

### 12.—Young Adult Offenders Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence and Sex 1954 and 1955

Class and Offence	1954		1955	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Class I.—Offences against the Person</b> .....	<b>1,686</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>46</b>
Abduction.....	10	—	4	1
Assault, common and aggravated.....	827	35	723	13
Offences against females <sup>1</sup> .....	224	3	222	3
Manslaughter and murder.....	27	2	20	—
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	68	1	38	3
Non-support, desertion and cruelty to children.....	17	4	5	—
Other offences against the person.....	513	20	529	26
<b>Class II.—Offences against Property with Violence</b> .....	<b>2,895</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>34</b>
Burglary and robbery.....	2,895	47	2,824	34
<b>Class III.—Offences against Property without Violence</b> .....	<b>4,843</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>363</b>
Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences.....	363	38	324	53
Receiving stolen goods.....	381	13	315	19
Theft.....	4,099	312	3,986	291
<b>Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property</b> .....	<b>180</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>11</b>
Arson.....	27	3	22	3
Malicious damage to property.....	153	2	199	8
<b>Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency</b> .....	<b>225</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>33</b>
Offences against currency.....	1	—	—	—
Forgery and uttering forged documents.....	224	31	246	33
<b>Class VI.—Other Offences</b> .....	<b>1,701</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>140</b>
Carrying unlawful weapons.....	118	1	83	1
Dangerous or reckless driving.....	263	3	85	—
Driving car while ability impaired.....	446	2	476	3
Driving car while drunk.....	144	—	99	—
Offences against public morals.....	20	31	37	33
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.....	32	17	35	30
Gambling and lotteries.....	10	3	18	—
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates.....	5	66	10	40
Riots and unlawful assembly.....	177	—	37	—
Various.....	486	43	472	33
<b>Grand Totals</b> .....	<b>11,530</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>627</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes abortion, assault against females, assault against wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procurement, rape, attempted rape, seduction and wife desertion.

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 1954 and 1955

Age Group	1954			1955		
	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.....	2,769	622	+3.1	2,743	602	-0.9
18 - 19 ".....	2,778	637	+5.7	2,814	636	+1.3
20 - 24 ".....	6,660	598	+2.2	5,879	524	-11.7