

The peak in delinquency among girls was reached in 1943, a year later than for boys, followed by declines in numbers for both sexes. The ratio between boys and girls charged in court shows a gradual up-gradings for the girls until 1946. The actual number of girls appearing in court in 1948 was the lowest since 1939.

**2.—Ratio of Boys and Girls brought before the Courts, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48**

Year	Boys		Girls		Total Charges No.
	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	
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
1948.....	6,988	88.7	890	11.3	7,878

**3.—Percentage Changes in the Numbers of Boys and Girls brought before the Courts from the Preceding Year and from the Year 1938, 1939-48**

Year	Percentage Changes from Preceding Year			Percentage Changes from 1938		
	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases
1939.....	+5.3	+16.6	+6.4	+5.3	+16.6	+6.4
1940.....	+4.0	+13.8	+5.0	+9.5	+32.7	+11.7
1941.....	+22.1	+18.4	+21.7	+33.7	+57.2	+35.9
1942.....	+14.6	+6.7	+13.7	+53.2	+67.7	+54.6
1943.....	-12.9	+1.1	-11.4	+33.5	+69.6	+36.9
1944.....	-4.8	-10.5	-5.5	+27.1	+51.8	+29.4
1945.....	-16.3	-9.6	-15.6	+6.3	+37.2	+9.3
1946.....	-11.4	-5.8	-10.8	-5.8	+29.3	-2.5
1947.....	-3.3	-17.3	-5.1	-8.9	+7.0	-7.4
1948.....	-5.1	-1.3	-4.7	-13.6	+5.6	-11.8

**Section 2.—Major Delinquencies**

Convictions of juveniles for major offences have declined considerably since 1942, the peak year. The number for 1948 was the lowest since 1924.

**4.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences, by Provinces, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48**

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1933-38 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
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
1948.....	27	329	203	959	1,944	296	160	199	463	11	4,591