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PLAN OF THE REPORT

This report, which is the third annual report based on data supplied by courts cooperating with the Children's Bureau in the plan, for obtaining uniform statistics of delinquency, dependency, and neglect cases dealt with by juvenile courts, is arranged in three parts: I. General discussion and summary tables based upon figures received from all courts reporting in 1929; II. Comparative tables for the three years 1927, 1928, and 1929, including a table showing increase or decrease in the number of delinquency cases reported by courts sending cards for two or more years, and comparative summary tables for the three years; and III. Source tables giving figures for individual courts reporting in 1929. The courts for which figures are shown in the source tables comprising Part III fall into two groups: (1) Those serving populations of 100,000 or more and (2) those serving populations of 25,000 to 100,000 according to the census of 1920.¹ The tables dealing with what seem to be the more significant items show figures for both groups; the remainder of the tables show figures for the first group only. Figures reported by courts serving areas with populations of less than 25,000 in 1920 are not shown in the source tables but are included in the summary tables of Part I. The number of cases of each type reported by these courts is shown in the first of the summary tables (p. 3).

¹ Population figures for 1920 were not available when these tabulations were made.

TABLE 1.—Number of boys' and girls' delinquency and dependency and neglect cases disposed of and number of cases of children discharged from supervision by 96 specified courts during 1929

PART I.—GENERAL DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY TABLES

THE COURTS COOPERATING

Ninety-six courts sent in statistical data for the entire calendar year 1929, as compared with 65 courts for 1928 and 43 for 1927.² The names of the 96 courts reporting for 1929, with the largest city or town in the area served by each court, are given in the appendix (p. 62). For convenience each court will be designated in all other places only by the territory over which it has jurisdiction. The cooperating courts reported 46,312 delinquency cases, 18,805 dependency and neglect cases, and 10,493 cases of children discharged from supervision. The number of cases reported by each court for the year is shown in Table 1. Although all the courts have jurisdiction over both delinquency and dependency or neglect cases, 7 courts reported delinquency cases only and 3 reported dependency or neglect cases only. Ninety-three of the courts, therefore, reported cases of delinquency, and 89 reported cases of dependency and neglect. Sixty-six courts reported cases of children discharged from supervision; 61 of these courts reported cases of delinquent children, and 48 courts cases of dependent and neglected children. These figures, representing the number of courts reporting each type of case, will be used in the summary tables and discussions in this report.

The work of the court as to both number and types of cases was reported more completely by some courts than by others. Incomplete records or divided responsibility in checking cards was responsible for many of the failures to report.³ All the courts were asked to report unofficial cases, but no such cases were reported by 25⁴ courts, although it is probable that in some of these courts a few complaints are adjusted unofficially. In some courts records are not kept of unofficial work.

The failure of 30 courts to report cases of children discharged from supervision may be due to incomplete probation records or to the practice of allowing cases to become inactive without dismissal or removal from the list or index of active cases.

Table 1 shows wide variation among the courts in the relative number of delinquency and of dependency and neglect cases reported for 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 in the different communities.

² Juvenile-Court Statistics, 1927 and 1928. United States Children's Bureau Publications No. 105 (Washington, 1929) and No. 200 (Washington, 1930).

³ The organization of the probation office associated with the court, from which most of the cards were received, and its relation to the court differ from place to place. In some localities this office is an integral part of the court; in others it is a separate organization. The office may function as a unit or, especially in the larger courts, be divided into separate departments. In some communities the court receives case-work service from another agency; for example, a county child-welfare department.

⁴ Alabama—Franklin County; Mobile County; Illinois—Rock Island County; Louisiana—Bossier and Webster Parishes; Michigan—Kent County; Minnesota—Hennepin County, Ramsey County; New Jersey—Hudson County, Mercer County; New York—Buffalo, Chemung County, Delaware County, Erie County, Dutchess County; North Carolina—Rensselaer County; North Dakota—Third Judicial district; Ohio—Franklin County, Lake County; Pennsylvania—Allegheny County, Montgomery County; Virginia—Lynchburg, Norfolk; Washington—Pierce County.

Court	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Cases of children discharged from supervision
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	
Total.....	46,312	38,461	7,851	18,805	9,567	9,238	10,493
Alabama:							
Autauga County.....				24	11	13	
Baldwin County.....	10	13	3	10	7	9	12
Bullock County.....	3		3	63	30	33	16
Calhoun County.....	62	48	14	44	21	23	15
Chambers County.....	6	5		10	9	7	5
Cherokee County.....	2		2	8	3	5	
Chilton County.....	28	20	8	10	5	5	1
Clarke County.....	9	8	1	32	16	16	3
Clay County.....	2	1	1	2	1	1	
Clatsop County.....	0		1	72	38	34	7
Colbert County.....	18	11	7	4	2	2	6
Coosa County.....	1		1	29	18	11	20
Crenshaw County.....				2		2	16
Dale County.....	11	11		2		2	22
Dallas County.....	22	18	4	2	43	41	
Elmore County.....	6	4	2	12	7	5	14
Escambia County.....				17	10	7	6
Etowah County.....	61	40	12	86	42	44	8
Fayette County.....	4	3	1	6	1	5	
Franklin County.....	13	12	1	10	10	15	28
Hale County.....	10	7	3	46	23	23	22
Houston County.....	18	10	2	9	2	4	1
Jackson County.....	12	9	3	104	39	65	69
Lauderdale County.....	14	7	7	26	11	15	16
Lee County.....	3	3		19	9	10	
Limestone County.....	7	6	1	39	15	23	11
Lowndes County.....	2	2		31	33	28	9
Marion County.....	3	2	1	61	34	27	
Marshall County.....	8	8		9	6	3	18
Mobile County.....	219	170	49	54	20	28	2
Monroe County.....	1		1	30	13	17	11
Morgan County.....	21	16	6	64	38	26	24
Perry County.....	4	3	1	63	25	28	4
Pickens County.....	3	3		42	22	20	7
Talladega County.....	19	15	4	23	10	13	7
Tallapoosa County.....	0	0		27	10	17	14
Washington County.....	7	4	3	438	201	234	
California: San Diego County.....	1,050	1,417	210	70	37	33	168
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	461	391	70	348	197	151	624
District of Columbia.....	1,047	1,623	324	162	70	92	16
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	34	17	17				
Indiana:							
Clay County.....	19	13	6	13	6	7	10
Lake County.....	242	134	108	240	113	133	92
Marion County.....	985	653	332	282	163	119	278
Monroe County.....	21	14	7				11
Stauben County.....	17	11	6	5		5	
Union County.....	24	10	8				12
Vanderburg County.....	92	37	65	631	309	322	
Iowa: Polk County.....	747	569	178				
Louisiana:							
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	4	3	1	5	2	3	
Caddo Parish.....	275	236	39	107	51	56	20
Ouachita Parish.....	269	252	17	110	60	50	
Michigan: Kent County.....	431	346	85	279	133	146	
Minnesota:							
Hennepin County.....	1,097	807	290	343	161	182	562
Ramsey County.....	390	309	87	138	67	71	812
Winona County.....	38	32	6	17	7	10	81
New Jersey:							
Hudson County.....	1,840	1,584	256				189
Mercer County.....	433	414	19				148
New York:							
Buffalo.....	932	860	66	72	48	24	142
Chemung County.....	133	100	33	135	65	70	
Columbia County.....	126	118	8	133	65	68	46
Delaware County.....	10	14	2				
Dutchess County.....	223	200	23	203	154	139	6
Erie County.....	203	192	11	68	41	27	95
Monroe County.....	213	194	19	284	144	140	148
New York City.....	7,656	6,868	1,088	3,891	2,045	1,846	8,313
Ontario County.....	86	67	19	73	29	44	
Orleans County.....	30	29	1	21	15	9	
Rensselaer County.....	318	258	60	187	100	87	
Westchester County.....	888	749	139	270	134	136	407
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	146	124	22	103	57	46	

TABLE 1.—Number of boys' and girls' delinquency and dependency and neglect cases disposed of and number of cases of children discharged from supervision by 96 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Delinquency cases			Dependency and neglect cases			Cases of children discharged from supervision
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	
North Dakota: Third Judicial district (in part)	7	4	3	10	2	8	
Ohio:							
Angelaize County	95	80	15	28	10	12	
Clark County	401	326	75	78	35	43	59
Cuyahoga County	3,853	3,172	711	1,399	720	676	703
Franklin County	473	274	199	659	342	317	
Hamilton County	2,034	1,394	640	640	213	255	345
Lake County	59	48	11	31	16	15	25
Mahoning County	2,021	1,689	332	292	145	147	
Montgomery County	752	523	229	385	190	195	130
Sandusky County	60	42	27	40	22	18	14
Oregon: Multnomah County	902	750	152	443	202	241	97
Pennsylvania:							
Allegheny County	1,290	1,090	200	756	364	392	
Lycoming County	19	9	10	39	15	24	
Montgomery County	65	47	8	13	8	5	
Philadelphia	6,955	6,059	866	3,670	1,918	1,752	1,611
South Carolina: Greenville County	126	103	23	114	64	60	75
Utah:							
First district	279	250	29				
Second district	535	473	62	18	11	7	
Third district	871	710	161	130	67	63	41
Fourth district	385	317	68	19	11	8	3
Fifth district	601	537	64	27	19	8	55
Carbon County	59	52	7	4	3	1	48
Other counties	204	236	28	7	1	6	14
Virginia:							
Lynchburg	246	211	35	12	8	4	64
Norfolk	852	709	143	209	103	106	107
Washington: Pierce County	135	100	35	61	37	24	

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 Utah is the only State in which all the juvenile courts reported.

The populations of the areas served by the courts, shown in Table 1, varied from less than 25,000 to 500,000 or over in 1920. Six of the courts served populations of 500,000 or over; 24, populations of 100,000 to 500,000; 49, populations of 25,000 to 100,000; and 17, populations of less than 25,000. Eighty-nine per cent of the delinquency cases and 85 per cent of the dependency and neglect cases were reported by courts coming within the first two groups.

The maximum age of original jurisdiction of the 96 courts varied from 16 to 21 years. Fifty-seven courts had jurisdiction over children under 16 years of age;⁷ 5 had jurisdiction under 17 years;⁸ 25 had jurisdiction under 18 years;⁹ and 1 (San Diego County, Calif.) had jurisdiction under 21 years. Of the remaining 8 courts, 7 (in Indiana) had jurisdiction over delinquent and dependent and neglected boys under 16 years, delinquent girls under 18 years, and dependent and neglected girls under 17 years; and 1 (Rock Island County, Ill.) had jurisdiction over boys under 17 years and girls under 18 years.

⁵ New York City includes five 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."

⁷ 36 in Alabama, 1 in Connecticut, 2 in New Jersey, 12 in New York, 1 in North Carolina, 4 in Pennsylvania, and 1 in South Carolina.

⁸ 1 in the District of Columbia, 3 in Louisiana, and 1 in Michigan.

⁹ 1 in Iowa, 3 in Minnesota, 1 in North Dakota, 9 in Ohio, 1 in Oregon, 7 in Utah, 2 in Virginia, and 1 in Washington.

DELINQUENCY CASES

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES¹¹

Age.

The extent to which the age limitation of original jurisdiction of the court affected the number of cases dealt with is shown in Table 2.¹¹ The cases of 16 and 17 year old children constituted almost one-third of the boys' cases and almost two-fifths of the girls' cases for which the age of the child was reported in courts having jurisdiction over children under 18 years, and more than one-third of the boys' cases and almost two-fifths of the girls' cases in the one court having jurisdiction over children under 21 years. Cases of 14 and 15 year old children constituted the largest group in courts of each age jurisdiction under 18 years.

TABLE 2.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Age and sex of child	Delinquency cases								
	Total	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction							
		Under 16 years ¹		Under 17 years		Under 18 years				Under 21 years^{2}
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases	46,312	23,973	2,913	17,740	1,656				
Boys' cases	38,461	20,863	2,477	13,704	1,417				
Age reported	38,043	20,635	100	2,462	100	13,531	100	1,415	
Under 10 years	2,030	1,572	8	201	8	708	6	89	
10 years, under 12	4,736	3,065	15	286	12	1,286	10	96	
12 years, under 14	9,020	6,182	30	571	23	2,660	20	207	
14 years, under 16	15,250	9,533	46	875	36	4,404	33	447	
16 years, under 18	5,698	275	1	527	21	4,341	32	515	
18 years and over	91	5	(*)	2	(*)	26	(*)	61	
Age not reported	418	228		15		173		2	
Girls' cases	7,851	3,110		466		4,036		239	
Age reported	7,753	3,066	100	466	100	3,984	100	237	
Under 10 years	286	117	4	27	6	132	3	10	
10 years, under 12	426	208	7	45	10	167	4	6	
12 years, under 14	1,434	690	23	116	25	579	15	40	
14 years, under 16	3,765	1,915	63	188	40	1,566	39	66	
16 years, under 18	1,800	93	3	90	19	1,527	38	90	
18 years and over	42	4	(*)			13	(*)	25	
Age not reported	98	44				52		2	

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases and 86, girls' cases.

² Includes truancy cases in Westchester County, N. Y. (where jurisdiction to 17 years authorized by the state-wide education law is exercised).

³ Includes San Diego County, Calif., only.

⁴ Less than 1 per cent.

¹¹ As a number of the children were dealt with more than once, the 46,312 delinquency cases reported for 1929 represented 41,101 children—33,793 boys and 7,308 girls. In 1927 and 1928 tables showing age and social characteristics of the children involved in the cases were based on children, not cases, the information about the child contained in the record of the first case disposed of during the year being used. A comparison of tables relating to social data based on children and on cases revealed no significant differences in per cent distribution. All tables for 1929 are therefore based on cases, each child being counted as many times during the year as he was referred on a new complaint.

¹² The inclusion in the tables of a few cases of children beyond the age of original jurisdiction 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 before reaching the age limit was brought before the court on a new charge.

Color and nativity.

Colored boys were involved in one-sixth and colored girls in one-fifth of the delinquency cases for which color of child was reported by the courts. (See Table 3A, below)

Few children of foreign birth are reported to the courts in delinquency cases. This is doubtless due, at least in part, to the fact that a smaller proportion of the foreign-born white population than of the native-born white population is of juvenile-court age.

Information regarding the nativity of the parents of the native-born white children, whose cases constituted the largest proportion of the delinquency cases, was obtained in the 31,264 cases shown in Table 3B. In only two-fifths of the delinquency cases of native-born white girls were one or both parents foreign born. The situation is reversed, however, in cases of native-born white boys who became delinquent. In slightly more than one-half of the boys' cases, one or both parents were foreign born.

TABLE 3A.—Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Color and nativity of child	Delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	46,312		38,461		7,851	
Color reported.....	45,183	100	37,438	100	7,745	100
White.....	37,832	84	31,613	84	6,219	80
Native.....	33,195	73	27,469	73	5,726	74
Foreign born.....	743	2	595	2	148	2
Nativity not reported.....	3,894	9	3,549	9	345	4
Colored.....	7,351	16	5,825	16	1,526	20
Color not reported.....	1,129		1,023		106	

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases, and 86, girls' cases.

TABLE 3B.—Parent nativity of native white boys and girls¹ dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929²

Parent nativity	Delinquency cases of native white children					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	31,264	100	25,058	100	5,600	100
Native parentage.....	15,775	50	12,375	48	3,400	61
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	15,489	50	13,283	52	2,206	39

¹ Excludes cases of children for whom parent nativity was not reported.

² 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases, and 86, girls' cases.

Where living when referred to court.

In two-thirds of the cases of delinquent boys, but in slightly less than one-half of the cases of delinquent girls for whom this information was reported (Table 4), the children were living with both their own parents when they were referred to court. This rather striking difference between boys and girls is probably due to several factors. The lack of normal family life may play a more significant part in the delinquency of girls than of boys. It is generally conceded that 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 4.—Whereabouts, when referred to court, of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Whereabouts of child	Delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	46,312		38,461		7,851	
Whereabouts reported.....	40,603	100	33,538	100	6,965	100
With both own parents.....	25,833	64	22,487	67	3,346	48
With mother and stepfather.....	2,136	5	1,596	5	540	8
With father and stepmother.....	1,255	3	974	3	281	4
With mother only.....	5,755	14	4,508	13	1,247	18
With father only.....	2,382	6	1,830	5	552	8
In adoptive home.....	202	(¹)	128	(¹)	74	1
In other family home.....	2,159	6	1,491	4	668	10
In institution.....	336	1	231	1	105	2
Other.....	445	1	287	1	158	2
Whereabouts not reported.....	5,809		4,923		886	

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases, and 86, girls' cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

SOURCES OF REFERENCE TO COURT

The distribution of the sources from which cases are referred to court is some indication of the relation of the court to the community. The proportion referred by such sources as parents and relatives, other individuals, and social agencies shows to a certain extent whether the court is regarded as a general agency to deal with all conduct problems or only as an agency to deal with cases of marked conflict with public authority. More than half the cases shown in Table 5 were reported by the police. Parents or relatives, or other individuals, referred one-fourth of the cases. Probation officers were reported as source of reference in a small percentage of the cases.¹²

¹² Some courts may have reported 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.

