACK OF LAST INCIDENT**  
( Rates per thousand )

| Sex of victim                | Method of attack |              |              |                |       | Total |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|-------|
|                              | Verbal           | Knife or gun | Other weapon | Other physical | Other |       |
| One or more male offenders   |                  |              |              |                |       |       |
| Male                         | 21               | 2            | 5            | 24             | 1     | 51    |
| Female                       | 9                | 1            | *1           | 9              | 2     | 21    |
| Persons                      | 15               | 2            | 3            | 17             | 2     | 36    |
| One or more female offenders |                  |              |              |                |       |       |
| Male                         | **               | **           | **           | **             | **    | 1     |
| Female                       | 3                | **           | **           | 2              | **    | 5     |
| Persons                      | 2                | **           | **           | 1              | **    | 3     |
| Male and female offenders    |                  |              |              |                |       |       |
| Male                         | *1               | **           | **           | *1             | **    | 2     |
| Female                       | *1               | **           | **           | **             | **    | 1     |
| Persons                      | 1                | **           | **           | *1             | **    | 2     |
| Total                        |                  |              |              |                |       |       |
| Male                         | 23               | 2            | 5            | 25             | 2     | 54    |
| Female                       | 12               | 1            | 1            | 12             | 2     | 26    |
| Persons                      | 17               | 2            | 3            | 18             | 2     | 40    |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over.

TABLE 5.2 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): WHETHER ANY OFFENDER A RELATIVE BY WHETHER INJURED ('000)

| Whether offender a relative                                        | Whether injured |              | Total(b)     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                                    | Yes             | No           |              |
| Offender a relative                                                | 17.7            | 24.1         | 41.5         |
| Offender not a relative                                            | 55.1            | 168.9        | 220.2        |
| Subtotal, offender seen before (those asked whether a relative)(b) | 72.4            | 192.0        | 259.3        |
| Offender not seen before                                           | 50.4            | 155.6        | 204.0        |
| <b>Total(b)</b>                                                    | <b>122.2</b>    | <b>344.1</b> | <b>457.3</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more actual or threatened attack offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 5.2 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK : WHETHER ANY OFFENDER A RELATIVE BY WHETHER INJURED AS PERCENTAGE(a) OF ALL VICTIMS (Per cent)

| Whether offender a relative                                     | Whether injured |              | Total        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                                 | Yes             | No           |              |
| Offender a relative                                             | 14.5            | 7.0          | 9.1          |
| Offender not a relative                                         | 45.1            | 49.1         | 45.2         |
| Subtotal, offender seen before (those asked whether a relative) | 59.3            | 55.8         | 56.7         |
| Offender not seen before                                        | 41.3            | 45.2         | 44.6         |
| <b>Total</b>                                                    | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

## CHAPTER 6. REASONS WHY POLICE TOLD/NOT TOLD

### Introduction

This chapter presents data relating to the main reasons why police were or were not told about the last incident of each offence type recorded. Each table in this chapter is divided into two parts. As was the case in chapter 2, part 1 of each table in Chapter 6 shows estimated numbers of victims rounded to thousands. Part 2 of Chapter 6 tables however show percentages of all crime victims rather than rates per thousand of population as are shown in Chapter 2.

For each table in Chapter 6, data relating to reasons why police were told are shown in the top half, and that relating to why police were not told are shown in the bottom half.

Where an incident was reported by a member of the household, a reason was able to be recorded. On the other hand, where an incident was made known to police other than by a household member, no reason was able to be recorded. For this reason, the "why police were told" tables in this chapter show two subtotals. The first sums all those victims for which a reason was recorded, while the second adds this total to that relating to all victims who had the incident reported by other than a household member. The resultant total is the broader "police aware of incident" tally.

### Summary of Findings

Figure 6a details reasons why police were and were not told. The most recorded main reason for telling police was to try to get property back. "Too trivial or unimportant" in the large majority of cases was the main reason for not telling police for both male victims and female victims.

Table 6.1 which shows reasons by type of offence indicates that of the total number of victims for all offences, 49 per cent had at least one offence reported to the police, whereas 56 per cent had at least one offence which was not reported to the police. These figures do not add to 100 per cent because some victims who reported at least one offence to the police also recorded not reporting at least one other offence to the police.

Motor vehicle thefts are much more likely to be reported to the police, the main reason most often being to try to get the vehicle back. Household members most often told police in the case of motor vehicle theft and least often for sexual assaults. Of all offences fear of harm was a significant reason only in assaults.

For all personal offences, with the notable exception of sexual assault, the main reason why police were not told was because the offence was considered too trivial or unimportant. Over half of other thefts and nearly half of assaults were in this category. For robberies, "private matter" or "would take care of themselves" was almost as frequently recorded as "too trivial". "Police couldn't or wouldn't do anything about it" was the chief reason why sexual assaults were not reported. Sexual assault victims overall were the least likely to report the incident to the

police. For both household offences the main reason why police were not told was because the offence was considered too trivial or unimportant; this was the reason given by one-third of victims of break and enter and two-thirds of victims of household property theft in this category.

Table 6.2 shows *educational qualifications* by reasons. The main reason for telling police stated by persons with higher qualifications was because the crime had been committed or they had a moral obligation. No other educational group had this as the main reason. Persons with trade or apprenticeships had "wanted offender caught or punished" as their main reason. All other groups followed the most common main reason of trying to recover property.

Victims still at school were the least likely to have the offences reported to the police, the main reason being because the offence was considered too trivial. This group was also more likely than others to tell someone else instead and to be afraid of reprisal.

*Income groupings* by reasons are shown in Table 6.3. As incomes increase, the police were more likely to become aware of the last incident. The main reason most often recorded by the highest income group was because a crime had been committed/moral obligation. "Because of insurance/compensation" was also more likely to be a reason the higher the income. Conversely, to get property back was more likely to be a reason in the lower income groupings as was "to try to stop it happening again". Police were not aware of 71 per cent of last recorded incidents in the "not applicable" income group.

Table 6.4 examines *country of birth* data. Victims who stated Greece as their country of birth were the most likely to report crimes to the police, followed by Yugoslavians. New Zealand born victims were least likely to report crimes, the main reason being that the incidents were considered too trivial. This group was also the most likely to consider that police couldn't or wouldn't do anything about the matter. German born victims were least likely to report this as a main reason, but rather because it was considered a private matter or they would take care of it themselves. UK and Ireland born victims were the most likely group to fear reprisal and to tell someone else instead.

*Age of victim* is an important determinant of whether police become aware of crime as Table 6.5 indicates. Victims aged between 15 and 19 are much less likely to report crimes to the police with only one third of all last incidents being reported. Victims aged between 35 and 59 are most likely to report offences. All age groups gave "to try to get property back" as their main reason for telling police except 60-64 year olds who reported crimes twice as often for the reason that the crime had been committed or moral obligation. Persons aged 70 and over were the most likely group to not report a crime because they considered the police couldn't or wouldn't do anything about it. Victims aged less than 24 were the most likely to record "private matter/take care of it themselves" and "too trivial" as the main reason for not reporting the last incident.

Table 6.6 shows *employment status* and sex. Males not in the labour force were the least likely to report crimes while employed males were the most likely. Unemployed females were the most likely group not to report the last incident because they thought the police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it. Overall, females are only marginally more likely to report offences than males.

Table 6.7 shows *marital status* by sex. Widowed females were the most likely group to report the last incident of each offence type to police, the main reason being to get property back. Widowed males, conversely, were the least likely, the main reason being because the incident was considered too trivial. Separated females were the least likely to give "trying to get property back" as the main reason for reporting the incident to police.

Table 6.8 presents data relating to *State or Territory of incident*. Incidents occurring to victims in Tasmania were more often reported to police than those in the other states. Incidents occurring in Queensland were the least often of all states to be reported to police. "Because crime committed/moral obligation" was much more likely to be given as a main reason for reporting Tasmanian incidents than for incidents in the other states. Victims of incidents in Tasmania were also more likely to give "to try to get property back" as a main reason. Victims of incidents in Western Australia were second least likely of victims in all states to report incidents to the police and most often gave "too trivial/unimportant" as the main reason for not reporting. Victims of incidents in the Northern Territory and Queensland most often stated that incidents were not reported because the police "couldn't or wouldn't do anything about it". Victims of incidents in Tasmania were least likely to give this as the main reason. "Too trivial" was least likely to be recorded as a main reason for not telling police for Northern Territory incidents.

The last incident was less likely to be reported to police if the offender had been seen before by the victim and particularly if the offender was related to the victim, as Table 6.9 shows. If the offender was a relative, victims were less likely to state that the offence was too trivial but more likely to state that the police couldn't or wouldn't do anything about it, as reasons for not reporting.

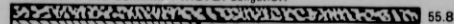
The effects of *method of attack* on reasons for telling/not telling police are shown in Table 6.10. Police were most likely to become aware if the attack was with a knife or gun (almost two thirds of all such attacks) and least likely if it was only a verbal attack. "Because the victim wanted the offender caught or punished" was the most common main reason given for informing police in the case of attacks with a knife or gun but was not an important reason in the other attacks. The main reasons for not reporting "other physical" attacks to the police were because the offence was considered too trivial and because it was considered a private matter or the victims would take care of it themselves.

The effects of *injury* are shown in Table 6.11. Victims were more likely to report incidents if they had been injured — almost one half of all incidents, compared with less than one third if they had not been injured. The two main reasons those who had been injured reported to police was because the crime had been committed/moral obligation and because the victims wanted the offender caught or punished. The main reason those not injured reported the crime was fear of harm to self or another person. Victims were much less likely to state that an offence was too trivial to report to police if they had been injured as a result of it.

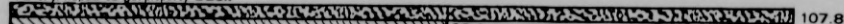
FIGURE 6a : VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME : MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR NOT TOLD

WHY POLICE WERE TOLD

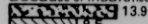
Because crime committed, moral obligation



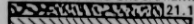
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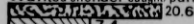
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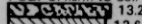
Because it was one of a number of incidents /to try to stop it happening again



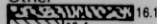
Wanted offender caught/punished



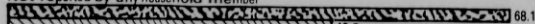
Fear of harm to self or another person



Other

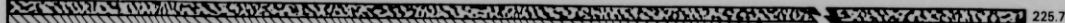


Not reported by any household member



WHY POLICE WERE NOT TOLD

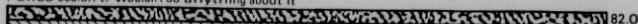
Too trivial/unimportant



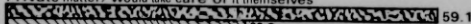
Because someone else did



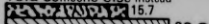
Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it



Private matter/would take care of it themselves



Told someone else instead



Offender thought/knew to be a child



Did not want offender punished



Afraid of reprisal



Too confused/upset/injured



Other



0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210 220 230 ('000)

Males  
Females

**TABLE 6.1 (PART I). VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL OFFENCES (a): MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AND SEX OF VICTIM OF PERSONAL CRIME**  
( ' 000)

| Main reason                                                 | Household offences |                          |                             | Personal offences   |         |             |                   |         |                            | Sex of victims(c) |        | Total victims(e) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------------|
|                                                             | Break and enter(b) | Household property theft | Total household offences(b) | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery | Other theft | Sexual assault(c) | Assault | Total personal offences(d) | Male              | Female |                  |
|                                                             |                    |                          |                             |                     |         |             |                   |         |                            |                   |        |                  |
| Why police were told—                                       |                    |                          |                             |                     |         |             |                   |         |                            |                   |        |                  |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 77.1               | 12.4                     | 88.4                        | 14.2                | 7.0     | 42.3        | **                | 20.4    | 81.5                       | 55.8              | 25.7   | 167.6            |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 43.9               | 24.4                     | 67.6                        | 58.2                | *1.9    | 109.1       | **                | **      | 167.9                      | 107.8             | 60.1   | 230.6            |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 26.0               | 6.6                      | 31.8                        | *3.9                | **      | 15.5        | **                | *2.1    | 22.3                       | 13.9              | 8.5    | 54.1             |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 27.2               | 8.1                      | 35.3                        | *1.6                | 6.5     | 18.8        | *1.6              | 19.1    | 46.1                       | 21.1              | 25.0   | 79.6             |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 13.8               | *2.8                     | 16.1                        | **                  | *3.7    | 8.8         | *2.3              | 12.4    | 28.1                       | 20.6              | 7.4    | 43.7             |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | ..                 | ..                       | ..                          | ..                  | ..      | ..          | **                | 24.9    | 25.8                       | 13.2              | 12.6   | 25.8             |
| Other                                                       | 9.1                | *2.4                     | 11.4                        | **                  | *2.6    | 9.2         | **                | 9.6     | 22.4                       | 16.1              | *6.4   | 32.9             |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 197.1              | 56.6                     | (d)248.0                    | 80.0                | 22.7    | 203.8       | *5.1              | 88.5    | (d)384.3                   | 243.3             | 141.0  | (d)612.6         |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 19.2               | 4.8                      | 24.0                        | 9.6                 | *5.1    | 54.9        | *1.5              | 42.8    | 111.9                      | 68.1              | 43.8   | 135.2            |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 216.3              | 61.4                     | (d)272.0                    | 89.7                | 27.8    | 258.7       | 6.6               | 131.2   | (d)491.3                   | 307.7             | 183.6  | (d)738.5         |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                    |                          |                             |                     |         |             |                   |         |                            |                   |        |                  |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 34.0               | 70.4                     | 103.4                       | *2.1                | 10.9    | 214.0       | *4.6              | 110.7   | 328.4                      | 225.7             | 102.7  | 472.1            |
| Someone else did                                            | **                 | **                       | **                          | **                  | **      | *1.8        | **                | **      | *2.0                       | *1.8              | **     | 2.2              |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 29.4               | 17.7                     | 45.0                        | **                  | *5.0    | 98.6        | 7.1               | 26.2    | 132.8                      | 82.0              | 50.8   | 174.0            |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | *4.1               | *4.1                     | 8.2                         | *1.5                | 9.8     | 18.8        | *1.8              | 63.2    | 91.0                       | 59.1              | 32.0   | 98.4             |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *3.4               | *2.4                     | *5.7                        | **                  | *2.7    | 26.0        | **                | 9.2     | 38.4                       | 15.7              | 22.8   | 44.2             |
| Offender thought/knew to be a child                         | *4.9               | *1.7                     | 6.6                         | **                  | **      | *4.5        | **                | **      | *5.0                       | *1.7              | *3.3   | 11.6             |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *1.8               | **                       | *2.8                        | **                  | **      | *3.1        | **                | *3.2    | 6.8                        | *4.2              | *2.6   | 9.7              |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | **                 | **                       | *1.6                        | **                  | *2.5    | *1.7        | *1.9              | 9.7     | 14.9                       | 7.2               | 7.6    | 16.2             |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                 | **                       | **                          | **                  | **      | *2.5        | **                | *5.2    | 10.2                       | *4.2              | *6.0   | 10.6             |
| Other                                                       | 17.8               | 6.7                      | 24.5                        | *1.5                | *4.1    | 43.5        | **                | 31.6    | 80.5                       | 50.8              | 29.7   | 104.1            |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 96.6               | 105.1                    | (d)196.1                    | *5.6                | 37.5    | 414.6       | 19.1              | 259.6   | (d)671.2                   | 428.8             | 242.4  | (d)841.4         |
| TOTAL VICTIMS                                               | 315.4              | 166.5                    | (d)462.7                    | 95.2                | 65.3    | 673.3       | 26.7              | 390.9   | (d)1,121.0                 | 706.4             | 414.6  | (d)1,494.2       |

(a) Victims relate to households or persons who were recorded as victims of one or more offences in the previous twelve months period. (b) In break and enter where only a motor vehicle registered to the household respondent was stolen the details were included in motor vehicle theft. (c) Sexual assault questions asked only of females aged 18 years and over. (d) Total may be less than the sum of the components since households or persons could have been victims of more than one offence. Each victim of more than one offence could have given different reason in each offence for telling/not telling the police but a reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied. (e) Total may be less than the sum of the components because, given the option, some females chose not to provide information on their victimisation.



