

Fear of Crime

Sociology skills

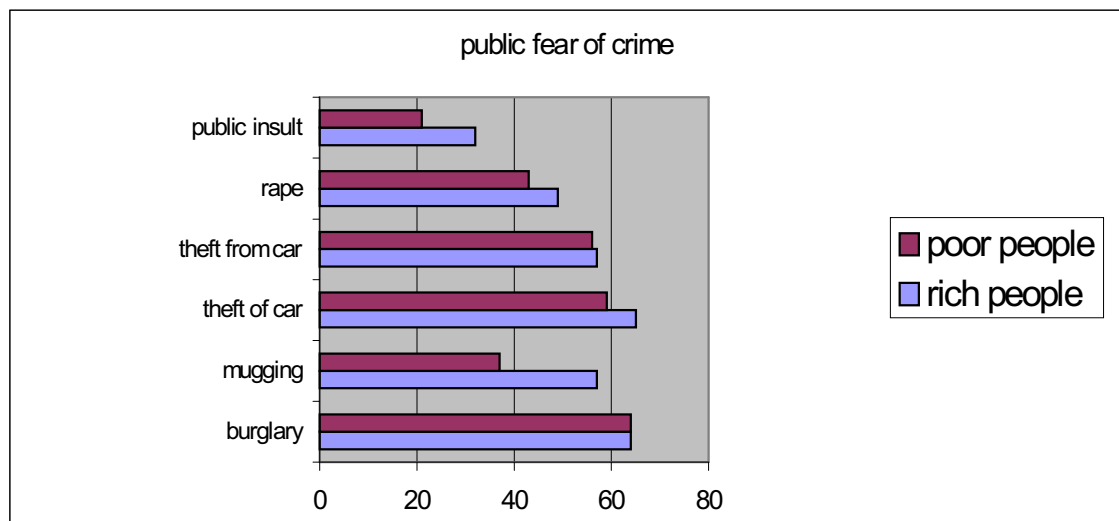
- Analysis of table
- Evaluation of findings

Key skills

- Application of number

Stimulus materials

Adapted from British Crime Survey 1994



Understanding the stimulus

1. What crime do people from all backgrounds fear most?
2. What crime do people from all backgrounds fear least?
3. Name one crime that people from all backgrounds fear equally?
4. Suggest one reason why rich people fear mugging more than poor people do.
5. Are rich people or poor people more frightened of crime?
6. Which crime do rich people fear most?
7. Which crime do poor people fear most?
8. Convert the graph into a table.

Development and Revision

1. Suggest crimes that women may fear more than men. Give a reason for your opinion.
2. Suggest crimes which men may fear more than women. Give a reason for your opinion.
3. Poor people are more likely to be the victims of crime than rich people. Can you suggest a number of reasons for this?
4. Suggest ways that you can avoid being the victim of crime.
5. Some people suggest that more people are frightened of crime than are victims of crime. Is fear of crime reasonable in our society?