

## **Abstract**

The main topic of this thesis is youth delinquency, with a focus on gender differences. The main approach is to introduce the topic of youth delinquency using Robert Agnew's (1992) General Strain Theory. Using this theory, we will define and then test three hypotheses. The hypotheses will be tested on data collected within the ISRD-3 project in the Czech Republic.

The structure of this thesis is divided into a theoretical part, in which we will first briefly introduce Strain theory. After that, we will focus more on the introduction of the General Strain Theory. Then, the theoretical part will focus in more detail on the later General Strain Theory where a gender perspective is discussed in detail. Conclusions of this gender perspective will be introduced at the end of this theoretical part. After that, three hypotheses will be defined and then tested in the analytical part of this thesis. The aim of this thesis is to test gender differences in juvenile delinquency.

**Key words:** gender differences, juvenile delinquency, ISRD-3, general strain theory