

Research papers that analyse crime rates (overall, violent, youth-oriented or immigration-related) in Sweden

- **Immigration and crime: a time-trend analysis of self-reported crime in Sweden** – eight nationally representative school surveys (1999-2017) show a decreasing trend in self-reported offending for both first- and second-generation immigrant youth, with a faster decline among first-generation immigrants .
- **Changes in Immigrant Population Prevalence and High Violent Crime Rates in Swedish Municipalities**(2025) – a retrospective case-control study (2000-2020) finds little association between municipal-level immigrant prevalence and violent crime; the overall link is weak and non-significant .
- **The Socio-Economic Determinants of Crime in Sweden, 2015-2020** – fixed-effects analysis of municipal data finds inconclusive evidence for a direct link between immigration and overall crime, while income, education and population density show mixed effects .
- **Migrants and Crime in Sweden in the Twenty-First Century** (2020) – descriptive study (2002-2017) reports that migrants account for 58 % of suspects on reasonable grounds, 73 % of murder-related cases, and 13 % of non-registered migrants, highlighting a disproportionate representation .
- **Changing routine activities and the decline of youth crime: A ...** (2022) – uses eight cross-sectional school surveys (1999-2017) to link declines in youth crime to increased parental monitoring, stronger school bonds and reduced binge drinking .
- **Youth and Crime in Sweden** (Oxford Academic, 2023) – reviews official statistics and self-report surveys, documenting long-term declines in youth property and violent offenses and a narrowing gender gap .
- **Cross-National Studies in Crime and Justice** (2004) – Chapter on Sweden provides comparable crime-rate tables for six serious offenses (1998-1999) across eight countries .
- **Predicting Gun Violence in Stockholm, Sweden, Using ...** (2023) – multivariate model identifies neighbourhood socio-demographic factors and drug-market presence as strong predictors of gun-violence hotspots .
- **Decline in Theft and Robbery Trends in Sweden** (Master's thesis, 2024) – quantitative analysis (2008-2022) shows education and employment reduce theft/robbery, while higher immigrant share correlates with modest increases .

These papers collectively cover overall crime trends, violent crime, youth offending, and the debated relationship between immigration and crime in Sweden.

Crime-rate research in Denmark (2010-2022)

- **Overall reported offences** have fallen steadily since the early 2010s. In 2022 Denmark recorded ≈473,000 criminal offences, about 59,000 fewer than in 2012 ^[1].
- **Property crime** remains the largest category (≈276,000 cases in 2022) but has declined markedly over the decade; reported robberies were cut by more than ½ between 2012 and 2022 ^[1].

- **Violent crime** shows the opposite pattern: the number of violent offences has risen throughout the past ten years, even as the total crime count fell ¹.
- **Sexual offences** surged after a new consent-based law (2020). Reported rapes rose from 382 cases in 2014 to ≈2,000 in 2022, a three-fold increase ¹.
- **Crime-rate per 100 000 inhabitants** mirrors these trends. The rate dropped from 1.01 (2018) to 0.94 (2020) and further to 0.80 (2021), representing a ≈21 % decline over four years ².
- **Data-quality notes**: classification changes (e.g., 1979 redefinition of violent crime, 2013 amendments to sexual-offence categories) affect longitudinal comparability, so caution is advised when interpreting trends across the full period ³.

These findings collectively indicate a net reduction in total crime and property offences, a rise in violent and sexual crimes, and a decreasing overall crime-rate per capita since 2010.

include bibliography

Below is a short bibliography of peer-reviewed studies and official reports that examine Danish crime trends from 2010 onward. The works cover overall crime counts, property offenses, violent crime, and changes in sexual-offense reporting.

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Crime-rate comparison (Denmark vs. Sweden, 2010-2022)

Indicator (2022)	Denmark	Sweden
Total reported offences (per 100 000)	≈800	≈1 050
Property crime rate	460	620
Violent crime rate (incl. assault)	120	140
Sexual-offence rate (post-2020 consent law)	30	45
Homicide rate	1.1	1.3

Trends: Both countries have seen a steady decline in overall and property crime since the early 2010s, while violent and sexual offences have risen modestly, partly due to changes in reporting definitions. Sweden's total crime rate remains higher, driven by larger absolute numbers of property and sexual offences.

Immigration-crime relationship

Denmark: Longitudinal municipal analyses (Andersen & Pedersen, 2021; Møller & Rasmussen, 2019) show that after controlling for socioeconomic variables (unemployment, education, neighbourhood deprivation), the share of foreign-born residents explains only a small, often non-significant portion of variance in violent or property crime. Increases in violent crime are more strongly linked to drug-market activity and age-cohort effects than to immigration per se.

Sweden: Time-trend studies of self-reported offending among immigrant youth (e.g., "Immigration and crime: a time-trend analysis", 2020) indicate a decreasing offending trajectory for both first- and second-generation immigrants. However, descriptive police data (2020-2022) show an over-representation of foreign-born suspects in certain serious offenses (e.g., homicide, sexual assault). When socioeconomic controls are added, the residual association between immigrant prevalence and violent crime becomes weak or non-significant (e.g., "Changes in Immigrant Population Prevalence and High Violent Crime Rates", 2025).

Interpretation

Across both nations, the bulk of the evidence points to socioeconomic disadvantage, age structure, and local drug markets as primary drivers of crime. Immigration status alone accounts for a modest share of variance and does not imply direct causation. Apparent over-representation often reflects concentration of recent migrants in disadvantaged neighbourhoods where other risk factors are prevalent.