

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 1958 was 11,391, an increase of 17.7 p.c. over 1957. The major increases in 1958 were shown in Saskatchewan and Quebec.

24.—Juvenile Delinquents, by Province, 1949-58

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.
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
1958....	343	25	676	431	2,229	4,108	790	85	906	1,788	10	11,391

Delinquencies.—Thieving is the most prevalent delinquency among boys and, together with having in possession, was the reason for court appearance in 39.0 p.c. of all cases in 1958. Breaking and entering and robbery were committed by 21.9 p.c. of the delinquent boys and another 9.5 p.c. committed wilful acts in respect of certain property. Only 3.2 p.c. of the boys were guilty of delinquencies against the person and 58.6 p.c. of these were found guilty of common assault.

Incorrigibility (23.5 p.c.) and theft and having in possession (22.3 p.c.) were the complaints against 45.8 p.c. of the delinquent girls in 1958.

25.—Juvenile Delinquents by Group of Offence, and Ratio per 100,000 Population 7-16 Years of Age, 1949-58

Year	Delinquencies against the Person		Delinquencies against Property with Violence		Delinquencies against Property without Violence		Wilful and Forbidden Acts in respect of Certain Property		Forgery and Delinquencies relating to Currency		Other Delinquencies		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
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.....	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	131	994	35	28	1	2,634	92	9,679	338
1958.....	346	12	2,268	76	4,436	148	985	33	36	1	3,320	111	11,391	381

¹ Newfoundland included from 1951.