

# **Produce a critically annotated bibliography of one of the following: Unemployment, Crime, Inflation**

Operational definitions.

Crime in this paper is to be taken as any act regarded as a criminal offence by the respective governing bodies, that is government and subsequently, the judiciary and police force. The bibliography is to be limited to England and Wales over the past twenty years.

Bibliography.

British Crime Survey.

Mike Hough and Pat Mayhew.

Home Office Research report.

Reported in "Crime Statistics England and Wales".

Time Cover: 1975-1993.

Country Cover: England and Wales.

Operational Definitions: The statistics, in conjunction with "The general Household Survey" are used to estimate the level of unreported crime. It is defined as an act against an individual or property that is forbidden by law. Each years' publication of "Crime Statistics England and Wales" relates to the relevant survey and covers the same areas as the official statistics. Although these are still official statistics, they do allow a certain amount of independent analysis.

Media availability: Book form available in the Essex University library.

The British Crime Survey

[http://www.open.gov.uk/home\\_off/crime3.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/home_off/crime3.htm)

Time Cover: 1983-1993.

Country Cover: England and Wales.

Operational Definitions: there are no explicit operational definitions here and so assumptions that it is the same as the "British Crime Survey" in "Crime Statistics in England and Wales".

This is not on the whole a satisfactory way to work and in order for the statistics to be more reliable, a cross check with "Crime Statistics, England and Wales" of the same years would be necessary.

Media Availability: Electronic, the use of a free ftp program available from the Home Office will allow the transfer of the statistics for data analysis.

Crime Statistics in England and Wales.

Government Statistical service, HMSO. London.

Time cover : 1975-1993.

Country cover: England and Wales.

Operational Definitions: The operational definitions are clearly stated in the introduction to this book. A criminal offence is any offence that has been recorded by any one of the 43 police forces in England and Wales and offenders dealt with by formal police cautions or by criminal court proceedings within these police areas.

Appendices about what offences have been included and what changes in the law there have been since 1975. Cautionary notes in the introduction about unreported crime, crime not been recorded by the police, the inclusion of minor offences and crime dealt with by special focus such as the Transport police not being included.

Media availability: Book form available in the library.

General Household Survey.

Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

HMSO.

Reported in "Crime Statistics England and Wales".

Time Cover: 1975-1993.

Country Cover: England and Wales.

Operational Definitions: Used together with "The British Crime Survey"; It is used to estimate unreported crime as opposed to the recorded figures. Each years' publication of "Crime Statistics England and Wales" relates to the corresponding survey.

Media availability: Book form available in the library.

Internet site of the Home Office.

[http://www.open.gov.uk/home\\_off/rsdhome.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/home_off/rsdhome.htm)

Last updated on the 21st April 1995.

Time Cover: 1984-1993.

Country Cover: England and Wales.

Operational Definitions: It does not have explicit definitions of what is meant by crime, Crime is implicitly defined as recorded crime and is broken down into component parts, e.g, Burglary, theft of a vehicle and so on.

Media Availability: As the data here is electronic, files from this area can be transferred to allow analysis of the data using the ftp program which is also available at the Home Office site.