TABLE 5.—Source of reference to court of delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929

Source of reference to court	Delinquency cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	46,312	
Source reported.....	46,262	100
Police.....	25,350	55
Parents or relatives.....	4,203	9
Other individual.....	7,461	16
School department.....	4,929	11
Probation officer.....	2,634	6
Social agency.....	957	2
Other sources.....	638	1
Source not reported.....	50	

PLACES OF CARE PENDING HEARING OR DISPOSITION

Table 6A shows that more than half the delinquent children were not detained pending the hearing or disposition of their cases, or their cases were disposed of on the day the complaint was made. For the children who were detained, a diversity of places were used according to the facilities available in the local community. Detention homes were used in one-fourth of the cases. Practically all the cases of children cared for in detention homes were reported by courts situated in cities or counties of 100,000 or more population. Although a number of courts reported the use of institutions other than detention homes, including the institutional resources of private agencies, the majority of the cases in which children were so cared for were reported by the New York City court. (See Table VII, p. 51.) Five per cent of the boys and two per cent of the girls were detained in jails or police stations. In all 1,896 children, of whom 713 were under the age of 16 years, were detained in jails or police stations.¹³

A marked difference is shown in the type of detention care given children over 16 years of age and that given younger children. A smaller percentage of the older children were detained in detention homes and other institutions and a larger percentage in jails or police stations.

¹³ Although courts using the cards were instructed that a child held for a few hours only should not be considered detained, it is probable that some of the children reported as detained in jails or police stations were held for a few hours only, and not overnight. 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 6A.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition and age of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Place of care and sex of child	Delinquency cases											
	Total		Age of child								Not reported	
			Under 14 years		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over			
Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases.....	46,312		19,138		10,024		7,409		136		516	
Boys' cases.....	38,461		16,992		15,250		5,699		94		418	
Place of care reported.....	38,211	100	16,890	100	15,158	100	5,654	100	94	100	405	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	22,035	58	10,355	61	8,076	53	3,301	58	40	52	254	63
Boarding home.....	131	(?)	47	(?)	45	(?)	32	1	6	6	1	(?)
Detention home or other institution ²	13,891	36	6,198	37	6,363	42	1,184	21	11	12	135	33
Detention home ³	9,835	26	4,287	25	4,448	29	1,072	19	10	11	118	29
Other institution.....	3,956	10	1,911	11	1,915	13	112	2	1	1	17	4
Jail or police station.....	1,741	5	156	1	487	3	1,066	19	23	24	9	2
Only place of care.....	1,563	4	128	1	413	3	831	16	23	24	8	2
One of the places of care.....	238	1	28	(?)	74	(?)	135	2			1	(?)
More than one place of care ⁴	249	1	98	1	123	1	29	1			1	(?)
Other place of care.....	164	(?)	36	(?)	64	(?)	52	1	5	5	6	1
Place of care not reported.....	250		102		101		34				13	
Girls' cases.....	7,851		2,146		3,765		1,800		42		98	
Place of care reported.....	7,700	100	2,136	100	3,735	100	1,783	100	41	(?)	95	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	3,865	50	1,278	60	1,646	44	872	49	14		58	58
Boarding home.....	94	1	11	1	33	1	50	3				
Detention home or other institution ²	3,437	44	788	37	1,892	51	712	40	18		27	28
Detention home ³	2,233	29	454	21	1,157	31	690	33	14		18	19
Other institution.....	1,204	15	334	16	735	20	122	7	4		9	9
Jail or police station.....	155	2	12	1	58	2	76	4	6		3	3
Only place of care.....	117	2	11	1	37	1	60	3	6		3	3
One of the places of care.....	38	(?)	1	(?)	21	1	16	1				
More than one place of care ⁴	73	1	20	1	40	1	11	1	1		1	1
Other place of care.....	166	2	27	1	66	2	62	3	2		9	9
Place of care not reported.....	61		10		30		17		1		3	

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases and 86, girls' 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 detention homes, jails, or police stations.

⁵ Not shown because number of cases was less than 50.

Table 6B shows that white boys were more frequently cared for in their own homes or had their cases disposed of the same day, than the colored boys, and that a larger proportion of the colored than of the white were cared for in detention homes or in jails or police stations. Approximately the same proportion of white and colored girls had their cases disposed of the same day or were allowed to remain in their own homes. But in the case of girls cared for in places other than their own homes, detention homes were used more frequently for colored girls and institutions other than detention homes for the care of white girls.

TABLE 6A.—Place of care pending hearing or disposition and color of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Place of care and sex of child	Delinquency cases					Children whose color was not reported
	Total	White children		Colored children		
		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases.....	40,312	37,832		7,351		1,129
Boys' cases.....	38,461	31,613		5,826		1,023
Place of care reported.....	38,211	31,391	100	5,797	100	1,023
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	22,035	19,109	61	2,637	45	199
Boarding home.....	131	123	(?)	8	(?)	
Detention home or other institution ²	13,891	10,303	33	2,674	46	824
Detention home ³	9,035	7,039	22	2,072	36	824
Other institution.....	3,056	3,354	11	602	10	
Jail or police station.....	1,741	1,321	4	420	7	
Only place of care.....	1,503	1,143	4	360	6	
One of the places of care.....	238	178	1	60	1	
More than one place of care ⁴	249	214	1	35	1	
Other place of care.....	164	141	(?)	23	(?)	
Place of care not reported.....	250	222		28		
Girls' cases.....	7,851	6,219		1,520		108
Place of care reported.....	7,790	6,164	100	1,520	100	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	3,865	3,063	60	742	49	30
Boarding home.....	94	86	1	8	1	
Detention home or other institution ²	3,437	2,609	43	692	46	76
Detention home ³	2,233	1,652	27	506	33	75
Other institution.....	1,204	1,017	16	186	12	1
Jail or police station.....	155	120	2	35	2	
Only place of care.....	117	89	1	28	2	
One of the places of care.....	38	31	1	7	(?)	
More than one place of care ⁴	73	59	1	14	1	
Other place of care.....	160	137	2	29	2	
Place of care not reported.....	61	55		6		

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases and 86, girls' 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 detention homes, jails, or police stations.

REASONS FOR REFERENCE TO COURT¹⁴

Although an attempt is being made to secure uniformity in the use of terms, the reasons reported for referring children to courts as delinquents 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 for which he is referred 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.¹⁵ These differences in the attitudes and practices of the court are apparent in the proportion of cases referred for the various reasons by the different courts. (See Tables IIIA, IIIB, pp. 40, 42.)

¹⁴ The term "charge" was used in earlier reports.
¹⁵ A girl may be charged with incorrigibility instead of a sex offense, a boy with mischief instead of stealing, or a charge of burglary and entry be reduced to trespassing and taking the property of another.

It is generally accepted that the offenses for which boys and girls are referred to court represent different delinquency problems. Table 7A shows that "stealing or attempted stealing" and "act of carelessness or mischief" were the most usual offenses reported in boys' cases, whereas the closely related offenses of "running away," "ungovernable or beyond parental control," and "sex offense" were reported more often in girls' cases.

TABLE 7A.—Reason for reference to court and color of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Reason for reference to court, and sex of child	Delinquency cases						Children whose color was not reported
	Total		White children		Colored children		
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases.....	40,312		37,832		7,351		1,129
Boys' cases.....	38,461		31,613		5,826		1,023
Reason reported.....	38,330	100	31,510	100	5,806	100	1,023
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	15,954	42	12,827	41	2,681	46	446
Automobile stealing.....	2,575	7	2,182	7	335	6	58
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	4,585	12	3,927	12	541	9	117
Robbery.....	830	2	682	2	105	2	43
Other type of stealing.....	6,362	14	3,085	13	1,179	20	228
Type of stealing not reported.....	2,572	7	2,051	7	521	9	
Truancy.....	3,326	9	2,936	9	377	6	13
Running away.....	2,433	6	1,854	6	368	6	211
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	2,690	7	2,158	7	482	8	56
Sex offense.....	698	2	478	2	120	2	10
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	1,053	3	814	3	228	4	11
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	10,992	29	9,380	30	1,377	24	242
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	356	1	309	1	44	1	8
Other reason.....	914	2	754	2	129	2	31
Reason not reported.....	122		103		19		
Girls' cases.....	7,851		6,219		1,520		108
Reason reported.....	7,778	100	6,171	100	1,501	100	108
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	853	11	658	11	187	12	8
Automobile stealing.....	15	(?)	14	(?)	1	(?)	
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	62	1	46	1	13	1	3
Robbery.....	59	1	48	1	11	1	
Other type of stealing.....	451	6	329	6	117	8	5
Type of stealing not reported.....	266	3	221	4	45	3	
Truancy.....	1,093	14	981	16	110	7	2
Running away.....	1,200	17	1,020	17	203	14	67
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	2,060	26	1,561	25	478	32	21
Sex offense.....	1,512	19	1,269	21	239	16	4
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	201	3	109	2	101	7	
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	566	7	433	7	131	9	2
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	74	1	58	1	16	1	
Other reason.....	129	2	91	1	30	2	2
Reason not reported.....	73		48		25		

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases and 86, girls' cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.

The distribution of offenses for white and colored children, though apparently quite similar, is significantly different. White boys were referred to court more frequently than colored for "truancy" and act of carelessness or mischief, whereas colored boys were referred

for stealing and "injury or attempted injury to person" more frequently than the white boys. An analysis of the various forms of stealing shows that white boys were reported for "burglary or unlawful entry" more often than colored boys and that colored boys were referred for "other type of stealing" more often than the white. White girls were referred more frequently than colored for truancy, whereas colored girls were referred more often than white for injury to person. The other offenses showed little difference for white and colored girls.

TABLE 7B.—Per cent distribution according to reason for reference to court of cases of boys and girls of each age period dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929¹

Reason for reference to court, and sex of child	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.....	42	37	44	45	42	36	41	28
Automobile stealing.....	7	1	2	4	9	13	13	2
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	12	13	15	14	12	8	10	7
Robbery.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	3
Other type of stealing.....	14	16	17	17	13	9	12	10
Type of stealing not reported.....	7	7	7	8	7	6	3	6
Truancy.....	9	7	5	8	10	10	—	6
Running away.....	6	6	6	7	6	6	5	10
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	7	9	8	7	7	0	19	4
Sex offense.....	2	1	1	1	2	3	5	2
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	3	4	3	3	3	3	—	3
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	29	35	31	28	27	29	14	40
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	1	—	(²)	(²)	1	4	7	(²)
Other reason.....	2	1	(²)	2	3	4	7	1
Girls' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	(²)	(²)	100
Stealing or attempted stealing.....	11	22	23	16	0	8	—	5
Automobile stealing.....	(²)	1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	—	—
Burglary or unlawful entry.....	1	5	1	1	1	(²)	—	—
Robbery.....	1	(²)	2	1	(²)	1	—	3
Other type of stealing.....	6	12	12	9	4	5	—	1
Type of stealing not reported.....	3	5	7	5	3	2	—	1
Truancy.....	14	19	11	13	15	14	—	14
Running away.....	17	4	8	14	21	14	—	15
Ungovernable or beyond parental control.....	26	18	22	30	28	23	—	27
Sex offense.....	19	7	7	14	10	30	—	10
Injury or attempted injury to person.....	3	4	8	4	2	2	—	2
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	7	26	20	8	5	6	—	23
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication.....	1	(²)	—	(²)	1	2	—	—
Other reason.....	2	(²)	1	1	2	3	—	3

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reported boys' cases and 86, girls' cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Not shown because number of cases was less than 50.

The types of offenses committed by children vary with their age, reflecting changing interests and pursuits. Table 7B shows that the offenses committed by girls under 12 years of age corresponded more closely to those committed by boys of that age group than did the offenses of older girls to those of older boys. In boys' cases stealing and acts of carelessness or mischief were the major offenses in each age group under 18 years, although the type of stealing changed as the boys grew older. For the group 18 years and over, in which the majority of the cases were reported by San Diego County, Calif., stealing was still one of the major offenses, but the percentage re-

ferred for being ungovernable was greater than that referred for acts of carelessness or mischief. (In California, courts have only concurrent jurisdiction between the ages of 18 and 21 years, and many cases of young people in this age group are dealt with by adult courts.) In girls' cases the percentages referred for running away, being ungovernable, and sex offenses were larger for the higher than for the lower age groups. In both boys' and girls' cases the percentage referred to court for acts of carelessness or mischief decreased as the age of the children increased, although the decrease was much more pronounced in girls' than in boys' cases, while the percentages referred for sex offenses and violations of liquor or drug laws or intoxication rose as the age of the children increased.

DISPOSITIONS

Individual courts showed wide variation in the extent to which different types of dispositions were used (See Tables IVA, IVB, pp. 44, 46.) Such variations are due in many instances to differences in court procedure and practice. For instance, the number of official cases dismissed or continued indefinitely¹⁶ is small if cases are investigated before the filing of a petition and trivial cases are dealt with unofficially and 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.

Official cases.

Table 8A shows the extent to which different types of dispositions were used by the courts in official delinquency cases. Placing the child on probation was the disposition most frequently used. The number of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely was also large; in a smaller number the children were committed to institutions. Only about one-seventh of the cases were disposed of by any other method than one of these three. Although the same percentage of boys and girls were placed on probation, the percentage of cases dismissed or continued indefinitely was larger for boys and the percentage of commitments to institutions was larger for girls. Other slight differences in the methods of dealing with boys and girls are shown in this table. The types of dispositions reported in cases of white and colored children show some differences: white children were relatively more apt to be fined than the colored; colored children were more often committed to boards, departments, or agencies than the white.

¹⁶ 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 8A.—Disposition of case and color of boys and girls dealt with in official delinquency cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929¹

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official delinquency cases						
	Total		White children		Colored children		Children whose color was not reported
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	
Total cases.....	31,814		25,964		5,144		700
Disposition reported.....	31,806	100	25,950	100	5,144	100	706
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	9,561	30	8,151	31	1,341	26	69
Child placed on probation.....	12,548	40	10,047	39	2,178	42	363
Child committed to institution.....	5,029	16	4,025	16	822	16	182
State institution for delinquent children.....	1,974	0	1,462	0	406	9	46
Other institution for delinquent children.....	2,603	8	2,221	9	261	5	121
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	189	1	157	1	32	1	15
Other institution.....	203	1	185	1	63	1	8
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	2,260	7	2,058	8	196	4	84
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	1,579	5	1,457	6	122	2	8
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	681	2	599	2	74	1	8
Other disposition.....	2,368	7	1,677	6	607	12	84
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	509	2	397	2	111	2	1
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	1,109	3	653	3	386	8	70
Child returned home.....	353	1	279	1	63	1	11
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	38	(¹)	33	(¹)	4	(¹)	1
Child otherwise cared for.....	359	1	315	1	43	1	1
Disposition not reported.....	8		8				
Boys' cases.....	26,560		21,854		4,093		622
Disposition reported.....	26,560	100	21,851	100	4,093	100	622
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	8,464	32	7,203	33	1,138	28	63
Child placed on probation.....	10,503	40	8,478	39	1,000	41	329
Child committed to institution.....	3,020	14	2,873	13	606	15	157
State institution for delinquent children.....	1,409	6	1,098	5	359	9	42
Other institution for delinquent children.....	1,847	7	1,555	7	184	4	108
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	108	(¹)	95	(¹)	12	(¹)	7
Other institution.....	172	1	125	1	40	1	8
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	2,205	8	2,008	9	199	5	8
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	1,542	6	1,426	7	110	3	8
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	663	2	582	3	73	2	8
Other disposition.....	1,768	7	1,229	6	474	12	65
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	385	1	303	1	81	2	1
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	779	3	412	2	314	8	53
Child returned home.....	247	1	196	1	42	1	9
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	37	(¹)	33	(¹)	3	(¹)	1
Child otherwise cared for.....	320	1	285	1	34	1	1
Disposition not reported.....	3		3				

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases; 87 of the 89 courts reported boys' cases and 76, girls' cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE 8A.—Disposition of case and color of boys and girls dealt with in official delinquency cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929—Continued

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official delinquency cases						
	Total		White children		Colored children		Children whose color was not reported
	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	Number	Percent distribution	
Girls' cases.....	5,245		4,110		1,051		84
Disposition reported.....	5,210	100	4,105	100	1,051	100	84
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	1,097	21	888	22	203	19	6
Child placed on probation.....	2,085	40	1,559	38	482	46	34
Child committed to institution.....	1,403	27	1,152	28	226	22	25
State institution for delinquent children.....	475	0	364	9	107	10	4
Other institution for delinquent children.....	750	14	666	16	77	7	13
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	81	2	62	2	19	2	8
Other institution.....	91	2	60	1	23	2	1
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	55	1	48	1	7	1	1
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered.....	37	1	31	1	6	1	1
Restitution or reparation ordered.....	18	(¹)	17	(¹)	1	(¹)	19
Other disposition.....	600	11	448	11	133	13	19
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	124	2	94	2	30	3	17
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	330	6	241	6	72	7	2
Child returned home.....	106	2	83	2	21	2	2
Child referred for criminal prosecution.....	1	(¹)	1	(¹)	1	(¹)	1
Child otherwise cared for.....	39	1	30	1	9	1	1
Disposition not reported.....	5		5				

¹ Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE 8B.—Per cent distribution, according to disposition of cases of boys and girls of each age period dealt with in official delinquency cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929¹

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official 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	
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	32	38	32	31	33	28	39	
Child placed on probation.....	40	37	42	43	40	33	26	
Child committed to institution.....	14	8	12	14	14	15	21	
State institution for delinquent children.....	6	1	3	5	6	10	8	
Other institution for delinquent children.....	7	6	8	8	7	4	7	
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	1	
Other institution.....	1	2	1	1	(¹)	1	2	
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	8	8	9	8	7	11	7	
Other disposition.....	7	8	6	6	6	13	7	
Girls' cases.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	(¹)	
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	21	42	28	21	20	19		
Child placed on probation.....	40	29	41	42	41	34		
Child committed to institution.....	27	11	16	27	26	32		
State institution for delinquent children.....	9	2	4	8	9	14		
Other institution for delinquent children.....	14	7	9	15	15	15		
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	2		1	2	1	2		
Other institution.....	2	2	3	2	1	2		
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	1	3	3	1	1	1		
Other disposition.....	11	15	13	10	11	13		

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases; 87 of the 89 courts reported boys' cases and 76, girls' cases.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Not shown because number of cases was less than 50.

