

**Major Offences.**—In Table 21 are shown the various major offences for which juvenile delinquents were convicted from 1931 to 1938. It will be observed that theft and receiving stolen goods; breaking, entering, and theft; and other wilful damage to property account for the great bulk of the offences; in 1938, 94 p.c. of the major offences were of this character.

**21.—Juvenile Delinquents Convicted of Major Offences, by Type of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1931-38.**

Offence.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Murder.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Manslaughter.....	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"
Rape, carnal knowledge, and incest.....	8	5	8	15	8	10	8	5
Indecent assault.....	42	34	28	24	29	31	32	41
Aggravated assault and wounding.....	52	68	16	36	60	24	31	32
Common assault.....	119	104	139	115	98	102	83	68
Endangering life on railway.....	32	17	50	31	48	30	27	30
Other offences against the person.....	2	4	5	6	5	5	5	8
Breaking, entering, and theft.....	948	914	957	1,071	1,022	1,015	1,204	1,110
Robbery.....	13	13	15	1	9	4	18	12
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	3,139	3,093	3,155	3,094	3,548	3,094	3,128	3,043
False pretences and fraud.....	11	9	9	20	14	12	14	19
Arson.....	39	19	24	28	13	15	10	10
Other wilful damage to property.....	749	676	637	776	599	539	565	602
Forgery and offences against the currency.....	10	11	4	11	12	11	10	9
Immorality.....	109	85	72	73	35	52	48	45
Various other offences.....	37	44	24	52	14	25	41	21
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>5,311</b>	<b>5,096</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>5,353</b>	<b>5,514</b>	<b>4,970</b>	<b>5,224</b>	<b>5,055</b>

**Recidivism.**—The number of juvenile delinquents who have previously appeared before a court has generally increased although the fluctuations between individual years are rather wide over the period for which figures are available. As shown in Table 22, nearly a third of the juveniles convicted of major offences in 1938 had previously been found guilty, as compared with less than a fourth of those convicted of similar offences in 1929.

**22.—Juvenile Offenders Convicted of Major Offences, and Number of Times Convicted, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1929-38.**

Year.	Times Convicted.					Total Offenders.	Total 'Repeaters'.	P.C. of 'Repeaters' to Total Offenders.
	First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.	Fifth or Over.			
1929.....	3,918	425	287	165	311	5,106	1,188	23.27
1930.....	4,354	527	296	169	307	5,653	1,299	22.98
1931.....	4,013	540	308	158	292	5,311	1,298	24.48
1932.....	3,660	597	323	199	317	5,096	1,436	28.18
1933.....	3,787	586	339	145	287	5,144	1,357	26.38
1934.....	3,907	617	357	177	295	5,353	1,446	27.01
1935.....	4,053	674	397	185	205	5,514	1,461	26.50
1936.....	3,446	721	353	203	247	4,970	1,524	30.66
1937.....	3,637	787	359	197	244	5,224	1,587	30.38
1938.....	3,537	767	357	144	250	5,055	1,518	30.05