

12.—Young Adult Offenders Convicted of Indictable Offences by Class of Offence and Sex 1952 and 1953—concluded

Class and Offence	1952		1953	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Class VI.—Other Offences	1,465	161	1,538	153
Carrying unlawful weapons.....	83	1	92	1
Dangerous or reckless driving.....	242	2	247	2
Driving car while ability impaired.....	212	2	420	4
Driving car while drunk.....	233	—	146	3
Offences against public morals.....	5	11	4	12
Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, offences against.....	45	37	45	33
Gambling and lotteries.....	19	1	23	3
Keeping bawdy houses and inmates.....	6	49	7	47
Riots and unlawful assembly.....	194	1	201	7
Various.....	426	57	353	41
Grand Totals	11,174	719	11,191	641

¹ Includes abortion, assault against females, assault against wife, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, incest, procurement, rape, attempted rape, seduction and wife desertion.

Table 13 shows the proportions of young offenders per 100,000 population in three age groups.

13.—Numbers per 100,000 Population of Young Adults Convicted of Indictable Offences by Age Group 1952 and 1953

Age Group	1952			1953		
	Offenders	Per 100,000 Population in Respective Group	Change from Preceding Year	Offenders	Per 100,000 Population in Respective Group	Change from Preceding Year
	No.		p. c.	No.		p. c.
16 - 17 years.....	2,538	596	-8.7	2,686	622	+5.8
18 - 19 ".....	2,891	680	+4.9	2,629	615	-9.1
20 - 24 ".....	6,464	588	+2.2	6,517	592	+0.8

The sentences meted out to these young people vary somewhat from those given to offenders over 24 years of age. Usually a higher proportion of them are given suspended sentences, put on probation or sent to reformatories and a lower proportion fined or given gaol sentences.

14.—Disposition of Sentences for Indictable Offences by Sex 1953

Disposition of Sentences	Males		Females	
	16-24 Years	25 Years or Over	16-24 Years	25 Years or Over
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Suspended sentence.....	1,060	1,057	99	177
Probation.....	1,808	987	162	142
Fine.....	3,027	6,808	126	410
Gaol.....	3,666	5,989	190	310
Reformatory.....	810	562	54	52
Penitentiary.....	818	1,199	10	34
Death.....	2	8	—	—