

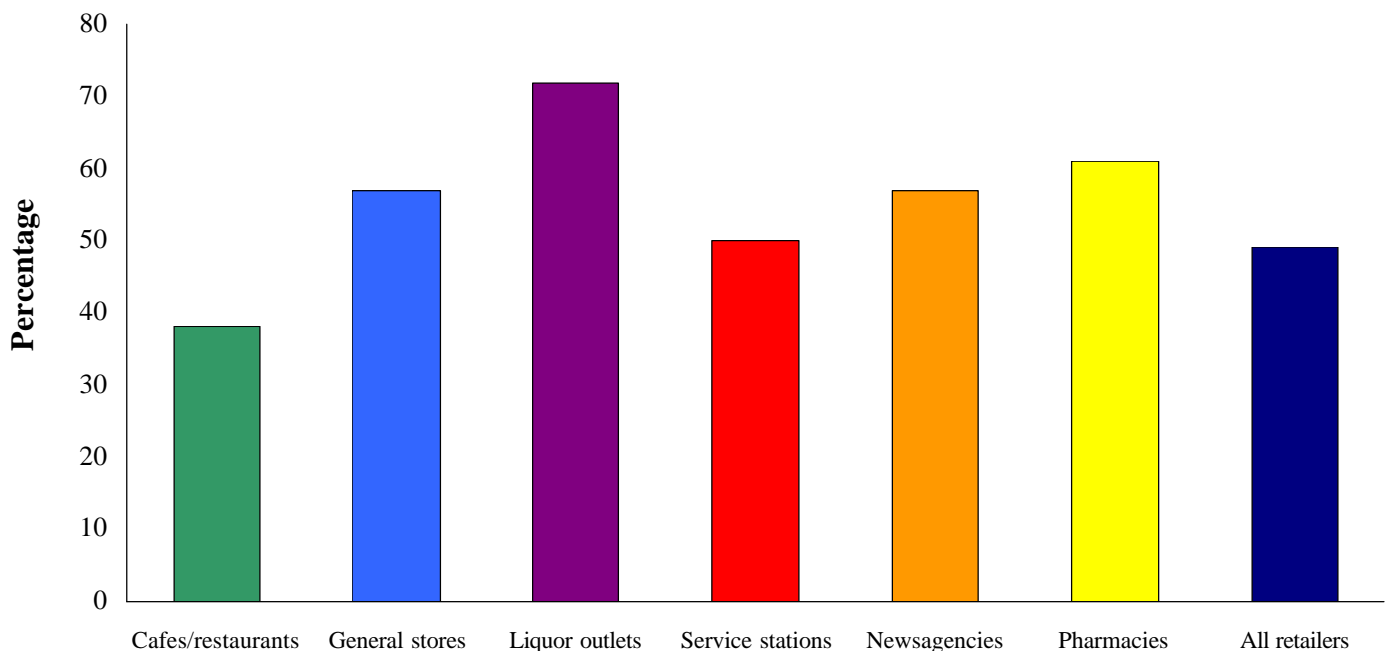


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Almost half of all retailers report experiencing crime

A report released by the Australian Institute of Criminology, "Patterns of Victimization Among Small Retail Businesses", shows that half of all retail businesses, responding to a small business crime survey, reported experiencing some form of crime in the 12 months to July 1999. Liquor stores were the most likely targets, with 72 per cent reporting they had experienced a crime. This was followed by pharmacies (61 per cent) and newsagencies and general stores (57 per cent for each). Fifty per cent of service stations and 38 per cent of cafes and restaurants also experienced a crime. These data come from a crime survey of over 3,800 small businesses (mainly retailers) conducted by the AIC in conjunction with the Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia.

Percentage of businesses within each retail sector experiencing any crime



SOURCE: Taylor, N. & Mayhew, P. 2002, "Patterns of Victimization Among Small Retail Businesses", *Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, no. 221, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra.

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