

ABSTRACT

The Socioeconomic Factors and its Impact on Prison Reentry Among Men Who Commit Serious Crimes in Trinidad and Tobago.

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The objective of the study is to investigate whether the Socioeconomic factors that were found to impact criminal offending in countries such as United States, Pakistan, Australia, England, New Zealand, and Texas would also be the same for incarcerated men in Trinidad and Tobago, who reenter prison. Social Disorganization Theory was used as the main theoretical framework. The methodology that was utilized within the study was quantitative, with the use of a secondary data source from a preexisting prison sample, a study conducted in 2018. The sample derived from five prisons in Trinidad and Tobago, with the sample size of 339 convicted male prisoners. Statistical testing was conducted using the Chi-Square measurement to find the association and relationship among the study variables. The results suggested that prison reentry was impacted by age, education level, family history in offending, employment and income level, and family support. Also, most of the offender's reentry prison two times or less and three times and more making prison reentry high in Trinidad and Tobago. Noteworthy, many of the factors that challenge inmates in other countries are not the experiences encountered by the local sample of prisoners. Yet, prison reentry is high, which is pertinent to signaling future research.

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