

13.—Convictions of Juveniles for Minor Offences, by Classes of Offence, With Percentages to Total Minor Convictions, 1922-45

Year	Traffic Regulations		Disorderly Conduct and Disturbing the Peace		Incorrigibility		Truancy		Vagrancy and Wandering Away from Home		Other Minor Offences		Total Minor Offences	
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.
1922.....	149	6.7	381	17.1	146	6.5	206	9.2	281	12.6	1,070	47.9	2,233	100
1923.....	240	10.0	376	15.6	195	8.1	263	10.9	291	12.1	1,041	43.3	2,406	100
1924.....	283	9.1	517	16.7	247	7.9	345	11.1	309	10.0	1,403	45.2	3,104	100
1925.....	176	6.2	470	16.8	325	11.6	271	9.7	286	10.2	1,279	45.5	2,807	100
1926.....	276	10.1	447	16.3	364	13.3	244	8.9	273	9.9	1,137	41.5	2,741	100
1927.....	142	4.7	479	15.5	340	11.3	182	6.1	381	12.6	1,505	49.8	3,029	100
1928.....	170	6.5	420	15.9	298	11.3	320	12.1	265	10.1	1,163	44.1	2,636	100
1929.....	197	7.2	347	12.8	327	12.0	327	12.0	240	8.9	1,282	47.1	2,720	100
1930.....	261	9.4	403	14.5	311	11.2	448	16.2	264	9.5	1,085	39.2	2,772	100
1931.....	298	12.1	430	17.5	288	11.7	329	13.4	326	13.3	786	32.0	2,457	100
1932.....	111	4.9	300	13.2	304	13.4	339	15.0	361	15.9	852	37.6	2,267	100
1933.....	115	5.0	457	19.8	498	21.6	203	8.8	217	9.4	819	35.4	2,309	100
1934.....	174	7.1	567	23.1	574	23.4	268	10.9	225	9.2	645	26.3	2,453	100
1935.....	107	4.9	312	14.4	495	22.9	234	10.8	301	13.9	716	33.1	2,165	100
1936.....	159	7.0	476	21.5	530	23.6	277	12.3	203	9.1	595	26.5	2,240	100
1937.....	193	7.7	428	17.2	702	28.2	274	11.0	117	4.7	778	31.2	2,492	100
1938.....	201	10.2	312	15.7	677	34.2	264	13.3	77	3.9	449	22.7	1,980	100
1939.....	273	10.5	454	17.5	761	29.3	264	10.2	138	5.3	705	27.2	2,595	100
1940.....	399	12.7	604	19.3	951	30.4	289	9.2	125	4.0	765	24.4	3,133	100
1941.....	835	20.4	501	12.2	1,145	27.9	366	8.9	209	5.1	1,050	25.5	4,106	100
1942.....	994	20.6	418	8.6	1,275	26.4	348	7.2	360	7.4	1,443	29.8	4,838	100
1943.....	463	12.2	283	7.4	984	25.9	372	9.8	435	11.4	1,265	33.3	3,802	100
1944.....	637	18.8	199	5.8	873	25.8	498	14.7	267	7.9	914	27.0	3,388	100
1945.....	487	15.5	216	6.8	838	26.6	424	13.5	222	7.0	964	30.6	3,151	100

Disposition of Cases of Minor Offences.—In contrast to the sentences for major offences, the majority of delinquents for minor offences up to 1937, with the exception of two years, were reprimanded and allowed to go under supervision. Since 1938, this proportion has been cut down to approximately one-third as a result of greater use being made of training schools. Before 1937, less than 10 p.c. of the commitments were to training schools, while since then the number averaged 13.9 p.c.; in 1945 it was as high as 18.9 p.c.

Through the depression years the percentage of fines imposed was low, due no doubt to inability to collect them, while from 1922 to 1930 and from 1940 to 1945 they averaged approximately 25 p.c. of the sentences.

There have been fluctuations in the percentage of suspended sentences from 8.5 p.c. to 46.4 p.c. Since 1932 sentence has been suspended, on an average, in well over 25 p.c. of the cases; the years 1938 and 1939 showed over 40 p.c. while the figure dropped to 18.2 p.c. in 1945.

The figures for 1945 run fairly close to the apportionment of sentences since 1938, that is 35.4 p.c. of the children were reprimanded and allowed to go under supervision; 18.2 p.c. of the cases were suspended, adjourned *sine die* or otherwise disposed of; 18.9 p.c. were sent to training schools, which is a slightly higher proportion than those placed in schools for more serious offences during the year; 27.1 p.c. were fined or had to make restitution.