

24.—Convictions for Criminal and Minor Offences, by Classes of Offences, Numbers and Ratios, years ended Sept. 30, 1924-1928 (including Juveniles).

A.—NUMBERS.

Classes of Offences.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Offences against the person.....	7,595	7,826	7,799	8,343	9,140
Offences against property with violence.....	2,536	2,749	2,296	2,671	2,991
Offences against property without violence.....	12,790	13,892	14,262	15,154	16,072
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	2,635	2,644	2,679	2,809	3,856
Total for criminal offences.....	25,556	27,111	27,036	28,977	32,059
Breach of municipal Acts and by-laws.....	72,389	76,619	92,184	110,532	156,758
Breach of liquor laws.....	10,449	11,636	13,512	12,487	15,279
Drunkenness.....	27,345	26,754	28,324	31,177	33,229
Vagrancy.....	4,596	5,830	6,988	7,877	8,623 ³
Loose, idle and disorderly.....	4,974	5,946	4,675	5,649	5,556
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	4,658	4,495	4,006	3,206	3,003
Miscellaneous minor offences.....	17,252	19,392	19,482	20,363	20,675
Total for minor offences.....	141,663	150,672	169,171	191,291	243,123
Grand Total.....	167,219	177,783	196,207	220,268	275,182

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

Classes of Offences.	1924.		1925.		1926.		1927.		1928.	
	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..	4.5	82	4.4	84	3.9	83	3.8	88	3.3	95
Offences against property with violence.....	1.5	27	1.6	29	1.2	24	1.2	28	1.1	31
Offences against property without violence.....	7.7	139	7.8	148	7.3	151	6.9	159	5.8	166
Other felonies and misdemeanours.....	1.6	29	1.5	28	1.4	29	1.2	29	1.4	40
Total for criminal offences..	15.3	277	15.3	289	13.8	287	13.1	304	11.6	332
Breach of municipal Acts and by-laws.....	43.3	785	43.1	818	46.9	982	50.2	1,161	57.0	1,623
Breach of liquor laws.....	6.3	113	6.6	124	6.8	144	5.7	131	5.6	152
Drunkenness.....	16.4	296	15.0	286	14.4	302	14.2	327	12.1	344
Vagrancy.....	2.7	50	3.3	62	3.6	74	3.6	83	3.1	89
Loose, idle and disorderly...	2.9	54	3.3	64	2.4	50	2.6	59	2.0	58
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates thereof.....	2.8	50	2.5	48	2.1	43	1.4	34	1.0	31
Miscellaneous minor offences	10.3	187	10.9	208	10.0	208	9.2	214	7.6	214
Total for minor offences.....	84.7	1,535	84.7	1,610	86.2	1,803	86.9	2,009	88.4	2,517
Grand Total.....	100.0	1,812	100.0	1,899	100.0	2,090	100.0	2,313	100.0	2,849

The recent trend of total convictions, including those of juveniles, and of sentences imposed, is shown by provinces for the years 1922 to 1928 in Table 25. Death sentences, which numbered 28 in 1919 and 26 in 1920, fell to 15 in 1923, rose to 22 in 1924, dropped to 18 in 1925, 15 in 1926, 12 in 1927 and rose again to 19 in 1928.