TABLE 6.1 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME : MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY TYPE OF OFFENCE AS A PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS  
(Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Type of offence    |                          |                          |                     |         |             |                |         |                         |       | Total victims |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------------|
|                                                             | Household offences |                          |                          | Personal offences   |         |             |                |         |                         |       |               |
|                                                             | Break and enter    | Household property theft | Total household offences | Motor vehicle theft | Robbery | Other theft | Sexual assault | Assault | Total personal offences |       |               |
| Why police were told—                                       |                    |                          |                          |                     |         |             |                |         |                         |       |               |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 24.5               | 7.5                      | 19.1                     | 14.9                | 10.7    | 6.3         | **             | 5.2     | 7.3                     | 11.2  |               |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 13.9               | 14.7                     | 14.6                     | 6.1                 | *2.9    | 16.2        | **             | **      | 15.0                    | 15.4  |               |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 8.2                | 4.0                      | 6.9                      | *4.1                | **      | 2.3         | **             | *0.5    | 2.0                     | 3.6   |               |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 8.6                | 4.8                      | 7.6                      | *1.7                | 10.0    | 2.8         | *6.2           | 4.9     | 4.1                     | 5.3   |               |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 4.4                | *1.7                     | 3.5                      | **                  | *5.7    | 1.3         | *8.5           | 3.2     | 2.5                     | 2.9   |               |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | ..                 | ..                       | ..                       | ..                  | ..      | ..          | **             | 6.4     | 2.3                     | 1.7   |               |
| Other                                                       | 2.9                | *1.4                     | 2.5                      | **                  | *4.0    | 1.4         | **             | 2.5     | 2.0                     | 2.2   |               |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 62.5               | 34.0                     | 53.6                     | 84.0                | 34.7    | 30.3        | *19.0          | 22.6    | 34.3                    | 41.0  |               |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 6.1                | 2.9                      | 5.2                      | 10.1                | *7.9    | 8.2         | *5.7           | 10.9    | 10.0                    | 9.0   |               |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 68.6               | 36.9                     | 58.8                     | 94.1                | 42.6    | 38.4        | 24.7           | 33.6    | 43.8                    | 49.4  |               |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                    |                          |                          |                     |         |             |                |         |                         |       |               |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 10.8               | 42.3                     | 22.4                     | *2.2                | 16.7    | 31.8        | *17.1          | 28.3    | 29.3                    | 28.6  |               |
| Someone else did                                            | **                 | **                       | **                       | **                  | **      | *0.3        | **             | **      | *0.2                    | *0.1  |               |
| Police couldn't/ wouldn't do anything about it              | 9.3                | 10.7                     | 9.7                      | **                  | *7.6    | 14.7        | 26.7           | 6.7     | 11.9                    | 11.6  |               |
| Private matter/ would take care of it themselves            | *1.3               | *2.5                     | 1.8                      | *1.6                | 14.9    | 2.8         | *6.9           | 16.2    | 8.1                     | 6.6   |               |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *1.1               | *1.4                     | *1.2                     | **                  | *4.1    | 3.9         | **             | 2.4     | 3.4                     | 3.0   |               |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | *1.6               | *1.0                     | 1.4                      | **                  | **      | *0.7        | **             | **      | *0.4                    | 0.8   |               |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *0.6               | **                       | *0.6                     | **                  | **      | *0.5        | **             | *0.8    | 0.6                     | 0.6   |               |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | **                 | **                       | *0.3                     | **                  | *3.8    | *0.3        | *7.2           | 2.5     | 1.3                     | 1.1   |               |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                 | **                       | **                       | **                  | **      | *0.4        | **             | *1.3    | 0.9                     | 0.7   |               |
| Other                                                       | 5.6                | 4.0                      | 5.3                      | *1.6                | *6.2    | 6.5         | **             | 8.1     | 7.2                     | 7.0   |               |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 30.6               | 63.1                     | 42.4                     | *5.9                | 57.4    | 61.6        | 71.6           | 66.4    | 59.9                    | 56.3  |               |
| TOTAL                                                       | (b)100.0           | 100.0                    | 100.0                    | 100.0               | 100.0   | 100.0       | 100.0          | 100.0   | 100.0                   | 100.0 |               |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. (b) Includes victims of break and enter where only a motor vehicle was stolen. The details were included in motor vehicle theft.

TABLE 6.2 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME (a) : MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ('000)

| Main reason                                                 | Educational qualifications |                 |                                |                         |                      |                      |                                     |                       |                               |               | Total(b) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|
|                                                             | Never went to school       | Still at school | No qualifications since school | Secondary school course | Trade apprenticeship | Certificate /diploma | Bachelor degree/ post-grad. diploma | Higher qualifications | Adult education/ hobby course | None of these |          |
| Why police were told—                                       |                            |                 |                                |                         |                      |                      |                                     |                       |                               |               |          |
| Crime committed, moral obligation                           | **                         | **              | 42.9                           | **                      | 12.3                 | 16.8                 | *5.1                                | *2.5                  | **                            | **            | 81.5     |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **                         | *5.4            | 94.5                           | **                      | 27.6                 | 26.6                 | 8.5                                 | *2.2                  | **                            | **            | 167.9    |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | **                         | **              | 10.1                           | **                      | *2.6                 | *5.1                 | *2.5                                | **                    | **                            | **            | 22.3     |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | **                         | **              | 27.6                           | **                      | *5.3                 | 6.5                  | *3.8                                | **                    | **                            | **            | 46.1     |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | **                         | **              | 16.4                           | **                      | *3.5                 | *5.4                 | **                                  | **                    | **                            | **            | 28.1     |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | **                         | **              | 15.9                           | *1.5                    | *2.0                 | *4.0                 | *1.9                                | **                    | **                            | **            | 25.8     |
| Other                                                       | *                          | **              | 10.1                           | **                      | *4.3                 | *4.2                 | *3.0                                | **                    | **                            | **            | 22.4     |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | **                         | 8.3             | 211.6                          | *5.9                    | 56.3                 | 65.7                 | 25.9                                | 6.3                   | *2.8                          | **            | 384.3    |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | **                         | *3.3            | 64.5                           | **                      | 14.3                 | 18.1                 | 8.6                                 | **                    | **                            | **            | 111.9    |
| Police aware of incident                                    | **                         | 11.5            | 272.8                          | 6.3                     | 70.2                 | 83.5                 | 33.6                                | 7.3                   | *3.8                          | *2.0          | 491.3    |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                            |                 |                                |                         |                      |                      |                                     |                       |                               |               |          |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | **                         | 42.8            | 160.9                          | *3.1                    | 46.2                 | 45.7                 | 21.0                                | *4.4                  | *3.0                          | **            | 328.4    |
| Someone else did                                            | **                         | **              | **                             | **                      | **                   | **                   | **                                  | **                    | **                            | **            | *2.0     |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | **                         | *3.2            | 72.8                           | **                      | 21.1                 | 21.9                 | 8.7                                 | *2.9                  | **                            | **            | 132.8    |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | **                         | *3.3            | 46.7                           | **                      | 14.4                 | 14.0                 | 7.7                                 | **                    | *2.0                          | **            | 91.0     |
| Told someone else instead                                   | **                         | 11.2            | 16.3                           | **                      | *3.1                 | *4.9                 | *1.6                                | **                    | **                            | **            | 38.4     |
| Offender thought/know to be a child                         | **                         | **              | *2.0                           | **                      | **                   | **                   | **                                  | **                    | **                            | **            | *5.0     |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **                         | **              | *3.4                           | **                      | **                   | *2.4                 | **                                  | **                    | **                            | **            | 6.8      |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | **                         | *1.8            | 7.8                            | **                      | *2.7                 | *1.6                 | **                                  | **                    | **                            | **            | 14.9     |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                         | **              | *5.1                           | **                      | **                   | *2.2                 | **                                  | **                    | **                            | **            | 10.2     |
| Other                                                       | **                         | *4.3            | 42.4                           | *1.8                    | 12.1                 | 14.1                 | *4.2                                | **                    | **                            | **            | 80.5     |
| Police not aware of incident                                | **                         | 61.8            | 339.6                          | 8.0                     | 96.8                 | 102.7                | 43.4                                | 9.5                   | 7.0                           | *2.5          | 671.2    |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | **                         | 73.0            | 587.7                          | 13.4                    | 161.3                | 180.9                | 73.5                                | 16.2                  | 10.3                          | 4.3           | 1,121.0  |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Subtotals and totals may be less than the sum of the components since persons who had been a victim of more than one personal offence could have taken different actions for each offence and have recorded different reasons for their actions.

TABLE 6.2 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AS PERCENTAGE (a)  
OF ALL VICTIMS  
(Per cent)

| Main reason                                                    | Educational qualifications |                       |                                           |                               |                              |                         |                                              |                               |                                        |                     | Total        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                                                                | Never<br>went to<br>school | Still<br>at<br>school | No qual-<br>ifications<br>since<br>school | Secondary<br>school<br>course | Trade<br>apprentice-<br>ship | Certificate<br>/diploma | Bachelor<br>degree/<br>post-grad.<br>diploma | Higher<br>qualifi-<br>cations | Adult<br>education/<br>hobby<br>course | None<br>of<br>these |              |
| Why police were told—                                          |                            |                       |                                           |                               |                              |                         |                                              |                               |                                        |                     |              |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                               | **                         | **                    | 7.3                                       | **                            | 7.6                          | 9.3                     | *6.9                                         | 15.4                          | **                                     | **                  | 7.3          |
| To try/hoped to get property back                              | **                         | *7.4                  | 16.1                                      | **                            | 17.1                         | 14.7                    | 11.6                                         | *13.7                         | **                                     | **                  | 15.0         |
| Insurance/compensation                                         | **                         | **                    | 1.7                                       | **                            | *1.6                         | *2.8                    | *3.4                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 2.0          |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it<br>happening again | **                         | **                    | 4.7                                       | **                            | 3.3                          | 3.6                     | *5.1                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 4.1          |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                                | **                         | **                    | 2.8                                       | **                            | 2.1                          | *3.0                    | **                                           | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 2.5          |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                         | **                         | **                    | 2.7                                       | *11.1                         | *1.2                         | *2.2                    | *2.6                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 2.3          |
| Other                                                          | **                         | **                    | 1.7                                       | **                            | *2.7                         | *2.3                    | *4.0                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 2.0          |
| <i>Incident reported by any household member</i>               | **                         | 11.3                  | 36.0                                      | 44.0                          | 34.9                         | 36.3                    | 35.2                                         | 38.9                          | *27.2                                  | **                  | 34.3         |
| <i>Incident not reported by any household member</i>           | **                         | *4.6                  | 11.0                                      | **                            | 8.9                          | 10.0                    | 11.7                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 10.0         |
| <b>Police aware of incident</b>                                | <b>**</b>                  | <b>15.7</b>           | <b>46.4</b>                               | <b>46.7</b>                   | <b>43.5</b>                  | <b>46.2</b>             | <b>45.7</b>                                  | <b>44.9</b>                   | <b>*36.5</b>                           | <b>*46.8</b>        | <b>43.8</b>  |
| Why police were not told—                                      |                            |                       |                                           |                               |                              |                         |                                              |                               |                                        |                     |              |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                        | **                         | 58.7                  | 27.4                                      | *23.1                         | 28.6                         | 25.3                    | 28.5                                         | *27.5                         | *29.5                                  | **                  | 29.3         |
| Someone else did                                               | **                         | **                    | **                                        | **                            | **                           | **                      | **                                           | **                            | **                                     | **                  | *0.2         |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it                  | **                         | *4.4                  | 12.4                                      | **                            | 13.1                         | 12.1                    | 11.8                                         | *17.9                         | **                                     | **                  | 11.8         |
| Private matter/would take care of it<br>themselves             | **                         | *4.6                  | 7.9                                       | **                            | 8.9                          | 7.7                     | 10.4                                         | **                            | *19.2                                  | **                  | 8.1          |
| Told someone else instead                                      | **                         | 15.3                  | 2.8                                       | **                            | *1.9                         | *2.7                    | *2.2                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 3.4          |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                           | **                         | **                    | *0.3                                      | **                            | **                           | **                      | **                                           | **                            | **                                     | **                  | *0.4         |
| Did not want offender to be punished                           | **                         | **                    | *0.6                                      | **                            | **                           | *1.3                    | **                                           | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 0.6          |
| Afraid of reprisal                                             | **                         | *2.5                  | 1.3                                       | **                            | *1.7                         | *0.9                    | **                                           | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 1.3          |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                     | **                         | **                    | *0.9                                      | **                            | **                           | *1.2                    | **                                           | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 0.9          |
| Other                                                          | **                         | *5.9                  | 7.2                                       | *13.2                         | 7.5                          | 7.8                     | *5.7                                         | **                            | **                                     | **                  | 7.2          |
| <b>Police not aware of incident</b>                            | <b>**</b>                  | <b>84.7</b>           | <b>57.8</b>                               | <b>59.4</b>                   | <b>60.0</b>                  | <b>56.7</b>             | <b>59.0</b>                                  | <b>58.7</b>                   | <b>67.9</b>                            | <b>*57.7</b>        | <b>59.9</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                                  | <b>100.0</b>               | <b>100.0</b>          | <b>100.0</b>                              | <b>100.0</b>                  | <b>100.0</b>                 | <b>100.0</b>            | <b>100.0</b>                                 | <b>100.0</b>                  | <b>100.0</b>                           | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 6.3 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME (a): MAIN REASON(b) WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY GROSS PERSONAL INCOME RANGE ('000)

| Main reason(b)                                              | Gross personal income range |             |              |                 |                   |                   |                   | Total          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                                             | Not applicable              | Not known   | \$1-\$3,999  | \$4,000-\$9,999 | \$10,000-\$14,999 | \$15,000-\$24,999 | \$25,000 and over |                |
| Why police were told—                                       |                             |             |              |                 |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | *4.4                        | *5.9        | 11.1         | 12.9            | 16.3              | 21.4              | 9.5               | 81.5           |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 15.9                        | 16.2        | 26.2         | 30.2            | 38.1              | 40.9              | 6.4               | 167.9          |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | *3.1                        | *2.8        | *1.7         | *3.6            | *3.1              | *5.4              | *2.7              | 22.3           |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | *2.7                        | *2.5        | 9.2          | 12.6            | 8.0               | 8.9               | *2.2              | 46.1           |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | **                          | *2.1        | *5.0         | 6.3             | 6.6               | *5.4              | *1.8              | 28.1           |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *3.0                        | *2.4        | *4.4         | *5.5            | *2.9              | 7.0               | **                | 25.8           |
| Other                                                       | **                          | *1.6        | *3.0         | *2.0            | *2.4              | 9.7               | *2.7              | 22.4           |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 30.8                        | 27.0        | 59.7         | 70.1            | 76.1              | 95.7              | 25.0              | 384.3          |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 8.0                         | 8.1         | 19.3         | 24.5            | 21.9              | 22.6              | 7.6               | 111.9          |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 38.7                        | 35.0        | 78.1         | 93.9            | 96.2              | 116.8             | 32.6              | 491.3          |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                             |             |              |                 |                   |                   |                   |                |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 54.8                        | 21.7        | 57.4         | 55.8            | 56.7              | 66.3              | 15.7              | 328.4          |
| Someone else did                                            | **                          | **          | **           | **              | **                | **                | **                | *2.0           |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 11.4                        | 6.9         | 25.8         | 23.7            | 26.7              | 30.4              | 8.0               | 132.8          |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | *5.8                        | *5.6        | 19.3         | 21.4            | 15.7              | 19.6              | *3.7              | 91.0           |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 12.1                        | *1.9        | *3.9         | 9.4             | *5.9              | *4.9              | **                | 38.4           |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | *2.2                        | **          | **           | **              | **                | **                | **                | *5.0           |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **                          | **          | *2.0         | *2.3            | **                | **                | **                | 6.8            |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *3.1                        | **          | *2.8         | *4.2            | *2.9              | **                | **                | 14.9           |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *2.4                        | **          | *1.5         | *2.5            | *2.9              | **                | **                | 10.2           |
| Other                                                       | 7.6                         | *3.3        | 18.4         | 12.8            | 12.5              | 19.1              | 6.9               | 80.5           |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 91.5                        | 39.0        | 123.0        | 125.8           | 120.3             | 138.0             | 33.6              | 671.2          |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                               | <b>129.2</b>                | <b>70.5</b> | <b>190.4</b> | <b>210.6</b>    | <b>209.1</b>      | <b>246.1</b>      | <b>65.1</b>       | <b>1,121.0</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

