

### Subsection 1.—Adults Convicted of Indictable Offences

Statistics of indictable crimes are based on persons, one purpose being in order to evaluate the population engaged in prohibited activities and another to help in the treatment of anti-social behaviour in terms of subject-centred action. In the present counting system, while individuals may be charged with more than one offence, only one offence is tabulated for each person. This offence is selected according to the following criteria: (1) if the person were tried on several charges, the offence selected is that for which proceedings were carried to the farthest stage—conviction and sentence; (2) if there were several convictions, the offence selected is that for which the heaviest punishment was awarded; (3) if the final result of proceedings on two or more charges were the same, the offence selected is the more serious one, as measured by the maximum penalty allowed by the law; (4) if a person were prosecuted for one offence and convicted of another—for example, charged with murder and convicted of manslaughter—the offence selected is the one for which the person was convicted.

In 1961 there were 43,161 adults charged with 81,867 indictable offences, of whom 38,679 were found guilty of 71,262 offences. In the previous year there were 39,343 adults charged with 73,411 indictable offences, of whom 35,443 were found guilty of 64,707 offences.

#### 1.—Persons Convicted of Indictable Offences, with Ratio per 100,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over, by Province, 1960 and 1961

Province or Territory	Persons Convicted		Persons Convicted per 100,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	469	703	180	274
Prince Edward Island.....	32	42	49	65
Nova Scotia.....	1,343	1,383	292	297
New Brunswick.....	888	1,038	243	290
Quebec.....	6,806	8,064	212	245
Ontario.....	13,482	13,985	331	339
Manitoba.....	2,050	2,368	345	391
Saskatchewan.....	1,463	1,743	250	293
Alberta.....	3,831	4,012	471	477
British Columbia.....	4,868	5,092	447	465
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	211	249	981	1,103
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>35,443</b>	<b>38,679</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>330</b>

Indictable offences are classified according to the main sources of the criminal law—the Criminal Code and federal statutes. Indictable offences under the Criminal Code are grouped into six classes as shown in Table 2. Class I covers offences against the person and in 1961 there were 5,234 males and 299 females convicted in this category, mostly for assaults of various kinds. Classes II to IV deal with offences against property. Thefts predominate among the offences in these classes, and breaking and entering and robbery, serious crimes which involve acts of violence, are the next most numerous. Class V deals with offences relating to currency and Class VI with miscellaneous offences; among the latter, the most numerous convictions are for offences connected with gaming, betting and lotteries. In 1961 there were 315 men and 171 women convicted under federal statutes of whom 290 men and 170 women were offenders under the Narcotic Control Act.