

11.—Young Adult Offenders, by Age Group, Sex and Province, Year Ended Dec. 31, 1951

Age Group and Sex	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon and N.W.T.	Canada
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
16-17 years.....M.	51	10	101	59	543	920	134	139	245	389	—	2,593
F.	3	—	5	4	25	54	44	6	20	26	—	187
18-19 ".....M.	54	2	118	50	509	1,052	120	102	211	333	—	2,553
F.	14	—	10	5	35	60	13	10	29	28	—	204
20-24 ".....M.	101	13	251	148	1,308	2,428	257	243	509	645	11	5,914
F.	4	—	14	5	73	155	42	9	47	58	1	408
Totals.....	227	25	499	271	2,493	4,669	610	509	1,061	1,479	16	11,859

Young men aged 16 to 24 years comprised 32.6 p.c. of the male offenders convicted of assault (including obstructing the police); 61 p.c. of the total who attempted and committed rape; 66.1 p.c. of the male robbery and burglary convictions; 45 p.c. of those guilty of damage to property without violence, which includes all thefts; 76.4 p.c. of those who stole motor-vehicles; 53.4 p.c. and 45.7 p.c., respectively, of those who maliciously damaged property and were found with offensive weapons; and 26.2 p.c. of the reckless drivers.

There were, however, 910 fewer male offenders within this age group in 1951 than in the year ended Sept. 30, 1950, and, except for theft of automobiles, the actual number of youths convicted of the offences referred to above was less in each instance in 1951 than in the previous reporting year.

There were 799 young women offenders in 1951, 20 more than in the previous reporting year. They comprised 41.3 p.c. of all women guilty of indictable crimes. Nearly 50 p.c. of them (385) were guilty of thefts and receiving stolen goods. A third (39) of the women offenders under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act were in this age group, an increase of 16 over the number convicted in 1950.

12.—Young Adult Offenders Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence and Sex, Years Ended Sept. 30, 1950 and Dec. 31, 1951

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 1, p. 280.

Class and Offence	1950		1951	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class I.—Offences against the Person—				
Abduction.....	3	2	8	—
Assault, common and aggravated.....	1,314	59	1,076	46
Offences against females ¹	241	4	236	5
Manslaughter and murder.....	21	4	23	2
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	48	2	58	5
Non-support, desertion and cruelty to children.....	21	1	8	8
Other offences against the person.....	88	15	94	8
Totals, Class I.....	1,736	87	1,503	74

¹ Offences against females include: abortion, assault against females, assault against wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procuration, rape, attempted rape, seduction and wife desertion.