

Crime and Victimization Social Module q4 2003

1 Introduction

1.1 Content

This Social Module is a repeat of the module asked in q4 1998 which covered the range of topics on Crime and Victimization listed below. The 1998 questionnaire was developed with the help of an advisory group of representatives from various Government departments, for example the Department of Justice, Garda Síochána, Economic and Social Research Institute, National Council for the Elderly, National Women's Council, Health Boards and other researchers.

There are 2 main sections: *household* and *individual* questions.

HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS:

Security of premises
individuals)
Burglary
Vehicles, theft of vehicles, theft from vehicles
Bicycles
Vandalism (against property and vehicles)

INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS:

Theft with violence (from
Theft without violence
Physical assaults
Perceptions

1.2 Objective

The objective of this module on Crime and Victimization is to gather some information on crime in Ireland. All incidents recorded should relate **ONLY** to the past 12 months. Due to the constraints on the size of the questionnaire this module cannot cover all crimes. Crimes such as, attempted thefts of vehicles or attempted burglaries, are not covered.

This module does not cover attacks of a sexual nature nor domestic violence due to the sensitivity of these Crimes. Domestic violence would be incidents of violence

between spouses, cohabiting partners and within families. Violent attacks that are breaking a barring order are classified as domestic violence.

In order to clarify what incidents should be recorded, some definitions are outlined below:

Burglary: Breaking and entering by a person into a premises (either a house/flat or an outbuilding). Thefts from gardens are not included nor thefts by a person who has the permission/right to be in the premises (as this would be classified as larceny).

Vandalism: Damage done to any type of property or vehicle belonging to any member of the household, for example graffiti on house/shed/garden walls, scraping of vehicles with nails.

2 General Information

2.1 Respondents

If there is no person above the age of 18 in the household then the Crime and Victimization module will not be asked. Thus the question should be answered SKIP.

The following are the household Crime and Victimization questions. Do you wish to continue?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**
3. **Skip**

The **household questions**, should be answered by the person the Interviewer considers to be the most suitable, i.e. a responsible adult who would know the most information about the household and it's members. The topics covered range from security of premises to questions on vandalism. Thus the person answering would be able to answer the questions for all the people in the household.

The **individual questions**, which cover personal incidents, should be asked to all persons aged 18 years and over who are participating directly in the survey. Note this differs from the q4 1998 questionnaire, when the individual questions were also asked in proxy interviews. The reasons for this difference include minimising interviewer and respondent burden.

2.2 Questions

More detail on each question is outlined below and also in Section 3, Questionnaire. The aim of this module is to gather information on crime in Ireland. Thus all answers should relate to events occurring only in Ireland. Incidents occurring abroad, for example while on holidays, are not covered by this survey.

Examples of answers are given for some questions. However these should not be given straight away as they may influence firstly, the respondents' train of thought and secondly, their actual answer. If the respondent is having difficulty understanding the question then an example may be given as an aid.

Due to the nature of various crimes a number of incidents may over-lap between different questions. A few examples are given below which outline possibilities of duplication of incidents. Caution should be exercised. The main rule is to ensure that there is NO DUPLICATION of incidents in various sections of the questionnaire and also between the household and individual questions.

Example 1:

If an individual was in the house at the time of a burglary, then this information should be recorded as a burglary and the relevant questions answered (in the household questionnaire). It should NOT also be recorded as theft from the individual, with or without violence. Incidents such as muggings or attempted muggings, pick pocketing, theft of a handbag or jacket would be covered under the two sections of questions on thefts from an individual (in the individual questionnaire).

Example 11:

If a house has been burgled and in the process been vandalised, then this incident would be recorded as a burglary. Therefore it should NOT be duplicated in the vandalism section.

Example 111:

Similar clarification should be sought between thefts of vehicles, thefts from vehicles and vandalism to vehicles. If, for example, a vehicle was stolen and then found burnt out/vandalised then this would be classified as a theft of vehicle. This incident should NOT be recorded in both sections of questions on theft of a vehicle and vandalism. As the theft of the vehicle was the initial incident then it should be recorded as such.

Example 1V:

If a stolen car was recovered, it is possible that goods/property that were in the car were stolen, this incident should be recorded under theft of a vehicle. It should NOT be recorded under both theft of a vehicle and theft from a vehicle.

