

The following table gives the ages of juvenile criminals convicted for indictable offences in 1897, and the totals for 1884-97:—

AGES OF JUVENILE CRIMINALS CONVICTED FOR INDICTABLE OFFENCES IN 1897.

OFFENCES.	UNDER 16 YEARS		16 YEARS AND UNDER 21.	
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females
1. Offences against the person .....	16	1	102	2
2. Offences against property with violence .....	70	.....	126	.....
3. Offences against property without violence.. .....	589	23	608	61
4. Malicious offences against property .....	8	.....	7	.....
5. Forgery and offences against the currency .....	2	.....	8	.....
6. Other offences not included in the above classes. ....	4	.....	20	2
Totals.....	689	34	871	65

TOTALS FOR 1884-97.

1. Offences against the person.....	311	13	1,393	57
2. Offences against property with violence .....	651	5	1,213	3
3. Offences against property without violence.....	6,514	338	6,368	611
4. Malicious offences against property.....	133	10	112	4
5. Forgery and offences against the currency .....	11	2	81	2
6. Other offences not included in the above classes. ....	152	52	316	178
Totals.....	7,772	420	9,483	855
Average.....	555	30	677	61