

About NZCASS

What is the NZCASS?

The New Zealand Crime and Safety Survey (NZCASS) is a face-to-face survey of almost 7000 randomly chosen people living in New Zealand who are aged 15 or over.

What information does the NZCASS collect?

The NZCASS collects information about New Zealanders' feelings of safety and their experiences of crime. The survey aims to:

- provide information about the extent and nature of crime and victimisation in New Zealand
- measure how much crime gets reported to Police
- understand who experiences crime and how they react
- identify the groups who are more at risk of being a victim
- understand the experiences and needs of victims
- measure crime trends in New Zealand.

How often is the NZCASS conducted?

The NZCASS is a periodic survey meaning that it is currently run every three to five years.

The NZCASS has been carried out three times: 2014, 2009 and 2006 (these surveys looked at victimisation that occurred in 2013, 2008 and 2005).

Who carries out the survey?

The Ministry of Justice managed the NZCASS with the help of a range of contracted providers.

What kinds of crime does the NZCASS cover?

The NZCASS covers a range of personal and household offences. Personal offences include assaults, sexual offences and threats. Household offences include burglary and theft from a dwelling.

The NZCASS does not cover:

- Crimes against children under 14 years old
- Crimes against businesses
- White collar crime
- Victimless crimes (e.g. drug offences)
- e-crime
- crimes against people living in institutions (eg hospitals, army barracks) or people who don't live in a permanent private dwelling (eg homeless)

Further information about NZCASS can be found www.justice.govt.nz/nz-crime-and-safety-survey.