A number of different crimes may occur in the same incident(s) (in the 12 months). For example, a bicycle may be stolen as part of a burglary, or a person may be assaulted during a burglary of their house/flat. For these cases all the incidents would be classified as burglaries, thus there should be NO recorded in the theft of bicycle or assault

questions. Therefore certain crimes should not be recorded as those crimes if they occurred as part of another crime. Another example is if a house was burgled 3 times, a bicycle was stolen on the first occasion, then this theft of the bicycle should NOT be recorded in this survey as it was part of a burglary (even though the details of the first burglary are not recorded here, only the details of the last incident). Explanations and reminder notes are given after each of the relevant questions.

These are just a few examples of where there is a risk of recording the same incident twice. The main rule of thumb is to **avoid duplication of incidents within each questionnaire and also between the two questionnaires. Also do not record incidents which occurred as part of another crime.**

3 Questionnaire

3.1 Household Questions: (Asked only of one person, >= 18 years in a direct interview situation, per household)

3.1.0 Filter/Qualifying Question

q0 if age>=18 and dir =
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***Interviewer: The following are the Household Crime and Victimization questions.
Do you wish to continue?***

1. ***Yes***
2. ***Skip***
3. ***Refusal***

This question automatically appears at the end of the labour questions, when all the people in the household have been interviewed. It is up to you, the interviewer, to decide who is the most suitable person (i.e. a responsible adult, aged 18 years or over) in the household to answer the following household Crime and Victimization questions. (In a household containing a family, a parent would normally answer these questions). This question appears as a note to the interviewer.

The option SKIP should be chosen when the interviewer is planning to return and complete the survey. On the rare occasion that there is no person aged 18 or over in the house/flat then SKIP should be answered. If all responsible adults in the house refuse to answer the Crime and Victimization household questions then a REFUSAL should be recorded.

If q0 not = 1 then exit module

3.1.1 Security

The following questions on the security of premises are in line with international crime surveys. Thus international comparisons can be made.

ALARM **if q0 = 1**

Is the house/flat protected by a burglar alarm?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

ALM_MON **if ALARM = 1**

Is the burglar alarm monitored?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

A monitored alarm is linked to a security company who alert the Gardai if set off, for example, *Telecom Phonewatch*.

LOCKS **if q0 = 1**

Is the house/flat protected by special window/door locks?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

DOG **if q0 = 1**

Is the house/flat protected by a dog that would deter a burglar?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

FENCE **if q0 = 1**

Is the house/flat protected by a high wall/fence?

1. **Yes**

2. No

SENSOR

if q0 = 1

Is the house/flat protected by a sensor light?

1. Yes
2. No

SECUR

if q0 = 1

Is the house/flat protected by a caretaker or security guard?

1. Yes
2. No

A number of apartment complexes may have a security guard/caretaker.

WATCH

if q0 = 1

Is the house/flat protected by a (active) neighbourhood watch or similar scheme?

1. Yes
2. No

INTERVIEWER NOTE on screen:

An active scheme means that there are meetings held and contacts made between the Gardai and neighbours. If a scheme is no longer active then a NO answer should be recorded

3.1.2 Burglary

ENTER

if q0 = 1

In the past 12 months, did anyone actually enter this house/flat or an outbuilding without permission and steal or try to steal anything? (Excluding thefts from gardens)

1. Yes
2. No

Theft from an outbuilding, for example, a garden shed, should be included. Thefts from gardens are excluded as the official/international definition of a burglary is theft from a building. Thefts by people who have permission to be in the house/flat/outbuilding should be excluded as this would be officially classified as Larceny.

HOW_OFT

if ENTER = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

1. ***once***
2. ***twice***
3. ***three times***
4. ***four times***
5. ***five times or more***

If respondent is unsure, try and get an estimate for the number of times as opposed to a "don't know" response.

LAST_INC

if ENTER = 1

(For the last incident) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

This is asked to ensure that the respondent is referring to an incident in the last 12 months. The year of the incident may also be asked. If the individual is not sure of the exact month then what really needs to be clarified is that the incident occurred in the past 12 months (the exact month is not very important). If it transpires that the incident had occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to the ENTER question and change the answer to NO.

AT_HOME

if ENTER = 1

Was there someone at home at the time of the burglary?

1. ***Yes***
2. ***No***

WEAPON

if AT_HOME = 1

Was a weapon used or threatened (by the burglar)?

