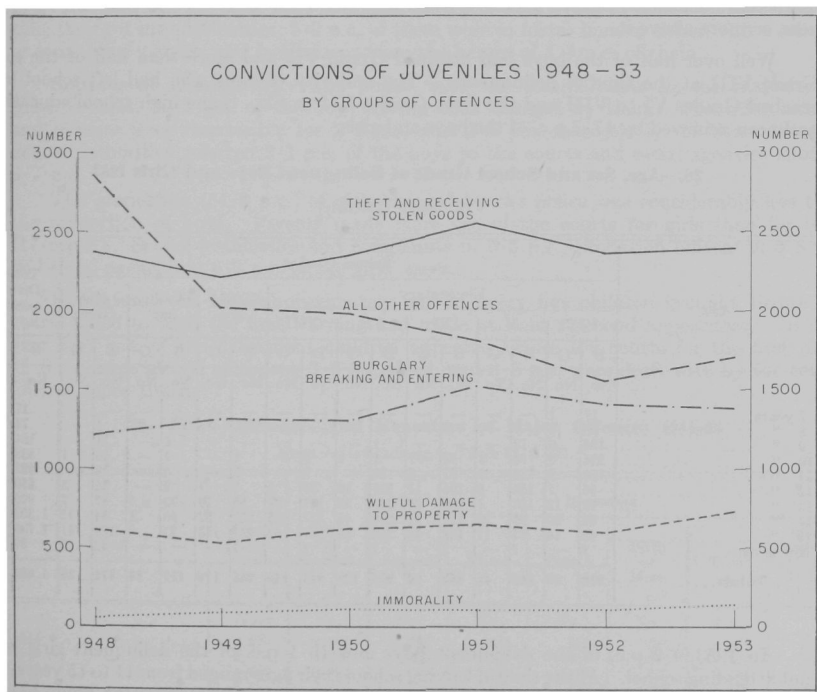


26.—Juvenile Delinquents classified by Offence 1949-53

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 331.

Offence	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Manslaughter and murder.....	4	—	—	—	—
Rape, carnal knowledge and incest.....	7	4	3	3	5
Indecent assault.....	12	36	31	19	28
Aggravated assault and wounding.....	12	26	31	27	16
Common assault.....	81	59	89	65	89
Endangering life on railway.....	11	12	9	25	11
Other offences against the person.....	23	14	25	33	20
Burglary, breaking and entering.....	1,318	1,310	1,520	1,411	1,391
Robbery.....	28	27	22	45	25
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	2,227	2,373	2,553	2,379	2,400
Embezzlement, false pretences and fraud.....	17	21	10	16	15
Arson.....	16	49	28	36	34
Wilful damage to property.....	536	618	646	597	736
Forgery and offences against currency.....	15	16	20	25	19
Incorrigibility and vagrancy.....	515	660	484	403	529
Immorality.....	97	126	111	110	139
Various other offences.....	1,254	1,067	1,062	874	920
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,644</b>	<b>6,068</b>	<b>6,377</b>



**Sex and Age.**—Juvenile delinquents are predominantly boys. The proportion for all offences in 1953 was approximately one girl to eight boys, a ratio which has remained much the same over a long period. Juveniles of 13 to 15 years of age comprised the majority of delinquents in 1953, 69.6 p.c. in the case of boys and 86.0 p.c. in the case of girls. However, 272 boys and 10 girls (4.4 p.c. of the children) were under 10 years of age.