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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 1930 were not available when these tabulations were made.

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 25 [4] 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.

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[2] Juvenile-Court Statistics, 1927 and 1928. United States Children's Bureau Publications No. 195 (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, New York City, Ontario County, Orleans County, Rensselaer County; North Dakota—Third judicial district; Ohio—Franklin County, Lake County; Pennsylvania—Allegheny County, Montgomery County; Virginia—Lynchburg, Norfolk; Washington—Pierce County.

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*

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	16	13	3	16	7	9	12
Bullock County	3		3	63	30	33	16
Calhoun County	62	48	14	44	21	23	15
Chambers County	5	5		16	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
Cleburne County	2	1	1	2	1	1	
Colbert County	18	11	7	72	38	34	7
Coosa County	1		1	4	2	2	6
Crenshaw County				29	18	11	20
Dale County	11	11		2		2	16
Dallas County	22	18	4	84	43	41	22
Elmore County	6	4	2	2	2		
Escambia County				12	7	5	14
Etowah County	61	49	12	17	10	7	6
Fayette County	4	3	1	86	42	44	8
Franklin County	13	12	1	6	1	5	
Hale County	10	7	3	31	16	15	26
Houston County	18	16	2	46	23	23	22
Jackson County	12	9	3	6	2	4	1
Lauderdale County	14	7	7	104	39	65	59
Lee County	3	3		26	11	15	16
Limestone County	7	6	1	19	9	10	
Lowndes County	2	2		38	15	23	11
Marengo County	3	2	1	61	33	28	9
Marshall County	8	8		7	4	3	
Mobile County	219	170	49	9	6	3	18
Monroe County	1		1	54	26	28	2
Morgan County	21	15	6	30	13	17	11
Perry County	4	3	1	64	38	26	24
Pickens County	3	3		53	25	28	4
Talladega County	19	15	4	42	22	20	7
Tallapoosa County	6	6		23	10	13	7
Washington County	7	4	3	27	10	17	14
California: San Diego County	1,656	1,417	239	438	204	234	
Connecticut: Bridgeport	461	391	70	70	37	33	168
District of Columbia	1,947	1,623	324	348	197	151	624
Illinois: Rock Island County	34	17	17	162	70	92	16
Indiana:							
Clay County	19	13	6	13	6	7	10
Lake County	242	134	108	246	113	133	92
Marion County	985	653	332	282	163	119	278
Monroe County	21	14	7				11
Steuben County	17	11	6	5		5	
Union County	24	16	8				12
Vanderburg County	92	37	55				
Iowa: Polk County	747	569	178	631	309	322	
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	897	200	343	161	182	562
Ramsey County	396	309	87	138	67	71	312
Winona County	38	32	6	17	7	10	31
New Jersey:							
Hudson County	1,846	1,584	262				189
Mercer County	433	414	19				148
New York:							
Buffalo	932	866	66	72	48	24	142
Chemung County	133	100	33	135	65	70	
Columbia County	126	118	8	133	65	68	46
Delaware County	16	14	2				
Dutchess County	223	200	23	293	154	139	6
Erie County	203	192	11	68	41	27	95
Monroe County	233	194	39	284	144	140	148
New York City	7,956	6,868	1,088	3,891	2,045	1,846	3,313
Ontario County	86	67	19	73	29	44	
Orleans County	30	29	1	24	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:							
Auglaize County	95	80	15	28	16	12	----------
Clark County	401	326	75	78	35	43	59
Cuyahoga County	3,883	3,172	711	1,396	720	676	703
Franklin County	473	274	199	659	342	317	----------
Hamilton County	2,034	1,394	640	468	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	69	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	55	47	8	13	8	5	----------
Philadelphia	6,955	6,089	866	3,670	1,918	1,752	1,611
South Carolina: Greenville County	126	103	23	114	54	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	264	236	28	7	1	6	14
Virginia:							
Lynchburg	246	211	35	12	8	4	64
Norfolk	852	709	143	209	103	106	197
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 CASES [10]

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 1929* [1]

Age and sex of child	Delinquency cases								
	Total	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction							
		Under 16 years [2]		Under 17 years		Under 18 years		Under 21 years [3]	
		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution
Total cases	46,312	23,973		2,943		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	100
Under 10 years	2,630	1,572	8	201	8	768	6	89	6
10 years, under 12	4,736	3,068	15	286	12	1,286	10	96	7
12 years, under 14	9,626	6,182	30	571	23	2,666	20	207	15
14 years, under 16	15,259	9,533	46	875	36	4,404	33	447	32
16 years, under 18	5,698	275	1	527	21	4,381	32	515	36
18 years and over	94	5	(4)	2	(4)	26	(4)	61	4
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	100
Under 10 years	286	117	4	27	6	132	3	10	4
10 years, under 12	426	208	7	45	10	167	4	6	3
12 years, under 14	1,434	699	23	116	25	579	15	40	17
14 years, under 16	3,765	1,945	63	188	40	1,566	39	66	28
16 years, under 18	1,800	93	3	90	19	1,527	38	90	38
18 years and over	42	4	(4)			13	(4)	25	11
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.

