

In custody figures for provincial and county institutions may include, in addition to those serving sentences, persons awaiting trial, on remand for sentence or psychiatric examination, awaiting appeal or deportation, any others not serving sentence and, for training school population, juveniles on placement.

Population figures in Tables 29 and 30 are for a given day of the year, which is Mar. 31 except for Quebec gaols where populations are counted as of Dec. 31. These figures represent, in effect, a yearly census of correctional institutions and as such, are not indicative of the daily average population count. For instance, if an abnormal number of commitments are made to a certain institution on or just prior to Mar. 31, the result will be an unrepresentative population total for the institution in that year.

With regard to the fluctuations that might have occurred during the year between census days, the total population of correctional institutions has shown a general increase since Mar. 31, 1956; totals for training schools and provincial adult institutions have shown a tendency to level off or decline slightly but penitentiary population has increased steadily.

29.—Population in Penitentiaries, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1956-60

Item	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
In custody at beginning of year.....	5,507	5,508	5,433	5,770	6,295
Received during year.....	3,112	2,977	3,919	3,918	4,523
Discharged during year.....	3,112	3,053	3,582	3,393	4,474
In custody at end of year.....	5,508	5,433	5,770	6,295	6,344

30.—Populations in Reformatories and Gaols and in Training Schools as at Mar. 31, 1956-60

Type of Institution	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Reformatories and Gaols—					
Reformatories for men.....	2,924	3,257	3,890	3,806	3,769
Reformatories for women.....	168	145	164	172	144
Common gaols.....	5,902	6,337	7,138	7,188	6,983
Totals, Reformatories and Gaols.....	8,994	9,739	11,192	11,166	10,896
Training Schools—					
Training schools for boys.....	1,938	2,132	2,334	2,343	2,423
Training schools for girls.....	926	998	1,086	990	965
Totals, Training Schools.....	2,864	3,130	3,420	3,333	3,388

Subsection 2.—The Penitentiary Service*

The penitentiaries of Canada are administered by the Commissioner of Penitentiaries, responsible directly to the Minister of Justice. In the year ended Mar. 31, 1962, the federal penitentiaries system consisted of six maximum security, four medium security and nine minimum security institutions, all for males; one prison for women; and two Correctional Staff Colleges.

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