

Education and Delinquency.—Assuming that six is the age of entering school, 63·2 p.c. of the juvenile delinquents in 1946 known to have attended elementary school were two years or more behind in school work. This retardation may have been due to other factors besides dullness, such as illness, change of residence, etc. Only 2 p.c. of the delinquents in elementary school were ahead of the normal rating and 9·7 p.c. were known to have attended high school.

7.—Age, Sex and School Grade of Juvenile Delinquents Committing Major Offences, Year Ended Sept. 30, 1946

(B=Boys; G=Girls)

Age	Elementary Grades																Secondary Grades		Not Given		Totals	
	I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		B	G	B	G	B	G
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G						
7 years.....	8	Nil	6	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	17	Nil	
8 ".....	12	"	38	"	22	1	4	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	84	1	
9 ".....	13	"	42	2	85	1	58	4	8	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	18	"	226	7	
10 ".....	1	"	26	Nil	85	1	89	3	62	2	18	1	4	"	"	"	"	30	"	315	7	
11 ".....	2	"	17	1	51	2	91	4	112	5	88	4	12	5	2	"	"	48	4	423	25	
12 ".....	2	"	7	Nil	36	1	87	Nil	106	3	138	8	79	3	21	1	3	73	6	552	22	
13 ".....	1	"	6	"	23	2	73	8	115	2	146	7	175	9	98	2	16	1	86	8	739	39
14 ".....	Nil	"	5	1	28	1	49	Nil	70	2	145	7	254	14	191	7	122	8	153	11	1,017	51
15 ".....	"	"	2	Nil	14	Nil	36	5	91	4	146	13	210	15	265	16	235	15	294	18	1,293	86
Not given.....	"	"	Nil	"	Nil	1	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	2	1	29	5	38	7
Totals.....	39	-	149	4	345	10	489	24	566	18	686	40	735	46	578	26	378	25	739	52	4,704	245

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 show the proportions of the offences committed by persons in three different age groups.

8.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences and of Young Adults for Indictable Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1942-46

NOTE.—Population figures used 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
1942....	6,920	358	+11·5	5,350	806	-1·6	3,118	720	-0·9
1943....	6,494	338	-6·2	6,768	1,027	+26·5	3,287	752	+5·4
1944....	6,529	341	+0·5	7,490	1,138	+10·7	3,940	893	+19·9
1945....	5,758	304	-11·8	6,958	1,064	-7·1	3,732	852	-5·3
1946....	4,949	258	-14·1	6,674	1,033	-4·1	4,305	991	+15·4