[10] 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.

[11] 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 1929* [1]

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 girls* [1] *dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929* [2]

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	25,658	100	5,606	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 1929* [1]

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	40,503	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	1,836	5	546	8
In adoptive home	202	(2)	128	(2)	74	1
In other family home	2,159	5	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	4,293	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 1929* [1]

Place of care and sex of child	Delinquency cases											
	Total		Age of child									
			Under 14 years		14 years, under 16		16 years, under 18		18 years and over		Not reported	
	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	------	19,024	------	7,498	------	136	------	516	------
Boys' cases	38,461	------	16,992	------	15,259	------	5,698	------	94	------	418	------
Place of care reported	38,211	100	16,890	100	15,158	100	5,664	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	49	52	254	63
Boarding home	131	(2)	47	(2)	45	(2)	32	1	6	6	1	(5)
Detention home or other institution [3]	13,891	36	6,198	37	6,363	42	1,184	21	11	12	135	33
Detention home [3]	9,935	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	1,503	4	128	1	413	3	931	16	23	24	8	2
One of the places of care	238	1	28	(2)	74	(2)	135	2	------	------	1	(2)
More than one place of care [4]	249	1	96	1	123	1	29	1	------	------	1	(2)
Other place of care	164	(2)	38	(2)	64	(2)	52	1	5	5	5	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	7,790	100	2,136	100	3,735	100	1,783	100	41	(5)	95	100
Own home or case disposed of same day	3,865	50	1,278	60	1,646	44	872	49	14	------	55	58
Boarding home	94	1	11	1	33	1	50	3	------	------	------	------
Detention home or other institution [3]	3,437	44	788	37	1,892	51	712	40	18	------	27	28
Detention home [3]	2,233	29	454	21	1,157	31	590	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	(2)	1	(2)	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 6B.—*Place of care pending hearing or disposition and color of boys and girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 93 courts during 1929* [1]

Place of care and sex of child	Delinquency cases					
	Total	White children		Colored children		Children whose color was not reported
		Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases	46,312	37,832		7,351		1,129
Boys' cases	38,461	31,613		5,825		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	19,199	61	2,637	45	199
Boarding home	131	123	(2)	8	(2)	
Detention home or other institution [3]	13,891	10,393	33	2,674	46	824
Detention home [3]	9,935	7,039	22	2,072	36	824
Other institution	3,956	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	(2)	23	(2)	
Place of care not reported	250	222		28		
Girls' cases	7,851	6,219		1,526		106
Place of care reported	7,790	6,164	100	1,520	100	106
Own home or case disposed of same day	3,865	3,093	50	742	49	30
Boarding home	94	86	1	8	1	
Detention home or other institution [3]	3,437	2,669	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	(2)	
More than one place of care [4]	73	59	1	14	1	
Other place of care	166	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 COURT [14]

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 1929*[1]

Reason for reference to court, and sex of child	Delinquency cases						
	Total		White children		Colored children		Children whose color was not reported
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases	46,312		37,832		7,351		1,129
Boys' cases	38,461		31,613		5,825		1,023
Reason reported	38,339	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	5,392	14	3,985	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	2,696	7	2,158	7	482	8	56
Sex offense	608	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	10,999	29	9,380	30	1,377	24	242
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication	356	1	309	1	44	1	3
Other reason	914	2	754	2	129	2	31
Reason not reported	122		103		19		
Girls' cases	7,851		6,219		1,526		106
Reason reported	7,778	100	6,171	100	1,501	100	106
Stealing or attempted stealing	853	11	658	11	187	12	8
Automobile stealing	15	(2)	14	(2)	1	(2)	
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	5	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	1,290	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	100	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	36	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 1929*[1]

Reason for reference to court, and sex of child	Delinquency cases							
		Age of child						
	Total	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
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	5	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	6	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	46
Violating liquor or drug law, or intoxication	1	-------	(2)	(2)	1	4	7	(2)
Other reason	2	1	1	2	3	4	7	1
Girls' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	(3)	100
Stealing or attempted stealing	11	22	23	16	9	8	-------	5
Automobile stealing	(2)	-------	1	(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	19	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	5	-------	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 indefinitely [16] 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 1929* [1]