TABLE 6.3 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY GROSS PERSONAL INCOME RANGE AS PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS (Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Gross personal income range |              |              |                 |                   |                   |                   | Total        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                                             | Not applicable              | Not known    | \$1-\$3,999  | \$4,000-\$9,999 | \$10,000-\$14,999 | \$15,000-\$24,999 | \$25,000 and over |              |
| Why police were told—                                       |                             |              |              |                 |                   |                   |                   |              |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | *3.4                        | *8.4         | 5.8          | 6.1             | 7.8               | 8.7               | 14.5              | 7.3          |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 12.3                        | 14.5         | 13.8         | 14.3            | 18.2              | 16.6              | 9.8               | 15.0         |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | *2.4                        | *1.9         | *0.9         | *1.7            | *1.5              | *2.2              | *4.2              | 2.0          |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | *2.1                        | *3.5         | 4.8          | 6.0             | 3.8               | 3.6               | *3.4              | 4.1          |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | **                          | *3.0         | *2.6         | 3.0             | 3.2               | *2.2              | *2.8              | 2.5          |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *2.3                        | *3.4         | *2.3         | *2.6            | *1.4              | 2.8               | **                | 2.3          |
| Other                                                       | **                          | *2.2         | *1.6         | *1.0            | *1.1              | 3.9               | *4.1              | 2.0          |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 28.9                        | 38.2         | 31.3         | 33.3            | 36.3              | 38.9              | 38.4              | 34.3         |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 6.2                         | 11.4         | 10.1         | 11.6            | 10.5              | 9.2               | 11.7              | 10.0         |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 29.9                        | 49.7         | 41.0         | 44.6            | 46.0              | 47.5              | 50.1              | 43.8         |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                             |              |              |                 |                   |                   |                   |              |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 42.4                        | 30.7         | 30.1         | 26.5            | 27.1              | 26.9              | 24.2              | 29.3         |
| Someone else did                                            | **                          | **           | **           | **              | **                | **                | **                | *0.2         |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 8.8                         | 9.8          | 13.5         | 11.2            | 12.7              | 12.3              | 12.3              | 11.8         |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | *4.5                        | *7.9         | 10.1         | 10.2            | 7.5               | 8.0               | *5.7              | 8.1          |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 9.4                         | *2.7         | *2.0         | 4.4             | *2.8              | *2.0              | **                | 3.4          |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | *1.7                        | **           | **           | **              | **                | **                | **                | *0.4         |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **                          | **           | *1.1         | *1.1            | **                | **                | **                | 0.6          |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *2.4                        | **           | *1.5         | *2.0            | *1.4              | **                | **                | 1.3          |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *1.9                        | **           | *0.8         | *1.2            | *1.4              | **                | **                | 0.9          |
| Other                                                       | 5.9                         | *4.7         | 9.6          | 6.1             | 6.0               | 7.8               | 10.7              | 7.2          |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 70.8                        | 55.3         | 64.6         | 59.7            | 57.5              | 56.1              | 51.7              | 59.9         |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                               | <b>100.0</b>                | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b>      | <b>100.0</b>      | <b>100.0</b>      | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 6.4 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a): MAIN REASON(b) WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH ('000)

| Main reason(b)                                              | Country of birth |                |             |            |             |            |             |             |             | Total          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                                             | Australia        | UK and Ireland | Italy       | Greece     | Yugo-slavia | Holland    | Germany     | New Zealand | Other       |                |
| Why police were told—                                       |                  |                |             |            |             |            |             |             |             |                |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 58.0             | 8.4            | *1.8        | *2.1       | **          | **         | *2.2        | **          | 7.1         | 81.5           |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 132.7            | 14.6           | *2.5        | **         | **          | **         | **          | *2.4        | 10.8        | 167.9          |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 18.4             | **             | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | *1.5        | 22.3           |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 35.6             | *3.3           | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | *3.3        | 46.1           |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 21.1             | **             | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | *2.6        | 28.1           |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 21.8             | *2.3           | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | **          | 25.8           |
| Other                                                       | 20.4             | **             | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | **          | 22.4           |
| Incident reported by any household member(b)                | 300.2            | 30.7           | *4.5        | *4.0       | *4.2        | *3.7       | *4.5        | 6.6         | 25.9        | 384.3          |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 90.5             | 10.4           | **          | *1.5       | **          | **         | **          | *2.3        | *4.6        | 111.9          |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 387.0            | 40.3           | *5.6        | *5.5       | *4.7        | *3.7       | *5.1        | 8.9         | 30.6        | 491.3          |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                  |                |             |            |             |            |             |             |             |                |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 255.1            | 34.2           | *3.0        | **         | **          | **         | **          | 9.2         | 19.3        | 328.4          |
| Someone else did                                            | *1.7             | **             | **          | **         | *3.1        | *1.8       | *2.0        | **          | **          | *2.0           |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 103.3            | 10.2           | *1.9        | **         | **          | *1.7       | *1.9        | *4.9        | 7.3         | 132.8          |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 72.8             | 8.5            | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | *1.5        | *4.1        | 91.0           |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 28.7             | *4.6           | **          | **         | **          | **         | *2.2        | **          | *2.6        | 38.4           |
| Offender thought/know to be a child                         | *3.9             | **             | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | **          | *5.0           |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *5.3             | **             | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | **          | 6.8            |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *10.0            | *2.0           | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | **          | 14.9           |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | 6.6              | **             | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | **          | *2.1        | 10.2           |
| Other                                                       | 61.6             | 8.6            | **          | **         | **          | **         | **          | *2.4        | *4.5        | 80.5           |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 518.0            | 66.4           | 7.3         | *2.6       | *4.7        | 6.6        | 7.7         | 18.0        | 40.0        | 671.2          |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                               | <b>871.2</b>     | <b>102.8</b>   | <b>12.9</b> | <b>7.8</b> | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>9.9</b> | <b>12.7</b> | <b>26.4</b> | <b>67.9</b> | <b>1,211.0</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

TOTAL 6.4 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH AS PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS (Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Country of birth |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              | Total        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                             | Australia        | UK and Ireland | Italy        | Greece       | Yugo-slavia  | Holland      | Germany      | New Zealand  | Other        |              |
| Why police were told—                                       |                  |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 6.7              | 8.2            | *14.3        | *26.6        | **           | **           | *17.0        | **           | 10.4         | 7.3          |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 15.2             | 14.2           | *19.2        | **           | *27.1        | **           | **           | *9.3         | 15.9         | 15.0         |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 2.1              | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *2.3         | 2.0          |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 4.1              | *3.2           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *4.9         | 4.1          |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 2.4              | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *3.9         | 2.5          |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 2.5              | *2.2           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | 2.3          |
| Other                                                       | 2.3              | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | 2.0          |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 34.5             | 29.9           | *35.0        | *51.5        | *44.2        | *37.0        | *35.3        | 25.0         | 38.2         | 34.3         |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 10.4             | 10.1           | **           | *19.4        | **           | **           | **           | *8.8         | *6.8         | 10.0         |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 44.4             | 39.2           | *43.3        | *69.5        | *50.3        | *37.0        | *39.8        | 33.9         | 45.0         | 43.8         |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                  |                |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 29.3             | 33.3           | *23.1        | **           | *33.0        | *18.5        | *15.7        | 34.7         | 28.4         | 29.3         |
| Someone else did                                            | *0.2             | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *0.2         |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 11.9             | 10.0           | *14.3        | **           | **           | *17.3        | *15.0        | *18.4        | 10.7         | 11.8         |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 8.4              | 8.3            | **           | **           | **           | **           | *17.5        | *5.9         | *6.1         | 8.1          |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 3.3              | *4.5           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *3.8         | 3.4          |
| Offender thought/know to be a child                         | *0.4             | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *0.4         |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *0.6             | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | 0.6          |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *1.1             | *1.9           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | 1.3          |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | 0.8              | **             | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *3.1         | 0.9          |
| Other                                                       | 7.1              | 8.3            | **           | **           | **           | **           | **           | *9.2         | *6.6         | 7.2          |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 59.5             | 64.6           | 56.7         | *33.1        | *49.7        | 66.3         | 60.2         | 68.1         | 58.8         | 59.9         |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                               | <b>100.0</b>     | <b>100.0</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 6.5 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) : MAIN REASON(b) WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY AGE GROUP ('000)

| Main reason(b)                                              | Age group (years) |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 | Total          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                                             | 15-19 yrs         | 20-24 yrs    | 25-29 yrs    | 30-34 yrs    | 35-39 yrs    | 40-44 yrs   | 45-49 yrs   | 50-54 yrs   | 55-59 yrs   | 60-64 yrs   | 65-69 yrs   | 70-74 yrs   | 75 yrs and Over |                |
| Why police were told—                                       |                   |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 |                |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 7.2               | 13.7         | 12.5         | 11.0         | 10.3         | 7.1         | *4.2        | *5.8        | *3.8        | *3.3        | **          | **          | **              | 81.5           |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 21.2              | 42.0         | 26.4         | 18.6         | 16.2         | 11.3        | 10.9        | 7.4         | *4.6        | *1.7        | *3.4        | *1.8        | *2.4            | 167.9          |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | *2.1              | *3.4         | *2.3         | *2.2         | *2.9         | *4.0        | *2.0        | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 22.3           |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | *4.9              | 7.9          | 6.9          | *4.2         | 6.5          | *4.8        | *2.5        | *1.7        | *1.5        | *2.9        | **          | **          | **              | 46.1           |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | *3.2              | 8.8          | *3.2         | *3.5         | *4.0         | **          | **          | *1.6        | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 28.1           |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *2.7              | *5.1         | *4.2         | *4.6         | *2.1         | *1.6        | **          | **          | *2.5        | **          | **          | **          | **              | 25.8           |
| Other                                                       | **                | *4.7         | 7.5          | *2.4         | *1.9         | *2.3        | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 22.4           |
| <i>Incident reported by any household member</i>            | <i>42.4</i>       | <i>82.5</i>  | <i>62.2</i>  | <i>45.1</i>  | <i>42.1</i>  | <i>31.3</i> | <i>21.1</i> | <i>19.1</i> | <i>14.5</i> | <i>9.8</i>  | <i>6.6</i>  | <i>*3.7</i> | <i>*3.8</i>     | <i>384.3</i>   |
| <i>Incident not reported by any household member</i>        | <i>20.5</i>       | <i>21.7</i>  | <i>15.0</i>  | <i>10.3</i>  | <i>13.6</i>  | <i>*5.1</i> | <i>8.2</i>  | <i>6.6</i>  | <i>*5.4</i> | <i>*2.3</i> | <i>**</i>   | <i>**</i>   | <i>**</i>       | <i>111.9</i>   |
| <b>Police aware of incident</b>                             | <b>62.1</b>       | <b>103.1</b> | <b>76.4</b>  | <b>55.0</b>  | <b>55.6</b>  | <b>36.2</b> | <b>27.9</b> | <b>25.7</b> | <b>19.8</b> | <b>12.1</b> | <b>7.6</b>  | <b>*4.7</b> | <b>*5.2</b>     | <b>491.3</b>   |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                   |              |              |              |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 |                |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 91.6              | 76.0         | 45.8         | 31.9         | 23.7         | 16.0        | 15.2        | 8.9         | 6.3         | *5.7        | *3.4        | **          | *2.6            | 328.4          |
| Someone else did                                            | **                | **           | **           | **           | **           | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | *2.0           |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 17.8              | 35.5         | 22.0         | 17.7         | 12.9         | *4.6        | *3.8        | *5.8        | *3.5        | *3.6        | *1.6        | *1.7        | *2.3            | 132.8          |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 19.1              | 23.3         | 13.9         | 10.7         | 9.3          | 6.2         | *2.0        | *2.0        | *1.7        | **          | **          | **          | **              | 91.0           |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 15.8              | *4.5         | *5.0         | *3.4         | *4.5         | *1.5        | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 38.4           |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **                | **           | **           | **           | **           | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | *5.0           |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *1.8              | **           | *1.7         | **           | **           | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 6.8            |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *3.9              | *2.9         | *2.6         | **           | *1.7         | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 14.9           |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *2.0              | *1.8         | **           | **           | *1.5         | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **          | **              | 10.2           |
| Other                                                       | 12.6              | 19.0         | 12.8         | 6.2          | 7.2          | 6.6         | 6.3         | *3.9        | *1.9        | **          | **          | **          | **              | 80.5           |
| <b>Police not aware of incident</b>                         | <b>151.7</b>      | <b>152.9</b> | <b>100.2</b> | <b>70.0</b>  | <b>59.4</b>  | <b>37.8</b> | <b>28.9</b> | <b>22.8</b> | <b>15.3</b> | <b>13.2</b> | <b>7.6</b>  | <b>*5.2</b> | <b>6.2</b>      | <b>671.2</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                               | <b>206.0</b>      | <b>244.3</b> | <b>170.5</b> | <b>120.4</b> | <b>110.7</b> | <b>70.8</b> | <b>55.0</b> | <b>47.6</b> | <b>34.4</b> | <b>25.1</b> | <b>14.9</b> | <b>9.8</b>  | <b>11.4</b>     | <b>1,121.0</b> |

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(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offence in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
(b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

TABLE 6.5 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME : MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY AGE GROUP AS PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS (Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Age group (years) |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |       | 75 yrs and Over | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|
|                                                             | 15-19 yrs         | 20-24 yrs | 25-29 yrs | 30-34 yrs | 35-39 yrs | 40-44 yrs | 45-49 yrs | 50-54 yrs | 55-59 yrs | 60-64 yrs | 65-69 yrs | 70-74 yrs |       |                 |       |
| Why police were told—                                       |                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |       |                 |       |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 3.5               | 5.6       | 7.3       | 9.2       | 9.3       | 10.0      | *7.6      | *12.1     | *11.1     | *13.1     | **        | **        | **    | 7.3             |       |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 10.3              | 17.2      | 15.5      | 15.4      | 14.6      | 15.9      | 19.8      | 15.6      | *13.3     | *6.9      | *23.2     | *18.6     | *21.0 | 15.0            |       |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | *1.0              | *1.4      | *1.3      | *1.8      | *2.6      | *5.7      | *3.6      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 2.0             |       |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | *2.4              | 3.2       | 4.1       | *3.5      | 5.9       | *6.8      | *4.6      | *3.6      | *4.4      | *11.5     | **        | **        | **    | 4.1             |       |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | *1.6              | 3.6       | *1.9      | *2.9      | *3.6      | **        | **        | *3.3      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 2.5             |       |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *1.3              | *2.1      | *2.5      | *3.8      | *1.9      | *2.2      | **        | **        | *7.2      | **        | **        | **        | **    | 2.3             |       |
| Other                                                       | **                | *1.9      | 4.4       | *1.9      | *1.7      | *3.2      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 2.0             |       |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 20.6              | 33.8      | 36.5      | 37.4      | 38.0      | 44.3      | 38.3      | 40.2      | 42.2      | 39.0      | 44.7      | *38.1     | *33.2 | 34.3            |       |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 9.9               | 8.9       | 8.8       | 8.5       | 12.2      | *7.2      | 14.9      | 13.8      | *15.8     | *9.0      | **        | **        | **    | 10.0            |       |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 30.1              | 42.2      | 44.8      | 45.6      | 50.2      | 51.1      | 50.6      | 54.0      | 57.4      | 48.0      | 51.4      | *47.5     | 45.3  | 43.8            |       |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |       |                 |       |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 44.5              | 31.1      | 26.9      | 26.5      | 21.4      | 22.6      | 27.5      | 18.7      | 18.4      | *22.5     | *23.0     | **        | *22.8 | 29.3            |       |
| Someone else did                                            | **                | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | *0.2            |       |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 8.7               | 14.5      | 12.9      | 14.7      | 11.6      | *6.5      | *7.0      | *12.1     | *10.1     | *14.4     | *11.0     | *17.2     | *20.2 | 11.8            |       |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 9.3               | 9.5       | 8.2       | 8.9       | 8.4       | 8.7       | *3.7      | *4.3      | *5.0      | **        | **        | **        | **    | 8.1             |       |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 7.7               | *1.8      | *2.9      | *2.8      | *4.0      | *2.1      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 3.4             |       |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **                | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | *0.4            |       |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *0.9              | **        | *1.0      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 0.6             |       |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *1.9              | *1.2      | *1.5      | **        | *1.6      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 1.3             |       |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *1.0              | *0.7      | **        | **        | *1.4      | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **        | **    | 0.9             |       |
| Other                                                       | 6.1               | 7.7       | 7.5       | 5.2       | 6.5       | 9.3       | 11.4      | *8.2      | *5.5      | **        | **        | **        | **    | 7.2             |       |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 73.6              | 62.6      | 58.7      | 58.2      | 53.6      | 53.3      | 52.5      | 47.9      | 44.6      | 52.5      | 51.1      | *52.5     | 54.7  | 59.9            |       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 100.0             | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0     | 100.0 | 100.0           |       |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 6.6 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) MAIN REASON(b) WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SEX ('000)

