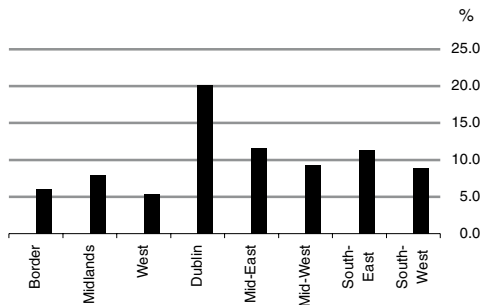
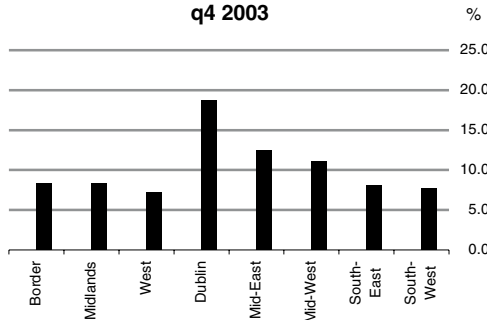




**Percentage of households that have experienced any crime, classified by region, q4 1998**



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## Quarterly National Household Survey *Crime and Victimization* Quarter 4, 1998 and 2003

### Sharp rise in level of personal crime

In the fourth quarter of 2003, over one in twenty (5.2%) persons aged 18 or over indicated that they had been a victim in the previous year of at least one of the following personal crimes: theft with violence; theft without violence; or physical assault (excluding domestic violence or sexual assault). The comparable rate for the fourth quarter of 1998 was less than half the 2003 rate at a little over one in forty or 2.4%. *See tables 1a & 1b.*

These results are taken from the QNHS modules on Crime and Victimization, which were undertaken in the fourth quarters of 1998 and 2003 and refer to crime experienced in the previous twelve months.

Almost 11% of young adults aged 18-24 reported that they had been victims of either a theft or an assault in the 12 months prior to the 2003 survey. Young males and females experienced the same levels of theft without violence (5.7%). However young males were the group most at risk of physical assault with 5.5% reporting that they had been assaulted, and were also the group most at risk (3.5%) of theft with violence. *See table 1a.*

The incidence of crimes against property remained relatively unchanged over the same five-year period. In the fourth quarter of 2003, 11.7% of all households indicated that they had been victims to varying degrees over the previous year of at least one of the following crimes: burglary; theft of or from motor vehicles; bicycle theft; or vandalism. The comparable figure five years previously was slightly higher at 12.1%. *See tables 17a & 17b.*

While exposure to crimes against property remained highest in the Dublin region, where 18.7% of households had been a victim of one of the types of crime surveyed, this represented a slight decrease on the figure recorded five years previously (20.1%). Outside the Dublin region exposure to household crime was highest in the Mid-East (12.4%) and Mid-West (11.1%) and lowest in the West (7.2%). *See tables 17a, 17b and graphs opposite.*

Just over 80% of those surveyed in 2003 considered that crime was either a "serious" or "very serious" problem – compared with almost 77% in 1998. However, the percentage that considered it to be a "very serious" problem increased more sharply from 38.4% in 1998 to 46.3% in 2003. There was, however, very little change in the sense of security amongst the public at large over the period, either alone in the home or walking alone after dark in their neighbourhood. *See tables 12, 13 & 14.*

Despite some slippage since 1998, the public's rating of the work of the Gardaí at local level is still high with almost three out of every five who responded to this question indicating in 2003 that they considered it to be either "good" or "very good". *See table 16.*

<sup>1</sup> The figures shown in this release for 1998 are slightly different to those originally published. *See background notes.*

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## Incidence of personal crime doubles in five years

The proportion of persons who suffered theft with violence increased from 0.7% to 1.4% in the 5 years between the two modules while the proportion who had suffered theft without violence increased from 1.2% to 3.1% over the same five year period. In relation to physical assault there was an increase from 0.7% to 1.2%. Overall, the percentage of adults who experienced one or more of these crimes more than doubled between 1998 and 2003 from 2.4% to 5.2%. This increase in personal crime is evident to varying degrees across all age groups and regions. *See tables 1a & 1b.*

Young persons were more likely to have experienced personal crime than their older counterparts with 10.8% of the 18-24 age group reporting that they had been victims, compared to just 1.9% of those in the 65+ age group. In line with this, students were the most likely (13.0%) to experience personal crime while retired persons had the lowest exposure (1.9%).

Just over 6% of males had been victims of crime compared to 4.3% of females. Persons living in the capital (7.3%) were most likely to experience crime while those living in the Midlands (2.6%) were least likely. These patterns were also reflected in the 1998 figures, although the proportions are higher in the 2003 figures. *See tables 1a & 1b.*

## Non-nationals experience of crime

The crime and victimisation modules for both 1998 and 2003 suggest that non-nationals were more likely to experience crime than their Irish counterparts. In 2003 just over 5% of Irish persons indicated that they had experienced crime, compared to 5.4% of persons from the remaining EU-15 countries and 6.9% of persons from other countries. The comparable figures from the 1998 survey were 2.3%, 3.3% and 5.8% respectively. *See tables 1a, 1b and background notes.*

## Burglary

About one household in every thirty was burgled during the course of the 2003. The highest rates were reported in the Dublin (4.8%) and Midland (4.4%) regions while the lowest rates were in the West (1.8%), South-West (1.8%) and Border (1.9%) regions. *See table 17a.*

Over 15% of households that were burgled in 2003 suffered more than one such incident in the previous twelve months. Over a half (52.7%) occurred while someone was at home and 5.7% of these involved the use or threat of a weapon. The corresponding figures five years previously were 46.9% and 4.0% respectively. Just over 1% of cases where someone was at home resulted in an injury to a resident. *See tables 18 & 19a.*

In over a third (37.5%) of burglaries there was no cost/losses to the household, and the damage was less than €635 (Ir£500) for more than half of the remaining burglaries. *See table 19c.*

## Vandalism

Vandalism was the most common form of crime experienced by households in the 12 months prior to the survey in the fourth quarter of 2003 with almost one in twenty (4.8%) reporting at least one incident. Households in Dublin (7.9%) were the most likely to experience vandalism while those in the Midlands (2.3%) were the least likely. There was very little change in the level of vandalism between 1998 and 2003. *See tables 17a & 17b.*

Vandalism tends to be a recurring problem for households affected, with one third (32.5%) of vandalised households reporting more than one episode in the previous year. Damage to vehicles accounted for about half (50.2%) the cases reported while damage to property was cited in 40% of cases. *See tables 20 & 21a.*

## Motor Vehicle Theft

Over 1% of households with vehicles indicated that a vehicle had been stolen in the 12 months preceding the survey. The Dublin vehicle theft rate at 2.2% was almost more than double that recorded in any other region. Over two thirds (67.5%) of the vehicles taken were recovered. *See tables 17a, 22 & 23.*

Theft from motor vehicles was more prevalent with 3.5% of households with a vehicle reporting at least one such incident in the course of the previous year. The risk of such theft was again highest in the Dublin (6.0%) and Mid-West (4.6%) regions. *See table 17a.*

## Bicycle theft

Almost 4% of all households with a bicycle experienced bicycle theft in the 12 months prior to the 2003 survey. Households, where the reference person was a student, were the most at risk of having their bicycles stolen with almost 13% of all such households affected in 2003. *See tables 17a & 26.*

## Household security

Over one in ten households had a monitored alarm in 2003 while a little over one in five households had an unmonitored alarm. Over 50% of all households had special locks fitted. Over the 5 year period between the two surveys, the proportion of houses with monitored alarms, unmonitored alarms, special locks, high fences and sensor locks all increased. *See table 27.*

## Reporting of crimes to the Gardaí

The proportion of crime reported to the Gardaí in 2003 varied considerably from over 90% in the case of motor vehicle theft to just under 39% in the case of vandalism. In general the level of reporting depended mainly on the seriousness of the crime and on the victim's perception as to whether the Gardaí could not, or would not, do anything in relation to the crime committed. While there were some exceptions, the level of reporting to the Gardaí tended to be down in 2003 compared with the situation in 1998. *See tables 18 to 25b.*

Theft of vehicles was the crime most likely to be reported to the Gardaí, and in 2003 over nine out of every ten (90.5%) vehicle thefts were reported to the Gardaí. This represents a decrease on the 1998 figure when almost 95% of vehicle thefts were reported. Just under 60% of thefts from vehicles were reported, virtually unchanged from the percentage reported in 1998 (59.4%). *See tables 23 & 24.*

Almost 70% of burglaries were reported to the Gardaí, however this is again lower than 1998 when the reporting rate was 78.4%. In slightly under 50% of cases the main reason cited for not reporting the burglaries was that the incident was not serious enough or there was no financial loss. This was followed by the perception that the Gardaí would not (18.1%) or could not (17.4%) do anything in relation to the crime committed. *See tables 18 & 19b.*

Vandalism had the lowest rates of reporting, with less than 40% of households vandalised indicating that they reported the crime to the Gardaí. The most common reason for not reporting vandalism was the belief that the damage was not serious enough or that there was no financial loss. *See tables 20 & 21b.*

Reporting rates for personal crimes also changed over the period between the two surveys. The reporting rate for incidences of theft with violence was 59.1% in the 2003 survey compared with 61.5% in 1998. For theft without violence, the rate increased from 47.0% in 1998 to 53.9% in 2003, however the reporting rate for physical assaults fell from 57.2% in 1998 to 51.3% in 2003. *See tables 2, 6 & 8.*

Percentage of crimes reported to Gardaí	%	
	1998	2003
Crime		
Burglaries	78.4	69.9
Theft of vehicle	94.5	90.5
Theft from vehicle	59.0	59.4
Vandalism	39.5	38.9
Theft of bicycle	58.0	50.0
Violent theft	61.5	59.1
Non violent theft	47.0	53.9
Assault	57.2	51.3

## **Satisfaction with the Gardai**

Just over 56% of persons in 2003 rated the work of the local Gardai as either good or very good. When account is taken of persons who did not respond to this question (almost 4% of all respondents in 2003), it may be concluded that almost three out of every five (60%) have a positive opinion of the work of the Gardai at local level. The corresponding level of satisfaction in 1998 was just over 63%. *See table 16.*

In general, older people were more satisfied with the Gardai with almost two thirds of persons aged 65 or over rating them either good or very good in 2003 compared with just 47% of those aged between 18 and 24. The level of satisfaction, however, declined for all age groups between 1998 and 2003. *See table 16.*

Dublin residents were the least satisfied with the work of the Gardai with one in seven rating it as either poor or very poor. Persons who had been a victim of any crime were also less satisfied with around one in four rating the work as poor or very poor. *See table 16.*