1. ***Yes***
2. ***No***

INJURY

if AT_HOME = 1

Were you or any member of the house/flat physically injured?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

LASTREP

if ENTER = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

WHY_NOT

if LAST_REP = 2

What was the main reason for not reporting the incident to the Gardai?

- 1. not serious enough/no loss**
- 2. solved it myself/themselves (knew the perpetrator/thief)**
- 3. reported to other authorities instead**
- 4. no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance**
- 5. believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof**
- 6. believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it**
- 7. did not wish to involve the Gardai**
- 8. fear of reprisal**
- 9. other reasons**

The MAIN reason (only one) should be given. This question is included so as to provide information to the Gardai as to why people are not reporting incidents. These responses are also on a card, which can be shown/handed to the respondent.

COST

if ENTER = 1

Approximately what was the total cost incurred by the household and the insurance company (include medical costs, if any) as a result of this burglary?

- 1. no financial costs**
- 2. less than €254 (£200)**
- 3. €254 - under €635 (£200 – under £500)**
- 4. €635 - under €1,270 (£500 – under £1,000)**
- 5. €1,270 - under €6,350 (£1,000 – under £5,000)**
- 6. €6,350 - under €12,700 (£5,000 – under £10,000)**

7. €12,700 or more (£10,000 or more)

These responses are also on a card, which can be shown/handed to the respondent. The person may have to estimate the cost, particularly if others also suffered injury or loss.

This question allows us to quantify the seriousness of the crime.

3.1.3 Vehicles

HAVMOT

if q0 = 1

In the past year, has anyone in the house/flat owned a motor vehicle of any kind?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

This question is being asked as a filter. If answered NO then the following questions on motor vehicles (theft of and theft from) will not be asked.

3.1.3.1 Theft of Vehicles

VEH_STO

if HAV_MOT = 1

In the past 12 months, have you or any members of the house/flat had any vehicles stolen?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

Interviewer: Exclude theft(s) of vehicles which occurred as part of a burglary.

INTERVIEWER NOTE on screen: Record a NO answer if the vehicle was discovered burnt-out or classified as a 'write-off'

VEH_OFT

if VEH_STO = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

- 1. once**
- 2. twice**
- 3. three times**

4. *four times*
5. *five times or more*

LASTINCV

if VEH_STO = 1

(For the last incident,) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

Explanation as before. If it transpires that the incident had occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to the VEH_STO question and change the answer to NO.

VEH_TYP

if VEH_STO = 1

(For the last incident,) what type of vehicle was stolen?

1. *car (including 4-wheel drive)*
2. *van/truck/farm vehicle*
3. *motorcycle*
4. *moped*

WHERE_ST

if VEH_STO = 1

(For the last incident,) was the vehicle stolen from:

1. *household's garage or shed*
2. *household's driveway, yard, or car-park*
3. *street/road outside your dwelling*
4. *street/road in town/city*
5. *car-park in town/city*
6. *elsewhere*

VEH_REC

if VEH_STO = 1

*(For the last incident,) was the vehicle ever recovered?
(Exclude burnt-out vehicles and write-offs).*

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

Record a NO answer if the vehicle was discovered burnt-out or classified as a "write-off".

VEHTOGAR

if VEH_STO = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

1. Yes
2. No

VEHIFNO

if VEHTOGAR = 2

What was the main reason for not reporting it to the Gardai?

1. *not serious enough/no loss*
2. *solved it myself/themselves (knew the perpetrator/thief)*
3. *reported to other authorities instead*
4. *no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance*
5. *believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof*
6. *believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it*
7. *did not wish to involve the Gardai*
8. *fear of reprisal*
9. *other reasons*

3.1.3.2 *Theft from Vehicles*

TFT_VEH

if HAVMOT = 1

In the past 12 months, has there been theft FROM a vehicle belonging to you or a member of the house/flat? (For example, personal belongings, hubcaps. Exclude vandalism and ANY theft of vehicle incident).

1. Yes
2. No

Theft of hubcaps, wipers and aerials should be included. Vandalism is asked at a later stage. Any theft from a vehicle that occurred when the vehicle was stolen in ANY incident should be EXCLUDED.

TFT_OFT

if TFT_VEH = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

- 1. once**
- 2. twice**
- 3. three times**
- 4. four times**
- 5. five times or more**

TFT_LINC

if TFT_VEH = 1

(For the last incident,) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

Explanation as before. If it transpires that the incident had occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to the TFT_VEH question and change the answer to NO.

