

Ages of Persons in Care.—An interesting analysis of the population in care of these institutions in 1940 is presented in Table 8. The figures of the table show that the services of these institutions are devoted almost entirely to minors and aged people. Of the total of 54,569 persons in care, 54.2 p.c. were under 14 years of age and 20.8 p.c., 60 years of age or over.

8.—Persons in Care in Charitable Institutions by Age Groups, with Proportions to the Population, 1940

Age Group	Estimated Population		Persons in Care		Persons under Care per 10,000 Population		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
0-4 years.....	633,000	613,000	4,459	3,375	90.5	55.0	62.9
5-9 years.....	504,000	492,000	5,345	4,328	106.0	88.0	97.1
10-14 years.....	538,000	527,000	6,523	5,586	121.2	106.0	113.7
15-19 years.....	565,000	553,000	3,600	4,830	64.0	87.3	75.4
20-29 years.....	1,015,000	991,000	201	937	2.0	10.6	5.6
30-39 years.....	834,000	777,000	340	580	4.1	7.4	5.7
40-49 years.....	691,000	633,000	518	721	7.5	11.4	9.4
50-59 years.....	604,000	511,000	917	951	15.1	18.6	16.7
60-69 years.....	368,000	320,000	2,147	1,591	58.3	46.5	54.3
70 years or over.....	221,000	210,000	3,431	4,189	110.0	199.5	177.0
Totals, All Ages.....	5,973,000	5,627,000	27,481	27,088	46.0	48.1	47.0

Subsection 4.—Corrective and Reformatory Institutions

On June 1, 1941, there were 28 reformatory and corrective institutions in Canada with a total inmate population of 4,051; of this number 3,118 were males and 933 were females. Of the total number of institutions, 14 were for males and 14 for females. Detailed statistics of crime and delinquency (which are presented on an annual basis) as distinct from these institutional statistics are given in Chapter XXVI.

Section 3.—The Victorian Order of Nurses

The Victorian Order of Nurses is a voluntary public-health agency, national in scope, having as its primary object the care of the sick in their own homes by visiting nurses. In 1941 there were 94 branches of the Order distributed as follows: Nova Scotia, 16; New Brunswick, 7; Quebec, 5; Ontario, 51; Manitoba, 1; Saskatchewan, 3; Alberta, 2; and British Columbia, 9. The affairs of each branch are directed by a local committee, which raises the money necessary to carry on the work. However, the policies and professional standards set by the national organization are accepted by the local committees. The Board of Governors of the national organization is made up largely of representatives appointed by the branches.

Nurses employed by the Order are required to be registered and have, in addition, post-graduate training in public-health nursing. All appointments are approved by the headquarters at Ottawa which also assumes responsibility for the supervision of the nurses' work in the field thus ensuring a uniform standard of service.

The Order provides a community service, available to everyone in the area served, regardless of race, creed or economic status. The nurses give care on a visit basis to medical, surgical and maternity patients under medical direction.