

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 1951 it was approximately one girl to nine boys. Juveniles of 13 to 15 years of age comprised the majority of delinquents, 70·2 p.c. in the case of boys and 86·4 p.c. in the case of girls. However, 592 boys (9·8 p.c.) and 19 girls (3·1 p.c.) were under 11 years of age. There were no delinquent girls under 11 years of age in Nova Scotia, none under 12 years in Alberta and none under 13 years in Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan.

27.—Percentages of Delinquent Boys and Girls, by Age Group, 1950 and 1951

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

Age Group	1950			1951		
	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
7-12 years.....	31·6	17·5	30·2	29·0	13·2	27·6
13-15 years.....	67·3	81·7	68·7	70·2	86·5	71·7
Not given.....	1·1	0·8	1·1	0·8	0·3	0·7
Totals.....	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0	100·0

Education and Employment.—Many causes contribute to backwardness in school work. The retarding influence may be illness, over-crowding in the home, disturbed family situations or dull mentality. Presuming that six years is the usual age for entering Grade I, nearly 50 p.c. of the juvenile delinquents (48 p.c. of the boys and 49·7 p.c. of the girls) in 1951, were reported to be two or more years below the normal grade for their years and 3·2 p.c. of the boys and girls were a year or more above it.

Well over 50 p.c. of the boys attained Grades V to VIII, the highest grades attained by the majority of boys who had left school. More than 50 p.c. of the girls had reached Grades VII to VIII, and these were the grades from which the girls left school. Some high school education had been achieved by 14·8 p.c. of the boys and girls.

28.—Age, Sex and School Grade of Delinquent Boys and Girls, 1951

(B=Boys; G=Girls)

Age	School Grades														Total Delinquents				
	Elementary								Secondary	Auxiliary		Not Given							
	I-IV		V		VI		VII			VIII		B	G	B	G	B	G		
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B							G	B
7 years.....	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
8 ".....	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—
9 ".....	75	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	1
10 ".....	170	2	15	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	194	3
11 ".....	179	9	78	—	18	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	298	15
12 ".....	168	8	149	11	103	6	14	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	464	29
13 ".....	128	8	155	6	200	8	138	9	26	—	4	1	5	—	—	—	—	694	33
14 ".....	92	9	172	12	193	16	265	28	172	17	39	9	20	3	64	5	1	1,017	99
15 ".....	69	8	121	8	205	31	329	29	333	45	250	32	35	8	100	13	1	1,442	174
Not given.....	80	7	88	13	189	21	290	37	373	72	566	78	37	4	154	24	1	1,777	256
Totals.....	982	52	783	53	917	84	1,039	104	909	135	866	120	109	17	427	47	1	6,032	612