TABLE 8c.—Per cent distribution according to disposition of cases of boys and girls referred to court for each type of reason in official delinquency cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929¹

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official delinquency cases									
	Total	Stealing or attempted stealing	Truancy	Running away	Ungovernable or beyond parental control	Sex offense	Injury or attempted injury to person	Act of carelessness or mischief	Violating liquor law or intoxication	Other	Not reported
Boys' cases.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	32	37	18	23	23	21	48	53	38	58
Child placed on probation.....	40	32	40	45	45	53	33	30	16	29
Child committed to institution.....	14	17	18	23	23	17	8	8	4	7
State institution for delinquent children.....	6	3	6	8	8	10	4	6	1	3
Other institution for delinquent children.....	7	11	10	12	12	4	3	2	2	6
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	1	1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Other institution.....	1	4	2	2	2	3	7	19	27	8
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	7	13	(7)	8	8	5	4	4	3	3
Other disposition.....			24							
Girls' cases.	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	(7)	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	21	42	16	14	14	11	49	55	25	25
Child placed on probation.....	40	31	38	46	46	34	36	27	37	47
Child committed to institution.....	27	17	27	30	30	45	7	5	37	26
State institution for delinquent children.....	9	9	7	8	8	19	1	2	28	26
Other institution for delinquent children.....	14	5	16	18	18	20	4	3	7	25
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported.....	(1)	(1)	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1
Other institution.....	1	3	2	2	2	3	6	7	1	1
Restitution, fine, or costs.....	1	1	(7)	(7)	(7)	10	2	7	11	1
Other disposition.....	11	15	19	10	10	10	2	4		

¹ 89 of the 93 courts reporting delinquency cases reported official delinquency cases, 87 of the 89 courts reported boys' cases and 76, girls' cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.
³ Not shown because number of cases was less than 50.

Both the age of the child and the character of his offense affect the disposition of his case. Table 8b shows the relation between the disposition of the case and the age of the child, and Table 8c, between the disposition of the case and the reason given for referring the child to court.

Table 8b shows a larger percentage of cases of boys under 10 years of age than of older boys dismissed or continued indefinitely and a steadily increasing percentage of commitments to institutions in each higher age period. Comparison of the age group 16, under 18 years with age groups under 16 years shows that in a smaller percentage of the older group than of each of the younger groups the case was dismissed or continued indefinitely or the boy placed on probation. In a higher percentage of the older group than of each of the younger groups the disposition was one of a miscellaneous list classed as "other." The age group 18 years and over in which percentages were based on a small number of cases (52), the majority reported by one court (San Diego County, Calif.), may be excluded from consideration.

In cases of girls under 10 years of age dismissal or indefinite continuance constituted a much larger percentage and probation a much smaller percentage of the dispositions than in each of the higher age groups. As in boys' cases, commitment to institutions constituted an increasing percentage of the dispositions as the age of the girls increased.

Table 8c shows that with a few exceptions the treatment for different types of offenses was quite similar in boys' and girls' cases. Dismissal or indefinite continuance was the disposition most often used in both boys' and girls' cases when the offense was truancy, injury or attempted injury to person, and act of carelessness or mischief. Probation was the most usual disposition in cases of both boys and girls charged with stealing, running away, and being ungovernable. The contrast in methods of dealing with boys and girls committing sex offenses is striking, probation being used most often for boys and commitment to an institution for girls. In a group of miscellaneous offenses classed as "other" dismissal or indefinite continuance was used most often for the boys and commitment to an institution for the girls.¹⁷

Unofficial cases.

Sixty-four of the 93 courts reporting delinquency cases disposed of cases unofficially. Table 9 shows that a large percentage of these cases were dealt with either by adjusting the difficulty or by dropping the case without action of any sort. In a small percentage of the cases children were placed on unofficial probation, and in still smaller percentages they were referred to institutions or agencies. The return of runaways or children living away from home to their homes also constituted a small percentage of the cases.

¹⁷ The high percentage of commitments to institutions in the cases of girls whose offense was classed as "other" is due to the figures reported by one court.

TABLE 9.—Disposition of case and color of boys and girls dealt with in unofficial delinquency cases disposed of by 64 courts during 1929¹

Disposition of case and color of child	Unofficial delinquency cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	14,498		11,892		2,606	
Disposition reported.....	14,484	100	11,883	100	2,601	100
Dismissed.....	3,011	21	2,535	21	476	18
Difficulty adjusted.....	7,553	52	6,392	54	1,161	45
Child placed on unofficial probation.....	1,615	11	1,302	11	313	12
Child returned home ²	901	6	673	6	228	9
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	334	2	237	2	97	4
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	167	1	113	1	54	2
Referred to agency or other court.....	458	3	272	2	216	8
Other disposition.....	415	3	359	3	56	2
Disposition not reported.....	14		9		5	2
White.....	11,868		9,759		2,109	
Disposition reported.....	11,854	100	9,750	100	2,104	100
Dismissed.....	2,471	21	2,126	22	345	16
Difficulty adjusted.....	6,349	54	5,359	55	990	46
Child placed on unofficial probation.....	1,237	10	979	10	258	12
Child returned home ²	718	6	523	5	195	9
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	259	2	188	2	71	3
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	78	1	43	(³)	35	2
Referred to agency or other court.....	358	3	195	2	193	9
Other disposition.....	354	3	307	3	47	2
Disposition not reported.....	14		9		5	2
Colored.....	2,207		1,732		475	
Disposition reported.....	2,207	100	1,732	100	475	100
Dismissed.....	540	24	499	24	131	28
Difficulty adjusted.....	988	45	793	46	195	41
Child placed on unofficial probation.....	272	12	220	13	52	11
Child returned home ²	118	5	88	5	30	6
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	51	2	33	2	18	4
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	59	4	70	4	19	4
Referred to agency or other court.....	97	4	74	4	23	5
Other disposition.....	52	2	45	3	7	1
Disposition not reported.....						
Color not reported.....	423		401		22	
Disposition reported.....	423	100	401	100	22	(⁴)
Dismissed.....						
Difficulty adjusted.....	216	51	219	52	6	
Child placed on unofficial probation.....	100	25	103	29	3	
Child returned home ²	65	15	62	15	3	
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	24	6	16	4	8	
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....						
Referred to agency or other court.....	3	1	3	1		
Other disposition.....	9	2	7	2		
Disposition not reported.....						

¹ 61 of the 93 courts reporting delinquency cases reported unofficial delinquency cases; 56 of the 64 courts reported boys' cases and 53, girls' cases.
² Applies only to runaways or children living away from their own homes at time they were referred to court.
³ Less than 1 per cent.
⁴ Not shown because number of cases was less than 50.

Although the proportions of dependency and neglect and of delinquency cases reported by the different courts showed much variation,¹⁸ dependency and neglect cases generally constituted a smaller part of the work of the courts than delinquency cases.¹⁹ Seven courts dealing with delinquent children did not report dependency and neglect cases.

CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE CASES²⁰

Tables 10, 11A, 11B, and 12 show the age, sex, race, nativity, nativity of parents, and whereabouts when referred to court of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases. Nearly as many boys as girls were dealt with in these cases in which the children were fairly evenly distributed in the age groups under 14 years. The number who were 14 and 15 years of age was slightly smaller than the numbers in the lower age groups, and the number 16 years of age or older was very small.

A comparison of Tables 11A and 3A shows practically no difference in the distribution of dependency and neglect cases and delinquency cases among white and colored children; neither is there any significant difference in the percentage of native and foreign-born children referred in these two types of cases.²¹ However, there is a marked difference in the two types of cases if the parent nativity of the native white group is considered, a much larger proportion of the children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases being of native parentage than of those dealt with in delinquency cases (Tables 11B and 3B).

In little more than one-fourth of the dependency and neglect cases were the children living with both of their own parents when referred to court. Families were broken by death, divorce, desertion, or other cause in about one-half of the cases, as shown by the number of children living with a parent and step-parent or with only one parent, and it is probable that most of the families were similarly broken in the remainder of the cases, almost one-fourth, in which children were living in adoptive or other family homes, institutions, and elsewhere (Table 12).

¹⁸ This variation in the proportion of dependency and neglect and delinquency cases is due to several factors, among them the practice in some courts of filing the complaint against the adult responsible for the dependency or neglect instead of bringing the children into court as dependent or neglected. Another factor is the policy in some localities of bringing to the attention of the court only those dependency and neglect cases which require commitment or legal decision as to custody or parental obligation. In other localities the court is the principal or only local agency caring for such children. Cases of mothers' allowances, which frequently are administered by courts, are not included in the tabulations.

¹⁹ In 32 of the courts reporting both delinquency and dependency and neglect cases the number of dependency and neglect cases was greater than the number of delinquency cases. Most of these were small courts in Alabama where the county superintendent of child welfare is also probation officer of the juvenile court. In such situations it is frequently difficult for the worker to distinguish between unofficial juvenile-court cases and other child-welfare cases. Three Alabama courts reported dependency and neglect cases but no delinquency cases.

²⁰ As a number of the children were dealt with more than once, the 18,805 dependency and neglect cases represented 18,287 children. In 1927 and 1928 tables showing age and social characteristics of the children involved in the cases were based on "children" not "cases." The information about the child contained in the record of the first case disposed of during the year being used. A comparison of tables relating to social data based on children and on cases revealed no significant differences in per cent distribution. All tables for 1929 are therefore based on cases, each child being counted as many times during the year as he was referred on a new complaint.

²¹ The apparent difference in the tables is due to the large number of delinquency cases in which nativity of child was not reported.

TABLE 10.—Ages of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929

Age of child	Dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	18,805	
Age reported.....	18,487	100
Under 2 years.....	2,186	12
2 years, under 4.....	2,396	13
4 years, under 6.....	2,453	13
6 years, under 8.....	2,578	14
8 years, under 10.....	2,650	14
10 years, under 12.....	2,190	12
12 years, under 14.....	2,073	11
14 years, under 16.....	1,660	9
16 years and over.....	205	2
Age not reported.....	318	

TABLE 11A.—Color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929¹

Color and nativity of child	Dependency and neglect cases					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	18,805		9,567		9,238	
Color reported.....	18,663	100	9,487	100	9,176	100
White.....	16,186	87	8,190	86	7,990	87
Native.....	15,556	83	7,894	83	7,662	83
Foreign born.....	194	1	93	1	101	1
Nativity not reported.....	430	2	209	2	227	2
Colored.....	2,477	13	1,291	14	1,186	13
Color not reported.....	142		80		62	

¹ 87 of the 89 courts reported boys' cases and 88, girls' cases.

TABLE 11B.—Parent nativity of native white boys and girls¹ dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929²

Parent nativity	Dependency and neglect cases of native white children					
	Total		Boys		Girls	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	15,352	100	7,700	100	7,652	100
Native parentage.....	9,988	65	5,042	65	4,946	65
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	5,364	35	2,748	35	2,616	35

¹ Excludes cases of children for whom parent nativity was not reported.

² 87 of the 89 courts reported boys' cases and 88, girls' cases.

TABLE 12.—Whereabouts when referred to court of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929

Whereabouts of child	Dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	18,805	
Whereabouts reported.....	16,150	100
With both own parents.....	4,345	27
With mother and stepfather.....	365	2
With father and stepmother.....	265	2
With mother only.....	4,971	31
With father only.....	2,828	18
In adoptive home.....	132	1
In other family home.....	2,551	16
In institution.....	621	4
Other.....	178	1
Whereabouts not reported.....	2,649	

SOURCES OF REFERENCE TO COURT AND REASONS FOR REFERENCE

Since several children in a family may be referred to court at the same time and for the same reason, the families represented as well as the children's cases are shown in Tables 13 and 14. Each family was counted only once for each time it was dealt with by the court on a new complaint 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 13 shows that the largest group of families were referred by social agencies and the next largest by parents and relatives, these two groups referring almost three-fourths of the families.

Some form of neglect²² on the part of parents or guardians, and situations involving dependency²³ primarily, were the two major reasons for referring families to court. The proportion of families referred for each of these two reasons was the same, more than two-fifths of the total number. Less than one-tenth of the families were referred for reasons related to questions of custody and a still smaller proportion for other reasons.

²² Abandonment or desertion, abuse or cruel treatment, improper conditions in the home.

²³ 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.

TABLE 13.—Source of reference to court and families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929

Source of reference to court	Dependency and neglect cases			
	Total cases		Families represented	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	18,805		9,253	
Source reported.....	18,786	100	9,245	100
Social agency.....	7,730	41	3,421	37
Parents or relatives.....	6,236	33	3,138	34
Other individual.....	1,521	8	806	10
Police.....	1,135	6	681	7
Probation officer.....	1,026	6	681	7
School department.....	776	4	373	4
Other source.....	213	1	152	2
Source not reported.....	19		8	

TABLE 14.—Reason for reference to court and families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929

Reason for reference to court	Dependency and neglect cases			
	Total cases		Families represented	
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total.....	18,805		9,253	
Reason reported.....	18,773	100	9,230	100
Abandonment or desertion.....	1,711	9	808	10
Abuse or cruel treatment.....	661	4	334	4
Improper conditions in home.....	6,134	33	2,730	30
Insufficient parental care.....	6,109	33	2,988	32
Financial need.....	2,352	13	1,038	12
Question of custody.....	997	5	714	8
Other reason.....	809	4	498	5
Reason not reported.....	32		23	

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. A comparison of Tables 6A and 15 shows that boarding homes and other institutions were used more frequently in dependency and neglect cases than in delinquency cases. The large number of cases in which dependent and neglected children were detained in "other institutions" is due primarily to the inclusion of figures for New York and Philadelphia. Almost three-fourths of the cases of children so detained were reported by these two courts. (See Table XII, p. 58.) The percentage of cases in which children were left in their own homes or which were disposed of on the day the complaint was made was slightly larger in dependency and neglect cases than in delinquency cases.

TABLE 15.—Place of care of child pending hearing or disposition in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929

Place of care of child	Dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	18,805	
Place of care reported.....	18,581	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	11,476	62
Boarding home.....	881	5
Detention home or other institution ¹	5,054	30
Detention home ²	1,213	7
Other institution.....	4,441	24
Jail or police station.....	8	(?)
More than one place of care ³	140	1
Other place of care.....	422	2
Place of care not reported.....	224	

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 detention homes, jails, or police stations.

DISPOSITIONS

The majority of dependency and neglect cases were official, but 58 courts reported some unofficial cases. The extent to which individual courts dealt unofficially with dependency and neglect cases varied considerably. (See Table IX, p. 54.)