| Main reason(b)                                            | Employment status |         |                             |         |                                                              |         |       |         | persons |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
|                                                           | Employed          |         | Unemployed looking for work |         | Not in the labour force/inc. unemployed not looking for work |         | Total |         |         |
|                                                           | Males             | Females | Males                       | Females | Males                                                        | Females | Males | Females |         |
| Why police were told—                                     |                   |         |                             |         |                                                              |         |       |         |         |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                          | 47.6              | 13.2    | *3.4                        | *2.9    | *4.8                                                         | 9.6     | 55.8  | 25.7    | 81.5    |
| To try/hoped to get property back                         | 84.7              | 35.7    | 11.1                        | *3.3    | 11.9                                                         | 21.1    | 107.8 | 60.1    | 167.9   |
| Insurance/compensation                                    | 12.0              | *4.9    | **                          | **      | **                                                           | *2.8    | 13.9  | 8.5     | 22.3    |
| One of number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 14.6              | 12.8    | *4.2                        | *2.8    | *2.4                                                         | 9.4     | 21.1  | 25.0    | 46.1    |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                           | 16.1              | *5.0    | **                          | **      | *3.3                                                         | *2.2    | 20.6  | 7.4     | 28.1    |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                    | 8.2               | *5.3    | *4.0                        | **      | **                                                           | *6.0    | 13.2  | 12.6    | 25.8    |
| Other                                                     | 13.8              | *4.3    | **                          | **      | **                                                           | *1.8    | 16.1  | 6.4     | 22.4    |
| Incident reported by any household member                 | 192.8             | 78.2    | 25.0                        | 11.1    | 25.5                                                         | 51.7    | 243.3 | 141.0   | 384.3   |
| Incident not reported by any household member             | 51.2              | 23.8    | 10.5                        | *3.7    | 6.4                                                          | 16.3    | 68.1  | 43.8    | 111.9   |
| Police aware of incident                                  | 240.6             | 100.9   | 35.2                        | 14.8    | 31.9                                                         | 67.9    | 307.7 | 183.6   | 491.3   |
| Why police were not told—                                 |                   |         |                             |         |                                                              |         |       |         |         |
| Too/trivial unimportant                                   | 154.1             | 48.6    | 27.6                        | 6.7     | 43.9                                                         | 47.4    | 225.7 | 102.7   | 328.4   |
| Someone else did                                          | *1.5              | **      | **                          | **      | **                                                           | **      | *1.8  | **      | *2.0    |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it             | 58.1              | 27.5    | 14.0                        | 6.7     | 10.0                                                         | 16.6    | 82.0  | 50.8    | 132.8   |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves           | 43.4              | 14.1    | 9.4                         | *4.6    | 6.2                                                          | 13.3    | 59.1  | 32.0    | 91.0    |
| Told someone else instead                                 | 6.3               | 10.6    | **                          | *2.2    | 8.0                                                          | 9.9     | 15.7  | 22.8    | 38.4    |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                      | **                | **      | **                          | **      | **                                                           | *1.9    | *1.7  | *3.3    | *5.0    |
| Did not want offender to be punished                      | **                | *1.8    | **                          | **      | *1.5                                                         | **      | *4.2  | *2.6    | 6.8     |
| Afraid of reprisal                                        | *3.4              | *3.2    | **                          | **      | *2.6                                                         | *3.9    | 7.2   | 7.6     | 14.9    |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                | *2.3              | *2.7    | **                          | **      | *1.9                                                         | *2.6    | *4.2  | *6.0    | 10.2    |
| Other                                                     | 36.0              | 15.7    | 7.5                         | *4.2    | 7.2                                                          | 9.9     | 50.8  | 29.7    | 80.5    |
| Police not aware of incident                              | 295.0             | 119.7   | 57.0                        | 23.1    | 76.8                                                         | 99.6    | 428.8 | 242.4   | 671.2   |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                    | 514.1             | 216.8   | 87.0                        | 33.3    | 105.3                                                        | 164.6   | 706.4 | 414.6   | 1,121.0 |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
 (b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.



**TABLE 6.6 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SEX AS PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS**  
(Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Employment status |              |                             |              |                                                              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                             | Employed          |              | Unemployed looking for work |              | Not in the labour force/inc. unemployed not looking for work |              | Total        |              |              |
|                                                             | Males             | Females      | Males                       | Females      | Males                                                        | Females      | Males        | Females      | persons      |
|                                                             |                   |              |                             |              |                                                              |              |              |              |              |
| Why police were told—                                       |                   |              |                             |              |                                                              |              |              |              |              |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 9.3               | 6.1          | *3.9                        | *8.6         | *4.6                                                         | 5.9          | 7.9          | 6.2          | 7.3          |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 16.5              | 16.5         | 12.8                        | *10.1        | 11.3                                                         | 12.8         | 15.3         | 14.5         | 15.0         |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 2.3               | *2.3         | **                          | **           | **                                                           | *1.7         | 2.0          | 2.0          | 2.0          |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 2.8               | 5.9          | *4.8                        | *8.4         | *2.3                                                         | 5.7          | 3.0          | 6.0          | 4.1          |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 3.1               | *2.3         | **                          | **           | *3.1                                                         | *1.3         | 2.9          | 1.8          | 2.5          |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 1.6               | *2.4         | *4.6                        | **           | **                                                           | *3.7         | 1.9          | 3.0          | 2.3          |
| Other                                                       | 2.7               | *2.0         | **                          | **           | **                                                           | *1.1         | 2.3          | 1.5          | 2.0          |
| <i>Incident reported by any household member</i>            | 37.5              | 36.1         | 28.7                        | 33.3         | 24.3                                                         | 31.4         | 34.4         | 34.0         | 34.3         |
| <i>Incident not reported by any household member</i>        | 10.0              | 11.0         | 12.1                        | *11.2        | 6.1                                                          | 9.9          | 9.6          | 10.6         | 10.0         |
| <b>Police aware of incident</b>                             | <b>46.8</b>       | <b>46.5</b>  | <b>40.5</b>                 | <b>44.5</b>  | <b>30.3</b>                                                  | <b>41.2</b>  | <b>43.6</b>  | <b>44.3</b>  | <b>43.8</b>  |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                   |              |                             |              |                                                              |              |              |              |              |
| Too/trivial unimportant                                     | 30.0              | 22.4         | 31.7                        | 20.2         | 41.7                                                         | 28.8         | 31.9         | 24.8         | 29.3         |
| Someone else did                                            | *0.3              | **           | **                          | **           | **                                                           | **           | *0.3         | **           | *0.2         |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 11.3              | 12.7         | 16.0                        | 20.3         | 9.5                                                          | 10.1         | 11.6         | 12.3         | 11.8         |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 8.5               | 6.5          | 10.8                        | *13.8        | 5.9                                                          | 8.1          | 8.4          | 7.7          | 8.1          |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 1.2               | 4.9          | **                          | *6.7         | 7.6                                                          | 6.0          | 2.2          | 5.5          | 3.4          |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **                | **           | **                          | **           | **                                                           | *1.1         | *0.2         | *0.8         | *0.4         |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **                | *0.8         | **                          | **           | *1.4                                                         | **           | *0.6         | *0.6         | 0.6          |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *0.7              | *1.5         | **                          | **           | *2.4                                                         | *2.3         | 1.0          | 1.8          | 1.3          |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *0.4              | *1.2         | **                          | **           | *1.8                                                         | *1.6         | *0.6         | *1.5         | 0.9          |
| Other                                                       | 7.0               | 7.2          | 8.7                         | *12.6        | 6.9                                                          | 6.0          | 7.2          | 7.2          | 7.2          |
| <b>Police not aware of incident</b>                         | <b>57.4</b>       | <b>55.2</b>  | <b>65.5</b>                 | <b>69.4</b>  | <b>72.9</b>                                                  | <b>60.5</b>  | <b>60.7</b>  | <b>58.5</b>  | <b>59.9</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS</b>                               | <b>100.0</b>      | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>                | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b>                                                 | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 6.7 (PART I). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) : MAIN REASON(b) WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX ('000)

| Main reason(b)                                              | Married (inc. de facto) |         | Separated |         | Divorced |         | Widowed |         | Never married |         | Total |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
|                                                             | Males                   | Females | Males     | Females | Males    | Females | Males   | Females | Males         | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| Why police were told—                                       |                         |         |           |         |          |         |         |         |               |         |       |         |         |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 33.2                    | 11.7    | **        | **      | *1.7     | *2.1    | **      | *1.5    | 19.1          | 9.8     | 55.8  | 25.7    | 81.5    |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 48.4                    | 27.1    | *2.3      | *1.6    | 6.4      | *3.0    | **      | *2.8    | 50.0          | 25.6    | 107.8 | 60.1    | 167.9   |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 7.7                     | *4.9    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *5.1          | *2.1    | 13.9  | 8.5     | 22.3    |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 10.7                    | 9.9     | *2.1      | *2.5    | *1.5     | *2.6    | **      | *1.8    | 6.8           | 8.2     | 21.1  | 25.0    | 46.1    |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 8.7                     | *2.7    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | 11.3          | *4.1    | 20.6  | 7.4     | 28.1    |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 7.8                     | *4.7    | **        | *2.0    | **       | *1.7    | **      | **      | *4.8          | *3.4    | 13.2  | 12.6    | 25.8    |
| Other                                                       | 10.4                    | *3.7    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *4.7          | **      | 16.1  | 6.4     | 22.4    |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 124.9                   | 63.8    | *5.9      | 7.0     | 11.4     | 9.4     | *2.2    | 8.2     | 98.9          | 52.5    | 243.3 | 141.0   | 384.3   |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 33.0                    | 20.3    | **        | *3.2    | *2.1     | *3.5    | **      | *2.8    | 31.1          | 14.0    | 68.1  | 43.8    | 111.9   |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 155.8                   | 83.9    | 7.4       | 9.8     | 13.5     | 12.9    | *2.7    | 11.1    | 128.3         | 65.9    | 307.7 | 183.6   | 491.3   |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                         |         |           |         |          |         |         |         |               |         |       |         |         |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 90.1                    | 35.0    | *2.6      | *5.1    | *4.3     | *3.3    | *2.8    | *3.3    | 125.9         | 56.0    | 225.7 | 102.7   | 328.4   |
| Someone else did                                            | **                      | **      | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | **            | **      | *1.8  | **      | *2.0    |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 40.8                    | 17.3    | *2.3      | *1.7    | *2.5     | *4.1    | *1.6    | *3.1    | 34.9          | 24.6    | 82.0  | 50.8    | 132.8   |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 18.6                    | 7.4     | *1.6      | *5.1    | *5.4     | *3.1    | **      | **      | 32.7          | 15.7    | 59.1  | 32.0    | 91.0    |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *5.1                    | *6.1    | **        | *1.8    | **       | *1.6    | **      | **      | 9.8           | 12.9    | 15.7  | 22.8    | 38.4    |
| Offender thought/know to be a child                         | **                      | *2.8    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | **            | **      | *1.7  | *3.3    | *5.0    |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *1.8                    | *1.7    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *2.0          | **      | *4.2  | *2.6    | 6.8     |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *1.9                    | *2.0    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *5.3          | *3.4    | 7.2   | 7.6     | 14.9    |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                      | *2.6    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *2.5          | *1.5    | *4.2  | *6.0    | 10.2    |
| Other                                                       | 20.9                    | 10.3    | *2.0      | *1.7    | *2.4     | *2.9    | **      | *2.2    | 25.0          | 12.6    | 50.8  | 29.7    | 80.5    |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 175.1                   | 83.6    | 9.4       | 16.8    | 15.1     | 15.1    | 6.2     | 10.2    | 222.9         | 116.7   | 428.8 | 242.4   | 671.2   |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 319.6                   | 166.6   | 15.4      | 25.0    | 27.1     | 25.9    | 8.4     | 21.2    | 335.8         | 176.0   | 706.4 | 414.6   | 1,121.0 |

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(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence.  
(b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

TABLE 6.7 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY MARITAL STATUS AND SEX AS PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS  
(Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Married (inc. de facto) |         | Separated |         | Divorced |         | Widowed |         | Never married |         | Total |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
|                                                             | Males                   | Females | Males     | Females | Males    | Females | Males   | Females | Males         | Females | Males | Females | Persons |
| Why police were told—                                       |                         |         |           |         |          |         |         |         |               |         |       |         |         |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 10.4                    | 7.0     | **        | **      | 6.8      | 8.1     | **      | 7.1     | 5.7           | 5.6     | 7.9   | 6.2     | 7.3     |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 15.1                    | 16.3    | *15.2     | *6.5    | 23.6     | *11.5   | **      | *13.1   | 14.9          | 14.6    | 15.3  | 14.5    | 15.0    |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 2.4                     | *2.9    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *1.5          | *1.2    | 2.0   | 2.0     | 2.0     |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 3.3                     | 5.9     | *13.7     | *10.1   | *5.6     | *10.1   | **      | *8.3    | 2.0           | 4.6     | 3.0   | 6.0     | 4.1     |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 2.7                     | *1.6    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | 3.3           | *2.3    | 2.9   | 1.8     | 2.5     |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 2.4                     | *2.8    | **        | *8.1    | **       | *6.7    | **      | **      | *1.4          | *1.9    | 1.9   | 3.0     | 2.3     |
| Other                                                       | 3.3                     | *2.2    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *1.4          | **      | 2.3   | 1.5     | 2.0     |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 39.1                    | 38.3    | *38.5     | 28.1    | 42.1     | 36.4    | *26.1   | 38.8    | 29.4          | 29.8    | 34.4  | 34.0    | 34.3    |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 10.3                    | 12.2    | **        | *12.9   | *7.7     | *13.4   | **      | *13.4   | 9.3           | 7.9     | 9.6   | 10.6    | 10.0    |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 48.8                    | 50.3    | 47.9      | 39.3    | 49.8     | 49.9    | *32.0   | 52.2    | 38.2          | 37.4    | 43.6  | 44.3    | 43.8    |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                         |         |           |         |          |         |         |         |               |         |       |         |         |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 28.2                    | 21.0    | *16.9     | *20.5   | *15.9    | *12.9   | *33.6   | *15.5   | 37.5          | 31.8    | 31.9  | 24.8    | 29.3    |
| Someone else did                                            | **                      | **      | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | **            | **      | *0.3  | **      | *0.2    |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 12.8                    | 10.4    | *14.7     | *6.9    | *9.2     | *15.7   | *18.5   | *14.8   | 10.4          | 13.9    | 11.6  | 12.3    | 11.8    |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 5.8                     | 4.5     | *10.1     | *20.4   | *19.8    | *11.9   | **      | **      | 9.7           | 8.9     | 8.4   | 7.7     | 8.1     |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *1.6                    | *3.6    | **        | *7.3    | **       | *6.4    | **      | **      | 2.9           | 7.3     | 2.2   | 5.5     | 3.4     |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **                      | *1.7    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | **            | **      | *0.2  | *0.8    | *0.4    |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *0.6                    | *1.0    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *0.6          | **      | *0.6  | *0.6    | 0.6     |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *0.6                    | *1.2    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *1.6          | *1.9    | 1.0   | 1.8     | 1.3     |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                      | *1.6    | **        | **      | **       | **      | **      | **      | *0.8          | *0.8    | *0.6  | *1.5    | 0.9     |
| Other                                                       | 6.5                     | 6.2     | *13.0     | *6.9    | *8.9     | *11.2   | **      | *10.3   | 7.5           | 7.2     | 7.2   | 7.2     | 7.2     |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 54.8                    | 50.2    | 61.1      | 67.2    | 55.6     | 58.1    | 73.8    | 48.4    | 66.4          | 66.3    | 60.7  | 58.5    | 59.9    |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 100.0                   | 100.0   | 100.0     | 100.0   | 100.0    | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0         | 100.0   | 100.0 | 100.0   | 100.0   |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

