

1.—Adults Convicted of Indictable Offences and Ratio per 10,000 Population 16 Years of Age or Over, by Province, 1951 and 1952

Province or Territory	1951		1952	
	Persons Convicted	Ratio per 10,000 Population	Persons Convicted	Ratio per 10,000 Population
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	490	23	534	24
Prince Edward Island.....	109	17	89	14
Nova Scotia.....	1,296	31	1,216	28
New Brunswick.....	746	23	782	24
Quebec.....	5,726	22	5,723	21
Ontario.....	11,801	36	12,464	37
Manitoba.....	1,565	29	1,633	29
Saskatchewan.....	1,049	19	1,074	19
Alberta.....	2,302	36	2,452	37
British Columbia.....	3,821	45	3,703	43
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	75	46	91	55
Canada.....	28,930	30	29,761	30

Indictable offences are grouped into six classes. Class I covers crimes against the person; persons convicted of assaults of various kinds and obstructing police represented 81.7 p.c. of this group in 1952. In that year, 18 persons were convicted of murder, three of attempted murder and 77 of manslaughter as compared with 15, 7 and 92, respectively, in 1951. The number of offenders in the class as a whole was 8.4 p.c. higher than in 1951.

Classes II, III, IV and V cover offences against property. Thieves predominate among the offenders in these classes though the number was slightly lower in 1952 than in 1951. Burglars and robbers whose serious crimes involve acts of violence are the next most numerous, and they increased by 4 p.c. in 1952 as compared with 1951. The number of persons who maliciously damaged property increased by 1.9 p.c. in the same comparison.

Miscellaneous offences are listed in Class VI. There were 367 offenders under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, of whom 316 were convicted of possessing heroin; 262 were males; and 327 were born in Canada. British Columbia courts convicted 69.2 p.c. of the drug offenders and Ontario courts 19.1 p.c.

2.—Adults Charged and Convicted of Indictable Offences, by Class of Offence, 1951 and 1952

Class and Offence	1951			1952			Increase or Decrease in Persons Convicted
	Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		
		M.	F.		M.	F.	
Class I.—Offences against the Person—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.
Abduction.....	24	13	2	20	14	—	- 2.7
Assault, common, aggravated and on police.....	4,551	3,298	193	5,042	3,640	234	+ 11.0
Offences against females ¹	1,154	823	30	1,183	852	25	+ 2.8
Manslaughter and murder.....	226	97	10	180	87	8	- 11.2
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	272	189	19	315	214	13	+ 9.1
Non-support, desertion.....	103	77	11	165	133	7	+ 59.1
Other offences against the person.....	412	332	21	362	297	19	- 10.5
Totals, Class I.....	6,742	4,829	286	7,267	5,237	306	+ 8.4

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