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JUVENILE-COURT STATISTICS, 1928

THE COURTS COOPERATING

The second annual report of juvenile-court statistics is compiled from information supplied by 65 courts cooperating with the Children's Bureau in the plan for obtaining uniform statistics of delinquency, and dependency and neglect cases dealt with by juvenile courts.¹ The number of courts participating in the plan is steadily increasing. On July 1, 1929, 104 courts were known to be using the cards and 46 more had been supplied with cards and were therefore presumably cooperating.

Sixty-five courts sent in statistical data for the entire calendar year 1928, as compared with 43 for the year 1927.² The names of the 65 courts reporting for 1928, with the largest city or town in the area served by each court, are given in Appendix A, page 31. For convenience each court will be designated hereafter only by the territory over which it has jurisdiction. The number of cases dealt with by each court during the year is shown in Table 1—38,882 delinquency cases, 16,289 dependency and neglect cases, and 10,429 cases of children discharged from probation or supervision during the year. Although all the courts have jurisdiction over both delinquency cases and dependency or neglect cases, cards for delinquency cases only were obtained from three of these courts, and one court reported only dependency or neglect cases. No cases of delinquency, dependency, or neglect were reported for two localities from which records of children discharged from probation or supervision were received. Only 62 of the 65 courts, therefore, reported cases of delinquency, 53 courts reported cases of dependency and neglect, 45 courts reported cases of children discharged from probation or supervision. These figures, representing the number of courts reporting each type of case, will be used in the tables and discussion in this report.

As the cards were usually sent by the probation office associated with the court, the organization of this office and its relation to the court affect the completeness with which the work of the court, as to both type and number of cases, is reported.³ Most of the failures

¹ The basis of the plan is the filling out of statistical cards: A yellow card for each case of delinquency disposed of during a calendar year; a blue card for each case of dependency or neglect disposed of; and a white card for each case of a child discharged from probation (in delinquency cases) or from supervision (in dependency or neglect cases). The yellow and blue cards differ only in the lists of charges and dispositions. The cards have been so arranged that little clerical work is involved; most of the information is entered by checking. Cards and a bulletin of instructions are furnished by the Children's Bureau without charge to cooperating courts, as are franks or addressed envelopes requiring no postage for use in mailing cards back to the bureau. Cards are returned to the bureau for tabulation at least once a year, and preferably several times each year.

The Children's Bureau prepares from the cards a set of tables on printed forms for each court. These are sent to the courts for use in annual reports, if desired. The facts presented in these tables include charges, places of care pending hearing, manner of dealing with cases, and dispositions. The number of different children dealt with, the number of repeaters, and certain social facts are also shown. For cases discharged from probation or supervision the length of the probation or supervision period and the reason for discharge are given. If it so chooses a court may compile its own tables in accordance with the Children's Bureau plan, instead of sending in cards.

² Juvenile Court Statistics, 1927. U. S. Children's Bureau Publication No. 105. Washington, 1929.

³ In some localities the probation office is a separate organization.

to report all types of cases were due to divided responsibility in checking cards and returning them to the Children's Bureau. Twenty of the courts did not send records of children discharged from probation or supervision. It is probable that in some of these courts the probation records were incomplete. In others, cases may have been allowed to become inactive without dismissal or removal from the list or index of active cases.

Another situation that affects the number of cases reported by a court is the extent to which records are kept of unofficial work. Unofficial cases may be defined as cases adjusted informally by the judge, referee, or probation officer without being placed on the court calendar by the filing of a petition or other legal paper for adjudication by the judge or referee. All the courts were asked to report such cases, but none was reported by 25⁴ of the courts reporting delinquency cases. (See Table I, p. 33.) It is probable that in many of these courts some complaints are adjusted unofficially without any records being made.

Table 1 shows wide variation in the relative number of delinquency and of dependency or neglect cases dealt with during the year. This variation is due in part to the extent to which local agencies other than the court are caring for dependent and neglected children.

TABLE 1.—Number of cases of each type; cases of boys and girls dealt with by 65 specified courts during 1928

Court	Cases dealt with								
	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Cases of children discharged from probation or supervision		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
Total.....	38,822	32,822	6,000	16,289	8,376	7,913	10,429	8,048	2,381
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	431	354	77	69	28	41	139	118	21
Hartford.....	532	491	61	144	71	73	244	217	27
District of Columbia.....	2,004	1,692	312	533	286	247	553	465	88
Indiana:									
Adams County.....									
Clark County.....	9	6	4				10	9	1
Clay County.....	26	18	8						
Jennings County.....				10	11	6			
Lake County.....	454	309	148	5	4	1	5	6	
Marion County.....	822	534	288	52	150	82	27	25	
Monroe County.....	41	22	19	322	157	165	283	154	129
Montgomery County.....	17	9	8				9	4	5
Stauben County.....	30	25	6	21	9	12	10	6	6
Vermillion County.....	89	53	36				28	23	5
Wayne County.....	30	20	10				55	41	14
Iowa: Polk County.....	753	590	163	630	315	315			
Louisiana:									
Cadeo Parish.....	232	104	39	85	29	57	12	12	
Ouachita Parish.....	257	221	36	115	54	61	40	23	17
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1,149	806	253	334	170	166	500	374	126
Ramsey County.....	375	298	77	135	69	66	285	212	73
St. Louis County (southern part).....	291	242	49	47	29	19	10	9	1
Missouri: Jackson County.....							317	275	42

⁴ Indiana—Clark County, Jennings County; Minnesota—Hennepin County, Ramsey County; New Jersey—Hudson County, Mercer County; New York—Buffalo, Chemung County, Columbia County, Delaware County, Erie County, Franklin County, Monroe County, New York City, Ontario County, Orleans County; North Carolina—Winston-Salem; Ohio—Franklin County; Pennsylvania—Allegheny County, Lycoming County, Montgomery County; Virginia—Lynchburg, Roanoke County; Washington—Pierce County.

TABLE 1.—Number of cases of each type; cases of boys and girls dealt with by 65 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Cases dealt with								
	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Cases of children discharged from probation or supervision		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,850	1,588	262				234	193	41
Mercer County.....	294	272	22				94	85	9
New York:									
Buffalo.....	938	870	68	70	30	31	159	142	17
Chester County.....	124	96	28	115	57	58			
Columbia County.....	25	14	11	37	19	18	11	10	1
Delaware County.....	65	50	15	116	68	48	41	24	17
Erie County.....	10	8	2						
Franklin County.....	197	181	16	83	39	44	81	79	2
Monroe County.....	44	38	6	49	22	27			
New York City.....	222	172	50	239	124	115	51	31	20
Ontario County.....	7,204	6,255	949	3,617	1,593	1,724	2,697	1,935	762
Orleans County.....	109	83	17	84	41	43			
Westchester County.....	33	31	2	61	31	30			
North Carolina:									
Buncombe County.....	13	12	1	37	28	9	4	4	
Winston-Salem.....	888	743	145	370	187	183	537	485	52
Ohio:									
Buncombe County.....	106	92	14	84	43	41			
Winston-Salem.....	343	274	69	26	14	12			
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	28	23	5	46	26	20			
Clark County.....	395	294	99	52	46	46	21	20	1
Cuyahoga County.....	2,636	2,235	401	1,141	597	544	232	234	58
Franklin County.....	763	550	213	613	310	301	374	325	49
Hamilton County.....	1,997	1,097	899	361	161	200	257	257	
Lake County.....	67	58	9	40	22	18	11	7	4
Mahoning County.....	1,854	1,578	276	185	95	90	137	125	12
Montgomery County.....	514	345	169	496	265	231			
Sandusky County.....	49	29	20	60	35	25	14	9	5
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,243	1,033	210	1,018	568	510			
Berk County.....	103	77	26	31	11	20	14	11	3
Lycoming County.....	13	6	7	25	9	16			
Montgomery County.....	65	54	11	34	20	14			
Philadelphia.....	6,299	5,411	789	3,744	1,979	1,765	2,333	1,675	658
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	105	86	19	126	64	62	55	33	22
Texas: Orange County.....	9	9		3	1	2	1	1	
Utah:									
First district.....	347	296	51	1	1				
Second district.....	318	289	29				47	42	5
Third district.....	625	506	119	145	73	72	1	1	
Fourth district.....	398	260	138	27	7	20			
Fifth district.....	453	425	28	14	5	9	26	26	
Carbon County.....	97	97					69	69	
Other counties.....	241	212	29	5		5	8	6	2
Virginia:									
Lynchburg.....	279	245	34	30	16	14	69	60	9
Norfolk.....	669	523	146	232	114	118	239	186	53
Roanoke County.....	12	10	2	8	1	7			
Washington: Pierce County.....	154	122	32	70	29	41			

Most of the courts reporting have county-wide jurisdiction, but a few are serving a city only.⁵ In most of the State of Utah the juvenile courts are organized on a district basis, each district including several counties.⁶ Although cards were received from a number of courts in several States, Utah is the only State from which records from all the juvenile courts in the State were received.

About half the reporting courts (31) shown in Table 1 were serving areas having 100,000 or more population. The court serving the

⁵ New York City includes 5 boroughs or counties, each of which has a subdivision of the court.

⁶ The courts for each of the remaining counties, although not organized on a district plan, have been dealt with in two groups for statistical purposes: "Carbon County" and "Other counties."

area having the smallest population was in a county having about 13,000 population.

The maximum age of original jurisdiction of these courts varied from 16 to 18 years. Of the 65 courts 25 had jurisdiction over children under 16 years of age;⁷ 4 had jurisdiction under 17 years;⁸ and 24 had jurisdiction under 18 years.⁹ Of the remaining 12 courts, 11 had jurisdiction over delinquent and dependent and neglected boys under 16, delinquent girls under 18, and dependent and neglected girls under 17;¹⁰ and 1 (Orange County, Tex.) had jurisdiction over delinquent boys under 17, delinquent girls up to 18, and dependent and neglected children up to 16 years of age.

⁷ Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn.; Hudson County and Mercer County, N. J. (girls under 17 may be committed by the juvenile court to the State home for girls); Buffalo, Cheamung County, Clinton County, Columbia County, Delaware County, Erie County, Franklin County, Monroe County, New York City, Ontario County, Orange County, Orleans County, and Westchester County, N. Y.; Buncombe County and Winston-Salem, N. C.; Allegheny County, Berks County, Lycoming County, Montgomery County, and Philadelphia, Pa.; and Greenville County, S. C.

⁸ District of Columbia; Caddo Parish and Ouachita Parish, La.; and Jackson County, Mo. ⁹ Polk County, Iowa (this court has concurrent original jurisdiction up to 21 years but seldom exercised this privilege); Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and St. Louis County, Minn.; Anglin County, Clark County, Cuyahoga County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, Lake County, Mahoning County, Montgomery County, and Sandusky County, Ohio; first district, second district, third district, fourth district, fifth district, Carbon County, and other counties, Utah; Lynchburg, Norfolk, and Roanoke County, Va.; and Pierce County, Wash.

¹⁰ Adams County, Clark County, Clay County, Jennings County, Lake County, Marion County, Monroe County, Montgomery County, Steuben County, Vermillion County, and Wayne County, Ind.

DELINQUENCY CASES

The tables which summarize the information in regard to the 38,882 delinquency cases reported by 62 juvenile courts, show a very close agreement with the tables prepared on the basis of 28,387 cases reported by 42 courts for the calendar year 1927. Although some differences were found in the cases reported by individual courts which sent cards for both years, the combined figures seem little affected by these variations or by the addition of data from more courts. Because of the similarity of the findings in the two years only the significant points of difference will be noted.

Since approximately a third of the cases were reported by courts in New York City and Philadelphia, an analysis was made of the extent to which the policies and procedures in these courts may have affected the combined figures for all courts. On the whole, the figures obtained from these two courts correspond fairly closely with the average of the figures from all other courts except in a few instances which will be discussed in connection with the tables in which they occur.

DELINQUENCY RATIOS

The ratios of delinquent children to 1,000 children of juvenile-court age in the estimated population have been calculated for courts serving areas having 100,000 or more estimated population which reported their cases to the Children's Bureau during either 1927 or 1928. These ratios are shown in Table 2.

Several factors other than variation in the amount of delinquency affect the ratios in a given locality. In this connection the age jurisdiction of the court is of special importance. Although in a number of courts having jurisdiction over children under 18 years of age the delinquency ratios were low, they would have been materially lower if children 16 and 17 years of age had been excluded; these children constituted about a third of the children reported by such courts (Table 3), whereas children of 16 and 17 years constituted a much smaller proportion of all the children of juvenile-court age in the localities.

Although all the courts for which ratios were calculated were serving populations of 100,000 or more, 5 of these¹¹ were situated in cities of less than 50,000 population. The proportion of nonurban residents in the population of the area over which the court has jurisdiction materially affects the number of cases brought before the court unless the organization of the court provides for definite services throughout the area of its jurisdiction; even then it is probable that fewer cases in proportion to the population will be found in nonurban areas, though little statistical evidence on this subject is available. In the 9 localities¹² in which one-fourth or more of the population served by the courts were living in rural areas, the delinquency ratios for boys were below 10 except in Kent County, Mich., Montgomery County, Ohio, and the State of Utah.

¹¹ Lake County, Ind.; Orange County, N. Y.; Montgomery County, Pa.; Greenville County, S. C.; Dane County, Wis.

¹² Kent County, Mich.; Orange County, N. Y.; Montgomery County, Ohio; Berks County and Montgomery County, Pa.; Greenville County, S. C.; Pierce County, Wash.; Dane County, Wis.; and the State of Utah.

TABLE 2.—Ratio of delinquent boys and girls to 1,000 estimated population of juvenile-court age of the same sex and color dealt with by certain specified courts reported for 1927 and 1928¹

Court	Estimated population of juvenile court jurisdiction age July 1, 1928	Age of original juvenile-court jurisdiction	Ratio of delinquent children to 1,000 estimated population of juvenile-court age of the same sex			
			Boys		Girls	
			1927	1928	1927	1928
California: San Francisco (city).....	109,091	Under 21.....	14.5	(?)	1.3	(?)
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport (city).....	27,471	Under 16.....	27.6	24.2	4.6	5.1
Hartford (city).....	21,857	do.....	41.5	38.1	0.5	1.1
District of Columbia:						
District of Columbia.....	71,961	Under 17.....	40.2	41.7	6.0	7.7
White.....			20.8	24.2	2.5	2.2
Colored.....			100.7	96.0	20.5	21.1
Indiana:						
Lake County.....	40,778	Under 16(B), 18(O).....	16.3	15.6	7.9	0.1
Marion County.....	64,895	do.....	19.3	15.2	8.1	7.7
White.....			15.7	12.2	5.6	6.6
Colored.....			38.8	38.7	28.6	17.1
Iowa: Polk County.....	35,106	Under 18.....	(?)	30.1	(?)	7.7
Louisiana: Caddo Parish.....	21,105	Under 17.....	(?)	124.5	(?)	15.5
Michigan: Kent County.....	30,023	do.....	19.2	(?)	(?)	(?)
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County.....	80,324	Under 18.....	18.7	20.6	4.5	5.1
Ramsey County.....	40,007	do.....	11.0	12.7	2.9	3.1
New Jersey:						
Hudson County.....	121,198	Under 16.....	20.3	21.5	2.8	3.1
Mercer County.....	31,149	do.....	10.9	14.7	1.1	1.1
New York:						
Buffalo (city).....	88,852	do.....	15.9	17.0	1.1	1.1
Erie County (excluding Buffalo).....	26,157	do.....	11.8	13.3	1.4	1.1
Monroe County.....	60,678	do.....	(?)	6.0	(?)	1.1
New York City.....	1,016,961	do.....	8.3	11.6	1.4	1.1
White.....			8.0	10.9	1.3	1.1
Colored.....			14.8	31.0	6.0	6.6
Orange County.....	18,082	Under 16.....	(?)	2.5	(?)	(?)
Westchester County.....	70,162	do.....	22.8	18.7	3.8	3.1
White.....			22.0	17.5	3.2	2.7
Colored.....			48.2	57.8	19.7	10.1
Ohio:						
Franklin County.....	57,777	Under 18.....	20.4	16.8	6.8	6.7
White.....			16.3	14.1	5.7	6.1
Colored.....			53.5	40.1	18.1	12.1
Hamilton County.....	88,702	Under 18.....	24.9	22.1	(?)	(?)
White.....			19.4	18.8	(?)	(?)
Colored.....			84.8	66.8	(?)	(?)
Mahoning County.....	46,785	Under 18.....	48.6	53.5	11.0	10.1
Montgomery County.....	42,572	do.....	(?)	14.2	(?)	8.4
White.....			(?)	11.7	(?)	6.1
Colored.....			(?)	60.8	(?)	40.1
Pennsylvania:						
Allegheny County.....	231,187	Under 16.....	(?)	7.6	(?)	1.4
White.....			(?)	7.0	(?)	1.1
Colored.....			(?)	17.5	(?)	7.0
Berks County.....	30,530	Under 16.....	2.0	4.2	0.5	1.0
Montgomery County.....	36,819	do.....	2.1	2.7	0.7	0.6
Philadelphia (city).....	315,169	do.....	27.5	26.0	4.0	4.2
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	23,197	do.....	(?)	6.3	(?)	1.6
White.....			(?)	5.3	(?)	2.1
Colored.....			(?)	9.4	(?)	0.3
Tennessee: Memphis (city).....	29,553	Under 17.....	39.9	(?)	8.4	(?)
White.....			27.7	(?)	8.7	(?)
Colored.....			56.3	(?)	8.0	(?)
Utah: (entire State).....	131,514	Under 18.....	(?)	29.6	(?)	4.1
Third District.....	44,036	do.....	(?)	27.9	(?)	4.2
Virginia: Norfolk (city).....	26,915	do.....	41.2	34.6	8.3	10.2
White.....			31.9	26.0	5.9	7.3
Colored.....			67.1	49.5	12.0	14.6
Washington: Pierce County.....	26,023	Under 18.....	6.4	8.1	1.0	2.0
Wisconsin: Dane County.....	18,674	Under 17(B), 18(O).....	4.5	(?)	2.8	(?)

