

then increased to 4,164 in 1932. The increase was particularly rapid after 1929, amounting to 1,395 or 44 p.c. in three years. The number of convicts in 1936, at 3,098, was lower than in any year since 1929, but in 1937 there was an increase of 5.4 p.c. with further increases of 9.7 p.c. in 1938 and 6.2 p.c. in 1939. In 1940 a decrease of 0.8 p.c. was recorded. The number of paroles (tickets-of-leave), as shown in Table 26, was 373 in 1940.

26.—Movement of Convicts in Penitentiaries, Fiscal Years 1936-40

Item	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
In Custody, Beginnings of Years.....	3,552	3,097¹	3,264	3,580	3,803
RECEIVED—					
From jails.....	1,364	1,332	1,457	1,696	1,607
By transfer.....	180	176	246	434	203
By cancellation of ticket-of-leave.....	8	12	4	4	10
By recapture.....	Nil	1	9	1	17
Revocation of licence.....	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Escape—at large.....	Nil	"	2	"	"
TOTALS, RECEIVED.....	1,558	1,521	1,718	2,135	1,837
DISCHARGED—					
By expiry of sentence.....	1,263	738	897	1,131	1,087
By transfer.....	182	178	247	438	211
By ticket-of-leave.....	431	351	187	280	373
By deportation.....	45	35	19	24	29
By unconditional release.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	16	71
By death.....	13	17	16	13	13
By pardon.....	76	34	18	7	52
By escape.....	Nil	1	12	2	2
Struck off register.....	"	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
By release on order of court.....	2	"	4	Nil	5
By conditional pardon (to mental hospitals).....	Nil	"	1	"	18
By revocation temporary licence, recommitted....	"	"	1	"	Nil
By return to provincial authorities.....	"	"	Nil	"	7
TOTALS, DISCHARGED.....	2,012	1,354	1,402	1,912	1,868
In Custody, Ends of Years.....	3,098	3,264	3,580	3,803	3,772

¹ This discrepancy between those in custody at the end of the fiscal year 1936 and the beginning of the fiscal year 1937 appears in the report of the Superintendent of Penitentiaries.

Table 27 shows the ages of convicts by groups. In 1940, of the total of 3,772, 10 p.c. were under 21 years of age; 45 p.c. between 21 and 30 years of age; thus 55 p.c. were 30 years of age or less. In 1914, there were 2,003 convicts of whom 9.3 p.c. were under 20 and 44.4 p.c. between 20 and 30, a total of 53.7 p.c. under 30. In 1923, there were 2,486 convicts and 11.3 p.c. were under 20, 46.6 p.c. between 20 and 30, or 57.9 p.c. under 30 years of age. Detailed statistics of the race, place of birth, conjugal state, sex, social habits, and religion of convicts are presented in Table 28.

27.—Ages of Convicts in Penitentiaries, as at Mar. 31, 1933-40

Age Group	1933 ¹	1934 ¹	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 21 years.....	467	409	325	280	317	194	421	377
21 to 30 years.....	2,052	1,916	1,677	1,471	1,515	1,632	1,714	1,719
31 to 40 years.....	1,027	941	861	740	806	1,008	955	989
41 to 50 years.....	574	538	433	361	378	431	423	429
51 to 60 years.....	257	214	167	178	174	211	200	173
Over 60 years.....	210	202	89	68	74	104	90	85
Totals.....	4,587	4,220	3,552	3,098	3,264	3,580	3,803	3,772

¹ See footnote 1, Table 28.