



Police Barometer 2022

Citizens' views on
security and police
activities in Finland

Statistics Finland 



Ministry of the Interior
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What do we study?

The aim of this survey is to explore the views of citizens regarding the activities of the police and the state of internal security. The survey, commissioned by the Ministry of the Interior, has been conducted since 1999. It is carried out every two years.



We cannot obtain the information asked in the survey from anywhere else. Your participation is important even if you have no personal experience about the activities of the police.

No one else can replace you – please take part!

Who were selected to the survey?

A total of 8,500 persons aged 15 to 79 were selected at random to the survey. Citizens are asked to provide their views on the police and the effectiveness of police services. They are also asked to report their personal experiences of safety and crime. Statistics Finland carries out the survey, commissioned by the Ministry of the Interior, in cooperation with the Police University College. The results will be made public in 2023.

How do you participate in the survey?

Depending on your choice, you can respond on a web or paper form. Instructions for answering can be found in the accompanying letter.

Participation is easy and you do not need to prepare in advance for responding.

Why is the survey carried out?

The Police Barometer provides citizens and the police with information that would otherwise be difficult to obtain. This information is used to supplement the situational picture on security and crime in Finland provided by crime statistics, for example. In addition, based on the respondents' experiences, it is possible to assess the extent of hidden crime.

The results will be utilised in planning measures to promote the safety and well-being of Finnish residents and to support decision-making. The police will also use the results to develop their services in different areas.



Why did you get selected?

Finding out the opinions of all citizens would be difficult and expensive. You have been drawn for the survey by random sampling from Statistics Finland's population information system. In the survey you represent persons of your age and gender living in your area.

Why is your response important?

To ensure the reliability of the survey, it is important that the respondents represent people of different ages in different life situations. The responses of the participants are generalised using statistical methods to describe all persons living in Finland.





You can find additional information here

Statistics Finland's data collection pages:

www.stat.fi/policebarometer

Your responses are confidential

Your responses are confidential and responding is voluntary.

The persons handling the data at Statistics Finland are legally obliged to secrecy and the results of the survey are published in such form that answers given by individual persons cannot be identified from them.

Ask us!

We are happy to provide further information about the survey.

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