¹ Includes courts serving cities or counties having 100,000 or more estimated population except St. Louis County, Minn., which reported for only the southern half of the county and Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which reported unofficial cases for only 9 months of 1928. Color is shown for those courts serving cities or counties of this size having at least 10,000 or 10 per cent colored population in 1920.

² Not reported.

³ Number of colored delinquent children not reported; ratios based on estimates for white children only.

⁴ Figures incomplete, children whose cases were pending on Jan. 1, 1927, not included.

⁵ Figures for white and colored children not reported separately.

⁶ Includes Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties.

The extent to which the court is relied upon to deal with children exhibiting conduct problems is possibly the most significant factor to be considered in analyzing delinquency ratios of juvenile courts. The relation between the juvenile court and the police department varies greatly in different localities. In some places all children arrested by the police are referred to the juvenile court, whereas in others the police themselves deal with many children, especially those committing minor offenses and violating traffic rules. The school department may deal with nearly all truancy problems through its own agencies, or it may refer large numbers of attendance cases to the court. If the school system includes such facilities for constructive work with problem children as a child-study department, visiting teachers, and well-trained attendance officers, it is probable that many cases, including other behavior problems as well as truancy, which would otherwise be dealt with by the courts will be cared for by the schools.¹³ The extent to which agencies doing case work with problem children or their families are available in the community and the place which the court holds in the estimation of social agencies and the public also influence the number of children referred. Another closely related factor is the amount of unofficial work done by the court and the completeness with which this work is reported. The amount of unofficial work done is partly dependent on court policy and procedure and partly on the number of minor cases accepted by the court.

Some indications of the situations in the communities for which delinquency ratios have been calculated are shown in several of the tables of this report. The table showing source of complaint in delinquency cases (Table IV, p. 46) gives some evidence of the relation of the court to other agencies. One indication of the extent to which the court is regarded as a general agency for dealing with conduct problems of children is the proportion of cases involving very young children. (See Table IIa, p. 36.) The extent to which minor cases are referred to the court is another indication. Although it is difficult to determine the seriousness of an offense committed by a child from the charge preferred or from the manner of dealing with it, some indication of the extent to which minor cases are referred may be obtained from the tables showing charges (Tables VIa and VIIb, pp. 50 and 52) and the table showing the percentage of cases handled unofficially (Table I, p. 33).

Ratios have been calculated separately for white and colored children for all courts serving areas in which 10 per cent or more than 10,000 of the population were colored. As is shown in Table 2, the ratios for colored children are consistently higher than for white children, with the exception of those for girls in two southern courts (Memphis, Tenn., and Greenville County, S. C.). The highest ratio for colored boys was in the District of Columbia, and the highest ratio for colored girls was in Montgomery County, Ohio. The lowest ratios for both colored boys and colored girls were in Greenville County, S. C.

The extent to which a high delinquency ratio for colored children affects the general delinquency ratio of the court will depend upon

¹³ The practice in some jurisdictions of proceeding against the parents in cases of truancy reduces the number of children brought to court on that charge.

the relative number of white and colored children in the community. The greatest variations in 1928 between the ratios for all boys' cases and all girls' cases and those for white boys and girls are found in the District of Columbia and in Norfolk, Va. In both these cities the colored group comprises more than 25 per cent of the total population.

No conclusions as to the community conditions that lie back of the delinquency ratios in different localities can be formulated from this statistical material, but it furnishes the basis on which studies of the actual conditions existing in these communities can be planned more intelligently.

Slight variations in ratios during the two years are shown for most of the courts. In some instances the small increase or decrease may be the normal variation from year to year in the number of cases coming before the court; in others the difference may be due to more complete reporting or to changes in court policy or personnel which affected the number of cases reported. Delinquency ratios for several successive years will give much valuable information as to trends in juvenile delinquency.

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES¹⁴

Age and sex.

As a number of the children came before the courts more than once, the 38,882 delinquency cases reported for 1928 by the 62 courts represented 34,764 children—29,151 boys and 5,613 girls. The extent to which the age period of original jurisdiction of the court affected the number of children coming before the court is shown in Table 3. The children of 16 and 17 years constituted nearly a third of the total number of children before the courts having jurisdiction over children under 18 years of age, and nearly equaled the number of 14 and 15 year old children who constituted the largest group in courts having a lower age jurisdiction.

A few children beyond the age of original jurisdiction were reported by the courts. This may be explained by the fact that some courts have jurisdiction beyond the age of original jurisdiction in certain situations; for example, a case in which the offense was committed before the age limit was reached, even though the case did not come to the attention of the court until afterward, and a case in which a child made a ward of the court before reaching the age limit was before the court on a new charge. All but five of the courts reported some cases of children under 10 years of age, most of them boys. In 32 courts reporting 50 or more children these children under 10 constituted more than 5 per cent of all the children appearing before the court for delinquency. (See Table IIa, p. 35.)

¹⁴ In this section information about the child contained in the record of the first case disposed of during the year was used.

TABLE 3.—Ages of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928, and age limitation of original court jurisdiction¹

Age and sex of child	Children dealt with in delinquency cases						
	Total	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction					
		Under 16 years ²		Under 17 years		Under 18 years	
		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	34,764	19,743	2,192	12,829			
Boys.....	29,151	17,096	1,851	10,204			
Age reported.....	29,790	16,953	1,837	10,000	100		
Under 10 years.....	2,108	1,308	162	638		6	
10 years, under 12.....	4,042	2,706	239	1,097		11	
12 years, under 14.....	7,407	5,062	432	1,913		19	
14 years, under 16.....	11,506	7,699	622	3,185		32	
16 years, under 18.....	3,673	173	379	3,121		31	
18 years and over.....	63	5	3	55		1	
Age not reported.....	352	143	14	195			
Girls.....	5,613	2,647	341	2,025			
Age reported.....	5,560	2,631	338	2,591	100		
Under 10 years.....	222	117	25	80		3	
10 years, under 12.....	382	212	43	127		5	
12 years, under 14.....	1,152	645	86	421		16	
14 years, under 16.....	2,711	1,578	117	1,016		39	
16 years, under 18.....	1,079	73	66	940		36	
18 years and over.....	14	6	1	7		(³)	
Age not reported.....	53	16	3	34			

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Includes truancy cases in Westchester County, N. Y. (where jurisdiction to 17 years authorized by the state-wide education law is exercised); also certain cases of girls to 17 years in Hudson and Mercer Counties, N. J. (where the juvenile court may commit girls of this age to the State school for girls).

³ Less than 1 per cent.

Color and nativity.

Absence of information for the communities included as to age distribution according to color, nativity, and nativity of parents makes impossible a comparison of the percentages of white and colored children, native and foreign-born children, and children of foreign or mixed parentage coming before the courts, with the percentages of children of the same ages, and race, nativity, and parentage in the population of the area served by the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases. Although this exact comparison with children of juvenile-court age can not be made, comparisons with the total population in the reporting area are of interest.

In the total population¹⁵ in the jurisdiction area 95 per cent were white and 5 per cent were colored, including both negro and other colored races. Table 4a shows, however, that the proportion of colored children appearing before the courts was 16 per cent, more than three times as large as in the total population. The percentage of colored girls was slightly higher than the percentage of colored boys.

Foreign-born white children constituted a very small proportion of the children before the courts in 1928.¹⁶ (Table 4a.) Comparison

¹⁵ Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, vol. 3, Population. Washington, 1922.

¹⁶ A larger percentage of the children reported in 1927 were classified as foreign born.

can not be made with the 24 per cent foreign-born white population in the jurisdiction area of the reporting courts since adults constitute a much larger percentage of the foreign-born than of the native-born population in the United States.

TABLE 4A.—Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928¹

Color and nativity	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total	34,764		29,151		5,613	
Color reported	34,721	100	29,111	100	5,610	100
White	29,070	84	24,620	85	4,450	79
Native	25,350	73	21,272	73	4,078	73
Foreign born	651	2	531	2	117	2
Nativity not reported	3,069	9	2,814	10	255	5
Colored ²	5,651	16	4,491	15	1,160	21
Color not reported	43		40		3	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.
² Includes 16 boys and 2 girls colored other than negro.

The largest proportion of the delinquent children dealt with by the courts were native-born white boys and girls. Information as to the nativity of their parents was obtained for most of these children. Table 4b shows the nativity of parents reported for the native-born white boys and girls. An interesting difference is shown between the boys and the girls. Less than half of the girls (45 per cent) had parents one or both of whom were foreign born, and the percentage is slightly lower than that of the native-born females of foreign or mixed parentage in the white population of the reporting area (48 per cent). More of the boys (56 per cent) had parents at least one of whom was foreign born, and the percentage was much higher than that of the native-born males of foreign or mixed parentage in the white population of the reporting area (47 per cent). Accordingly, it may be said that the delinquency rate among native-born boys of foreign or mixed parentage was high.

TABLE 4B.—Nativity of parents of native white boys and girls¹ dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928²

Nativity of parents	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total	24,135	100	20,100	100	3,075	100
Native parentage	11,118	46	8,034	44	2,184	85
Foreign or mixed parentage	13,017	54	11,226	56	1,791	45

¹ Excludes those for whom nativity of parents was not reported.
² Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

Where living when referred to court.

A rather striking difference is shown in Table 5 between the proportions of boys (71 per cent) and of girls (52 per cent) who were living with both their own parents at the time they committed the offenses for which they were brought to court in the first delinquency case disposed of during the year. This would seem to indicate that the lack of normal family life is a more significant factor in the delinquency of girls than of boys. The difficulties which bring girls into court are usually more serious in character and more closely related to home conditions than the difficulties of boys.

TABLE 5.—Whereabouts when referred to court in first case disposed of during the year for boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928¹

Whereabouts of child	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total	31,764		29,151		5,613	
Whereabouts reported	31,264	100	26,296	100	6,058	100
With both own parents	21,263	68	18,633	71	2,610	62
With mother and stepfather	1,565	5	1,201	5	364	7
With father and stepmother	780	2	607	2	173	3
With father and stepmother	3,800	12	3,039	12	851	17
With mother only	1,598	5	1,216	5	382	7
With father only	141	(?)	90	(?)	48	1
Adoptive home	141	5	1,110	4	514	10
Other family home	1,621	1	165	1	62	1
Institution	227	1	89	(?)	84	2
Other	173					
Whereabouts not reported	3,500		2,915		555	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.

Previous court experience.

Only information regarding the number of times children were dealt with as delinquents in previous years, that is, prior to the first case disposed of during 1928, has been tabulated. Table 6 shows that 78 per cent of the boys and 87 per cent of the girls were before the court for the first time in 1928. Apparently the greater part of the work of the courts is with children dealt with for the first or the second time rather than with repeated offenders. The extent to which these children were before the courts more than once during 1928 is indicated by a comparison of the total number of delinquency cases disposed of in 1928 (38,882) with the number of children involved (34,764).

The courts were asked to report as a separate case each time a child was dealt with on a new offense. It is impossible to formulate a definition which does not permit some difference in the interpretation of "new offense." Some probation offices in dealing with a child who is under the care of the court and commits a new offense do not consider it a new case unless the new offense is so serious that the probation officer can not deal with it and refers the child to the judge.

Others consider as a new case the reference of a child to the judge for general lack of progress or adjustment of conditions that may have arisen, when no new offense may have been committed.

TABLE 6.—Number of times boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 courts during 1928 had been dealt with in delinquency cases prior to 1928¹

Number of times dealt with in delinquency cases prior to 1928	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	34,784		29,151		5,613	
Reported whether dealt with.....	31,609	100	29,029	100	5,580	100
Number of times:						
None.....	27,524	80	22,094	78	4,830	87
One.....	3,471	11	3,388	12	483	9
Two.....	1,468	4	1,339	6	129	2
Three.....	655	2	610	2	45	1
Four.....	320	1	306	1	14	(?)
Five or more.....	357	1	354	1	3	(?)
Not reported.....	414	1	338	1	76	1
Not reported whether dealt with.....	155		122		33	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.

SOURCES OF COMPLAINT

The sources of complaint and especially the extent to which such sources as parents and relatives, other individuals, and social agencies refer cases to the courts are some indication of whether the court is regarded as the agency to deal with all conduct problems or only those more serious ones where authority which only the court has is needed. The percentage of cases referred from specified sources as shown in Table 7 is definitely affected by the inclusion of New York and Philadelphia. (See Table IV, p. 46.) The percentage of cases in which the source of complaint was the police was much higher in these two cities than the average for all other courts, and the percentage of complaints made by the school department was much lower.

Although some cases of delinquency come directly to the attention of probation officers, the number reported in 1928 is larger than would be expected. It is possible also that courts may have reported in some cases the person signing the petition rather than the person making the original complaint, thus reporting "probation officer" as the source in cases actually referred by others. The fact that in some courts serving rural districts probation officers are sometimes also law-enforcing officers in their communities may account for this in part.

TABLE 7.—Source of complaint in delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928

Source of complaint	Delinquency cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	38,852	
Source of complaint reported.....	38,768	100
Police.....	21,820	56
Parents or relatives.....	3,630	9
Other individual.....	5,066	14
School department.....	4,185	11
Probation officer.....	2,194	6
Social agency.....	833	2
Other.....	511	1
Source of complaint not reported.....	84	

PLACES OF CARE PENDING HEARING OR DISPOSITION

The facilities used by the 62 courts for the detention of delinquent children varied greatly in different localities. Less than half the 62 courts reported the use of detention homes, and most of these were situated in cities or counties of 100,000 or more population. A number of the courts serving less populous districts which reported a few dependent or delinquent children held in a detention home may have used this name for some institution used primarily for another purpose. Courts that had no detention-home facilities provided for the detention of children in a variety of ways. The institutional resources of private agencies were used by a number of courts, notably by the New York City court. Boarding-home care had not been developed to any extent by any of the courts, although a few children were detained in boarding homes in a number of localities. Many of the courts using boarding homes also had detention-home facilities. A few courts stated that a "detention room" for children was located in the courthouse or in the jail. Detention in the same building as the jail was classified as detention in jail.

Table 8 shows that more than half the children were not detained, but were left in their own homes or their cases were disposed of on the day the complaint was made. For the children who were detained a marked difference is shown in the type of detention used for those under 16 years of age and for older children. A smaller percentage of the older children than of the younger children were detained in detention homes and other institutions, and a larger percentage were detained in jails. It is probable that a number of the children detained in jail were held for short periods, possibly not overnight, although the instruction to courts using the cards was that a child held for a few hours only should not be considered detained. Nevertheless, the detention of 1,305 children, 548 of whom were under 16 years of age, in jails and police stations shows the widespread use of these places for holding young children and the urgent need for more adequate provision for meeting this problem. The percentage of children detained in institutions other than detention homes reflects

the use of this method of detention by the New York City court, since more than nine-tenths of the children detained in "other institutions" were in New York City. (See Table V, p. 48.)

TABLE 8.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition, and ages of children represented in boys' and girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928¹

Places of care	Delinquency cases											
	Total		Age of child								Not reported	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Under 14 years		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over		Number	Per cent distribution
Boys' cases	32,822		15,221		12,065		4,132		74		430	
Place of care reported	32,540	100	15,090	100	12,847	100	4,105	100	73	100	425	100
Own home or case disposed of same day	10,250	59	9,407	62	7,122	55	2,379	58	47	64	205	60
Boarding home	68	(?)	32	(?)	26	(?)	10	(?)				
Detention home or other institution ²	11,700	36	5,402	39	5,171	40	1,000	24	13	18	123	29
Detention home ³	8,813	27	3,978	26	3,719	29	991	24	13	18	112	26
Other institution	2,886	9	1,424	9	1,452	11	9	(?)			11	3
Jail or police station	1,195	4	119	1	373	3	686	17	11	15	0	1
Only place of care	1,014	3	98	1	303	2	597	15	11	15	5	1
One of the places of care	181	1	21	(?)	70	1	89	2			1	(?)
More than one place of care ⁴	255	1	105	1	133	1	16	(?)			1	(?)
Other place of care	63	(?)	25	(?)	22	(?)	14	(?)	2	3		
Place of care not reported	282		131		118		27		1		5	
Girls' cases	6,060		1,807		2,938		1,149		15		61	
Place of care reported	5,892	100	1,876	100	2,912	100	1,130	100	14	(?)	60	100
Own home or case disposed of same day	3,024	50	1,124	60	1,316	45	546	48	6		33	55
Boarding home	41	1	11	1	19	1	10	1			1	2
Detention home or other institution ²	2,672	45	697	37	1,454	50	480	43	8		24	40
Detention home ³	1,873	31	447	24	938	32	263	41	7		18	30
Other institution	799	13	250	13	516	18	26	2	1		6	10
Jail or police station	110	2	13	1	43	1	52	5	1		1	2
Only place of care	93	2	11	1	38	1	43	4	1			
One of the places of care	17	(?)	2	(?)	5	(?)	9	1			1	2
More than one place of care ⁴	50	1	18	1	37	1	4	(?)				
Other place of care	80	1	13	1	43	1	29	3			1	2
Place of care not reported	68		21		26		19		1		1	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.
³ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.
⁴ Excludes cases of children held in jails, police stations, or detention homes.
⁵ Not shown, as number of cases is less than 50.

