

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 more than once during a year for different delinquencies is counted as a different case each time (see p. 330). 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 1959 from 143 of the 169 judicial districts. Nine of these had no cases to report. Separate reports were received in 1959 from 195 incorporated urban centres of 4,000 or more population.

Juveniles brought before the Courts.—The number of juveniles brought before the courts in 1959 was 13,329, an increase of 1.5 p.c. over 1958. Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island showed the greatest percentage increases among the provinces.

22.—Juveniles brought before the Courts, by Province, 1955-59

Province or Territory	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	Percentage Change, 1958-59
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Newfoundland.....	269	368	319	354	274	-22.6
Prince Edward Island.....	31	43	30	26	42	+61.5
Nova Scotia.....	576	524	581	780	723	- 7.3
New Brunswick.....	210	319	341	453	371	-18.1
Quebec.....	1,323	1,634	2,436	2,434	2,504	+ 2.9
Ontario.....	3,605	4,462	4,861	5,263	5,355	+ 1.7
Manitoba.....	455	676	792	891	754	-15.4
Saskatchewan.....	58	47	29	88	198	+125.0
Alberta.....	602	756	824	985	980	+ 0.5
British Columbia.....	1,058	1,475	1,705	1,850	2,093	+13.1
Yukon Territory.....	—	1	—	—	35	+100.0
Northwest Territories.....	—	5	4	10	—	-100.0
Canada.....	8,187	10,315	11,928	13,134	13,329	+ 1.5

23.—Percentage Change in the Number of Boys and Girls brought before the Courts, 1950-59

Year	Percentage Change from Preceding Year			Percentage Change from 1949		
	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases
1950.....	+ 2.9	+11.8	+ 3.8	+ 2.9	+11.8	+ 3.8
1951 ¹	+ 3.9	- 5.3	+ 3.0	+ 7.0	+ 5.9	+ 6.9
1952.....	- 5.0	+ 4.5	- 4.1	+ 1.6	+10.7	+ 2.5
1953.....	+ 8.3	+11.0	+ 8.5	+10.0	+22.8	+11.2
1954.....	- 0.6	- 4.2	- 1.0	+ 9.3	+17.6	+10.1
1955.....	+ 3.3	+25.9	+ 5.6	+13.0	+48.1	+16.3
1956.....	+26.9	+19.4	+26.0	+43.4	+76.8	+46.6
1957.....	+14.9	+21.0	+15.6	+64.8	+113.9	+69.5
1958.....	+10.4	+ 8.3	+10.1	+81.8	+131.7	+86.6
1959.....	+ 2.4	- 5.1	+ 1.5	+86.2	+119.8	+89.4

¹ Newfoundland included from 1951.