

Abstract

Structure and development of criminality in the Czech Republic

The aim of this thesis is to describe and analyse the structure and development of crime in the Czech Republic between years 2011 and 2023, with an emphasis on the external factors influencing crime in these years. It focuses on the development of registered crime as a whole and its individual types, the development of the structure of offenders, the territorial distribution of crime and the development of the most frequently committed crimes. The primary sources of information used in this work are the statistics of the Police of the Czech Republic, Reports on the situation in the field of internal security and public order in the territory of the Czech Republic for the monitored years, as well as other available statistical data.

The thesis is divided into three parts. The first part of the thesis focuses on the theoretical introduction to the issue of crime. Based on the existing criminological knowledge, it defines the concept of crime and other related terms that permeate the whole work. At the same time, it describes the basic sources of information on crime and presents in more detail the structure and breakdown of crime according to police statistics, which are the primary basis for the thesis. The second part of the thesis focuses on the description and analysis of the development of registered crime between 2011 and 2023. First, it deals with the development of crime as a whole, including the most significant influences on crime during this period. It also includes a description of the evolution of the clearance rate and an analysis of the structure of offenders in the years under review. Subsequently, an analysis of the development and structure of crime is made for each type of crime separately, including a description of the development of selected offences by means of graphs, as well as an elaboration of the territorial distribution and intensity. The third part focuses on the description of the structure of crime in 2022. First, the most significant influences affecting crime in this year are analysed, followed by a description of the structure of overall crime, including its perpetrators and territorial distribution. This is followed by a description of the structure and spatial distribution of all types of crime, including the most frequently committed individual crimes. All findings in this chapter are also compared year-on-year with crime in 2021, primarily to identify changes in crime after the end of the anti-pandemic measures.

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