## **Perception of seriousness of crime**

Over 46% of persons considered that crime was a very serious problem in 2003 compared with 38% in 1998. The perception of the seriousness of crime varied with age, where close to 60% of those aged 65 and over considered it to be a very serious problem compared with around a third of those aged between 18 and 24. *See table 14.*

Males were less concerned than females with 41.5% seeing it as very serious compared with 51.0% of females. Almost 49% of people who had been a victim of crime considered it a very serious problem compared to 46.0% of those who had not been a victim. *See table 14.*

## **Perceptions of safety**

Just under three quarters (74.8%) of persons felt either very safe or safe walking alone in their neighbourhood at night, virtually no change on the proportion five years previously (73.7%). This varied depending on personal characteristics, with males and younger persons in general feeling safer than their counterparts. Persons who had not been a victim of any crime were also more likely to feel safer walking alone in their neighbourhood at night. *See table 12.*

The vast majority (93.9%) of persons indicated that they felt safe alone in their homes after dark. There was some variation with age and gender, with older persons and females feeling less safe. *See table 13.*

## **Tables**

**Table 1a All persons aged 18 and over classified by whether they were victims of crime, q4 2003**

	Theft with violence		Theft without violence		Physical assault		Total victims of any crime <sup>1,2</sup>		Total
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000
<b>State</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>155.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>2,994.4</b>
<b>Regions</b>									
Border	1.6	0.5	7.2	2.2	2.4	0.7	10.9	3.4	323.7
Midlands	2.2	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.9	4.4	2.6	167.8
West	2.3	0.8	8.8	3.0	2.7	0.9	13.2	4.5	292.3
Dublin	18.6	2.1	38.1	4.3	12.4	1.4	64.3	7.3	878.7
Mid-East	5.8	1.9	8.8	2.8	2.2	0.7	15.5	5.0	311.5
Mid-West	4.3	1.7	8.3	3.2	4.1	1.6	14.9	5.8	256.0
South-East	3.3	1.0	7.1	2.2	4.8	1.5	13.2	4.1	319.0
South-West	3.1	0.7	12.2	2.7	4.5	1.0	19.3	4.3	445.3
<b>Males by Age Group</b>									
18-24	8.2	3.5	13.1	5.7	12.6	5.5	29.5	12.8	231.1
25-44	11.2	1.8	20.9	3.4	11.1	1.8	40.1	6.6	610.0
45-64	4.2	1.0	10.9	2.5	3.7	0.8	17.6	4.1	435.5
65 +	1.0	0.5	2.4	1.2	0.4	0.2	3.6	1.8	195.5
Total males	24.5	1.7	47.3	3.2	27.8	1.9	90.9	6.2	1,472.1
<b>Females by Age Group</b>									
18-24	5.6	2.5	13.0	5.7	2.7	1.2	20.3	8.9	228.0
25-44	7.0	1.1	17.9	2.9	2.6	0.4	26.2	4.3	611.5
45-64	2.6	0.6	9.7	2.3	1.2	0.3	13.1	3.1	430.4
65 +	1.4	0.6	3.6	1.4	0.3	0.1	5.1	2.0	252.6
Total females	16.6	1.1	44.2	2.9	6.7	0.4	64.8	4.3	1,522.5
<b>Total Age Group</b>									
18-24	13.8	3.0	26.1	5.7	15.3	3.3	49.8	10.8	459.1
25-44	18.2	1.5	38.9	3.2	13.7	1.1	66.4	5.4	1,221.3
45-64	6.8	0.8	20.6	2.4	4.9	0.6	30.8	3.6	865.9
65 +	2.4	0.5	6.0	1.3	0.7	0.2	8.6	1.9	448.1
<b>Nationality</b>									
Irish	36.6	1.3	85.5	3.1	31.5	1.1	143.4	5.1	2,795.1
Other EU 15	2.3	2.2	2.9	2.7	1.2	1.1	5.7	5.4	106.5
Other	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.3	1.8	1.9	6.4	6.9	93.0
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>									
At work	25.9	1.6	58.5	3.5	20.7	1.2	98.0	5.9	1,669.7
Unemployed	2.4	1.9	2.9	2.4	3.5	2.8	8.2	6.6	123.4
Student	6.5	3.3	15.2	7.7	6.6	3.4	25.5	13.0	196.7
Home duties	4.2	0.7	9.2	1.5	1.3	0.2	14.1	2.3	616.4
Retired	1.3	0.4	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2	5.6	1.9	290.7
Others	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.2	4.3	97.8

<sup>1</sup> Any crime refers to victims of theft with or without violence or physical assault.

<sup>2</sup> A person could be the victim of more than one crime hence the figure will not necessarily equal the sum of all crimes.

**Table 1b All persons aged 18 and over classified by whether they were victims of crime, q4 1998**

	Theft with violence		Theft without violence		Physical assault		Total victims of any crime <sup>1,2</sup>		Total
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%	'000
<b>State</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2,690.5</b>
<b>Regions</b>									
Border	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.8	1.4	0.5	3.8	1.3	291.1
Midlands	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.8	148.8
West	0.8	0.3	1.7	0.7	0.6	0.2	3.1	1.2	254.3
Dublin	11.7	1.4	14.6	1.8	7.8	1.0	32.5	4.0	808.5
Mid-East	1.0	0.4	1.8	0.7	1.0	0.4	3.6	1.4	263.6
Mid-West	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.8	0.8	3.8	1.6	232.6
South-East	0.9	0.3	2.6	0.9	2.3	0.8	5.7	2.0	286.9
South-West	1.7	0.4	7.0	1.7	2.7	0.7	10.8	2.7	404.8
<b>Males by Age Group</b>									
18-24	3.8	1.7	4.1	1.9	5.8	2.6	12.6	5.7	221.5
25-44	3.4	0.6	5.6	1.0	5.8	1.1	14.3	2.7	533.8
45-64	1.6	0.4	2.7	0.7	1.2	0.3	5.1	1.3	382.9
65 +	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	*	*	1.1	0.6	181.3
Total males	9.4	0.7	12.9	1.0	12.9	1.0	33.2	2.5	1,319.5
<b>Females by Age Group</b>									
18-24	2.4	1.1	5.2	2.5	2.0	1.0	9.3	4.4	213.0
25-44	3.8	0.7	7.2	1.3	2.1	0.4	12.5	2.3	540.8
45-64	1.5	0.4	4.0	1.1	0.9	0.2	6.2	1.6	377.3
65 +	1.1	0.5	2.0	0.9	*	*	3.3	1.4	240.1
Total females	8.8	0.6	18.5	1.3	5.2	0.4	31.3	2.3	1,371.2
<b>Total Age Group</b>									
18-24	6.2	1.4	9.4	2.2	7.8	1.8	21.9	5.0	434.5
25-44	7.2	0.7	12.8	1.2	7.9	0.7	26.8	2.5	1,074.6
45-64	3.2	0.4	6.7	0.9	2.1	0.3	11.3	1.5	760.1
65 +	1.6	0.4	2.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	4.4	1.0	421.4
<b>Nationality</b>									
Irish	16.6	0.6	29.6	1.1	17.3	0.7	60.4	2.3	2,587.3
Other EU 15	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.7	0.4	0.5	2.6	3.3	78.3
Other	0.6	2.7	0.4	1.8	0.3	1.3	1.3	5.8	22.5
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>									
At work	9.4	0.7	19.0	1.4	12.4	0.9	38.7	2.8	1,402.7
Unemployed	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.9	1.3	0.9	3.6	2.4	149.1
Student	3.3	2.2	3.9	2.6	2.1	1.4	8.8	5.8	152.5
Home duties	2.5	0.4	4.7	0.7	1.1	0.2	8.1	1.3	643.3
Retired	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	2.8	1.1	260.9
Others	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.7	0.9	2.4	3.0	79.6

<sup>1</sup> Any crime refers to victims of theft with or without violence or physical assault.

<sup>2</sup> A person could be the victim of more than one crime hence the figure will not necessarily equal the sum of all crimes.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 2 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of theft with violence classified by details of incident**

	Details of theft with violence					
	Q4 1998			Q4 2003		
	Theft with violence <sup>1</sup>	Occuring once	Reported to Gardaí	Theft with violence <sup>1</sup>	Occuring once	Reported to Gardaí
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%
<b>State</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>59.1</b>
<b>Regions</b>						
Border	0.5	80.0	60.0	1.6	93.8	43.8
Midlands	0.3	100.0	66.7	2.2	68.2	50.0
West	0.8	75.0	37.5	2.3	87.0	34.8
Dublin	11.7	83.8	63.2	18.6	80.6	58.1
Mid-East	1.0	80.0	70.0	5.8	75.9	84.5
Mid-West	1.4	92.9	71.4	4.3	88.4	48.8
South-East	0.9	100.0	66.7	3.3	63.6	63.6
South-West	1.7	88.2	41.2	3.1	90.3	58.1
<b>Males by Age Group</b>						
18-24	3.8	78.9	52.6	8.2	75.6	39.0
25-44	3.4	73.5	55.9	11.2	70.5	53.6
45-64	1.6	87.5	68.8	4.2	76.2	61.9
65 +	0.5	100.0	80.0	1.0	80.0	70.0
Total males	9.4	79.8	57.4	24.5	74.3	51.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>						
18-24	2.4	95.8	50.0	5.6	85.7	62.5
25-44	3.8	86.8	68.4	7.0	88.6	74.3
45-64	1.5	93.3	66.7	2.6	92.3	73.1
65 +	1.1	100.0	90.9	1.4	100.0	85.7
Total females	8.8	90.9	65.9	16.6	89.8	71.1
<b>Nationality</b>						
Irish	16.6	86.1	63.3	36.6	80.6	62.0
Other EU 15	1.0	80.0	50.0	2.3	78.3	43.5
Other	0.6	83.3	33.3	2.3	73.9	26.1
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>						
At work	9.4	80.9	63.8	25.9	78.0	62.2
Unemployed	1.1	100.0	54.5	2.4	83.3	33.3
Student	3.3	90.9	48.5	6.5	80.0	44.6
Home duties	2.5	92.0	72.0	4.2	95.2	69.0
Retired	1.0	100.0	80.0	1.3	92.3	84.6
Others	0.8	75.0	50.0	0.9	55.6	55.6
<b>Use or threat of weapon</b>						
Yes	5.3	27.6	66.0	9.4	20.8	75.5
No	12.9	72.4	59.7	31.8	79.2	54.1
<b>Whether an injury was incurred</b>						
Yes	4.7	26.3	83.0	6.1	15.7	68.9
No	13.5	73.7	54.1	35.1	84.3	57.3

<sup>1</sup> includes a small number of not stated.



