



### F o r e w o r d

For reasons of economy, dictated by war-time considerations, and also of necessity, dictated by war-time reduction of personnel, this 1942 report is issued in skeleton form. It simply carries the statistical tables and comparisons of previous reports, together with a very condensed summary. Interpretations and observations on the local delinquency situation have from time to time appeared in the public press and other publications of wider circulation than an annual report.

S U M M A R Y   F O R   1 9 4 2

Commitment to the industrial schools showed a sharp increase during last year, jumping from 48 in 1941 to 57 in 1942. In addition there were seven commitments to the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield.

This increase is largely attributable to the war. Returning the child to his own home on probation is obviously more hazardous than in normal times. Temptations and opportunities for wrong-doing have both multiplied; the war psychology has percolated down to the children; parental supervision has deteriorated, in many cases to the vanishing point; court supervision is more attenuated because of decreased personnel; and intermediary measures (foster homes, private schools, etc.) are already over-taxed.

There were 1124 cases of delinquency during 1942 as compared with 1257 during 1941. This represents a reduction of 11% in the total number of offenses reported to the court. There was a reduction of the total number of children who contacted the court from 1162 in 1941 to 1030 in 1942. This represents a net reduction of 11.4%.

One hundred seventy-nine of these children were repeaters, which represents 17% of the total number of children. This is a reduction of 5% from the preceding year.

The typical delinquent boy was older than in 1941. The average age increased from 14 years to 15 years and 3 months. The average for girls increased from 15 to 15 years and 8 months.

For the sixth consecutive year 100% of all car owners, whose cars were stolen, aided the juvenile by leaving the keys in the ignition switch.

Foster home placement continued to be very successful in treating delinquents. Fewer children were placed; 30 as compared with 34 in 1941, and 50 in 1940 because the war has made the use of foster homes more difficult. The

cost of living has increased and it is harder to find homes of the high quality to which we are accustomed without substantial increases in weekly payment. Also, the entrance of many women into industry has precluded their serving as foster mothers.

The court collected from parents \$5473.29 to reimburse the county for the cost of maintaining children in foster homes.

October, the usual heavy month for delinquency, took third place last year, with January highest and April second.

A few interesting changes in the frequency of delinquency offenses show truancy increased from 139 in 1941 to 162 in 1942. Runaways dropped from 108 to 72. Traffic violations dropped from 113 to 88. There was an increase in purse snatching from 7 to 26, and automobile thefts from 45 to 51. Marked decreases were noted in all other types of theft including burglary and robbery. Sex offenses, always a source of concern during war, dropped from 57 in 1941 to 48 in 1942.

The number of children committed to private correctional schools increased from 18 to 33.

Once again the average child was in the 7th grade. In view of the fact that the average age of delinquents is approximately 15 years, this represents a retardation of about two years.

Only 51% of the children appearing before this court during 1942 were reported to be living with both parents.

More than 50% of the children had no contact with any known character building organization. Only about 3% had anything more than a nominal church affiliation. A very high percentage found their chief recreational outlet in corner lounging, movies and participation in gang activities.

LET THE CHILDREN SPEAK

WHAT CAUSES DELINQUENCY

Although it is difficult for a child to analyze the causes of his delinquency, we have found it of particular significance to record the reports of pathological conditions in the child's home life and general background as he sees them. Where a large number of delinquent children report unusual situations of a similar nature which are not to be found in the lives of normal children, there is undoubtedly a direct relationship between that situation and the delinquency. The following are the factors appearing most frequently and the number of times they have been named by different children:

<u>FACTORS</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>
Bad companions	494	477
Lax discipline	453	321
Broken homes	515	306
Parental indifference to trouble	295	301
Parental failure to sense problem	378	300
Lack of affection and security	259	248
Bad neighborhood	205	238
Truancy	143	165
Quarreling parents	252	161
Other delinquents in family	169	187
Ill health of parents	167	89

Significant trend: The increased extent to which failure of parental responsibility shows itself among the delinquent group this year. The general irresponsibility on the part of parents is manifested in lax supervision and permitting children to keep undesirable associates which, with broken homes, far outdistance any other causative factor.

## HALLOWEEN VANDALISM

A continuation of the Halloween program in 1942 resulted in further reduction in vandalism during this critical period. Again more than 500 separate celebrations were sponsored by the committee in charge and the total attendance of children exceeded 100,000 and the various committees on arrangement comprised more than 3500 people. The figures show reduction in broken street lights, 45%; false alarms, 6%; total police calls, 6%. Over the five-year period that this program has been in operation there has been a gross reduction of vandalism during the Halloween period of 80%. For the first time in recorded history Halloween passed without a single false alarm.