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official delinquency cases						
	Total		White children		Colored children		Children whose color was not reported
	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	Number	Per cent distribution	
Total cases	31,814		25,964		5,144		706
Disposition reported	31,806	100	25,956	100	5,144	100	706
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	9,561	30	8,151	31	1,341	26	69
Child placed on probation	12,588	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	6	1,462	6	466	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	
Other institution	263	1	185	1	63	1	15
Restitution, fine, or costs	2,260	7	2,056	8	196	4	8
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	1,579	5	1,457	6	122	2	
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	[2]	33	[2]	4	[2]	1
Child otherwise cared for	359	1	315	1	43	1	1
Disposition not reported	8		8				
Boys' cases	26,569		21,854		4,093		622
Disposition reported	26,566	100	21,851	100	4,093	100	622
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	8,464	32	7,263	33	1,138	28	63
Child placed on probation	10,503	40	8,478	39	1,696	41	329
Child committed to institution	3,626	14	2,873	13	596	15	157
State institution for delinquent children	1,499	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	[2]	95	[2]	13	[2]	
Other institution	172	1	125	1	40	1	7
Restitution, fine, or costs	2,205	8	2,008	9	189	5	8
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	1,542	6	1,426	7	116	3	
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	[2]	33	[2]	3	[2]	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	5,240	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	1,569	38	482	46	34
Child committed to institution	1,403	27	1,152	28	226	22	25
State institution for delinquent children	475	9	364	9	107	10	4
Other institution for delinquent children	756	14	666	16	77	7	13
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	81	2	62	2	19	2	
Other institution	91	2	60	1	23	2	8
Restitution, fine, or costs	55	1	48	1	7	1	
Fine imposed or payment of costs ordered	37	1	31	1	6	1	
Restitution or reparation ordered	18	(2)	17	(2)	1	(2)	
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	
Child committed to board, department, or agency	330	6	241	6	72	7	17
Child returned home	106	2	83	2	21	2	2
Child referred for criminal prosecution	1	(2)			1	(2)	
Child otherwise cared for	39	1	30	1	9	1	
Disposition not reported	5		5				

[2] 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 1929* [1]

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official delinquency cases							
	Total	Age of child						
		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
Boys' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	32	38	32	31	33	28	29	39
Child placed on probation	40	37	42	43	40	33	37	26
Child committed to institution	14	8	12	14	14	15	10	21
State institution for delinquent children	6	1	3	5	6	10	8	11
Other institution for delinquent children	7	5	8	8	7	4		7
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)		1
Other institution	1	2	1	1	(2)	1	2	2
Restitution, fine, or costs	8	8	9	8	7	11	6	7
Other disposition	7	8	5	5	6	13	19	7
Girls' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	(3)	(3)
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 1929* [1]

Disposition of case and sex of child	Official delinquency cases										
		Reason for reference to court									
	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 or drug law or intoxication	Other	Not reported
Boys' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	32	22	37	18	23	21	48	53	38	50	58
Child placed on probation	40	51	32	40	45	55	33	20	30	16	26
Child committed to institution	14	17	15	18	23	17	8	3	8	4	7
State institution for delinquent children	6	8	3	6	8	10	4	1	6	1	2
Other institution for delinquent children	7	8	11	10	12	5	3	2	2	2	6
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	[2]	[2]	[2]	1	1	1	[2]	[2]			
Other institution	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	[2]		1	
Restitution, fine, or costs	8	5	4	[2]	2	3	7	19	20	27	8
Other disposition	7	5	13	24	8	5	4	5	4	3	
Girls' cases	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	[3]	100	100
Dismissed or continued indefinitely	21	22	42	16	14	11	49	55		25	25
Child placed on probation	40	51	31	38	46	34	36	27		27	47
Child committed to institution	27	17	9	27	30	45	7	5		37	26
State institution for delinquent children	9	5	3	7	8	19	1	2		28	
Other institution for delinquent children	14	10	5	16	18	20	4	3		7	26
Type of institution for delinquent children not reported	2	[2]	[2]	2	2	3		1			
Other institution	2	1	1	2	2	3	2			1	
Restitution, fine, or costs	1	2	3	[2]	[2]		6	7			
Other disposition	11	8	15	19	10	10	2	7		11	1

[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 1929* [1]

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	488	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	5,389	55	960	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	388	3	195	2	193	9
Other disposition	354	3	307	3	47	2
Disposition not reported	14		9		5	
Colored	2,207		1,732		475	
Disposition reported	2,207	100	1,732	100	475	100
Dismissed	540	24	409	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	89	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	210	52	6	
Child placed on unofficial probation	106	25	103	26	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	[illegible]	2	
Disposition not reported						

[1] 64 of the 93 courts reporting delinquency cases reported unofficial delinquency cases; 56 of the 64 courts reported boys' cases and 50, 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.