**Table 3 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of theft with violence classified by location of incident**

	%	
	location of incident	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Location of incident</b>		
In vicinity of home	23.1	29.9
At/near workplace	14.3	23.4
At/near school/college	2.2	2.2
In/near pub/dance hall/disco	19.2	11.7
At/near other public place	29.7	22.6
Elsewhere	12.1	10.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 4 All persons aged 18 and over who were injured as a result of theft with violence classified by the type of treatment required**

	%	
	Treatment required for injury	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Type of treatment required</b>		
Cuts, bruises not requiring medical attention	61.7	57.4
Medical attention but not a hospital stay	21.3	32.8
Medical attention and a hospital stay	17.0	9.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 5 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of theft with violence classified by why the incident was not reported to the Gardaí**

	%	
	Theft with violence	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Why theft with violence was not reported to Gardaí</b>		
Not serious enough or no loss	47.1	30.4
Solved it myself	12.9	6.0
Reported to other authorities instead	5.7	1.8
Believed Gardaí could do nothing	10.0	25.6
Believed Gardaí would do nothing	8.6	15.5
Did not wish to involve Gardaí	4.3	4.8
Fear of reprisal	*	3.6
Other reasons or not stated	8.6	13.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 6 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of theft without violence classified by details of the incident**

	Q4 1998			Q4 2003		
	Theft without violence	Occurred once	Reported to Gardaí	Theft without violence	Occurred once	Reported to Gardaí
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%
<b>State</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>53.9</b>
<b>Regions</b>						
Border	2.2	90.9	50.0	7.2	83.3	43.1
Midlands	0.5	80.0	60.0	1.0	90.0	70.0
West	1.7	70.6	58.8	8.8	77.3	35.2
Dublin	14.6	89.7	49.3	38.1	82.9	54.1
Mid-East	1.8	83.3	38.9	8.8	85.2	60.2
Mid-West	0.9	100.0	*	8.3	84.3	53.0
South-East	2.6	84.6	53.8	7.1	81.7	63.4
South-West	7.0	85.7	41.4	12.2	85.2	61.5
<b>Males by Age Group</b>						
18-24	4.1	85.2	35.7	13.1	83.4	32.5
25-44	5.6	83.8	40.8	20.9	76.8	62.3
45-64	2.7	69.4	54.4	10.9	78.2	58.8
65 +	0.5	100.0	*	2.4	82.0	58.6
Total males	12.9	81.8	41.7	47.3	79.2	53.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>						
18-24	5.2	88.5	42.4	13.0	86.0	38.3
25-44	7.2	89.2	47.9	17.9	86.0	58.1
45-64	4.0	93.7	59.4	9.7	90.7	62.0
65 +	2.0	95.6	64.5	3.6	87.4	76.9
Total females	18.5	90.3	50.8	44.2	87.1	54.8
<b>Nationality</b>						
Irish	29.6	87.5	47.0	85.5	83.7	53.0
Other EU 15	1.3	92.3	53.8	2.9	72.4	62.1
Other	0.4	50.0	50.0	3.1	71.0	67.7
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>						
At work	19.0	84.7	46.3	58.5	81.9	58.3
Unemployed	1.4	85.7	57.1	2.9	82.8	69.0
Student	3.9	89.7	35.9	15.2	83.6	28.9
Home Duties	4.7	89.4	55.3	9.2	89.1	55.4
Retired	1.4	92.9	50.0	3.9	84.6	61.5
Others	0.9	88.9	44.4	1.8	83.3	72.2

**Table 7 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of theft without violence classified by why the incident was not reported to the Gardaí**

	%	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Why theft without violence was not reported to Gardaí</b>		
Not serious enough or no loss	n/a	32.0
Solved it myself	n/a	6.4
Reported to other authorities instead	n/a	6.4
No insurance claim anticipated	n/a	0.7
Believed Gardaí could do nothing	n/a	24.4
Believed Gardaí would do nothing	n/a	19.0
Did not wish to involve Gardaí	n/a	4.0
Fear of reprisal	n/a	*
Other reasons or not stated	n/a	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>100.0</b>

n/a Data is not available for 1998.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 8 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of assault classified by details of the incident**

	q4 1998					q4 2003				
	Total assaults	Assaults occurring once	Assaults involving use or threat of weapon	Assaults incurring injury	Assaults reported to Gardaí	Total assaults	Assaults occurring once	Assaults involving use or threat of weapon	Assaults incurring injury	Assaults reported to Gardaí
	'000	%	%	%	%	'000	%	%	%	%
<b>State</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>51.3</b>
<b>Regions</b>										
Border	1.4	85.7	21.4	71.4	78.6	2.4	79.2	12.5	45.8	41.7
Midlands	0.6	66.7	*	*	83.3	1.5	86.7	46.7	80.0	66.7
West	0.6	83.3	*	50.0	33.3	2.7	55.6	*	37.0	48.1
Dublin	7.8	75.6	32.1	53.8	55.1	12.4	82.3	25.0	54.0	41.9
Mid-East	1.0	100.0	*	40.0	55.6	2.2	72.7	27.3	54.5	68.2
Mid-West	1.8	94.4	27.8	61.1	50.0	4.1	70.7	29.3	34.1	26.8
South-East	2.3	87.0	30.4	60.9	56.5	4.8	81.3	20.8	56.3	81.3
South-West	2.7	77.8	11.1	59.3	59.3	4.5	68.9	28.9	33.3	60.0
<b>Males by Age Group</b>										
18-24	5.8	87.3	26.8	70.2	48.4	12.6	77.5	28.7	50.0	32.7
25-44	5.8	68.5	22.8	47.1	64.6	11.1	73.5	18.7	45.4	57.7
45-64	1.2	77.7	30.0	35.2	53.7	3.7	72.8	35.2	46.2	64.4
65 +	*	*	*	*	*	0.4	100.0	*	50.6	30.8
Total males	12.9	78.1	25.5	56.3	56.2	27.8	75.6	25.1	47.7	46.9
<b>Females by Age Group</b>										
18-24	2.0	94.7	36.7	56.4	51.7	2.7	87.6	28.9	66.5	66.5
25-44	2.1	86.5	21.9	64.6	72.8	2.6	71.7	20.2	39.3	72.3
45-64	0.9	89.5	14.9	47.2	52.7	1.2	78.7	5.1	55.3	63.9
65 +	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	100.0	*	26.1	77.8
Total females	5.2	90.7	25.8	57.0	60.3	6.7	80.4	20.3	52.5	68.7
<b>Nationality</b>										
Irish	17.3	81.5	25.4	58.4	57.8	31.5	75.9	23.8	49.8	52.4
Other EU 15	0.4	100.0	*	*	*	1.2	75.0	*	41.7	50.0
Other	0.3	*	*	*	*	1.8	94.4	33.3	33.3	33.3
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>										
At work	12.4	79.0	25.0	55.6	57.3	20.7	72.0	15.0	45.4	56.0
Unemployed	1.3	76.9	30.8	69.2	46.2	3.5	91.4	54.3	40.0	37.1
Student	2.1	90.5	28.6	61.9	57.1	6.6	80.3	27.3	51.5	33.3
Home duties	1.1	90.9	27.3	63.6	72.7	1.3	69.2	23.1	53.8	53.8
Retired	0.4	75.0	*	*	*	0.7	100.0	*	42.9	71.4
Others	0.7	85.7	*	42.9	57.1	1.8	77.8	61.1	88.9	77.8

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 9 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of assault classified by the location of the incident**

	1998q4		2003q4	
	'000	%	'000	%
<b>Location where assault occurred</b>				
In vicinity of home	1.0	5.5	2.1	6.1
At/near workplace	6.8	37.6	13.5	39.1
At/near school/college	0.6	3.3	1.2	3.5
In/near pub/dance hall/disco	*	*	0.5	1.4
At/near other public place	4.5	24.9	9.4	27.2
Elsewhere	3.7	20.4	4.9	14.2
Not stated	1.3	7.2	3.1	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 10 All persons aged 18 and over who were injured during an assault, classified by the type of treatment required**

	1998q4		2003q4	
	'000	%	'000	%
<b>Type of treatment required</b>				
Cuts/bruises not requiring medical attention	5.2	51.0	8.5	50.6
Medical attention but not a hospital stay	4.0	39.2	5.4	32.1
Medical attention and a hospital stay	1.1	10.8	2.9	17.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 11 All persons aged 18 and over who were victims of an assault, classified by why the assault was not reported to the Gardaí**

	1998q4		2003q4	
	'000	%	'000	%
<b>Why the assault was not reported to Gardaí</b>				
Not serious enough or no loss	1.6	20.8	5.8	34.3
Solved it myself	1.1	14.3	1.6	9.5
Reported to other authorities instead	0.6	7.8	0.5	3.0
Believed Gardaí could do nothing	1.4	18.2	2.7	16.0
Believed Gardaí would do nothing	1.3	16.9	2.6	15.4
Did not wish to involve Gardaí	0.8	10.4	1.4	8.3
Fear of reprisal	*	*	0.4	2.4
Other reasons or not stated	0.6	7.8	2.0	11.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 12 All persons aged 18 and over classified by how safe they would feel walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark**

