

8.—Age, Sex and School Grade of Juvenile Delinquents Convicted of Major Offences, Year Ended Sept. 30, 1948

(B=Boys; G=Girls)

Age	Elementary Grades												Secondary Grades		Not Given		Totals					
	I		II		III		IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		B		G			
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G		
7 years.....	9	—	18	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	36	1	
8 ".....	8	—	31	1	20	—	10	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	75	3	
9 ".....	6	—	29	1	68	—	47	1	8	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	1	174	5	
10 ".....	2	—	23	1	61	—	93	1	87	2	20	1	1	1	—	—	—	25	2	313	8	
11 ".....	1	—	11	1	70	2	106	6	143	10	72	3	14	—	2	—	1	42	1	462	23	
12 ".....	3	—	3	—	29	—	93	1	144	7	150	2	71	5	32	1	2	48	1	575	17	
13 ".....	—	—	6	—	21	2	69	3	116	5	162	9	173	7	97	7	17	53	6	714	39	
14 ".....	—	—	6	1	14	4	48	4	114	1	151	4	202	9	196	16	102	4	92	7	925	50
15 ".....	—	—	3	—	17	1	43	2	87	4	108	7	172	17	202	11	268	24	156	14	1,056	80
Not given.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	27	—	35	—	
Totals.....	29	—	130	6	301	10	513	20	702	30	667	26	635	39	533	35	390	28	465	32	4,365	226

Repeaters.—Experience, which dispels or increases resentment to authority, may be a factor in encouraging or deterring repeaters. Some of the responsibility for the attitude that is built up, be it good or bad, rests on the police, the probation officer, the staff of the detention home and the judge. The recollection of how he was picked up the first time, how he was handled while awaiting hearing, the opinion of those in whose care he was placed during the process of readjustment, all make an impression on a child.

Over the ten-year period, 1939-48, approximately one in every four children brought before the court for major offences failed to heed the first warning of the court and made at least a second appearance. In 1948, 73 p.c. of the delinquent children were brought before the court for the first time, 15 p.c. were second offenders, 6 p.c. third, 3 p.c. fourth and 4 p.c. were dealt with by the courts five or more times.

9.—First Offenders and Repeaters of Major Offences, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1939-48

Year	Total Delinquents	First Offenders	Repeaters					Total	Percentage of Total Delinquents
			Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth or More	Total		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
1939.....	5,018	3,588	709	306	192	223	1,430	28.5	
1940.....	5,298	3,711	813	357	190	227	1,587	30.0	
1941.....	6,204	4,356	994	396	199	259	1,848	29.8	
1942.....	6,920	5,577	669	348	144	182	1,343	19.4	
1943.....	6,494	4,831	865	386	183	229	1,663	25.6	
1944.....	6,529	4,665	943	429	221	271	1,864	28.6	
1945.....	5,758	4,231	812	337	137	241	1,527	26.5	
1946.....	4,949	3,430	799	344	155	221	1,519	30.7	
1947.....	4,683	3,376	673	329	138	167	1,307	27.9	
1948.....	4,591	3,340	674	266	147	164	1,251	27.3	