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Sommario/riassunto

Examining the different ways in which data can be collected and analyzed for research on crime and criminal justice, this book deals with social surveys, experimental methods, official statistics, observation and detailed interviews. This practical text includes sections on: * methods of criminological research * types of data * measuring and explaining crime * studying the criminal justice system * gaining access * publishing results. Throughout, it emphasizes the necessity of examining forms of data collection and analysis within the context of
