

2.—Adults Charged and Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence, 1958 and 1959

Class of Offence	1958			1959			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	5,937	4,685	190	5,536	4,250	210	— 8.5
Abduction and kidnapping	29	26	1	21	9	1	—63.0
Assault, causing bodily harm, common, on police and obstruction	4,191	3,323	134	3,854	3,035	145	— 8.0
Offences against females ¹	838	631	13	788	571	21	— 8.1
Causing death by criminal negligence, ² manslaughter and murder	201 ^r	96	2	220	112	3	+17.3
Attempted murder, causing bodily harm and danger	153	114	12	165	117	14	+ 4.0
Duties tending to preservation of life	58	50	1	30	20	3	—54.9
Other offences against the person	517 ^r	445	27	458	386	23	—13.3
Class II.—Offences against Property with Violence	7,408	6,799	97	6,931	6,332	103	— 6.7
Breaking and entering a place, extortion and robbery	7,408	6,799	97	6,981	6,332	103	— 6.7
Class III.—Offences against Property without Violence	17,675	14,839	1,237	17,527	14,615	1,336	— 0.8
Fraud and false pretences	2,242	1,775	171	2,112	1,659	178	— 5.6
Having in possession	1,506	1,223	55	1,698	1,381	73	+13.3
Theft	13,927	11,836	1,011	13,717	11,575	1,085	— 1.5
Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property	683	567	21	704	580	25	+ 2.9
Arson and other fires	105	85	2	110	83	5	+ 1.1
Other interference with property	578	482	19	594	497	20	+ 3.2
Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences Relating to Currency	1,057	906	109	963	807	90	—11.6
Forgery and uttering forged documents	1,029	881	107	890	749	85	—15.6
Offences relating to currency	28	25	2	73	58	5	+133.3
Class VI.—Other Offences	5,006	4,350	224	2,434	1,991	173	—52.7
Criminal negligence in operation of motor vehicles	103	84	—	113	85	1	+ 2.4
Driving while ability to drive is impaired	2,116	1,950	29	199	185	2	—90.6
Driving while intoxicated	177	155	1	28	26	—	—83.4
Gaming, betting and lotteries	449	397	24	517	450	22	+12.1
Keeping bawdy houses	121	29	72	139	38	91	+27.7
Various other offences	2,040	1,735	98	1,438	1,207	57	—31.0
Totals, Criminal Code	37,816	32,146	1,573	34,145	28,575	1,937	—10.3
Federal Statutes							
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act	558	327	154	642	379	178	+15.8
Other statutes	41	39	2	25	23	—	—43.9
Totals, Federal Statutes	599	366	156	667	402	178	+11.1
Grand Totals	38,415	32,512	2,034	34,812	28,977	2,115	—10.0

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

² Includes causing death in the operation of a motor vehicle or otherwise.

Table 3 shows that in 1959, 59.4 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable offences had not gone beyond elementary school grades in education, 52.8 p.c. were 24 years of age or younger, 9.0 p.c. were 45 years of age or over, and 78.0 p.c. lived in urban centres. Of these offenders, 93.2 p.c. were males, 91.0 p.c. were born in Canada, 65.3 p.c. were unmarried, 19.1 p.c. were recorded as labourers and 11.5 p.c. had no remunerative employment.