

Who uses the Northern Ireland Crime Survey?

Minister and policy makers within the Department of Justice

Findings from the Northern Ireland Crime Survey play an important role in informing and monitoring DOJ policies and targets. By way of example, three NICS-based measures were selected by DOJ for inclusion within its 2011-15 Programme for Government commitment to improve community safety by tackling ASB; figures on perceptions of crime also feed into the 'fear of crime' in older people element of the Community Safety Strategy.

Other NI government departments and organisations

Other NI government departments and organisations, such as the Police Service of Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Policing Board, make use of NICS findings for a range of purposes. Confidence in the local police and perceptions of the level of anti-social behaviour, for example, are included as measures within the 2014-2017 Northern Ireland Policing Plan. Some sub-regional breakdowns are also supplied to the Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service, an online facility managed by the Department of Finance and Personnel which provides free access to statistical and locational information relating to small areas across Northern Ireland.

Other external parties

NICS findings are also of interest to other external parties, including local academics who make use of the statistics in their teaching and the press who inform the public on issues such as confidence levels in the police and general perceptions of crime.