

2.—Adults Charged and Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence, 1957 and 1958

Class of Offence	1957			1958			Increase or Decrease in Persons Convicted
	Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		
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Criminal Code	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.
Class I.—Offences against the Person	6,326	4,915	235	5,987	4,685	190	-5.3
Abduction and kidnapping	59	45	1	29	26	1	-41.3
Assault, causing bodily harm, common, on police and obstruction	4,358	3,482	156	4,191	3,323	134	-5.0
Offences against females ¹	819	601	21	838	631	13	+3.5
Manslaughter, motor manslaughter and murder	233	115	3	196	96	2	-16.9
Attempted murder, causing bodily harm and danger	177	110	16	153	114	12	—
Duties tending to preservation of life	55	49	3	58	50	1	-1.9
Other offences against the person	625	513	35	522	445	27	-13.9
Class II.—Offences against Property with Violence	6,062	5,507	81	7,408	6,799	97	+23.4
Breaking and entering a place, extortion and robbery	6,062	5,507	81	7,408	6,799	97	+23.4
Class III.—Offences against Property without Violence	15,911	13,535	998	17,675	14,839	1,237	+10.6
Fraud and false pretences	2,083	1,674	151	2,242	1,775	171	+6.6
Having in possession	1,402	1,162	49	1,506	1,228	55	+5.9
Theft	12,426	10,699	798	13,927	11,836	1,011	+11.7
Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property	669	543	32	683	567	21	+2.3
Arson and other fires	100	64	10	105	85	2	+17.6
Other interference with property	569	479	22	578	482	19	—
Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences Relating to Currency	823	721	63	1,057	906	109	+29.5
Forgery and uttering forged documents	812	711	63	1,029	881	107	+27.6
Offences relating to currency	11	10	—	28	25	2	+170.0
Class VI.—Other Offences	5,123	4,438	237	5,006	4,350	224	-2.2
Criminal negligence in operation of motor vehicles	155	133	1	103	84	—	-37.3
Driving while ability to drive is impaired	2,056	1,902	25	2,116	1,950	29	+2.7
Driving while intoxicated	268	244	1	177	155	1	-36.3
Gaming, betting and lotteries	852	728	66	449	397	24	-47.0
Keeping bawdy houses	133	41	63	121	29	72	-2.9
Various other offences	1,659	1,390	81	2,040	1,735	98	+24.6
Totals, Criminal Code	34,914	29,659	1,646	37,816	32,146	1,878	+8.7
Federal Statutes							
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act	482	285	115	558	327	154	+20.3
Other statutes	62	59	1	41	39	2	-31.7
Totals, Federal Statutes	544	344	116	599	366	156	+13.5
Grand Totals	35,458	30,003	1,762	38,415	32,512	2,034	+8.8

¹ Includes abortion, indecent assault on female, sexual intercourse and attempt, incest, procuring, rape, attempted rape and seduction.

Table 3 shows that in 1958, 52.8 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable offences had not gone beyond elementary school grades in education, 48.9 p.c. were 24 years of age or younger, 9.4 p.c. were 45 years of age or over, and 74.4 p.c. lived in urban centres. Of these offenders, 94.1 p.c. were males, 88.5 p.c. were born in Canada, 61.3 p.c. were unmarried, 18.5 p.c. were recorded as labourers and 10.2 p.c. had no remunerative employment.