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The community evaluation, from the perspectives related to the central issues of security and crime, assumes an important role for the subsequent action developed by different entities involved, local authorities and technicians who want to define /implement preventive and interventive measures. It was with this great objective, of mapping a specific area of Porto - its Historic Center (CHP) - that the LookCrim project (funded by the Portuguese State), surveyed 554 participants of both sexes and with a mean of age around 43 years old. Along with these participants, the project also proceeded to observe and record the spatial characteristics of spaces in more than 440 points of the CHP. The cross-sectional, exploratory, descriptive, explanatory study presented, among others, the general objective of analyzing the most frequent crimes in that urban area and the characteristics of spaces that, in the same area of the city, would eventually be related to criminal occurrences. Among the crimes that most frequently occurred in the CHP, we highlighting theft, theft, drug trafficking, damage to public equipment and assault on commercial stores. On the other hand, and in the corresponding spaces analyzed, characteristics were found to be potentiators of crime, such as unattended spaces, abandoned/degraded houses, some degradation of common spaces, housing degradation with population fluctuation and other characteristics that may, according to the literature, be providing opportunities for crime.

It was concluded that there is a need to review the spaces, considering what the populations report as the most frequently observed crimes, and practical implications to be implemented in the city.