

Children Adjudged Delinquent.—Over a period of ten years it has been found that between 80 and 90 p.c. of the children brought before the courts each year have been adjudged delinquent. The number of delinquents in 1957 was 9,679, an increase of 7.7 p.c. over 1956. The major increases in 1957 were shown in British Columbia and Quebec.

25.—Juvenile Delinquents, by Province, 1948-57

Year	Nfld.	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.
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
1952.....	215	29	356	267	628	2,889	409	81	317	877	—	6,068
1953.....	196	33	443	235	773	2,975	360	49	357	952	4	6,377
1954.....	218	43	440	224	678	2,945	341	59	428	956	—	6,332
1955.....	254	30	390	202	1,040	3,138	401	57	535	978	—	7,025
1956.....	336	48	412	311	1,184	3,945	593	44	715	1,391	6	8,985
1957.....	301	35	492	324	1,351	4,051	708	26	766	1,621	4	9,679

Offences.—Thieving is the most prevalent delinquency among boys and, together with receiving stolen goods, was the reason for court appearance in 41.0 p.c. of all cases in 1957. Breaking and entering and robbery were committed by 23.0 p.c. of the delinquent boys and another 11.1 p.c. committed wilful acts against property. Only 2.8 p.c. of the boys were guilty of offences against the person and 43.9 p.c. of these were charged with common assault.

Incorrigibility (23.8 p.c.) and thefts (20.2 p.c.) were the complaints against 44.1 p.c. of the delinquent girls in 1957.

26.—Juvenile Delinquents by Group of Offence, and Ratio per 100,000 Population 7-16 Years of Age, 1948-57

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
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 ¹	188	9	1,542	72	2,563	119	765	36	20	1	1,566	73	6,644	310
1952.....	172	8	1,456	65	2,496	112	633	28	25	1	1,286	58	6,068	272
1953.....	169	7	1,416	61	2,415	103	770	33	19	1	1,588	68	6,377	273
1954.....	184	7	1,444	59	2,489	102	673	28	32	1	1,510	62	6,332	259
1955.....	181	7	1,548	61	2,767	108	629	25	29	1	1,871	73	7,025	275
1956.....	250	9	1,888	69	3,572	131	839	31	39	1	2,397	88	8,985	329
1957.....	254	9	2,005	70	3,764	132	994	35	28	1	2,634	92	9,679	339

¹ Newfoundland included from 1951.