

Edinburgh Survey Spring 2005

Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership Final Topline Results – 31.05.05

- Results are based on a survey of 1,061 Edinburgh residents conducted face-to-face, in home between 26th March and 30th April 2005.
- Data are weighted by age, gender and tenure using 2001 census data.
- An asterix (*) indicates a percentage of less than 0.5% but greater than zero. Where percentages do not add up to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of don't know categories.
- All figures are percentages based on the total sample (1,061) unless otherwise stated.

Fear of Crime in Edinburgh

Q1 Thinking about Edinburgh as a whole, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with it as a place to live?

Q2 And now, thinking about your local neighbourhood specifically, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with it as a place to live?

	Q1 Edinburgh %	Q2 Neighbourhood %
Very satisfied	55	51
Fairly satisfied	37	37
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4	4
Fairly dissatisfied	3	5
Very dissatisfied	1	2
No opinion	*	*
Satisfied	92	88
Dissatisfied	4	7

Q3a On balance, how do you think your local neighbourhood has changed over the past year or so as a place to live? Has it got better, worse, or stayed about the same?

	%	
Better	11	GO TO Q3b
Worse	21	GO TO Q3c
Stayed the same	62	GO TO Q4
Don't know	6	

Q3b Why do you think your local neighbourhood has got better?

	%
Base: All those who think their neighbourhood has got better	(107)
More/better range of shops	16
Big amount of building/redevelopment being done	14
Development of new houses	13
Less noisy/area quietened down	12
People are more sociable/improved community feeling	11
Less gangs hanging around/less trouble from teenagers	10
More police presence	9
Streets are cleaner	8
The area is improving	8
Improved transport/bus service	8
Better facilities/services in general	7
Got rid of undesirables	5
More facilities for children	5
More cafes, coffee shops, restaurants	5
Better leisure/sports facilities and amenities	5

Q3c Why do you think your local neighbourhood has got worse?

	%
Base: All those who think their neighbourhood has got worse	(107)
Vandalism, graffiti, vandalism to cars	21
Gangs/kids hanging around the streets	14
Too much litter/lack of street cleaning	14
Hassle from children/youths	12
Increased parking problems	12
Increase in traffic congestion/noise	10
Increase in crime/violence	10
Undesirable people moving in from other areas	8
Volume of traffic	7
Drug dealers/addicts in area	7
Too many building projects/too much development	6
Inconsiderate/unfriendly neighbours	6
Alcohol/underage drinking	5
Lack of road/pavement maintenance	5
Noise	5

Q4. To what extent do you feel threatened by crime in this neighbourhood these days?

	%
A great deal	3
A fair amount	15
Not very much	46
Not at all	35
Don't know	*

Q5 From this list, what do you think are the most common types of crime in this neighbourhood, if any?

Q6 And thinking specifically about yourself and your family, which of these crimes are you most afraid of, if any?

	Q5 Most Common %	Q6 Most Afraid of %
Vandalism/graffiti/damage to property	38	9
Theft from/damage to parked cars	31	9
Domestic housebreaking (e.g. burglary from homes)	24	23
Driving offences (e.g. speeding motorists)	19	6
Car theft/theft of cars	18	4
Parking offences	15	1
Drug abuse/drug dealing/substance misuse	14	7
Public disorder (fighting, etc)	14	6
Shoplifting	7	1
Commercial housebreaking (e.g. burglary from offices/shops, etc)	6	2
Mugging and theft	6	13
Racist attacks/racial harassment	4	2
Arson	2	1
Sexual attacks/sexual harassment	2	7
Prostitution/kerb crawling	1	1
Other	3	2
None of these	22	37
Don't know	3	2

Q7 From what you know or have heard, do you think the overall amount of crime in this neighbourhood has gone up, down, or remained about the same over the past 5 years?

Q8 And from what you know or have heard, do you think the overall amount of crime across Edinburgh generally has gone up, down or remained about the same over the past 5 years?

	Q7 Neighbourhood %	Q8 Edinburgh %
Gone up	23	39
Gone down	7	5
Remained the same	54	34
Don't know	16	22

Q9

Imagine you could set local priorities to improve safety in this area. Looking at this card, which out of this list would be your 3 top priorities?

	3 top priorities %
Reducing levels of anti-social behaviour and disorder	45
Reducing levels of core crime – e.g. housebreaking, car crime	42
Reducing problems associated with drugs and alcohol	38
Reducing fear of crime/promoting public reassurance	30
Reducing violent crime	27
Helping and supporting victims of crime	21
Dealing with racial harassment/attacks	12
Tackling domestic abuse	7
Other	12
Don't know	2

Reducing the Fear of Crime and Promoting Public Reassurance
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Q10. Here is a list of some of the things that have been tried in different parts of the country to make communities safer. Which one initiative would you most like to see introduced in your neighbourhood?

	%
Neighbourhood / Street wardens	23
More facilities for young people e.g. youth clubs	21
CCTV	18
Better street lighting	8
Environmental improvements	5
Security devices for homes e.g. burglar alarms	4
Improved access to treatment for drug users	2
More detached youth workers	2
Youth Offenders Team (YOT) schemes	2
Improved domestic abuse support facilities	1
Mediation schemes (i.e. trained volunteers who act as a impartial third party in neighbour and family conflicts)	1
None of these	9
Don't know	8

Q11. Overall, to what extent do you feel there is a problem with anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood?

	%
A great deal	6
A fair amount	20
Not very much	44
Not at all	28
Don't know	1

Which of the following, if any, do you currently use or do to protect yourself or your home?

	%
Window locks that need keys to open them	45
Leave the lights on	41
Double locks or deadlocks on the outside doors	37
Security chains or bolts on the outside doors	33
Outdoor lights with timer or sensor switch	24
A burglar alarm	22
Make a conscious effort to park car in safest place	20
Avoid visiting particular places or areas	19
Make a conscious plan to take the safest route home at night	19
Indoor lights with timer or sensor switch	17
Travel on public transport at night instead of walking home	12
Do not leave home unoccupied at night	10
A guard dog	7
Carry a personal alarm	4
A dummy alarm box visible on the outside wall	3
Do not leave home unoccupied during daytime	2
Bars or grilles on the windows	1
Other	3
None of these	11
Refused	1

- Q13. Which, if any, of these crimes have you personally been a victim of in the last 12 months
- Q14. Which, if any, of these crimes has another member of your household been a victim of in the last 12 months?
- Q15. Which of these crimes, if any, have you or a member of your household been victim of in the past 12 months, but have not been reported to the police?

	Q13 Individual %	Q14 Member of household %	Q13/Q14 %	Q15 Not reported % Base: Personally or household member been a victim (221)
Vandalism	8	3	9	16
Theft from car/car contents	6	1	6	7
Housebreaking (i.e. theft from home or premises)	3	1	3	2
Some other form of attack (other than mugging or rape)	2	2	3	6
Mugging (i.e. attempted or actual theft of possessions while still on person)	*	1	1	1
Racist attack/racial harassment	*	1	1	1
Stolen car	1	*	1	0
Sexual attack/sexual harassment	*	*	*	1
Other	2	2	3	5
None of these	81	87	78	55
Don't know	0	*	*	1
Not stated	0	3	-	10
ANY	19	10	22	35