As is shown by Table 16, some definite action such as committing the child to an institution or agency or placing him under the supervision of an officer of the court or some individual was taken in four-fifths of the official cases. In more than one-fourth of the unofficial cases placement or supervision of the child was advised, as is shown by Table 17, the proportion placed under the supervision of the probation officer being much larger in 1929 than in 1928. One-half of the unofficial cases were disposed of by making some adjustment of the difficulties involved.

TABLE 16.—Disposition of official dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 81 courts during 1929¹

Disposition of case	Official dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	14,763	
Disposition reported.....	14,754	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	2,818	19
Child placed under court supervision.....	3,490	24
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	1,127	8
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	3,657	26
State agency.....	451	3
Other agency.....	3,117	21
Type of agency not reported.....	89	1
Child committed to institution.....	3,514	24
State institution for dependents.....	216	1
Other institution for dependents.....	2,850	19
Type of institution for dependents not reported.....	149	1
Institution for delinquent children.....	78	1
Institution for feeble-minded or epileptic children.....	30	(?)
Institution for physically handicapped children.....	76	1
Other institution.....	109	1
Other disposition.....	142	1
Disposition not reported.....	9	

¹ 81 of the 89 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported official dependency and neglect cases.
² Less than 1 per cent.

TABLE 17.—Disposition of unofficial dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 58 courts during 1929¹

Disposition of case	Unofficial dependency and neglect cases	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	4,042	
Disposition reported.....	4,027	100
Dismissed.....	199	5
Difficulty adjusted.....	2,139	53
Referred to agency or other court.....	408	10
Placement of child in institution recommended.....	99	2
Placement of child elsewhere recommended.....	161	4
Child placed under supervision of probation officer.....	923	23
Other disposition.....	98	2
Disposition not reported.....	16	

¹ 58 of the 89 courts reporting dependency and neglect cases reported unofficial dependency and neglect cases.

CASES OF CHILDREN DISCHARGED FROM SUPERVISION

Cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision or probation were reported by 61 courts and cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 48 courts. Tables 18 and 19 show that in the majority of cases children were discharged from supervision because of improvement in conduct or home conditions or because further supervision seemed unnecessary. Almost one-tenth

of the delinquent children were reported as discharged because they had reached the age limit of court jurisdiction, without comment as to improvement or lack of improvement in behavior. Failure of probation as indicated by commitment to an institution for delinquent children was shown in about one-eighth of the cases. Some interesting differences as to the length of the supervision period in different courts are shown in Tables XIV and XVI. (See pp. 60, 61.)

TABLE 18.—Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision by 61 courts during 1929

Reason for discharge of child	Cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	8,020	
Reason reported.....	8,018	100
Further supervision not recommended, or discharged with improvement before age limit.....	5,111	64
Child committed to institution.....	1,104	14
Institution for delinquent children.....	1,007	13
Other institution.....	97	1
Child committed to agency or individual.....	376	5
Child reached age limit.....	701	9
Other reason.....	720	9
Transferred to other court.....	57	1
Whereabouts unknown.....	202	3
Moved from jurisdiction of court.....	292	4
Other reason.....	176	2
Reason not reported.....	8	

TABLE 19.—Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 48 courts during 1929

Reason for discharge of child	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision	
	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases.....	2,467	
Reason reported.....	2,457	100
Further supervision not recommended, or discharged with improvement before age limit.....	1,509	61
Child committed to institution.....	282	11
Child committed to agency.....	213	9
Child committed to individual.....	88	4
Child reached age limit.....	46	2
Other reason.....	319	13
Reason not reported.....	10	

PART II.—COMPARATIVE TABLES FOR 1927, 1928, AND 1929

TRENDS IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Table A shows the number of delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by courts which dealt with at least 50 cases and reported for two or three years. Figures for the total number of cases reported by the courts during a 2-year or a 3-year period show a definite increase in the number of delinquency cases. The 21 courts reporting for the three years show an increase of 11 per cent in 1929 over the number reported for 1927, and an increase of 7 per cent over 1928. For the courts reporting for 1928 and 1929 only, the percentage increase was higher, but this increase is due in part to the figures of one court which failed to report all of its cases in 1928.

It is difficult to determine how much of this increase may be attributed to an actual increase in delinquency and how much to other causes. It should be borne in mind always that the amount of delinquency which comes to the attention of the juvenile court is only a small part of the total amount in the community and may or may not be a reliable index of the actual delinquency situation.

Growth in population is one factor which may affect the increase in cases reported by the courts. Information as to increase in the number of children of juvenile-court age in the areas served by the courts is not available, but during the 10-year period 1920-1930 there was an average annual increase of 2 per cent in the total population of these areas. In several jurisdictions, including suburban areas, the increase in population considerably exceeded this 2 per cent.

The extent to which the courts kept complete statistical records would also affect the number of cases reported to the Children's Bureau. In one instance it is stated that reporting was less complete in 1928 and in 1929 than in 1927. In most instances, however, it is believed that it has been growing more, rather than less, complete and that this fuller reporting has influenced the figures of many of the courts.

In individual courts a certain amount of variation in the number of cases dealt with from year to year is to be expected on the basis of chance alone. In courts reporting a small number of cases, a noticeable increase or decrease in numbers may be due entirely to this factor. The marked variations in the number of cases reported by some courts, which might easily be assumed to indicate changes in delinquency, are frequently due to changes in the policy, personnel, or equipment of the court or to changes in the law that revise the age of jurisdiction or bring children before the court for offenses not previously considered of juvenile-court jurisdiction. The number of cases reported may also be affected by alterations in the policy, personnel, or equipment of other official and nonofficial agencies dealing with children who exhibit conduct difficulties.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY TABLES

Although the reasons for referring children to court and the methods of dealing with them differ somewhat from court to court, the per cent distributions of the combined figures for all courts reporting in each of the three years 1927, 1928, and 1929, as shown in the following

tables, reveal only minor differences. This similarity is found also with respect to sex, age, and social characteristics of the children concerned. That the data are similar, despite the increase in the number of reporting courts and in the number of cases reported, suggests that the uniform reporting of juvenile-court statistics has made available information fairly representative for the United States regarding the nature of the problems dealt with by the juvenile court, the sex, ages, and social characteristics of the children involved, and the extent to which certain types of treatment are used.

TABLE A.—Number of delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929, by specified courts reporting 50 or more delinquency cases

Courts reporting 50 or more delinquency cases	Delinquency cases		
	1929	1928	1927
All courts reporting in 1928 and 1929.....	41,037	37,115	.....
Courts reporting in 1927, 1928, and 1929.....	29,543	27,570	26,538
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	491	431	516
District of Columbia.....	1,947	2,004	1,976
Indiana:			
Lake County.....	242	454	527
Marion County.....	985	822	892
Minnesota:			
Hennepin County.....	1,097	1,140	966
Ramsey County.....	396	375	342
New Jersey:			
Hudson County.....	1,840	1,883	1,685
Mercer County.....	433	294	215
New York:			
Buffalo.....	932	939	836
Columbia County.....	120	65	98
Erie County.....	203	197	177
New York City.....	7,956	7,204	6,102
Westchester County.....	858	898	1,104
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	145	100	144
Ohio:			
Franklin County.....	473	703	883
Hamilton County.....	1,394	1,097	1,232
Mahoning County.....	2,021	1,854	1,684
Pennsylvania:			
Montgomery County.....	55	65	53
Philadelphia.....	6,955	6,200	6,152
Virginia: Norfolk.....	852	669	728
Washington: Pierce County.....	135	154	120
Courts reporting in 1928 and 1929 only.....	11,494	9,536	.....
Iowa: Polk County.....	747	763	.....
Louisiana:			
Caddo Parish.....	275	232	.....
Ouachita Parish.....	260	257	.....
New York:			
Chemung County.....	133	124	.....
Monroe County.....	233	222	.....
Ontario County.....	80	100	.....
Ohio:			
Clark County.....	401	395	.....
Cuyahoga County.....	3,883	2,630	.....
Lake County.....	59	67	.....
Montgomery County.....	762	534	.....
Pennsylvania: Allegheny County.....	1,290	1,243	.....
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	128	105	.....
Utah:			
First district.....	279	347	.....
Second district.....	535	318	.....
Third district.....	871	825	.....
Fourth district.....	385	308	.....
Fifth district.....	601	453	.....
Carbon County.....	59	97	.....
Other counties.....	264	241	.....
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	246	270	.....

¹ Figures incomplete, cases pending on Jan. 1, 1927, not included.
² Includes boys' cases only.
³ Exclusive of unofficial cases not reported for three months.

TABLE B.—Per cent distribution according to color and nativity of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau ¹

Color and nativity of child	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Boys			Girls		
	1927	1928	1929	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100	100	100	100
White.....	85	85	85	79	79	80
Native.....	72	74	73	68	73	74
Foreign born.....	4	2	2	5	2	2
Nativity not reported.....	9	10	10	6	5	5
Colored.....	15	15	15	21	21	20

¹ 42 courts reported delinquency cases in 1927, 62 in 1928, and 93 in 1929.

TABLE C.—Per cent distribution according to parent nativity of native white boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau ¹

Nativity of parents	Children dealt with in delinquency cases					
	Boys			Girls		
	1927	1928	1929	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Native parentage.....	43	44	48	55	55	61
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	57	56	52	45	45	39

¹ 42 courts reported delinquency cases in 1927, 62 in 1928, and 93 in 1929.

TABLE D.—Per cent distribution according to place of care pending hearing or disposition of boys' and girls' delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau ¹

Place of care of child	Delinquency cases					
	Boys			Girls		
	1927	1928	1929	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	51	59	58	51	50	50
Boarding home.....	(²)	(²)	(²)	1	1	1
Detention home or other institution ³	34	30	30	43	45	44
Jail or police station ⁴	4	4	5	2	2	2
More than one place of care ⁴	1	1	1	2	1	1
Other place of care.....	(²)	(²)	(²)	2	1	2

¹ 42 courts reported delinquency cases in 1927, 62 in 1928, and 93 in 1929.

² Less than 1 per cent.

³ Includes cases of children held 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 Includes cases of children held part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.

⁵ Excludes cases of children held in jails, police stations, or detention homes.

TABLE E.—Per cent distribution according to reason for reference to court of boys' and girls' delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau ¹

Reason for reference to court	Delinquency cases					
	Boys			Girls		
	1927	1928	1929	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Stealing.....	42	43	42	13	12	11
Truancy.....	8	9	9	10	12	14
Running away.....	7	6	6	19	15	17
Ungovernable.....	7	7	7	28	23	26
Sex offense.....	2	2	2	19	19	19
Injury to person.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
Act of carelessness or mischief.....	28	28	29	7	8	7
Violating liquor or drug law or intoxication.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other reason.....	2	1	2	1	1	2

¹ 42 courts reported delinquency cases in 1927, 62 in 1928, and 93 in 1929.

TABLE F.—Per cent distribution according to disposition of boys' and girls' official delinquency cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau ¹

Disposition of case	Official delinquency cases					
	Boys			Girls		
	1927	1928	1929	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100	100	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	36	30	32	27	22	21
Child placed on probation.....	39	43	40	41	41	40
Child committed to institution.....	14	14	14	22	20	27
Restitution, fine, costs.....	7	7	8	2	1	1
Other disposition.....	4	6	7	8	9	11

¹ 42 courts reported official delinquency cases in 1927, 61 in 1928, and 87 in 1929.

TABLE G.—Per cent distribution according to color and nativity of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 ¹ by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau ²

Color and nativity of child	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases ¹		
	1927	1928	1929
	Total.....	100	100
White.....	87	86	87
Native.....	79	82	83
Foreign born.....	5	1	1
Nativity not reported.....	3	3	2
Colored.....	13	14	18

¹ Figures for 1927 and 1928 are based on children, each child being counted only once during the year; figures for 1929 are based on cases, a child being counted each time he is dealt with by the court on a new charge during the year.

² 34 courts reported dependency and neglect cases in 1927, 53 in 1928, and 89 in 1929.

TABLE II.—Per cent distribution according to parent nativity of native white children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929¹ by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau²

Nativity of parents	Children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases ¹		
	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100
Native parentage.....	60	61	65
Foreign or mixed parentage.....	40	39	35

¹ Figures for 1927 and 1928 are based on children, each child being counted only once during the year; figures for 1929 are based on cases, a child being counted each time he is dealt with by the court on a new charge during the year.

² 34 courts reported dependency and neglect cases in 1927, 53 in 1928, and 89 in 1929.

TABLE I.—Per cent distribution according to place of care of child pending hearing or disposition of dependency and neglect cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau¹

Place of care of child	Dependency and neglect cases		
	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100
Own home or case disposed of same day.....	58	61	62
Boarding home.....	5	5	5
Detention home or other institution ¹	36	31	30
Jail or police station ²	(³)	(³)	(³)
More than one place of care ³	1	1	1
Other place of care.....	3	2	2

¹ 34 courts reported dependency and neglect cases in 1927, 53 in 1928, and 89 in 1929.

² Includes cases of children held 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.

³ Includes cases of children held part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.

⁴ Less than 1 per cent.

⁵ Excludes cases of children held in jails, police stations, or detention homes.

TABLE J.—Per cent distribution according to reason for reference to court of families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau¹

Reason for reference to court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases		
	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100
Abandonment or desertion.....	10	12	10
Abuse or cruel treatment.....	3	3	4
Improper conditions in home.....	20	22	30
Insufficient parental care.....	34	30	32
Financial need.....	15	12	12
Question of custody.....	10	8	8
Other reason.....	7	7	6

¹ 33 courts reported families represented in dependency and neglect cases in 1927, 53 in 1928, and 89 in 1929.

TABLE K.—Per cent distribution according to disposition of official dependency and neglect cases disposed of during 1927, 1928, and 1929 by juvenile courts reporting statistics to the Children's Bureau¹

Disposition of case	Official dependency and neglect cases		
	1927	1928	1929
Total.....	100	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely.....	25	20	19
Child placed under court supervision.....	19	23	24
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer.....	6	7	8
Child committed to board, department, or agency.....	22	26	25
Child committed to institution.....	27	22	24
Other disposition.....	1	1	1

¹ 34 courts reported official dependency and neglect cases in 1927, 53 in 1928, and 81 in 1929.

PART III.—SOURCE TABLES

TABLE I.—Number of white and colored boys' and girls' delinquency and dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 79 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Delinquency cases						Dependency and neglect cases					
	White children			Colored children			White children			Colored children		
	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION												
Total.....	41,213	33,326	27,817	5,509	6,758	5,344	1,417	16,038	13,606	6,924	6,632	1,207
Alabama: Mobile County.....	210	118	90	28	101	80	21	9	8	5	3	1
California: San Diego County.....	1,656	1,480	1,352	228	176	65	11	438	416	194	223	10
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	401	447	380	67	14	11	3	67	70	35	32	2
District of Columbia.....	1,947	799	696	103	1,148	927	221	348	146	75	71	12
Indiana:												
Lake County.....	242	200	114	86	42	20	22	246	100	93	97	36
Marion County.....	684	663	422	261	302	231	71	282	238	136	102	30
Iowa: Polk County.....	747	662	511	181	83	58	27	631	562	279	283	17
Michigan: Kent County.....	431	414	350	54	17	16	1	279	133	133	146	39
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	1,097	1,065	872	193	32	25	7	343	323	147	176	6
Ramsey County.....	396	386	302	54	10	7	3	138	136	65	71	2
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	1,483	1,741	1,495	246	105	89	16	72	71	48	23	1
Mercer County.....	483	388	343	15	75	71	4	68	68	41	27	1
New York:												
Buffalo.....	932	881	825	56	51	41	10	284	281	143	135	2
Monroe County.....	203	193	183	10	10	9	1	3,520	3,520	1,833	1,687	159
New York City.....	233	223	193	39	648	695	153	187	185	98	87	2
Rensselaer County.....	7,054	7,104	6,173	935	3	3	1	230	230	112	118	18
Westchester County.....	3,318	3,113	297	38	95	71	24	40	40	22	22	2
Westchester County.....	888	783	678	115	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

¹ Includes all courts reporting that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1929.