CHARGES

Although an attempt is being made to secure uniformity in the use of terms, the charges on which children were dealt with as delinquents by the courts give a very incomplete picture of their behavior problems. A child may have committed several offenses at or about the

same time but be referred to the court on only one of them. The specific offense with which he is charged may be much less serious than offenses discovered in the course of the social investigation. When the case is investigated before the filing of a petition instead of afterward, the formal charge is usually more accurate, but even in such cases the offense stated in the complaint may reflect the desire of the court to protect the child. For instance, in some courts a girl is charged with incorrigibility instead of a sex offense, and Table VIa seems to show that a boy is sometimes charged with mischief instead of stealing. These differences in the attitudes and practices of the courts are shown very clearly by the character of the charges in the cases reported by each court. (See Tables VIa, VIb, pp. 50, 52.)

It is generally accepted that the offenses with which boys and girls are charged represent different delinquency problems. Table 9a shows that "stealing or attempted stealing" and "acts of carelessness or mischief" were the most usual charges in boys' cases, whereas the closely related charges of "running away," "ungovernable or beyond parental control," and "sex offense" appeared more often in girls' cases.

TABLE 9A.—Charges in boys' and girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928¹

Charge	Delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total	38,892		32,822		6,060	
Charge reported	38,688	100	32,667	100	6,021	100
Stealing or attempted stealing	14,791	39	14,064	43	727	12
Automobile stealing	1,857	5	1,831	6	26	(?)
Burglary or unlawful entry	4,282	11	4,239	13	43	1
Robbery	730	2	698	2	41	1
Other type of stealing	6,131	13	4,729	14	405	7
Type of stealing not reported	2,779	7	2,567	8	212	4
Truancy	3,632	9	2,880	9	752	12
Running away	2,913	8	2,095	6	808	15
Ungovernable or beyond parental control	3,987	10	2,274	7	1,713	28
Sex offense	1,722	4	564	2	1,158	19
Injury or attempted injury to person	1,071	3	922	3	152	3
Act of carelessness or mischief	9,625	25	9,140	28	479	8
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication	405	1	340	1	65	1
Other charge	539	1	472	1	67	1
Charge not reported	194		185		30	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.

Running away was a larger problem in New York City and in Philadelphia than in most of the other localities, and the inclusion of such cases from these courts materially increased the percentage of children charged with this offense. On the contrary, the number of children referred to these two courts on truancy charges was very small and correspondingly lowered the percentage of children charged with truancy.

The interests and pursuits of children of different ages are reflected in the types of offenses which they commit. Table 9b shows that the offenses committed by girls under 12 years of age corresponded more closely to those committed by boys of those ages than did the offenses of older girls. The percentage charged with "acts of carelessness and mischief" decreased steadily as the age of the children increased, while sex offenses and the violation of the liquor or drug law or intoxication, constituted an increasing percentage of the offenses charged in both boys' and girls' cases, from the lower to the higher age groups. A most interesting difference is shown in the ages of boys and girls charged with being ungovernable. The largest percentages of boys charged with this offense were in the age groups under 10 and 10, under 12 years, whereas among the girls the age group under 10 showed a smaller percentage than any other. Truancy among the boys and running away among the girls occurred more often among the children of 14, under 16 years, than among the children of any other age group. Stealing, the most common charge, appeared approximately in the same proportions of boys' cases in all age groups, although the type of stealing changed as the boys grew older.

TABLE 9b.—Per cent distribution of charges reported in boys' and girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 courts during 1928, by age of child¹

Charge	Delinquency cases							
	Total	Age of child						Not reported
		Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	
Boys' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	43	39	45	46	43	39	49	26
Automobile stealing.....	6	1	1	3	8	12	15	2
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	13	14	15	15	12	9	16	7
Robbery.....	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Other type of stealing.....	14	15	18	17	13	11	8	9
Type of stealing not reported.....	8	8	8	9	8	5	8	7
Truancy.....	9	6	7	6	11	9	7	6
Running away.....	0	5	7	7	7	6	3	3
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	7	8	8	1	2	3	5	2
Sex offense.....	2	2	1	3	3	3	4	2
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	2
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	28	35	29	28	26	28	18	42
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	1	(?)	(?)	(?)	1	4	14	2
Other charge.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Girls' cases	100	100	100	100	100	(?)	100	
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	12	15	23	17	10	8	11	
Automobile stealing.....	(?)	1	(?)	(?)	(?)	1	1	
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	1	1	2	1	(?)	1	2	
Robbery.....	1	1	1	(?)	(?)	1	1	
Other type of stealing.....	7	8	12	10	0	4	5	
Type of stealing not reported.....	4	3	7	4	3	2	5	
Truancy.....	12	9	14	10	14	13	11	
Running away.....	15	6	10	13	19	11	11	
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	28	14	24	32	30	27	26	
Sex offense.....	19	8	7	16	19	30	8	
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	3	7	4	3	2	3	3	
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	8	40	18	8	5	6	26	
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	1	(?)	(?)	1	1	2	2	
Other charge.....	1	1	(?)	1	1	2	8	

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Not shown, as number of cases is less than 50.

DISPOSITIONS

Official cases.

Table 10a shows the extent to which different types of dispositions were used in official cases by the courts reporting delinquency cases. Placing the child on probation was the disposition most often used. The number of children whose cases were dismissed or continued indefinitely¹⁷ was also large, as was the number committed to institutions. Only about one-eighth of the cases were disposed of in other ways than by one of these three methods. Although about the same percentage of boys and of girls were placed on probation, the percentage of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely was larger for boys than for girls, and the percentage of commitments to institutions was higher for girls. Other slight differences in the methods of dealing with boys' and girls' cases are shown in Table 10a.

Individual courts showed wide variation in the extent to which different types of dispositions were used. (See Tables VIIa, VIIb, pp. 55, 57.) Such variations are due in many instances to differences in court procedure and practice. For instance, the number of official cases dismissed or continued indefinitely is small if cases are investigated before the filing of a petition and trivial cases are dealt with unofficially or dropped. The proportion of cases in which the child is placed on probation is influenced by several factors, among them the number of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely upon first hearing, the extent to which unofficial probation is used, the local institutions available for short-time commitments, and the care with which children are selected for probation both as to those likely to profit by it and as to the court's facilities for giving adequate supervision.

The percentage of children's cases dismissed or continued indefinitely and the percentage of cases in which the children were committed to institutions were slightly affected by the cases reported from the New York and Philadelphia courts. The dispositions made by these courts as compared with those of all the other courts included a larger percentage of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely and a smaller percentage of children committed to institutions. The dispositions of the cases reported in 1927 compared fairly closely with those shown in Table 10a for 1928. In 1927 a slightly larger percentage of the cases were dismissed or continued indefinitely, with a corresponding decrease in those in which the children were placed on probation.

¹⁷ The classification "case dismissed" was used for cases closed without further action, cases referred to other courts for commitment to institutions for the feeble-minded, and cases dismissed because of lack of jurisdiction in the juvenile court. Cases were considered as "continued indefinitely" when no further action was taken or supervision given the children, but when jurisdiction was maintained so that if a like situation arose later the case might be brought into court again without the filing of a new petition. Cases of children placed on probation to parents or committed to institutions with commitment suspended when no further action was contemplated were also classed as "continued indefinitely."

TABLE 10A.—Disposition in boys' and girls' official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 courts during 1928¹

Disposition	Official delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution
Total	27,885		23,399		4,486	
Disposition reported	27,863	100	23,379	100	4,484	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	8,039	29	7,016	30	993	22
Child placed on probation	11,914	43	10,051	43	1,860	41
Child committed to institution	4,119	16	3,211	11	1,178	26
State institution for delinquent children	1,792	6	1,334	6	458	10
Other institution for delinquent children	2,136	8	1,536	7	600	13
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	292	1	235	1	57	1
Other institution	199	1	136	1	63	1
Restitution, fine, or costs	1,776	6	1,715	7	61	1
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	1,383	5	1,334	6	49	1
Restitution or reparation ordered	393	1	381	2	12	(²)
Other disposition	1,715	6	1,323	6	392	9
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer	419	2	335	1	84	2
Child committed to board, department, or agency	993	3	743	3	220	5
Child returned home ³	135	(²)	84	(²)	51	1
Child referred for criminal prosecution	55	(²)	62	(²)	3	(²)
Child otherwise cared for	143	1	109	(²)	34	1
Disposition not reported	22		20		2	

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases. Of these 61 courts only 57 reported girls' official delinquency cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.
³ Applies only to runaways or children living away from own home at time referred to court.

Both the age of a child and the character of his offense affect the disposition of his case. Table 10b shows the dispositions of the cases by the age of the child, and Table 10c shows the relation between the offenses charged and the disposition of the cases.

Except for the larger percentage of boys under 10 years of age whose cases were dismissed or continued indefinitely and the steadily increasing percentage who were committed to institutions in each higher age period, no significant variations occur in the dispositions made of cases of boys under 16 years of age. A comparison of the dispositions in the cases of boys 16 and over and of each age group under 16 shows that a smaller percentage in the older than in the younger groups were dismissed or continued indefinitely or were placed on probation. In a larger percentage of the cases of older boys commitments to institutions were made or fines were imposed or costs ordered. The percentage of cases of boys 16 or over referred for criminal prosecution was small, and these constitute the majority of the cases dealt with in this way.

Possibly because of the differences in the kinds of offenses with which girls under 12 were charged as compared with older girls, a much larger percentage of the cases of girls in the age groups under 10 and 10, under 12 years of age were dismissed or continued indefinitely.

As in boys' cases, commitment to institutions constituted an increasing percentage of the dispositions from the lower to the higher age periods.

TABLE 10B.—Per cent distribution of disposition reported for each age group of boys and girls referred in official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 courts during 1928¹

Disposition	Official delinquency cases								
	Total	Age of child							Age not reported
		Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over		
Boys' cases	100	100	100	100	100	(²)	100		
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	30	39	31	30	30	23	49		
Child placed on probation	43	42	46	45	43	36	26		
Child committed to institution	14	7	12	13	15	19	6		
State institution for delinquent children	6	2	3	4	6	13	3		
Other institution for delinquent children	7	4	7	7	7	4	2		
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	1	(²)	1	1	1	1	1		
Other institution	1	2	1	(²)	(²)	1	1		
Restitution, fine, or costs	7	6	6	7	7	12	13		
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	6	3	5	5	5	11	6		
Restitution or reparation ordered	2	3	2	2	1	2	7		
Other disposition	6	5	5	5	5	10	5		
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer	1	1	1	1	1	3	2		
Child committed to board, department, or agency	3	4	3	3	3	3	2		
Child returned home ³	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	2	1		
Child referred for criminal prosecution	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	2	1		
Child otherwise cared for	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	2	2		
Girls' cases	100	100	100	100	100	(²)	(²)		
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	22	55	33	20	21	18			
Child placed on probation	41	29	40	44	44	35			
Child committed to institution	26	9	17	24	27	32			
State institution for delinquent children	10	2	5	9	10	15			
Other institution for delinquent children	13	6	9	13	14	15			
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	1		1	1	1	1			
Other institution	1	1	1	1	1	2			
Restitution, fine, or costs	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	1	1		1	1	1			
Restitution or reparation ordered	(²)		1	1	(²)				
Other disposition	9	6	9	11	7	13			
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer	2	2	3	3	1	3			
Child committed to board, department, or agency	5	3	5	7	4	6			
Child returned home ³	1	2	1	1	1	2			
Child referred for criminal prosecution	(²)				(²)	(²)			
Child otherwise cared for	1		(²)	(²)	1	2			

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases; of these 61 courts only 57 reported girls' official delinquency cases.
² Not shown as number of cases is less than 50.
³ Less than 1 per cent.
⁴ Applies only to runaways or children living away from home at time referred to court.

TABLE 10C.—Per cent distribution of disposition reported for each type of charge on which boys and girls were referred in official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 courts during 1928¹

Disposition	Official delinquency cases										
	Total	Charge on which referred to court									
		Stealing or attempted stealing	Truancy	Running away	Un-governable or beyond parental control	Sex offense	Injury or attempted injury to person	Act of carelessness or mischief	Violating liquor or drug law or intoxication	Other charge	Charge not reported
Boys' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	30	20	27	28	23	22	45	55	33	55	55
Child placed on probation.....	43	54	40	42	47	53	34	21	35	21	34
Child committed to institution.....	14	17	15	19	22	16	10	2	9	3	4
State institutions for delinquent children.....	8	8	3	6	9	7	5	1	4	2	1
Other institution for delinquent children.....	7	7	10	10	11	7	4	1	5	3	3
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	(1)	1	(1)	2
Other institution.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	(1)	(1)	1	2	
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	7	4	4	(1)	1	4	7	20	22	5	7
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	6	2	4	(2)	1	4	4	17	22	5	7
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	2	2				(1)	3	2			
Other disposition.....	6	5	14	11	7	5	4	2	1	11	
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	3	2	13	5	5	2	1	1	1	8	
Child returned home ²	(1)	(1)	(1)	3	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		(1)	
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	(1)	(1)	(1)				(1)			(1)	
Child otherwise cared for.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	(1)	(1)	1	(1)		3	
Girls' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	(1)	(1)	(1)
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	22	20	41	18	13	11	58	59			
Child placed on probation.....	41	56	33	44	48	33	25	22			
Child committed to institution.....	26	15	9	26	26	48	6	8			
State institution for delinquent children.....	10	4	3	8	9	23	2	4			
Other institution for delinquent children.....	13	10	5	16	14	20	2	4			
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	1	(1)	1	1	2	2	1	1			
Other institution.....	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1			
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	1	3	3		(1)	(1)	7	7			
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	1	1	3		(1)	(1)	7	7			
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	(1)	2			(1)						
Other disposition.....	9	6	13	12	8	7	7	4			
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1			
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	5	3	11	6	5	3	3	1			
Child returned home ²	1	1		4	1	(1)	1	1			
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	(1)					(1)					
Child otherwise cared for.....	1	1	1	(1)	(1)	2	1	2			

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases. Of these 61 courts only 57 courts reported girls' official delinquency cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.
³ Applies only to runaways or children living away from home at time referred to court.
⁴ Not shown as number of cases is less than 50.

Table 10c shows that with a few striking exceptions the treatment for different types of offenses was quite similar in boys' and girls' cases. Dismissal or indefinite continuance was the type of disposition most often used when the charge was injury or attempted injury to person, act of carelessness or mischief, and in a group of miscellaneous charges classed as "other." Probation was the most usual disposition for both boys and girls charged with stealing, running away, and being ungovernable or beyond parental control. In cases of children committing sex offenses the contrast between the methods of dealing with boys and girls is marked, probation being used most often for boys and commitment to an institution for girls. In truancy cases the most usual disposition for girls was dismissal or indefinite continuance, and for boys placement on probation.

Unofficial cases.

Thirty-nine of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases disposed of cases unofficially, one court having dealt with all its cases in this way. Table 11 shows that a large percentage of these cases were dealt with either by adjusting the difficulty or apparently by dropping the case without action of any sort. A small percentage of the children were placed on unofficial probation, and a still smaller group were referred to institutions and agencies. Runaways returned home also constituted a small percentage of the cases.

TABLE 11.—Disposition in boys' and girls' unofficial delinquency cases dealt with by 39 courts during 1928¹

Disposition	Unofficial delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total	10,987		9,423		1,564	
Disposition reported	10,919	100	9,360	100	1,559	100
Difficulty adjusted	5,677	82	4,960	53	717	46
Child placed on unofficial probation	1,176	11	1,002	11	174	11
Child returned home ²	522	5	395	4	127	9
Placement of child in institution recommended	299	3	253	3	46	3
Placement of child elsewhere recommended	59	1	50	1	9	1
Referred to agency or other court	233	2	165	2	74	5
Other disposition ³	2,917	27	2,545	27	402	26
Disposition not reported	78		63		15	

¹ Only 39 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported unofficial delinquency cases; 37 of the 39 reported boys' cases and 34 reported girls' cases.

² Applies only to runaways or children living away from own home at time referred to court.

³ The majority of these cases were dismissed, dropped, or closed with a warning.

