

10.—Persons Charged and Convicted of Indictable Crimes according to Trial Court by Province 1953

Province or Territory	Persons Charged and Convicted by—					Totals	
	Police Magistrate or Recorder's Court	Justice of the Peace	Juvenile or Family Court	County Court	Higher Court		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Newfoundland.....	Charged	535	—	7	1	13	566
	Convicted	495	—	7	1	5	508
Prince Edward Island.....	Charged	254	—	—	9	8	271
	Convicted	254	—	—	8	8	270
Nova Scotia.....	Charged	1,777	—	4	78	58	1,917
	Convicted	1,424	—	3	73	43	1,543
New Brunswick.....	Charged	709	—	—	38	18	765
	Convicted	677	—	—	33	7	717
Quebec.....	Charged	5,314	53	576	802	225	6,970
	Convicted	4,782	52	524	602	162	6,122
Ontario.....	Charged	13,553	—	29	509	237	14,328
	Convicted	11,265	—	27	361	163	11,816
Manitoba.....	Charged	1,494	—	83	61	35	1,673
	Convicted	1,421	—	77	48	23	1,569
Saskatchewan.....	Charged	989	—	1	106	25	1,121
	Convicted	962	—	—	91	15	1,068
Alberta.....	Charged	2,110	—	13	217	55	2,395
	Convicted	2,051	—	8	190	51	2,300
British Columbia.....	Charged	3,447	—	173	238	99	3,957
	Convicted	3,174	—	159	187	0	3,582
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	Charged	70	2	—	1	1	74
	Convicted	70	2	—	—	—	72
Canada.....	Charged	39,252	55	886	2,060	774	34,027
	Convicted	26,575	54	805	1,594	539	29,567

Subsection 2.—Young Adult Offenders (16-24 Years)

Young men and women from 16 to 24 years of age each year form about 40 p.c. of the criminal population who commit indictable offences but they comprise less than 20 p.c. of the total population 16 years of age or over. As this age group includes some of the most daring offenders who may be already experienced criminals as well as first offenders likely to be turned from crime by further education and training, it seems worth while to give consideration to offenders in this group as distinct from offenders in the older age groups.

Of the young offenders in 1953, 71.2 p.c. were tried in three provinces—Ontario 37.4 p.c., Quebec 21.9 p.c., and British Columbia 11.9 p.c.; 44.9 p.c. of them were still under 20 years of age.