Discussion Questions

# Chapter 1: Introduction to the Use of Statistics in Criminal Justice and Criminology

1. What is the difference between research methods and statistical analysis? How are these concepts connected to each other?

2. Discuss probability sampling. Why is it important? How could not using probability sampling affect the goals of research?

3. What are some advantages to Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data? Some weaknesses?

4. Why is replication important in research? What are the benefits of studies that can be replicated? What are the disadvantages when studies cannot be replicated?