TABLE 6.8 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a) : MAIN REASON(b) WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF INCIDENT ('000)

| Main reason(b)                                              | State or Territory of incident |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |         | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|---------|-------|
|                                                             | N.S.W.                         | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |         |       |
| Why police were told—                                       |                                |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |         |       |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 31.6                           | 29.0  | 5.2   | 4.4   | 7.5   | 2.9  | **   | *0.7   | 81.5    |       |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 69.1                           | 46.9  | 16.3  | 12.7  | 15.5  | 3.9  | *1.5 | *1.9   | 167.9   |       |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 9.7                            | *5.7  | **    | 3.3   | *2.1  | *0.6 | **   | **     | 22.3    |       |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 15.2                           | 12.0  | 7.5   | 4.2   | 4.3   | **   | **   | *1.8   | 46.1    |       |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 12.7                           | *4.7  | *2.0  | 4.7   | *3.4  | **   | **   | **     | 28.1    |       |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *5.4                           | 11.8  | *3.2  | *2.3  | *2.0  | **   | **   | *0.9   | 25.8    |       |
| Other                                                       | 8.1                            | 7.5   | *1.5  | *1.4  | *2.6  | **   | **   | **     | 22.4    |       |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 145.8                          | 114.7 | 36.0  | 33.0  | 37.1  | 8.1  | 3.2  | 6.3    | 384.3   |       |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 33.0                           | 35.0  | 15.2  | 13.2  | 9.5   | *1.7 | 2.8  | *1.9   | 111.9   |       |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 177.0                          | 148.4 | 50.9  | 45.8  | 46.0  | 9.8  | 5.7  | 8.0    | 491.3   |       |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                                |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |         |       |
| Too/trivial unimportant                                     | 105.9                          | 82.4  | 52.0  | 35.1  | 42.6  | 4.5  | *1.5 | 5.0    | 328.4   |       |
| Someone else did                                            | **                             | **    | **    | **    | **    | **   | **   | **     | *2.0    |       |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 46.0                           | 33.9  | 24.0  | 12.9  | 11.2  | *1.1 | *2.4 | *1.8   | 132.8   |       |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 30.8                           | 21.2  | 12.7  | 9.5   | 14.6  | *1.0 | **   | *1.3   | 91.0    |       |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 13.9                           | 10.4  | *4.9  | 3.7   | 3.7   | *0.8 | **   | **     | 38.4    |       |
| Offender thought/know to be a child                         | **                             | **    | **    | **    | **    | **   | **   | **     | *5.0    |       |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *2.6                           | **    | **    | **    | *1.6  | **   | **   | **     | 6.8     |       |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *5.4                           | *2.9  | *3.3  | *1.8  | **    | **   | **   | **     | 14.9    |       |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *2.9                           | *3.3  | *2.1  | **    | **    | **   | **   | **     | 10.2    |       |
| Other                                                       | 23.2                           | 21.9  | 11.2  | 8.5   | 11.4  | *1.1 | *2.2 | *1.2   | 80.5    |       |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 218.4                          | 169.8 | 108.1 | 69.2  | 82.9  | 9.1  | 6.6  | 9.9    | 671.2   |       |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 378.9                          | 309.6 | 154.3 | 109.6 | 124.1 | 18.4 | 12.3 | 17.3   | 1,121.0 |       |
| (a) Victims refer to persons only                           |                                |       |       |       |       |      |      |        |         |       |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

TABLE 6.8 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME : MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF INCIDENT AS PERCENTAGE (a) OF ALL VICTIMS (Per cent)

|                                                             | (Per cent)                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--|
|                                                             | State or Territory of incident |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |  |
| Main reason                                                 | N.S.W.                         | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Total |  |
| Why police were told—                                       |                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |  |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 8.3                            | 9.4   | 3.4   | 4.0   | 6.1   | 15.6  | **    | *4.0   | 7.3   |  |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | 18.2                           | 15.1  | 10.6  | 11.6  | 12.5  | 21.2  | *12.6 | *11.1  | 15.0  |  |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | 2.5                            | *1.8  | **    | 3.0   | *1.7  | *3.1  | **    | **     | 2.0   |  |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 4.0                            | 3.9   | 4.9   | 3.8   | 3.5   | **    | **    | *10.1  | 4.1   |  |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 3.3                            | *1.5  | *1.3  | 4.3   | *2.8  | **    | **    | **     | 2.5   |  |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *1.4                           | 3.8   | *2.1  | *2.1  | *1.6  | **    | **    | *5.2   | 2.3   |  |
| Other                                                       | 2.1                            | 2.4   | *1.0  | *1.3  | *2.1  | **    | **    | **     | 2.0   |  |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 38.5                           | 37.1  | 23.3  | 30.1  | 29.9  | 44.4  | 26.5  | 36.5   | 34.3  |  |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 8.7                            | 11.3  | 9.9   | 12.1  | 7.6   | *9.2  | 22.7  | *10.8  | 10.0  |  |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 46.7                           | 47.9  | 33.0  | 41.8  | 37.1  | 53.6  | 46.2  | 46.0   | 43.8  |  |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                                |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |  |
| Too/trivial unimportant                                     | 27.9                           | 26.6  | 33.7  | 32.0  | 34.4  | 24.5  | *12.6 | 29.1   | 29.3  |  |
| Someone else did                                            | **                             | **    | **    | **    | **    | **    | **    | **     | *0.2  |  |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 12.1                           | 11.0  | 15.6  | 11.7  | 9.0   | *5.9  | *19.3 | *10.2  | 11.8  |  |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 8.1                            | 6.9   | 8.2   | 8.7   | 11.8  | *5.3  | **    | *7.6   | 8.1   |  |
| Told someone else instead                                   | 3.7                            | 3.4   | *3.2  | 3.4   | 3.0   | *4.4  | **    | **     | 3.4   |  |
| Offender thought/know to be a child                         | **                             | **    | **    | **    | **    | **    | **    | **     | *0.4  |  |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *0.7                           | **    | **    | **    | *1.3  | **    | **    | **     | 0.6   |  |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *1.4                           | *0.9  | *2.1  | *1.6  | **    | **    | **    | **     | 1.3   |  |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *0.8                           | *1.1  | *1.3  | **    | **    | **    | **    | **     | 0.9   |  |
| Other                                                       | 6.1                            | 7.1   | 7.2   | 7.7   | 9.2   | *5.8  | *17.5 | *7.2   | 7.2   |  |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 57.7                           | 54.9  | 70.0  | 63.1  | 66.8  | 49.6  | 53.8  | 57.0   | 59.9  |  |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 100.0                          | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0 |  |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding

TABLE 6.9 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME(a): MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY WHETHER A RELATIVE AND WHETHER OFFENDER SEEN OR KNOWN ('000)

| Main reason                                                 | Whether a relative |       |          | Offender not seen or known | Total (c) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                                                             | Yes                | No    | Total(b) |                            |           |
| Why police were told—                                       |                    |       |          |                            |           |
| Because crime committed/ moral obligation                   | **                 | 11.0  | 11.6     | 70.5                       | 81.5      |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **                 | 8.9   | 10.1     | 157.8                      | 167.9     |
| Because of insurance/ compensation                          | **                 | **    | **       | 21.0                       | 22.3      |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | *3.6               | 17.6  | 21.3     | 24.8                       | 46.1      |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | **                 | 8.2   | 8.2      | 19.9                       | 28.1      |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *2.3               | 12.4  | 14.8     | 11.1                       | 25.8      |
| Other                                                       | **                 | 6.5   | 7.2      | 15.3                       | 22.4      |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 8.4                | 64.5  | 72.8     | 315.8                      | 384.3     |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | *5.4               | 27.3  | 32.7     | 79.3                       | 111.9     |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 13.6               | 91.0  | 104.4    | 392.8                      | 491.3     |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                    |       |          |                            |           |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 6.8                | **    | 79.2     | 255.3                      | 328.4     |
| Someone else did                                            | **                 | 73.3  | **       | *1.5                       | *2.0      |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | *5.9               | 15.7  | 21.6     | 112.2                      | 132.8     |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 10.4               | 54.8  | 65.2     | 27.0                       | 91.0      |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *2.6               | 10.8  | 13.4     | 25.5                       | 38.4      |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **                 | *1.9  | *1.9     | *3.1                       | *5.0      |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *1.6               | *2.6  | *4.2     | *2.7                       | 6.8       |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *3.0               | 6.3   | 9.4      | *5.8                       | 14.9      |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                 | *1.5  | *2.8     | 7.4                        | 10.2      |
| Other                                                       | *3.5               | 24.0  | 27.6     | 53.9                       | 80.5      |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 34.8               | 186.0 | 218.7    | 481.7                      | 671.2     |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 47.4               | 273.0 | 316.1    | 856.9                      | 1,121.0   |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victim is counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied. (c) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence.

TABLE 6.9 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF PERSONAL CRIME : MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY WHETHER A RELATIVE AND WHETHER OFFENDER SEEN OR KNOWN AS PERCENTAGE(a) OF ALL VICTIMS (Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Whether a relative |       |       | Offender not seen or known | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                                             | Yes                | No    | Total |                            |       |
| Why police were told—                                       |                    |       |       |                            |       |
| Because crime committed/moral obligation                    | **                 | 4.0   | 3.7   | 8.2                        | 7.3   |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **                 | 3.3   | 3.2   | 18.4                       | 15.0  |
| Because of insurance/ compensation                          | **                 | **    | **    | 2.5                        | 2.0   |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | *7.7               | 6.5   | 6.7   | 2.9                        | 4.1   |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | **                 | 3.0   | 2.6   | 2.3                        | 2.5   |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *4.9               | 4.6   | 4.7   | 1.3                        | 2.3   |
| Other                                                       | **                 | 2.4   | 2.3   | 1.8                        | 2.0   |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 17.7               | 23.6  | 23.0  | 36.9                       | 34.3  |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | *11.3              | 10.0  | 10.3  | 9.2                        | 9.8   |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 28.6               | 33.3  | 33.0  | 45.8                       | 43.6  |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                    |       |       |                            |       |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 14.4               | 26.8  | 25.0  | 29.8                       | 29.3  |
| Someone else did                                            | **                 | **    | **    | *0.2                       | *0.2  |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | *12.3              | 5.8   | 6.8   | 13.1                       | 11.8  |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 21.8               | 20.1  | 20.6  | 3.1                        | 8.1   |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *5.5               | 3.9   | 4.2   | 3.0                        | 3.4   |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **                 | *0.7  | *0.6  | *0.4                       | *0.4  |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | *3.4               | *0.9  | *1.3  | *0.3                       | 0.6   |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *6.4               | 2.3   | 3.0   | *0.7                       | 1.3   |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | **                 | *0.6  | *0.9  | 0.9                        | 0.9   |
| Other                                                       | *7.5               | 8.8   | 8.7   | 6.3                        | 7.2   |
| Police not aware incident                                   | 73.3               | 68.1  | 69.2  | 56.2                       | 59.9  |
| TOTAL PERSONAL VICTIMS                                      | 100.0              | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0                      | 100.0 |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

**TABLE 6.10 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY METHOD OF ATTACK**  
(<sup>1</sup> 000)

| Main reason                                                 | Method of attack |                     |                        |                       |       | Total(b) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------|
|                                                             | Verbally only    | With a knife or gun | With some other weapon | Other physical attack | Other |          |
| Why police were told—                                       |                  |                     |                        |                       |       |          |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 9.4              | *4.7                | *3.2                   | 11.5                  | **    | 27.6     |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | *1.9     |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | **               | **                  | **                     | *2.2                  | **    | *2.9     |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 8.5              | *2.8                | *2.4                   | 10.7                  | *3.3  | 26.1     |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | *3.8             | *3.4                | **                     | 8.8                   | **    | 18.4     |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 11.4             | *2.0                | *1.5                   | 9.5                   | *2.6  | 25.8     |
| Other                                                       | 6.3              | **                  | **                     | *5.2                  | **    | 12.3     |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 39.8             | 13.5                | 8.9                    | 48.4                  | 9.7   | 113.0    |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 16.4             | *2.9                | 8.2                    | 22.7                  | **    | 49.0     |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 55.8             | 16.5                | 17.1                   | 71.1                  | 11.0  | 160.6    |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                  |                     |                        |                       |       |          |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 67.9             | *1.5                | *3.0                   | 51.0                  | *2.9  | 124.5    |
| Someone else did                                            | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | **       |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 16.0             | **                  | *2.6                   | 16.5                  | *2.3  | 36.3     |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 28.7             | *1.5                | 7.2                    | 36.2                  | *2.4  | 72.4     |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *5.7             | **                  | **                     | *6.1                  | **    | 12.8     |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | **       |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | **       |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *4.5             | **                  | **                     | *3.6                  | **    | *4.1     |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *2.2             | **                  | **                     | 6.6                   | **    | 13.5     |
| Other                                                       | 15.3             | **                  | *2.3                   | 17.7                  | *1.5  | 37.0     |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 140.6            | *5.3                | 17.5                   | 138.7                 | 12.0  | 302.9    |
| TOTAL(c)                                                    | 196.1            | 21.8                | 34.6                   | 207.4                 | 22.9  | 457.3    |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one actual or threatened attack offence for which the method of attack differed. (c) Each reason is counted once only regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

**TABLE 6.10 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY METHOD OF ATTACK AS PERCENTAGE(a) OF ALL VICTIMS**  
(Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Method of attack |                     |                        |                       |       | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
|                                                             | Verbally only    | With a knife or gun | With some other weapon | Other physical attack | Other |       |
| Why police were told—                                       |                  |                     |                        |                       |       |       |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 4.8              | 21.5                | 9.3                    | 5.5                   | **    | 6.0   |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | *0.4  |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | **               | **                  | **                     | *1.1                  | **    | *0.6  |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 4.4              | *12.8               | *7.0                   | 5.2                   | *14.3 | 5.7   |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | *1.9             | *15.6               | **                     | 4.2                   | **    | 4.0   |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | 5.8              | *9.3                | *4.4                   | 4.6                   | *11.3 | 5.7   |
| Other                                                       | 3.2              | **                  | **                     | *2.5                  | **    | 2.7   |
| Incident reported by any household member                   | 20.3             | 62.2                | 25.9                   | 23.3                  | 42.2  | 24.7  |
| Incident not reported by any household member               | 8.3              | *13.4               | 23.6                   | 10.9                  | **    | 10.7  |
| Police aware of incident                                    | 28.4             | 75.5                | 49.4                   | 34.3                  | 47.8  | 35.1  |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                  |                     |                        |                       |       |       |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 34.6             | *6.8                | *8.6                   | 24.6                  | *12.7 | 27.2  |
| Someone else did                                            | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | **    |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 8.2              | **                  | *7.5                   | 7.9                   | *10.0 | 7.9   |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 14.6             | *6.8                | 20.8                   | 17.4                  | *10.4 | 15.8  |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *2.9             | **                  | **                     | *2.9                  | **    | 2.8   |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **               | **                  | **                     | **                    | **    | **    |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **               | **                  | **                     | *1.7                  | **    | *0.9  |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *2.3             | **                  | **                     | 3.2                   | **    | 2.9   |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *1.1             | **                  | **                     | *1.8                  | **    | 1.7   |
| Other                                                       | 7.8              | **                  | *6.6                   | 8.5                   | *6.4  | 8.1   |
| Police not aware of incident                                | 71.7             | *24.5               | 50.5                   | 66.9                  | 52.2  | 66.2  |
| TOTAL                                                       | 100.0            | 100.0               | 100.0                  | 100.0                 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

**TABLE 6.11 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK(a): MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY WHETHER INJURED**  
(<sup>1</sup> 000)

| Main reason                                                 | Whether injured |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                             | Yes             | No           | Total(b)     |
| Why police were told—                                       |                 |              |              |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 9.1             | 18.5         | 27.6         |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **              | *1.5         | *1.9         |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | *1.5            | **           | *2.9         |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 8.1             | 18.0         | 26.1         |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 9.1             | 9.3          | 18.4         |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *4.8            | 21.1         | 25.8         |
| Other                                                       | *2.7            | 9.6          | 12.3         |
| <i>Incident reported by any household member</i>            | <i>35.5</i>     | <i>78.0</i>  | <i>113.0</i> |
| <i>Incident not reported by any household member</i>        | <i>19.7</i>     | <i>29.7</i>  | <i>49.0</i>  |
| <b>Police aware of incident</b>                             | <b>55.2</b>     | <b>107.2</b> | <b>160.6</b> |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                 |              |              |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 15.9            | 109.3        | 124.5        |
| Someone else did                                            | **              | **           | **           |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 10.0            | 27.0         | 36.3         |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 20.2            | 53.0         | 72.4         |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *4.1            | 8.7          | 12.8         |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **              | **           | **           |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **              | *3.2         | *4.1         |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *4.8            | 8.7          | 13.5         |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *2.4            | *5.3         | 7.7          |
| Other                                                       | 10.1            | 26.9         | 37.0         |
| <b>Police not aware of incident</b>                         | <b>68.4</b>     | <b>239.5</b> | <b>302.9</b> |
| <b>TOTAL(c)</b>                                             | <b>122.2</b>    | <b>344.1</b> | <b>457.3</b> |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more personal offences in the previous twelve months period. The victims are counted once only for each offence regardless of the number of occurrences of that offence. (b) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one actual or threatened attack offence. (c) Each reason is counted once regardless of the number of offences to which it applied.

