

4.—Convictions of Adults for Indictable and Non-Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1936-40

Class of Offence	NUMBERS				
	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
Indictable Offences—					
Offences against the person.....	4,457	4,824	5,624	5,478	5,268
Offences against property with violence.....	4,841	4,604	5,509	6,147	5,416
Offences against property without violence.....	17,514	19,085	20,267	22,113	19,924
Other.....	9,247	8,635	12,199	14,369	16,115
Totals, Indictable Offences.....	36,059	37,148	43,599	48,107	46,723
Non-Indictable Offences—					
Gambling Acts.....	40,670	14,360	10,537	11,106	16,318
Liquor Acts.....	10,073	11,142	12,442	13,513	12,946
Traffic regulations.....	237,183	288,688	285,951	292,904	311,678
Vagrancy and loose, idle and disorderly conduct.....	14,595	16,453	17,602	17,884	18,602
Drunkenness.....	28,433	34,606	36,894	36,007	37,826
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	2,725	3,598	3,518	2,580	1,170
Other.....	44,027	51,365	47,720	54,614	57,569
Totals, Non-Indictable Offences.....	377,706	420,212	414,664	428,608	456,109
Grand Totals.....	413,765	457,360	458,263	476,715	502,832

Class of Offence	PERCENTAGES OF TOTALS AND PER 100,000 OF POPULATION									
	1936		1937		1938		1939		1940	
	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.
Indictable Offences—										
Offences against the person.....	1.1	41	1.0	44	1.2	50	1.1	48	1.0	46
Offences against property with violence.....	1.2	44	1.0	41	1.2	49	1.3	54	1.1	47
Offences against property without violence.....	4.2	158	4.1	171	4.4	181	4.6	196	4.0	175
Other.....	2.2	84	2.0	78	2.7	109	3.1	127	3.2	141
Totals, Indictable Offences.....	8.7	327	8.1	334	9.5	389	10.1	425	9.3	409
Non-Indictable Offences—										
Gambling Acts.....	9.8	369	3.2	129	2.3	94	2.3	98	3.2	143
Liquor Acts.....	2.4	91	2.4	100	2.7	111	2.9	119	2.6	113
Traffic regulations.....	57.4	2,151	63.1	2,596	62.4	2,551	61.4	2,589	62.0	2,729
Vagrancy and loose, idle, and disorderly conduct.....	3.5	132	3.6	148	3.8	157	3.8	158	3.7	163
Drunkenness.....	6.9	258	7.6	311	8.1	329	7.6	318	7.5	331
Frequenting bawdy houses.....	0.7	25	0.8	32	0.8	31	0.5	23	0.2	10
Other.....	10.6	399	11.2	463	10.4	426	11.4	483	11.5	504
Totals, Non-Indictable Offences.....	91.3	3,425	91.9	3,779	90.5	3,699	89.9	3,788	90.7	3,993
Grand Totals.....	100.0	3,752	100.0	4,113	100.0	4,088	100.0	4,213	100.0	4,402

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.