TABLE I.—Number of white and colored boys' and girls' delinquency and dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 79 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Delinquency cases							Dependency and neglect cases									
	Total	White children			Colored children			Children whose color was not reported	Total	White children			Colored children			Children whose color was not reported	
		Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls			Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls		
Ohio:																	
Cuyahoga County.....	3,883	3,367	2,774	593	516	398	118		1,396	1,152	594	558	244	126	118		
Franklin County.....	473	321	166	155	152	108	44		650	562	295	267	97	47	50		
Hamilton County.....	2,034	1,470	1,000	470	564	394	170		463	321	133	183	147	75	72		
Mahoning County.....	2,021	1,773	1,497	276	248	192	56		292	265	129	136	27	16	11		
Montgomery County.....	752	612	417	195	140	106	34		385	300	146	154	35	44	41		
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	902	889	741	148	13	9	4		443	424	193	231	19	9	10		
Pennsylvania:																	
Allegheny County.....	1,290	1,101	941	160	189	149	40		756	670	312	358	86	52	34		
Montgomery County.....	55	49	42	7	6	5	1		13	13	8	5					
Philadelphia.....	6,955	4,372	3,877	495	1,454	1,139	265	1,129	3,670	2,823	1,493	1,330	705	345	360	142	
Utah: Third district.....	871	868	708	160	3	2	1		130	129	67	62	1		1		
Virginia: Norfolk.....	852	399	342	57	453	367	86		209	169	78	91	40	25	15		
Washington: Pierce County.....	135	130	96	34	5	4	1		61	58	34	24	3	3			
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION																	
Total.....	4,884	4,302	3,641	661	582	475	107		2,501	2,324	1,150	1,174	177	80	97		
Alabama:																	
Bullock County.....	3	3		3					63	50	25	25	13	5	8		
Calhoun County.....	62	51	38	13	11	10	1		44	38	19	19	6	2	4		
Chambers County.....	5	4			1				16	16	9	7					
Clarke County.....	9	8	7	1	1	1			32	32	16	16					
Colbert County.....	18	14	7	7	4	4			72	65	37	28	7	1	6		
Dallas County.....	22	22	18	4					84	83	42	41	1	1			
Elmore County.....	6	6	4	2					2	2	2						
Etowah County.....	61	49	37	12	12	12			17	15	9	6	2	1	1		
Houston County.....	18	18	16	2					46	46	23	23					
Jackson County.....	12	10	7	3	2	2			6	6	2	4					
Lauderdale County.....	14	13	6	7	1	1			104	104	39	65					
Lee County.....	3	3	3						26	26	11	15					
Limestone County.....	7	2	2		5	4	1		19		9	10					
Lowndes County.....	2	3	2	1	2	2			38	37	15	22	1		1		
Marengo County.....	3	3	2	1					61	61	33	28					
Marshall County.....	8	8	8						7	7	4	3					
Monroe County.....	1	1		1					54	54	26	28					
Morgan County.....	21	19	13	6	2	2			30	29	13	16	1		1		
Perry County.....	4	4	3	1					64	61	36	25	3	2	1		
Pickens County.....	3	2	2		1	1			53	53	25	28					
Talladega County.....	19	12	8	4	7	7			42	39	20	19	3	2	1		
Tallapoosa County.....	6	4			2	2			27	23	10	13					
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	34	32	15	17	2	2			162	161	69	92	1	1			
Indiana:																	
Chy County.....	10	10	13	6					13	13	6	7					
Vanderburg County.....	92	58	16	42	34	21	13										
Louisiana:																	
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	4	4	3	1					5	5	2	3					
Caddo Parish.....	275	185	160	25	90	76	14		107	79	38	41	25	19	15		
Ouachita Parish.....	269	225	214	11	44	38	6		110	109	59	50	1	1			
Minnesota: Winona County.....	38	38	32	6					17	17	7	10					
New York:																	
Chemung County.....	133	133	100	33					135	135	65	70					
Columbia County.....	126	120	113	7	6	5	1		133	127	62	65	6	3	3		
Delaware County.....	16	16	14	2													
Dutchess County.....	223	211	190	21	12	10	2		293	274	146	128	19	8	11		
Ontario County.....	84	84	66	18	2	1	1		73	71	27	44	2	2			
Orleans County.....	30	29	23	6	1	1			24	23	14	9	1	1			
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	149	57	51	6	59	73	16		103	89	51	38	14	6	8		
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part).....	7	7	4	3					10	10	2	8					
Ohio:																	
Aglalze County.....	95	95	80	15					28	28	16	12					
Clarke County.....	401	307	251	56	94	75	10		78	62	28	34	16	7	9		
Lake County.....	59	57	46	11	2	2			31	26	14	12	5	2	3		
Saukusky County.....	69	64	40	24	5	2	3		40	30	21	18	1	1			
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	19	17	7	10	2	2			39	39	15	24					
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	126	89	75	14	37	28	9		114	74	36	33	40	18	22		
Utah:																	
First district.....	279	275	246	29	4	4			18	18	11	7					
Second district.....	535	524	462	62	11	11			31	19	11	8					
Fourth district.....	383	382	315	67	3	2	1		27	27	19	8					
Fifth district.....	601	600	536	64	1	1			7	7	1	6					
Other counties.....	204	260	233	27	4	3	1		12	6	5	1	6	3	3		
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	248	158	142	16	83	69	19										

TABLE II.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Boys' delinquency cases							
		Total	Age of boy						
			Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION									
Total cases.....		34,181	2,246	4,226	8,735	13,867	4,671	80	350
Alabama: Mobile County.....	Under 16..	170	16	27	65	52	5		5
California: San Diego County.....	Under 21..	1,417	89	96	207	447	515	61	2
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	Under 16..	391	43	68	123	152			
District of Columbia.....	Under 17..	1,623	121	187	373	678	353		8
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	Under 16..	134	4	20	47	63			
Marion County.....	do.....	653	29	106	182	374	2		
Iowa: Polk County.....	Under 18..	569	66	64	99	158	182		
Michigan: Keok County.....	Under 17..	346	20	40	95	119	71		1
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	Under 18..	897	15	80	165	336	298	1	2
Ramsey County.....	do.....	309	7	18	62	110	102	1	
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	Under 16..	1,584	134	269	493	678	10		
Mercer County.....	do.....	414	51	74	149	140			
New York:									
Buffalo.....	do.....	866	51	141	205	375	4		
Erle County.....	do.....	192	15	28	61	87	1		
Monroe County.....	do.....	104	3	18	62	111			
New York City.....	do.....	6,868	382	923	2,128	3,402	2		31
Rensselaer County.....	do.....	288	11	12	53	133	40		4
Westchester County.....	do.....	749	62	109	172	323	82		1
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	Under 18..	3,172	155	299	644	1,054	889	7	124
Franklin County.....	do.....	274	6	21	47	64	130	2	1
Hamilton County.....	do.....	1,394	61	120	268	441	496	3	6
Mahoning County.....	do.....	1,689	123	151	366	559	483	1	6
Montgomery County.....	do.....	523	55	44	102	180	123	1	13
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	do.....	750	28	72	166	250	224		10
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	Under 16..	1,090	67	147	296	541	37		2
Montgomery County.....	do.....	47	2	6	11	27	1		
Philadelphia.....	do.....	6,080	568	924	1,708	2,668	81	5	136
Utah: Third district.....	Under 18..	710	29	91	159	219	184	1	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	do.....	702	29	53	112	193	309	3	
Washington: Pierce County.....	do.....	100	1	10	15	32	42		

¹ Includes all courts reporting boys' delinquency cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE II.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929—Contd.

Court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Boys' delinquency cases							
		Total	Age of boy						
			Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION									
Total cases.....		4,116	365	486	860	1,316	1,011	8	64
Alabama:									
Calhoun County.....	Under 16..	48	5	4	10	20			
Chambers County.....	do.....	5			2	3			
Clarke County.....	do.....	8	1		2	5			
Colbert County.....	do.....	11	1	2	5	3			
Dallas County.....	do.....	18	2	4	3	7			2
Elmore County.....	do.....	4				3			1
Etowah County.....	do.....	49	3	8	12	23	1		2
Houston County.....	do.....	16		3	5	7			1
Jackson County.....	do.....	9		1	4	3	1		
Lauderdale County.....	do.....	7	1		3	3			
Lee County.....	do.....	3		1	1	1			
Limestone County.....	do.....	6		1	2	2	1		
Lowndes County.....	do.....	2		1		1			
Marion County.....	do.....	2				2			
Marshall County.....	do.....	8		2		6			
Morgan County.....	do.....	15			2	1			12
Perry County.....	do.....	3		1	1	1			
Pickens County.....	do.....	3		1	1	1			
Talladega County.....	do.....	15			6	9			
Tallapoosa County.....	do.....	6			2	4			
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	Under 17..	17	2	1	3	5	4	2	
Indiana:									
Clay County.....	Under 16..	13		1	7	4	1		
Vanderburg County.....	do.....	37	1	10	14	12			
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	Under 17..	3					1		2
Caddo Parish.....	do.....	236	25	27	53	82	48		1
Ouachita Parish.....	do.....	252	30	31	47	91	50		3
Minnesota: Winona County.....	Under 18..	32		1	9	8	13		1
New York:									
Chemung County.....	Under 16..	100	10	23	18	26	1		22
Columbia County.....	do.....	118	16	27	30	45			
Delaware County.....	do.....	14	1		4	9			
Dutchess County.....	do.....	209	32	35	68	63	1		1
Ontario County.....	do.....	67	9	6	25	27			
Orleans County.....	do.....	29	1	5	10	10			3
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	do.....	121	22	24	32	43			3
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part).....	Under 18..	4			1	3			
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	do.....	80	6	4	13	22	30	2	2
Clark County.....	do.....	326	19	35	53	113	105	1	
Lake County.....	do.....	48	5	2	3	8	28	1	1
Sandusky County.....	do.....	42	2	6	9	12	13		
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	Under 16..	9		1	2	6			
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	do.....	103	13	15	30	44	1		
Utah:									
First district.....	Under 18..	250	20	24	43	68	94	1	
Second district.....	do.....	473	49	60	101	124	137		2
Fourth district.....	do.....	317	19	25	68	93	112		
Fifth district.....	do.....	537	39	59	91	130	200		
Other counties.....	do.....	236	14	22	30	79	87		4
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	do.....	211	17	13	32	75	73		1

TABLE III.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Girls' delinquency cases							Not reported
		Total	Age of girl						
			Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION									
Total cases.....		7,032	221	379	1,295	3,415	1,594	40	88
Alabama: Mobile County.....	Under 16..	49		3	10	33	3		
California: San Diego County.....	Under 21..	239	10	6	40	60	90	25	2
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	Under 16..	70	5	9	16	40			
District of Columbia.....	Under 17..	324	14	34	86	137	53		
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	Under 18..	108		1	21	53	33		
Marion County.....	do.....	372	3	7	49	172	101		
Iowa: Polk County.....	do.....	178	17	17	31	52	61		
Michigan: Kent County.....	Under 17..	85	7	4	21	32	21		
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	Under 18..	200	2	9	22	78	88	1	
Ramsey County.....	do.....	87		4	29	64			
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	Under 16..	262	11	15	56	170	1		
Mercer County.....	do.....	19		2	5	12			
New York:									
Buffalo.....	do.....	66	1	1	16	48			
Erie County.....	do.....	11	2		4	5			
Monroe County.....	do.....	30			11	28			
New York City.....	do.....	1,088	29	73	260	717			0
Rensselaer County.....	do.....	60	5	1	10	30	14		
Westchester County.....	do.....	139	0	3	22	74	31		
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	Under 18..	711	30	29	107	293	233	1	19
Franklin County.....	do.....	198	1	4	18	80	88	5	3
Hamilton County.....	do.....	640	10	20	88	209	296	4	24
Mahoning County.....	do.....	332	9	19	46	140	115		3
Montgomery County.....	do.....	229	13	16	54	82	63		1
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	do.....	152	1	8	15	51	70		1
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	Under 16..	200	7	10	48	115	14	3	3
Montgomery County.....	do.....	8			3	5			
Philadelphia.....	do.....	866	26	78	181	534	23		21
Utah: Third district.....	Under 18..	161	4	3	21	63	70		
Virginia: Norfolk.....	do.....	143	5	7	24	43	63	1	
Washington: Pierce County.....	do.....	35			6	16	13		

¹ Includes all courts reporting girls' delinquency cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE III.—Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Girls' delinquency cases							Not reported
		Total	Age of girl						
			Under 10 years	10 years, under 12	12 years, under 14	14 years, under 16	16 years, under 18	18 years and over	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION									
Total cases.....		768	62	43	129	330	193	2	9
Alabama:									
Bullock County.....	Under 16..	3				3			
Calhoun County.....	do.....	14	2		3	9			
Clarke County.....	do.....	1	1						
Colbert County.....	do.....	7	1	1	3	2			
Dallas County.....	do.....	4				2	1	1	
Elmore County.....	do.....	2				2			
Etowah County.....	do.....	12	2	1	2	6	1		
Houston County.....	do.....	2				2			
Jackson County.....	do.....	3			1	2			
Lauderdale County.....	do.....	7	1		1	4	1		
Limestone County.....	do.....	1				1			
Madison County.....	do.....	1	1						
Monroe County.....	do.....	6				3			3
Morgan County.....	do.....	1	1						
Perry County.....	do.....	4					1		
Talladega County.....	do.....	1							
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	Under 18..	17		1	1	2	6		
Indiana:									
City County.....	do.....	6			1	5			
Vanderburg County.....	do.....	55	1	3	5	25	21		
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	Under 17..	1					1		
Caddo Parish.....	do.....	39	6	4	8	12	9		
Ouachita Parish.....	do.....	17		3	1	7	6		
Minnesota: Winona County.....	Under 18..	6	1			2	1		1
New York:									
Channing County.....	Under 16..	33	5	1	5	20			2
Columbia County.....	do.....	8			3	5			
Delaware County.....	do.....	2			1	1			
Dutchess County.....	do.....	23	2		9	12			
Ontario County.....	do.....	19		1	5	13			
Orleans County.....	do.....	1			1				
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	do.....	22	2	2	8	10			
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part).....	Under 18..	3				2	1		
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	do.....	15		1	1	6	6		1
Clark County.....	do.....	75	3	4	9	31	28		
Lake County.....	do.....	11	2	1		1	7		
Sandusky County.....	do.....	27	3	1	7	11	4	1	
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	Under 16..	10	2	1	3	4			
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	do.....	23	1	4	5	11			2
Utah:									
First district.....	Under 18..	20	4		4	13	8		
Second district.....	do.....	62	13	6	14	17	12		
Fourth district.....	do.....	68	3	2	5	31	27		
Fifth district.....	do.....	61	2	2	6	23	31		
Other counties.....	do.....	28		1	5	9	13		
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	do.....	35	3	3	10	11	8		

TABLE IIIA.—Reason for reference to court in boys' delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Boys' delinquent cases											
	Reason for reference to court										Not reported	
	Total	Stealing or attempted stealing	Truancy	Running away	Unmanageable 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		
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION												
Total cases.....	34,181	14,260	2,773	2,229	2,509	531	881	9,850	202	810	121	
Alabama: Mobile County.....	170	69	40	12	—	3	17	21	5	3	—	
California: San Diego County.....	1,417	412	115	155	185	39	17	404	23	67	—	
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	391	222	44	18	20	0	6	68	1	1	—	
District of Columbia.....	1,623	691	48	16	107	4	50	630	4	13	—	
Indiana:												
Lake County.....	134	83	27	1	10	5	—	8	—	—	—	
Marion County.....	653	338	92	14	79	3	14	89	4	20	—	
Iowa: Polk County.....	569	225	14	33	43	5	14	214	9	12	—	
Michigan: Kent County.....	346	199	18	—	20	7	8	89	2	2	—	
Minnesota:												
Hennepin County.....	897	504	29	5	87	41	12	133	14	13	—	
Ramsey County.....	309	207	3	1	18	5	3	57	1	14	—	
New Jersey:												
Hudson County.....	1,584	635	490	10	174	17	33	320	1	4	—	
Mercer County.....	414	277	25	4	9	3	11	84	1	—	—	
New York:												
Buffalo.....	860	584	1	35	46	12	20	105	—	—	—	
Erle County.....	192	90	4	4	11	3	9	64	—	7	—	
Monroe County.....	194	132	3	13	7	0	3	30	—	—	—	
New York City.....	6,868	2,487	96	508	555	56	248	2,648	1	251	120	
Rensselaer County.....	258	71	112	10	17	2	9	30	1	—	—	
Westchester County.....	749	250	203	4	64	18	14	191	1	4	—	
Ohio:												
Cuyahoga County.....	3,172	1,459	369	240	219	58	88	728	7	8	1	
Franklin County.....	274	209	19	4	3	28	5	2	4	—	—	
Hamilton County.....	1,394	655	23	109	49	18	12	378	17	43	—	
Mahoning County.....	1,689	340	232	114	132	21	44	689	13	88	—	
Montgomery County.....	523	191	134	36	35	22	22	75	6	3	—	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	750	400	63	19	61	10	17	120	15	30	—	
Pennsylvania:												
Allegheny County.....	1,099	646	185	84	81	17	18	53	5	1	—	
Montgomery County.....	47	39	2	—	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	
Philadelphia.....	6,089	2,243	192	617	329	98	152	2,220	27	205	—	
Utah: Third district.....	710	354	154	36	25	13	6	103	15	4	—	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	709	305	25	29	54	10	34	313	20	10	—	
Washington: Pierce County.....	100	79	2	4	—	—	—	8	—	7	—	

