

Who Is Most at Risk

Criminal Justice

The measured pattern of victimisation risk, which often contradicts assumptions.

Victimisation is patterned by age, sex, place and prior experience rather than spread evenly.

COMMON MISMATCH

High worry, comparatively low risk

STRONGEST PREDICTOR

Having been victimised before

- Young men have the highest risk of violence
- Older people are among the least likely victims
- Fear is often highest where risk is lowest
- Deprivation is linked to higher victimisation
- Prior victimisation strongly predicts more

LOOK FOR IT

Public concern often centres on the group least likely to be victimised.

Educational reference. These patterns come from national surveys and vary by offence, country and year; check the source series.