



26.—Juvenile Delinquents, classified by Offence, 1948-52

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 314.

Offence	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Manslaughter and murder.....	1	4	—	—	—
Rape, carnal knowledge and incest.....	3	7	4	3	3
Indecent assault.....	44	37	36	31	19
Aggravated assault and wounding.....	34	12	26	31	27
Common assault.....	95	81	59	89	65
Endangering life on railway.....	8	11	12	9	25
Other offences against the person.....	17	23	14	25	33
Burglary, breaking and entering.....	1,216	1,318	1,310	1,520	1,411
Robbery.....	13	28	27	22	45
Theft and receiving stolen goods.....	2,388	2,227	2,373	2,553	2,379
Embezzlement, false pretences and fraud.....	12	17	21	10	16
Arson.....	22	16	49	28	36
Wilful damage to property.....	618	536	618	646	597
Forgery and offences against currency.....	15	15	16	20	25
Incorrigibility and vagrancy.....	737	515	660	484	403
Immorality.....	63	97	126	111	110
Various other offences.....	1,869	1,254	1,067	1,062	874
Totals.....	7,155	6,198	6,418	6,644	6,068

Sex and Age.—Juvenile delinquents are predominantly boys. The ratio between boys and girls has remained much the same over a long period and for all offences in 1952 it was approximately one girl to eight boys. Juveniles of 13 to 15 years of age comprised the majority of delinquents, 68·9 p.c. in the case of boys and 85·1 p.c. in the case of girls. However, 299 boys and 14 girls (5·2 p.c. of the children)