¹ Includes all courts reporting boys' delinquency cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE IIIA.—Reason for reference to court in boys' delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Boys' delinquency cases											
	Reason for reference to court										Not reported	
	Total	Stealing or attempted stealing	Truancy	Running away	Unmanageable 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		
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION												
Total cases.....	4,116	1,610	620	198	182	73	160	1,114	151	95	1	
Alabama:												
Calhoun County.....	48	31	3	0	7	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Chambers County.....	5	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Clark County.....	8	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Colbert County.....	11	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Dallas County.....	18	0	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	
Elmore County.....	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Etowah County.....	49	34	4	—	4	—	—	—	3	3	1	
Houston County.....	16	13	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Jackson County.....	9	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	
Lauderdale County.....	7	2	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Lee County.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
Linestone County.....	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Lowndes County.....	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Marengo County.....	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Marshall County.....	8	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
Morgan County.....	15	8	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Perry County.....	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pickens County.....	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
Talladega County.....	15	5	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Tallapoosa County.....	6	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	17	12	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Indiana:												
Clay County.....	13	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Vanderburg County.....	37	24	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	
Louisiana:												
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Caddo Parish.....	236	78	6	12	7	—	—	—	20	94	2	9
Ouachita Parish.....	252	47	25	35	15	6	—	—	17	89	2	17
Minnesota: Winona County.....	32	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	3
New York:												
Chemung County.....	100	37	20	3	5	1	3	30	—	—	1	
Columbia County.....	118	38	3	15	10	2	3	47	—	—	—	
Delaware County.....	14	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Dutchess County.....	200	63	39	5	8	1	—	—	—	83	—	
Ontario County.....	67	46	2	1	2	1	—	—	5	9	—	
Orleans County.....	20	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	124	53	10	3	4	—	—	—	2	40	2	1
North Dakota: Third Judicial district (in part).....	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ohio:												
Anguila County.....	80	40	2	6	7	5	0	7	—	1	6	
Clark County.....	326	92	77	32	30	2	3	82	—	8	1	1
Lake County.....	48	16	1	1	4	2	—	15	—	0	—	
Saukusky County.....	42	30	1	1	1	1	—	3	—	5	—	
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	9	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	103	57	5	15	6	2	8	7	—	3	—	
Utah:												
First district.....	250	79	47	8	4	11	6	71	13	11	—	
Second district.....	473	190	40	28	13	30	134	8	3	—	—	
Fourth district.....	317	144	51	27	12	6	70	9	11	—	—	
Fifth district.....	537	207	68	—	1	1	15	162	60	23	—	
Other counties.....	236	91	33	6	3	0	7	53	7	—	—	
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	211	59	46	1	6	—	—	8	35	6	—	

TABLE II B.—Reason for reference to court in girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Girls' delinquency cases										
	Total	Reason for reference to court									
		Stealing or attempted stealing	Truancy	Running away	Unmanageable 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	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION											
Total cases.....	7,022	753	809	1,150	1,010	1,340	161	515	62	116	73
Alabama: Mobile County.....	49	9	9	7	2	17	3	1	1	1	
California: San Diego County.....	239	15	27	44	68	48	3	21	7	6	
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	70	9	7	8	10	34		2			
District of Columbia.....	324	72	3	18	112	9	8	79	2	21	
Indiana:											
Lake County.....	108	7	0	15	21	57	1		1		
Marion County.....	332	23	46	24	172	47	7	2		11	
Iowa: Polk County.....	178	15	7	11	60	22	1	53		9	
Michigan: Kent County.....	85	24	8	3	27	23					
Minnesota:											
Hennepin County.....	200	42	2	7	62	63		10		0	
Ramsey County.....	87	16		6	18	45					
New Jersey:											
Hudson County.....	262	20	140	10	53	34	2	1		2	
Mercer County.....	19	0	2	1	4	3	1	2			
New York:											
Buffalo.....	60	23		16	15	9	2		1		
Eric County.....	11		1		4			5		1	
Monroe County.....	39	6		0	3	21					
New York City.....	1,688	147	11	279	407	72	26	76		3	67
Rensselaer County.....	60	1	33	2	15	4	2	3			
Westchester County.....	139	7	70		21	40	1				
Ohio:											
Cuyahoga County.....	711	70	223	96	110	140	14	31	7	2	
Franklin County.....	199	6	28	12	21	120	3	1	3	3	2
Hamilton County.....	640	51	28	136	165	168	33	32	0	18	3
Mahoning County.....	332	13	68	39	65	63	3	65	4	12	
Montgomery County.....	229	10	64	34	44	48	4	23	6		1
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	152	10	9	7	31	77		10	4	1	
Pennsylvania:											
Allegheny County.....	209	20	32	35	46	53	2		3		
Montgomery County.....	8	1		1	3	3					
Philadelphia.....	866	59	27	335	247	39	23	81	0	19	
Utah: Third district.....	161	19	44	22	27	35		4	8	2	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	143	9	13	10	64	9	22	13	3		
Washington: Pierce County.....	35	3	1		10	20			1		

¹ Includes all courts reporting girls' delinquency cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1929.

TABLE III B.—Reason for reference to court in girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Girls' delinquency cases									
	Total	Reason for reference to court								
		Stealing or attempted stealing	Truancy	Running away	Unmanageable 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	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION										
Total cases.....	769	80	189	96	134	153	35	70	12	10
Alabama:										
Bullock County.....	3					3				
Cullman County.....	14		1	5	3	2	2	1		
Clarke County.....	1				1					
Colbert County.....	7		4			3				
Dallas County.....	4		1	1	1	1				
Elmore County.....	2					2				
Etowah County.....	12	2	1	1	7				1	
Houston County.....	2			1		1				
Jackson County.....	3					3				
Lauderdale County.....	7				1	6				
Limestone County.....	1									
Marion County.....	1	1								
Monroe County.....	0			2	3	1				
Morgan County.....	0			2	3	1				
Perry County.....	1		1							
Talladega County.....	4			2		1			1	
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	17	2	3	2	3	4	1		1	1
Indiana:										
Clay County.....	6	1	2			1				2
Vanderburg County.....	55	4	17	4	3	24	3			
Louisiana:										
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	1				1					
Caddo Parish.....	39	7		4	0	6	8	7		1
Ouachita Parish.....	17		3	3	4	4	2	1		
Minnesota: Winona County.....	0	0								
New York:										
Chemung County.....	33	1	13	1	7	6	2	1		2
Columbia County.....	8		1	3	2	2		2		
Delaware County.....	2				2					
Dutchess County.....	23	2	4		15	1		1		
Ontario County.....	19	2		1	3	13				
Orleans County.....	1	1								
North Carolina: Hincombe County.....	22	0	1		4	0				2
North Dakota: Third Judicial district (in part).....	3			2		1				
Ohio:										
Auriza County.....	15	2			7	5				1
Clark County.....	75	8	43	7	9	6	1	2		
Lako County.....	11		1	2	4	3		1		
Sandusky County.....	27	2	1	13	2	7	1	1		
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	10		1	1		6	3			
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	23	3	2	6	0	1				1
Utah:										
First district.....	29	4	0	2	1	8	2	4		2
Second district.....	62	10	8	7	15	5	3	14		
Fourth district.....	64	8	11	10	7	18		1	4	
Fifth district.....	64	12	30	1	6	1		13	2	
Other counties.....	28	1	10	5		5			1	
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	35		18		11		6	1		

TABLE IVA.—Disposition and manner of handling boys' delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Boys' delinquency cases								Unofficial
	Total	Official						Not reported	
		Disposition							
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely	Child placed on probation	Child committed to institution	Restitution, fine, or costs	Other		
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION									
Total cases.....	34,181	24,109	7,729	9,747	3,250	1,805	1,567	3	10,072
Alabama: Mobile County.....	170	170	51	10	93	15	1		
California: San Diego County.....	1,417	548	193	100	39	2	214		869
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	391	242	34	165	40		3		149
District of Columbia.....	1,623	1,114	272	508	36	15	283		509
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	134	114	14	34	30	10	26		20
Marion County.....	653	595	271	176	84	46	16		58
Iowa: Polk County.....	569	225	92	53	50	23	7		314
Michigan: Kent County.....	346	346	115	115	93	12	11		
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	897	807	184	484	218	5	6		
Ramsey County.....	309	309	32	219	50		8		
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,584	1,584	723	263	210	371	17		
Mercer County.....	414	414	8	334	71	1			
New York:									
Buffalo.....	866	866	474	162	106	124			
Erie County.....	192	192	38	117	28	5	0		
Monroe County.....	194	193		167	26				1
New York City.....	6,868	6,868	3,010	2,525	576	750	7		
Rensselaer County.....	258	258	205	9	28	11	4	1	
Westchester County.....	749	599	220	308	24	28	19		150
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	3,172	1,832	177	868	403	18	365	1	1,310
Franklin County.....	274	274	12	155	88	7	11	1	
Hamilton County.....	1,394	84	12	21	41		10		1,310
Mahoning County.....	1,089	377	35	188	63	62	29		1,312
Montgomery County.....	523	291	62	165	59	1	9		227
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	750	620	429	65	37	67	22		130
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,090	1,090	5	822	172		91		
Montgomery County.....	47	47	24	5	17		1		
Philadelphia.....	6,089	2,958	728	1,413	441	98	278		3,131
Utah: Third district.....	710	188	40	57	54	23	14		522
Virginia: Norfolk.....	709	709	235	229	38	105	102		
Washington: Pierce County.....	100	100	33	12	42	6	7		

¹ Includes all courts reporting boys' delinquency cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1929.

TABLE IVA.—Disposition and manner of handling boys' delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Boys' delinquency cases								Unofficial
	Total	Official						Not reported	
		Disposition							
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely	Child placed on probation	Child committed to institution	Restitution, fine, or costs	Other		
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION									
Total cases.....	4,116	2,323	727	695	333	302	176		1,793
Alabama:									
Calhoun County.....	49	30	2	13	13		2		18
Chambers County.....	5	4		3	3		1		1
Clarke County.....	8	5		1	1		4		3
Colbert County.....	11	10	2	2	4		2		1
Dallas County.....	18	4		4					14
Etowah County.....	4	4	1	1	2				2
Etowah County.....	49	48	3	21	16		5		1
Houston County.....	16	14		13	1				2
Jackson County.....	9	8		6	2				1
Lauderdale County.....	7	5			5				2
Lee County.....	3	1		1					2
Limestone County.....	6	6		3	3				
Lowndes County.....	2	1			1				1
Marengo County.....	2								2
Marshall County.....	8	6		3	3				2
Morgan County.....	15	15		1	13		1		
Perry County.....	3	3							3
Pickens County.....	3	2		1	1				1
Talladega County.....	15	14	4	2	7		1		1
Tallapoosa County.....	6	5		2	3				1
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	17	17		9	6		2		
Indiana:									
Clay County.....	13	12		4	6		1	1	1
Vanderburg County.....	37	24	1	15	6		2		13
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	3	3		2	1				
Caddo Parish.....	236	173	80	11	48	31	3		63
Ouachita Parish.....	252	60	12	21	23		4		102
Minnesota: Winona County.....	32	11	2	0	2		1		21
New York:									
Chemung County.....	100	100	51	19	13	14	3		
Columbia County.....	118	117	69	16	8	7	17		1
Delaware County.....	14	14	4	5	2		3		
Dutchess County.....	200	194	93	34	10	25	23		6
Ontario County.....	67	67	13	50	2	2			
Orleans County.....	29	29	6	17	3		3		
North Carolina: Huncobee County.....	124	2		1			1		122
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part).....	4	4	4						
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	80	17	1	12		1	3		63
Clark County.....	326	114	23	47	25	13	6		212
Lake County.....	48	49	6	21	1	15	6		
Sandusky County.....	42	19	1	10	6		2		23
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	9	9		3	6				
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	103	89	38	26	10	7	8		14
Utah:									
First district.....	250	98	27	17	13	24	17		162
Second district.....	473	151	36	71	12	30	2		322
Fourth district.....	317	161	24	71	20	29	17		156
Fifth district.....	537	235	91	42	5	95	2		302
Other counties.....	296	162	22	37	10	67	26		74
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	211	211	112	56	4	31	8		

TABLE IVB.—Disposition and manner of handling girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Girls' delinquency cases								Unofficial
	Total	Official						Total	
		Disposition							
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely	Child placed on probation	Child committed to institution	Restitution, fine, or costs	Other			Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION	7,032	4,810	1,002	1,939	1,260	45	553	5	2,222
Total cases.....	7,032	4,810	1,002	1,939	1,260	45	553	5	2,222
Alabama: Mobile County.....	49	49	15	3	28		3		
California: San Diego County.....	239	65	20	27	11		7		174
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	70	48	18	17	12		1		22
District of Columbia.....	324	247	38	116	50	3	40		77
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	108	83	15	18	28	1	21		25
Marion County.....	332	144	50	61	23		10		188
Iowa: Polk County.....	178	73	12	13	39	3	6		105
Michigan: Kent County.....	85	85	34	17	29		5		
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	200	200	37	102	61				
Ramsey County.....	87	87	0	37	43		1		
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	262	262	127	50	39	28	18		
Mercer County.....	19	19	2	11	5	1			
New York:									
Buffalo.....	60	60	19	17	28		2		
Erie County.....	11	11	3	5	3				
Monroe County.....	30	39		13	24		2		
New York City.....	1,058	1,058	284	566	214	3	1		
Rensselaer County.....	60	60	48	11	11				
Westchester County.....	139	124	46	47	22		9		15
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	711	522	30	218	142		132		180
Franklin County.....	199	199	12	65	94		23	5	
Hamilton County.....	640	30	2	2	16		8		610
Mahoning County.....	332	75	6	24	33		12		257
Montgomery County.....	229	98	28	30	25		15		131
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	152	123	17	34	69		13		20
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	200	200	1	118	47		34		
Montgomery County.....	8	8	1	1	6				
Philadelphia.....	860	590	87	250	101		152		270
Utah: Third district.....	161	37	2	10	20	1	4		124
Virginia: Norfolk.....	143	143	37	59	9	5	33		
Washington: Pierce County.....	35	35	5	8	22				

¹ Includes all courts reporting girls' delinquency cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE IVB.—Disposition and manner of handling girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Girls' delinquency cases								Unofficial
	Total	Official						Total	
		Disposition							
		Total	Dismissed or continued indefinitely	Child placed on probation	Child committed to institution	Restitution, fine, or costs	Other			Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION	768	412	94	137	130	9	42	856	
Total cases.....	768	412	94	137	130	9	42	856	
Alabama:									
Bullock County.....	3	1			1			2	
Calhoun County.....	14	7		2	5			7	
Clarke County.....	1							1	
Colbert County.....	7	3		1	1		1	4	
Dallas County.....	4							4	
Elmore County.....	2							2	
Etowah County.....	12	12	1	4	7				
Houston County.....	2	1		1				1	
Jackson County.....	3	3		1	2				
Lauderdale County.....	7	4			4			3	
Limestone County.....	1	1		1					
Marion County.....	1	1						1	
Monroe County.....	1							1	
Morgan County.....	6	6		1	5				
Perry County.....	1							1	
Talladega County.....	4	4			4				
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	17	17	1	8	6		2		
Indiana:									
Clay County.....	6	0		2	3				
Vanderburg County.....	55	35	3	18	10		4	20	
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	1	1			1				
Caddo Parish.....	39	31	6	1	18	2	5	8	
Ouachita Parish.....	17	2			2			15	
Minnesota: Winona County.....	6	4		4				2	
New York:									
Chemung County.....	33	33	18	7	6	1	1		
Columbia County.....	8	8	3	1	1		3		
Delaware County.....	2	2		1	1				
Dutchess County.....	23	22	5	3	6		8	1	
Ontario County.....	19	19	3	7	0		3		
Orleans County.....	1	1		1					
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	22	2			2			20	
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part).....	3	3			3				
Ohio:									
Anglin County.....	15	4		3			1	11	
Clark County.....	75	14	2	6	6			61	
Lake County.....	11	11	3	2	3	2	1		
Sandusky County.....	27	14	1	11	2			13	
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	10	10		6	4				
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	23	19	7	4	7		1	4	
Utah:									
First district.....	29	9	3	1	3		2	20	
Second district.....	62	8	2	2	4			54	
Fourth district.....	68	37	2	27	5		3	31	
Fifth district.....	64	16	13	1			2	48	
Other counties.....	28	7	2		1	1	3	21	
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	35	35	20	0	1	1	4		

