

4.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-47

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1933-37 are given at p. 254 of the 1947 Year Book.

Year	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
1938.....	21	283	224	1,357	2,162	222	225	298	263	—	5,055
1939.....	45	228	244	1,245	2,164	293	201	321	277	—	5,018
1940.....	41	195	251	1,461	2,229	286	208	364	262	1	5,298
1941.....	58	244	344	1,637	2,588	315	263	378	377	—	6,204
1942.....	60	220	279	1,617	3,071	503	397	472	301	—	6,920
1943.....	53	373	337	1,455	2,804	363	359	349	401	—	6,494
1944.....	82	362	363	1,212	2,901	345	356	431	477	—	6,529
1945.....	55	390	221	1,239	2,394	277	282	384	516	—	5,758
1946.....	54	293	257	1,122	1,993	238	182	327	483	—	4,949
1947.....	29	316	248	951	1,861	357	197	225	482	17	4,683

Offences against property made up the bulk of major delinquencies (92.9 p.c.) and more than one-half of those were offences against property without violence (56.3 p.c.). This group includes all thefts without violence. Offences against property with violence (burglary, breaking and entering) which were on the increase until 1944 followed the general downward trend in 1945 and 1946 but increased slightly in 1947. They comprised more than one-quarter of the total convictions for major offences (29.7 p.c.).

Figures for offences against persons were not more than 4.2 p.c. of the total number of convictions for major offences in the period 1938-46 but were 4.0 p.c. in 1947.

5.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences, by Classes of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1938-47

NOTE.—This table is not comparable with those published in previous Year Books as rates are based on the population 7-16 years of age and former rates were compiled on total population.

Year	Offences Against the Person		Offences Against Property with Violence		Offences Against Property without Violence		Malicious Offences Against Property		Forgery and Offences Against Currency		Other Offences		Total Convictions	
	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.	No.	Per 100,000 Pop.
1938.....	184	9	1,122	56	3,062	153	612	31	9	1	66	3	5,055	253
1939.....	190	9	1,207	61	2,926	147	589	29	13	1	93	5	5,018	252
1940.....	208	11	1,261	64	3,058	155	662	34	8	—	101	5	5,298	269
1941.....	263	13	1,407	72	3,467	178	947	49	14	1	106	6	6,204	318
1942.....	206	11	1,536	79	4,039	208	1,015	52	11	1	113	6	6,920	357
1943.....	258	13	1,550	81	3,658	190	892	46	21	1	115	6	6,494	337
1944.....	215	11	1,739	91	3,393	178	1,022	54	22	1	138	7	6,529	342
1945.....	218	12	1,513	80	2,964	157	933	49	29	2	101	5	5,758	305
1946.....	173	9	1,353	71	2,594	137	668	35	23	1	138	7	4,949	260
1947.....	188	10	1,389	72	2,449	127	515	27	23	1	119	6	4,683	243

Types of Major Offences Related to Age and Sex of Offenders.—The outstanding point of interest in juvenile delinquency is the fact that the total number of major offences in 1947 for all delinquents was lower than any figure reported since 1924. The reductions which accounted for this improved figure in 1947, are to be found in fewer cases than in 1946 of aggravated assault and wounding, endangering life on railway, theft and receiving stolen goods, wilful damage to property and immorality. Immorality was the third highest misdemeanor of the girls.