

Milestone 23: Reducing the fear of crime among older people

The information used to measure progress against this milestone is taken from the Scottish Crime Survey (SCS) which is run by the Scottish Executive. Information from the 2003 SCS is expected to be available in late 2004. The SCS has recently been relaunched as the Scottish Crime and Victimization Survey. From 2004/05 data will be available on a yearly basis.

Fear of crime

The results from the SCS indicate that older people's worry about being a victim of housebreaking and physical assault decreased over the course of the 1990s. The results also indicate that older women are more likely to be worried about these crimes than older men.

Table 23a: Percentage of people aged 60+ who reported being 'very worried' about specific crimes by sex, 1993 – 2000

	Year	Male	Female	Total
Worry about having your home broken into and something stolen	1993	16.4	24.0	20.7
	1996	12.4	18.7	16.2
	2000	8.2	14.0	11.6
Worry about being physically assaulted or attacked in the street	1993	10.8	23.2	18.1
	1996	9.9	17.6	14.6
	2000	5.1	14.7	10.7
Worry about having your car stolen	1993	-	-	-
	1996	-	-	-
	2000	7.4	11.9	9.5

Source: Scottish Crime Surveys 1993, 1996 and 2000

Note: Information about car theft is based on car owners only

Availability of data and references

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Information about the new SCVS is available on the Scottish Executive website ([hyperlink](#)).

Reports on previous sweeps of the survey are also available online: ([Hyperlink](#))