

24.—Convictions for Criminal and Minor Offences, by Classes of Offences, Numbers and Ratios, years ended Sept. 30, 1923-1927 (including Juveniles).

A.—NUMBERS.

Classes of Offences.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Offences against the person.....	7,550	7,595	7,826	7,799	8,343
Offences against property with violence.....	2,076	2,536	2,749	2,296	2,671
Offences against property without violence.....	11,482	12,790	13,892	14,262	15,154
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	3,075	2,633	2,644	2,679	2,809
Total for criminal offences.....	24,183	25,556	27,111	27,036	28,977
Breach of Municipal Acts and By-laws.....	69,445	72,389	76,619	92,184	110,532
Breach of liquor laws.....	10,090	10,449	11,636	13,512	12,487
Drunkenness.....	25,565	27,345	26,754	28,324	31,177
Vagrancy.....	3,969	4,596	5,830	6,988	7,877
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	5,026	4,974	5,946	4,675	5,649
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	4,438	4,658	4,495	4,006	3,206
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	16,536	17,252	19,392	19,482	20,363
Total for minor offences.....	135,069	141,663	150,672	169,171	191,285
Grand Total.....	159,252	167,219	177,783	196,207	220,262

B.—RATIOS PER CENT OF TOTAL AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION.

Classes of Offences.	1923.		1924.		1925.		1926.		1927.	
	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.	Per cent.	Per 100,000 pop.
Offences against the person.....	4.7	83	4.5	82	4.4	84	3.9	83	3.8	88
Offences against property with violence.....	1.3	23	1.5	27	1.6	29	1.2	24	1.2	28
Offences against property without violence.....	7.2	126	7.7	139	7.8	148	7.3	151	6.9	159
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	2.0	34	1.6	29	1.5	28	1.4	29	1.2	29
Total for criminal offences.....	15.2	266	15.3	277	15.3	289	13.8	287	13.1	304
Breach of Municipal Acts and By-laws.....	43.6	765	43.3	785	43.1	818	46.9	982	50.2	1,161
Breach of liquor laws.....	6.3	111	6.3	113	6.6	124	6.8	144	5.7	131
Drunkenness.....	16.0	281	16.4	296	15.0	286	14.4	302	14.2	327
Vagrancy.....	3.5	44	2.7	50	3.3	62	3.6	74	3.6	83
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	3.1	55	2.9	54	3.3	64	2.4	50	2.6	59
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	2.8	49	2.8	50	2.5	48	2.1	43	1.4	34
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	10.4	182	10.3	187	10.9	205	10.0	205	9.2	214
Total for minor offences.....	84.7	1,487	84.7	1,535	84.7	1,610	86.2	1,803	86.9	2,009
Grand Total.....	100	1,753	100	1,812	100	1,899	100	2,090	100	2,313

The recent trend of total convictions, including those of juveniles, and of sentences imposed, is shown by provinces for the years 1921 to 1927 in Table 25. Death sentences, which numbered 28 in 1919 and 26 in 1920, fell to 15 in 1923, rose to 22 in 1924, and dropped to 18 in 1925, 15 in 1926 and 12 in 1927.