

Crime Concentrates

Criminal Justice

Crime clusters in a few places, victims and offenders.

Crime is not spread evenly. Its concentration is stable enough to be planned around.

WEISBURD'S LAW

About half of crime on ~5% of segments

IMPLICATION

Target places, not whole districts

- A few street segments carry much of the crime
- Repeat victims account for a large share of offences
- A minority of offenders commit most recorded crime
- Concentration is stable across years, not noise
- Concentration is what makes targeting feasible

LOOK FOR IT

Hot spot mapping is the operational use of this finding.

Educational reference. Exact ratios vary by city and offence; the pattern is robust, the precise figures are not.