

on the basis of criminal and minor offences. This classification was followed officially prior to 1922 and has been carried on in the Year Book for purposes of comparability. The statistics of Table 1 below, however, have been revised in this edition back to 1886 on the more logical basis of indictable and summary conviction offences. The indictable class of offence does not include many offences which had formerly to be classed as criminal since they were summary convictions of adults that could not be included with minor offences.

Total convictions in 1937 increased by 44,101, or 10.5 p.c. as compared with 1936. Of the total, 7,716 were cases in which juveniles were found guilty of major or minor delinquency, an increase of 506, or 7.0 p.c. over 1936. The convictions of adults are treated in detail in ss. 2 and 3 under the respective headings "Convictions of Adults for Indictable Offences" and "Summary Convictions of Adults"; those of juveniles are shown in Sec. 3.

In using the statistics in Table 1, it should be remembered that, while the Criminal Code undergoes little change over periods of time, the figures of summary convictions are influenced very much by the changing customs of the people, and show a strong tendency to increase with the increasing urbanization of the population. From reference to the columns of Table 1 showing percentages of all offences, it is readily seen that summary convictions, as a class, have consistently increased their proportion of all offences, but the most significant column of this table is the figure of indictable offences per 100,000 of population. Attention may be drawn to the increase in the proportion of both indictable offences and summary or non-indictable offences to population in recent years, convictions of indictable offences having risen from 221 per 100,000 population in 1921 to 355 in 1931 and 381 in 1937, and those for non-indictable offences from 1,795 per 100,000 in 1921 to 3,183 in 1931 and 3,801 in 1937.

**1.—Convictions for All Offences (Juveniles Included), years ended Sept. 30, 1886-1937, showing Numbers and Percentages of Indictable and Summary (or Non-Indictable) Offences, and Rates per 100,000 Population.**

Year.	Indictable Offences.							Summary Offences, Total and Ratios.			Grand Total Convictions.
	Offences against—			Other Indictable Offences.	Total and Ratios of Indictable Offences.			No.	P.C. of All Offences.		
	The Person.	Property with Violence.	Property without Violence.								
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	P.C. of All Offences.	Per 100,000 Population.	No.	P.C. of All Offences.	Per 100,000 Population.	No.	
1886...	735	268	2,111	395	3,509	10.3	77	30,365	89.7	663	33,874
1887...	737	227	2,026	263	3,253	9.4	70	31,200	90.6	674	34,453
1888...	817	234	2,371	329	3,751	10.0	80	33,902	90.0	725	37,653
1889...	992	307	2,667	242	4,208	10.9	89	34,223	89.1	724	38,431
1890...	876	238	2,490	280	3,934	10.0	82	34,606	90.0	724	38,540
1891...	905	292	2,552	225	3,974	10.5	82	33,643	89.5	696	37,617
1892...	1,026	262	2,505	247	4,040	11.4	83	31,253	88.6	640	35,293
1893...	1,124	366	2,968	272	4,630	12.9	94	31,023	87.1	629	35,653
1894...	1,163	467	3,326	302	5,258	14.5	106	30,907	85.5	621	36,165
1895...	1,108	463	3,506	377	5,474	14.5	109	32,111	85.5	639	37,555