TFT_WHR

if TFT_VEH = 1

(For the last theft,) was the vehicle:

- 1. in the household's garage or shed**
- 2. in the household's driveway, yard, or car-park**
- 3. on a street/road outside your dwelling**
- 4. on a street/road in town/city**
- 5. in a car-park in town/city**
- 6. elsewhere**

TFTTOGAR

if TFT_VEH = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

TFTNOGAR

if TFTTOGAR = 2

What was the main reason for not reporting the incident to the Gardai?

1. *not serious enough/no loss*
2. *solved it myself/themselves (knew the perpetrator/thief)*
3. *reported to other authorities instead*
4. *no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance*
5. *believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof*
6. *believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it*
7. *did not wish to involve the Gardai*
8. *fear of reprisal*
9. *other reasons*

3.1.4 Bicycles

HAV_BIC

if q0 = 1

In the past year has anyone in your house/flat owned a bicycle?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

This is a filter question. If answered NO then the following two questions will be omitted. Bicycle questions are asked as it will give an indication as to the extent of the problem of stolen bicycles and also the number of incidents which are reported.

BICSTO

if HAV_BIC = 1

In the past 12 months, have any bicycles been stolen from you or any member of the house/flat? (EXCLUDE bicycles stolen in any previous burglaries).

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

Interviewer: Any bicycle(s) stolen in ANY burglary (of the household/flat) should be excluded.

BICTOGAR

if BICSTO = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

1. **Yes**

2. No

BICNOGAR

if BICTOGAR = 2

What was the main reason for not reporting the incident to the Gardai?

1. *not serious enough/no loss*
2. *solved it myself/themselves (knew the perpetrator/thief)*
3. *reported to other authorities instead*
4. *no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance*
5. *believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof*
6. *believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it*
7. *did not wish to involve the Gardai*
8. *fear of reprisal*
9. *other reasons*

3.1.5 Vandalism (against property or vehicles)

VANDAL

if q0 = 1

In the past 12 months, has any property belonging to you or any other member of the house/flat been subject to vandalism?

1. Yes
2. No

INTERVIEWER NOTE on screen: Include vandalism to property and (non-stolen) vehicles. Exclude vandalism due to ANY burglary and ANY stolen vehicles.

This question is seeking information on vandalism to ANY type of property belonging to the household. This could include, for example, vandalism to the house itself, garden shed, garden furniture or a vehicle. The type of vandalism is asked later. Thefts of any kind should be reported in the previous relevant questions. Vandalism due to ANY burglary (of the house/flat) is EXCLUDED, as this incident is classified as a burglary. Also a vehicle vandalised when it is stolen (in ANY incident) is classified as a theft of a vehicle and thus should NOT be included here.

VDL_OFT

if VANDAL = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

1. *once*
2. *twice*
3. *three times*
4. *four times*

5. *five times or more*

VDL_LINC

if VANDAL = 1

(For the last incident,) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

Explanation as before. If it transpires that the incident had occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to the VANDAL question and change the answer to NO.

VDL_NAT

if VANDAL = 1

(For the last incident,) what was the main nature of the vandalism?

1. *property – graffiti*
2. *property – broken window(s)/door(s)*
3. *property – damaged fences, garden furniture or plants*
4. *property – other*
5. *vehicle – broken/damaged window(s)/door(s)*
6. *vehicle – burnt out*
7. *vehicle – other*
8. *other*

Stolen hubcaps, aerials and wipers should be included in theft from vehicle questions.

VDLTOGAR

if VANDAL = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

VDLNOGAR

if VDLTOGAR = 2

What was the main reason for not reporting the incident to the Gardai?

1. *not serious enough/no loss*
2. *solved it myself/themselves (knew the perpetrator/thief)*

3. *reported to other authorities instead*
4. *no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance*
5. *believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof*
6. *believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it*
7. *did not wish to involve the Gardai*
8. *fear of reprisal*
9. *other reasons*

3.2.

INDIVIDUAL Questions

(For persons aged 18 years and over participating directly in the survey)

As previously noted, the following questions will be asked to all persons aged 18 and over participating directly in the survey

3.2.0. Qualifying Questions

IND_QUES

if DIR = 1 and age >= 18

Is name prepared to answer questions on Crime and Victimization now?