%

	Q4 1998						Q4 2003					
	Very Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Very unsafe	Not stated	Total	Very Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Very unsafe	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Regions</b>												
Border	45.0	38.5	13.7	2.7	*	100.0	31.8	48.7	15.3	3.9	0.5	100.0
Midlands	25.1	48.2	20.8	5.5	0.5	100.0	25.7	43.7	24.3	6.2	*	100.0
West	39.0	42.5	15.6	2.9	*	100.0	36.8	42.4	17.3	3.4	0.1	100.0
Dublin	23.5	44.7	23.6	8.2	*	100.0	21.6	49.7	22.6	6.0	0.1	100.0
Mid-East	23.7	49.2	22.0	5.0	*	100.0	28.1	49.1	17.6	5.3	*	100.0
Mid-West	28.7	42.9	21.9	6.5	*	100.0	33.2	40.2	21.4	5.2	*	100.0
South-East	26.2	46.6	24.2	3.0	*	100.0	26.1	49.2	20.4	4.2	*	100.0
South-West	32.1	43.3	20.8	3.8	*	100.0	27.7	47.7	21.2	3.4	0.1	100.0
<b>Males by Age Group</b>												
18-24	42.8	49.4	6.7	1.1	*	100.0	42.9	47.7	8.0	1.4	*	100.0
25-44	48.9	45.3	5.0	0.8	*	100.0	43.5	50.0	5.7	0.8	*	100.0
45-64	44.8	46.3	7.9	1.0	*	100.0	40.0	49.1	9.4	1.3	0.1	100.0
65 +	29.8	47.2	19.1	3.9	*	100.0	27.5	50.2	18.6	3.5	0.2	100.0
Total males	44.1	46.5	8.0	1.4	*	100.0	40.2	49.4	8.9	1.4	0.1	100.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>												
18-24	15.3	46.6	30.6	7.5	*	100.0	16.0	47.7	30.1	6.0	0.2	100.0
25-44	16.8	44.9	31.8	6.5	*	100.0	16.4	49.3	28.1	6.0	0.1	100.0
45-64	16.4	42.6	32.8	8.1	*	100.0	15.5	44.0	32.1	8.2	0.2	100.0
65 +	10.2	31.6	40.3	17.9	*	100.0	10.3	35.2	39.4	14.7	0.3	100.0
Total females	15.3	42.2	33.4	9.1	*	100.0	15.1	45.2	31.4	8.1	0.2	100.0
<b>Nationality</b>												
Irish	29.3	44.2	21.1	5.4	*	100.0	27.6	46.7	20.7	4.9	0.1	100.0
Other EU 15	33.3	47.5	16.8	2.4	*	100.0	29.6	54.1	13.5	2.6	0.2	100.0
Other	29.1	50.9	15.4	4.6	*	100.0	21.5	57.5	17.3	3.4	0.3	100.0
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>												
At work	36.4	45.9	14.9	2.7	*	100.0	32.8	49.2	15.3	2.7	0.1	100.0
Unemployed	38.2	44.9	14.2	2.7	*	100.0	35.3	46.4	14.3	3.9	0.1	100.0
Student	26.0	48.2	20.8	5.0	*	100.0	22.6	51.0	21.8	4.6	0.1	100.0
Home duties	14.8	39.8	34.6	10.7	*	100.0	14.9	41.5	33.4	10.0	0.2	100.0
Retired	25.8	43.5	23.4	7.2	*	100.0	24.6	46.8	22.4	6.0	0.2	100.0
Others	25.3	46.3	21.5	6.9	*	100.0	24.0	45.8	22.9	6.8	0.6	100.0
<b>Victim of anycrime</b>												
Not victim of any crime	29.5	44.4	20.9	5.1	*	100.0	27.7	47.4	20.2	4.6	0.1	100.0
Victim of any crime	25.0	38.3	25.3	11.3	*	100.0	23.1	46.0	23.3	7.6	*	100.0

<sup>1</sup> includes a small number of not stated.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 13 All persons aged 18 and over classified by how safe they would feel alone in their home after dark**

%

	Perception of safety in home after dark											
	Q4 1998						Q4 2003					
	Very Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Very unsafe	Not stated	Total	Very Safe	Safe	Unsafe	Very unsafe	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	*	<b>100.0</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Regions</b>	54.9	40.2	4.0	0.9	*	100.0	42.6	52.5	4.3	0.5	0.2	100.0
Border	39.6	50.1	7.7	2.2	0.5	100.0	37.5	55.2	6.2	1.1	*	100.0
Midlands	50.5	43.5	5.3	0.7	*	100.0	48.4	45.2	5.2	1.0	0.2	100.0
West	45.3	47.8	5.7	1.2	*	100.0	44.5	49.9	4.9	0.6	*	100.0
Dublin	40.7	52.3	6.2	0.8	*	100.0	47.3	47.0	4.7	1.0	*	100.0
Mid-East	45.3	46.9	6.4	1.5	*	100.0	46.7	45.0	6.7	1.6	*	100.0
Mid-West	37.6	53.7	7.9	0.6	*	100.0	43.4	49.3	6.3	0.9	*	100.0
South-East	53.4	41.2	4.8	0.6	*	100.0	41.5	53.3	4.5	0.7	*	100.0
South-West												
<b>Males by Age Group</b>												
18-24	60.6	38.6	0.7	*	*	100.0	59.6	39.4	0.9	0.1	*	100.0
25-44	64.5	34.2	1.1	0.3	*	100.0	57.1	41.6	1.1	0.2	*	100.0
45-64	59.6	38.4	1.8	0.3	*	100.0	53.9	43.7	2.2	0.2	*	100.0
65 +	43.4	50.7	5.1	0.8	*	100.0	42.4	52.2	4.9	0.4	*	100.0
Total males	59.5	38.4	1.8	0.3	*	100.0	54.6	43.3	1.9	0.2	*	100.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>												
18-24	32.4	55.9	9.8	1.9	*	100.0	33.4	56.4	8.0	2.1	0.2	100.0
25-44	36.7	54.5	7.7	1.1	0.1	100.0	37.0	55.4	6.6	0.9	*	100.0
45-64	35.9	52.9	9.6	1.6	*	100.0	34.6	55.1	8.9	1.4	0.1	100.0
65 +	25.8	56.9	14.1	3.2	*	100.0	27.3	58.9	11.9	1.8	0.2	100.0
Total females	33.9	54.7	9.6	1.7	*	100.0	34.2	56.0	8.3	1.4	0.1	100.0
<b>Nationality</b>												
Irish	46.4	46.7	5.9	1.0	*	100.0	44.4	49.4	5.3	0.8	*	100.0
Other EU 15	49.0	47.1	3.5	0.4	*	100.0	45.0	50.8	3.4	0.7	*	100.0
Other	46.4	46.8	4.9	2.0	*	100.0	36.1	59.3	3.9	0.5	0.3	100.0
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>												
At work	53.6	42.4	3.4	0.6	*	100.0	49.1	47.0	3.3	0.6	*	100.0
Unemployed	51.2	44.1	4.1	0.6	*	100.0	49.4	45.1	4.8	0.7	*	100.0
Student	46.7	47.1	5.3	0.9	*	100.0	42.6	51.7	4.8	0.8	*	100.0
Home duties	32.3	54.5	11.2	2.0	0.1	100.0	32.8	55.8	9.7	1.6	0.1	100.0
Retired	41.3	51.5	6.0	1.2	*	100.0	41.0	52.2	6.1	0.6	0.1	100.0
Others	42.2	49.1	7.2	1.6	*	100.0	38.3	53.8	6.7	0.9	0.4	100.0
<b>Victim of anycrime</b>												
Not victim of any crime	46.5	46.7	5.7	1.0	*	100.0	44.4	49.7	5.1	0.8	0.1	100.0
Victim of any crime	43.3	45.4	8.7	2.6	*	100.0	40.6	50.4	7.1	1.9	*	100.0

<sup>1</sup> includes a small number of not stated.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 14 All persons aged 18 and over classified by their peception of crime in Ireland today**

%

	Q4 1998							Q4 2003						
	Very serious problem	Serious problem	Fairly serious problem	Not a serious problem	Not a problem	Not stated	Total	Very serious problem	Serious problem	Fairly serious problem	Not a serious problem	Not a problem	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Regions</b>														
Border	35.0	38.4	21.5	3.7	1.4	*	100.0	36.1	36.6	23.3	3.3	0.1	0.6	100.0
Midlands	42.7	34.7	19.8	2.2	0.2	0.5	100.0	49.9	36.0	12.6	1.1	0.2	0.2	100.0
West	31.8	41.1	25.9	1.2	*	*	100.0	38.1	39.7	19.4	1.7	0.3	0.8	100.0
Dublin	43.0	35.0	19.6	2.2	0.1	*	100.0	44.3	33.6	19.1	2.2	0.4	0.3	100.0
Mid-East	37.0	44.3	17.0	1.6	*	*	100.0	44.5	35.6	17.2	2.1	0.3	0.4	100.0
Mid-West	40.3	37.3	20.6	1.8	*	*	100.0	53.6	32.9	12.0	1.4	*	0.1	100.0
South-East	33.5	42.8	21.8	1.6	0.2	*	100.0	59.2	30.6	8.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	100.0
South-West	37.6	37.9	19.6	4.4	0.4	0.1	100.0	49.7	29.1	16.6	4.0	0.4	0.2	100.0
<b>Males by Age Group</b>														
18-24	23.3	39.9	31.8	4.4	0.5	*	100.0	28.1	37.3	27.5	6.0	0.7	0.5	100.0
25-44	30.4	41.3	24.5	3.5	0.4	*	100.0	37.8	36.6	21.2	3.5	0.5	0.4	100.0
45-64	36.9	39.5	20.7	2.6	0.3	*	100.0	47.1	34.2	16.2	2.1	0.2	0.3	100.0
65 +	43.2	37.3	17.0	2.2	0.3	*	100.0	56.4	29.7	12.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	100.0
Total males	32.8	40.0	23.6	3.2	0.4	*	100.0	41.5	35.1	19.5	3.2	0.4	0.4	100.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>														
18-24	33.6	41.5	21.5	2.9	0.5	*	100.0	36.7	40.0	20.0	2.3	0.3	0.6	100.0
25-44	40.5	38.4	19.4	1.5	0.2	0.1	100.0	46.1	34.9	16.5	1.9	0.2	0.5	100.0
45-64	47.3	34.7	16.1	1.7	0.1	*	100.0	58.1	28.9	11.9	0.7	0.1	0.3	100.0
65 +	54.6	31.7	12.3	1.2	0.2	*	100.0	63.8	26.4	8.5	1.0	*	0.3	100.0
Total females	43.8	36.7	17.5	1.7	0.2	*	100.0	51.0	32.6	14.4	1.5	0.2	0.4	100.0
<b>Nationality</b>														
Irish	39.1	38.5	20.0	2.1	0.3	*	100.0	47.8	33.8	16.4	1.7	0.1	0.2	100.0
Other EU 15	22.1	33.9	32.7	9.8	1.4	0.2	100.0	29.7	36.2	25.6	5.6	1.3	1.7	100.0
Other	15.2	30.8	35.6	16.1	2.3	*	100.0	21.3	32.6	22.2	16.1	3.6	4.1	100.0
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>														
At work	34.2	40.3	22.7	2.5	0.3	*	100.0	42.6	36.2	18.4	2.3	0.3	0.3	100.0
Unemployed	35.8	38.0	22.1	3.6	0.5	*	100.0	44.7	32.3	18.2	3.6	0.5	0.6	100.0
Student	23.9	43.1	27.5	4.9	0.6	*	100.0	29.2	39.6	25.0	4.9	0.7	0.7	100.0
Home duties	47.7	34.4	16.2	1.5	0.2	*	100.0	56.7	28.8	12.4	1.5	0.2	0.5	100.0
Retired	46.3	36.1	15.0	2.4	0.3	*	100.0	57.3	28.8	12.3	1.1	0.1	0.3	100.0
Others	43.6	34.3	18.6	3.2	0.4	*	100.0	49.1	30.0	15.1	4.1	0.6	1.1	100.0
<b>Victim of anycrime</b>														
Not victim of any crime	38.3	38.4	20.6	2.4	0.3	*	100.0	46.2	34.0	16.9	2.3	0.3	0.4	100.0
Victim of any crime	44.5	35.7	17.5	2.3	*	*	100.0	48.8	31.0	16.7	2.4	0.5	0.5	100.0