**TABLE 6.11 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF ACTUAL OR THREATENED ATTACK: MAIN REASON WHY POLICE WERE TOLD OR WERE NOT TOLD BY WHETHER INJURED AS PERCENTAGE(a) OF ALL VICTIMS**  
(Per cent)

| Main reason                                                 | Whether injured |              |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                             | Yes             | No           | Total        |
| Why police were told—                                       |                 |              |              |
| Crime committed/moral obligation                            | 7.4             | 5.4          | 6.0          |
| To try/hoped to get property back                           | **              | *0.4         | *0.4         |
| Insurance/compensation                                      | *1.2            | **           | *0.6         |
| One of a number of incidents/try to stop it happening again | 6.7             | 5.2          | 5.7          |
| Wanted offender caught/punished                             | 7.4             | 2.7          | 4.0          |
| Fear of harm to self or another person                      | *3.9            | 6.1          | 5.7          |
| Other                                                       | *2.2            | 2.8          | 2.7          |
| <i>Incident reported by any household member</i>            | <i>29.1</i>     | <i>22.7</i>  | <i>24.7</i>  |
| <i>Incident not reported by any household member</i>        | <i>16.1</i>     | <i>8.6</i>   | <i>10.7</i>  |
| <b>Police aware of incident</b>                             | <b>45.2</b>     | <b>31.2</b>  | <b>35.1</b>  |
| Why police were not told—                                   |                 |              |              |
| Too trivial/unimportant                                     | 13.0            | 31.8         | 27.2         |
| Someone else did                                            | **              | **           | **           |
| Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it               | 8.2             | 7.9          | 7.9          |
| Private matter/would take care of it themselves             | 16.5            | 15.4         | 15.8         |
| Told someone else instead                                   | *3.4            | 2.5          | 2.8          |
| Offender thought/known to be a child                        | **              | **           | **           |
| Did not want offender to be punished                        | **              | *0.9         | *0.9         |
| Afraid of reprisal                                          | *3.9            | 2.5          | 2.9          |
| Too confused/upset/injured                                  | *1.9            | 1.5          | 1.7          |
| Other                                                       | 8.3             | 7.8          | 8.1          |
| <b>Police not aware of incident</b>                         | <b>56.0</b>     | <b>69.6</b>  | <b>66.2</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                | <b>100.0</b>    | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

(a) Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

## CHAPTER 7 : DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS OF LAST INCIDENT

### Introduction

It has been stressed in this publication that social surveys in general, and crime victims surveys in particular, are based on the responses obtained from respondents. Ultimately they are based on the respondents' perceptions of particular offences that occurred to them. It is conceptually possible that for a given incident one respondent will see himself/herself as a victim while another will not. This is particularly so for circumstances where no substantial loss has occurred: for example, where nothing was stolen, where a sexual assault was not rape nor attempted rape, where a person was threatened rather than attacked in assault or where the attack was of a verbal nature only. Similarly, where property or cash was stolen the value may have been small, which some respondents may have ignored or forgotten, while others may have answered that they were victims.

While this is so, it is not appropriate to disregard the respondent's judgement as to whether he or she was a victim of a particular offence. A verbal threat, for example, may well be more disturbing for one victim than a physical attack on another. Similarly, a break and enter offence where nothing was stolen may be more disturbing for one victim, than for another break and enter victim who lost an insured television.

Nevertheless, as the respondent's identification with victimisation is a matter, to an extent, of subjective judgement, it is appropriate to provide alternative definitions of victimisation — those that attempt to measure seriousness of crime — as a useful adjunct to the measure of overall victimisation presented in the other chapters of this publication.

### Definitions of Seriousness

Definitions of seriousness are provided in this chapter for two purposes. Firstly, they provide an indication of the complexity of measuring victimisation. Secondly, and following from the first point, they may allow a comparison of survey data with data from other sources.

Seven definitions of serious victimisation are provided, six of which excludes certain categories from particular offences. They have no greater intrinsic value than the full results; rather they are provided as possible measures of serious crime, derived from the nature of crimes recorded and therefore relying less on the victims' perceptions of the degree of seriousness of reported incidents. No measure is necessarily more valid than any other, nor more significant than the full data presented in the other chapters.

Additionally, the definitions of serious crime included in this chapter are not necessarily the only definitions which users of the data in this publication may consider appropriate.

Apart from Definition 0, which includes all victims of crime, the first three definitions exclude all victims for offences in which nothing was stolen. Each of these three

also exclude different categories of victims of threat or attack. The first measure additionally removes victims of verbal attacks only; the second excludes those who were not raped or who did not suffer an attempted rape in sexual assault and it also excludes those who were threatened only in assault. The third measure excludes those who were not injured in the incident.

Definitions 4 to 6 are the same as 1 to 3 except that while each also excludes those offences where victims had nothing stolen, each additionally excludes those offences where less than \$100 cash, less than \$100 property or less than \$100 cash and \$100 property were stolen. It repeats the exclusions for victims of threat or attack in the same order. It is stressed that these definitions set high levels for victims to be measured in the data presented in this chapter and hence they are measures of seriousness, not of victimisations.

### Detailed definitions

Definition 0: All crime victims

Definition 1: Theft victims with property and/or cash stolen and/or victims who suffered non-verbal threats or attacks.

Definition 2: Theft victims with property and/or cash stolen and/or rapes or attempted rapes and/or actual attacks.

Definition 3: Theft victims with property and/or cash stolen and/or victims who were injured in threat or attack offences.

Definition 4: Theft victims where more than \$100 cash and/or \$100 property was stolen and/or victims who suffered non-verbal threats or attacks.

Definition 5: Theft victims where more than \$100 cash and/or \$100 property was stolen and/or victims of rapes or attempted rapes and/or actual attacks.

Definition 6: Theft victims where more than \$100 cash and/or \$100 property was stolen and/or victims who were injured in threat or attack offences.

For robbery, being both a victim of theft and of threat or attack, a victim is included if he or she meets the criterion for either type of victimisation. The theft of a motor vehicle was assumed to be valued at more than \$100 and hence all such offences were included for every definition.

The definitions are based solely on stolen property. Numerous definitions may be formulated but practicality required restricted definitions. The restriction of the definition for break and enter excludes 50,800 victims of break and enter from whom nothing was stolen, but whose property suffered damage from the last recorded incident. 10,200 of these victims valued the damage in excess of \$100 (see table 4.10).



The data was only compiled for each offence that satisfied the definitions. Hence a victim who had nothing stolen in a break and enter but was attacked in assault, satisfied only the criterion for assault in definition 2. No data relating to the break and enter offence was included.

#### Summary of Findings

Table 7.1 Part 1 sets out the total victims by each definition. Part 2 of the table demonstrates the risk of persons being a victim of one or more offences according to each definition by State of incident. Part 3 calculates the number of victims as a percentage of all crime victims for each definition.

Table 7.1 shows that irrespective of whether definitions 1 to 6 are used, the serious victimisation rates are high for the Northern Territory, low for Tasmania and relatively low for Queensland. The rates for South Australia and Western Australia are relatively high for all crime victims, maintain their position for definitions 1 to 3 but fall below the rates for New South Wales and Victoria in definitions 4 to 6. Conversely, Victoria and New South Wales have relatively low victimisation rates for all crime victims, maintain their position for the first three definitions but

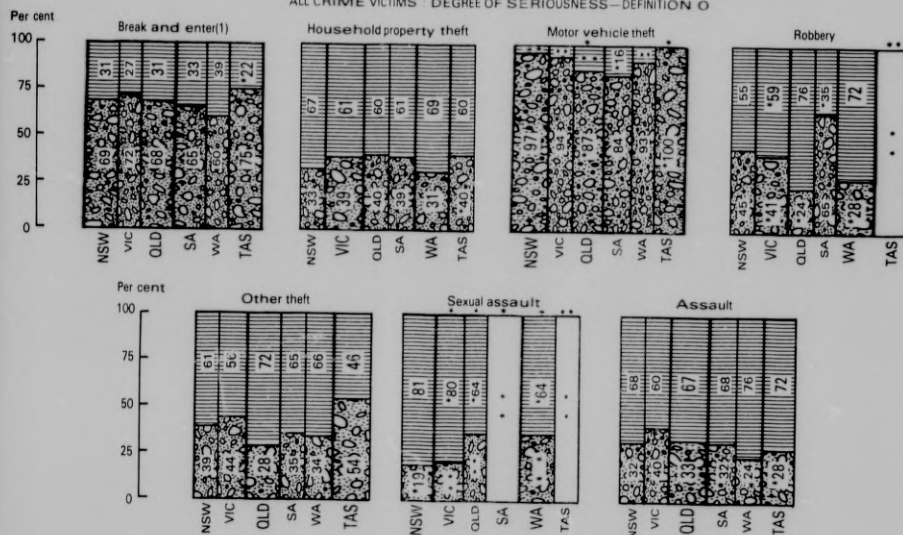
suffer greater serious victimisation rates than South Australia and Western Australia for the more restrictive definitions. The Australian Capital Territory follows the middle sized States' figures but at a lower level of serious victimisation; in definitions 5 and 6 it is no higher than Queensland.

It is apparent that although there is a higher recorded victimisation rate (Definition 0) in South Australia and Western Australia, the major States demonstrated a relatively higher degree of serious victimisations. This is apparent in Part 3 of the table. New South Wales and Victoria maintain 49 per cent and 44 per cent of their recorded victims at the most severe level of victimisation, while South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia retain only 35 per cent, 32 per cent and 32 per cent respectively.

Figure 7a provides data for each offence by each State of last incident for all crime victims and by definitions 1 and 5 (each being representative of their type of definition). The charts show that there is a tendency for the more serious the offence, the more likely that the police were aware of the incident.

FIGURE 7a: VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME: PERCENTAGE OF VICTIMS WHETHER POLICE WERE AWARE OF LAST INCIDENT BY DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS, TYPE OF OFFENCES AND STATE

ALL CRIME VICTIMS DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS—DEFINITION 0



SERIOUS VICTIMISATION DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS—DEFINITION 1

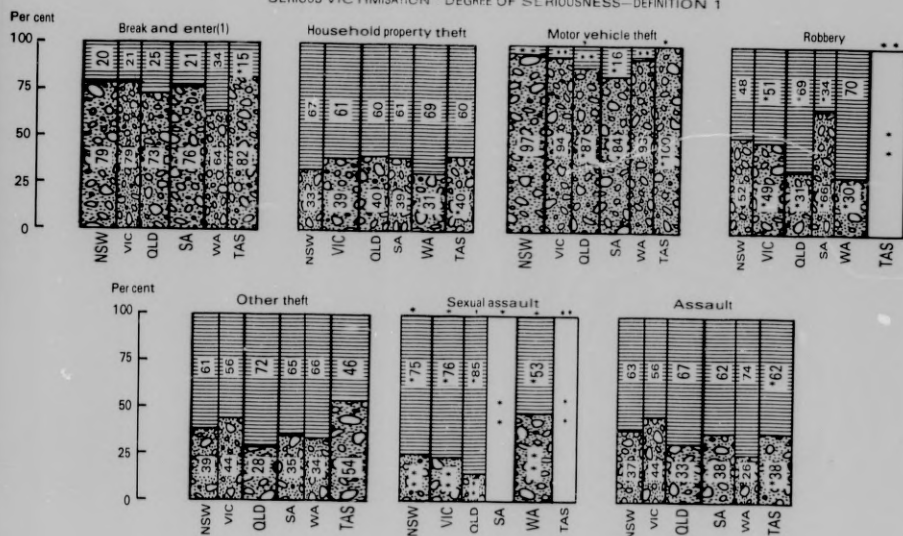
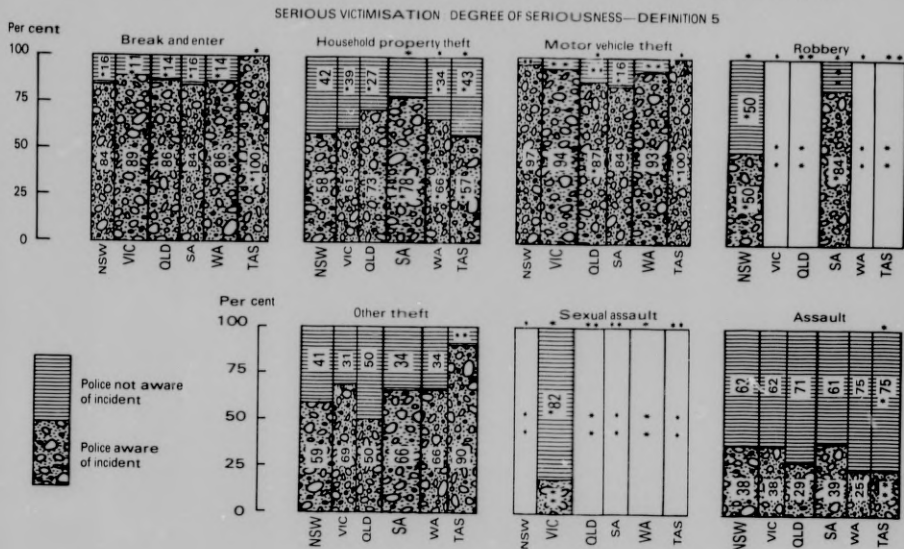


FIGURE 7a : VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME : PERCENTAGE OF VICTIMS BY WHETHER POLICE WERE AWARE OF LAST INCIDENT BY DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS, TYPE OF OFFENCES AND STATE—continued



(1) For the purposes of this chart, where some victims of Break and Enter recorded that only a motor vehicle was stolen (and hence no further details were sought for Break and Enter) are classified as 'police not aware'.

**Note:** The figures in individual cells have been flagged or suppressed as appropriate. In instances where the combined column of 'police not aware' and 'police aware' is flagged or suppressed the suitable symbol is indicated at the top of the column.

**TABLE 7.1 (PART 1). VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME(a) : STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST REPORTED INCIDENT(b) BY DEFINITION OF SERIOUSNESS(c)**  
( ' 000 )

| Definition of seriousness(c) | State or Territory of last reported incident(b) |       |       |       |       |      |      |        | Australia (d) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|--------|---------------|
|                              | N.S.W.                                          | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |               |
| Definition 0                 | 508.4                                           | 411.6 | 211.2 | 146.9 | 157.9 | 26.0 | 16.3 | 22.8   | 1,494.2       |
| Definition 1                 | 434.0                                           | 359.3 | 179.2 | 121.3 | 138.6 | 23.7 | 15.5 | 17.7   | 1,285.6       |
| Definition 2                 | 415.3                                           | 335.4 | 168.1 | 115.8 | 128.0 | 22.9 | 14.3 | 16.0   | 1,212.7       |
| Definition 3                 | 407.8                                           | 324.6 | 164.4 | 112.9 | 123.4 | 22.9 | 13.7 | 15.9   | 1,182.6       |
| Definition 4                 | 281.5                                           | 222.4 | 98.9  | 62.3  | 71.3  | 11.3 | 8.9  | 9.9    | 765.2         |
| Definition 5                 | 256.3                                           | 195.0 | 85.1  | 54.6  | 57.6  | 10.4 | 7.7  | 7.8    | 674.5         |
| Definition 6                 | 248.4                                           | 183.0 | 80.7  | 51.4  | 51.3  | 10.5 | 6.8  | 7.3    | 638.9         |

(a) Victims refers to persons who were recorded as victims of one or more offences in the previous twelve months period and includes household and personal victims. Victims are counted once only for each State or Territory regardless of the number of incidents that the victim recorded in each State or Territory. (b) State or Territory of incident is not necessarily the State or Territory of interview. (c) For definitions of seriousness see the introduction to this chapter. (d) Total may be less than the sum of the components since persons could have been victims of more than one offence where different incidents occurred in different States or Territories. In the Australian Total a victim is counted once only.

**TABLE 7.1 (PART 2). VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME PER THOUSAND(a) : STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST REPORTED INCIDENT(b) BY DEFINITION OF SERIOUSNESS(c)**  
( Rates per thousand )

| Definition of seriousness(c) | State or Territory of last reported incident(b) |      |     |      |      |      |      |        | Australia |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
|                              | N.S.W.                                          | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |           |
| Definition 0                 | 127                                             | 136  | 117 | 144  | 159  | 82   | 180  | 139    | 131       |
| Definition 1                 | 109                                             | 119  | 99  | 119  | 139  | 74   | 170  | 108    | 113       |
| Definition 2                 | 104                                             | 111  | 93  | 113  | 129  | 72   | 158  | 98     | 106       |
| Definition 3                 | 102                                             | 107  | 91  | 111  | 124  | 72   | 151  | 97     | 104       |
| Definition 4                 | 70                                              | 74   | 55  | 61   | 72   | 35   | 98   | 60     | 67        |
| Definition 5                 | 64                                              | 64   | 47  | 53   | 58   | 33   | 85   | 47     | 59        |
| Definition 6                 | 62                                              | 60   | 45  | 50   | 52   | 33   | 74   | 45     | 56        |

(a) Rates are based on persons aged 15 years and over in each State or Territory. (b) State or Territory of incident is not necessarily the State or Territory of interview. (c) For definitions of seriousness see the introduction to this chapter.

