

Section 4.—Adult Correctional Institutions and Training Schools

Subsection 1.—Statistics of Correctional Institutions and Training Schools

Correctional institutions may be classified under four headings: (1) Penitentiaries—operated for adult offenders by the Federal Government in which, generally speaking, sentences of over two years are served; (2) Reformatories—operated for adult offenders by the provinces in which individual sentences of up to two years are served; (3) Common Gaols—operated for adult offenders by the provinces or counties in which sentences of up to two years can be served but in which, generally speaking, short-term sentences are served; and (4) Training Schools—operated by the provinces or private organizations under provincial charter for juvenile offenders serving indefinite terms up to the legal age for children in the particular province.

There is a limited amount of statistical information available with respect to these types of institution. "In custody" figures shown in Table 24 for penitentiaries refer only to those persons under sentence, but the figures for admissions include those received from courts as well as by transfer from other penitentiaries and by cancellation of tickets-of-leave and paroles. Figures for releases include expiry of sentences, transfers between penitentiaries, releases on ticket-of-leave and parole, deaths, pardons and releases on court order. 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 24 and 25 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, 1957; totals for training schools and provincial adult institutions have shown a tendency to level off or decline slightly but penitentiary population has increased steadily.

24.—Population in Penitentiaries, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-61

Item	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
In custody at beginning of year.....	5,508	5,433	5,770	6,295	6,344
Received during year.....	2,977	3,919	3,918	4,523	4,973
Discharged during year.....	3,053	3,582	3,393	4,474	4,579
In custody at end of year.....	5,433	5,770	6,295	6,344	6,738

25.—Populations in Reformatories and Gaols and in Training Schools as at Mar. 31, 1957-61

Type of Institution	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Reformatories and Gaols—					
Reformatories for men.....	3,257	3,890	3,806	3,769	4,012
Reformatories for women.....	145	164	172	144	180
Common gaols.....	6,337	7,138	7,188	6,983	7,629
Totals, Reformatories and Gaols.....	9,739	11,192	11,166	10,896	11,821
Training Schools—					
Training schools for boys.....	2,132	2,334	2,343	2,423	2,382
Training schools for girls.....	998	1,086	990	965	1,019
Totals, Training Schools.....	3,130	3,420	3,333	3,388	3,401