

as a different case each time. Neither do the figures represent the number of offences committed by offenders, as when a child is charged with more than one delinquency at a hearing only the most serious offence is counted.

Reports of juvenile delinquents were received in 1953 from 158 of the 167 judicial districts. Fifteen of these had no cases to report. Separate reports were received in 1953 from 161 incorporated urban centres of 4,000 population or more.

**Juveniles Before the Courts.**—The number of cases of juveniles brought before the courts in 1953 was 7,829, an increase of 8.5 p.c. over 1952. Nova Scotia and Quebec showed the greatest percentage increases among the provinces.

**22.—Juveniles brought before the Courts by Province 1949-53**

NOTE.—Statistics for 1949 are for the 12 months ended Sept. 30; figures for 1950-53 are for the calendar year. Statistics for the three intervening months, October-December 1949, are given in DBS report *Juvenile Delinquents, 1950*. Figures for Newfoundland are included for the first time in 1951.

Province or Territory	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	Percentage Change, 1952-53
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Newfoundland	—	—	194	223	207	- 7.2
Prince Edward Island	49	10	55	29	37	+27.6
Nova Scotia	485	411	554	425	594	+39.8
New Brunswick	218	281	275	274	247	- 9.9
Quebec	1,490	1,555	1,348	965	1,306	+35.3
Ontario	2,983	3,550	3,441	3,370	3,531	+ 4.8
Manitoba	490	417	404	454	405	-10.8
Saskatchewan	178	80	71	84	54	-35.7
Alberta	292	272	285	368	421	+14.4
British Columbia	852	722	893	1,021	1,023	+ 0.2
Yukon Territory	1	5	1	—	4	+400.0
Northwest Territories	—	1	—	—	—	—
<b>Canada</b>	<b>7,038</b>	<b>7,304</b>	<b>7,521</b>	<b>7,213</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>+ 8.5</b>

**23.—Percentage Change in the Number of Boys and Girls brought before the Courts 1944-53**

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22.

Year	Percentage Change from Preceding Year			Percentage Change from 1943		
	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases	Boys' Cases	Girls' Cases	All Cases
	1944	- 4.8	-10.5	- 5.5	- 4.8	-10.5
1945	-16.3	- 9.6	-15.6	-20.4	-19.1	-20.2
1946	-11.4	- 5.8	-10.8	-29.4	-23.8	-28.8
1947	- 3.3	-17.3	- 5.1	-31.8	-36.9	-32.4
1948	- 5.1	- 1.3	- 4.7	-35.3	-37.8	-35.6
1949	- 9.0	-24.0	-10.7	-41.1	-52.7	-42.4
1950	+ 2.9	+11.8	+ 3.8	-39.4	-47.1	-40.3
1951	+ 3.9	- 5.3	+ 3.0	-37.0	-49.9	-38.5
1952	- 5.0	+ 4.5	- 4.1	-40.1	-47.7	-41.0
1953	+ 8.3	+11.0	+ 8.5	-35.2	-42.0	-36.0