

**ASSESSMENT OF THE ROLE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN CAUSING HIGH CRIME
RATE AMONG THE YOUTH IN NAIROBI COUNTY. A CASE OF DAGORETTI
DISTRICT.**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to assess the relationship between unemployment and crime rate in Dagoreti District. This followed the fact that unemployment is very high in Dagoreti i and so is the crime rate. It was of great significance for the study to be carried out to establish the relationship between the two. It was guided by the following objectives: to examine the relationship between unemployment and crime in Dagoreti District, to establish the relationship between level of education and engagement in criminal activities in Dagoreti District and to find out how poverty has contributed to criminal activities in Dagoreti District. The study targeted police officers in the District, local residents as well as prisoners in Dagoreti prison. The study employed stratified sampling to attain the representative sample from the population. The size was 260 respondents that comprised of 40 police officers, 120 local residents and 100 prisoners. It then employed descriptive research design to carry out the study. The study collected data using questionnaires and data was analyzed using both qualitative and quantitative analysis and presented in tables and graphs. The study found out that there is a significant relationship between unemployment and the crime rate in Dagoreti and the level of education was low making employment an issue. The District still has a significant population still living below the poverty line. These have contributed to criminal activities in the region as people have resorted to criminal activities to sustain their livelihoods.