Development and structure of crime in the Czech Republic

Abstract

This thesis analyses the development and structure of criminality in the Czech Republic in the period 2009 – 2018. The main source of information for this thesis are the statistics of Police of the Czech Republic. The aim of the thesis is to analyse current distribution of criminality, its development and to find out its driving forces.

The thesis consists of four chapters. In the first chapter, the basic terminology is defined; especially the terms defining main properties of criminality, information sources on criminality and the issues of credibility of statistical data. In the second chapter, the structure of criminality in the Czech Republic in 2018 is analysed. A general overview is presented here, followed by analysis of various types of criminality. Information on criminality are analysed from the perspective of the criminality extent, its clear-up rate, geographical distribution, person of the perpetrator and extent of damage. In the third chapter, the development of criminality in the Czech Republic in the period 2009 – 2018 is examined. The data are analysed in a similar way (as the data in the chapter two). Last but not least there are mentioned some selected specific values, which have been commented separately.

The thesis concludes that the criminality decreased significantly and the clear-up rate increased in the Czech Republic within the last 10 years. The highest amounts of criminality are committed in Prague and in the Moravian-Silesian Region. The most common criminal offence is theft, which has a significant impact on range of crime overal. The most common type of criminality in the study period was the property one, but its percentage is decreasing. On the contrary, the crimes against morality are increasing. It is possible to expect that these trends will remain unchanged in the future.

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