

Offenders family costs

Cost category Costs in response to crime

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Definition Costs imposed on the remainder of an offender's family as a result of imprisonment. The costs may be the cash costs of buying in replacement services or in kind if other members supply greater effort.

Theoretical discussion [link to relevant section in Bibliography]

Preferred estimation methodology it would require investigation of intra-household adjustments plus a valuation of these changes

Comments Imprisonment of an offender may impose substantial costs on offender's family . Loss of a bread winner (for example) may wreck the family's income stream . There may be a loss of household services (albeit offset by less homework being required). This will impose a burden as other fill the gap.

Usage normally ignored

Offences normally included in principle any offence for which offender can be imprisoned.

Formula

Data sources household expenditure surveys and time budgets might contain data from which the time implications and costs can be inferred.

Example