<sup>1</sup> includes a small number of not stated.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 15 All persons aged 18 and over classified by whether they worry about becoming a victim of crime**

%

	Q4 1998						Q4 2003					
	Yes, personal injury	Yes property theft, damage	Yes both personal and property	No	Not stated	Total	Yes, personal injury	Yes property theft, damage	Yes both personal and property	No	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Regions</b>												
Border	9.5	5.8	20.5	64.1	*	100.0	10.9	6.9	24.0	57.6	0.6	100.0
Midlands	15.8	3.8	33.1	46.9	0.5	100.0	6.6	3.0	38.3	52.1	*	100.0
West	9.1	2.9	28.9	59.1	*	100.0	12.9	4.4	30.9	51.8	0.1	100.0
Dublin	21.2	4.6	41.2	33.0	*	100.0	16.7	5.1	41.8	36.3	*	100.0
Mid-East	24.1	4.7	26.2	45.0	*	100.0	14.9	3.5	42.2	39.3	0.2	100.0
Mid-West	27.4	2.7	32.3	37.6	*	100.0	13.5	2.7	41.4	42.3	*	100.0
South-East	22.2	4.7	34.8	38.3	*	100.0	12.0	6.6	41.8	39.6	*	100.0
South-West	11.8	6.6	34.6	47.0	0.1	100.0	14.1	3.2	40.6	42.0	*	100.0
<b>Males by Age Group</b>												
18-24	14.0	4.7	20.2	61.0	*	100.0	12.5	3.9	27.6	55.8	0.2	100.0
25-44	16.0	5.9	30.3	47.8	0.1	100.0	12.0	5.6	35.5	46.9	*	100.0
45-64	15.9	5.0	31.1	48.1	*	100.0	12.7	4.9	37.4	44.8	0.1	100.0
65 +	13.6	4.4	29.7	52.2	*	100.0	10.6	4.8	32.8	51.6	0.2	100.0
Total males	15.3	5.2	28.7	50.7	*	100.0	12.1	5.0	34.5	48.3	0.1	100.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>												
18-24	21.0	3.8	32.1	43.2	*	100.0	13.7	4.1	37.1	45.1	*	100.0
25-44	20.8	4.5	39.3	35.4	0.1	100.0	14.9	4.7	44.1	36.2	0.1	100.0
45-64	21.8	4.0	39.6	34.6	*	100.0	17.7	4.1	45.0	33.1	0.2	100.0
65 +	17.9	3.8	37.7	40.6	*	100.0	14.3	3.4	38.2	43.9	0.3	100.0
Total females	20.6	4.1	38.0	37.3	*	100.0	15.4	4.2	42.3	37.9	0.1	100.0
<b>Nationality</b>												
Irish	18.1	4.7	33.7	43.5	*	100.0	13.8	4.6	38.9	42.5	0.1	100.0
Other EU 15	15.3	3.0	28.3	53.3	*	100.0	14.6	4.3	33.0	48.0	*	100.0
Other	16.2	4.5	26.1	53.1	*	100.0	12.6	3.8	30.8	52.4	0.3	100.0
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>												
At work	17.4	5.3	32.5	44.8	0.1	100.0	13.4	5.1	38.6	42.8	0.1	100.0
Unemployed	16.6	3.6	28.8	51.1	*	100.0	14.4	3.7	33.2	48.5	0.1	100.0
Student	20.3	4.5	25.0	50.2	*	100.0	14.8	4.7	32.6	47.9	*	100.0
Home duties	20.6	3.9	38.9	36.5	0.1	100.0	15.5	3.7	43.5	37.3	0.1	100.0
Retired	15.0	3.8	32.5	48.8	*	100.0	12.1	4.3	34.2	49.1	0.3	100.0
Others	16.3	4.2	33.6	45.9	*	100.0	11.2	3.8	36.5	48.3	0.2	100.0
<b>Victim of anycrime</b>												
Not victim of any crime	17.7	4.7	33.3	44.3	*	100.0	13.5	4.6	38.0	43.8	0.1	100.0
Victim of any crime	28.2	5.0	39.1	27.8	*	100.0	19.0	5.5	46.1	29.4	*	100.0

<sup>1</sup> includes a small number of not stated.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.



**Table 16 All persons aged 18 and over classified by how they would rate the Gardaí in the local area**

%

	Q4 1998							Q4 2003						
	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	Not stated	Total	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	Not stated	Total
<b>State</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Regions</b>														
Border	24.3	49.8	19.2	5.0	1.7	*	100.0	15.1	46.0	25.5	7.0	2.0	4.4	100.0
Midlands	15.4	49.3	23.9	7.8	3.2	0.5	100.0	13.3	40.0	29.9	9.0	2.3	5.5	100.0
West	25.1	43.4	26.1	4.2	1.1	*	100.0	13.5	43.3	29.8	6.8	2.7	3.8	100.0
Dublin	17.2	39.4	30.8	8.4	4.2	*	100.0	11.1	38.7	31.9	9.5	4.5	4.4	100.0
Mid-East	13.0	48.3	28.3	7.7	2.7	*	100.0	13.2	39.6	30.7	8.6	4.0	3.9	100.0
Mid-West	14.0	44.1	30.3	9.0	2.7	*	100.0	12.9	43.9	27.3	10.0	4.3	1.5	100.0
South-East	14.5	48.7	29.4	5.6	1.8	*	100.0	17.4	44.9	24.4	7.7	3.1	2.6	100.0
South-West	23.1	46.9	22.5	5.2	2.2	0.1	100.0	15.6	49.0	22.9	6.5	2.1	4.0	100.0
<b>Males by Age Group</b>														
18-24	11.7	41.3	35.6	8.6	2.7	*	100.0	10.4	36.5	35.7	10.0	4.5	3.0	100.0
25-44	17.2	45.2	28.0	6.3	3.3	0.1	100.0	12.3	41.8	29.7	8.3	3.4	4.5	100.0
45-64	20.3	45.5	24.3	7.0	2.8	*	100.0	15.0	45.5	25.5	8.4	3.3	2.4	100.0
65 +	25.5	48.4	19.5	4.8	1.8	*	100.0	18.0	46.6	22.9	7.2	2.6	2.8	100.0
Total males	18.3	45.1	27.0	6.7	2.8	0.1	100.0	13.5	42.7	28.5	8.5	3.5	3.4	100.0
<b>Females by Age Group</b>														
18-24	11.5	40.5	35.4	9.1	3.4	*	100.0	8.3	38.3	34.1	9.2	4.5	5.6	100.0
25-44	16.7	44.8	28.3	7.2	2.9	0.1	100.0	12.4	42.1	30.1	8.1	3.0	4.2	100.0
45-64	19.9	45.7	25.5	6.5	2.5	0.1	100.0	14.8	43.1	26.2	8.5	3.6	3.6	100.0
65 +	27.7	46.2	19.1	5.1	1.8	*	100.0	19.6	48.1	20.2	5.9	1.9	4.4	100.0
Total females	18.7	44.6	27.0	6.9	2.7	0.1	100.0	13.7	42.8	28.0	8.0	3.2	4.3	100.0
<b>Nationality</b>														
Irish	18.7	44.8	26.9	6.8	2.8	0.1	100.0	13.7	42.8	28.5	8.3	3.4	3.3	100.0
Other EU 15	12.7	45.5	31.6	7.4	2.6	*	100.0	10.6	38.4	27.1	9.4	3.3	11.2	100.0
Other	19.6	47.3	26.4	5.3	1.5	*	100.0	13.9	46.3	22.1	4.6	1.2	11.8	100.0
<b>Principal Economic Status</b>														
At work	17.3	45.7	27.8	6.5	2.6	0.1	100.0	12.6	43.1	29.2	8.1	3.3	3.8	100.0
Unemployed	14.5	39.1	30.5	10.2	5.7	*	100.0	12.8	35.2	32.5	11.2	5.2	3.2	100.0
Student	11.7	40.3	37.9	8.3	1.8	*	100.0	9.4	40.1	31.7	9.4	3.6	5.9	100.0
Home duties	20.9	44.9	24.8	6.7	2.7	0.1	100.0	15.8	43.8	26.0	7.6	3.3	3.5	100.0
Retired	25.3	46.7	20.3	5.6	2.2	*	100.0	17.7	45.5	22.5	8.1	2.5	3.7	100.0
Others	19.6	42.4	25.8	8.2	4.1	*	100.0	14.1	37.7	29.8	9.2	5.1	4.1	100.0
<b>Victim of anycrime</b>														
Not victim of any crime	18.6	45.2	26.9	6.7	2.6	0.1	100.0	13.8	43.4	28.0	7.8	3.1	3.9	100.0
Victim of any crime	15.2	29.1	32.9	13.5	9.1	*	100.0	10.1	30.2	32.5	16.4	7.5	3.4	100.0

<sup>1</sup> includes a small number of not stated.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 17a Households classified by whether they were victims of any crime, q4 2003**

%

	Q4 2003					Victims of any crime <sup>2</sup>
	Household burglary	Theft of vehicles <sup>1</sup>	Theft from vehicles <sup>1</sup>	Theft of bicycles <sup>1</sup>	Vandalism	
<b>All households</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<b>Region</b>						
Border	1.9	0.4	2.2	1.4	4.5	8.3
Midlands	4.4	0.6	1.3	1.2	2.3	8.4
West	1.8	0.7	2.2	2.2	3.0	7.2
Dublin	4.8	2.2	6.0	7.6	7.9	18.7
Mid-East	3.9	1.3	3.0	2.4	5.0	12.4
Mid-West	3.3	0.8	4.6	4.3	3.9	11.1
South-East	3.7	0.8	2.3	1.4	2.6	8.1
South-West	1.8	0.7	2.5	2.0	3.5	7.7
<b>No of persons in household</b>						
1 person	3.3	0.9	3.6	3.9	3.9	8.9
2 persons	3.2	1.2	2.7	3.7	4.7	10.4
3 or more persons	3.5	1.2	3.9	3.6	5.3	13.5
<b>Family composition</b>						
Couple, no children	3.3	1.0	2.7	3.2	4.4	10.3
Couple, with children	3.3	1.0	3.6	2.9	5.0	12.7
Lone parent	3.6	1.7	3.2	5.5	6.4	13.2
No family unit/not stated	3.4	1.5	4.3	6.0	4.2	10.6
<b>Sex of reference person</b>						
Male	3.4	1.2	3.3	3.4	4.6	11.5
Female	3.3	1.1	3.7	3.8	5.0	11.9
<b>Age group of reference person</b>						
Less than 25	3.5	2.4	5.6	8.1	4.9	13.8
25-44	3.5	1.4	4.3	3.8	5.8	14.1
45-64	3.5	1.0	3.2	3.2	4.9	11.8
65+	2.9	0.5	1.4	1.7	2.9	6.6
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>						
At work	3.4	1.3	4.1	3.4	5.5	13.5
Unemployed	4.1	2.1	2.7	3.5	5.2	12.3
Student	3.1	1.8	5.9	12.8	5.6	15.3
Home duties	3.0	1.1	2.6	3.6	4.0	9.6
Retired	3.2	0.5	1.9	1.7	3.6	7.9
Other	5.0	1.3	2.9	3.2	5.5	11.6

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of households with a motor vehicle or bicycle respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Any crime refers to victims of burglary, motor vehicle crime, theft of bicycles or vandalism.

