



By far the greater portion of convictions for major offences are against children of 13 to 15 years of age. This is particularly noticeable in the case of girls, 75 p.c. of whom were in this age group in 1948.

7.—Percentages of Boys and Girls Convicted for Major Offences, by Age Groups, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1946-48

Age Group	1946			1947			1948		
	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
7-12 years.....	34.4	25.4	33.9	37.4	27.0	36.9	37.5	25.2	36.9
13-15 years.....	64.8	71.8	65.2	61.3	70.2	61.7	61.7	74.8	62.3
Not given.....	0.8	2.8	0.9	1.3	2.8	1.4	0.8	—	0.8
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Education and Delinquency.—Assuming that six years is the age for entering Grade I, 46 p.c. of the girls and 49 p.c. of the boys convicted of major offences in 1948 were two years or more behind the normal grade for their age, while 3 p.c. were a year or more in advance of the usual grade for their age. More than one-half the juvenile delinquents were in Grades V, VI and VII and 9 p.c. were known to have attended high school for some period of time.