Examining Crime Prevention using Statistics Canada Data

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Policing Services Program

- Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey
- Homicide Survey
- Police Administration Survey

Courts Program

- Adult Criminal & Youth Courts surveys
- Court & Prosecutions Resources, Expenditures and Personnel surveys
- Legal Aid & Maintenance Enforcement surveys
- Civil Court Survey

Correctional Services Program

- Adult & Youth Indicators
- Adult and Youth Custody and Community Corrections surveys
- Alternative Measures

Integration, Analysis and Research Program

- Focused analysis, General Social Survey Victimization cycle partner, Family Violence Initiative
- Crime & Justice Research papers, record linkage and academic outreach

CCJS Objectives

- Promote a better understanding of factors influencing outcomes such as crime, victimisation and reoffending, and reasons for their occurrence
- Incorporate individual, family and community influences and contexts which affect encounters with the justice system
- Take into account both justice and partner system interventions (education, social-welfare and health sectors)
- Provide a broad "lens" to assess priorities for information development to promote evidence-based policy development

Neighbourhood Level analysis and geocoding of crime data

- Geocoding of police dataUniform Crime Reporting Survey
- Trend analysis
- Adding layers of information
- Exploring methodologies in spatial data analysis

Challenges

Data availability and accessibility

Establishing partnerships with community

Long term planning and funding

National Crime Prevention Centre

Provide national leadership on effective and cost-efficient ways to prevent and reduce crime and victimization by addressing known risk factors in high risk populations and neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Level Analysis to Support Crime Prevention Initiatives

- Provides baseline data to monitor crime prevention efforts
- Provides scientifically reliable and valid data
- Targeted crime prevention efforts
- Tool for crime prevention planning
- Demonstrates a diverse approach to crime prevention and partnership within the federal government

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- Neighbourhood Level Crime Analysis (6 cities), including a focus on:
 - High and Low Crime Neighbourhoods
 - Youth Crime
 - Travel to crime patterns
 - Changes over time
- Communities Account (NewFoundland, Labrador)

Data availability

- CCJS
- Serial publications:
 - Juristat
 - Publications
 - Crime and Justice Research Paper Series (free online)
- Further information contact CCJS:
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