**Table 17b Households classified by whether they were victims of any crime, q4 1998**

%

	Q4 1998					Victims of any crime <sup>2</sup>
	Household burglary	Theft of vehicles <sup>1</sup>	Theft from vehicles <sup>1</sup>	Theft of bicycles <sup>1</sup>	Vandalism	
<b>All households</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>Region</b>						
Border	1.6	0.4	1.4	1.6	2.8	6.1
Midlands	4.4	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.9	7.9
West	1.8	0.9	1.3	2.0	1.9	5.3
Dublin	5.1	3.4	8.2	5.3	8.2	20.1
Mid-East	3.9	1.7	3.3	1.7	4.0	11.6
Mid-West	2.3	1.2	2.6	2.9	3.4	9.2
South-East	3.5	0.6	3.3	3.0	4.6	11.3
South-West	2.3	0.8	2.8	1.9	3.9	8.9
<b>No of persons in household</b>						
1 person	3.5	1.5	3.5	3.0	4.0	9.1
2 persons	3.4	1.3	3.5	2.8	4.9	11.2
3 or more persons	3.4	1.7	4.3	3.1	5.1	13.7
<b>Family composition</b>						
Couple, no children	3.1	1.1	3.0	1.9	4.9	10.8
Couple, with children	3.3	1.6	4.2	2.8	5.1	13.7
Lone parent	3.4	1.9	3.8	3.8	5.3	12.1
No family unit/not stated	3.8	2.0	4.4	4.3	4.1	10.4
<b>Sex of reference person</b>						
Male	3.6	1.5	3.7	2.8	4.5	12.0
Female	3.3	1.7	4.4	3.2	5.1	12.2
<b>Age group of reference person</b>						
Less than 25	5.0	2.9	6.6	6.6	4.6	13.7
25-44	3.6	1.7	5.0	3.4	6.1	15.1
45-64	3.4	1.6	3.5	2.7	4.6	11.9
65+	2.9	0.9	1.9	1.1	2.8	6.8
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>						
At work	3.8	1.7	4.7	3.0	5.6	14.4
Unemployed	3.6	1.9	3.5	6.0	5.4	12.7
Student	5.1	1.2	6.0	6.3	7.1	15.7
Home duties	2.7	1.4	3.4	2.9	3.9	9.8
Retired	3.4	1.0	2.2	1.0	3.6	8.3
Other	3.3	2.0	2.9	3.0	4.1	10.4

<sup>1</sup> Percentage of households with a motor vehicle or bicycle respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Any crime refers to victims of burglary, motor vehicle crime, theft of bicycles or vandalism.

**Table 18 Household burglaries classified by details of the incident**

	Q4 1998				Q4 2003			
	All households burgled	<i>Burgled once</i>	<i>Someone at home</i>	<i>Reported to Gardaí</i>	All households burgled	<i>Burgled once</i>	<i>Someone at home</i>	<i>Reported to Gardaí</i>
	'000	%	%	%	'000	%	%	%
<b>All households</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>69.9</b>
<b>Region</b>								
Border	2.2	81.8	50.0	81.8	2.9	82.8	44.8	65.5
Midlands	3.1	77.4	48.4	74.2	3.4	82.4	44.1	58.8
West	2.1	81.0	61.9	71.4	2.4	75.0	45.8	45.8
Dublin	19.1	82.7	44.0	81.7	18.7	84.0	56.7	72.2
Mid-East	4.6	89.1	47.8	82.6	5.4	88.9	46.3	74.1
Mid-West	2.5	80.0	52.0	60.0	3.9	87.2	53.8	71.8
South-East	4.6	84.8	50.0	78.3	5.5	87.3	52.7	72.7
South-West	4.4	86.4	43.2	75.0	3.6	83.3	61.1	77.8
<b>No of persons in household</b>								
1 person	9.5	80.0	35.8	77.9	9.1	79.1	45.1	69.2
2 persons	10.2	87.3	45.1	80.4	11.7	86.3	48.7	68.4
3 or more persons	22.9	83.0	52.4	78.2	25.1	85.7	57.8	71.3
<b>Family composition</b>								
Couple, no children	6.5	89.2	47.7	81.5	8.8	88.6	48.9	71.6
Couple, with children	18.2	83.0	53.8	80.2	18.5	87.6	54.1	71.4
Lone parent	4.5	82.2	42.2	75.6	5.6	75.0	57.1	64.3
No family unit/not stated	13.3	81.2	39.1	77.4	13.0	82.3	51.5	70.0
<b>Sex of reference person</b>								
Male	21.8	83.0	46.3	76.8	19.9	84.4	49.7	67.3
Female	20.8	83.2	47.6	80.8	26.0	84.6	55.0	71.9
<b>Age group of reference person</b>								
less than 25	2.9	86.2	41.4	65.5	2.1	85.7	66.7	52.4
25-44	17.4	80.5	43.1	77.0	19.3	84.5	49.7	69.9
45-64	14.1	83.7	48.9	80.1	16.1	84.5	54.0	69.6
65+	8.3	85.5	53.0	83.1	8.4	84.5	53.6	75.0
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>								
At work	23.4	82.5	45.7	76.9	24.7	83.8	49.8	71.7
Unemployed	2.0	75.0	45.0	75.0	1.8	88.9	50.0	83.3
Student	1.0	90.0	20.0	70.0	0.9	88.9	77.8	55.6
Home duties	8.9	83.1	51.7	82.0	10.6	85.8	59.4	67.0
Retired	6.0	86.7	45.0	81.7	5.7	84.2	49.1	71.9
Other	1.3	84.6	61.5	76.9	2.2	81.8	54.5	59.1

**Table 19a Household burglaries that occurred while someone was at home at the time, classified by whether a weapon was used and by whether anyone was injured**

	%					
	Q4 1998			Q4 2003		
	Yes	No	Total	Yes	No	Total
Use of a weapon	4.0	96.0	100.0	5.7	94.2	100.0
Causing injury	1.5	98.5	100.0	1.2	98.8	100.0

**Table 19b Why household burglaries were not reported to the Gardaí**

	%	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Why household burglary was not reported to Gardaí</b>		
Not serious enough or no loss	53.8	49.3
Solved it themselves	5.5	5.8
Reported instead to other authorities	*	*
No insurance claim anticipated	*	*
Believe Gardaí could do nothing	19.8	17.4
Believe Gardaí would do nothing	11.0	18.1
Did not wish to involve the Gardaí	3.3	4.3
Fear of reprisal	*	*
Other reasons/not stated	5.5	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation

**Table 19c Household burglaries classified by estimated cost of burglary**

	%	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Cost<sup>1</sup> of burglary</b>		
No financial cost	29.1	37.5
Less than €254	27.2	22.0
€254 to less than €635	14.6	15.3
€635 to less than €1,270	10.8	8.7
€1,270 to less than €6,350	15.3	12.6
€6,350 and above	1.9	3.3
Not stated	1.2	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> The cost bands presented were designed to be comparable with the 1998 question which asked estimated cost of burglary in Irish pounds.

**Table 20 Households that have been vandalised classified by details of the incident**

	Q4 1998			Q4 2003		
	All households vandalised	Vandalised once	Reported to Gardaí	All households vandalised	Vandalised once	Reported to Gardaí
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%
<b>All households</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>38.9</b>
<b>Region</b>						
Border	3.9	61.5	38.5	6.8	52.9	38.2
Midlands	1.3	69.2	30.8	1.8	55.6	50.0
West	2.2	72.7	36.4	4.1	68.3	34.1
Dublin	30.4	68.4	39.8	30.9	70.6	36.6
Mid-East	4.7	66.0	31.9	6.9	65.2	42.0
Mid-West	3.7	62.2	40.5	4.6	65.2	41.3
South-East	6.0	63.3	45.0	3.8	71.1	39.5
South-West	7.4	62.2	41.9	7.2	72.2	45.8
<b>No of persons in household</b>						
1 person	10.7	66.4	39.3	10.9	63.3	36.7
2 persons	14.7	69.4	36.7	17.2	67.4	34.9
3 or more persons	34.1	65.4	41.1	38.0	68.7	41.3
<b>Family composition</b>						
Couple, no children	10.1	68.3	36.6	11.8	66.1	34.7
Couple, with children	27.8	65.8	41.4	28.3	68.6	41.7
Lone parent	7.1	62.0	39.4	9.8	66.3	38.8
No family unit/not stated	14.5	69.0	38.6	16.2	67.3	37.7
<b>Sex of reference person</b>						
Male	27.3	67.8	38.8	27.1	69.7	37.6
Female	32.2	65.2	40.1	39.0	65.9	39.7
<b>Age group of reference person</b>						
less than 25	2.7	66.7	29.6	3.0	73.3	36.7
25-44	29.9	66.2	39.5	32.2	68.0	39.1
45-64	19.0	65.8	40.5	22.6	65.0	36.7
65+	7.9	69.6	41.8	8.4	67.9	42.9
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>						
At work	34.3	66.8	39.9	39.3	69.2	37.2
Unemployed	3.0	66.7	30.0	2.3	47.8	43.5
Student	1.4	57.1	28.6	1.6	81.3	37.5
Home duties	12.9	65.1	42.6	14.0	66.4	41.4
Retired	6.3	68.3	34.9	6.4	70.3	40.6
Other	1.6	68.8	50.0	2.4	54.2	45.8

**Table 21a Households that have been vandalised classified by type of vandalism**

	%			
	Q4 1998		Q4 2003	
	Type of vandalism	<i>of which reported to Gardaí</i>	Type of vandalism	<i>of which reported to Gardaí</i>
<b>Type of vandalism</b>				
Graffiti	6.1	16.7	4.7	16.1
Broken windows or doors	14.3	57.6	13.0	59.3
Damaged fences etc	12.8	28.9	15.4	24.5
Other property damage	11.8	32.9	11.6	35.1
Vehicle damage to windows or doors	28.7	48.5	31.0	43.4
Other vehicle damage	22.9	33.8	19.2	41.7
Other	3.5	28.6	4.8	28.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38.9</b>

**Table 21b Why households that were vandalised were not reported to the Gardaí**

	%	
	q4 1998	q4 2003
<b>Why not reported to Gardaí</b>		
Not serious enough or no loss	n/a	41.8
Solved it themselves	n/a	4.0
Reported instead to other authorities	n/a	1.5
No insurance claim anticipated	n/a	*
Believe Gardaí could do nothing	n/a	25.1
Believe Gardaí would do nothing	n/a	19.7
Did not wish to involve the Gardaí	n/a	2.5
Fear of reprisal	n/a	1.5
Other not stated	n/a	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>n/a</sup> Data is not available for 1998.

