

**1.—Convictions against Youthful Offenders for Indictable Offences, by Age Groups  
for each Class, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1946-48**

Offence	Numbers of Convictions								
	16-18 Years		19-20 Years		21-24 Years		Totals, 16-24 Years, Inclusive		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Offences against the person.....	1946	366	19	456	39	1,213	42	2,035	100
	1947	320	20	412	19	1,155	51	1,887	90
	1948	309	25	369	17	1,124	61	1,802	103
Offences against property with violence.....	1946	1,829	11	975	12	1,169	18	3,973	41
	1947	1,601	9	797	5	1,318	16	3,716	30
	1948	1,597	10	838	7	1,258	7	3,693	24
Offences against property without violence.....	1946	3,217	221	1,812	167	2,605	234	7,634	622
	1947	2,741	244	1,744	109	3,005	237	7,490	590
	1948	2,531	238	1,616	196	2,844	308	6,991	742
Malicious offences against property....	1946	263	5	122	—	241	8	626	13
	1947	183	5	110	3	202	5	495	13
	1948	203	8	103	8	183	7	489	23
Forgery and offences against currency.	1946	197	22	186	24	220	39	603	85
	1947	193	50	179	37	356	69	728	156
	1948	117	10	209	67	369	49	695	126
Other offences.....	1946	398	126	464	48	1,230	189	2,092	363
	1947	292	51	353	21	1,057	115	1,702	187
	1948	292	74	355	25	1,076	93	1,723	192

In 1948 as compared with 1947, convictions against young men of from 16 to 24 years of age decreased in each class shown in Table 2, with the exception of "Other offences" The small increase in that group was accounted for by more convictions for dangerous and reckless driving and offences against public morals. On the other hand, convictions against females in the same age group increased in all but two of the classes shown. The largest increase was that of 25 p.c. for "offences against property without violence", caused by more convictions for false pretences and theft.

More convictions were recorded for theft than for any other offence and 925 of the 6,014 thefts were of motor-vehicles. Such offences as the latter often lead to the more serious crimes of robbery and burglary, which were the next most frequent. Theft, too, is the most common cause for bringing young women before the courts on indictment, though with them theft of cars is almost negligible. Offences common to young males tend towards those requiring physical strength and daring but young women are given to offences that require mental agility and cunning, such as false pretences, forgery and uttering forged documents.