

The increase or decrease for each classification in 1953 as compared with 1952 is given in Table 2.

2.—Adults Charged and Convicted of Indictable Offences by Class of Offence 1952 and 1953

Class and Offence	1952			1953			Increase or Decrease in Persons Convicted
	Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		Adults Charged	Adults Convicted		
		M.	F.		M.	F.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.
<b>Class I.—Offences against the Person</b>							
Abduction.....	7,267	5,237	306	7,172	5,394	273	+ 2.2
Assault, common, aggravated and on police.....	20	14	—	23	16	—	+14.3
Offences against females <sup>1</sup> .....	5,042	3,640	234	4,891	3,663	201	- 0.3
Manslaughter and murder.....	1,183	852	25	1,137	874	24	+ 2.4
Attempted murder; shooting and wounding.....	180	87	8	173	83	6	- 6.3
Non-support, desertion.....	315	214	13	300	218	13	+ 1.8
Other offences against the person.....	165	133	7	187	158	5	+16.4
	362	297	19	461	382	24	+28.5
<b>Class II.—Offences against Property with Violence</b>							
Burglary and robbery.....	4,559	3,970	70	4,592	4,114	60	+ 3.3
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<b>Class III.—Offences against Property without Violence</b>							
Fraud, embezzlement and false pretences.....	14,281	11,311	1,018	13,010	10,632	875	- 6.7
Receiving stolen goods.....	2,010	1,579	128	1,890	1,497	131	- 4.6
Theft.....	1,055	779	64	1,073	824	54	+ 4.2
	11,216	8,953	826	10,047	8,311	690	- 8.0
<b>Class IV.—Malicious Offences against Property</b>							
Arson.....	706	558	29	405	328	16	-41.4
Malicious damage to property.....	74	57	2	105	82	6	+49.2
	632	501	27	300	246	10	-51.5
<b>Class V.—Forgery and Other Offences against the Currency</b>							
Offences against currency.....	671	575	63	624	534	60	- 6.9
Forgery and uttering forged documents.....	10	6	2	9	8	—	—
	661	569	61	615	526	60	- 7.0
<b>Class VI.—Offences not included in the Foregoing Classes</b>							
Dangerous or reckless driving.....	7,602	6,134	490	8,224	6,799	482	+ 9.9
Driving car while ability impaired.....	1,003	851	19	903	694	9	-19.2
Driving car while drunk.....	1,353	1,260	16	2,836	2,699	37	+114.4
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.....	1,727	1,482	25	1,263	1,063	12	-28.7
Gambling and lotteries.....	441	262	105	384	241	96	- 8.2
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates.....	463	361	36	491	382	35	+ 5.0
Various.....	321	116	158	266	45	170	-21.5
	2,294	1,802	131	2,081	1,675	123	- 7.0
<b>Grand Totals</b> .....	<b>35,086</b>	<b>27,785</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>34,027</b>	<b>27,801</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>- 0.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes abortion, assault against females or wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procurement, rape, attempted rape and seduction.

Table 3 shows that in 1953, 55.5 p.c. of the persons convicted of indictable offences had not gone beyond elementary school grades in education, 40.0 p.c. were 24 years of age or younger, 11.5 p.c. were 45 years of age or over, and 72.2 p.c. lived in urban centres. Of these offenders 94.0 p.c. were males, 89.4 p.c. were born in Canada, 54.9 p.c. were unmarried, 25.9 p.c. were recorded as labourers and 6.3 p.c. had no remunerative employment. These percentages have changed very little in recent years.