**TABLE 7.1 (PART 3). VICTIMS OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CRIME IN EACH STATE OR TERRITORY OF LAST REPORTED INCIDENT BY DEFINITION OF SERIOUSNESS USING ALL VICTIMS AS THE BASE FIGURE**

| Definition of seriousness(a) | State or Territory of last reported incident |      |     |      |      |      |      |        | Australia |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|
|                              | N.S.W.                                       | Vic. | Qld | S.A. | W.A. | Tas. | N.T. | A.C.T. |           |
| Definition 0                 | 100                                          | 100  | 100 | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100    | 100       |
| Definition 1                 | 85                                           | 87   | 85  | 83   | 88   | 91   | 95   | 78     | 86        |
| Definition 2                 | 82                                           | 81   | 80  | 79   | 81   | 88   | 88   | 70     | 81        |
| Definition 3                 | 80                                           | 79   | 78  | 77   | 78   | 88   | 84   | 70     | 79        |
| Definition 4                 | 55                                           | 54   | 47  | 42   | 45   | 43   | 54   | 43     | 51        |
| Definition 5                 | 50                                           | 47   | 40  | 37   | 36   | 40   | 47   | 34     | 45        |
| Definition 6                 | 49                                           | 44   | 38  | 35   | 32   | 40   | 41   | 32     | 43        |

(a) For definitions of seriousness see the introduction to this chapter.

## APPENDIX 1: COMPARISONS WITH 1975 CRIME VICTIMS SURVEY

This appendix discusses the differences between the two crime victims surveys so far conducted by the ABS and identifies the areas where data obtained from the two surveys can and cannot be compared.

Between March and May 1975 the Australian Bureau of Statistics conducted a survey on crime victimisation as part of the General Social Survey. The 1983 Crime Victims Survey was based upon the concepts previously developed, although it did not collect information on "fraud, forgery and false pretences", "nuisance calls", "indecent exposure" or "peeping". Due to these omissions, total victim counts are not comparable between the two surveys.

Additionally, there are other more crucial differences that do not allow comparisons between the data for specific offences obtained from each survey. In the 1975 survey the theft categories other than robbery were break and enter, motor vehicle theft and theft. In the 1983 survey an attempt was made to avoid double counting by respondents of theft of "household property" (other than items covered in break and enter) by asking the first adult in a household of more than one adult to report on *household property theft*. This means that in comparing the 1975 and 1983 surveys the combined data for *household property theft* and *other theft* should be reasonably, although not strictly comparable (because a respondent may have been a victim of both household property theft and other theft) with the "theft" data from the 1975 survey. However, no personal demographic characteristics are available for *household property theft* for the 1983 survey, it being considered that the characteristics of the first adult respondent were not necessarily relevant to the household characteristics. Therefore demographic characteristics of victims of "theft" in 1975 and "other theft" in 1983 cannot be compared, nor can the demographic characteristics of total personal victims.

The other offences, while apparently similar, are also not comparable between the two surveys. "Break and enter" specifically included any garage or shed in the 1983 survey and specifically excluded them in 1975. In 1983 one in four "break and enter" victims reported a break and enter involving a garage or shed. Additionally, in 1975, 3 per cent of households failed to provide data on whether the household had suffered a break and enter.

For the assault questions the 1975 survey asked whether the victim was attacked "in any way either with or without a weapon". The 1983 survey asked additionally whether the respondent was *threatened* "in any way with force or violence". In 1983 less than 40 per cent of assault victims claimed to have been actually attacked.

For sexual assault, the earlier survey asked only whether the respondent was raped or a victim of attempted rape. The 1983 survey asked additionally whether the respondent was a victim of "any other type of sexual assault". Less than one in three victims of sexual assault reported being a victim of rape or attempted rape.

Respondent perception surveys depend heavily upon the interpretation placed on questions by the respondent. Changes in the wording of questions can produce dramatic changes in responses. For robbery, the 1975 survey asked "have you been robbed? That is, did anyone use violence or threaten violence to *take* anything from you"? The 1983 survey asked "did anyone *try and take* something from you by threatening or attacking you"? The emphasis in the earlier survey was on something being actually taken during the robbery with the imminent or actual use of violence. In fact, in 1983 only one third of robbery victims actually had something stolen, suggesting strongly that the change in wording influenced the number of respondents who replied positively to being a victim of robbery. The 1983 survey found almost five times as many victims of this offence as the 1975 survey.

The nature of the incident also varies markedly between the surveys. For victims of robbery one in three was robbed at home in 1983; this was true of less than one in seven in 1975. In 1983 one robbery in five occurred at work; the corresponding figure in 1975 was negligible.

The definition of the remaining offence included in 1983, Motor Vehicle Theft, also changed from that specified in 1975, although not as significantly as for the other offences. The 1975 survey indicated that a motor vehicle was a "car, truck, motorcycle etc." The 1983 survey did not specify the concept and limited itself to registered motor vehicles only.

From the foregoing, it should be apparent that any comparison of data for offences, and for total victims between the 1975 and the 1983 crime victims surveys is not possible.

The same prohibition applies to specific incidents of offences for the reasons given above. Incident counts are not possible as, unlike the 1975 survey, details were only collected about the last incident reported for each offence. Chapter 3 demonstrates that details on the last incident excludes many incidents that were not last incidents for each offence.

## APPENDIX 2 : TECHNICAL NOTE

**Reliability of the estimates**

1. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey.

*Standard error:* One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

*Relative standard error:* Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

**Reliability of numbers of victims**

2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard error of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for estimates of numbers of persons is given below. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude. An example of the calculation and use of standard errors is as follows:

Table 1.1 shows that the estimated number of persons in Australia who were victims of break and enter was 315,400. From the tables below it can be seen that as the estimate is between 300,000 and 500,000 the standard error is between 8,700 and 10,600. The standard error is therefore approximately 8,800 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range of 306,600 to 324,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 297,800 to 333,000.

3. As the table shows, the smaller the size of the estimate the larger the relative standard error of that estimate. Very small estimates may be subject to such high errors as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable purposes. In this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors less than 25 per cent are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with relative standard errors between 25 per cent and 50 per cent have been included, preceded by the symbol \* as a caution to indicate that they are subject to high errors. Estimates with relative standard errors greater than 50 per cent have not been shown. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

**Reliability of percentage figures**

4. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. The formula for the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

$$RSE(x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE(x)]^2 + [RSE(y)]^2}$$

An example of the use of this formula is as follows. From table 6.9 part 1, the total number of crime victims in NSW is 378,900. Of these, 31,600 (8.3 per cent) reported at least one crime to the police, mainly because the crime had been committed or because of a sense of moral obligation. The relative standard error of 378,900 is 2.4 per cent and of 31,600 is 10.4 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion (or percentage) is  $\sqrt{10.4^2 - 2.4^2} = 10.1$  per cent. A relative standard error of 10.1 per cent of the proportion (i.e. 8.3 per cent) provides a standard error of 0.8 percentage points. Therefore, there are two chances in three that the actual percentage is between 7.5 per cent and 9.1 per cent [8.3 per cent  $\pm$  0.8 per cent] and nineteen chances in twenty that it is between 6.7 per cent and 9.9 per cent [8.3 per cent  $\pm$  (2x0.8 per cent)].

**Reliability of differences : numbers, rates or percentage figures**

5. Estimated figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (estimates of numbers, rates or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two survey estimates depends on the standard errors of the original estimates and on the relationship (correlation) between the two original estimates. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated (unrelated) characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest.

An example of the use of this formula is as follows. Continuing the example in paragraph 4, from table 6.9 part 1, the total number of crime victims in Queensland is 154,300. Of these, 5,200 (3.4 per cent) reported at least one crime mainly because it had been committed/moral obligation. The relative standard errors of 154,300 and 5,200 are 3.2 per cent and 24.0 per cent respectively.

Applying the formula given in paragraph 4, the relative standard error of the proportion for Queensland is 23.8 per cent giving a standard error of 0.8 percentage points. Hence, using the formula in paragraph 5, the standard error of the difference between the percentages in NSW (i.e. 8.3 per cent) and Queensland (3.4 per cent) is  $\sqrt{0.8^2 + 0.8^2} = 1.1$  percentage points. The observed

difference between the percentages in NSW and Queensland is 8.3 per cent - 3.4 per cent = 4.9 per cent. Therefore, there are two chances in three that the actual difference between the percentages in NSW and Queensland is between 6.0 per cent and 3.8 per cent [4.9 per cent  $\pm$  1.1 per cent] and nineteen chances in twenty that it is between 7.1 per cent and 2.7 per cent [4.9 per cent  $\pm$  (2x1.1 per cent)].

In summary, there is a statistically significant difference between the percentage figures in NSW and Queensland at the 33 per cent significance level and it is

also true at the 5 per cent significance level as the minimum figure in each range is above 0.0 per cent.

#### Non-sampling errors

6. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in the coding and processing of data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample.

#### CRIME VICTIMS SURVEY STANDARD ERRORS OF LEVEL ESTIMATES

| <i>Size of estimate</i> | <i>N.S.W.</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>S.A.</i> | <i>W.A.</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| — number —              |               |             |            |             |             |
| 800                     |               |             |            | 420         | 440         |
| 1,000                   |               |             |            | 470         | 490         |
| 1,200                   |               |             | 620        | 510         | 540         |
| 1,500                   |               |             | 700        | 560         | 600         |
| 1,800                   | 920           | 920         | 770        | 610         | 650         |
| 2,000                   | 960           | 970         | 810        | 640         | 680         |
| 2,500                   | 1,050         | 1,100       | 900        | 710         | 750         |
| 3,000                   | 1,150         | 1,200       | 980        | 770         | 820         |
| 3,500                   | 1,250         | 1,250       | 1,050      | 830         | 880         |
| 4,000                   | 1,350         | 1,350       | 1,150      | 880         | 930         |
| 4,500                   | 1,400         | 1,400       | 1,200      | 930         | 980         |
| 5,000                   | 1,500         | 1,500       | 1,250      | 970         | 1,000       |
| 6,000                   | 1,650         | 1,650       | 1,350      | 1,050       | 1,100       |
| 10,000                  | 2,050         | 2,050       | 1,700      | 1,300       | 1,350       |
| 20,000                  | 2,800         | 2,750       | 2,300      | 1,700       | 1,800       |
| 50,000                  | 4,150         | 4,000       | 3,350      | 2,400       | 2,550       |
| 100,000                 | 5,500         | 5,200       | 4,350      | 3,100       | 3,300       |
| 200,000                 | 7,200         | 6,700       | 5,600      | 3,900       | 4,150       |
| 300,000                 | 8,400         | 7,700       | 6,400      | 4,400       | 4,700       |
| 500,000                 | 10,100        | 9,200       | 7,500      | 5,100       | 5,500       |
| 1,000,000               | 13,000        | 11,400      | 9,300      |             |             |
| 2,000,000               | 16,400        | 14,000      |            |             |             |
| 50% Cut-off             | 1,860         | 1,900       | 1,300      | 870         | 980         |

## CRIME VICTIMS SURVEY

## STANDARD ERRORS OF LEVEL ESTIMATES

| Size of estimate | Tas.       | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |                            |
|------------------|------------|-------|--------|-----------|----------------------------|
|                  | — number — |       |        |           | Per cent<br>of<br>estimate |
| 500              | 250        |       |        |           |                            |
| 600              | 280        |       | 320    |           |                            |
| 800              | 320        | 420   | 360    |           |                            |
| 1,000            | 350        | 460   | 390    |           |                            |
| 1,200            | 390        | 490   | 420    | 650       | 54.5                       |
| 1,500            | 430        | 540   | 460    | 740       | 49.2                       |
| 1,800            | 460        | 580   | 500    | 810       | 45.2                       |
| 2,000            | 480        | 600   | 520    | 860       | 43.1                       |
| 2,500            | 530        | 660   | 560    | 970       | 38.8                       |
| 3,000            | 580        | 710   | 600    | 1,050     | 35.6                       |
| 3,500            | 620        | 750   | 640    | 1,150     | 33.0                       |
| 4,000            | 650        | 790   | 670    | 1,250     | 31.0                       |
| 4,500            | 680        | 830   | 700    | 1,300     | 29.2                       |
| 5,000            | 710        | 860   | 730    | 1,400     | 27.8                       |
| 6,000            | 770        | 930   | 770    | 1,500     | 25.4                       |
| 10,000           | 940        | 1,100 | 920    | 1,950     | 19.6                       |
| 20,000           | 1,200      | 1,450 | 1,150  | 2,750     | 13.6                       |
| 50,000           | 1,650      | 2,000 | 1,500  | 4,150     | 8.3                        |
| 100,000          | 2,050      |       | 1,800  | 5,600     | 5.6                        |
| 200,000          | 2,500      |       |        | 7,400     | 3.7                        |
| 300,000          |            |       |        | 8,700     | 2.9                        |
| 500,000          |            |       |        | 10,600    | 2.1                        |
| 1,000,000        |            |       |        | 13,700    | 1.4                        |
| 2,000,000        |            |       |        | 17,400    | 0.9                        |
| 5,000,000        |            |       |        | 23,300    | 0.5                        |
| 50% Cut-off      | 520        | 860   | 660    | 1,450     |                            |



## APPENDIX 3 : SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire below shows the major questions that were asked of respondents for demographic characteristics: and all relevant questions for crime victims. The format of the questionnaire has been adjusted to exclude repeated questions for each of the seven offences. In the original questionnaire each offence was treated individually.

This questionnaire has been included to assist in interpretation of the tables but it should be borne in mind that the questions are asked by interviewers who have been specially trained and have written instructions on the use of the questionnaire.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. SURVEY                                              | 6                                         |
| PSU                                                    |                                           |
| BLOCK                                                  |                                           |
| DWELLING                                               |                                           |
| HOUSEHOLD                                              |                                           |
| PERSON                                                 |                                           |
| 2. SEX                                                 |                                           |
| Male                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1                |
| Female                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2                |
| 3. AGE                                                 |                                           |
| Years                                                  | <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> |
| 4. MARITAL STATUS                                      |                                           |
| Married . . . . .                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1                |
| Separated . . . . .                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 2                |
| Divorced . . . . .                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 3                |
| Widowed . . . . .                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 4                |
| Never married . . . . .                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 5                |
| 5. PERSON TYPE                                         |                                           |
| PD                                                     |                                           |
| Usual resident . . . . .                               | <input type="checkbox"/> 1                |
| Visitor . . . . .                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 2                |
| SD                                                     |                                           |
| Institutionalised person (No more questions) . . . . . | <input type="checkbox"/> 3                |
| Boarding school pupil (No more questions) . . . . .    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4                |
| Other (Complete green questionnaire) . . . . .         | Q.9 <input type="checkbox"/> 5            |

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| 10. ARE YOU STILL ATTENDING FULL-TIME SCHOOL?                                                                                                                     |
| 11. HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU FIRST LEFT SCHOOL?                                                                                                                  |
| 12. SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL, HAVE YOU OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, DEGREE OR ANY OTHER QUALIFICATION?                                                            |
| 13. <i>Interviewer:</i><br>Show white prompt Card 1.<br>WHICH OF THESE GROUPS BEST DESCRIBES YOUR HIGHEST QUALIFICATION?                                          |
| 14. ARE YOU CURRENTLY DOING ANY STUDY AT A SCHOOL, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION?                                                |
| 15. ARE YOU DOING THIS STUDY FULL-TIME, PART-TIME OR BY CORRESPONDENCE?                                                                                           |
| 16. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A JOB, BUSINESS OR FARM?                                                                                                                |
| 17. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE MORE THAN ONE JOB?                                                                                                                      |
| 18A. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR MAIN JOB. THAT IS THE JOB IN WHICH YOU USUALLY WORK THE MOST HOURS. HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU USUALLY WORK EACH WEEK IN THIS JOB? |

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| 19. HOW MANY DAYS DO YOU WORK ON AVERAGE IN A TWO WEEK PERIOD (IN YOUR MAIN JOB)?<br>Days <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 23. WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO (IN YOUR MAIN JOB)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 26. HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, PART-TIME WORK OR BOTH?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 182. WHAT IS YOUR GROSS (WEEKLY/FORTNIGHTLY/MONTHLY/other) PAY, THAT IS BEFORE TAX OR ANYTHING ELSE IS TAKEN OUT?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 185. DO YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THE GOVERNMENT PENSIONS OR ALLOWANCES.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 256. IN WHICH COUNTRY WERE YOU BORN?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 257. IN WHAT YEAR DID YOU ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Q.6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 668. <i>Interviewer: Code best description of structure containing household.</i><br>Separate house . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 1<br>'Low rise' flats/units (2 or 3 storeys) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 2<br>Semi-detached/terrace house/villa unit/town house . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 3<br>'High rise' flats/units (4 or more storeys) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 4<br>Mobile/improvised dwelling . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 5<br>Dwelling/non-dwelling combined . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

## 6. Sequence Guide

. First adult interviewed in household (Complete white questionnaire) Q.270 ☐ 1

. Not first adult interviewed in household (Complete green questionnaire). Q.353 ☐ 2

## BREAK AND ENTER (BE)

270. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS DID ANYONE BREAK INTO OR ATTEMPT TO BREAK INTO YOUR —

HOME? Q.393. (a) ☐ 1

ANY GARAGE OR SHED WHICH IS PART OF YOUR HOME? Q.393. (b) ☐ 2

Neither. . . . . Q.306. (c) ☐ 3

## 306. Sequence Guide

. Respondent is only usual resident aged 15 years or more in on scope and coverage. . . . . Q.353 page 40 ☐ 1

. Otherwise. . . . . Q.307 ☐ 2

## HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY THEFT (HPT)

307. THE NEXT QUESTION IS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, NOT THINGS BELONGING TO ONLY ONE PERSON, AND EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES.

