

**2.—Adults Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Classes of Offence, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1949 and 1950**

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Class and Offence	1949			1950			Increase or Decrease in Persons Convicted
	Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		
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	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p. c.
<b>Class I.—Offences against the Person—</b>							
Abduction.....	24	12	1	21	13	3	+ 23.1
Assault, common, aggravated and on police.....	5,310	3,962	232	5,241	3,930	225	- 0.9
Offences against females <sup>1</sup> .....	1,161	825	27	1,163	845	27	+ 2.3
Manslaughter and murder.....	194	72	5	174	83	11	+ 22.1
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	259	192	9	263	184	12	- 2.5
Non-support, desertion.....	368	249	8	336	221	8	- 10.9
Other offences against the person.....	346	273	27	396	310	27	+ 12.3
<b>Totals, Class I.....</b>	<b>7,662</b>	<b>5,585</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>7,594</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>+ 0.1</b>
<b>Class II.—Offences against Property with Violence—</b>							
Burglary and robbery.....	4,520	3,952	63	4,838	4,292	44	+ 8.0
<b>Totals, Class II.....</b>	<b>4,520</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4,838</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+ 8.0</b>
<b>Class III.—Offences against Property without Violence—</b>							
Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences.....	2,010	1,614	122	2,265	1,809	141	+ 12.3
Receiving stolen goods.....	1,083	819	38	1,105	867	46	+ 6.5
Theft.....	11,430	9,457	722	11,179	9,162	804	- 2.1
<b>Totals, Class III.....</b>	<b>14,523</b>	<b>11,890</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>14,549</b>	<b>11,838</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>+ 0.4</b>
<b>Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property—</b>							
Arson.....	72	51	4	136	107	5	+103.6
Malicious damage to property.....	905	718	44	774	606	36	- 15.7
<b>Totals, Class IV.....</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>- 7.7</b>
<b>Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency—</b>							
Offences against currency.....	11	9	—	36	27	—	+200.0
Forgery and uttering forged documents.....	684	603	59	715	607	70	+ 2.3
<b>Totals, Class V.....</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>+ 4.9</b>
<b>Class VI.—Offences not included in the Foregoing Classes—</b>							
Dangerous or reckless driving.....	1,865	1,679	21	2,006	1,703	31	+ 2.0
Driving car while drunk.....	1,641	1,341	15	1,842	1,574	11	+ 16.9
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.....	425	255	98	420	252	104	+ 0.9
Gambling and lotteries.....	962	820	39	897	782	61	+ 1.9
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates.....	237	47	150	229	83	134	+ 10.2
Various.....	2,627	2,136	152	2,441	1,985	143	- 7.0
<b>Totals, Class VI.....</b>	<b>7,757</b>	<b>6,278</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>7,835</b>	<b>6,379</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>+ 1.6</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>36,134</b>	<b>29,086</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>36,477</b>	<b>29,442</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>+ 1.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Offences against females include: abortion, assault against females or wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procreation, rape, attempted rape and seduction.

Table 3 shows that, in 1950, 64.1 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable offences had not gone beyond elementary school grades in education, 40.6 p.c. were 24 years of age or younger, 11.8 p.c. were 45 years of age or over, and 75.7 p.c. lived in urban centres. Of these offenders, 93.8 p.c. were males; 88.9 p.c. were born in Canada; 55.5 p.c. were unmarried; 26.0 p.c. were recorded as labourers; and 7.1 p.c. had no employment.