

19.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major and Minor Offences, by Provinces and Sex, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1937 and 1938.

Province.	Major Offences.				Minor Offences.			
	Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.....	44	20	2	1	4	2	1	Nil
Nova Scotia.....	328	262	16	21	148	79	22	25
New Brunswick.....	262	217	14	7	86	33	7	Nil
Quebec.....	1,350	1,319	42	38	683	661	292	297
Ontario.....	1,955	2,084	61	78	906	492	86	112
Manitoba.....	184	206	12	16	15	11	7	1
Saskatchewan.....	301	221	10	4	19	16	1	Nil
Alberta.....	332	286	12	12	97	136	7	6
British Columbia.....	287	257	12	6	93	85	18	24
Canada¹.....	5,043	4,872	181	183	2,051	1,515	441	465

¹ No convictions were reported for the Territories.

While, officially, juveniles are persons under 16 years of age, public interest in the question of offences committed by 'young persons' has greatly increased in recent years, and, in response to this interest, the following table has been compiled, in which the convictions for indictable offences of persons aged 16 and under 21 have been added to the figures of juveniles found guilty of major offences. The rates per 100,000 population are the proportion of the offences committed by persons in any one age group, the figures of population being taken from the decennial censuses, except in the case of the two latest years, for which the population in each age group is the officially estimated population.

It will be observed that the age group 16 to under 21 years shows a much higher crime rate than the juvenile group (7 to under 16 years) or the total young persons group (7 to under 21 years). For 1911, the 16 to under 21 group shows a rate per 100,000 population of the same age which is 127 greater than that shown for juveniles and 83 greater than the general rate for young persons; for 1921, the proportion is 227 per 100,000 greater than the juvenile rate and 155 greater than the young persons rate; by 1931 the rate had increased to 359 greater than the juvenile rate and 236 greater than the young persons rate. In the three latest years the rate of this group continued to rise, reaching 523 convictions per 100,000 over the juvenile rate and 334 over the young persons rate in 1938.

20.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences and of Adults Aged 16-21 for Indictable Offences, by Age Groups and Rates per 100,000 Population of the Same Ages, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1911, 1921, 1931, and 1936-38.

Year.	Con- victions of Persons 7 to Under 16 Years of Age (Juveniles).	Con- victions of Persons 16 to Under 21 Years of Age.	Total Con- victions of Persons 7 to Under 21 Years of Age.	Rates per 100,000 Population.		
				7 to Under 16 Years.	16 to Under 21 Years.	7 to Under 21 Years.
1911.....	1,439	1,640	3,079	111	238	155
1921.....	3,247	3,288	6,535	192	419	264
1931.....	5,311	6,453	11,764	271	630	394
1936.....	4,970	6,875	11,845	247	664	389
1937.....	5,224	7,503	12,727	265	708	419
1938.....	5,055	8,492	13,547	263	786	452