

amounting to 1,395 or 50.4 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. By 1943 a decrease of 21.9 p.c. over the 1939 figure was shown, but in 1944 there was an increase of 3.7 p.c. over the previous year. The number of paroles (ticket-of-leave) was 243 in 1944.

27.—Movement of Convicts in Penitentiaries, Fiscal Years 1940-44

Item	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
In Custody, Beginnings of Years	3,803	3,772	3,688	3,232	2,969
Received—					
From gaols.....	1,607	1,422	1,094	1,154	1,348
By transfer.....	203	199	145	143	320
By cancellation of ticket-of-leave.....	10	4	1	Nil	2
By recapture.....	17	-	-	-	-
Revocation of licence.....	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
From Military Authorities (prisoners of war).....	"	"	Nil	2	"
Totals, Received.....	1,837	1,625	1,241	1,299	1,670
Discharged—					
By expiry of sentence.....	1,087	1,264	1,258	1,081	928
By transfer.....	211	200	145	143	320
By ticket-of-leave.....	373	164	232	264	243
By deportation.....	29	9	9	15	10
By unconditional release.....	71	18	18	28	35
By death.....	13	25	14	11	7
By pardon.....	52	24	14	13	9
By escape.....	Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil
By release on order of court.....	5	1	5	4	6
By conditional pardon (to mental hospitals).....	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
By return to provincial authorities.....	7	3	1	3	2
By transfer to Boy's Industrial School.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
Totals, Discharged.....	1,866	1,709	1,697	1,562	1,561
In Custody, Ends of Years	3,772	3,688	3,232	2,969	3,078

Table 28 shows the ages of convicts by groups. In 1944, of the total of 3,078, 16 p.c. were under 21 years of age and 42 p.c. between 21 and 30 years of age; thus 58 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 place of birth, conjugal state, sex and religion of convicts are presented in Table 29.

28.—Ages of Convicts in Penitentiaries, as at Mar. 31, 1937-44

Age Group	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Under 21 years....	317	194	390	463	465	421	447	486
21 to 30 years....	1,515	1,632	1,592	1,574	1,473	1,283	1,168	1,283
31 to 40 years....	806	1,008	1,080	1,040	995	837	705	676
41 to 50 years....	378	431	442	430	477	420	395	398
51 to 60 years....	174	211	207	188	191	191	182	160
Over 60 years....	74	104	92	77 ¹	87	80	72	70
Totals.....	3,264	3,580	3,803	3,772	3,688	3,232	2,969	3,078

¹ Includes one unknown.