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES

Dependency and neglect cases constituted a smaller part of the work of the courts than delinquency cases except in 11¹⁸ of the smaller courts. Ten courts dealing with delinquent children did not report dependency and neglect cases. The practice in some courts of filing the complaint against the adult responsible for dependency or neglect instead of instituting proceedings in the name of the child is one of the factors influencing this situation. In some localities only those cases of dependency and neglect requiring commitment or other legal adjudication of custody or of parental obligation were brought as a rule to the attention of the court, whereas in other communities the court was the principal or only local agency caring for such children.¹⁹ As 45 per cent of the dependency and neglect cases were reported by the New York and Philadelphia courts, the methods used by these courts in dealing with such cases definitely affect the total figures.

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES

The 16,289 dependency and neglect cases represented 15,825 children in 8,153 families. Tables 12, 13a, 13b, and 14 show the age, sex, race, nativity, parentage, and whereabouts of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases. Nearly as many girls as boys were dealt with in these cases. The numbers of children of all age groups under 16 years coming before the courts showed little variation. The number who were 14 or over was slightly smaller than the number in the lower age groups, although all the courts had jurisdiction over dependency and neglect cases involving children under 16 years of age and some had jurisdiction over children to 18 years of age.

A comparison of Tables 13a and b with Tables 4a and b shows some interesting contrasts in the color, nativity, and parentage of children dealt with in dependency or neglect cases and in delinquency cases. As to color a slightly larger proportion of the dependent or neglected children than of the delinquent children were white, although the percentage of colored children referred to the court for these causes as well as for delinquency was about three times as high as the percentage of colored persons (5 per cent) in the total population served by the courts. The percentage of foreign-born children was even smaller in dependency and neglect cases than in delinquency cases. A significant difference shown in Tables 13b and 4b is that the proportion of the native-born children of native parentage referred to the courts because of dependency or neglect was much larger than the proportion of the same ancestry who were before the court because of delinquency.

Nearly three-fourths of the children dealt with by the courts in dependency or neglect cases came from families in which the home had been broken by death, divorce, desertion, or other cause. (Table 14.)

¹⁸ Another court reported only dependency cases.

¹⁹ Cases of mothers' allowances, which frequently are administered by courts, are not included in the tabulations.

TABLE 12.—Ages of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928

Age of child	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	15,825	
Age reported.....	15,540	100
Under 2 years.....	1,000	12
2 years, under 4.....	2,031	13
4 years, under 6.....	2,009	13
6 years, under 8.....	2,250	15
8 years, under 10.....	2,075	13
10 years, under 12.....	1,837	12
12 years, under 14.....	1,763	11
14 years, under 16.....	1,375	9
16 years and over.....	225	1
Age not reported.....	285	

TABLE 13A.—Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928¹

Color and nativity	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	15,825		8,120		7,696	
Color reported.....	15,819	100	8,125	100	7,694	100
White.....	13,605	86	7,018	86	6,587	86
Native.....	12,982	82	6,608	82	6,284	82
Foreign born.....	157	1	72	1	85	1
Nativity not reported.....	466	3	248	3	218	3
Colored ²	2,214	14	1,107	14	1,107	14
Color not reported.....	6		4		2	

¹ Only 51 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported both boys' and girls' cases; 1 court reported only boys' cases, and 1 court reported only girls' cases.

² Includes 1 boy and 2 girls colored other than negro.

TABLE 13B.—Nativity of parents of native white boys and girls¹ dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928²

Nativity of parents	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	12,775	100	6,590	100	6,185	100
Native parentage.....	7,852	61	4,029	61	3,823	62
Foreign and mixed parentage.....	4,923	39	2,561	39	2,362	38

¹ Exclusive of those for whom nativity of parents was not reported.

² Only 51 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported both boys' and girls' cases; 1 court reported only boys' cases, and 1 court reported only girls' cases.

TABLE 14.—Whereabouts when referred to court in first case disposed of during the year for children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 courts during 1928

Whereabouts of child	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	15,825	
Whereabouts reported.....	13,300	100
With both own parents.....	3,866	29
With mother and stepfather.....	282	2
With father and stepmother.....	274	2
With mother only.....	4,107	30
With father only.....	2,378	17
Adoptive home.....	103	1
Other family home.....	2,209	17
Institution.....	450	3
Other.....	150	1
Whereabouts not reported.....	1,916	

SOURCES OF COMPLAINT AND CHARGES

Since several children in a family may be referred to court at the same time on the same charge and from the same source, the family rather than the child has been used as the base of comparison in Tables 15 and 16. Each family was counted only once for each time it was dealt with by the court on a new charge involving one or more of the children.

It is to be expected that social agencies would be one of the most important sources of reference in dependency and neglect cases. In some localities the court prefers to have such cases investigated first by a social agency so that only those actually needing court action are brought to court. In other localities the court undertakes the initial work and receives complaints from any interested persons, including parents and relatives. Table 15 shows that in the areas reporting, complaints were filed in about equal proportions by social agencies and by parents and relatives, these two groups being the source of complaint in three-fourths of the cases.

In more than a third of the cases the charge specified some form of neglect on the part of parents or guardians (abandonment or desertion, abuse or cruel treatment, improper conditions in the home). A still larger proportion of the families were referred for dependency primarily. The courts were asked to interpret the term "insufficient parental care," as well as "financial need," as inability rather than neglect to provide for children. Less than one-tenth of the families were referred to the court for consideration of problems related to the custody of children and a slightly smaller proportion were referred for "other" reasons.

TABLE 15.—Source of complaint on which families were referred to court in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928

Source of complaint	Families referred in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	8,153	100
Source of complaint reported.....	8,122	100
Social agency.....	3,079	38
Parents or relatives.....	2,975	37
Other individual.....	508	6
Police.....	602	7
Probation officer.....	587	7
School department.....	251	3
Other.....	120	1
Source of complaint not reported.....	31	

TABLE 16.—Charges on which families were referred in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928

Charge	Families referred in dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	8,153	100
Charge reported.....	7,161	100
Abandonment or desertion.....	851	12
Abuse or cruel treatment.....	248	3
Improper conditions in home.....	1,599	22
Insufficient parental care.....	2,573	36
Financial need.....	850	12
Question of custody.....	563	8
Other.....	468	7
Charge not reported.....	992	

PLACES OF CARE PENDING HEARING OR DISPOSITION

The detention of dependent and neglected children presents problems different from those involved in the detention of delinquent children. All the courts reporting the use of detention homes used also boarding homes or institutions other than detention homes. Although a number of courts used "other institutions" for the detention of children, four-fifths of the cases of children so detained were in New York City and Philadelphia. (See Table X, p. 64.) As is shown by a comparison of Table 8 and Table 17, the percentage of children who were left in their own homes or whose cases were disposed of on the same day was only slightly larger in dependency and neglect cases than in delinquency cases.

TABLE 17.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition of dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928

Place of care	Dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	16,289	100
Place of care reported.....	15,974	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	9,682	61
Boarding home.....	736	5
Detention home or other institution ¹	5,013	31
Detention home ¹	1,539	10
Other institution.....	3,474	22
Jail or police station.....	15	(²)
Only place of care.....	14	(²)
One of the places of care.....	1	(²)
More than 1 place of care ³	167	1
Other place of care.....	361	2
Place of care not reported.....	315	

¹ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Excludes cases of children held in jails, police stations, or detention homes.

DISPOSITIONS

Although the majority of the dependency and neglect cases were official, 28 courts reported some unofficial cases. The extent to which individual courts dealt unofficially with dependency and neglect cases varied considerably. (See Table I, p. 33.) Although the Philadelphia court had more official than unofficial cases, the unofficial cases reported by this court constituted one-half of the total unofficial cases.

As is shown by Tables 18 and 19, some definite action such as committing the child to an institution or agency or placing him under supervision of the court or some individual was taken in three-fourths of the official cases, whereas placement or supervision of the child was advised in only one-fifth of the unofficial cases. Two-thirds of the unofficial cases were disposed of by making some adjustment of the difficulties involved.

TABLE 18.—Disposition in official dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 courts during 1928

Disposition	Official dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	13,464	100
Disposition reported.....	13,463	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	2,718	20
Child placed under court supervision.....	3,111	23
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	909	7
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	3,551	26
State agency.....	676	5
Other agency.....	2,841	21
Type of agency not reported.....	34	(¹)
Child committed to institution.....	2,947	22
State institution for dependents.....	170	1
Other institution for dependents.....	2,377	18
Type of institution for dependents not reported.....	179	1
Institution for delinquent children.....	52	(¹)
Institution for feeble-minded or epileptic children.....	19	(¹)
Institution for physically handicapped children.....	81	1
Other institution.....	69	1
Other disposition.....	137	1
Disposition not reported.....	1	

¹ Less than 1 per cent.TABLE 19.—Disposition in unofficial dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 28 courts during 1928¹

Disposition	Unofficial dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	2,825	100
Disposition reported.....	2,767	100
Difficulty adjusted.....	1,800	65
Referred to agency or other court.....	291	11
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	62	2
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	107	4
Child placed under supervision of probation officer.....	103	4
Other disposition.....	401	15
Disposition not reported.....	58	

¹ Only 28 of the 53 courts reporting cases of dependency and neglect reported unofficial dependency and neglect cases.² The majority of these cases were dismissed, dropped, or closed with a warning.

CASES OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM PROBATION OR SUPERVISION

Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation were reported by 45 courts and cases of dependent or neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 courts, 2 reporting only cases discharged from probation or supervision and not reporting cases of children coming before the court during the year. The majority of the cases were official; only 621 of the 8,493 probation cases and 21 of the 1,936 supervision cases were unofficial.

No constant relation seems to exist between the number of children placed on probation or under supervision by the different courts and the number discharged from probation or supervision. (See Tables XIII, XVI, pp. 70, 74.) In three courts the number discharged from probation was larger than the number placed under the care of probation officers. In most courts, however, the number placed on probation exceeded the number discharged. Some courts apparently do not terminate probation at any definite time but allow cases gradually to become inactive. In these courts cases may remain on the list or index of active cases long after active supervision of the child has ceased and are reported "discharged" from care only at times of general review of the files. Unless this review is made at regular intervals the number of cases discharged may vary greatly from year to year. In a few courts, notably in New York City, the only cards filled out for cases discharged from care were for children who had come to the attention of the court during the time that the Children's Bureau cards had been in use. As contact with some of the cases may have extended beyond this period, the number reported as discharged is small.

Tables 20 and 21 show that a large proportion of the children under care of the probation departments were discharged because of improvement in conduct or because further supervision seemed unnecessary. About a tenth of the delinquent children, however, were discharged because of having reached the age limit of court jurisdiction rather than voluntarily discharged because of good behavior. Failure of probation as indicated by commitment to an institution for delinquent children is shown in about one-seventh of the cases. Some interesting differences are shown in Tables XIV and XVII (pp. 71, 75) as to the duration of the probation or supervision period in children's cases in different courts.

TABLE 20.—Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 courts during 1928

Reason for discharge	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	8,493	100
Reason for discharge reported.....	8,483	100
Further supervision not recommended, or discharged with improvement before reaching age limit.....	5,338	63
Child committed to institution.....	1,177	14
Institution for delinquent children.....	1,082	13
Other institution.....	95	1
Child committed to agency or individual.....	377	4
Child reached age limit.....	869	10
Other reason.....	725	9
Transferred to other court.....	11	(1)
Whereabouts unknown.....	218	3
Moved from jurisdiction of court.....	293	3
Other.....	203	2
Reason for discharge not reported.....	10	

¹ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE 21.—Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 courts during 1928¹

Reason for discharge	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	1,036	100
Reason for discharge reported.....	1,031	100
Further supervision not recommended, or discharged with improvement before age limit.....	1,179	61
Child committed to institution.....	214	13
Child committed to agency.....	117	6
Child committed to individual.....	183	9
Child reached age limit.....	35	2
Other reason.....	173	9
Reason for discharge not reported.....	5	

¹ Only 20 of the 53 courts reporting cases of dependency and neglect reported cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision.

APPENDIX A.—COURTS FURNISHING STATISTICAL MATERIAL FOR 1928

Cards were received from 64 courts in 16 States and the District of Columbia for the entire calendar year 1928, and tables were prepared by 1 court (Philadelphia). The names of these courts with the largest city or town in the area served by each court are as follows:

	Largest city or town in area served
Connecticut:	
Juvenile court of the city of Bridgeport.....	Bridgeport.
Juvenile court of Hartford.....	Hartford.
District of Columbia: Juvenile court of the District of Columbia.....	Washington.
Indiana:	
Juvenile court of Adams County.....	Decatur.
Juvenile court of Clark County.....	Jeffersonville.
Juvenile court of Clay County.....	Brazil.
Juvenile court of Jennings County.....	North Vernon.
Juvenile court of Lake County.....	Gary.
Juvenile court of Marion County.....	Indianapolis.
Juvenile court of Monroe County.....	Bloomington.
Juvenile court of Montgomery County.....	Crawfordsville.
Juvenile court of Steuben County.....	Angola.
Juvenile court of Vermillion County.....	Clinton.
Juvenile court of Wayne County.....	Richmond.
Iowa: Polk County juvenile court.....	Des Moines.
Louisiana:	
Juvenile court of Caddo Parish.....	Shreveport.
Juvenile court, Parish of Ouachita.....	Monroe.
Minnesota:	
Juvenile court of Hennepin County.....	Minneapolis.
Juvenile court of Ramsey County.....	St. Paul.
Juvenile court of St. Louis County (southern part).....	Duluth.
Missouri: Juvenile court of Jackson County.....	Kansas City.
New Jersey:	
Juvenile court of the county of Hudson.....	Jersey City.
Juvenile court of the county of Mercer.....	Trenton.
New York:	
Children's court of Buffalo.....	Buffalo.
Chemung County children's court.....	Elmira.
Clinton County children's court.....	Plattsburgh.
Columbia County children's court.....	Hudson.
Delaware County children's court.....	Wilton.
Erie County children's court.....	Lackawanna.
Franklin County children's court.....	Malone.
Monroe County court, children's division.....	Rochester.
Children's court of the city of New York.....	New York.
Ontario County court, children's part.....	Geneva.
Orange County children's court.....	Newburgh.
Orleans County children's court.....	Medina.
Westchester County children's court.....	Yonkers.

State	Juvenile Court	Largest city or town in area served
North Carolina:	Juvenile court of Buncombe County	Asheville.
	Winston-Salem juvenile court	Winston-Salem.
Ohio:	Juvenile court of Auglaize County	St. Marys.
	Juvenile court of Clark County	Springfield
	Juvenile court, county of Cuyahoga	Cleveland.
	Franklin County juvenile court	Columbus.
	Common-pleas court of Hamilton County, division of domestic relations, juvenile court, and marital relations	Cincinnati.
	Juvenile court of Lake County	Painesville.
	Common-pleas court of Mahoning County, division of domestic relations	Youngstown.
	Court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, Montgomery County	Dayton.
	Juvenile court of Sandusky County	Fremont.
	Pennsylvania:	Juvenile court of Allegheny County
Juvenile court of Berks County		Reading.
Juvenile court of Lycoming County		Williamsport.
Juvenile court of Montgomery County		Norristown.
Municipal court of Philadelphia, juvenile division		Philadelphia.
South Carolina:	Children's court of Greenville County	Greenville.
Texas:	Juvenile court of Orange County	Orange.
Utah:	Juvenile court, First district ¹	Logan.
	Juvenile court, Second district ²	Ogden.
	Juvenile court, Third district ³	Salt Lake City.
	Juvenile court, Fourth district ⁴	Provo.
	Juvenile court, Fifth district ⁵	Richfield.
	Juvenile court, Carbon County	Price.
	Juvenile courts, other counties ⁶	Cedar City.
Virginia:	Juvenile and domestic relations court of Lynchburg	Lynchburg.
	Juvenile and domestic relations court of Norfolk	Norfolk.
	Juvenile and domestic relations court of Roanoke County	Salem.
Washington:	Juvenile court of Pierce County	Tacoma.

¹ Cecho, Boxelder, and Rich Counties.
² Weber, Morgan, and Davis Counties.
³ Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties.
⁴ Utah, Junb, and Wasatch Counties.
⁵ Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties.
⁶ Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Millard, San Juan, Uintah, and Washington Counties.

