

1.—Juvenile Offenders Brought Before the Courts, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1943-47

Province or Territory	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	Percentage Change, 1946-47
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island.....	89	109	118	63	30	-52.4
Nova Scotia.....	715	689	598	491	513	+4.5
New Brunswick.....	430	475	341	385	342	-11.2
Quebec.....	3,373	2,621	2,390	2,183	1,908	-12.6
Ontario.....	5,573	5,388	4,190	3,684	3,262	-11.5
Manitoba.....	467	445	366	344	490	+42.4
Saskatchewan.....	429	437	339	203	222	+9.4
Alberta.....	493	599	563	455	300	-34.1
British Columbia.....	656	791	851	899	1,181	+31.4
Yukon.....	—	—	—	—	4	+100.0
Northwest Territories.....	—	—	—	—	13	+100.0
Canada.....	12,225	11,554	9,756	8,707	8,265	-5.1

The peak in delinquency among girls was reached in 1943, a year later than for boys, followed by a decline in numbers for both sexes. The ratio between boys and girls charged in court shows a gradual up-gradng for the girls until 1946. The actual number of girls appearing in court in 1947 was the lowest since 1938.

2.—Ratio of Boys and Girls Brought Before the Courts, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-47

Year	Boys		Girls		Total Charges
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.
1938.....	8,086	90.6	843	9.4	8,929
1939.....	8,514	89.6	983	10.4	9,497
1940.....	8,857	88.8	1,119	11.2	9,976
1941.....	10,812	89.1	1,325	10.9	12,137
1942.....	12,388	89.8	1,414	10.2	13,802
1943.....	10,795	88.3	1,430	11.7	12,225
1944.....	10,274	88.9	1,280	11.1	11,554
1945.....	8,599	88.1	1,157	11.9	9,756
1946.....	7,617	87.5	1,090	12.5	8,707
1947.....	7,363	89.1	902	10.9	8,265

3.—Percentage Changes in the Numbers of Boys and Girls Brought Before the Courts from the Preceding Year and from the Year 1937, 1938-47

Year	Percentage Changes from Preceding Year			Percentage Changes from 1937		
	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases
1938.....	-9.0	+6.8	-7.7	-9.0	+6.8	-7.7
1939.....	+5.3	+16.6	+6.4	-4.2	+24.6	-1.8
1940.....	+4.0	+13.8	+5.0	-0.3	+41.8	+3.1
1941.....	+22.1	+18.4	+21.7	+21.7	+67.9	+25.4
1942.....	+14.6	+6.7	+13.7	+39.4	+79.2	+42.7
1943.....	-12.9	+1.1	-11.4	+21.5	+81.2	+26.4
1944.....	-4.8	-10.5	-5.5	+15.6	+62.2	+19.4
1945.....	-16.3	-9.6	-15.6	-3.2	+46.6	+0.8
1946.....	-11.4	-5.8	-10.8	-14.3	+38.1	-10.0
1947.....	-3.3	-17.3	-5.1	-17.1	+14.3	-14.6