TABLE VA.—Color, nativity, and parent nativity of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 30 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Boys' delinquency cases								
	Total	White boys					Colored boys	Boys whose color was not reported	
		Total	Native, native parentage	Native, foreign or mixed parentage	Native, parentage not reported	Foreign born			Nativity not reported
Total cases.....	34,181	27,817	9,107	12,893	1,707	573	3,447	5,341	1,023
Alabama: Mobile County.....	170	90	90	—	—	—	—	80	—
California: San Diego County.....	1,417	1,352	951	272	24	56	49	65	—
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	391	380	85	294	—	—	—	11	—
District of Columbia.....	1,623	696	209	40	54	9	378	927	—
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	134	114	28	82	—	2	2	20	—
Marion County.....	653	422	389	1	—	32	—	231	—
Iowa: Polk County.....	569	511	475	30	—	—	—	58	—
Michigan: Kent County.....	346	330	229	80	—	2	—	19	—
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	897	872	408	442	8	4	10	25	—
Ramsey County.....	309	302	160	136	—	—	—	7	—
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,684	1,495	303	1,149	4	38	1	89	—
Mercer County.....	414	343	79	259	—	5	—	71	—
New York:									
Buffalo.....	866	825	240	552	—	33	—	41	—
Erie County.....	192	183	53	124	2	3	1	9	—
Monroe County.....	194	193	52	141	—	—	—	1	—
New York City.....	6,868	6,173	1,577	4,361	8	217	10	605	—
Rensselaer County.....	258	257	111	137	2	1	6	1	—
Westchester County.....	749	678	166	482	3	22	4	71	—
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	3,172	2,774	331	1,198	470	44	731	308	—
Franklin County.....	274	168	161	2	—	2	1	108	—
Hamilton County.....	1,394	1,000	64	20	900	1	—	394	—
Mahoning County.....	1,669	1,497	270	695	255	27	250	192	—
Montgomery County.....	523	417	370	30	—	—	11	100	—
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	750	741	505	185	18	5	28	9	—
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,090	941	258	679	2	—	—	2	149
Montgomery County.....	47	42	22	19	—	—	—	5	—
Philadelphia.....	6,089	3,877	684	1,185	22	50	1,036	1,189	1,023
Utah: Third district.....	710	708	431	234	17	22	4	2	—
Virginia: Norfolk.....	700	342	318	21	—	—	—	3	367
Washington: Pierce County.....	100	96	81	15	—	—	—	4	—

¹ Includes all courts reporting boys' delinquency cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE VB.—Color, nativity, and parent nativity of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 30 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Girls' delinquency cases								
	Total	White girls					Colored girls	Girls whose color was not reported	
		Total	Native, native parentage	Native, foreign or mixed parentage	Native, parentage not reported	Foreign born			Nativity not reported
Total cases.....	7,032	5,509	2,768	2,154	117	144	326	1,417	109
Alabama: Mobile County.....	49	28	27	—	—	—	—	21	—
California: San Diego County.....	239	228	147	50	2	6	23	11	—
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	70	67	17	49	—	1	—	3	—
District of Columbia.....	324	103	41	5	5	1	51	221	—
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	108	80	31	53	—	1	—	22	—
Marion County.....	332	261	251	—	—	10	—	71	—
Iowa: Polk County.....	178	151	143	8	—	—	—	27	—
Michigan: Kent County.....	85	84	62	16	—	—	—	1	—
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	200	193	103	85	—	2	3	7	—
Ramsey County.....	87	84	48	36	—	—	—	3	—
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	262	246	67	175	—	—	14	16	—
Mercer County.....	19	15	5	10	—	—	—	4	—
New York:									
Buffalo.....	66	56	13	41	—	—	2	10	—
Erie County.....	11	10	4	6	—	—	—	1	—
Monroe County.....	39	39	18	21	—	—	—	2	—
New York City.....	1,088	935	285	693	1	56	—	153	—
Rensselaer County.....	60	58	34	21	—	1	—	2	—
Westchester County.....	139	115	29	79	—	2	4	24	—
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	711	593	117	310	81	12	64	118	—
Franklin County.....	169	155	135	15	—	2	3	44	—
Hamilton County.....	640	470	394	15	3	4	64	170	—
Mahoning County.....	332	270	108	121	14	3	30	56	—
Montgomery County.....	229	195	168	18	1	2	6	34	—
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	152	148	115	30	—	1	—	4	—
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	200	160	70	89	—	—	—	1	40
Montgomery County.....	8	7	5	2	—	—	—	1	—
Philadelphia.....	806	495	150	248	2	17	78	265	106
Utah: Third district.....	101	100	107	42	—	4	—	2	—
Virginia: Norfolk.....	143	67	56	1	—	—	—	80	—
Washington: Pierce County.....	35	34	28	6	—	—	—	1	—

¹ Includes all courts reporting girls' delinquency cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE VI.—Source of reference to court of delinquency cases disposed of by 30 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Delinquency cases								
	Total	Source of reference to court							Not reported
		Police	Parents or relatives	Other individual	School department	Probation officer	Social agency	Other	
Total cases.....	11,213	23,660	3,953	6,515	4,057	1,584	888	508	43
Alabama: Mobile County.....	219	57	32	43	60	15	5	7	1
California: San Diego County.....	1,658	709	200	247	211	38	29	221	1
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	461	410	17	11	8	6	0	3	1
District of Columbia.....	1,947	1,307	214	223	4	180	17	1	1
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	242	89	26	23	40	50	5	1	1
Marion County.....	985	569	143	80	149	16	12	11	5
Iowa: Polk County.....	747	291	73	257	41	9	15	61	1
Michigan: Kent County.....	431	239	58	43	19	6	16	1	1
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1,097	621	158	193	50	33	33	8	1
Ramsey County.....	390	313	18	52	2	4	7	1	1
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,846	510	104	430	647	57	15	83	1
Mercer County.....	433	332	7	51	21	20	2	1	1
New York:									
Buffalo.....	932	839	42	22	14	18	10	1	1
Erie County.....	203	116	5	59	2	1	9	1	1
Monroe County.....	233	143	38	29	4	1	21	1	1
New York City.....	7,950	4,289	1,156	2,070	205	3	226	6	1
Rensselaer County.....	316	75	25	53	150	5	2	8	1
Westchester County.....	888	306	49	154	309	1	68	1	1
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	3,883	2,036	268	706	645	105	115	3	5
Franklin County.....	473	258	55	30	58	35	31	5	1
Hamilton County.....	2,034	1,272	240	232	100	20	110	53	1
Mahoning County.....	2,021	860	201	467	428	14	49	4	1
Montgomery County.....	752	195	114	157	192	75	18	1	1
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	902	650	22	116	85	12	9	1	7
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,290	380	112	14	68	691	15	3	1
Montgomery County.....	55	39	7	11	4	1	3	1	1
Philadelphia.....	6,955	5,644	463	583	229	1	30	8	1
Utah: Third district.....	871	416	42	31	247	112	7	8	8
Virginia: Norfolk.....	852	554	56	126	52	50	8	1	1
Washington: Pierce County.....	135	98	7	3	10	5	12	1	1

¹ Includes all courts reporting delinquency cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.TABLE VII.—Place of care of child pending hearing or disposition in delinquency cases disposed of by 30 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Delinquency cases								
	Total	Place of care of child							Not reported
		Own home or case disposed of same day	Boarding home	Detention home ²	Other institution	Jail or police station ³	More than one place of care ⁴	Other	
Total cases.....	41,213	21,777	171	11,873	5,040	1,542	280	260	270
Alabama: Mobile County.....	219	89	108	1	21	1	1	1	1
California: San Diego County.....	1,658	1,053	29	382	21	99	2	70	9
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	461	399	4	33	24	1	1	1	1
District of Columbia.....	1,947	1,275	2	250	375	6	32	6	1
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	242	158	5	53	8	18	1	1	1
Marion County.....	985	704	6	173	3	2	2	8	1
Iowa: Polk County.....	747	459	3	250	7	27	4	1	1
Michigan: Kent County.....	431	239	2	187	1	1	1	1	1
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	1,097	833	71	16	172	1	3	1	1
Ramsey County.....	390	253	2	71	70	1	1	1	1
New Jersey:									
Hudson County.....	1,846	1,259	2	580	4	1	1	1	1
Mercer County.....	433	406	21	4	4	1	1	1	1
New York:									
Buffalo.....	932	600	328	4	1	17	1	1	1
Erie County.....	203	151	2	31	101	1	1	1	1
Monroe County.....	233	129	3	4	104	1	1	1	1
New York City.....	7,956	3,838	4	4,039	42	31	2	3	1
Rensselaer County.....	318	210	104	1	1	1	1	1	1
Westchester County.....	888	598	2	93	163	32	1	1	1
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	3,883	2,273	6	1,250	14	300	2	19	19
Franklin County.....	473	31	4	265	21	144	2	3	3
Hamilton County.....	2,034	697	9	1,209	36	10	6	60	17
Mahoning County.....	2,021	1,092	3	630	10	284	2	16	14
Montgomery County.....	752	452	1	193	10	77	6	9	4
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	902	671	1	113	14	85	2	5	8
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	1,290	326	3	771	3	3	1	184	1
Montgomery County.....	55	23	1	30	1	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia.....	6,955	2,503	4,441	9	1	1	1	1	1
Utah: Third district.....	871	534	7	282	5	40	2	1	1
Virginia: Norfolk.....	852	442	276	1	133	1	1	1	1
Washington: Pierce County.....	135	26	81	28	1	1	1	1	1

¹ Includes all courts reporting delinquency cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.² 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.³ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.⁴ Excludes cases of children held in detention homes, jails, or police stations.

TABLE VIII.—Reason for reference to court of families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 74 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	Reason for reference to court							Not reported
		Abandonment or desertion	Abuse or cruel treatment	Improper conditions in home	In-sufficient parental care	Financial need	Question of custody	Other	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION									
Total families.....	7,966	787	277	2,455	2,612	770	508	445	22
Alabama: Mobile County.....	6	2		3	1				
California: San Diego County.....	271	30	30	94	61	23	28	5	
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	31	7		15	7				
District of Columbia.....	240	5	3	33	173	4		2	20
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	150	18	8	23	63	20	8	3	1
Marion County.....	153	37	6	83	21	4	7		
Iowa: Polk County.....	361	26	10	62	117	33	33	70	
Michigan: Kent County.....	136	3		12	64	54	1	2	
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	170	18	1	63	32	16	50		
Ramsey County.....	68	6		12	50				
New York:									
Buffalo.....	37			15	22				
Erie County.....	17			11	6				
Monroe County.....	119			8	111				
New York City.....	1,813	49	21	1,289	415	34	4	1	
Rensselaer County.....	102	10		10	65	23	3	1	
Westchester County.....	124	6	1	17	100				
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	608	59	40	99	277	62	30	41	
Franklin County.....	418	20	6	62	148	35	98	49	
Hamilton County.....	264	22	14	124	46	4	17	37	
Mahoning County.....	157	3	1	17	99	13	4	20	
Montgomery County.....	245	20	6	33	88	23	69	16	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	227	21	8	78	95	12	12		1
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	322	70	35	74	96	39	4	4	
Montgomery County.....	7	1		1	5				
Philadelphia.....	1,683	314	80	158	300	351	205	185	
Utah: Third district.....	61	17	1	9	25	5	1	3	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	123	4	5	56	40	1	18		
Washington: Pierce County.....	42	9	1	5	5	0	10	6	

¹ Includes all courts reporting dependency and neglect cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE VIII.—Reason for reference to court of families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 74 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	Reason for reference to court							Not reported
		Abandonment or desertion	Abuse or cruel treatment	Improper conditions in home	In-sufficient parental care	Financial need	Question of custody	Other	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION									
Total families.....	1,170	97	50	244	352	290	109	46	1
Alabama:									
Bullock County.....	27	2		3	8	11	2	3	
Callhoun County.....	30	8	1	5	10	2	4		
Chambers County.....	9				6	2		1	
Clarke County.....	17	1		1	5	9		1	
Colbert County.....	21	3	1	11	3	4	2		
Dallas County.....	31	1		1		29			
Elmore County.....	1								
Etowah County.....	12	5			7	2	1		
Houston County.....	15	1		2	4	4		1	
Jackson County.....	4		1	2	1			1	
Lauderdale County.....	41		1	6	13	21		2	
Lee County.....	12			5	4	1	2		
Limestone County.....	8	3		4			1		
Lowndes County.....	14		1	6	2	3		2	
Marengo County.....	18	2	2	3	3	8			
Marshall County.....	2		1	1					
Monroe County.....	13	1		1		11		1	
Morgan County.....	10	2			2	3	1	1	1
Perry County.....	23			2	2	17		2	
Pickens County.....	24	1		4	3	11		5	
Talladega County.....	21			1	10	2	1	1	
Tallapoosa County.....	12	3			1	4		4	
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	104	17	11	23	49	2	2	1	
Indiana: Clay County.....	3			1	2			1	
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	2				2				
Caddo Parish.....	70	3		6	5	20	36		
Ouachita Parish.....	46	6	5	11	6	19		1	
Minnesota: Winona County.....	11	1		5	1	4			
New York:									
Chemung County.....	66		10		22	8	14	10	2
Columbia County.....	54	3			25	12	9	2	3
Dutchess County.....	120	3	3	21	59	21	10	3	
Ontario County.....	32	2			9	20		1	
Orleans County.....	15	2	1	1	3	6		2	
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	70	9	2	20	26	12		1	
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part).....	2			2					
Ohio:									
Auglaize County.....	10			2	7	1			
Clark County.....	41		1	9	25		6		
Lake County.....	15			5	8			2	
Sandusky County.....	20	3		6	7	13			
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	23	3	1	0	3		1	9	
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	69	4	7	5	16	11	26		
Utah:									
Second district.....	7			2	2	2	1		
Fourth district.....	4				1				
Fifth district.....	9	2	1		5	2			
Other counties.....	2	1						1	
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	7	6			2				

TABLE IX.—Disposition and manner of handling dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 74 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Dependency and neglect cases									
	Total	Official								Un-official
		Total	Disposition							
			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	Not reported	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION										
Total cases.....	16,039	13,253	2,400	3,155	813	3,545	3,206	95	0	2,785
Alabama: Mobile County.....	9	9	5		1		3			
California: San Diego County.....	438	133	63	65	1		2			395
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	70	51	8	1	1	3	33			10
District of Columbia.....	348	345	118	11		216		1	1	
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	240	169	14	5	34	46	58	12		77
Marion County.....	282	282	8	1	22	72	178	1		
Iowa: Polk County.....	631	285	83	3	51	8	136	4		346
Michigan: Kent County.....	279	279	180	11	10	12	60			
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County.....	343	343	172		18	115	29	9		
Ramsey County.....	139	138	3	70	7	33	19			
New York:										
Buffalo.....	72	72	1	6		51	14			
Erie County.....	68	68	20			36	3			
Monroe County.....	284	284		23	5	62	194			
New York City.....	3,891	3,891	1,015	1,713	23	7	1,131	2		
Rensselaer County.....	187	187	28			150				
Westchester County.....	270	269	87	1	6	167	3	5		1
Ohio:										
Cuyahoga County.....	1,396	1,090	111	263	68	582	20	15	1	336
Franklin County.....	659	659	11	70	174	145	245	7	7	
Hamilton County.....	468	111		11	4	94	1	1		357
Mahoning County.....	202	197	38		18	20	121			95
Montgomery County.....	385	287	43	36	15	31	129	13		118
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	443	332	36	138	50	20	85	4		110
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County.....	756	756	3	312	22	402	17			
Montgomery County.....	13	13			5	8				
Philadelphia.....	3,670	2,678	244	377	107	1,374	491	5		992
Utah: Third district.....	130	101	4	2	14		81			29
Virginia: Norfolk.....	209	209	94		54	28	1	13		
Washington: Pierce County.....	61	61	26	11	4	13	7			

¹ Includes all courts reporting dependency and neglect cases that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1929.

