



Multiple Convictions.—Table 5 shows the number of persons having more than one conviction at a court appearance for the years 1955-59. Multiple convictions occur most often in cases of forgery and uttering, false pretences, theft, having in possession, and breaking and entering.

5.—Persons Convicted of More than One Offence at the Time of Trial compared with Persons Convicted of One Offence, 1955-59

Item	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Convicted of—					
2 offences.....	3,280	3,463	4,308	4,685	4,396
3 offences.....	1,089	1,101	1,337	1,469	1,515
4 offences.....	528	607	826	852	816
5 offences.....	306	306	394	463	474
6 offences.....	189	209	259	290	298
7 offences.....	126	119	146	191	215
8 offences.....	113	108	159	180	166
9 offences.....	91	83	100	110	109
10 offences.....	56	69	87	104	69
11 to 20 offences.....	200	252	288	364	334
21 offences and over.....	92	76	95	163	113
Totals, Convicted of More than One Offence.....	6,070	6,393	7,999	8,871	8,505
Totals, Convicted of One Offence.....	22,203	21,020	23,766	25,675	22,587
Grand Totals.....	28,273	27,413	31,765	34,546	31,092