\* Small occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 22 Households that own a motor vehicle classified by whether the vehicle has been stolen or had items stolen from the vehicle**

	Q4 1998					Q4 2003				
	Own a vehicle <sup>1</sup>	Vehicle stolen		Items stolen from vehicle		Own a vehicle <sup>1</sup>	Vehicle stolen		Items stolen from vehicle	
	'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000	'000	%	'000	%
<b>All households</b>	<b>914.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1,078.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Region</b>										
Border	100.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.4	120.5	0.5	0.4	2.6	2.2
Midlands	51.1	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.4	63.6	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.3
West	91.1	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.3	112.3	0.8	0.7	2.5	2.2
Dublin	252.5	8.6	3.4	20.7	8.2	286.5	6.4	2.2	17.3	6.0
Mid-East	96.4	1.6	1.7	3.2	3.3	119.6	1.6	1.3	3.6	3.0
Mid-West	81.3	1.0	1.2	2.1	2.6	92.3	0.7	0.8	4.2	4.6
South-East	101.5	0.6	0.6	3.4	3.3	120.9	1.0	0.8	2.8	2.3
South-West	140.4	1.1	0.8	4.0	2.8	162.3	1.2	0.7	4.1	2.5
<b>No of persons in household</b>										
1 person	115.2	1.7	1.5	4.0	3.5	144.4	1.3	0.9	5.2	3.6
2 persons	221.0	2.9	1.3	7.7	3.5	293.6	3.4	1.2	7.9	2.7
3 or more persons	578.4	10.0	1.7	24.9	4.3	640.1	8.0	1.2	24.8	3.9
<b>Family composition</b>										
Couple, no children	168.2	1.8	1.1	5.1	3.0	229.0	2.2	1.0	6.2	2.7
Couple, with children	498.7	7.9	1.6	20.9	4.2	525.7	5.5	1.0	19.0	3.6
Lone parent	80.7	1.5	1.9	3.1	3.8	102.8	1.7	1.7	3.3	3.2
No family unit/not stated	167.1	3.3	2.0	7.4	4.4	220.6	3.2	1.5	9.4	4.3
<b>Sex of reference person</b>										
Male	481.9	7.2	1.5	17.7	3.7	491.3	5.9	1.2	16.1	3.3
Female	432.8	7.3	1.7	18.9	4.4	586.8	6.7	1.1	21.8	3.7
<b>Age group of reference person</b>										
less than 25	27.4	0.8	2.9	1.8	6.6	37.3	0.9	2.4	2.1	5.6
25-44	407.9	7.1	1.7	20.4	5.0	478.3	6.9	1.4	20.7	4.3
45-64	336.3	5.3	1.6	11.8	3.5	395.7	3.9	1.0	12.7	3.2
65+	143.0	1.3	0.9	2.7	1.9	166.8	0.9	0.5	2.4	1.4
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>										
At work	535.3	9.3	1.7	25.0	4.7	648.2	8.3	1.3	26.8	4.1
Unemployed	31.6	0.6	1.9	1.1	3.5	29.2	0.6	2.1	0.8	2.7
Student	8.3	*	*	0.5	6.0	17.0	0.3	1.8	1.0	5.9
Home duties	211.8	2.9	1.4	7.2	3.4	239.8	2.6	1.1	6.3	2.6
Retired	105.4	1.1	1.0	2.3	2.2	119.8	0.6	0.5	2.3	1.9
Other	20.4	0.4	2.0	0.6	2.9	23.8	0.3	1.3	0.7	2.9

<sup>1</sup> Own a vehicle refers to one or more vehicles.

\* Small occurrence too small for estimation.



**Table 23 Households that had a motor vehicle stolen classified by details of the incident**

	Q4 1998					Q4 2003				
	Motor vehicle <sup>1</sup> stolen	Occurred once	Car stolen	Vehicle recovered	Reported to Gardaí	Motor vehicle <sup>1</sup> stolen	Occurred once	Car stolen	Vehicle recovered	Reported to Gardaí
	'000	%	%	%	%	'000	%	%	%	%
<b>All households</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>88.9</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>90.5</b>
<b>Region</b>										
Border	0.4	100.0	100.0	75.0	100.0	0.5	80.0	60.0	*	80.0
Midlands	0.4	100.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	0.4	100.0	75.0	*	100.0
West	0.8	87.5	87.5	75.0	100.0	0.8	87.5	100.0	62.5	87.5
Dublin	8.6	87.2	94.2	68.6	94.2	6.4	93.8	89.1	68.8	87.5
Mid-East	1.6	87.5	93.8	62.5	93.8	1.6	87.5	75.0	62.5	93.8
Mid-West	1.0	100.0	90.0	80.0	100.0	0.7	100.0	100.0	85.7	100.0
South-East	0.6	83.3	100.0	83.3	100.0	1.0	90.0	100.0	80.0	100.0
South-West	1.1	100.0	90.9	72.7	100.0	1.2	91.7	100.0	75.0	83.3
<b>No of persons in household</b>										
1 person	1.7	88.2	94.1	70.6	94.1	1.3	84.6	76.9	61.5	84.6
2 persons	2.9	82.8	93.1	72.4	96.6	3.4	97.1	91.2	70.6	88.2
3 or more persons	10.0	91.0	93.0	68.0	94.0	8.0	88.8	88.8	67.5	91.3
<b>Family composition</b>										
Couple, no children	1.8	83.3	94.4	72.2	100.0	2.2	95.5	90.9	72.7	90.9
Couple, with children	7.9	91.1	93.7	69.6	93.7	5.5	89.1	87.3	69.1	90.9
Lone parent	1.5	93.3	93.3	60.0	100.0	1.7	88.2	94.1	64.7	88.2
No family unit/not stated	3.3	90.9	90.9	75.8	93.9	3.2	90.6	84.4	59.4	87.5
<b>Sex of reference person</b>										
Male	7.2	90.3	94.4	70.8	94.4	5.9	91.5	84.7	71.2	88.1
Female	7.3	89.0	91.8	69.9	95.9	6.7	89.6	92.5	64.2	92.5
<b>Age group of reference person</b>										
less than 25	0.8	87.5	87.5	62.5	87.5	0.9	88.9	88.9	66.7	100.0
25-44	7.1	90.1	94.4	74.6	95.8	6.9	92.8	91.3	71.0	92.8
45-64	5.3	88.7	94.3	66.0	94.3	3.9	92.3	82.1	61.5	87.2
65+	1.3	100.0	92.3	69.2	100.0	0.9	77.8	100.0	66.7	77.8
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>										
At work	9.3	89.2	93.5	71.0	94.6	8.3	94.0	86.7	68.7	90.4
Unemployed	0.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.6	66.7	83.3	66.7	83.3
Student	*	*	*	*	*	0.3	66.7	100.0	66.7	100.0
Home duties	2.9	93.1	93.1	72.4	96.6	2.6	88.5	96.2	61.5	92.3
Retired	1.1	90.9	100.0	63.6	100.0	0.6	83.3	83.3	66.7	66.7
Other	0.4	75.0	100.0	50.0	100.0	0.3	66.7	66.7	33.3	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Motor vehicle refers to cars, vans, trucks, farm vehicles, motorcycles or mopeds.

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 24 Households that have had something stolen from their motor vehicles classified by the details of the incident**

	Q4 1998			Q4 2003		
	Theft from vehicle	Occurred once	Reported to Gardaí	Theft from vehicle	Occurred once	Reported to Gardaí
	'000	%	%	'000	%	%
<b>All households</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>59.4</b>
<b>Region</b>						
Border	1.4	85.7	64.3	2.6	88.5	46.2
Midlands	0.7	85.7	42.9	0.8	100.0	62.5
West	1.2	58.3	75.0	2.5	92.0	56.0
Dublin	20.7	78.7	58.9	17.3	79.8	61.8
Mid-East	3.2	84.4	62.5	3.6	86.1	69.4
Mid-West	2.1	76.2	61.9	4.2	78.6	61.9
South-East	3.4	88.2	61.8	2.8	92.9	64.3
South-West	4.0	80.0	50.0	4.1	85.4	46.3
<b>No of persons in household</b>						
1 person	4.0	82.5	57.5	5.2	86.5	57.7
2 persons	7.7	80.5	59.7	7.9	86.1	59.5
3 or more persons	24.9	79.5	59.0	24.8	81.9	59.7
<b>Family composition</b>						
Couple, no children	5.1	82.4	60.8	6.2	88.7	56.5
Couple, with children	20.9	79.9	60.3	19.0	82.1	62.1
Lone parent	3.1	83.9	61.3	3.3	84.8	57.6
No family unit/not stated	7.4	78.4	54.1	9.4	81.9	56.4
<b>Sex of reference person</b>						
Male	17.7	80.2	61.6	16.1	85.7	59.0
Female	18.9	79.9	56.6	21.8	81.7	59.6
<b>Age group of reference person</b>						
less than 25	1.8	77.8	44.4	2.1	81.0	52.4
25-44	20.4	79.9	60.3	20.7	85.0	59.9
45-64	11.8	80.5	58.5	12.7	80.3	60.6
65+	2.7	74.1	59.3	2.4	87.5	58.3
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>						
At work	25.0	79.2	59.2	26.8	84.3	60.1
Unemployed	1.1	90.9	63.6	0.8	100.0	75.0
Student	0.5	80.0	60.0	1.0	90.0	50.0
Home duties	7.2	81.9	56.9	6.3	74.6	54.0
Retired	2.3	82.6	60.9	2.3	91.3	65.2
Other	0.6	66.7	50.0	0.7	85.7	57.1

**Table 25a Households that have had something stolen from a motor vehicle classified by where the vehicle was parked**

	%	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Where the vehicle was parked</b>		
Household garage,shed,driveway,yard,carpark	32.8	28.5
Street/road outside dwelling	26.8	24.8
Street/road in town or city	25.1	26.4
Car park in town or city	9.8	11.6
Other	5.7	8.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 25b Households that have had something stolen from a motor vehicle classified by why they didn't report the incident to the Gardaí**

	%	
	Q4 1998	Q4 2003
<b>Why incident was not reported to Gardaí</b>		
Not serious enough or no loss	55.3	48.0
Solved it themselves	*	2.0
Reported instead to other authorities	*	2.0
No insurance claim anticipated	2.7	*
Believe Gardaí could do nothing	22.0	25.0
Believe Gardaí would do nothing	13.3	17.1
Did not wish to involve Gardaí	*	2.0
Other/not stated	2.7	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Sample occurrence too small for estimation.