1. **Yes**
2. **Skip (Proxy interview)**
3. **Refusal**

If ind_ques = 1 then continue, else exit Crime and Victimization module

3.2.1 3.2.1 Theft with violence

TFT_VOI

if IND_QUES = 1

In the past 12 months, has anyone stolen or attempted to steal something from your person by using force or threatening you? (for example, mugging or attempted mugging)

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

Interviewer: Exclude attacks of a sexual nature and domestic violence. ANY burglary where a person was at home at the time is excluded.

This would include incidents such as mugging or attempted mugging. ANY burglary, where the person was at home at the time and were attacked and robbed, is EXCLUDED as this type of incident is classified as burglary. Domestic violence covers incidents of violence between spouses, cohabiting partners and within families. Violent attacks, which break barring orders, are classified as domestic violence and thus excluded from

this survey. Ensure that the individual is NOT referring to any previous incident already mentioned either in the individual questions and the “household” questions asked in the previous questionnaire.

TFT_VOFT

if TFT_VOI = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

- 1. once**
- 2. twice**
- 3. three times**
- 4. four times**
- 5. five times or more**

TFT_VINC

if TFT_VOI = 1

(For the last incident,) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

Explanation as before. If it transpires that the incident had occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to the TFT_VOI question and change the answer to NO.

TFT_OCC

if TFT_VOI = 1

(For the last incident,) did this occur:

- 1. in vicinity of home**
- 2. at work**
- 3. near workplace**
- 4. at school/college**
- 5. near school/college**
- 6. in/near pub/dance hall/disco**
- 7. at/near other public place (shopping area, church etc)**
- 8. elsewhere**

TFT_WEAP

if TFT_VOI = 1

Was a weapon used or threatened (by the attacker)?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

TFT_YES

if TFT_WEAP = 1

Was it a :

1. *knife*
2. *gun/rifle*
3. *syringe/needle*
4. *club or stick*
5. *bottle/glass*
6. *other*

TFT_INJ

if TFT_VOI = 1

Were you physically injured?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

TFT_INJY

if TFT_INJ = 1

What kind of treatment, if any, did your injuries require?

1. *cuts/bruises not requiring medical attention*
2. *visit to doctor/G.P.*
3. *needed medical treatment, but not hospital stay*
4. *injuries requiring overnight hospital stay*
5. *hospitalisation for more than one night*

TFTTOGRD

if TFT_VOI = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

TFTNOGRD

if TFTTOGRD = 2

What was the main reason for reporting the incident to the Gardai?

1. *not serious enough/no loss*
2. *solved it myself (knew the perpetrator/thief)*
3. *reported to other authorities instead*
4. *no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance*
5. *believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof*
6. *believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it*
7. *did not wish to involve the Gardai*
8. *fear of reprisal*
9. *other reasons*

3.2.2 Theft without violence

TFT_NOVOI

if IND_QUES = 1

In the past 12 months, have you been a victim of theft not involving force?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

Interviewer: Any robbery or mugging the person has already spoken about should NOT be included here. ALL burglaries are excluded.

Ensure that the individual is NOT referring to any previous incident already mentioned either in the individual questions and the "household" questions asked in the previous questionnaire. If the person was at home at the time of ANY burglary and was robbed (without violence) by the burglar, this incident is classified as burglary and NOT recorded here. Also do not give the examples straight away as this may influence firstly the respondents' train of thought and secondly their actual answer. *An example of this type of incident is pick pocketing or a jacket being stolen.*

TFT_NOFT

if TFT_NOVOI = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

1. *once*
2. *twice*
3. *three times*
4. *four times*
5. *five times or more*

TFT_NLIN

if TFT_NOVOI = 1

(For the last incident,) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

Explanation as before. If it transpires that the incident occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to the TFT_NOVOI question and change the answer to NO.

TFTNGAR

if TFT_NOVOI = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

TFTNGRD

if TFTNGAR = 2

What was the main reason for reporting the incident to the Gardai?

- 1. not serious enough/no loss**
- 2. solved it myself (knew the perpetrator/thief)**
- 3. reported to other authorities instead**
- 4. no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance**
- 5. believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof**
- 6. believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it**
- 7. did not wish to involve the Gardai**
- 8. fear of reprisal**
- 9. other reasons**

3.2.3 Physical assaults

ASSAULT

if IND_QUES = 1

In the past 12 months has anyone physically attacked you?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

Interviewer: Exclude attacks of a sexual nature and domestic violence. Assault(s) due to ANY burglaries or ANY theft with(out) violence should be EXCLUDED.

