

Comments from Poland, covering the police section from 1995 – 2002

3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 Principles of Crime registering in the Police Statistic System

TEMIDA enable to settle whether a crime registered was stated as murder, was a carried out murder (2.2 position), attempted one (2.3 position) or with use of firearm one (2.4 position) - table 2. However there is no possibility of generating data about suspected of committing carried out murders (3.2 position), attempted ones (3.3 position) or with use of firearm (3.4 position) - table 3. In these positions there should be signed in "data is missing" in table 3.

We can only generally give numbers of suspected of all murders (table 3), That's why we added a new line titled: "Total Murders" that contains these data.

2.10 and 3.10 Both penal code from 1969 r. and the changed penal code from 1997 (Dz.U. No. 88, poz.553), that came into force on 1 September 1998 r., do not define the category of "major thefts". In the 2.10 position (table 2) and 3.10 (table 3) there should be signed in "data is missing".

2.15 and 3.15 Both penal code from 1969 r. and the changed penal code from 1997 r.(Dz.U. No. 88, poz.553), that came into force on 1 September 1998, do not define the category of "embezzlement ". Doubts that arose in the scope of this category, caused that in 2.15 position (table 2) and 3.15 (table 3) there were no answers provided. In these positions there should be signed in "data is missing".

2.17 and 3.17 Increase of numbers of crimes in 2001-2002 stated as corruption and numbers of suspected of them are caused by the change of the way of calculating them. From 2001 r. as corruption crimes is also treated art. 231 § 1-3 of penal code, which means „ *abuse of rights by the public official* ”

2.18 and 3.18 I inform You kindly that in copies of forms sent by You to fill in in the period 1995-2000, there were no 2.18 position (table 2) and 3.18 (table 3) concerning kidnappings. These positions occurred only in the forms from 2001 and 2002. I would like to explain that according to the penal code from 1969 r. as kidnappings were also treated crimes from Art. 188 „ *kidnapping from under the care and juvenile or an inept person's arresting* ” According to the penal code from 1997 as kidnappings are

treated crimes from Art.211 „*kidnapping from under the care and juvenile or an inept person's arresting*” and from Art.252 § 1 and 3 "*taking or keeping a hostage*".

Completed data are sent enclosed in tables 2 and 3 covering the period 1995-2002, and all above explanations apply to them.

In the form in the table 2, position 2.1 there was provided the general number of stated crimes. Beyond there are listed those crimes (according to chapters of Penal Code), which were not taken under consideration in positions 2.2-2.18 but are provided in the position 2.1.

- against the peace, mankind and war crimes,
- against the Republic of Poland,
- against public safety,
- against safety in the communication which means:
traffic offence, that were in 2001 -10,0% and in 2002- 11.6 % of all crimes,
- against natural world,
- against freedom and freedom of consciences and faith,
- against sexual freedom and morals,
- against the family and care,
- against honour and bodily inviolability,
- against laws of working persons,
- against activity of state institutions and self-government ones,
- against criminal justice,
- against elections and referenda,
- against public order,
- against information protection,
- against credibility of documents,
- against economic turnover,
- against securities and money turnover,
- crimes from special legal acts.

Table 2

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Crimes recorded in criminal (police) statistics, by type of crime including attempts to commit crimes, 1995-2002

<i>Type of crime</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
2.1 Total recorded crimes, regardless of type	974,941	897,751	992,373	1,073,042	1,121,545	1,266,910	1,390,089	1,404,229
<i>Intentional homicide (2.2+2.3)</i>	<i>1,176</i>	<i>1,178</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>1,110</i>	<i>1,079</i>	<i>1,316</i>	<i>1,318</i>	<i>1,184</i>
2.2 Homicide: Committed	853	873	807	759	741	854	776	716
2.3 Attempted	323	305	329	351	338	462	542	468
2.4 Committed with a firearm	104	110	104	121	114	166	131	111
2.5 Non-intentional homicide	231	217	203	187	214	190	153	167
2.6 Assault: Major assault	11,078	12,841	14,194	14,141	13,627	15,214	15,153	14,921
2.7 Total assault	28,701	30,946	33,511	32,530	30,605	32,792	31,337	30,969
2.8 Rape	2,267	1,985	2,260	2,174	2,029	2,399	2,339	2,345
2.9 Robbery	26,858	26,257	30,063	34,225	44,775	53,533	49,862	47,808
2.10 Theft: Major theft	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.11 Total theft	214,737	146,340	167,925	150,500	171,994	241,784	255,362	261,255
2.12 Automobile theft	50,684	47,557	53,319	61,151	71,543	68,062	59,458	53,674
2.13 Burglary	304,899	305,703	324,017	355,176	369,235	364,786	325,696	304,625
2.14 Fraud	12,340	14,645	20,152	23,764	42,797	79,838	92,251	94,817
2.15 Embezzlement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.16 Drug-related crime	4,284	6,780	7,915	16,432	15,628	19,649	29,230	36,178
2.17 Bribery and/or corruption	916	1,381	1,171	1,378	941	1,342	2,331	2,408
2.18 Kidnapping	118	111	116	112	85	125	144	118

Source(s) of the data provided in this table:

Police info-system on preparatory proceedings and some other acts of law.

