

It should be noted, too, that the total figures do not represent the actual number of children charged and found guilty but rather tend to exaggerate them, for a child referred to the court two or more times during the year for different delinquencies is counted as a different case each time (see p. 368). Neither do the figures represent the number of delinquencies committed by delinquents because when a child is charged with more than one delinquency at a hearing only the most serious delinquency is counted.

Reports of juvenile delinquents were received in 1958 from 147 of the 169 judicial districts. Nine of these had no cases to report. Separate reports were received in 1958 from 194 incorporated urban centres of 4,000 or more population.

Juveniles brought before the Courts.—The number of juveniles brought before the courts in 1958 was 13,134, an increase of 10.1 p.c. over 1957. Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick showed the greatest percentage increases among the provinces.

22.—Juveniles brought before the Courts, by Province, 1954-58

Province or Territory	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	Percentage Change, 1957-58
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Newfoundland.....	229	269	368	319	354	+11.0
Prince Edward Island.....	43	31	48	36	26	-27.8
Nova Scotia.....	650	576	524	581	780	+34.3
New Brunswick.....	235	210	319	341	453	+32.8
Quebec.....	1,229	1,323	1,634	2,436	2,434	- 0.1
Ontario.....	3,381	3,605	4,462	4,861	5,263	+ 8.3
Manitoba.....	422	455	676	792	891	+12.5
Saskatchewan.....	62	58	47	29	88	+203.4
Alberta.....	463	602	756	824	985	+19.5
British Columbia.....	1,037	1,058	1,475	1,705	1,850	+ 8.5
Yukon Territory.....	—	—	1	—	—	—
Northwest Territories.....	—	—	5	4	10	+150.0
Canada.....	7,751	8,187	10,315	11,928	13,134	+10.1

23.—Percentage Change in the Number of Boys and Girls brought before the Courts, 1949-58

Year	Percentage Change from Preceding Year			Percentage Change from 1948		
	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases
1949.....	- 9.0	-24.0	-10.7	- 9.0	-24.0	-10.7
1950.....	+ 2.9	+11.8	+ 3.8	- 6.3	-15.1	- 7.3
1951 ¹	+ 3.9	- 5.3	+ 3.0	- 2.6	-19.6	- 4.5
1952.....	- 5.0	+ 4.5	- 4.1	- 7.5	-16.0	- 8.4
1953.....	+ 8.3	+11.0	+ 8.5	+ 0.2	- 6.7	- 0.6
1954.....	- 0.6	- 4.2	- 1.0	- 0.5	-10.7	- 1.6
1955.....	+ 3.3	+25.9	+ 5.6	+ 2.8	+12.5	+ 3.9
1956.....	+26.0	+19.4	+26.0	+30.5	+34.3	+30.9
1957.....	+14.9	+21.0	+15.6	+50.0	+62.5	+51.4
1958.....	+10.4	+ 8.3	+10.1	+65.5	+76.0	+66.7

¹ Newfoundland included from 1951.