

27.—Percentages of Delinquent Boys and Girls by Age Group 1952 and 1953

NOTE.—See headnote to Table 22, p. 331.

Age Group	1952			1953		
	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes	Boys	Girls	Both Sexes
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
7 - 12 years.....	29.7	14.0	28.0	29.7	13.3	27.9
13 - 15 years.....	68.9	85.1	70.7	69.6	86.0	71.4
Not given.....	1.4	0.9	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
Totals.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Education and Employment.—Many causes contribute to backwardness in school work. The retarding influence may be illness, over-crowding in the home, disturbed family situations or dull mentality. Presuming that six years is the usual age for entering Grade I, 43.4 p.c. of the boys and 52.0 p.c. of the girls in 1953 were reported to be two or more years below the normal grade for their age and 3.9 p.c. of the boys and girls were a year or more above it.

Well over half of the boys had attained Grade VII and more than half of the girls Grade VIII at the time of delinquency. The majority of boys who had left school had reached Grades VI to VIII and the girls, Grades VII to IX. Some high school education had been achieved by 17.7 p.c. of the boys and girls.

28.—Age, Sex and School Grade of Delinquent Boys and Girls 1953

(B=Boys; G=Girls)

Age	School Grades														Total Delinquents			
	Elementary										Secondary		Auxiliary				Not Given	
	I-IV		V		VI		VII		VIII		Secondary		Auxiliary		Not Given		B	G
	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G	B	G		
7 years.....	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	1
8 ".....	68	6	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	71	6
9 ".....	154	3	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	184	3
10 ".....	224	3	74	3	19	—	1	—	1	3	—	1	—	1	15	1	338	8
11 ".....	159	9	116	5	97	8	18	—	5	—	—	6	—	6	18	—	421	22
12 ".....	96	7	153	8	195	17	131	10	33	5	7	1	9	—	35	3	659	51
13 ".....	79	12	123	4	198	20	243	35	151	24	56	10	23	6	47	2	920	113
14 ".....	64	10	90	10	179	17	256	44	337	55	257	52	40	4	84	11	1,307	203
15 ".....	45	14	91	11	162	18	258	38	387	62	631	113	33	6	129	11	1,736	273
Not given.....	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	32	5	39	5
Totals.....	908	65	662	41	852	80	909	128	917	146	955	176	117	16	372	33	5,692	685

In 1953, 9.2 p.c. of the delinquent boys and 16.1 p.c. of the delinquent girls were not attending school. At the time of leaving school their ages ranged from 11 to 15 years, the majority being between 14 and 15 years. Nearly 24 p.c. of the delinquent boys, having left school, were unemployed. The largest group of wage earners (70) were recorded as day labourers. The next largest group (63) were in occupations concerned with transportation, such as messengers, helpers on milk delivery routes, truck drivers' assistants, etc. More than a third of the girls were idle after leaving school. Factory work, domestic and personal service were the main occupations of those who were employed.