



Section 1.—Total Delinquents

The terms 'indictable' and 'non-indictable' are applied only to offences of adults. Similar offences committed by juveniles are termed 'major' and 'minor' offences, respectively.

The number of cases of juvenile delinquency brought before the courts has declined steadily each year since 1942, when the peak was reached. The decrease in 1948 as compared with 1947 amounted to 5 p.c. and was shared by all provinces with one exception; the increase in Nova Scotia was very small.

In 1948 there were 5,049 children brought before the courts for major offences as compared with 5,152 in 1947, and 2,829 charged with minor offences as against 3,113 in 1947.

1.—Juveniles brought before the Courts, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-48

Province or Territory	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	Percentage Change, 1947-48
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Prince Edward Island.....	109	118	63	30	23	-6.7
Nova Scotia.....	689	598	491	513	518	+1.0
New Brunswick.....	475	341	385	342	277	-19.0
Quebec.....	2,621	2,390	2,183	1,908	1,889	-1.0
Ontario.....	5,388	4,190	3,684	3,262	3,256	-0.2
Manitoba.....	445	366	344	490	422	-13.9
Saskatchewan.....	437	339	203	222	193	-13.1
Alberta.....	599	563	455	300	269	-10.3
British Columbia.....	791	851	899	1,181	1,015	-14.1
Yukon.....	—	—	—	4	3	-25.0
Northwest Territories.....	—	—	—	13	8	-38.5
Canada.....	11,554	9,756	8,707	8,265	7,878	-4.7