Criminologists and policy-makers increasingly use geodemographic information systems to provide a more detailed analysis of the broad spatial patterns displayed in these types of maps. British Crime Survey data, for example, can be used in conjunction with the ACORN information system (A Classification of Residential Neighbourhoods) which categorizes UK postcodes into

![Map of England and Wales showing domestic burglary rates by local authority level, 2006-7.](image)

**Figure 8.1(b)** Domestic burglary in England and Wales. Rates by households at local authority level, 2006–7.