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT CASES

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 CASES[20]

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).

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[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	2,656	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	295	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 1929* [1]

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	8,196	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	436	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 girls* [1] *dealt with in dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 89 courts during 1929* [2]

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	7,790	100	7,562	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	16,156	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	521	3
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 neglect[22] on the part of parents or guardians, and situations involving dependency[23] 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	7,736	41	3,424	37
Parents or relatives	6,236	33	3,138	34
Other individual	1,594	8	896	10
Police	1,135	6	681	7
Probation officer	1,096	6	581	6
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	898	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]	5,654	30
Detention home [1]	1,213	7
Other institution	4,441	24
Jail or police station	8	(2)
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 1929* [1]

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	3,496	24
Child placed under supervision of individual other than probation officer	1,127	8
Child committed to board, department, or agency	3,657	25
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	2,856	19
Type of institution for dependents not reported	149	1
Institution for delinquent children	78	1
Institution for feeble-minded or epileptic children	30	(2)
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 1929* [1]

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	15	

[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	8,026	
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	726	9
Transferred to other court	57	1
Whereabouts unknown	202	3
Moved from jurisdiction of court	292	4
Other reason	175	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	27,579	26,538
Connecticut: Bridgeport	461	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	1,149	966
Ramsey County	396	375	342
New Jersey:			
Hudson County	1,846	1,850	1,685
Mercer County	433	294	215
New York:			
Buffalo	932	938	836
Columbia County	126	65	98
Erie County	203	197	177
New York City	7,956	7,204	[1] 6,102
Westchester County	888	888	1,104
North Carolina: Buncombe County	146	106	144
Ohio:			
Franklin County	473	763	883
Hamilton County	[2] 1,394	[2] 1,097	[2] 1,332
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	126
Courts reporting in 1928 and 1929 only	11,494	9,536	----------
Iowa: Polk County	747	753	----------
Louisiana:			
Caddo Parish	275	232	----------
Ouachita Parish	269	257	----------
New York:			
Chemung County	133	124	----------
Monroe County	233	222	----------
Ontario County	86	100	----------
Ohio:			
Clark County	401	395	----------
Cuyahoga County	3,883	[3] 2,636	----------
Lake County	59	67	----------
Montgomery County	752	534	----------
Pennsylvania: Allegheny County	1,290	1,243	----------
South Carolina: Greenville County	126	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	279	----------

[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	61	59	58	51	50	50
Boarding home	(2)	(2)	(2)	1	1	1
Detention home or other institution [3]	34	36	36	43	45	44
Jail or police station [4]	4	4	5	2	2	2
More than one place of care [5]	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	28	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	26	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	100
White	87	86	87
Native	79	82	83
Foreign born	5	1	1
Nativity not reported	3	3	2
Colored	13	14	13

[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 H.—*Per cent distribution according to parent nativity of native white 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]

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 Bureau* [1]

Place of care of child	Dependency and neglect cases		
	1927	1928	1929
Total	100	100	100
Own home or case disposed of same day	56	61	62
Boarding home	5	5	5
Detention home or other institution [2]	36	31	30
Jail or police station [3]	(4)	(4)	(4)
More than one place of care [5]	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 Bureau* [1]

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	36	32
Financial need	15	12	12
Question of custody	10	8	8
Other reason	7	7	5

[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 Bureau* [1]

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.

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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 1929*[1]