APPENDIX B.—SOURCE TABLES

TABLE I.—Number of boys' and girls' official delinquency cases and number and per cent of unofficial delinquency cases, and number of children's official and unofficial dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 63 specified courts during 1928

Court	Delinquency cases						Dependency and neglect cases									
	Total		Boys		Girls		Total	Official	Unofficial							
	Official	Unofficial	Official	Unofficial	Official	Unofficial			Number	Percent						
Total	38,892	27,883	10,997	28	32,823	23,399	9,423	29	6,060	4,486	1,574	28	16,289	13,464	2,825	17
Connecticut:	431	319	112	26	354	265	89	25	77	54	23	30	69	56	13	19
Hartford	552	410	112	30	491	390	101	31	61	50	11	18	111	111	0	1
District of Columbia	2,004	1,385	739	37	1,692	1,083	629	37	312	202	110	35	533	533	0	0
Indiana:	9	9	1	1	5	5	5	0	4	4	0	0	16	16	0	0
Clark County	26	25	1	1	18	18	0	0	8	7	1	1	16	16	0	0
Jennings County	454	333	102	22	309	223	81	29	118	127	31	14	290	290	0	0
Lake County	822	603	217	26	594	492	12	8	388	113	175	61	342	342	0	0
Marion County	41	28	13	0	22	16	6	0	19	12	7	0	31	31	0	0
Monroe County	17	8	9	0	9	5	4	0	5	3	2	0	11	11	0	0
Montgomery County	30	8	22	0	25	9	17	0	3	3	0	0	31	31	0	0
Stephens County	89	12	77	57	53	9	4	0	36	3	33	0	31	31	0	0
Vermillion County	13	13	0	0	7	7	0	0	10	6	4	0	11	11	0	0
Wayne County	203	13	460	61	590	220	370	63	183	73	90	55	630	630	0	0
Louisiana:	232	111	121	51	194	88	106	55	38	23	15	15	85	85	0	0
Caddo Parish	287	71	186	72	271	62	159	72	36	9	27	27	115	115	0	0
Ouachita Parish	140	149	0	0	894	894	0	0	253	253	0	0	336	336	0	0
Minneapolis	1,375	375	0	0	298	298	0	0	77	77	0	0	135	135	0	0
St. Louis County (southern part)	291	162	122	44	242	100	100	41	49	20	29	29	47	47	0	0
New Jersey:	1,850	1,850	0	0	1,588	1,588	0	0	267	267	0	0	85	85	0	0
Hudson County	294	294	0	0	272	272	0	0	29	29	0	0	47	47	0	0
Mercer County	294	294	0	0	272	272	0	0	29	29	0	0	47	47	0	0

¹ Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

TABLE IIa.—Age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 63 specified courts during 1928 and age limit of original jurisdiction of court—Continued

Age limit of original jurisdiction, sex of child, and court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases														Age not reported	
	Total	Age of child reported														
		Under 10 years		10 years, under 12		12 years, under 14		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over				
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent			
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 18 YEARS—CONTINUED																
Marion County.....	112	142	27	6	54	12	105	24	252	57	4	1				
Monroe County.....	19	19	1		3		4		11							
Montgomery County.....	9	9	3		1		3		2							
Steuben County.....	25	23	3		7		4		9							
Vermillion County.....	50	50	3		7		4		9							
Wayne County.....	18	18	2	4	6	12	9	18	32	64						2
New Jersey:																
Hudson County.....	1,300	1,296	114	9	242	19	416	32	516	40						
Mercer County.....	29	229	27	12	46	20	63	28	92	40	8	1				
New York:																
Buffalo.....	761	755	46	6	102	13	241	32	360	47	9	1				
Chemung County.....	56	73	12	16	12	16	22	30	26	36						
Clinton County.....	14	14					5		7							
Columbia County.....	47	47	8		4		7		13							
Delaware County.....	8	8	1		1		2		4							
Erie County.....	176	176	14	8	32	18	43	27	22							
Franklin County.....	37	36	1		7		12		4							
Monroe County.....	171	171	3	2	11	6	51	30	81	48	1	1				
New York City.....	5,931	5,900	333	6	843	14	1,782	30	1,068	62						
Ontario County.....	32	32	10	12	10	12	27	33	35	43	4	(?)				
Orange County.....	31	33	1		3		6		13							
Orleans County.....	12	9	2		3		2		5							
Westchester County.....	715	712	52	7	100	14	206	29	301	42	53	7				
North Carolina:																
Buncombe County.....	92	87	9	10	15	17	25	29	37	43						
Winston-Salem.....	235	233	30	13	51	22	76	33	76	33	1	1				
Pennsylvania:																
Allegheny County.....	592	591	69	9	131	15	289	32	381	42	19	2				
Berks County.....	76	76	6	3	19	25	10	25	32	43						
Lycoming County.....	6	6			3		3		3							
Montgomery County.....	50	50	1	2	10	20	19	38	20	40						
Philadelphia.....	4,371	4,317	389	9	739	19	1,238	29	1,353	43	70	2	3	(?)		54
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	79	75	10	13	19	25	27	36	18	24	1	1				
Girls.....	2,647	2,631	117	4	212	8	645	25	1,378	60	73	3	6	(?)		16
Connecticut:																
Bridgeport.....	76	76	6	8	11	14	16	21	43	57						
Hartford.....	61	61			6	10	21	34	34	56						
New Jersey:																
Hudson County.....	229	227	16	7	21	9	69	30	119	52	2	1				1
Mercer County.....	19	19			1		2		16							
New York:																
Buffalo.....	63	63	2	3	8	13	17	27	36	57						
Chemung County.....	25	23	1		3		3		18							2
Clinton County.....	11	11			1		3		7							
Columbia County.....	14	14			2		2		10							
Delaware County.....	2	2							2							
Erie County.....	16	16	1				3		12							
Franklin County.....	6	6					2		4							
Monroe County.....	50	50			4	8	8	16	38	76						
New York City.....	921	918	26	3	67	7	227	25	595	65	3	(?)				3
Ontario County.....	17	17					5		12							2
Orange County.....	2	1														
Orleans County.....	1	1														
Westchester County.....	141	141	7	5	6	4	28	20	72	51	29	20				
North Carolina:																
Buncombe County.....	14	14	1				5		8							
Winston-Salem.....	62	62	11	18	11	18	23	37	17	27						
Pennsylvania:																
Allegheny County.....	183	182	2	1	11	6	47	26	99	54	10	10	4	2		1
Berks County.....	21	23			1		2		16		4					1
Lycoming County.....	6	6					3		7							
Montgomery County.....	11	11			1		3		7							
Philadelphia.....	673	669	40	6	56	8	152	23	403	60	16	2	2	(?)		6
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	19	19	3		4		4		8							
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 17 YEARS																
Boys.....	1,851	1,837	162	9	230	13	432	24	622	34	379	21	3	(?)		14
District of Columbia.....	1,157	1,456	108	7	194	13	359	25	502	34	293	20				1
Louisiana:																
Cadido Parish.....	197	174	14	8	17	10	30	17	65	37	18	28				13
Ouachita Parish.....	198	198	39	20	24	12	39	20	55	29	38	19	3	2		
Texas: Orange County.....	9	9			4		4		4							
Girls.....	341	338	25	7	43	13	86	25	117	35	66	20	1	(?)		3
District of Columbia.....	267	267	22	8	37	14	71	27	89	33	48	18				
Louisiana:																
Cadido Parish.....	38	35			2		10		13		10					3
Ouachita Parish.....	36	36	3		4		3		15		8		1			

1 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE IIA.—Age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 specified courts during 1928 and age limit of original jurisdiction of court—Continued

Age limit of original jurisdiction, sex of child, and court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases														Age not re-reported
	Total	Age of child reported													
		Under 10 years		10 years, under 12		12 years, under 14		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over			
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent		
COURTS WITH ORIGINAL JURISDICTION UNDER 18 YEARS															
Boys.....	10,204	10,009	638	6	1,097	11	1,913	19	3,155	32	3,121	31	55	1	195
Iowa: Polk County.....	528	527	64	12	55	10	105	20	133	25	170	32	55	1	105
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	794	791	38	5	99	13	168	21	255	32	228	29	3	(1)	1
Ramsey County.....	283	281	7	2	23	10	48	17	164	37	54	33	3	(1)	3
St. Louis County (southern part).....	237	225	23	10	29	13	32	14	75	35	42	28	1	(1)	2
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	23	23	2												
Clark County.....	274	261	13	5	21	8	39	15	9	30	11	1	(1)	2	
Cuyahoga County.....	2,057	1,995	136	7	248	12	404	20	79	33	19	11	1	(1)	13
Franklin County.....	491	488	14	3	42	9	83	17	166	34	140	37	3	(1)	92
Hamilton County.....	981	976	54	6	96	10	154	16	367	31	342	37	3	(1)	3
Lake County.....	53	46	8						17	12	12	3	3	(1)	5
Mahoning County.....	1,295	1,252	92	7	143	11	215	20	392	31	377	30	3	(1)	12
Montgomery County.....	309	308	16	5	30	10	67	22	118	35	76	25	3	(1)	43
Sandusky County.....	29	29	2						12	5	5	3	1		1
Utah:															
First district.....	256	255	17	7	21	8	35	14	82	32	58	38	2	(1)	1
Second district.....	251	251	27	11	24	10	47	19	74	29	73	31	1	(1)	1
Third district.....	47	47	18	3	48	8	138	23	74	29	48	36	1	(1)	3
Fourth district.....	241	241	24	10	35	15	40	17	50	33	54	33	3	(1)	3
Fifth district.....	365	362	40	11	48	13	79	22	101	28	88	21	6	(1)	9
Carbon County.....	90	90	7	8	18	20	37	30	23	32	9	10	1		3
Other counties.....	195	186	2	1	20	11	33	18	92	34	68	37	1	(1)	1
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	221	220	7	3	22	10	11	19	53	24	57	11	1	(1)	9
Norfolk.....	473	473	23	5	45	10	79	17	109	23	208	44	6	(1)	1
Roanoke County.....	16	9			1		1		5	5	2	14	1	(1)	1
Washington: Pierce County.....	116	116	4	3	17	15	35	30	36	31	24	21	1	(1)	1
Girls.....	2,625	2,591	80	3	127	5	421	16	1,016	39	940	36	7	(1)	34
Indiana:															
Clark County.....	4	4					2				2				
Clay County.....	8	8			1				4		1				
Lake County.....	138	138	1	1	8	6	28	20	67	49	34	25			
Marion County.....	274	274	5	2	9	3	54	20	111	41	54	34	1	(1)	
Monroe County.....	13	13			1		4		7		6				
Montgomery County.....	8	8			1		2		2		3				
Stauben County.....	5	4	1						1		2				1
Vermillion County.....	35	35			3		9		12		11				
Wayne County.....	10	10					4		4		2				
Iowa: Polk County.....	144	144	16	11	15	10	21	15	50	35	41	28	1	(1)	
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	224	223	2	1	6	3	22	10	104	48	86	39	1	(1)	1
Ramsey County.....	77	76			1	1	9	12	22	29	44	58			1
St. Louis County.....	46	46	1		4		10		17		14				
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	5	5					1		2		2				
Clark County.....	91	88	4	5	4	5	9	10	36	41	34	39	1	(1)	3
Cuyahoga County.....	346	340	13	3	20	5	57	15	154	41	111	36	1	(1)	6
Franklin County.....	193	194			6	3	33	17	77	40	73	40			4
Lake County.....	9	8	2				1		2		3				1
Mahoning County.....	273	251	10	4	8	3	44	15	93	37	56	22			11
Montgomery County.....	179	178	9	5	9	5	27	15	68	38	45	27			1
Sandusky County.....	20	20			4		3		7		6				
Utah:															
First district.....	48	47	2		2		11		19		13				1
Second district.....	27	27	2		3		4		11		7				1
Third district.....	99	98	2	2	2	2	13	13	37	38	42	43	2	(1)	1
Fourth district.....	43	43	2		1		4		21		17				
Fifth district.....	27	27	3		3		5		10		6				
Other counties.....	23	27	1		1		3		13		9				2
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	20	20	1		8		10		3		7				1
Norfolk.....	147	147	3	2	7	5	22	10	47	34	54	42			1
Roanoke County.....	2	2							1		1				
Washington: Pierce County.....	30	30					7		8		15				

1 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE IIB.—Method of dealing with first case disposed of during the year for delinquent boys and girls under 10 years of age dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases for whom age was reported								
	Total	Under 10 years of age							
		Total	Per cent ²	Method of dealing with case					
				Official			Unofficial		
	Total		Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	
Total	34,350	2,330	7	1,382	1,273	109	948	835	111
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	409	40	10	32	29	3	8	5	3
Hartford.....	517	76	14	62	62		14	14	
District of Columbia	1,723	130	8	44	39	5	86	69	17
Indiana:									
Clark County.....	9								
Clay County.....	26								
Lake County.....	429	25	6	14	13	1	11	11	
Marion County.....	716	32	4	24	23	1	8	4	4
Monroe County.....	37	1		1	1				
Montgomery County.....	17	3		1	1		2	2	
Steuben County.....	27	4		1	1		3	2	1
Vermillion County.....	85	2					2	2	
Wayno County.....	28								
Iowa: Polk County.....	671	80	12	11	10	1	69	64	15
Louisiana:									
Caddo Parish.....	299	14	7	6	6		8	8	
Ouachita Parish.....	214	42	18	4	4		38	35	3
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1,014	40	4	40	38	2			
Ramsey County.....	357	7	2	7	7				
St. Louis County (southern part).....	271	24	9	11	11		13	12	1
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,523	130	9	130	114	16			
Mercer County.....	248	27	11	27	27				
New York:									
Buffalo.....	821	48	6	48	46	2			
Chemung County.....	90	13	14	13	12	1			
Clinton County.....	25								
Columbia County.....	61	8	13	8	8				
Delaware County.....	10	1		1	1				
Erie County.....	192	15	8	15	14	1			
Franklin County.....	42	1		1	1				
Monroe County.....	221	3	1	3	3				
New York City.....	6,818	359	6	359	333	26			
Ontario County.....	99	10	10	10	10				
Orango County.....	23	1		1	1				
Orleans County.....	10	2		2	2				
Westchester County.....	853	59	7	13	12	1	46	40	6
North Carolina:									
Huncombe County.....	101	10	10				10	9	1
Winston-Salem.....	295	41	14	41	30	11			
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	28	2		2	2				
Clark County.....	349	17	5	4	3	1	13	10	3
Cuyahoga County.....	2,385	149	6	40	37	3	100	99	10
Franklin County.....	682	14	2	14	14				
Hamilton County.....	970	64	6	3	3		51	51	
Lake County.....	54	10	19	5	3	2	5	5	
Mahoning County.....	1,543	102	7	2	2		100	99	10
Montgomery County.....	486	25	6	8	4	4	17	12	5
Sandusky County.....	49	2					2	2	
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,073	71	7	71	69	2			
Berks County.....	99	6	6	6	6				
Lycoming County.....	12	1		1	1				
Montgomery County.....	61	1	2	1	1				
Philadelphia.....	4,086	429	9	108	183	15	241	206	25
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	94	13	14	12	10	2	1	1	1
Texas: Orange County.....	9	1							

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases.
² Not shown where number of children is less than 50.

TABLE IIB.—Method of dealing with first case disposed of during the year for delinquent boys and girls under 10 years of age dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Children dealt with in delinquency cases for whom age was reported								
	Total	Under 10 years of age							
		Total	Per cent	Method of dealing with case					
				Official			Unofficial		
	Total		Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	
Utah:									
First district.....	202	19	6	3	3		18	14	2
Second district.....	278	29	10	11	9	2	17	16	1
Third district.....	702	20	3	3	2	1	24	22	2
Fourth district.....	286	20	9	2	2		24	21	3
Fifth district.....	340	43	11	19	18				
Fifth district.....	90	7	8	7	7		1	1	
Carbon County.....	213	3	1	2	1				
Other counties.....									
Virginia:									
Lynchburg.....	249	8	3	8	7		1		
Norfolk.....	610	20	4	26	23		3		
Rororoko County.....	11								
Washington: Pierce County.....	146	4	3	4	4				

TABLE IIIA.—Color and nativity of boys dealt with in delinquency cases by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Boys dealt with in delinquency cases														Color not reported
	Total	Color reported													
		Total	White						Colored						
			Native, native parentage	Native, foreign or mixed parentage	Native, parentage not reported	Foreign born	Nativity not reported	Number		Percent					
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Total.....	29,151	29,111	8,934	31	11,228	39	1,112	4	534	2	2,514	10	4,491	15	40
Connecticut:															
Bridgeport.....	341	341	73	21	262	77							4,491	15	40
Hartford.....	477	477	117	25	236	49									
District of Columbia.....	1,457	1,457	133	11	57	4									
Indiana:															
Clark County.....	5	5	4						3	1	1	(1)	5	1	
Clay County.....	13	13	16						4	(1)			81	13	
Lake County.....	201	201	59	20	164	38							313	56	
Marion County.....	442	442	280	63	8	2									
Monroe County.....	19	19	15						27	9					
Montgomery County.....	9	9	5						27	8			37	13	
Steuben County.....	25	25	25										127	29	
Vermillion County.....	50	50	42										2		
Wayne County.....	13	13	14		8	16									
Iowa: Polk County.....	523	523	434	82	42	8									
Louisiana:															
Caddo Parish.....	187	187	102	55	2	1							4		
Ouachita Parish.....	198	198	135	68	12	6							52	10	
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	794	794	391	49	356	45									
Ramsey County.....	243	243	171	70	105	37									
St. Louis County (southern part).....	227	227	68	30	139	61									
New Jersey:															
Hudson County.....	1,300	1,300	255	20	921	71									
Mercer County.....	229	229	42	18	155	68									
New York:															
Buffalo.....	761	761	182	24	547	73									
Chester County.....	56	56	46	82	37	66									
Chautau County.....	14	14	10	71	3	1									

