

Sex of Offenders.—Between 1926 and 1937 the numbers of females convicted of summary offences increased by 136·0 p.c. In proportion to the numbers of male offenders, however, they showed a decrease, only 5·8 p.c. of the offenders convicted summarily in 1937 being females, as against 6·1 p.c. in 1926. By sexes, the summary convictions appear as follows: 1926, males 159,528, females 10,385; 1927, males 182,392, females 10,848; 1928, males 232,554, females 13,209; 1929, males 274,977, females 15,066; 1930, males 292,557, females 16,202; 1931, males 312,111, females 15,667; 1932, males 281,318, females 16,591; 1933, males 275,229, females 17,444; 1934, males 311,542, females 17,202; 1935, males 339,494, females 23,148; 1936, males 355,772, females 21,934; 1937, males 395,699, females 24,513.

Section 3.—Juvenile Delinquency.

The terms 'indictable' and 'non-indictable' are applied only to offences of adults, similar offences committed by juveniles (persons under 16 years of age) being termed 'major' offences and 'minor' offences, respectively.

Table 18 shows the numbers of convictions of juveniles for all offences, classified as major and minor offences, for the judicial years 1922-37. No separation by class of offence is available for earlier years. The rates per 100,000 population in this table apply to the total population, no estimates by age-groups being available for intercensal years. Between 1930 and 1937, a definite upward trend is discernible in the column of percentage of major offences to all offences, but, when studied in relation to population growth, both major offences and minor offences have shown definite improvement since 1930.

18.—Convictions of Juveniles for All Offences, showing Percentages of Major and Minor Offences, and Rates per 100,000 of Total Population, years ended Sept. 30, 1922-37.

NOTE.—In this table "Property without violence" includes Classes III and IV and "Other Offences" includes Classes V and VI.

Year.	Major Offences.							Minor Offences, Total and Ratios.			Grand Total Delinquents.
	Offences against—			Other Major Of- fences.	Major Offences, Total and Ratios.						
	The Per- son.	Pro- perty With Violence.	Pro- perty With- out Violence.								
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	P.C. of All Of- fences.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	P.C. of All Of- fences.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	
1922...	172	806	3,001	86	4,065	64·6	46	2,233	35·4	25	6,298
1923...	179	755	3,204	27	4,165	63·4	46	2,406	36·6	27	6,571
1924...	221	818	3,510	106	4,655	80·0	51	3,104	40·0	34	7,759
1925...	207	794	3,899	180	5,080	64·4	55	2,807	35·6	31	7,887
1926...	220	659	4,053	158	5,090	65·0	54	2,741	35·0	29	7,831
1927...	179	772	4,109	96	5,156	63·0	54	3,029	37·0	32	8,185
1928...	184	824	3,902	153	5,063	64·4	51	2,636	35·6	27	7,699
1929...	223	976	3,785	121	5,106	65·2	51	2,720	34·8	27	7,826
1930...	199	951	4,419	84	5,653	67·1	55	2,772	32·9	27	8,425
1931...	256	961	3,933	156	5,311	68·5	51	2,457	31·5	24	7,768
1932...	232	927	3,799	138	5,096	69·2	49	2,267	30·8	22	7,363
1933...	247	972	3,825	100	5,144	69·0	48	2,309	31·0	22	7,453
1934...	227	1,072	3,915	135	5,353	68·6	49	2,453	31·4	23	7,806
1935...	248	1,031	4,174	61	5,514	71·8	50	2,165	28·2	20	7,679
1936...	203	1,019	3,660	58	4,970	68·9	45	2,240	31·1	20	7,210
1937...	186	1,222	3,718	98	5,224	67·7	47	2,492	32·3	22	7,716