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	
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION																
Total	41,213	33,326	27,817	5,509	6,758	5,341	1,417	1,129	16,038	13,606	6,924	6,682	2,290	1,207	1,083	142
Alabama: Mobile County	219	118	90	28	101	80	21	----	9	8	5	3	1	1	----	----
California: San Diego County	1,656	1,580	1,352	228	76	65	11	----	438	416	194	222	22	10	12	----
Connecticut: Bridgeport	461	447	380	67	14	11	3	----	70	67	35	32	3	2	1	----
District of Columbia	1,947	799	696	103	1,148	927	221	----	348	146	75	71	202	122	80	----
Indiana:																
Lake County	242	200	114	86	42	20	22	----	246	190	93	97	56	20	36	----
Marion County	985	683	422	261	302	231	71	----	282	238	136	102	44	27	17	----
Iowa: Polk County	747	662	511	151	85	58	27	----	631	562	279	283	69	30	39	----
Michigan: Kent County	431	414	330	84	17	16	1	----	279	279	133	146	----	----	----	----
Minnesota:																
Hennepin County	1,097	1,065	872	193	32	25	7	----	343	323	147	176	20	14	6	----
Ramsey County	396	386	302	84	10	7	3	----	138	136	65	71	2	2	----	----
New Jersey:																
Hudson County	1,846	1,741	1,495	246	105	89	16	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Mercer County	433	358	343	15	75	71	4	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
New York:																
Buffalo	932	881	825	56	51	41	10	----	72	71	48	23	1	----	1	----
Erie County	203	193	183	10	10	9	1	----	68	68	41	27	----	----	----	----
Monroe County	233	232	193	39	1	1	----	----	284	281	143	138	3	1	2	----
New York City	7,956	7,108	6,173	935	848	695	153	----	3,891	3,520	1,833	1,687	371	212	159	----
Rensselaer County	318	315	257	58	3	1	2	----	187	185	98	87	2	2	----	----
Westchester County	888	793	678	115	95	71	24	----	270	230	112	118	40	22	18	----

[1] Includes all courts reporting that served areas with 25,000 or more population in 1920.

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		659	562	295	267	97	47	50	
Hamilton County	2,034	1,470	1,000	470	564	394	170		468	321	138	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	85	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	1,189	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	4		1	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	19	9	10				

Lowndes County	2				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	4		2	2			23	23	10	13				
Illinois: Rock Island County	34	32	15	17	2	2			162	161	69	92	1	1		
Indiana:																
Clay County	19	19	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	28	13	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	86	84	66	18	2	1	1		73	71	27	44	2	2		
Orleans County	30	29	28	1	1	1			24	23	14	9	1	1		
North Carolina: Buncombe County	146	57	51	6	89	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:																
Auglaize County	95	95	80	15					28	28	16	12				
Clarke County	401	307	251	56	94	75	19		78	62	28	34	16	7	9	
Lake County	59	57	46	11	2	2			31	26	14	12	5	2	3	
Sandusky County	69	64	40	24	5	2	3		40	39	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	38	40	18	22	
Utah:																
First district	279	275	246	29	4	4										
Second district	535	524	462	62	11	11			18	18	11	7				
Fourth district	385	382	315	67	3	2	1		19	19	11	8				
Fifth district	601	600	536	64	1	1			27	27	19	8				
Other counties	264	260	233	27	4	3	1		7	7	1	6				
Virginia: Lynchburg	246	158	142	16	88	69	19		12	6	5	1	6	3	3	

TABLE IIA.—*Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929* [1]

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	86	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	128	152	-------	-------	-------
District of Columbia	Under 17	1,623	124	187	373	578	353	-------	8
Indiana:									
Lake County	Under 16	134	4	20	47	63	-------	-------	-------
Marion County	do	653	29	106	182	334	2	-------	-------
Iowa: Polk County	Under 18	569	66	64	99	158	182	-------	-------
Michigan: Kent 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	119	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	295	375	4	-------	-------
Erie County	do	192	15	28	61	87	1	-------	-------
Monroe County	do	194	3	18	62	111	-------	-------	-------
New York City	do	6,868	382	923	2,128	3,402	2	-------	31
Rensselaer County	do	258	11	12	58	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	24	47	64	130	2	1
Hamilton County	do	1,394	61	120	268	441	496	3	5
Mahoning County	do	1,689	123	151	366	559	483	1	6
Montgomery County	do	523	55	44	102	180	128	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	6,089	568	924	1,708	2,668	81	5	135
Utah: Third district	Under 18	710	29	91	159	246	184	1	-------
Virginia: Norfolk	do	709	29	58	112	198	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 IIA.—*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	866	1,316	1,011	8	64
Alabama:									
Calhoun County	Under 16	48	5	4	19	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			
Marengo 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	200	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	124	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	3	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	139	209		
Other counties	do	236	14	22	30	79	87		4
Virginia: Lynchburg	do	211	17	13	32	75	73		1

TABLE IIB.—*Age limitation of original court jurisdiction and age of girls dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929* [1]