Columbia County.....	47	47	20		23										
Delaware County.....	8	8	8												
Erie County.....	178	178	48	26	124	70									
Franklin County.....	37	37													
Monroe County.....	171	171	55	32	110	64									
New York City.....	5,931	5,924	1,419	24	3,705	63									
Ontario County.....	82	82	30	37	47	57									
Orange County.....	31	31	23		7										
Orleans County.....	12	12	3		9										
Westchester County.....	715	715	128	18	468	65									
North Carolina:															
Huncombe County.....	92	92	44	48											
Winston-Salem.....	215	215	49	23											
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	23	23	21		1										
Clark County.....	274	274	191	70	1	(1)									
Cuyahoga County.....	2,047	2,042	235	11	918	44									
Franklin County.....	491	491	331	67	34	7									
Hamilton County.....	941	941	416	44	26	3									
Lake County.....	58	58	20	34	7	12									
Mahoning County.....	1,295	1,295	78	6	473	37									
Montgomery County.....	369	368	208	56	31	10									
Sandusky County.....	29	29	28		2										
Pennsylvania:															
Allegheny County.....	492	492	203	41	358	73									
Berks County.....	76	76	31	41	40	53									
Lycoming County.....	6	6	6												
Montgomery County.....	30	30	27	90	20	40									
Philadelphia.....	4,371	4,348	599	14	1,145	26									
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	79	79	59	75	1	1									
Texas: Orange County.....	9	9	3												
Utah:															
First District.....	258	258	220	85	27	11									
Second District.....	251	251	183	73	54	22									
Third District.....	607	605	378	62	204	34									
Fourth District.....	241	240	234	97	5	2									
Fifth District.....	365	365	305	84	100										
Carbon County.....	90	90	58	64	30	33									
Other counties.....	195	194	187	96	5	3									
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	221	221	117	53	4	2									
Norfolk.....	473	473	211	45	14	3									
Roanoke County.....	10	10	9												
Washington: Pierce County.....	118	118	97	82	15	13									

1 Not shown where number of boys is less than 50.

2 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE III.B.—Color and nativity of girls dealt with in delinquency cases by 59 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Girls dealt with in delinquency cases														
	Total	Color reported												Color not reported	
		Total	White								Colored				
			Native, native parentage		Native, foreign or mixed parentage		Native, parentage not reported		Foreign born		Nativity not reported		Colored		
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Total.....	5,813	5,810	2,134	39	1,791	32	103	2	117	2	255	5	1,160	21	3
Connecticut:															
Bridgeport.....	78	78	18	24	50	66			1	1			7	9	
Hartford.....	61	61	13	21	37	61							11	19	
District of Columbia.....	267	267	25	9	9	3			2	1			46	17	
Indiana:															
Clark County.....	4	4	3										1		
Clay County.....	8	8	7												
Lake County.....	138	138	44	32	64	46	3	2	3	2	5	4	19	14	
Marion County.....	274	274	199	73	3	1			4	1			68	25	
Monroe County.....	18	18	17		1										
Montgomery County.....	8	8	8												
Steuben County.....	5	5	5												
Vermillion County.....	35	35	28		7										
Wayne County.....	10	10	10												
Iowa: Polk County.....	144	144	107	74	8	6							29	20	
Louisiana:															
Caddo Parish.....	38	38	17		1						19				
Ouachita Parish.....	36	36	25										11		
Minnesota:															
Hennepin County.....	224	224	119	53	92	41			2	1	6	3	5	2	
Ramsey County.....	77	77	38	49	37	48							2	3	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	46	46	12		27				2		2				
New Jersey:															
Hudson County.....	228	228	44	19	158	69	1	(?)	5	2			20	9	
Mercer County.....	19	19	3		12				1				3		
New York:															
Buffalo.....	63	63	23	37	36	57							1	6	
Chemung County.....	25	25	18		6								1		
Clinton County.....	11	11	11												

Columbia County.....	14	14	10			2										
Delaware County.....	2	2														
Erie County.....	18	18	2			11										
Franklin County.....	6	6	30	60	17	34										
Monroe County.....	50	50	233	25	519	56										
New York City.....	921	920	10		5				27	6	6		1	105	11	1
Ontario County.....	17	17	10		1											
Orange County.....	1	1	1													
Orleans County.....	1	1	30	21	75	53	3	2	10	7						
Westchester County.....	141	141												4	55	89
North Carolina:																
Buncombe County.....	14	14	10													
Winston-Salem.....	62	62	7		11											
Ohio:																
Auglaize County.....	5	5	5		78				1	19		(?)	13	3	19	21
Clark County.....	91	91	69		184	47	75		1				2	3	58	15
Cuyahoga County.....	396	395	157	79	8	4			1						32	16
Franklin County.....	198	198	6		34	32	2	1	10	4	73		41	16		
Lake County.....	9	9	52	20	9	5							40	26		
Mahoning County.....	262	262	119	67	2											
Montgomery County.....	179	178	17													
Sandusky County.....	20	20														
Pennsylvania:																
Allegheny County.....	183	183	60	33	91	44										
Berks.....	24	24	14		7				1							
Lycoming County.....	6	6	5		4											
Montgomery County.....	11	11	133	20	195	29	4	1	11	2	79	12	254	38		
Philadelphia.....	673	673	18													
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	19	19														
Utah:																
First district.....	48	48	43		2											
Second district.....	28	28	20		8				3	3	2	2	1	1		
Third district.....	99	98	70		71	21	21	3								
Fourth district.....	45	45														
Fifth district.....	27	27	27													
Other counties.....	29	29	28													
Virginia:																
Lynchburg.....	30	30	8													
Norfolk.....	137	137	59	43	1	1										
Roanoke County.....	2	2														
Washington: Pierce County.....	30	30	28		2											

¹ Only 59 of the 62 courts reporting delinquency cases reported girls' delinquency cases. ² Not shown where number of girls is less than 50. ³ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE IV.—Source of complaint in delinquency cases dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Delinquency cases																Source of complaint not reported
	Total	Source of complaint reported															
		Police		Parents or relatives		Other individual		School department		Probation officer		Social agency		Other source			
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent		
Total.....	38,882	38,798	21,829	56	3,839	9	5,608	14	4,186	11	2,194	6	833	2	511	1	84
Connecticut:																	
Bridgeport.....	431	430	341	79	28	7	39	9	7	2	9	2	4	1	2	(?)	1
Hartford.....	552	552	462	84	37	7	2	(?)	41	7	6	1	4	1	1	(?)	1
District of Columbia.....	2,004	2,002	1,355	68	210	10	231	12	3	(?)	105	10	6	(?)	2	(?)	2
Indiana:																	
Clark County.....	9	9	4		3						2						
Clay County.....	26	26					2				9						
Lake County.....	454	452	159	35	41	9	54	12	70	17	118	26	1	1	1	(?)	2
Marion County.....	822	822	477	58	113	14	69	8	139	17	15	2	8	1	1	(?)	1
Monroe County.....	41	36	24				1				2						5
Montgomery County.....	17	13	3		2						8						4
Steuben County.....	30	30	2		4		14		5		4		1				4
Vermillion County.....	69	89	59	86	9	10	6	7	14	16			1	1			4
Wayne County.....	30	30	11		5				14								1
Iowa: Polk County.....	753	730	267	35	62	8	241	32	97	13	19	3	10	1	37	3	8
Louisiana:																	
Caddo Parish.....	232	229	67	29	18	8	38	17	10	4	92	40	3	1	1	(?)	3
Ouachita Parish.....	257	257	73	28	27	11	99	39	37	14	15	8	1	(?)	5	2	3
Minnesota:																	
Hennepin County.....	1,149	1,148	627	55	174	15	151	13	106	9	22	2	39	3	29	3	1
Ramsey County.....	375	375	243	65	14	4	105	28	1	(?)	1	(?)	7	4	1		1
St. Louis County (southern part).....	291	291	99	34	22	8	119	41	45	15	1	(?)	5	2			1
New Jersey:																	
Hudson County.....	1,840	1,848	512	28	124	7	429	23	594	32	25	1	17	1	147	8	2
Mercer County.....	264	264	245	93	8	2	16	5	11	4	15	5	1	(?)			1
New York:																	
Buffalo.....	938	937	589	63	28	3	5	1	3	(?)	10	1	4	(?)			1
Chemung County.....	124	124	45	36	6	5	21	17	34	27	11	9	7	6			1
Clinton County.....	25	25	12		3		6		8				3	1			1
Columbia County.....	65	65	11	17	7	11	34	52	9	14			4	6			1
Delaware County.....	10	10	5		2		3							6			1

1 Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

2 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VI.—Type of stealing charged in boys' delinquency cases dealt with by 62 specified courts during 1928

Court	Boys' delinquency cases in which charge was stealing or attempted stealing					
	Total	Auto- mobile stealing	Burglary or unlaw- ful entry	Robbery	Other type of stealing	Not re- ported
Total	14,064	1,831	4,239	698	4,729	2,567
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport	137	10	38		80	
Hartford	192		117		75	
District of Columbia	715	138	22	1	553	1
Indiana:						
Clark County	4	1				3
Clay County	13	3	3			7
Lake County	181	10	84	30	1	41
Marion County	281	50	92	7	133	2
Monroe County	11		1		1	9
Montgomery County	5		2			3
Steuben County	6	2	2			2
Vermillion County	21	1	10	7	2	1
Wayne County	7		5			2
Iowa: Polk County	218	38	44	6	4	126
Louisiana:						
Caddo Parish	65	7	0			39
Ouachita Parish	77	3	26	10	26	12
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County	454	112	116	7	218	1
Ramsey County	188	27	68	11	81	1
St. Louis County (southern part)	91	26	25		27	16
New Jersey:						
Hudson County	508	6	238		250	14
Mercer County	229	8	108	6	4	103
New York:						
Buffalo	590	43	200	16	288	33
Chemung County	48	1	8		39	
Clinton County	7		8	0	3	4
Columbia County	14		3		2	
Delaware County	8	3	3		2	
Erie County	90	3	25	8	57	
Franklin County	23		20		3	
Monroe County	120	16	39		53	12
New York City	2,486	181	921	104	131	1,051
Ontario County	56	3	43	1	1	8
Orange County	23	6	17		1	
Orleans County	10		4		1	5
Westchester County	219	39	40	2	130	
North Carolina:						
Buncombe County	54		1			53
Winston-Salem	118	16	44	1	43	14
Ohio:						
Aughsiz County	6		4			2
Clark County	120	18	20	2	40	31
Cuyahoga County	1,135	266	411	40	190	228
Franklin County	339	97	84	12	163	3
Hamilton County	449	114	89	14	222	10
Lake County	14	1	11		2	
Mahoning County	361	68	160	13	122	
Montgomery County	102	16	63	21	1	1
Sandusky County	13	4	3			6
Pennsylvania:						
Allegheny County	624	45	143	23	103	310
Berks County	40	11	11		18	
Lycorning County	2					2
Montgomery County	46	3	12	8	22	1
Philadelphia	2,093	271	495	108	1,225	
South Carolina: Greenville County	43	2	8			31
Texas: Orange County	3					3
Utah:						
First district	114	15	16	4	20	50
Second district	128	10	31	1	59	27
Third district	348	62	104	62	19	101
Fourth district	136	0	65	29	17	26
Fifth district	197	10	10		167	4
Carbon County	69	2	11		4	52
Other counties	82	2	9	11	0	54
Virginia:						
Lynchburg	61	1	10	2		48
Norfolk	171	19	51	4	90	7
Roanoke County	8		4	4		
Washington: Pierce County	96	23	47	22	2	2

TABLE VII.—Type of stealing charged in girls' delinquency cases dealt with by 45 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Girls' delinquency cases in which charge was stealing or attempted stealing					
	Total	Auto- mobile stealing	Burglary or unlaw- ful entry	Robbery	Other type of stealing	Not re- ported
Total	727	26	43	41	405	212
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport	12				12	
Hartford	11				11	
District of Columbia	58	2	1		55	
Indiana:						
Clark County	1					1
Lake County	8	1		1	1	5
Marion County	30	1	9	3	12	1
Monroe County	1					1
Steuben County	4		1	2	1	
Vermillion County	8	4				4
Iowa: Polk County	1					1
Louisiana:						
Caddo Parish	3				2	1
Ouachita Parish	53	5			47	1
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County	8				8	
Ramsey County	14				3	8
St. Louis County (southern part)	9		1		8	
New Jersey:						
Hudson County	3		1		1	1
Mercer County	36	1	2		28	5
New York:						
Buffalo	4		2		2	
Chemung County	3			3		
Columbia County	5				5	
Erie County	1		1		7	2
Franklin County	9		5	11	9	112
Monroe County	142	6			13	
New York City	13				12	2
Westchester County	14					
North Carolina: Winston-Salem	7				2	5
Ohio:						
Clark County	50	3	4	1	25	17
Cuyahoga County	17				12	4
Franklin County	26		6		13	7
Mahoning County	10			7	1	2
Montgomery County	2				1	
Sandusky County	27				10	16
Pennsylvania:						
Allegheny County	1				1	
Berks County	1				1	
Montgomery County	89	3	6	1	79	3
Philadelphia	3					
South Carolina: Greenville County	1					1
Utah:						
Second district	10	1	1		6	2
Third district	3				2	
Fourth district	7					7
Fifth district	7					5
Other counties	4					4
Virginia:						
Lynchburg	7		1		2	1
Norfolk	3					
Washington: Pierce County	3					

¹ Only 45 of the 59 courts reporting girls' delinquency cases reported cases in which the charge was stealing.

TABLE VIIA.—Disposition in boys' official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 specified courts during 1928¹

Table with columns for Court, Total, Disposition reported (Dismissed or continued indefinitely, Child placed on probation, Child committed to institution, Restitution, fine, or costs, Other disposition), and Disposition not reported. Rows include various states like Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, etc.

¹ Only 61 of the 62 courts reporting boys' delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases.
² Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.
³ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIIA.—Disposition in boys' official delinquency cases dealt with by 61 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Continuation of Table VIIA, showing detailed data for South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington courts.

TABLE VIIIB.—Disposition in girls' official delinquency cases dealt with by 57 specified courts during 1928¹

Table with columns for Court, Total, Disposition reported (Dismissed or continued indefinitely, Child placed on probation, Child committed to institution, Restitution, fine, or costs, Other disposition), and Disposition not reported. Rows include Connecticut, District of Columbia, Indiana, etc.

¹ Only 57 of the 59 courts reporting girls' delinquency cases reported girls' official delinquency cases.
² Not shown where base is less than 50.

TABLE VIIb.—Disposition in girls' official delinquency cases dealt with by 57 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Total	Girls' official delinquency cases										Disposition not reported		
		Disposition reported												
		Total		Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed on probation		Child committed to institution		Restitution, fine, or costs			Other disposition	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent		Number	Per cent
Louisiana:														
Caddo Parish	21	21	3		1		15		1		3			
Ouachita Parish	9	9			1		5				3			
Minnesota:														
Hennepin County	253	253	43	17	130	51	78	31			2	1		
Ramsey County	77	77	6	8	44	57	27	35						
St. Louis County (southern part)	20	20	1		3		12		1		3			
New Jersey:														
Hudson County	262	262	130	50	44	17	54	21	21	8	13	5		
Mercer County	22	22			14		14							
New York:														
Buffalo	68	68	42	62	9	13	16	24			1	1		
Chemung County	28	28	14	50	6	21	6	21			1	4		
Clinton County	8	8	3	38	2	25	3	38						
Columbia County	15	15	8	53			7	47						
Delaware County	2	2			1	50								
Erie County	10	10	4	40	8	80					1	10		
Franklin County	6	6	2	33			3	50						
Monroe County	50	50			21	42	20	40						
New York City	949	947	258	27	480	51	200	21	3	(?)	0	1	3	
Ontario County	17	17	4	24	8	47	5	29						
Orange County	2	2	2	100										
Orleans County	1	1			1	100								
Westchester County	83	83	30	36	32	38	23	28			5	6		
North Carolina: Winston-Salem	69	69	23	33	33	48	7	10			6	9		
Ohio:														
Aughsza County	5	5	1	20	1	20					1	20		
Clark County	26	26	9	35	6	23	7	27	1		8	31		
Cuyahoga County	309	309	14	5	117	38	92	30			28	9		
Franklin County	213	213	10	5	80	40	89	42	5	2	23	11		
Lake County	7	7	1	14	1	14								
Mahoning County	76	76	8	11	27	36	34	45			9	12		
Montgomery County	90	90	23	26	35	39	26	29			0	7		
Sandusky County	11	11	1	9	4	36	5	45			1	9		
Pennsylvania:														
Allegheny County	210	210	4	2	124	59	66	31			16	8		
Berks County	24	24	1	4	4	17	19	79						
Lycoming County	7	7			5	71								
Montgomery County	11	11	1	9			8	73			2	18		
Philadelphia	528	528	119	23	270	51	76	14	7	1	56	11		
South Carolina: Greenville County	10	10	2	20	3	30	2	20			2	20		
Utah:														
First district	9	9	6	67			3	33						
Second district	23	23	6	26	7	30	9	39			2	5		
Third district	42	42	11	26			26	62			5	12		
Fourth district	8	8	5	63			3	38						
Fifth district	5	5	1	20	1	20			2		1	20		
Other counties	18	18	4	22	1	6	2	11			3	17		
Virginia:														
Lynchburg	34	34	24	71	8	24	2	5						
Norfolk	142	142	37	26	58	41	12	8	8	6	27	19		
Roanoke County	2	2												
Washington: Pierce County	32	32	5	16	3	9	2	6						

