

## 24. CRIME AND ACCIDENTS

Data on crime and traffic accidents were compiled from sources of the Police Presidium of the CR.

The data on registered and solved **criminal offences** (offences, crimes, and criminal acts) include also criminal offences at railway and criminal offences registered by the Alien Police Service. Solved criminal offences include criminal offences committed and solved in the reported year.

**General crime** includes crimes of violence, sexual crimes, property crimes, frauds, embezzlements, other property crimes, and other criminal offences. Economic crime includes mainly criminal offences in business and financial relations.

**Traffic accidents** encompass all accidents reported to the Police of the Czech Republic; in 2009 rules for their reporting changed. The numbers of killed, seriously injured, and slightly injured refer to the status within 24 hours after the accident. Property damage includes damage to vehicles, their cargos, or to roads and their equipment.

Data on **fires** and main reasons for interventions of fire and rescue services were taken over from back grand materials processed by the fire and rescue services. A **fire** – any undesirable combustion, in which people or animals were killed or injured or in which property or the environment were damaged. A fire is also any undesirable combustion, which poses an imminent threat to human or animal life, property or the environment.

**Technical emergencies, total** comprise:

- a technical emergency (e.g. imminent building collapse);
- a technical assistance (e.g. rescue of persons or extrication of objects, emergency opening, unlocking of locked premises, rescue of persons and animals; drawing, closing, and delivering of water, temporary or other repairs, and the like);
- a technological assistance (e.g. emergency supply of air, water, electricity; fire assistance, support of efforts to extinguish centres of a forest fire, and the like);
- other assistance (e.g. taking down, carrying away or transporting of a patient or a physician, searching for missing persons, monitoring of watercourses, of used scum baffles, control of traffic capacity of roads, and the like).

**Killed persons, total** – all killed persons found on the site of fire. The piece of data includes also persons the death of whom provably did not occur in direct connection with fire, e.g. as a result of a heart attack, murder, and the like.

**Killed persons in direct connection with fires** – persons, who died as a result of burn, combustion gas intoxication, and the like.