Summary

Every year since 1992 has seen the publication by the Institute for Criminology and Social Prevention (IKSP) of the so-called “year-book on crime”. Over the last 10 years or so, this has taken the form of a collection of essays by employees of the IKSP, with the aim of providing a comprehensive description of the state of criminality in the year preceding publication of the collection, utilising all official and domestic sources of information. An integral part of the collection are the timelines of selected indicators of criminality from the start of computerised records of the crime data statistics, i.e. from the years 1973-74.

While putting together essays contained in the collection, maximum use is made of statistics gleaned from the system and IT management of the Presidium of the Police of the Czech Republic. These basic data are supplemented by statistical data gained from the Justice Ministry of the Czech Republic, from information and bulletins of the State Supreme Prosecutor’s office, year-books of the Prison Service and some other departmental and non-departmental materials evaluating the state and development of criminality and the state and development of numbers of prosecuted, accused, convicted and imprisoned offenders during a particular year. By publishing the collection, we endeavour to concentrate all basic available information on the state of criminality in the given year while avoiding narrow departmental focus and in the context of longer timespans.

The introductory contribution to the collection always constitutes a commentary by the leader of the collective of authors (A. Marešová) on the basic criminality indicators in the previous year and changes in these in the previous 10-year period, further including information on offenders, divided according to gender, age and recidivism. Generally, there are also descriptions of numbers of documented victims and some information on suicides. The closing section of the collection contains published appendices/tables, which suplements graphs of the contribution by other statistical data.

The collection traditionally also includes further essays devoted to economic crime, organised crime and the the victims of criminal offenses.
Specifically, the current edition of the year-book includes a discussion by Mr. Baloun on the current state of economic crime and its difference from that of the previous year, 2005.

Dr. Cejp once again concerns himself with the problematics of organised crime, the current state it is in and its development in the Czech Republic since the appearance and spread of this phenomenon until the year 2006.

As is customary, the contribution of Dr. Martinková is devoted to the problematics of the victims of criminal acts in the Czech Republic, and is composed, using the non-standard sets os statistics of the Police of the Czech Republic, requested by us every year. An integral part of this are the wide-ranging appendices containing data on victims documented by the police in the year 2006. These appendices are unique, as the data contained in them is generally not published elsewhere.

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