

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.

23.—Juvenile Offenders, Convicted of Major Offences and Number of Times Convicted, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1931-43

Year	Times Convicted					Total Offenders	Total 'Repeaters'	P.C. of 'Repeaters' to Total Offenders
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth or Over			
1931.....	4,013	540	308	158	292	5,311	1,298	24.44
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	30.03
1939.....	3,588	709	306	192	223	5,018	1,430	28.50
1940.....	3,711	813	357	190	227	5,298	1,587	29.95
1941.....	4,366	994	396	199	259	6,204	1,848	29.79
1942.....	5,577	669	348	144	182	6,920	1,843	19.41
1943.....	4,831	865	386	183	229	6,494	1,663	25.61

Minor Offences.—From Table 24 it will be seen that there was a decrease of 21 p.c. in the number of convictions for minor offences in 1943 as compared with 1942.

24.—Convictions of Juveniles for Minor Offences, by Type of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-43

Class of Offence	NUMBERS									
	1939		1940		1941		1942		1943	
Breach of traffic regulations		273		399		835		994		463
Disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.....		454		604		501		418		283
Incorrigibility.....		761		951		1,145		1,275		984
Truancy.....		264		289		366		348		372
Vagrancy and wandering away from home.....		138		125		209		360		435
Other minor offences.....		705		765		1,050		1,443		1,265
Totals.....		2,595		3,133		4,106		4,838		3,802
Class of Offence	PROPORTIONS									
	1939		1940		1941		1942		1943	
	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.
Breach of traffic regulations	3.6	3	4.7	4	8.1	7	8.4	9	4.5	4
Disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.....	6.0	4	7.2	5	4.9	5	3.5	4	2.7	2
Incorrigibility.....	10.0	7	11.3	8	11.1	10	10.8	11	9.6	8
Truancy.....	3.5	2	3.4	3	3.5	3	3.0	3	3.6	3
Vagrancy and wandering away from home.....	1.8	1	1.5	1	2.0	2	3.1	3	4.2	4
Other minor offences.....	9.2	6	9.1	7	10.2	9	12.3	12	12.3	11
Totals.....	34.1	23	37.2	28	39.8	36	41.1	42	36.9	32