Domestic violence covers incidents of violence between spouses, cohabiting partners and within families. Violent attacks, which break barring orders, are classified as domestic violence and thus excluded from this survey. As before, if the person was at home at the time of ANY burglary and was assaulted by the burglar, this incident is

classified as a burglary and NOT recorded here. Ensure that the individual is NOT referring to any previous incident already mentioned either in the individual questions and the household questions asked in the previous questionnaire.

ASS_OFT

if ASSAULT = 1

How often did this occur (in the past 12 months)?

- 1. once**
- 2. twice**
- 3. three times**
- 4. four times**
- 5. five times or more**

ASS_LINC

if ASSAULT = 1

(For the last incident,) can you remember the month it took place?

Enter 2 digits for the month.

Explanation as before. If it transpires that the incident had occurred over 12 months ago then it should not be recorded by this survey. Thus, by using the arrow keys, go back up to ASSAULT question and change the answer to NO.

ASS_OCC

if ASSAULT = 1

(For the last incident,) did this occur:

- 1. in your home**
- 2. in vicinity of home**
- 3. at work**
- 4. near workplace**
- 5. at school/college**
- 6. near school/college**
- 7. in/near pub/dance hall/disco**
- 8. at/near other public place (shopping area, church etc.)**
- 9. elsewhere**

ASS_WEAP

if ASSAULT = 1

Was a weapon used or threatened by the attacker?

- 1. Yes**
- 2. No**

ASS_YES

if ASS_WEAP = 1

Was it a.....

1. *knife*
2. *gun/rifle*
3. *syringe or needle*
4. *club or stick*
5. *bottle/glass*
6. *other*

ASS_INJ

if ASSAULT = 1

Were you physically injured?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

ASS_INJY

if ASS_INJ = 1

What kind of treatment, if any, did your injuries require

1. *cuts/bruises not requiring medical attention*
2. *visit to doctor/G.P.*
3. *needed medical treatment, but not hospital stay*
4. *injuries requiring overnight hospital stay*
5. *hospitalisation for more than one night*

ASSTOGAR

if ASSAULT = 1

(For the last incident,) was it reported to the Gardai?

1. *Yes*
2. *No*

ASSNOGDR

if ASSTOGAR = 2

What was the main reason for not reporting the incident to the Gardai?

1. *not serious enough/no loss*
2. *solved it myself (knew the perpetrator/thief)*

3. *reported to other authorities instead*
4. *no insurance claim anticipated/could not claim insurance*
5. *believed Gardai could do nothing/lack of proof*
6. *believed Gardai wouldn't do anything about it*
7. *did not wish to involve the Gardai*
8. *fear of reprisal*
9. *other reasons*

3.2.4 Counselling

ASS_RES if TFT_VOI = 1 or TFT_NOVOI = 1 or ASSAULT = 1

As a result of any incident you have mentioned, have you received any counselling from a professional or a support group?

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

The incident refers to any mugging, theft or assault the respondent has already spoken about.

3.2.5 Perceptions

The remaining questions ask about peoples' perceptions of crime. Respondents should try to give an overall rating for how they feel, rather than a don't know response.

PERC_ALO

How safe would you feel walking alone in your area (i.e. neighbourhood) after dark?

1. *very safe*
2. *safe*
3. *unsafe*
4. *very unsafe*

PERC_NIG

How safe would you feel alone in your home at night?

1. *very safe*
2. *safe*
3. *unsafe*
4. *very unsafe*

PERC_CRM

How would you describe crime in Ireland today?

1. *a very serious problem*
2. *a serious problem*
3. *a fairly serious problem*
4. *not a serious problem*
5. *not a problem*

PERC_WOR

Do you worry about the possibility that you, or anyone else who lives with you, might become a victim of crime?

1. *Yes ,personal injury*
2. *Yes property theft, damage*
3. *Yes both personal and property*
4. *No*

RAT_GAR

How would you rate the work the Gardai do in your area (i.e. neighbourhood) in controlling crime?

1. *Very good*
2. *Good*
3. *Average*
4. *Poor*
5. *Very Poor*