Court	Age limitation of original court jurisdiction	Girls' delinquency cases							
		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	Not reported
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	66	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	54		
New Jersey:									
Hudson County	Under 16	262	11	15	56	179	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	39			11	28			
New York City	do	1,088	29	73	260	717			9
Rensselaer County	do	60	5	1	10	30	14		
Westchester County	do	139	9	3	22	74	31		
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County	Under 18	711	30	29	107	293	233	1	18
Franklin County	do	199	1	4	18	80	88	5	3
Hamilton County	do	640	10	20	88	208	286	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	76		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		24
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 IIB.—*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							
		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	Not reported
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			
Marengo County	do	1	1						
Monroe County	do	1				1			
Morgan County	do	6				3			3
Perry County	do	1	1						
Talladega County	do	4			1	2	1		
Illinois: Rock Island County	Under 18	17		1	1	9	6		
Indiana:									
Clay 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		1	2	1		1
New York:									
Chemung 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	29	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	64	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 1929*[1]

Court	Boys' delinquency cases										
		Reason for reference to court									
	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 or drug law or intoxication	Other	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION											
Total cases	34,181	14,260	2,773	2,229	2,509	531	881	9,856	202	819	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	26	6	5	68	1	1	----
District of Columbia	1,623	691	48	16	167	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	196	18	4	20	7	8	89	2	2	----
Minnesota:											
Hennepin County	897	564	28	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	535	490	10	174	17	33	320	1	4	----
Mercer County	414	277	25	4	9	3	11	84	1	----	----
New York:											
Buffalo	866	584	1	35	46	12	20	168	----	----	----
Erie County	192	90	4	4	11	3	9	64	----	7	----
Monroe County	194	132	3	13	7	6	3	30	----	----	----
New York City	6,868	2,485	96	508	555	56	248	2,548	1	251	120
Rensselaer County	258	71	112	10	17	2	9	36	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	199	49	18	12	378	17	43	----
Mahoning County	1,689	346	242	114	132	21	44	689	13	88	----
Montgomery County	523	191	134	36	35	22	22	75	5	3	----
Oregon: Multnomah County	750	400	63	19	61	10	17	126	15	39	----
Pennsylvania:											
Allegheny County	1,090	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	2,226	27	205	----
Utah: Third district	710	354	154	36	25	13	6	103	15	4	----
Virginia: Norfolk	709	208	25	29	54	10	34	313	26	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									
	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 or drug law or intoxication	Other	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION											
Total cases	4,116	1,610	526	198	182	73	166	1,114	151	95	1
Alabama:											
Calhoun County	48	31	3	6	7				1		
Chambers County	5	4	1								
Clarke County	8	4	1	1							
Colbert County	11	5	5				1		1	1	
Dallas County	18	6	4	4				4			
Elmore County	4	2				1			1		
Etowah County	49	34	4		4		3	3	1		
Houston County	16	13			2		1				
Jackson County	9	5				1	1	1	1		
Lauderdale County	7	2		1	4						
Lee County	3				1			2			
Limestone County	6	6									
Lowndes County	2	2									
Marengo County	2	2									
Marshall County	8	4	1				1	2			
Morgan County	15	8	1		5		1				
Perry County	3		2					1			
Pickens County	3				1		2				
Talladega County	15	8	2	1	2		1	1			
Tallapoosa County	6	5	1								
Illinois: Rock Island County	17	12	1	2	1	1					
Indiana:											
Clay County	13	8	4		1						
Vanderburg County	37	24	9		1			2	1		
Louisiana:											
Bossier and Webster Parishes	3	2			1						
Caddo Parish	236	78	5	12	7		29	94	2	9	
Ouachita Parish	252	47	25	35	15	5	17	89	2	17	
Minnesota: Winona County	32	20					1	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			3			1			
Dutchess County	200	63	39	5	8	1	1	83			
Ontario County	67	46	2	1	2	1	5	9		1	
Orleans County	29	21				1		7			
North Carolina: Buncombe County	124	53	19	3	4		2	40	2	1	
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part)	4	3						1			
Ohio:											
Auglaize County	80	40	2	6	7	5	6	7	1	6	
Clark County	326	92	77	32	36	2	3	82		1	1
Lake County	48	16	1	1	4	2		15	9		
Sandusky County	42	30	1	1	1	1	3	5			
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County	9	2	3		1	1	2				
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	27	28	13	30	134	8	3	
Fourth district	317	144	51	13	1	12	6	70	9	11	
Fifth district	537	207	68		1	1	15	162	60	23	
Other counties	236	91	33	5	3	9	7	53	28	7	
Virginia: Lynchburg	211	59	46	1	6		8	85	6		