308. (APART FROM THE INCIDENT(S) ALREADY MENTIONED) IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAS ANY PROPERTY WHICH BELONGED TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD BEEN STOLEN?

Yes. . . . . Q.393 ☐ 1

No. . . . . Q.353 page 40 ☐ 2

## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (MVT)

353. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE YOU OWNED ANY TYPE OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.392, page 43 ☐ 2

354. WAS ANY REGISTERED VEHICLE YOU OWNED STOLEN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

Yes . . . . . Q.393 ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.392, page 43 ☐ 2

## ROBBERY (ROBB)

392. DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS DID ANYONE TRY AND TAKE SOMETHING FROM YOU BY THREATENING OR ATTACKING YOU?

Yes . . . . . Q.393 ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.431, page 45 ☐ 2

## OTHER THEFT (OT)

431. (APART FROM THE INCIDENT(S) ALREADY MENTIONED) IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING (ELSE) AT ALL STOLEN?

Yes . . . . . Q.393 ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.435 ☐ 2

## 435. Sequence Guide

. Respondent is male . . . . . Q.500, page 50 ☐ 1

. Respondent is female aged 18 years or more . . . . . Q.475, page 48 ☐ 2

. Otherwise . . . . . Q.500, page 50 ☐ 3

## SEXUAL ASSAULT (SA)

475. THE NEXT QUESTION I'D LIKE TO ASK IS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF —

RAPE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE? . . . . . (a) ☐ 1

ANY OTHER TYPE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT? . . . . . (b) ☐ 2

Neither Q.500, page 50 . . . . . (c) ☐ 3

476. I NOW HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ON WHERE AND WHEN IT HAPPENED, WHETHER YOU KNEW THE OFFENDER AND WHETHER YOU TOLD THE POLICE. WILL YOU PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

Yes - THANKS! . . . . . Q.393 ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.431, page 45 ☐ 2

## ASSAULT (ASS)

500. (APART FROM THE INCIDENT(S) ALREADY MENTIONED) IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS HAS ANYONE —

THREATENED YOU IN ANY WAY WITH FORCE OR VIOLENCE? . . . . . Q.393. ☐ 1

ATTACKED YOU OR BEATEN YOU UP? . . . . . Q.393 ☐ 2

Neither . . . . . Q.668 ☐ 3

393. DID THIS HAPPEN MORE THAN ONCE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.396 ☐ 2

394. HOW MANY TIMES ALTOGETHER DID THIS HAPPEN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

Two . . . . . ☐ 1

Three . . . . . ☐ 2

4-10 . . . . . ☐ 3

11-15 . . . . . ☐ 4

16-20 . . . . . ☐ 5

21+ . . . . . ☐ 6

(All except SA)

478. HOW MANY TIMES DID THIS HAPPEN IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

Two . . . . . ☐ 1

Three or more . . . . . ☐ 2

(SA)

395. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE LAST TIME THIS HAPPENED.

(MVT Q.358)

396. DID THE INCIDENT HAPPEN IN THIS (STATE/TERRITORY)?

Yes . . . . . Q.398 ☐ 1

No . . . . . ☐ 2

397. IN WHICH STATE OR TERRITORY DID THIS INCIDENT OCCUR?

NSW . . . . . ☐ 1

VIC . . . . . ☐ 2

QLD . . . . . ☐ 3

SA . . . . . ☐ 4

WA . . . . . ☐ 5

TAS . . . . . ☐ 6

NT . . . . . ☐ 7

ACT . . . . . ☐ 8

\*OTHER HOUSEHOLD GOODS

398. WAS IT DAYLIGHT OR DARK WHEN THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED?

Daylight . . . . . ☐ 1

Dark . . . . . ☐ 2

(BE, HPT, MVT & OT)

Don't know . . . . . ☐ 3

MVT Q.363.

399. WHERE DID THIS INCIDENT HAPPEN?

At own home

— inside house/flat . . . . . ☐ 1

— other . . . . . ☐ 2

Inside another persons home ☐ 3

In a motor vehicle . . . . . ☐ 4

At a place of work/study

— inside . . . . . ☐ 5

— outside . . . . . ☐ 6

Inside some other building ☐ 7

Outside . . . . . ☐ 8

Other . . . . . ☐ 9

(All except MVT  
MVT : See Q.363)

400. WAS ANYTHING STOLEN AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT? (BE & ROBB)

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1

No . . . . . Q.411 ☐ 2

401. WHAT WAS STOLEN?

Motor vehicle(s) . . . . . (a) ☐ 1

(BE & MVT)

Cash . . . . . (a) ☐ 2

Handbag/wallet/purse/  
cheques/credit cards/  
personal papers . . . . . (c) ☐ 3

Jewellery/camera . . . . . (d) ☐ 4

Radio/stereo/TV/video . . . . . (e) ☐ 5

Any other electrical  
appliance . . . . . (f) ☐ 6

(BE, HPT, MVT & OT)

Other household goods\* . . . . . (g) ☐ 7

Other . . . . . (h) ☐ 8

Hose/sprinkler

Garden tools

Rubbish bin

Pot plant/shrub

Outdoor furniture

402. Interviewer:

Summarise theft:

. Cash

— only . . . . . Q.403 ☐ 1

— plus one thing . . . . . Q.403 ☐ 2

— plus more than one  
thing . . . . . Q.403 ☐ 3

. One thing . . . . . Q.405A ☐ 4

. More than one thing  
. . . . . Q.408A ☐ 5

THEFT:  
(BE, HPT, MVT, OT & ROBB)

403. HOW MUCH MONEY WAS STOLEN?

Less than \$100 . . . . . ☐ 1

Between \$100 and \$500 . . . . . ☐ 2

\$500 or more . . . . . ☐ 3

(THEFT)

404. Sequence Guide

. Only cash stolen  
(1 in Q.402) . . . . . Q.411 ☐ 1

. Cash plus one thing stolen  
(2 in Q.402) . . . . . Q.405B ☐ 2

. Cash plus more than one  
thing stolen (3 in Q.402)  
. . . . . Q.408B ☐ 3

(THEFT)

405A. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO REPLACE IT— LESS THAN \$100, BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500, \$500 OR MORE?

405B. APART FROM THE MONEY, HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO REPLACE THE STOLEN PROPERTY — LESS THAN \$100, BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500, \$500 AND MORE?

Less than \$100 . . . . . ☐ 1

Between \$100 and \$500 . . . . . ☐ 2

\$500 or more . . . . . ☐ 3

(THEFT)

406. WAS IT INSURED FOR THEFT?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1

No . . . . . ☐ 2

(THEFT)

Barbecue equipment

Linen

Foodstuffs/groceries

Household furniture/fittings

Kitchenware

## 407. WAS IT EVER FOUND?

Yes . . . . . Q.411 ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.411 ☐ 2

(THEFT) (BE Q.288)

## 408A. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST ALTOGETHER TO REPLACE THESE — LESS THAN \$100, BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500, \$500 OR MORE?

## 408B. APART FROM THE MONEY, HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO REPLACE THE STOLEN PROPERTY — LESS THAN \$100, BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500, \$500 OR MORE?

Less than \$100 . . . . . ☐ 1Between \$100 and \$500 . . . . . ☐ 2\$500 or more . . . . . ☐ 3

(THEFT)

## 409. WERE ANY ALL, SOME OR NONE OF THESE INSURED FOR THEFT?

All . . . . . ☐ 1Some . . . . . ☐ 2None . . . . . ☐ 3

(THEFT)

## 410. WERE ANY OF THESE ITEMS FOUND?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . ☐ 2

(THEFT) (BE Q.288)

## 411. HOW WERE YOU THREATENED OR ATTACKED?

Verbally only . . . . . (a) ☐ 1With a knife . . . . . (b) ☐ 2With a gun . . . . . (c) ☐ 3With some other weapon . . . . . (d) ☐ 4Any other physical attack to respondent . . . . . (e) ☐ 5Other . . . . . (f) ☐ 6

(ATA: Actual or threatened attack: ROBB, SA &amp; ASS)

## 412. WERE YOU PHYSICALLY INJURED?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.415 ☐ 2

(ATA)

## 413. DID YOU RECEIVE ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THESE INJURIES?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . ☐ 2

(ATA)

## 414A. WERE YOU HOSPITALISED?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.415 ☐ 2

(ATA)

## 414B. HOW MANY NIGHTS DID YOU SPEND IN HOSPITAL?

None . . . . . ☐ 1One . . . . . ☐ 22-7 . . . . . ☐ 38+ . . . . . ☐ 4

(ATA)

## 415. DID YOU (ALSO) CONTACT SOMEONE FOR COUNSELLING OR (OTHER) TREATMENT AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . ☐ 2

(ATA)

## 416. HOW MANY PEOPLE THREATENED OR ATTACKED YOU? (ATA)

## 331. HOW MANY PEOPLE STOLE (THE MONEY/THIS PROPERTY)? (THEFT)

One . . . . . ☐ 1Two . . . . . Q.420 ☐ 2Three . . . . . Q.420 ☐ 3Four or more . . . . . Q.420 ☐ 4

(THEFT)

Don't know . . . . . Q.425 ☐ 5

## 417. WAS THIS PERSON MALE OR FEMALE?

Male . . . . . ☐ 1Female . . . . . ☐ 2

(THEFT)

Don't know . . . . . Q.425 ☐ 3

## 418. HAD YOU EVER SEEN (HIM/HER) BEFORE?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.423 ☐ 2

## 419. WAS (HE/SHE) A RELATIVE OF YOURS?

Yes . . . . . Q.423 ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.423 ☐ 2

## 420. WERE THEY MALE OR FEMALE?

Male only . . . . . ☐ 1Female only . . . . . ☐ 2Male and female . . . . . ☐ 3

(THEFT)

Don't know . . . . . Q.425 ☐ 4

## 421. HAD YOU EVER SEEN ANY OF THEM BEFORE?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.423 ☐ 2

## 422. WERE ANY OF THEM A RELATIVE OF YOURS?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . ☐ 2

## 423. DID ANYONE ELSE, INCLUDING CHILDREN, SEE WHAT HAPPENED?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.425 ☐ 2

(ATA)

## 424. DID YOU KNOW THIS AT THE TIME OR DID YOU FIND OUT LATER?

Knew at the time . . . . . ☐ 1Found out later . . . . . ☐ 2

(ATA)

## 425. DID THE INCIDENT EVER BECOME KNOWN TO THE POLICE?

Yes . . . . . ☐ 1No . . . . . Q.427 ☐ 2

## 426. DID YOU TELL THEM OR DID SOMEONE ELSE?

Respondent told police . . . . . Q.429 ☐ 1Someone else told police . . . . . Q.427 ☐ 2Neither . . . . . Q.427 ☐ 3

427. WHAT WAS THE MAIN REASON WHY YOU DIDN'T TELL THE POLICE?
- Too trivial/unimportant . . . ☐ 01
- Because someone else did . . . ☐ 02
- Police couldn't/wouldn't do anything about it . . . ☐ 03
- Private matter/would take care of it themselves . . . ☐ 04
- Told someone else instead . . . ☐ 05
- Offender thought/know to be child . . . ☐ 06
- Did not want offender punished . . . ☐ 07
- Afraid of reprisal . . . ☐ 08
- Too confused/upset/injured . . . ☐ 09
- Other . . . ☐ 10

428. Q.430.

429. WHAT WAS THE MAIN REASON WHY YOU TOLD THE POLICE?
- Because crime committed/moral obligation . . . ☐ 1
- To try/hoped to get property back . . . ☐ 2
- Because of insurance/compensation . . . ☐ 3
- Because it was one of a number of incidents/to try and stop it happening again . . . ☐ 4
- Wanted offender caught/punished . . . ☐ 5
- Other . . . ☐ 6

430. *Sequence Guide*

BE Q.306

HPT Q.353

MVT Q.392

ROBB Q.431

OT Q.435

SA Q.500

ASS Q.527

288. WAS ANY DAMAGE DONE TO YOUR HOME AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT?
- Yes . . . ☐ 1
- No . . . ☐ 2 Q.416
- (BE)

289. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO REPAIR THIS —
- LESS THAN \$100? . . . ☐ 1
- BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500? ☐ 2
- \$500 OR MORE? . . . ☐ 3
- (BE) Q.416

358. WAS THE VEHICLE STOLEN (IN THIS INCIDENT) OWNED BY YOURSELF ONLY OR WAS IT JOINTLY OWNED?
- Owned only by respondent . . . ☐ 1 Q.396
- Jointly owned . . . ☐ 2
- (MVT)

359. WHO ELSE OWNS THIS VEHICLE?
- Member(s) of household in on scope and coverage . . . ☐ 1
- Otherwise . . . ☐ 2
- (MVT) Q.396

363. WHERE WAS THE VEHICLE PARKED WHEN IT WAS TAKEN?
- Private garage of respondent or someone else . . . ☐ 1
- Driveway, carport, yard, carpark of a private dwelling ☐ 2
- Elsewhere . . . ☐ 3
- (MVT)

364. WAS THE VEHICLE FOUND?
- Yes . . . ☐ 1
- No . . . ☐ 2 Q.366A
- (MVT)

365. WHEN THE VEHICLE WAS FOUND WAS IT IN THE SAME CONDITION AS BEFORE, OR IN A WORSE CONDITION?
- Same . . . ☐ 1 Q.367
- Worse . . . ☐ 2 Q.366B
- (MVT)

- 366A. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO REPLACE THE STOLEN VEHICLE WITH A SIMILAR ONE — LESS THAN \$500, BETWEEN \$500 AND \$5000, \$5000 OR MORE?

- 366B. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND REPLACE ANY STOLEN ACCESSORIES — LESS THAN \$500, BETWEEN \$500 AND \$5000, \$5000 OR MORE?
- Less than \$500 . . . ☐ 1
- Between \$500 and \$5000 . . . ☐ 2
- \$5000 or more . . . ☐ 3
- (MVT)

367. WAS THE VEHICLE INSURED FOR THEFT?
- Yes . . . ☐ 1
- No . . . ☐ 2
- (MVT)

368. WERE ANY OF YOUR BELONGINGS STOLEN WITH THE VEHICLE?
- Yes . . . ☐ 1 Q.401
- No . . . ☐ 2 Q.416
- (MVT)

527. *Sequence Guide (ASS)*
- More than one assault (1 in Q.501) . . . ☐ 1 Q.528
- Otherwise . . . ☐ 2 Q.668

528. YOU SAID THAT YOU HAD BEEN THREATENED OR ATTACKED A NUMBER OF TIMES, WHERE DID MOST OF THESE INCIDENTS HAPPEN?
- At own home — inside house/flat . . . ☐ 1
- other . . . ☐ 2
- Inside another persons home . . . ☐ 3
- In a motor vehicle . . . ☐ 4
- At place of work/study — inside . . . ☐ 5
- outside . . . ☐ 6
- Inside some other building . . . ☐ 7
- Outside . . . ☐ 8
- Other . . . ☐ 9
- (ASS) Q.668

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