

**12.—Young Adult Offenders Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence and Sex, 1951 and 1952—concluded**

Class and Offence	1951		1952	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property—</b>				
Arson.....	17	2	22	1
Malicious damage to property.....	270	16	263	9
<b>Totals, Class IV.....</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency—</b>				
Offences against currency.....	7	—	1	1
Forgery and uttering forged documents.....	179	35	197	34
<b>Totals, Class V.....</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Class VI.—Other Offences—</b>				
Carrying unlawful weapons.....	100	2	83	1
Dangerous or reckless driving.....	395	7	242	2
Driving car while ability impaired.....	2	2	212	2
Driving car while drunk.....	284	3	233	—
Offences against public morals.....	33	41	5	11
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.....	40	39	45	37
Gambling and lotteries.....	23	7	19	1
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates.....	3	43	6	49
Riots and unlawful assembly.....	133	7	194	1
Various.....	412	56	426	57
<b>Totals, Class VI.....</b>	<b>1,423</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>11,060</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>11,174</b>	<b>719</b>

<sup>1</sup> Offences against females include: abortion, assault against females, assault against wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procreation, rape, attempted rape, seduction and wife desertion.  
<sup>2</sup> Offences were reported under this classification for the first time in 1952.

Table 13 shows the proportions of young offenders per 100,000 population in three age groups.

**13.—Numbers per 100,000 Population of Young Adults Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Age Group, 1951 and 1952**

Age Group	1951			1952		
	Offenders	Per 100,000 Population in Respective Group	Change from Preceding Year	Offenders	Per 100,000 Population in Respective Group	Change from Preceding Year
	No.		p.c.	No.		p.c.
16-17 years.....	2,780	659	- 5.0	2,538	596	- 8.7
18-19 ".....	2,757	652	-11.3	2,891	680	+ 4.9
20-24 ".....	6,322	581	- 5.9	6,464	588	+ 2.2

The sentences meted out to these young people varied somewhat from those given to offenders over 24 years of age. In 1952, a higher proportion of them were given suspended sentences, put on probation or sent to reformatories and a lower proportion were fined or given gaol sentences.