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Police officers' perspectives on street crime in Slovenia

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Introduction

- Which security threat is perceived as the biggest problem in police officers' opinion?
- Research from **2017** (comparing with results from 2011)
- What is street crime?
 - any criminal offense that occurs in a public place



Street crime

- Vandalism
- Street violence
- Vulgar addressing
- Robbery
- Theft
- Groups of minors, who are gathering in a specific area



Factor analysis: Security threat in the police precinct – Street crime

<i>Security threat in the police precinct – Street crime</i>	F.L.*	M	S.D.**	2011	
				M	S.D.
(M = 2.80; S.D. = 0.80; α = 0.88; KMO = 0.84; var. = 62.01%) ^a					
Vandalism.	0.83	2.92	0.99	3.18	1.03
Street violence.	0.85	2.39	1.03	2.82	1.12
Vulgar addressing.	0.80	2.60	0.99	2.79	1.10
Robbery.	0.78	2.53	1.12	3.20	1.24
Theft of bicycle/motocycle or automobile	0.67	3.61	0.96	3.07/2.91	1.18/1.08
Groups of minors, who are gathering in a specific area.	0.78	2.96	0.97	3.16	1.08
M = 3,02					

Principal component factoring; rotation Varimax.

* F.L. – Factor loading.

** S.D. – Standard deviation.

a Scale: from 1 – No problem at all to 5 – Very big problem.

Discriminant analysis: Police officers' perspectives on street crime in different sized police stations

Variable	Small police station n = 161		Medium police station n = 114		Large police station n = 240		Wilks' Lambda	F
	M	S.D.	M	S.D.	M	S.D.		
<i>Security threat in the police precinct – Street crime</i>	2.61	0.67	2.53	0.80	3.07	0.80	0.91	26.82***
Vandalism.	2.79	0.96	2.66	1.08	3.13	0.94	0.96	11.04***
Street violence.	2.08	0.89	2.09	1.01	2.75	1.02	0.90	29.33***
Vulgar addressing.	2.55	0.93	2.29	0.98	2.76	1.00	0.97	9.33***
Robbery.	2.14	0.87	2.24	1.15	2.94	1.12	0.88	33.92***
Theft.	3.42	0.83	3.39	0.98	3.85	0.98	0.95	13.89***
Groups of minors, who are gathering in a specific area.	2.84	0.92	2.71	0.96	3.14	0.97	0.97	9.33***
Wilks' Lambda	0.84***							

* p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001.

Conclusion

- Theft → the biggest problem
- Differences between the size of police stations
- Police officers' perspectives has improved from 2011 to 2017
- Police statistics

→ Police officers often deal with theft at their work

Police statistics	2011	2017
Violation of public order and peace.	12.175	7.029
Theft.	44.009	28.977
Vandalism.	127	53
Robbery./Robbery theft.	402/81	238/52



Thank you for your attention!

