

## Victim Compensation

**Cost category** Costs in response to crime

**Cost item** Victim Compensation

**Definition** cost of administering scheme to support victims of an offence: excludes the compensation element itself

**Theoretical discussion** [link to relevant section in Bibliography]

**Preferred estimation methodology** There is no standard methodology but if there are data regarding the costs of administering schemes with compensation programmes then they should be included.

**Comments** Many governments have compensation programmes to cover out-of-pocket expenses for victims: note that it is only the costs of administering the scheme that should be included

**Usage** normally ignored

**Offences normally included**

**Formula**  $\text{proportion of compensation schemes turnover going on administration} * \text{average ward to victims of offence type } j \text{ receiving compensation} * \text{proportion of population victim of offence type } j$

**Data sources** report of compensation fund; victim survey data

**Example** (hypothetical example)

	30%	administration costs as proportion of compensation fund spending
	5,000	average ward to victims of offence j who receive compensation
	10%	proportion of victims of offence j receiving compensation
	20,000	number of victims per annum of offence j
£	3,000,000	total cost of compensation admin
£	150	average cost per offence