

Reasons for Court Appearances.—The number of children adjudged delinquent by the courts of the 10 provinces in 1951 was 6,644. This was an increase of 93 boys and a decrease of 42 girls over the year 1950, not including the Newfoundland figures.

24.—Juvenile Delinquents, by Province, 1942-51

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 296.

Year	N'tld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1942.....	...	101	353	350	4,044	4,394	602	466	835	613	—	11,758
1943.....	...	89	488	429	3,196	4,178	438	421	447	610	—	10,296
1944.....	...	109	475	474	2,259	4,428	416	422	565	769	—	9,917
1945.....	...	115	493	338	2,387	3,531	342	334	531	838	—	8,909
1946.....	...	55	384	382	2,155	3,104	298	195	405	878	—	7,856
1947.....	...	30	412	334	1,842	2,830	424	212	277	1,167	17	7,545
1948.....	...	28	421	263	1,864	2,799	364	169	237	999	11	7,155
1949.....	...	49	433	198	1,323	2,541	403	171	246	833	1	6,198
1950.....	...	10	351	258	1,369	3,056	400	76	204	688	6	6,418
1951.....	175	52	483	261	1,180	3,024	347	64	242	815	1	6,644

Thefting is the most prevalent delinquency among the boys and, together with receiving stolen goods, was the reason for court appearance in more than one-third of the cases (38·4 p.c.) in 1951. Burglaries, robberies, house- and shop-breaking were committed by 25·2 p.c. of them and another 12·4 p.c. committed wilful acts against property. Only 2·9⁹ p.c. of the boys were guilty of offences against the person and almost 46 p.c. of these were charged with common assault.

Incorrigibility and vagrancy were the main complaints against the delinquent girls (33·7 p.c.); however, this was a decrease from the 40·7 p.c. shown in 1950. One girl in every five appeared for theft and securing stolen goods.

25.—Juvenile Delinquents, by Group of Offence and Ratio per 100,000 Population 7-16 Years of Age, 1942-51

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 296.

Year	Offences against the Person		Offences against Property with Violence		Offences against Property without Violence		Wilful 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
1942.....	206	11	1,536	79	4,039	208	1,228	63	11	1	4,738	244	11,758	606
1943.....	260	14	1,550	81	3,658	190	1,140	59	21	1	3,667	190	10,296	535
1944.....	216	11	1,739	91	3,393	178	1,269	67	22	1	3,278	172	9,917	520
1945.....	220	12	1,513	80	2,964	157	1,190	63	29	2	2,993	159	8,909	473
1946.....	173	9	1,353	71	2,594	137	887	47	23	1	2,826	149	7,856	414
1947.....	189	10	1,389	72	2,449	127	677	35	23	1	2,818	147	7,545	392
1948.....	204	10	1,229	64	2,400	124	729	38	15	1	2,578	134	7,155	371
1949.....	176	9	1,346	67	2,244	113	600	30	15	1	1,817	91	6,198	311
1950.....	151	7	1,337	65	2,394	116	667	32	16	1	1,853	90	6,418	311
1951.....	188	9	1,542	72	2,563	119	765	36	20	1	1,566	73	6,644	310