TABLE IIIB.—*Reason for reference to court in girls' delinquency cases disposed of by 73 specified courts during 1929*[1]

Court	Girls' delinquency cases											
		Reason for reference to court										
	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 or drug law or intoxication	Other	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION											
Total cases	7,032	758	899	1,186	1,919	1,340	161	515	62	119	73
Alabama: Mobile County	49	9	9	7	2	17	3	1	1	----	----
California: San Deigo 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	6	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	68	----	10	----	9	----
Ramsey County	87	16	----	5	18	48	----	----	----	----	----
New Jersey:											
Hudson County	262	20	140	10	53	34	2	1	----	2	----
Mercer County	19	6	2	1	4	3	1	2	----	----	----
New York:											
Buffalo	66	23	----	16	15	9	2	----	1	----	----
Erie County	11	----	1	----	4	----	----	5	----	1	----
Monroe County	39	6	----	9	3	21	----	----	----	----	----
New York City	1,088	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	119	149	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	6	18	3
Mahoning County	332	13	68	39	65	63	3	65	4	12	----
Montgomery County	229	16	54	34	44	48	4	23	5	----	1
Oregon: Multnomah County	152	10	9	7	34	77	----	10	4	1	----
Pennsylvania:											
Allegheny County	200	29	32	35	46	53	2	----	3	----	----
Montgomery County	8	1	----	1	3	3	----	----	----	----	----
Philadelphia	866	89	27	335	247	39	23	81	6	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 1920.

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

Court	Girls' delinquency cases											
		Reason for reference to court										
	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 or drug law or intoxication	Other	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION											
Total cases	768	89	189	96	134	153	35	50	12	10	
Alabama:											
Bullock County	3					3					
Calhoun 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	1									
Marengo County	1	1									
Monroe County	1			1							
Morgan County	6			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	6	6	8	7		1	
Ouachita Parish	17		3	3	4	4	2	1			
Minnesota: Winona County	6	6									
New York:											
Chemung County	33	1	13	1	7	6	2	1		2	
Columbia County	8		1	3		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: Buncombe County	22	9	1		4	6			2		
North Dakota: Third judicial district (in part)	3			2		1					
Ohio:											
Auglaize County	15	2			7	5				1	
Clark County	75	8	43	7	9	5	1	2			
Lake County	11		1	2	4	3		1			
Sandusky County	27	2	1	13	2	7	1	1			
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County	10		1	1		5	3				
South Carolina: Greenville County	23	3	2	6	9	1	1			1	
Utah:											
First district	29	4	6	2	1	8	2	4		2	
Second district	62	10	8	7	15	5	3	14			
Fourth district	68	8	11	19	7	18		1	4		
Fifth district	64	12	30	1	5		1	13	2		
Other counties	28	1	16	5		5			1		
Virginia: Lynchburg	35		18		11		5	1			

TABLE IVA.—*Disposition and manner of handling boys' delinquency cases disposed of by 77 specified courts during 1929* [1]

Court	Boys' delinquency cases								
	Total	Official							Unofficial
		Total	Disposition						
			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									
Total cases	34,181	24,109	7,728	9,747	3,259	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	86	46	16	-------	58
Iowa: Polk County	569	225	92	53	50	23	7	-------	344
Michigan: Kent County	346	346	115	115	93	12	11	-------	-------
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County	897	897	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	115	28	5	6	-------	-------
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	1,340
Franklin County	274	274	12	155	88	7	11	1	-------
Hamilton County	1,394	84	12	21	41	-------	10	-------	1,310
Mahoning County	1,689	377	35	188	63	62	29	-------	1,312
Montgomery County	523	296	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 1920.

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

Court	Boys' delinquency cases								
	Total	Official							Unofficial
		Total	Disposition						
			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									
Total cases	4,116	2,323	727	695	333	392	176	-------	1,793
Alabama:									
Calhoun County	48	30	2	13	13	-------	2	-------	18
Chambers County	5	4	-------	-------	3	-------	1	-------	1
Clarke County	8	5	-------	-------	1	-------	4	-------	3
Colbert County	11	10	2	2	4	-------	2	-------	1
Dallas County	18	4	-------	-------	4	-------	-------	-------	14
Elmore County	4	4	1	1	2	-------	-------	-------	-------
Etowah County	49	48	3	24	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
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	-------	192
Minnesota: Winona County	32	11	2	6	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	19	25	23	-------	6
Ontario County	67	67	13	50	2	2	-------	-------	-------
Orleans County	29	29	6	17	3	-------	3	-------	-------
North Carolina: Buncombe 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	48	5	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	-------	152
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	236	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 1929* [1]