Table No. 1

TRENDS OF THE PAST SIX YEARS

	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937</u>
Commitments to Industrial Schools	57	48	48	33	36	26
Delinquents placed in foster homes	30	34	60	44	45	32
Repeaters	179	267	230	288	197	198
Sex Offenses	48	57	67	83	28	25
Truancy	162	139	98	129	98	39
Traffic	88	113	84	68	80	33
Runaways	72	108	81	100	53	236
Malicious mischief	52	70	85	107	65	130
Burglary	97	110	142	94	62	37
Auto Theft	51	39	80	32	64	50
Larceny from stores, etc. )	303	265	352	158	305	209
Larceny from individuals )						

Table No. 2

DELINQUENCIES BY THE MONTH

<u>Month</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Negro</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
January	87	34	9	3	133
February	70	14	13	-	97
March	52	17	11	1	81
April	87	19	19	4	129
May	58	24	17	5	104
June	58	12	4	5	79
July	49	8	23	4	84
August	49	12	13	3	77
September	42	16	6	2	66
October	75	28	12	1	116
November	57	9	18	1	85
December	42	22	9	-	73
	<u>726</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1124</u>

Table No. 3

OFFENSES FOR WHICH BROUGHT INTO COURT

	<u>White</u>		<u>Negro</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
<u>Group I</u>					
Truancy	110	35	14	3	162
Runaway	26	34	7	5	72
Traffic violation	78	5	5	-	88
Incorrigibility	36	54	4	-	94
<u>Group II</u>					
Larceny from person	11	2	12	1	26
Larceny of auto	46	-	5	-	51
Larceny of bicycle	26	-	13	-	39
Larceny, all other	155	36	40	3	234
Burglary	91	-	6	-	97
Robbery and hold-up	-	-	4	-	4
<u>Group III</u>					
Malicious mischief	45	-	7	-	52
Creating nuisance	14	1	10	-	25
<u>Group IV</u>					
Sex offense	17	20	4	7	48
Arson	1	-	-	-	1
<u>Group V</u>					
All other	70	28	23	10	131
	<u>726</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1124</u>

Table No. 4

DISPOSITION OF CASES

	White		Negro	
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Pending	58	21	29	3
Restitution	37	-	7	-
Exonerated	14	29	2	-
Toledo Catholic Charities	41	13	2	3
Committed to other				
correctional school	16	16	-	1
Boarding home	23	2	2	3
Custody to relative	2	3	2	-
Custody change to one				
parent	2	3	-	-
Consent to marry	1	1	-	1
Lucas Co. Children's Home	4	4	-	-
Probation to PO	163	55	55	8
BIS or GIS	25	15	16	1
OSR	5	-	2	-
Runaways returned	7	-	1	-
License suspended	33	1	2	-
Fined	20	-	-	-
Traffic School	6	-	-	-
Suspended commitment	8	-	-	-
To other court	5	2	-	-
CCC	3	-	1	-
Military service	8	-	-	-
Dismissed	21	8	14	3
Adjusted	134	18	13	1
Probation to individual	65	9	-	-
Work permit	10	1	2	-
Parole violators returned	4	-	1	-
Continued on parole	2	-	1	-
Returned to school	5	8	-	-
Referred to new complaint	4	-	6	1
Other	9	8	1	4

Note: The grand totals do not tally because some 1941 cases were committed in 1942.

Table No. 5

REPEATERS

	White		Negro		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
1942 Repeaters	114	11	54	-	179

Table No. 6

AGE RANGE OF DELINQUENTS

	White		Negro		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	
9 and under	52	7	13	2	74
10	19	2	2	1	24
11	48	11	15	-	74
12	47	12	17	1	77
13	78	15	23	3	119
14	92	29	30	-	151
15	113	48	23	8	192
16	152	39	22	9	222
17	121	51	9	5	186
18	4	-	-	-	4
over 18	-	1	-	-	1
	<u>726</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1124</u>

Median Age: White boys, 15 years 3 months  
White girls, 15 years 8 months  
Negro boys, 14 years, 11 months  
Negro girls, 15 years 10 months

