

Offences against property made up 93 p.c. of the total convictions for major delinquencies in 1948, more than one-half of these, or 52 p.c. of the total, were offences against property without violence. All thefts without violence are included in this group. Offences against property with violence (burglary, breaking and entering) were on the increase until 1944, but have decreased to 1,229 in 1948, the lowest figure since 1939. Such convictions made up 27 p.c. of the total in 1948. Offences against the person, which averaged 3 p.c. of the total convictions for major offences in the period 1939-47, accounted for 4 p.c. in 1948.

**5.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences, by Classes of Offence and Ratios per 100,000 Population 7-16 Years of Age, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48**

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.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population	No.	Ratio to Population
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	5	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
1948	202	11	1,229	64	2,400	124	640	33	15	1	105	5	4,591	238

**Sex and Age of Delinquents.**—Juvenile delinquents are predominantly boys. Of all those appearing in court in 1948 for major offences, 4.9 p.c. were girls, a slightly higher percentage than in 1947. Over the ten-year period 1939-48, the ratio of girls to boys has averaged about 1 to 22.

**6.—Convictions of Juveniles for Major Offences, by Offence and Sex, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1944-48**

Offence	1944		1945		1946		1947		1948	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Manslaughter and murder	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
Rape, carnal knowledge and incest	5	—	13	1	8	—	9	3	2	1
Indecent assault	38	—	30	—	33	—	41	—	44	—
Aggravated assault and wounding	53	3	25	2	29	2	14	—	31	3
Common assault	71	9	103	12	60	8	81	12	87	8
Endangering life on railway	26	—	30	—	24	—	14	—	8	—
Other offences against the person	3	4	1	1	8	—	12	1	17	—
Burglary, breaking and entering	1,675	27	1,467	27	1,310	20	1,319	35	1,201	15
Robbery	37	—	15	4	20	3	35	—	13	—
Theft and receiving stolen goods	3,218	162	2,810	134	2,445	129	2,315	113	2,265	123
Embezzlement, false pretences and fraud	11	2	15	5	18	2	16	5	11	1
Arson	35	2	19	—	16	2	31	—	19	3
Wilful damage to property	969	16	895	19	631	19	477	7	595	23
Forgery and offences against currency	18	4	23	6	20	3	17	6	12	3
Immorality	21	48	23	26	22	40	19	25	25	38
Various other offences	62	7	47	5	59	17	67	8	34	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,245</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>5,516</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>4,794</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>4,468</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>4,365</b>	<b>226</b>