

26.—Juvenile Delinquents classified by Offences, Five-Year Intervals, 1925-50

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 309.

Offence	1925 ¹	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950
Manslaughter and murder.....	—	—	—	2	—	—
Rape, carnal knowledge and incest.....	—	5	8	12	14	4
Indecent assault.....	37	49	29	32	30	36
Aggravated assault and wounding.....	12	11	60	24	27	26
Common assault.....	118	101	100	99	115	59
Endangering life on railway.....	40	31	48	28	30	12
Other offences against the person.....	5	2	3	11	4	14
Burglary, breaking and entering.....	798	944	1,022	1,245	1,494	1,310
Robbery.....	17	7	9	16	19	27
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	3,386	3,662	3,548	3,037	2,944	2,373
Embezzlement, false pretences and fraud.....	12	24	14	21	20	21
Arson.....	18	45	29	26	27	49
Willful damage to property.....	983	927	716	736	1,163	618
Forgery and offences against currency.....	7	17	12	8	29	16
Immorality.....	177	82	45	186	112	126
Various other offences.....	3,129	2,518	2,036	2,948	2,881	1,727
Totals.....	8,739	8,425	7,679	8,431	8,909	6,418

¹ Figures include 852 cases adjourned *sine die*.

Sex and Age of Delinquents.—Juvenile delinquents are predominantly boys. The ratio between boys and girls has remained much the same over a long period and for all offences, in 1950, it was approximately one girl to nine boys.

There were 121 boys of seven and eight years of age found to be delinquent in 1950, though more than one-half of the delinquent boys were 14 and 15 years of age, and 67·3 p.c. were 13 years of age or over.

The ages of 67·5 p.c. of the delinquent girls in 1950 were 14 and 15 years, and 81·7 p.c. were 13 years of age or over. No girls were brought before the courts for delinquencies in Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island in 1950, and none under the age of 12 in Manitoba and Alberta.

27.—Percentages of Delinquent Boys and Girls, by Age Groups, 1949 and 1950

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 309.

Age Group	1949			1950		
	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
7-12 years.....	33·8	21·1	32·6	31·6	17·5	30·2
13-15 years.....	64·9	78·6	66·2	67·3	81·7	68·7
Not given.....	1·3	0·3	1·2	1·1	0·8	1·1
Totals.....	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

Education and Employment.—Backwardness in school work may be due to many causes: illness, disturbed family situations, overcrowding in the home or other factors. Presuming that six years is the age for entering Grade I, 48·6 p.c. of the boys and 55·6 p.c. of the girls who were delinquent in 1950 were two years or more below the normal grade for their age, while 3·2 p.c. of the girls and boys were a year or more above it.