TABLE IX.—Disposition and manner of handling dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 74 specified courts during 1929—Continued

Court	Dependency and neglect cases									
	Total	Official								Un-official
		Total	Disposition							
			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	Not reported	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION										
Total cases.....	2,501	1,474	382	328	310	104	305	45		1,027
Alabama:										
Bullock County.....	63	4	1	1		1				59
Calhoun County.....	44	17		12			5			27
Chambers County.....	16	5		4		1				11
Clarke County.....	32	9				2			7	23
Colbert County.....	72	14		7	4		2		1	58
Dallas County.....	84	1					1			83
Elmore County.....	2	2	2							
Etowah County.....	17	15		2			4	2		2
Houston County.....	40	3		1	2					43
Jackson County.....	6									6
Lauderdale County.....	104	32	3	20	1		8			72
Lee County.....	20	8		3	5					18
Limestone County.....	19	5		3			2			14
Lowndes County.....	39	1							1	37
Marengo County.....	61	0		4	1		4			62
Marshall County.....	7	5		7	5					2
Monroe County.....	64	2	1				1			62
Morgan County.....	30	0					1	4		24
Perry County.....	64	3		3						61
Pickens County.....	53	1								52
Talladega County.....	42	6		1			4	1		36
Tallapoosa County.....	23			1						23
Illinois: Rock Island County.....	162	102	15	41	40	1	51	14		
Indiana: Clay County.....	13	13		8			5			
Louisiana:										
Bossier and Webster Parishes.....	5	5			53		37	4		2
Caddo Parish.....	107	105	11				8			55
Ouachita Parish.....	110	55	13	21	6		7			
Minnesota: Winona County.....	17	6	4				2			11
New York:										
Chemung County.....	135	135	102	2	10		21			
Columbia County.....	133	131	87	20	5	1	19	1		
Dutchess County.....	253	253	84	78	68	33		2		28
Ontario County.....	73	73	7	52	4		8			
Orleans County.....	24	24		11	3	8	2			
North Carolina: Buncombe County.....	103	37	2	3	20	2	9	1		66
North Dakota: Third Judicial district (in part).....	10	10	1	6			4			
Ohio:										
Anguize County.....	28	28	11		11	0				
Clark County.....	78	77	6	3	16	1	51			1
Lake County.....	31	31	12	1			18			
Sandusky County.....	40	19			3	11		1		21
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County.....	39	38		1	1	18	14	4		1
South Carolina: Greenville County.....	114	84	20	24	25	2		2		30
Utah:										
Second district.....	18	1						1		17
Fourth district.....	19	2						2		17
Fifth district.....	27	7			6			1		20
Other counties.....	7	4		4						3
Virginia: Lynchburg.....	12	12			7	3		2		

TABLE X.—Color, nativity, and parent nativity of children dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 28 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	White children						Colored children	Children whose color was not reported
		Total	Native, native parentage	Native, foreign or mixed parentage	Native, parentage not reported	Foreign born	Nativity not reported		
Total cases.....	16,038	13,606	7,684	5,159	197	184	382	2,260	142
Alabama: Mobile County.....	9	8	8					1	
California: San Diego County.....	438	416	230		16	4	60	22	
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	70	67	27	40				3	
District of Columbia.....	348	146	5	7	9		125	202	
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	246	180	88	100	2			56	
Marion County.....	282	235	237				1	44	
Iowa: Polk County.....	631	562	528	34				69	
Michigan: Kent County.....	279	279	233	36		2	8		
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	343	323	203	107		1	12	20	
Ramsey County.....	138	136	99	37				2	
New York:									
Buffalo.....	72	71	34	37				1	
Erie County.....	68	68	40	28				3	
Monroe County.....	284	281	141	140				3	
New York City.....	3,891	3,520	1,471	1,007	14	11	9	271	
Rensselaer County.....	187	185	170	14			1	2	
Westchester County.....	270	230	109	114	5		2	40	
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	1,396	1,152	419	625	67	11	30	244	
Franklin County.....	659	562	527	26	1	4	4	97	
Hamilton County.....	468	321	306	0		1	5	147	
Mahoning County.....	292	265	66	136			33	27	
Montgomery County.....	385	300	280	11			9	85	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	443	424	322	99		1	2	19	
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	756	670	388	274	3		5	86	
Montgomery County.....	13	13	12						
Philadelphia.....	3,670	2,823	1,395	1,241	80	41	66	705	142
Utah: Third district.....	130	129	08	31				1	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	209	169	163	0				40	
Washington: Pierce County.....	61	58	55	2			1	3	

¹ Includes all courts reporting dependency and neglect cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE XI.—Source of reference to court of families represented in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 28 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases									
	Total	Source of reference to court							Other	Not reported
		Social agency	Parents or relatives	Other individual	Police	Probation officer	School department			
Total families.....	7,066	3,209	2,635	644	644	450	251	120	4	
Alabama: Mobile County.....	6	1	4	1						
California: San Diego County.....	271	51	76	77	29	11	24	4		
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	31	26	2			3				
District of Columbia.....	240	36	66	17	71	24	24	2		
Indiana:										
Lake County.....	159	15	43	17	16	45	15			
Marion County.....	158	37	43	18	61	3		6		
Iowa: Polk County.....	361	98	118	79	17	4	23	22		
Michigan: Kent County.....	130	33	40	45	7	5	5	1		
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County.....	176	166					10			
Ramsey County.....	68	63		2	3					
New York:										
Buffalo.....	37	19	7		8	3				
Erie County.....	17	17								
Monroe County.....	119	114	1	1			3			
New York City.....	1,813	1,018	413	41	284	4	53			
Rensselaer County.....	102	1	79	20	1				1	
Westchester County.....	124	116	3	2			3			
Ohio:										
Cuyahoga County.....	608	269	195	10	51	42	29	3		
Franklin County.....	418	106	122	81	16	83	9	1		
Hamilton County.....	264	112	51	53	0	15	15	10	2	
Mahoning County.....	157	97	23	10	11	10	6			
Montgomery County.....	245	61	113	29	0	28	5	8		
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	227	43	60	75	37	3	7	2		
Pennsylvania:										
Allegheny County.....	322	143	27	11	2	134	3	2		
Montgomery County.....	7	2	1	3	1					
Philadelphia.....	1,683	614	1,065	19	5	3	6	71		
Utah: Third district.....	61	30	5	4	10	7	4		1	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	123	14	63	18	8	17	3			
Washington: Pierce County.....	42	7	16	2	5	6	4	2		

¹ Includes all courts reporting dependency and neglect cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE XII.—Place of care of child pending hearing or disposition in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 28 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	Place of care of child							
		Own home or case disposed of same day	Boarding home	Detention home	Other institution	Jail or police station ²	More than one place of care ⁴	Other	Not reported
Total cases.....	16,038	9,259	694	1,188	4,320	1	128	242	209
Alabama: Mobile County.....	9	7			2				
California: San Diego County.....	438	279	26	20	90		1	23	
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	70	43	1		24			2	
District of Columbia.....	348	276		24	25		21	2	
Indiana:									
Lake County.....	246	146	14	34	32		4	19	
Marion County.....	282	137	47	8	72			18	
Iowa: Polk County.....	631	359	42	149	49			41	
Michigan: Kent County.....	279	206	8	57	7				1
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County.....	343	245	30		68				
Ramsey County.....	138	65	65		8				
New York:									
Buffalo.....	72	45		22	5				
Erie County.....	68	43	13		12				
Monroe County.....	281	61	9		214				
New York City.....	3,891	1,283	11		2,574		11	7	
Rensselaer County.....	167	163			22				2
Westchester County.....	270	65	116		5		76	8	
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County.....	1,396	1,037	89	161	91		3	6	9
Franklin County.....	659	397	49	151	130		3	18	1
Hamilton County.....	468	318	17	6	99		2	25	1
Mahoning County.....	292	191	36	16	36			13	
Montgomery County.....	385	277	12	63	15		4	14	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	443	255	76	45	23	1	2	37	4
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County.....	756	222	6	335	11				182
Montgomery County.....	13	6		7					
Philadelphia.....	3,670	3,006		9	649				6
Utah: Third district.....	130	37	1	57	25			10	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	209	156	18	9	23		1	2	
Washington: Pierce County.....	61	28	8	15	9			1	

¹ Includes all courts reporting dependency and neglect cases that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

² 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.

³ Includes cases of children cared for part of the time in jails or police stations and part of the time elsewhere.

⁴ Excludes cases of children held in detention homes, jails, or police stations.

TABLE XIII.—Reason for discharge in cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision by 21 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision						
	Total	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	Not reported
Total cases.....	7,521	4,760	1,063	361	669	661	7
Alabama: Mobile County.....	18	12	4				2
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	166	94	22	1	40	8	1
District of Columbia.....	617	299	47	147	69	55	
Indiana:							
Lake County.....	75	47	6	8	4	9	1
Marion County.....	278	177	28	2	23	43	
Minnesota:							
Hennepin County.....	562	418	130	2	2	9	1
Ramsey County.....	237	194	34	1	3	4	1
New Jersey:							
Hudson County.....	189	125	35	5		24	
Mercer County.....	148	40	48			60	
New York:							
Buffalo.....	139	104	35				
Erie County.....	95	56	13	1	23	2	
Monroe County.....	124	96	23	1	3		1
New York City.....	1,901	1,507	234	6	194	53	
Westchester County.....	406	341	29	4	4	28	
Ohio:							
Cuyahoga County.....	545	282	127	42	13	81	
Hamilton County.....	344	150	46	20	44	103	1
Montgomery County.....	129	61	40	5	8	25	
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	38	3	7	7	10	11	
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia.....	1,179	610	127	105	211	125	1
Utah: Third district.....	41	30	4		1	6	
Virginia: Norfolk.....	197	144	24	4	12	13	

¹ Includes all courts reporting cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE XIV.—Duration of supervision in cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision by 21 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision							
	Total	Duration of supervision						
		Less than 6 months	6 months, less than 12	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years and over	Not reported
Total cases.....	7,521	2,672	2,924	1,136	379	236	168	6
Alabama: Mobile County.....	18	17	1					
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	166	55	68	20	13	1		
District of Columbia.....	617	179	218	101	40	35	14	
Indiana:								
Lake County.....	75	28	21	24	1		1	
Marion County.....	278	157	88	20	10	2	1	
Minnesota:								
Hennepin County.....	562	289	243	27	1	2		
Ramsey County.....	237	98	69	40	10	13	1	
New Jersey:								
Hudson County.....	189	42	59	69	24	5		
Mercer County.....	148	28	13	0	9	13	79	
New York:								
Buffalo.....	139	25	47	52	9	5	1	
Erie County.....	95	9	8	49	19	10		
Monroe County.....	124	19	47	48	10			
New York City.....	1,994	1,025	850	99	19	2		
Westchester County.....	406	98	164	84	31	25	4	
Ohio:								
Cuyahoga County.....	545	184	263	93	4	1		
Hamilton County.....	344	89	116	62	30	32	14	1
Montgomery County.....	129	27	25	60	17			
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	38	14	15	2	3	2	2	
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia.....	1,179	208	510	227	102	79	48	6
Utah: Third district.....	41	41						
Virginia: Norfolk.....	197	40	69	55	21	9	3	

¹ Includes all courts reporting cases of delinquent children discharged from supervision that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE XV.—Reason for discharge in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 13 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision							
	Total	Reason for discharge						
		Further supervision not recommended or child discharged with improvement before reaching age limit	Child committed to institution	Child committed to agency	Child committed to individual	Child reached age limit	Other	Not reported
Total cases.....	2,099	1,429	248	200	22	37	153	10
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	2						2	
District of Columbia.....	7	3		2		1	1	
Indiana: Lake County.....	17	12	3				2	
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	75	47	8	15	4		1	
New York:								
Buffalo.....	3	1	1	1				
Monroe County.....	24	14	3	7				
New York City.....	1,319	1,035	204	27		27	25	1
Westchester County.....	1						1	
Ohio:								
Cuyahoga County.....	158	78	6	35	1		33	5
Hamilton County.....	1	1						
Montgomery County.....	1		1					
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	59	5	5	2	17		35	
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia.....	432	238	17	111		9	53	4

¹ Includes all courts reporting cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

TABLE XVI.—Duration of supervision in cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision by 13 specified courts during 1929¹

Court	Cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision							
	Total	Duration of supervision						
		Less than 6 months	6 months, less than 12	1 year, less than 18 months	18 months, less than 2 years	2 years, less than 3	3 years and over	Not reported
Total cases.....	2,099	961	730	204	110	41	41	3
Connecticut: Bridgeport.....	2		2					
District of Columbia.....	7	1	6					
Indiana: Lake County.....	17	8	9					
Minnesota: Ramsey County.....	75	30	11	12	9	11	2	
New York:								
Buffalo.....	3	2	1					
Monroe County.....	24	6	1	10	7			
New York City.....	1,319	754	470	67	28			
Westchester County.....	1	1						
Ohio:								
Cuyahoga County.....	158	33	82	37	6			
Hamilton County.....	1		1					
Montgomery County.....	1	1						
Oregon: Multnomah County.....	59	23	21	6	5	2	2	
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia.....	432	102	135	72	55	28	37	3

¹ Includes all courts reporting cases of dependent and neglected children discharged from supervision that served areas with 100,000 or more population in 1920.

APPENDIX.—COURTS FURNISHING STATISTICAL MATERIAL FOR 1929

Cards were received from 95 courts in 20 States and the District of Columbia for the entire calendar year 1929, 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
Alabama:	
Juvenile court of Autauga County	Prattville.
Juvenile court of Baldwin County	Bay Minette.
Juvenile court of Bullock County	Union Springs.
Juvenile court of Calhoun County	Anniston.
Juvenile court of Chambers County	Lalet.
Juvenile court of Cherokee County	Cedar Bluff.
Juvenile court of Chilton County	Clanton.
Juvenile court of Clarke County	Jackson.
Juvenile court of Cleburne County	Heflin.
Juvenile court of Coosa County	Goodwater.
Juvenile court of Crenshaw County	Luverne.
Juvenile court of Dale County	Ozark.
Juvenile court of Dallas County	Selma.
Juvenile court of Elmore County	Tallassee.
Juvenile court of Escambia County	Brewton.
Juvenile court of Etowah County	Gadsden.
Juvenile court of Fayette County	Fayette.
Juvenile court of Franklin County	Russellville.
Juvenile court of Hale County	Greensboro.
Juvenile court of Houston County	Dothan.
Juvenile court of Jackson County	Bridgeport.
Juvenile court of Lauderdale County	Florence.
Juvenile court of Lee County	Phenix.
Juvenile court of Limestone County	Athens.
Juvenile court of Lowndes County	Fort Deposit.
Juvenile court of Marengo County	Demopolis.
Juvenile court of Marshall County	Guntersville.
Juvenile court of Mobile County	Mobile.
Juvenile court of Monroe County	Monroeville.
Juvenile court of Morgan County	Albany.
Juvenile court of Perry County	Marion.
Juvenile court of Pickens County	Reform.
Juvenile court of Talladega County	Talladega.
Juvenile court of Tallapoosa County	Alexander City.
Juvenile court of Washington County	
California: Juvenile court of San Diego County	San Diego.
Connecticut: Juvenile court of the city of Bridgeport	Bridgeport.
District of Columbia: Juvenile court of the District of Columbia	Washington.
Illinois: Juvenile court of Rock Island County	Rock Island.
Indiana:	
Juvenile court of Clay County	Brazil.
Juvenile court of Lake County	Gary.
Juvenile court of Marion County	Indianapolis.
Juvenile court of Monroe County	Bloomington.
Juvenile court of Steuben County	Angola.
Juvenile court of Union County	Liberty.
Juvenile court of Vanderburg County	Evansville.
Iowa: Polk County juvenile court	Des Moines.
Louisiana:	
Juvenile court of Bossier and Webster Parishes	Minden.
Juvenile court of Caddo Parish	Shreveport.
Juvenile court, Parish of Ouachita	Monroe.
Michigan: Juvenile court, Kent County	Grand Rapids.

	Largest city or town in area served
Minnesota:	
Juvenile court of Hennepin County	Minneapolis.
Juvenile court of Ramsey County	St. Paul.
Winona County juvenile court	Winona.
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.
Columbia County children's court	Hudson.
Delaware County children's court	Walton.
Children's court of Dutchess County	Poughkeepsie.
Erie County children's court	Lackawanna.
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.
Orleans County children's court	Medina.
Children's court of Rensselaer County	Troy.
Westchester County children's court	Yonkers.
North Carolina: Juvenile court of Buncombe County	Asheville.
North Dakota: District court, third judicial district	Wahpeton.
Ohio:	
Juvenile court of Auglaize County	St. Marys.
Juvenile court of Clark County	Springfield.
Juvenile court, County of Cuyahoga	Cleveland.
Court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, Franklin County	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.
Oregon: Court of domestic relations, County of Multnomah	Portland.
Pennsylvania:	
Juvenile court of Allegheny County	Pittsburgh.
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.
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.
Washington: Juvenile court of Pierce County	Tacoma.

¹ Cache, 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, Saupete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties.
⁶ Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Millard, San Juan, Uintah, and Washington Counties.