## Chapter 5: What Is a Theory and How Do We Test Theories?

**National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS): Abstracts** **Database** –{https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/search}  
\*Contains summaries of over 230,000 collection resources.

**Pathways to Desistance Study – {**<https://www.pathwaysstudy.pitt.edu>**}**.   
\*Website for the longitudinal study, *Pathways to Desistance,* following serious adolescent offenders.

**Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics** - <http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/>  
\*Features data on a variety of criminal justice topics from over 100 sources.

**What is a Control Variable? -** {<https://sciencenotes.org/what-is-a-control-variable-definition-and-examples/>}  
\*For additional explanation and examples of control variables