1 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE VIII.—Color and nativity of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 specified courts during 1928

Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases

Court	Total	Color reported										Color not reported		
		White												
		Native, native percentage		Native, foreign or mixed parentage		Native, parentage not reported		Foreign born		Nativity not reported				
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent			
Total	15,825	7,852	50	4,923	31	207	1	157	1	466	3	2,214	14	6
Connecticut:														
Bristol	69	32	46	37	54									
Hartford	142	75	53	54	38									
District of Columbia	531	52	10	9	2									
Indiana:														
Clay County	16	5	45	91	32									
Jennings County	3	132	79	10	3	1	(?)	3	9	1	(?)	1	14	
Lake County	286	229	79	10	3	1	(?)	1	1	2		48	17	
Marion County	250	21	8	1	1	(?)	1	(?)	1	2		31	14	
Montgomery County	21	490	8	1	1	(?)	1	(?)	1	36	42	2	2	
Iowa: Polk County	85	35	45	1	1	10	12							
Louisiana:														
Caddo Parish	108	106	98											
Ouachita Parish	335	64	102	30	1	(?)								
Minnesota:														
Hennepin County	131	101	77	19	2									
Ramsey County	46	24	13	55	87									
St. Louis County (southern part)	67	108	68	8										
New York:														
Buffalo	114	14	108	37	33									
Chemung County	37	60	54	40	48									
Clinton County	112	83	49	44	3									
Columbia County	83	49	44	53	3									
Erie County	49	136	57											
Franklin County	49	239	57											
Monroe County	239													

1 Less than 1 per cent.

1 Not shown where number of children is less than 50.

TABLE VIII.—Color and nativity of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases by 53 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases														Color not reported
	Total	Color reported												Colored	
		Total	White								Colored				
			Native, native parentage		Native, foreign or mixed parentage		Native, parentage not reported		Foreign born			Nativity not reported			
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	
New York—Continued.															
New York City	3,543	3,542	1,348	38	1,307	51	2	(1)	93	3			292	3	1
Ontario County	84	84	80	71	17	20			2	2			5	6	
Orange County	81	81	49	50	11	18							1	2	
Orleans County	37	37	14	32	22						1				
Westchester County	368	368	119	32	185	50	6	2	7	2	1	(1)	50	14	
North Carolina:															
Runcombe County	84	84	80	95							1	1	3	4	
Winston-Salem	28	28	12										14		
Ohio:															
Ashtabula County	44	44	42								2				
Clark County	97	97	84	87									13	13	
Cuyahoga County	1,133	1,133	284	25	571	50	63	6			52	5	183	14	2
Franklin County	589	589	525	89	38	8	8	1	2	(1)	7	1	11	2	
Hamilton County	361	361	308	85	8	2					2	1	47	13	
Lake County	39	39	25		8								8		
Mahoning County	183	183	79	43	57	31	4	2			26	14	17	9	
Montgomery County	479	479	360	75	34	7	1	(1)	1	(1)	4	1	79	16	2
Sandusky County	60	60	48	80	11	18							1	2	
Pennsylvania:															
Allegheny County	970	970	514	53	354	36	7	1	1	(1)	5	1	50	9	
Berks County	31	31	23		5				1						
Lycoming County	25	25	25												
Montgomery County	31	31	16		14										
Philadelphia	3,504	3,589	1,411	39	1,130	31	40	1	27	1	139	4	842	23	5
South Carolina: Greenville County	120	120	103	86	1	1							18	13	
Texas: Orange County	3	3											3		
Utah:															
First district	1	1									1				
Third district	135	135	76	56	43	32	3	6	7	5			1	1	
Fourth district	27	27	24		3										
Fifth district	14	14	14		1										
Other counties	5	5	4		1										
Virginia:															
Lynchburg	30	30	20		3								7	8	
Norfolk	230	230	209	91	3	1							2	3	
Roanoke County	8	8	8												
Washington: Pierce County	66	66	58	88	6	9									

1 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE IX.—Source of complaint on which families were referred to court in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

Court	Families referred in dependency and neglect cases																Source of complaint not reported
	Total	Source of complaint reported															
		Total	Social agency		Parents or relatives		Other individual		Police		Probation officer		School department		Other source		
			Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	
Total.....	8,153	8,122	3,079	38	2,975	37	508	6	602	7	587	7	251	3	120	1	31
Connecticut:																	
Bridgeport.....																	
Hartford.....	30	30	20	67	4	13											
District of Columbia.....	70	70	54	77	5	7	1	1	3	4	7	10	2				
Indiana:																	
Clay County.....	326	326	104	32	67	21	10	3	39	12	21	6	26	8	9	3	
Jennings County.....	6	6															
Lake County.....	3	3	2	67													
Marion County.....	190	188	15	8	44	23	11	6	31	16	33	17	4	2			6
Montgomery County.....	174	174	40	23	65	37	14	8	45	26	8	4	4	1	2	1	2
Iowa: Polk County.....	12	11	4	33	3	25	1	8	1	9	3	2	2	1	2	1	
Louisiana:																	
Caddo Parish.....	393	392	67	17	163	42	82	21	18	5	13	3	35	9	14	4	1
Ouachita Parish.....	60	60	5	8	23	38	14	23	4	7	14	23	6	11			1
Minnesota:																	
Hennepin County.....	58	56	4	7	27	48	13	23	3	5	3	5					
Ramsey County.....	163	163	146	90	3	4	1	1	8	12			17	10			
St. Louis County (southern part).....	69	68	54	79									2	3			
New York:																	
Buffalo.....	34	34	11	32	19	56	4	11					2	6	3		1
Chemung County.....	33	33	15	45	2	6											
Clinton County.....	61	61	10	16	25	41	7	11	15								
Columbia County.....	16	16	5	31	4	25					15	25	4	7			
Erie County.....	59	59	10	17	37	63	5	8	2		1	2	2	3	1		
Franklin County.....	29	29	29	100							2	3	5	8			
Montgomery County.....	23	23															
Morgan County.....	23	23															
New York City.....	56	56	52	93	1	2	4	8	7								
Ontario County.....	1,754	1,754	942	54	490	28	22	1	23	13	1	1	2	2	7		3
Orange County.....	33	33	6	18	4	12	3	23	3		15	2	50	3	4	(1)	
Orleans County.....	13	13			3	23	2	15	3				3	2			
Westchester County.....	168	168	159	95	4	2	1	1	3				4	2	2		
North Carolina:																	
Buncombe County.....	58	58	4	7	43	74	5	9	6	10							
Winston-Salem.....	21	15			10		1						4				6
Ohio:																	
Anglaize County.....	21	21			3		3				14				1		
Clark County.....	52	52	3	6	28	54	7	13	6	12	4	8	3	6	1	2	
Cuyahoga County.....	512	512	210	41	163	32	35	7	39	8	27	5	26	5	12	2	1
Franklin County.....	350	349	51	15	161	46	27	8	16	5	39	24	3	1	23	1	1
Hamilton County.....	217	217	113	52	40	18	17	8	4	2	7	3	3	1	33	15	
Lake County.....	19	19					1		1		12		1				
Mahoning County.....	99	99	57	57	13	13	10	11	3	3	5	6	1	1			
Montgomery County.....	303	303	90	30	147	49	17	6	18	6	27	9	4	1			
Sandusky County.....	24	24	4	17	6	25	4		2		3				5		
Pennsylvania:																	
Allegheny County.....	424	419	180	43	72	17	16	4	9	2	135	32	7	2			5
Berks County.....	18	17	11	61	1		1								4		1
Lycoming County.....	13	12	8	62											4		1
Montgomery County.....	13	13	4	31											1		1
Philadelphia.....	1,766	1,766	473	27	1,118	63	124	7	2	(1)	21	1	22	1	8	(1)	1
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	68	67	15	22	35	52	13	19	3	4			1		1		1
Texas: Orange County.....	1	1															
Utah:																	
First district.....	1	1															
Third district.....	77	77	39	51	22	29	3	4	6	8	6	8	1	1			
Fourth district.....	11	11	4	36	3		1		2		1						
Fifth district.....	3	3							1		1				1		
Other counties.....	5	5							4								
Virginia:																	
Lynchburg.....	18	15	1	6	2				2		13						
Norfolk.....	124	124	10	8	67	54	21	17	7	6	13	10	6	5			
Roanoke County.....	2	2									2						
Washington: Pierce County.....	48	48	11	23	15		3		4		11		2		2		

1 Not shown where number of families is less than 50.

1 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE X.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition of dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

Court	Dependency and neglect cases																	
	Total	Place of care reported																Place of care not reported
		Total	Own home or case disposed of same day		Boarding home		Detention home ¹		Other institution		Jail or police station ²		More than one place of care ³		Other place of care			
			Number	Per cent ⁴	Number	Per cent ⁴	Number	Per cent ⁴	Number	Per cent ⁴	Number	Per cent ⁴	Number	Per cent ⁴	Number	Per cent ⁴		
Total.....	16,289	15,974	9,682	61	736	5	1,539	10	3,474	22	15	(1)	167	1	361	2	315	
Connecticut:																		
Bridgeport.....	69	69	37	54	9	13			21	30			2	3				
Hartford.....	144	144	79	55	17	12	25	17	19	13								
District of Columbia.....	533	525	402	77	1	(3)	77	15	18	3			3	1	24	3	8	
Indiana:																		
Clay County.....	16																16	
Jennings County.....	5	4	3				1										5	
Lake County.....	290	285	166	58	41	14	45	16	26	9	1	(3)	1	(3)	5	2	1	
Marion County.....	322	321	161	50	54	17	7	2	70	22			4	1	25	8	1	
Montgomery County.....	21	14	11						3								1	
Iowa: Polk County.....	630	630	341	54	38	6	167	27	26	4			1	(3)	57	9		
Louisiana:																		
Caddo Parish.....	85	75	47	63	5	7	15	20	5	7					3	4	10	
Ouachita Parish.....	115	115	95	83	6	5			2	2	1	1			11	10		
Minnesota:																		
Hennepin County.....	338	335	237	71	57	17	2	1	38	11	1	(3)					1	
Ramsey County.....	135	135	69	51	61	45	2	1							3	2		
St. Louis County (southern part).....	47	47	9		17				18						3	2		
New York:																		
Buffalo.....	70	70	52	74	1	1	18	23	1	1								
Chemung County.....	115	115	105	91	4	3			3	3	1	1					2	
Clinton County.....	37	36	21				8										1	
Columbia County.....	116	116	93	80	1	1			15	13					7	6		
Erie County.....	83	83	53	64	7	8			17	20			6	7				
Franklin County.....	49	49	41		4				1						3			
Monroe County.....	339	339	92	38	11	5	138	57										
New York City.....	3,617	3,582	1,342	37	9	(1)			2,192	61			31	1	8	(1)	35	
Ontario County.....	34	34	62	74	9	11			7	8			4	5	2	2		

Orange County.....	61	60	57	95											3	5	1
Orleans County.....	37	8	9						16	4	1	(1)	97	26	7	2	26
Westchester County.....	370	370	164	44	85	23									7	8	
North Carolina:																	
Buncombe County.....	84	84	36	43	21	25			15	18	3	4	2	2	7	8	4
Winston-Salem.....	26	22	21		1												
Ohio:																	
Auglaize County.....	46	46	38		4	4	12	12	3	2			2	1	11	11	3
Clark County.....	98	98	68	69	5	5	125	11	57	5					9	8	7
Cuyahoga County.....	1,141	1,138	888	78	59	9	193	32	21	3			1	(3)	36	9	1
Franklin County.....	613	606	303	50	52	4	2	1	36	38			1	(3)	33	5	1
Hamilton County.....	361	360	172	48	16	4									11	6	1
Lake County.....	40	40	34		1										33	7	2
Mahoning County.....	185	185	141	76	20	11	6	3	7	4			1	(3)			
Montgomery County.....	496	494	330	67	29	6	83	17	18	1	2						
Sandusky County.....	60	60	40	67	2	3	17	28							6	1	179
Pennsylvania:																	
Allegheny County.....	1,018	839	339	40	7	1	477	57	10	1							
Berks County.....	31	31	7		17		6		1								
Lycoming County.....	25	25	20		5												
Montgomery County.....	34	34	21		1		12		640	17			3	2	7	(3)	3
Philadelphia.....	3,744	3,741	3,077	82	7	(1)	16	(3)	13	10							
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	126	126	98	78	4	3	1										
Texas: Orange County.....	3	3	3														
Utah:																	
First district.....	1	1															
Third district.....	145	144	51	35	12	8	35	38	17	12	1	1			8	6	1
Fourth district.....	27	27	14				3		3		6				7		
Fifth district.....	14	14	7												1		
Other counties.....	5	5	1		1		2										
Virginia:																	
Lynchburg.....	30	30	15		10				5				7	3	7	3	
Norfolk.....	232	232	172	74	17	7	14	6	15	6					5	7	
Roanoke County.....	8	8	8		5		3										
Washington: Pierce County.....	70	70	38	54	8	11	10	14	9	13							

¹ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in detention homes and part of the time elsewhere, but excludes cases of children also held in jails or police stations.
² Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.
³ Excludes cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations or detention homes and part of the time elsewhere.
⁴ Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.
⁵ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE XI.—Charge on which families were referred in dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

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Court	Families referred in dependency and neglect cases																
	Total	Charge reported														Charge not reported	
		Total	Abandonment or desertion		Abuse or cruel treatment		Improper conditions in home		Insufficient parental care		Financial need		Question of custody		Other charge		
			Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number		Per cent
Total.....	8,153	7,161	851	12	248	3	1,599	22	2,573	36	859	12	563	8	468	7	992
Connecticut																	
Bridgeport.....	30	30	3		1		15		11								
Hartford.....	70	70	7	10			28	37	5	7	17	24	15	21			
District of Columbia	328	305	13	4			38	12	242	79	7	2			5	2	21
Indiana:																	
Clay County.....	6	6							6								
Jennings County.....	3	3					2		1								
Lake County.....	190	158	15	8	5	3	38	20	78	41	49	26	2	1	1	1	2
Marion County.....	174	174	45	26	4	2	50	29	63	36	3	2	8	5	1	1	
Montgomery County.....	12	12	2		1		6		1		2						
Iowa: Polk County.....	393	393	48	12	18	5	151	38	49	12	31	8	24	6	72	18	
Louisiana:																	
Caddo Parish.....	60	60	2	3	2	3	16	27	9	15	13	22	18	30			
Ouachita Parish.....	58	58	6	11	4	7	21	38	12	21	7	13	4	7	2	4	
Minnesota:																	
Hennepin County.....	163	163	13	8			47	29	45	28	1	1	37	35			
Ramsey County.....	69	69	5	7			4	6	42	61	17	25			1	1	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	34	34	10						19		1				4		
New York:																	
Buffalo.....	33	33			1		13		17		1				1		
Chemung County.....	61	61	1	2	1	2	32	52	12	20	9	15	1	2	5	8	
Clinton County.....	16	16	1		1		8		5				1				
Columbia County.....	59	59	4	7	3	5	18	27	29	49			1	2	6	10	
Erie County.....	29	29	1		1		17		10								
Franklin County.....	23	23	1				15		7								
Monroe County.....	36	36					19	22	65	77	1	1					
New York City.....	1,757	700	16	2	24	3	274	35	430	53	52	7	2	(?)	2	(?)	98
Ontario County.....	33	33	2				11		20								
Orange County.....	30	30	22						3		3				2		
Orleans County.....	13	13	1				7		2		3						
Westchester County.....	168	168	13	8	2	1	37	22	116	69							

North Carolina:																		
Buncombe County.....	58	58	7	12	2	3	20	34	13	22	11	19	4	7	1	2		1
Winston-Salem.....	21	20	3				6		8		4		3	6	2	4		
Ohio:																		
Auglaize County.....	21	21	1				6		10		4		3	6	2	4		
Clark County.....	52	52	3	8	1	2	12	23	31	60	96	19	14	3	21	4		
Cuyahoga County.....	513	513	47	9	37	7	19	4	279	54	48	14	49	14	11	3		
Franklin County.....	370	370	22	6	4	1	74	21	142	41	5	2	7	3	40	18		
Hamilton County.....	217	217	30	14	12	6	87	40	36	17	2		1		1			
Lake County.....	19	19			1	1	9		7		9	10	4	4	1	1		
Lake County.....	89	89	3	3	7	2	14	16	57	64	9	32	17	43	14			
Mahoning County.....	303	302	26	9	3		55	19	91	30	28	9	1					
Montgomery County.....	24	24	2				8		5		5							
Sandusky County.....							115	27	148	35	25	6	2	(?)	11	3		
Pennsylvania:																		
Allegheny County.....	424	424	97	23	25	6	115	27	148	35	25	6	2	(?)	11	3		
Berks County.....	18	18			1		10		2		4				4			
Lycoming County.....	13	13	2				2		2		2							
Lycoming County.....	13	13	1				8		8		2		22	245	14	222	13	
Montgomery County.....	1,766	1,766	312	13	68	4	176	10	360	20	383	8	12	18	26	4	6	
Philadelphia.....	68	68	7	10	5	7	11	18	15	22	8							
Philadelphia.....	1	1					1		1									
South Carolina: Greenville County.....																		
South Carolina: Orange County.....																		
Ohio:																		
First district.....	77	77	29	35	3	4	21	27	19	25	3	4	1	1	1	1		
Third district.....	11	11	3		1		1		1		1							
Fourth district.....	3	3	1				1		1									
Fifth district.....	5	5	2				1		1									
Other counties.....							4		7		3	2	10	13				
Tennessee:																		
Lynchburg.....	18	18	4		3	2	69	56	29	23	3	2						
Nashville.....	124	121	4				2		2									
Norfolk.....	2	2					4		4									
Roanoke County.....	49	49	14		1				11		7		7		4			
Washington: Pierce County.....																		

