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According to the grant proposal, the WHiS project is aiming to study the development of immigration and crime in both national, international, and regional perspectives using both official criminal statistics and alternative sources. The regional analyses of crime statistics in the first study will be complemented with a study of victimization and feelings of safety in different municipalities. The analyse is based on a dataset pooling available local crime surveys that has been carried out by the Swedish police since 1998. So far it contains approximately 550 000 respondents in 191 municipalities. The municipalities will be grouped according to changes in the share of foreign-born population and other indicators and their development of victimization and feelings of safety will be compared. Multiple regression analysis will also be conducted to further investigate any relationships between victimization, feelings of safety and immigration. Some preliminary results from these data are presented.