Table No. 7

SCHOOL ATTENDING \*

(Public)		(Parochial)	
Gunckel	65	Whitmer HS	4
Robinson Jr	58	Fickett	3
Woodward	48	Stickney	3
Scott	46	Walbridge	3
Waite	44	Garfield	3
Libbey	33	Private	3
DeVilbiss	30	Shoreland	3
Sherman	28	Auburndale	2
Lincoln	24	Burroughs	2
Jones Jr	21	Cherry	2
Lagrange	18	Edgewater	2
Parkland Craft	15	Kleis	2
Macomber Voc	14	Nathan Hale	2
Glenwood	11	Spring	2
Washington	11	Webster	2
Raymer	10	Whittier	2
Riverside	10	Feilbach	2
Whitney Voc	10	Clay Elen	2
Point Place	10	Glann	2
Chase	9	Hillview	2
Navarre	9	Martin	2
Sylvania Elem	9	Swanton	2
Burnham	8	Whitehouse	2
Holland HS	7	Beverly	1
Marshall	7	Fulton	1
Oakdale	7	Hamilton	1
Roosevelt	6	Harvard	1
Warren	6	McKinley	1
Clay HS	6	Wayne	1
Hopewell	6	Irving	1
East Side Cent	5	Jerusalem Twp	1
Franklin	5	Mt. Vernon	1
Parkland	4	Monclova	1
Westfield	4	Ottawa	1
Birmingham	4	Trilby	1
Maumee HS	4	Wernert	1
		St. Hedwig's	19
		Central Cath	15
		St. Mary's	7
		Nativity	5
		St. Thomas	
		Aquinas'	5
		St. Anthony's	4
		Holy Rosary	3
		Good Shepherd	2
		Our Lady Of	
		Perpetual Help	2
		St. Frances de	
		Sales	2
		St. Joseph's	2
		St. Michael's	2
		St. Stephen's	2
		St. Adalbert's	1
		St. Agnes'	1
		St. Ann's	1
		St. Catherine's	1
		St. Hyacinth's	1
		St. James'	1
		St. John's	1
		St. Louis'	1
		St. Stanislaus'	1
		St. Teresa's	1
		St. Ursula's	1
		Blessed Sac	1
		Not attending	101
		Unknown	258
		Attending	
		Out of	
		County	6

\* Schools not listed had no cases in court

Table No. 8

BY DISTRICTS

<u>District</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Negro</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>1941 Total</u>
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>		
South End	76	12	3	2	93	102
West Toledo	29	3	6	-	38	59
Collingwood	64	14	3	3	84	90
West End	49	4	-	-	53	50
Nebraska	41	12	2	3	58	66
East Toledo	118	34	4	-	156	184
North End	75	21	-	-	96	101
Lagrange-Stickney	53	25	2	-	80	123
Downtown	74	36	21	-	131	135
Pinewood	23	14	109	18	164	164
Point Place	21	4	-	-	25	17
Adams Twp	9	4	-	-	13	15
Harding Twp	2	-	-	-	2	-
Jerusalem Twp	1	1	-	-	2	4
Monclova Twp	1	-	-	-	1	6
Oregon Twp	9	1	-	-	10	14
Providence Twp	4	-	-	-	4	-
Richfield Twp	-	-	-	-	-	1
Spencer Twp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Springfield Twp	10	4	-	-	14	14
Swanton Twp	4	1	1	-	6	1
Sylvania Twp	16	5	2	-	23	19
Washington Twp	14	4	-	2	20	19
Waterville Twp	2	1	-	-	3	-
Waynesfield Twp	13	2	-	-	15	11
Out of County	12	12	1	1	26	62
Out of State	6	1	-	-	7	-
	<u>726</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1124</u>	<u>1257</u>

CHILD  
STUDY  
INSTITUTE

Table A

NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS \*

	1 9 4 2			1 9 4 1		
	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Negro</u>	<u>Total</u>
Boys	660	125	785	643	116	759
Percent	63.7%	12.1%	75.8%	62.2%	11.2%	73.4%
Girls	217	34	251	226	48	274
Percent	<u>20.9%</u>	<u>3.3%</u>	<u>24.2%</u>	<u>21.9%</u>	<u>4.7%</u>	<u>26.6%</u>
Total	877	159	1036	869	164	1033
Percent	84.6%	15.4%	100%	84.1%	15.9%	100%

\* Includes re-admissions of same child if he was received more than once during year.

Table B

STATUS OF CHILDREN ADMITTED

	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 1	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Delinquent	879	84.8%	819	79.3%
Dependent	126	12.2%	170	16.5%
For observation	<u>31</u>	<u>3.0%</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>4.2%</u>
	1036	100%	1033	100%

Table C

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OF CHILDREN

	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 1	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Protestant	758	73.2%	765	74.0%
Catholic	255	25.5%	255	24.7%
Jewish	7	.7%	5	.5%
Greek Orthodox	4	.4%	5	.5%
Mohammedan	2	.2%	2	.2%
Gypsy	0	0.0%	1	.1%
No Religion	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	1036	100.0%	1033	100.0%

Table D

AGES OF CHILDREN

	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 1	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
6 and under	49	4.8%	59	5.7%
7	15	1.4%	21	2.0%
8	13	1.2%	22	2.1%
9	34	3.3%	22	2.1%
10	20	1.9%	46	4.5%
11	77	7.5%	58	5.6%
12	103	9.9%	83	8.0%
13	135	13.0%	156	15.1%
14	182	17.6%	151	14.6%
15	230	22.2%	210	20.3%
16	108	10.4%	137	13.3%
17	66	6.4%	65	6.4%
18	4	.4%	3	.3%
19	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	1036	100.0%	1033	100.0%

Median Age (1941): 14 yrs. 3-1/2 mo.