1 Not shown where number of families is less than 50.

2 Less than 1 per cent.

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TABLE XII.—Disposition in official dependency and neglect cases dealt with by 53 specified courts during 1928

Court	Official dependency and neglect cases															
	Total	Disposition reported														Disposition not reported
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely		Child placed under court supervision		Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer		Child committed to board, department, or agency		Child committed to institution		Other disposition			
			Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent		
Total.....	13,464	13,463	2,718	20	3,111	23	999	7	3,551	26	2,947	22	137	1	1	
Connecticut:																
Bridgeport.....	58	58	22	39	2	4			1	2	31	55				
Hartford.....	142	142	34	24	1	1	3	2	36	25	63	44	5	4		
District of Columbia.....	533	533	77	14	18	3	3	1	427	80	8	2				
Indiana:																
Clay County.....	16	16					1				15					
Jennings County.....	5	5					4				1					
Lake County.....	247	247	33	13	8	3	68	28	59	23	65	26	15	6		
Marion County.....	322	322	5	2	19	6	10	3	93	29	187	58	8	2		
Montgomery County.....	11	11							1		5					
Iowa: Polk County.....	269	269	89	33	4	1	54	20	11	4	103	38	9	3		
Louisiana:																
Caddo Parish.....	61	61	9	15			14	23	4	7	25	41	9	15		
Ouachita Parish.....	29	29			9				6		11		3			
Minnesota:																
Hennepin County.....	336	336	139	41			14	4	162	48	21	6				
Ramsey County.....	135	135	8	6	91	67	4	3	26	19	3	2	3	2		
St. Louis County (southern part).....	46	46	6						7		33					
New York:																
Buffalo.....	70	70	2	3	1	1			50	71	17	24				
Chemung County.....	115	115	81	70	2	2	8	7			22	19	2	2		
Clinton County.....	27	27			10				4		13					
Columbia County.....	113	113	71	63	20	18	2	2			18	16	1	1		
Erse County.....	83	83	26	31			2	2	55	66						
Franklin County.....	49	49	32		3				10		1		3			
Monroe County.....	239	239	3		93	39			53	22	90	38				
New York City.....	3,617	3,616	995	28	1,484	41	8	(?)	7	(?)	1,115	31	7	(?)	1	
Ontario County.....	84	84	14	17	45	54	9	11	1		15	15				
Orange County.....	33	33	28						5							

Orleans County.....	37	37	9		18		1		7		2				
Westchester County.....	365	365	131	36			24	7	201	55	9	2			
North Carolina:															
Buncombe County.....	33	33	1				17		1		12		4		
Winston-Salem.....	26	26					15				6		3		
Ohio:															
Auglaize County.....	43	43	2		2		5		26		8				
Clark County.....	87	87	5	6	5	6	75	8	427	48	68	78	1	1	
Cuyahoga County.....	925	925	214	23	191	21	236	38	83	14	172	28	21	3	
Franklin County.....	613	613	42	7	59	10	3	1	197	91	2	1			
Hamilton County.....	216	216	14	6			3		22						
Lake County.....	37	37	6		6		9	7	19	14	84	61	1	1	
Mahoning County.....	138	138	25	18	13	4	42	12	80	23	147	42	8	2	
Montgomery County.....	353	353	63	18	17				4		6				
Sandusky County.....	27	27													
Pennsylvania:															
Allegheny County.....	1,018	1,018	30	3	462	45	26	3	426	42	70	7	4	(?)	
Berks County.....	31	31	1		4		1		20		5				
Lycoming County.....	25	25	2		9		15		7		7		3		
Montgomery County.....	34	34	1		9		15	9	969	42	339	15	5	(?)	
Philadelphia.....	2,283	2,283	340	15	423	19	207	9	1	2	11	17			
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	66	66	17	26	27	41	10	3							
Texas: Orange County.....	3	3													
Utah:															
First district.....	1	1													
Third district.....	122	122	4	3	12	10	16	13			82				
Fourth district.....	3	3					7				2				
Fifth district.....	7	7					1								
Other counties.....	1	1													
Virginia:															
Lynchburg.....	30	30					16				14				
Norfolk.....	224	224	94	42	33	15	55	25	23	10	10	1	4		
Roanoke County.....	8	8			5		5		7		12		17		
Washington: Pierce County.....	70	70	38	54	6										

1 Not shown where number of cases is less than 50.

1 Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE XIII.—Number of cases of delinquent children placed on probation and number discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Cases of delinquent children			
	Official		Unofficial	
	Placed on probation	Discharged from probation	Placed on probation	Discharged from probation
Total.....	10,301	7,872	1,055	621
Connecticut:				
Bridgeport.....				
Hartford.....	150	136		
District of Columbia.....	248	217	4	6
Indiana:	586	530	18	2
Adams County.....		8		
Jennings County.....		5		
Lake County.....		5		
Marion County.....	103	37	10	19
Monroe County.....	224	211	7	72
Montgomery County.....	22	7	8	2
Steuben County.....	3	2	9	2
Vermillion County.....	6	6	22	2
Louisiana:	7	6	63	49
Caddo Parish.....		2	22	10
Ouachita Parish.....	11	18	19	9
Minnesota:	31			
Hennepin County.....		503		
Ramsey County.....		270		
St. Louis County (southern part).....		24		
Missouri: Jackson County.....		283	7	
New Jersey:				34
Hudson County.....		285		
Mercer County.....		233		5
New York:				
Buffalo.....				
Clinton County.....	170	158		
Columbia County.....	4	7	8	4
Erie County.....	10	11		
Monroe County.....	111	81		
New York City.....	170	17		
Orleans County.....	2,887	1,756		
Westchester County.....	11	4		
Ohio:	241	451	113	86
Clark County.....		49		
Cuyahoga County.....		603	18	
Franklin County.....	460	242	13	
Hamilton County.....	13	374		
Lake County.....	14	7	280	250
Mahoning County.....		10		
Sandusky County.....	212	125	12	12
Pennsylvania:		12	4	
Berks County.....		45		
Philadelphia.....	1,842	1,600	105	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....		41	2	2
Texas: Orange County.....			1	1
Utah:				
Second district.....	51	28	50	19
Third district.....			62	1
Fifth district.....			12	14
Carbon County.....	47	12	2	1
Other counties.....	73	68	6	2
Virginia:				
Lynchburg.....	84	60		
Norfolk.....	261	230		6

¹ Includes only courts reporting cases of children discharged from probation; Adams and Jennings Counties, Ind., and Jackson County, Mo., reported cases of children discharged from probation, but did not report delinquency cases.

TABLE XIV.—Duration of probation in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928

Court	Duration of probation reported										Duration of probation not reported	
	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation											
	Total	Less than 3 months	3 months, less than 6	6 months, less than 9	9 months, less than 1 year	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years, less than 4	4 years, less than 5		5 years and more
Total.....	8,493	1,190	2,018	1,948	984	1,191	500	372	153	75	50	12
Connecticut:												
Bridgeport.....	136	12	23	31	19	48	2	1				
Hartford.....	243	18	41	70	49	40	14	11				
District of Columbia.....	532	95	76	127	58	64	43	55	12	1		
Indiana:												
Adams County.....	8			2		2	2	1				
Jennings County.....	5					1	3					
Lake County.....	47		14	7		1	1					
Marion County.....	283	53	137	53	24	16	1					
Monroe County.....	9	3		2								
Montgomery County.....	4	2										
Steuben County.....	23	5	19	2	5	8	2	2	2	1		
Vermillion County.....	35	4	13	15	8							
Louisiana:												
Caddo Parish.....	12	11										
Ouachita Parish.....	27	8										
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	500	86	199	169	31	12	1	10				2
Ramsey County.....	223	61	42	37	41	22	10					
St. Louis County (southern part).....	10	2		1		4						
Missouri: Jackson County.....	317	50	155	89	15	7			1			
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	234	29	31	37	38	50	8	9	44			
Mercer County.....	94	6	6	5	7	9	8					
New York:												
Buffalo.....	158	17	19	40	11	54	8	9				
Clinton County.....	11	6			1	3						
Columbia County.....	11											
Erie County.....	81	2	3	6	7	56	10	2				
Monroe County.....	17	8		1			1					
New York City.....	1,756	258	176	314	146	57	5					
Orleans County.....	4		2	2		63						
Westchester County.....	537	20	41	86	53		51	74	50	55	38	

TABLE XIV.—Duration of probation in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928—Continued

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation										Duration of probation reported	
	Total	Less than 3 months	3 months, less than 6	6 months, less than 9	9 months, less than 1 year	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years, less than 4	4 years, less than 5		5 years and more
Ohio:												
Clark County.....	21	1	74	60	3	7	4	5	1			
Cuyahoga County.....	242	83	74	60	22	2	2					1
Franklin County.....	374	23	83	166	24	92	4					
Hamilton County.....	257	12	36	34	53	51	25	37	5	3	1	
Lake County.....	9	1	1	2	2	2	4					
Mahoning County.....	137	36	44	30	14	9	3	8	1			1
Sandusky County.....	12	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Pennsylvania:												
Berks County.....	10	2	4	2	2	367	287	141	28	15	10	7
Philadelphia.....	1,983	112	96	245	312	1	2	2				
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	1,277	13	4	3	2	1						
Texas: Orange County.....	1	1		1								
Total:	47	41	6	6	18	1						
Utah:												
Second district.....	1	1										
Third district.....	1	1										
Fifth district.....	26	6	7	18	1							
Carbon County.....	69	62	7	1								
Other counties.....	7	7		1								
Virginia:												
Lynchburg.....	69	7	15	19	19	9						
Norfolk.....	226	7	20	43	14	132	16	4				

TABLE XV.—Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from probation by 45 specified courts during 1928

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from probation					
	Total cases	Reason for discharge				
		Further supervision not recommended or discharged with improvement before reaching age limit	Child committed to institution	Child committed to agency or individual	Child reached age limit	Other reason
Total.....	8,493	5,338	1,177	377	866	735
Connecticut:						
Bridgeport.....	136	95	16		17	8
Hartford.....	243	208	28		78	7
District of Columbia.....	632	212	39	181		22
Indiana:						
Adams County.....	8	5			4	1
Jennings County.....	6					1
Lake County.....	47	37	3		28	7
Marion County.....	283	180	28	2		45
Monroe County.....	9	4	5			
Montgomery County.....	4	2	1	1		6
Steuben County.....	28	17	3	5	17	6
Vermillion County.....	55	30				6
Louisiana:						
Caddo Parish.....	12	11				1
Ouachita Parish.....	27	17		5	2	3
Minnesota:						
Hennepin County.....	600	361	114	1	28	6
Hamsay County.....	229	174	43	4	8	
St. Louis County (southern part).....	10	6	3		2	1
Missouri: Jackson County.....	317	249	28			38
New Jersey:						
Hudson County.....	234	91	60	10	27	46
Mercer County.....	94	14	34			46
New York:						
Buffalo.....	188	118	37			3
Clinton County.....	11	10	1			
Columbia County.....	11	9	1		1	
Eric County.....	81	60	9	3		1
Moura County.....	17	3	10	3		44
New York City.....	1,766	1,294	273	12	133	2
Orleans County.....	4	2				21
Westchester County.....	537	389	28	6	93	
Ohio:						
Clark County.....	21	17		1	1	2
Cuyahoga County.....	242	73	77	26	21	45
Franklin County.....	374	323	40	3	2	6
Hamilton County.....	257	112	27	10	33	176
Lake County.....	9	2	1	1	4	2
Mahoning County.....	137	95	14		7	20
Sandusky County.....	12	3	1		6	2
Pennsylvania:						
Berks County.....	10		2		8	
Philadelphia.....	1,600	766	212	78	337	217
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	27	9	9		1	6
Texas: Orange County.....	1					1
Utah:						
Second district.....	47	39	5		1	2
Third district.....	1					1
Fifth district.....	26	26				
Carbon County.....	69	63	3	3		3
Other counties.....	7	4				
Virginia:						
Lynchburg.....	69	47	3	4		15
Norfolk.....	236	175	19	17	7	18

* Includes 2 "reason for discharge not reported."
 † Includes 8 "reason for discharge not reported."

TABLE XVI.—Number of cases of dependent and neglected children placed under supervision and number discharged from supervision by 20 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children			
	Official		Unofficial	
	Placed under supervision	Discharged from supervision	Placed under supervision	Discharged from supervision
Total.....	2,428	1,915	47	21
Connecticut:				
Bridgeport.....	2	3		
Hartford.....	1	1		
District of Columbia.....	18	21		
Indiana:				
Adams County.....		2		
Lake County.....	8	3	3	2
Montgomery County.....		5	7	1
Louisiana: Ouachita Parish.....	9	6	13	7
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	91	56		
New York:				
Buffalo.....	1	1		
Columbia County.....	20	30	3	
Monroe County.....	93	34		
New York City.....	1,484	941		
Ohio:				
Cuyahoga County.....	191	50	5	
Lake County.....	6	1	2	1
Sandusky County.....	17	2	2	
Pennsylvania:				
Berks County.....	4	4		
Philadelphia.....	423	733		
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	27	19	11	
Utah: Other counties ²			1	1
Virginia: Norfolk.....	33	3		

¹ Only 20 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision; Adams County, Ind., reported cases of children discharged from supervision, but did not report dependency cases.

² Counties other than Carbon and those included in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth districts.

TABLE XVII.—Duration of supervision in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision												
	Total cases	Duration of supervision reported ¹										Duration of supervision not reported	
		Total	Less than 3 months	3 months, less than 6	6 months, less than 9	9 months, less than 1 year	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years, less than 4	4 years, less than 5		5 years and more
Total.....	1,936	1,935	366	465	346	218	241	113	117	32	25	12	1
Connecticut:													
Bridgeport.....	3	3	1				2						
Hartford.....	1	1			1	1							
District of Columbia.....	21	21	2	7	4	1	3	4					
Indiana:													
Adams County.....	2	2			1	1							
Lake County.....	5	5			1	1							
Montgomery County.....	6	6		1			3	1					
Louisiana: Ouachita Parish.....	13	13	8	5									1
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	56	56	16	10	9	4	10	5	2				
New York:													
Buffalo.....	1	1	1										
Columbia County.....	30	30	1	9	7		7		4				2
Monroe County.....	34	34	25	9									
New York City.....	941	941	209	343	223	110	55	4					
Ohio:													
Cuyahoga County.....	50	50	35	8	5	2							
Lake County.....	2	2		1	1								
Sandusky County.....	2	2		2									
Pennsylvania:													
Berks County.....	4	4	4										
Philadelphia.....	733	733	57	68	88	97	157	96	110	27	25	8	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	28	28	9	2	7		2	3		3		2	
Utah: Other counties ²	1	1	1										
Virginia: Norfolk.....	3	3				1	2						

¹ Only 20 of the 53 courts reporting cases of dependency and neglect reported cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision.

² Counties other than Carbon and those included in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth districts.

TABLE XVIII.—Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 20 specified courts during 1928¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision								
	Total cases	Reason for discharge reported							Reason for discharge not reported
		Total	Further supervision not recommended or discharged with improvement before reaching age limit	Child committed to institution	Child committed to agency	Child committed to individual	Child reached age limit	Other reason	
Total.....	1,936	1,631	1,179	244	117	183	85	173	5
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport.....	3	3	3						
Hartford.....	1	1	1						
District of Columbia.....	21	21	7	1	6	1	2	4	
Indiana:									
Adams County.....	2	2						2	
Lake County.....	5	5	1	1		3			
Montgomery County.....	6	6	1			4		1	
Louisiana: Ouachita Parish.....	13	13	4			4		5	
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	56	56	37	2	12	2		3	
New York:									
Buffalo.....	1	1		1					
Columbia County.....	30	30	5		7	9	3	6	
Monroe County.....	34	34			34				
New York City.....	941	941	662	222	13	4	14	26	
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	50	50	7	2	35	2		4	
Lake County.....	2	2	1		1				
Sandusky County.....	2	2			2				
Pennsylvania:									
Berks County.....	4	4		4					
Philadelphia.....	733	728	447	5	2	140	14	114	5
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	28	28		6	5	8	2	7	
Utah: Other counties ²	1	1						1	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	3	3	3						

¹ Only 20 of the 53 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision.

² Counties other than Carbon and those included in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth districts.