Reiner: Periods of Crime- period 1 (crime only measured/recorded by police, huge rise in all crime), period 2 (1984-93) crimes recorded by police gone up by 111%, BCS rose by 77% = ‘crime explosion’, period 3 (1994-2009, crimes reported fell but violent crime rose 1997 8% of crime 2009 21 %.)

Age and Crime:
- 17-24 commit majority of street robbery, violence against the person, shoplifting, criminal damage, burglary
- 50% of all crimes committed by this age group.

Gender:
- One third of men likely to be convicted compared to 8% of women.
- Approx. 80% of offenders found guilty are men.
- Women 5.4% of prison population in 2008

Gender and Age: peak age of male offenders 18 compared to women’s 15.

Ethnicity:
Over-representation of Blacks in prison: 2.2% of general population but 15% of prison population 2007.

Class and Locality:
Rural vs. Urban: Higher in urban areas, especially violent crime, inner city council estates most at risk

Prison population: 74% unemployed, 80% have literacy levels below 11 year old 2006.

Class types: only 8% offenders M/C (white collar crime etc.)

DARK FIGURE:
Crime we don’t know about...
- Offences not included in BCS: VAT fraud, health and safety infringements, tax fraud (crimes of the wealthy and powerful.)
- Police definitions of crime: recording crimes to meet their professional targets e.g. burglary being recorded as ‘attempted burglary’.
- Institutional reputation: internal crimes may be dealt with internally to avoid damaging reputation.
- Victim ignorance or distrust: victim may not know they are a victim
- Victim Fear: may feel humiliated/mistreated by authorities e.g. rape.