Median Age (1942): 14 yrs. 5 mo.

Table E

PERIOD OF RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN

	1 9 4 2		1 9 4 1	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than 10 days	690	66.6%	724	70.1%
10 days to 1 month	245	23.7%	215	20.6%
1 month to 2 months	76	7.3%	72	7.0%
2 months to 3 months	22	2.1%	20	1.9%
3 months to 4 months	2	.2%	2	.2%
More than 4 months	1	.1%	0	0.0%
	<u>1036</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>1033</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Table F

AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
IN RESIDENCE

	1 9 4 2			1 9 4 1
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	29	12	41	35
February	27	14	41	33
March	28	11	39	35
April	29	11	40	35
May	28	12	40	30
June	18	10	28	22
July	22	9	31	26
August	20	13	33	27
September	20	12	32	32
October	23	13	36	36
November	24	9	33	37
December	20	6	26	40

Daily average, 35. In 1941 it was 32.

Table G

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS ADMINISTERED

<u>Name of Test</u>	<u>1 9 4 2</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>1 9 4 1</u> <u>Frequency</u>
Revised Stanford Binet, Form L	166	183
Revised Stanford Binet, Form M	9	6
Arthur Performance Battery	6	15
Group Intelligence Tests	0	29
Bell Adjustment Inventory	2	8
Stanford Achievement Battery (10 tests)	3	8
Stanford Arithmetic Test	1	0
Stanford Reading Test	2	2
Ishihara Color Vision Test	0	3
Haggerty Reading Test	0	2
Maller Personality Sketches	19	36
Thurstone Vocational Interest Schedule	0	5
Purdom Diagnostic Questionnaire	0	1
Terman Masculinity-Femininity Scale	0	1
California Test of Personality	54	8
Hoppock Information Test	0	1
Meier Art Judgment	0	2
Monroe Reading Test	0	1
O'Rourke Mechanical Aptitudes	0	2
Lewerenz Orientation Test	0	1
Lowe-Shimberg Scale of Information Test	0	1
Goodenough Drawing Test	3	0
Seguin Form Board	7	0
Otis Self-Administering Test of Mental Ability	33	0
Rosanoff Association Test	3	0
Total	<hr/> 308	<hr/> 315

Table H

NUMBER OF REPORTS RENDERED

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>1 9 4 2</u> <u>Frequency</u>	<u>1 9 4 1</u> <u>Frequency</u>
Psychological	208	210
Psychiatric	96	209
Observation	14	37
Social Histories	33	51
Supervision Reports	14	0
Total	<u>365</u>	<u>407</u>

Table I

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>
Number individual children examined	438	465
Total number medical examinations	747	645
Number of daily treatments in clinic	703	850
Nutritional status of children:		
Good	70%	74%
Fair	14%	13%
Poor	16%	13%
General Health:		
(when admitted)		
Good	62%	58%
Fair	21%	24%
Poor	17%	18%
Percent having visual defects	34%	31%
Percent having dental defects	59%	54%
Percent Positive Wasserman tests	1.5%	94%
Percent positive N & T cultures	2%	.001%
Number of pregnancies	14	13
Infected tonsils	17%	
Immunizations (prior to admission)		
Small Pox	43%	49%
Diphtheria	12%	28%
Pertussis	6%	1.2%
Clinic cases	30	

Table J

DISTRIBUTION OF INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENTS

<u>I. Q. Range</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>1 9 4 1</u> <u>Percent</u>
0 - 19	6	Idiot	3.0%	2.0%
20 - 49	12	Imbecile	6.0%	4.6%
50 - 69	29	Moron	14.5%	11.2%
70 - 79	26	Borderline	13.0%	11.6%
80 - 89	19	Dull Normal	9.5%	22.2%
90 - 109	78	Normal	39.0%	29.8%
110 - 119	14	Superior	7.0%	11.6%
120 - 129	9	Very Superior	4.5%	4.6%
130 plus	7	Near genius or genius	3.5%	2.4%
Total	200		100.0%	100.0%

Mean Intelligence Quotient: 86

Median Intelligence Quotient: 92

Incidence of Mental Deficiency (1941): 17.8%

Incidence of Mental Deficiency (1942): 23.5%

Table K

THE PRIVILEGE SYSTEM

	<u>1 9 4 2</u>	<u>1 9 4 1</u>
Number of children granted privileges	356	225
Number of privileges granted	1901	1976
% total population granted privileges	34.36%	21.78%
Number escapes while on privilege	0	1
Number major violations*	0	1
Number minor violations**	9	4
% non-violated privileges	99.53%	99.7%

\* e.g., committing a delinquent act while on privilege.

\*\* e.g., exceeding time limit, visiting home, smoking, etc.  
while on privilege.