

Of those appearing in court, 10·9 p.c. were girls in 1947 and 4·6 p.c. of convictions for major offences were against girls.

6.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences, by Types and Sex, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1943-47

Offence	1943		1944		1945		1946		1947	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Manslaughter and murder.....	1	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Rape, carnal knowledge and incest....	1	—	5	—	13	1	8	—	9	3
Indecent assault.....	46	—	38	—	30	—	33	—	41	—
Aggravated assault and wounding.....	24	4	53	3	25	2	29	2	14	—
Common assault.....	95	23	71	9	103	12	60	8	81	12
Endangering life on railway.....	63	—	26	—	30	—	24	—	14	—
Other offences against the person.....	1	—	3	4	1	1	8	—	12	1
Burglary, breaking and entering.....	1,509	23	1,675	27	1,467	27	1,310	20	1,319	35
Robbery.....	18	—	37	—	15	4	20	3	35	—
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	3,462	178	3,218	162	2,810	134	2,445	129	2,315	113
Embezzlement, false pretences and fraud.....	17	1	11	2	15	5	18	2	16	5
Arson.....	23	—	35	2	19	—	16	2	31	—
Wilful damage to property.....	839	30	969	16	895	19	631	19	477	7
Forgery and offences against currency.....	20	1	18	4	23	6	20	3	17	6
Immorality.....	16	47	21	48	23	26	22	40	19	25
Various other offences.....	40	12	62	7	47	5	59	17	67	8
Totals.....	6,175	319	6,245	284	5,516	242	4,704	245	4,468	215

As children become older, the percentage of major offences tends to increase. In 1946 more than one-half the major offences were committed by boys and girls of 14 and 15 years of age, the former 45·8 p.c. and the latter 55·8 p.c. However, in 1947 it was the younger children who showed an increase in the number of major offences over those of 1946. These offences were committed by those of both sexes, of seven and eight years of age, the ten-year old girls and the eleven and twelve-year old boys, in fact, 37·4 p.c. of major offences involving boys were committed by lads of 12 years of age and younger.

Education and Delinquency.—Presuming that six is the age for entering school, 51·2 p.c. of the girls and 49·1 p.c. of the boys known to have attended elementary school committed major offences in 1947. These juveniles were two years or more behind the normal grade for their age. Only 2·2 p.c. of juvenile delinquents were a year or more in advance of the usual grade for their age and 8·4 p.c. attended high school for some period of time.

7.—Age, Sex and School Grade of Juvenile Delinquents Committing Major Offences, Year Ended Sept. 30, 1947

(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							
7 years.....	21	1	14	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	40	1		
8 ".....	13	1	47	2	25	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	96	5		
9 ".....	3	—	40	—	71	2	38	2	13	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	16	1	132	5		
10 ".....	3	—	35	—	73	5	94	3	57	3	20	—	—	—	—	—	26	1	311	12		
11 ".....	1	1	18	—	75	—	108	4	121	2	64	3	18	2	1	—	36	5	442	17		
12 ".....	4	—	10	—	43	1	100	3	133	9	158	2	89	1	13	—	68	2	599	18		
13 ".....	—	—	11	1	32	—	65	2	106	6	145	5	152	4	67	9	20	1	95	3		
14 ".....	1	—	9	—	14	—	62	1	99	3	152	7	207	11	181	15	97	1	129	7		
15 ".....	—	—	5	—	13	1	52	6	69	6	121	10	180	15	194	12	255	13	207	12		
Not given.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	5	1	5	—	4	—	39	5		
Totals.....	46	3	189	3	346	11	531	21	600	29	662	27	632	34	463	36	377	15	622	36	4,468	215