

**4.—Convictions of Adults for Indictable and Summary Offences, by Class of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1935-39**

Class of Offence	NUMBERS				
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
<b>Indictable Offences—</b>					
Offences against the person.....	3,985	4,457	4,824	5,624	5,478
Offences against property with violence.....	4,147	4,841	4,604	5,509	6,147
Offences against property without violence.....	16,600	17,514	19,085	20,267	22,113
Other indictable offences.....	8,799	9,247	8,635	12,199	14,369
<b>Totals, Indictable Offences.....</b>	<b>33,531</b>	<b>36,059</b>	<b>37,148</b>	<b>43,599</b>	<b>48,107</b>
<b>Summary Offences—</b>					
Gambling Acts.....	25,889	40,670	14,360	10,537	11,106
Liquor Acts.....	8,826	10,073	11,142	12,442	13,513
Traffic regulations.....	246,123	237,183	288,688	285,951	292,904
Vagrancy and loose, idle, and disorderly conduct.....	13,610	14,595	16,453	17,602	17,884
Drunkenness.....	25,643	28,433	34,606	36,894	36,007
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	2,674	2,725	3,598	3,518	2,580
Other summary offences.....	39,877	44,027	51,365	47,720	54,614
<b>Totals, Summary Offences.....</b>	<b>362,642</b>	<b>377,706</b>	<b>420,212</b>	<b>414,664</b>	<b>428,608</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>396,173</b>	<b>413,765</b>	<b>457,360</b>	<b>458,263</b>	<b>476,715</b>

Class of Offence	PERCENTAGES OF TOTALS AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION									
	1935		1936		1937		1938		1939	
	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.	P.C. of Total	Per 100,000 Pop.
<b>Indictable Offences—</b>										
Offences against the person.....	1.0	37	1.1	41	1.0	44	1.2	50	1.1	48
Offences against property with violence.....	1.1	38	1.2	44	1.0	41	1.2	49	1.3	54
Offences against property without violence.....	4.2	152	4.2	158	4.1	171	4.4	181	4.6	196
Other indictable offences.....	2.2	80	2.2	84	2.0	78	2.7	109	3.1	127
<b>Totals, Indictable Offences.....</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>Summary Offences—</b>										
Gambling Acts.....	6.5	237	9.8	369	3.2	129	2.3	94	2.3	98
Liquor Acts.....	2.2	81	2.4	91	2.4	100	2.7	111	2.9	119
Traffic regulations.....	62.2	2,251	57.4	2,151	63.1	2,596	62.4	2,551	61.4	2,589
Vagrancy and loose, idle, and disorderly conduct.....	3.4	124	3.5	132	3.6	148	3.8	157	3.8	158
Drunkenness.....	6.4	235	6.9	258	7.6	311	8.1	329	7.6	318
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	0.7	24	0.7	25	0.8	32	0.8	31	0.5	23
Other summary offences.....	10.1	364	10.6	399	11.2	463	10.4	426	11.4	483
<b>Totals, Summary Offences.....</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>3,425</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>89.9</b>	<b>3,788</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,752</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,088</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,213</b>

**Subsection 1.—Convictions of Adults for Indictable Offences.**

The progress of a community, from a moral point of view, is often judged by the number of convictions for indictable offences, as these are less affected than non-indictable offences by extraneous circumstances and the varying methods of law enforcement in different areas and in different years. However, in the study of such statistics it is important to have comparable figures over a period of years, and these are set out by provinces for each year since 1921 in Table 5.