**Table 26 Households that own a bicycle classified by whether the bicycle has been stolen**

	Q4 1998					Q4 2003				
	All households '000	Own a bicycle <sup>1</sup> '000	Theft of bicycle		Reported to Gardaí %	All households '000	Own a bicycle <sup>1</sup> '000	Theft of bicycle		Reported to Gardaí %
			'000	%				'000	%	
<b>All households</b>	<b>1,241.2</b>	<b>557.6</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>1,370.0</b>	<b>533.3</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>50.0</b>
<b>Region</b>										
Border	136.9	56.2	0.9	1.6	55.6	152.0	50.0	0.7	1.4	57.1
Midlands	69.7	35.0	0.6	1.7	50.0	77.8	34.0	0.4	1.2	50.0
West	117.8	63.8	1.3	2.0	38.5	136.8	65.1	1.4	2.2	57.1
Dublin	372.3	151.9	8.1	5.3	53.1	392.5	146.9	11.1	7.6	45.0
Mid-East	117.2	58.4	1.0	1.7	60.0	138.5	66.0	1.6	2.4	62.5
Mid-West	107.3	48.8	1.4	2.9	71.4	118.8	46.6	2.0	4.3	45.0
South-East	131.8	66.3	2.0	3.0	65.0	147.9	58.2	0.8	1.4	62.5
South-West	188.0	77.1	1.5	1.9	73.3	205.6	66.4	1.3	2.0	61.5
<b>No of persons in household</b>										
1 person	268.0	40.3	1.2	3.0	58.3	280.0	33.3	1.3	3.9	46.2
2 persons	301.4	79.9	2.2	2.8	50.0	368.9	76.2	2.8	3.7	39.3
3 or more persons	671.7	437.5	13.5	3.1	59.3	721.1	423.9	15.1	3.6	52.3
<b>Family composition</b>										
Couple, no children	206.5	52.5	1.0	1.9	50.0	266.9	53.9	1.7	3.2	47.1
Couple, with children	548.1	374.6	10.6	2.8	64.2	563.3	352.4	10.1	2.9	54.5
Lone parent	133.4	60.9	2.3	3.8	43.5	153.5	58.6	3.2	5.5	50.0
No family unit/not stated	353.2	69.5	3.0	4.3	50.0	386.3	68.4	4.1	6.0	43.9
<b>Sex of reference person</b>										
Male	606.5	285.1	8.1	2.8	55.6	593.4	228.6	7.7	3.4	45.5
Female	634.6	272.5	8.8	3.2	59.1	776.5	304.7	11.5	3.8	53.0
<b>Age group of reference person</b>										
less than 25	58.3	19.6	1.3	6.6	46.2	60.7	19.7	1.6	8.1	18.8
25-44	488.1	267.4	9.1	3.4	54.9	553.5	273.5	10.5	3.8	49.5
45-64	413.5	218.0	5.9	2.7	66.1	463.7	198.9	6.4	3.2	57.8
65+	281.4	52.5	0.6	1.1	16.7	292.1	41.2	0.7	1.7	57.1
<b>Principal Economic Status of reference person</b>										
At work	617.1	322.7	9.6	3.0	61.5	721.0	330.1	11.3	3.4	50.4
Unemployed	56.0	25.0	1.5	6.0	53.3	44.0	17.0	0.6	3.5	66.7
Student	19.8	9.5	0.6	6.3	50.0	28.8	12.5	1.6	12.8	37.5
Home duties	329.3	145.8	4.3	2.9	53.5	351.7	131.6	4.8	3.6	52.1
Retired	177.3	39.6	0.4	1.0	50.0	180.1	29.6	0.5	1.7	60.0
Other	39.4	13.5	0.4	3.0	50.0	44.0	12.4	0.4	3.2	50.0

<sup>1</sup> Own a bicycle refers to one or more bicycles.

**Table 27 Households classified by security measures<sup>1</sup> and by whether they have been victims of crime**

	Q4 1998				Q4 2003			
	Victims of any crime <sup>2</sup>	Household burglary	Vandalism	Total	Victims of any crime <sup>2</sup>	Household burglary	Vandalism	Total
	'000							
<b>All households</b>	<b>150.2</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>1,241.2</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>1,370.0</b>
	%							
<b>Alarm monitored</b>								
Yes	9.1	10.6	8.7	6.5	13.0	15.0	12.1	10.2
No	90.9	89.7	91.3	93.5	87.1	85.0	87.9	89.8
<b>Alarm unmonitored</b>								
Yes	26.7	24.6	27.7	17.9	29.8	28.8	28.7	20.7
No	73.4	75.6	72.3	82.1	70.2	71.2	71.3	79.3
<b>Special locks</b>								
Yes	60.0	59.4	60.0	49.5	63.6	64.1	63.2	53.8
No	40.1	40.8	40.0	50.5	36.4	35.9	36.8	46.2
<b>Dog</b>								
Yes	28.8	28.2	28.4	29.7	27.2	29.6	26.3	27.2
No	71.2	71.8	71.8	70.3	72.8	70.2	73.7	72.8
<b>High fence</b>								
Yes	38.3	35.7	39.3	26.4	41.7	37.5	45.5	29.3
No	61.7	64.3	60.8	73.6	58.4	62.5	54.5	70.7
<b>Sensor locks</b>								
Yes	34.0	37.3	31.9	28.7	41.9	45.8	40.8	39.0
No	66.1	62.9	68.1	71.3	58.1	54.2	59.2	61.0
<b>Sensor lights</b>								
Yes	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.8	1.1
No	98.5	98.6	98.8	98.8	99.1	99.6	99.2	98.9
<b>Neighbourhood watch</b>								
Yes	35.0	35.0	31.9	38.3	20.9	21.8	18.6	23.1
No	65.1	65.0	68.1	61.7	77.8	76.7	79.4	75.6
Not stated	*	*	*	*	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.3

<sup>1</sup> It is not possible to decipher whether the security measures were put in place before or after the crime occurred.

<sup>2</sup> Any crime refers to household burglary, vandalism, motor vehicle crime or theft of bicycles.

## Background Notes

**Reference period** A module on Crime and Victimization was included in the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in the three months from September to November 2003. This was a repeat of a module asked in the same period in 1998.

**Purpose of survey** While the primary purpose of the QNHS is to collect information on employment and unemployment and the production of quarterly labour force estimates, it also includes modules on social topics of interest. The survey meets the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98, adopted in March 1998, which requires the introduction of quarterly labour force surveys in EU Member States.

**Questionnaire** The module contained over fifty questions on crime-related topics, divided into two main sections - household and individual questions:

### Household

- security of premises
- burglary
- theft of and from vehicles
- vandalism
- theft of bicycles

### Individual

- theft with violence
- theft without violence
- physical assault
- perceptions and opinions in relation to crime, safety and the Gardaí

The module also included questions on the seriousness of crimes (such as cost and injuries) and on whether crimes were reported to the Gardaí. **These questions related to the last incident, in cases where the household or person had been a victim of a particular kind of crime more than once in the past year.** The survey did not ask about sexual assaults or domestic violence, as these questions are too sensitive and personal for inclusion in a general household survey such as the QNHS. The questions about crimes against individuals and about perceptions and opinions were confined to persons aged 18 or over participating directly in the survey.

**Definitions of crimes** **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 or theft without violence).

**Vandalism** Damage done to any type of property or vehicle belonging to any member of the household, for example graffiti on house, shed or garden walls, damage to vehicles.

**Theft with violence** Stealing or attempting to steal something from a person by using force or threatening to use violence. This includes incidents such as mugging or attempted mugging.

**Theft without violence** Stealing or attempting to steal something from a person without involving force. Examples of this type of incident are pick pocketing or a jacket being stolen.

**Physical assault** Physical assault of a person, excluding attacks of a sexual nature and domestic violence.

Double-counting of incidents was avoided as much as possible. For example, if a person was attacked during a burglary then this incident would have been only recorded as burglary and not also as an assault.

**Grossing factors** The QNHS grossing procedure aligns the distribution of persons covered in the sample with independently determined population estimates at the level of sex, five-year age group and region. Given the Crime and Victimization individual questions were asked to a sub-sample of the overall QNHS sample, the grossing factors applied in the derivation of the Crime and Victimization results differ from those that were used in the preparation of the main QNHS estimates, and hence the overall populations do not necessarily match those presented in the main QNHS release.

**Nationality** The figures presented on nationality are based on a self perception question, in which the respondent could choose from a list of seventeen nationalities. It should be noted that as the QNHS is a household survey some nationalities may be under-represented in the figures.

**Presentation of results** The results of this module are being presented, in general, in the form of percentages. **Some of the survey results should be interpreted with extreme caution as the number of respondents in certain detailed categories is too few to allow valid conclusions to be drawn.** It should be noted that the 1998 figures have been revised from those previously published following revisions to the core QNHS data based on the results of the 2002 Census of Population. The 1998 data on individuals has also been recalculated to exclude data gathered in non-direct interviews.

**Household reference person** The household tables include classifications by the sex, broad age group and principal economic status of the household reference person, i.e. the first person recorded in the household by the QNHS Interviewer.

**Comparison with Garda statistics** The survey results are not directly comparable with the crime statistics published by the Garda Síochána, as there are fundamental differences in sources, definitions and classification methodology. The latter provides a much more detailed breakdown of indictable offences reported or known to the Gardaí, non-indictable offences prosecuted and offences committed by juvenile offenders. The CSO survey results provide a more aggregated view of the level of crime, including unreported incidents, together with details of the demographic characteristics of victims.

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**Regions** The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

**Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region**

**Border** Cavan  
Donegal  
Leitrim  
Louth  
Monaghan  
Sligo

**Midland** Laoighis  
Longford  
Offaly  
Westmeath

**West** Galway City  
Galway County  
Mayo  
Roscommon

**Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region**

**Dublin** Dublin  
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown  
Fingal  
South Dublin

**Mid-East** Kildare  
Meath  
Wicklow

**Mid-West** Clare  
Limerick City  
Limerick County  
North Tipperary

**South-East** Carlow  
Kilkenny  
South Tipperary  
Waterford City  
Waterford County  
Wexford

**South-West** Cork City  
Cork County  
Kerry