

Research and analysis of street robbery in a number of countries has found the following general trends:

**OFFENDER:** From arrest records it has been determined that most offenders are young (mid-teens to late-20 s) and male. In some places there appears to be a greater representation of persons from ethnic minorities, but this is not universal, and likely reflects the composition of the particular areas which the data are taken from. Offenders often (but not always) come from deprived backgrounds.

Interviews with offenders have revealed that robberies are often opportunistic rather than planned. Street robbery is favoured for being quick and profitable