

(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 1964 there were 46,551 adults charged with 84,546 indictable offences, of whom 42,097 were found guilty of 76,310 offences. In the previous year there were 47,616 adults charged with 86,674 indictable offences, of whom 42,914 were found guilty of 78,518 offences.

1.—Persons Charged and Persons Convicted of Indictable Offences, with Ratio per 100,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over, by Province, 1963 and 1964

Province or Territory	Persons Charged		Persons Convicted				Persons Convicted per 100,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over	
			1963		1964		1963	1964
	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	902	859	872	96.7	825	96.0	322	296
Prince Edward Island.....	67	51	64	95.5	48	94.1	96	72
Nova Scotia.....	1,684	1,656	1,516	90.0	1,470	88.8	316	304
New Brunswick.....	1,315	1,246	1,283	97.6	1,199	96.2	339	320
Quebec.....	10,667	9,559	9,690	90.8	8,670	90.7	281	246
Ontario.....	17,079	16,122	14,785	86.6	14,063	87.2	348	324
Manitoba.....	2,344	2,903	2,231	95.2	2,757	95.0	358	438
Saskatchewan.....	1,986	2,210	1,869	94.1	2,099	95.0	314	349
Alberta.....	4,664	4,860	4,323	94.0	4,608	94.8	498	514
British Columbia.....	6,645	6,903	5,965	89.8	6,188	89.6	526	530
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	263	182	256	97.3	170	93.4	1,138	726
Canada.....	47,616	46,551	42,914	90.1	42,097	90.4	354	346

Table 2 classifies indictable offences by type of offence for 1963 and 1964. Class I covers offences against the person and in 1964 there were 6,009 males and 281 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 1964 there were 241 men and 115 women convicted under federal statutes of whom 194 men and 106 women were offenders under the Narcotic Control Act.