

8.—Birthplaces of Parents of Canadian-Born Juvenile Delinquents, Average 1941-45

Birthplace of Both Parents	Average 1941-45		
	Delinquents 7-15 Years of Age	Estimated Population 7-15 Years of Age	Rate per 1,000 ¹
Canada.....	4,155	1,218,554	3.4
Great Britain and possessions.....	529	111,883	4.8
United States.....	47	24,882	1.9
Other foreign countries.....	487	136,925	3.6
Not given or not known.....	427	-	-

¹ Rates of offenders are per 1,000 population of the same age and whose parents have the same birthplace.

Convictions of Juvenile and Young Adult Offenders.—While, officially, juveniles are persons under 16 years of age, in response to increased public interest in offences committed by young persons, the following table has been compiled, in which the convictions for indictable offences of persons aged 16 to under 21 have been added to the figures of juveniles found guilty of major offences. The rates per 100,000 population are the proportions of the offences committed by persons in any one age group.

9.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences and of Young Adults for Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-45

NOTE.—The population figure used for 1941 is from the 1941 Census; population figures for all other years are official estimates.

Year	Juveniles (7-15 inclusive)			Juvenile Adults (16-18 inclusive)			Adults (19-20 inclusive)		
	Con- victions	Rate per 100,000 Popu- lation	Per- centage Change from Preceding Year	Con- victions	Rate per 100,000 Popu- lation	Per- centage Change from Preceding Year	Con- victions	Rate per 100,000 Popu- lation	Per- centage Change from Preceding Year
	No.		p. c.	No.		p. c.	No.		p. c.
1939....	5,018	264	-0.7	6,030	895	+15.8	4,450	1,045	+35.4
1940....	5,298	289	+5.6	5,762	850	-4.4	3,709	867	-16.7
1941....	6,204	321	+17.1	5,434	810	-5.7	3,146	732	-15.2
1942....	6,920	358	+11.5	5,350	806	-1.6	3,118	720	-0.9
1943....	6,494	333	-6.2	6,768	1,027	+26.5	3,287	752	+5.4
1944....	6,529	335	+0.5	7,490	1,138	+10.7	3,940	893	+19.9
1945....	5,758	295	-11.8	6,958	1,064	-7.1	3,732	852	-5.3

Repeaters.—Through the years from 1922 to 1945, approximately one in every four children brought before the court failed to heed the first warning of the court and has made at least a second appearance.

The 1945 figures show that in almost three-quarters of the cases (73.5 p.c.), the children appeared before the court for the first time, 14.1 p.c. of them were second offenders, 5.9 p.c. third, 2.4 p.c. fourth and 4.1 p.c. had been up five or more times.

Previous court experience of boys and girls who have been committed for major offences is shown in the following table, covering the period 1936-45.