Court	Girls' delinquency cases								
	Total	Official							Unofficial
		Total	Disposition						
			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									
Total cases	7,032	4,810	1,002	1,939	1,266	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	6	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	66	66	19	17	28	-------	2	-------	-------
Erie County	11	11	3	5	3	-------	-------	-------	-------
Monroe County	39	39	-------	13	24	-------	2	-------	-------
New York City	1,088	1,088	284	566	234	3	1	-------	-------
Rensselaer County	60	60	48	-------	11	-------	1	-------	-------
Westchester County	139	124	46	47	22	-------	9	-------	15
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County	711	522	30	218	142	-------	132	-------	189
Franklin County	199	199	12	65	94	-------	23	5	-------
Hamilton County	640	30	2	2	18	-------	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	59	-------	13	-------	29
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County	200	200	1	118	47	-------	34	-------	-------
Montgomery County	8	8	1	1	6	-------	-------	-------	-------
Philadelphia	866	590	87	250	101	-------	152	-------	276
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								
	Total	Official							Unofficial
		Total	Disposition						
			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									
Total cases	768	412	94	137	130	9	42		356
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					
Marengo County	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	6		3	3				
Vanderburg County	55	35	3	18	10		4		20
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes	1	1			1				
Caddo Parish	39	31	5	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	6		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:									
Auglaize 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	9	1	1	4		

TABLE VA.—*Color, nativity, and parent nativity of boys dealt with in delinquency cases disposed of by 30 specified courts during 1929* [1]

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	1,797	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	86	294				11	
District of Columbia	1,623	696	209	46	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	36				58	
Michigan: Kent County	346	330	229	80	2		19	16	
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County	897	872	408	442	8	4	10	25	
Ramsey County	309	302	166	136				7	
New Jersey:									
Hudson County	1,584	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	695	
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	398	
Franklin County	274	166	161	2		2	1	108	
Hamilton County	1,394	1,000	64	29	906	1		394	
Mahoning County	1,689	1,497	270	695	255	27	250	192	
Montgomery County	523	417	370	36			11	106	
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			1	5	
Philadelphia	6,089	3,877	684	1,185	22	50	1,936	1,189	1,023
Utah: Third district	710	708	431	234	17	22	4	2	
Virginia: Norfolk	709	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 1929* [1]

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	106
Alabama: Mobile County	49	28	27			1		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	86	31	53	1	1		22	
Marion County	332	261	251			10		71	
Iowa: Polk County	178	151	143	8				27	
Michigan: Kent County	85	84	62	16			6	1	
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County	200	193	103	85		2	3	7	
Ramsey County	87	84	48	36				3	
New Jersey:									
Hudson County	262	246	57	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					
New York City	1,088	935	285	593	1	56		153	
Rensselaer County	60	58	34	21		1	2	2	
Westchester County	139	115	29	79	2	4	1	24	
Ohio:									
Cuyahoga County	711	593	117	319	81	12	64	118	
Franklin County	199	155	135	15		2	3	44	
Hamilton County	640	470	394	15	3	4	54	170	
Mahoning County	332	276	108	121	14	3	30	56	
Montgomery County	229	195	168	18	1	2	6	34	
Oregon: Multnomah County	152	148	115	30		1	2	4	
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County	200	160	70	89			1	40	
Montgomery County	8	7	5	2				1	
Philadelphia	866	495	150	248	2	17	78	265	106
Utah: Third district	161	160	107	42	5	4	2	1	
Virginia: Norfolk	143	57	56	1				86	
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 1929* [1]

Court	Delinquency cases								
	Total	Source of reference to court							
		Police	Parents or relatives	Other individual	School department	Probation officer	Social agency	Other	Not reported
Total cases	41,213	23,660	3,958	6,515	4,057	1,584	888	508	43
Alabama: Mobile County	219	57	32	43	60	15	5	7	-------
California: San Diego County	1,656	709	200	247	211	38	29	221	1
Connecticut: Bridgeport	461	410	17	11	8	6	6	3	-------
District of Columbia	1,947	1,307	214	223	4	180	17	1	1
Indiana:									
Lake County	242	88	26	23	49	50	5	-------	1
Marion County	985	569	143	80	149	16	12	11	5
Iowa: Polk County	747	291	73	257	41	9	15	61	-------
Michigan: Kent County	431	289	58	43	19	6	16	-------	-------
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County	1,097	621	158	193	50	33	33	8	1
Ramsey County	396	313	18	52	2	-------	4	7	-------
New Jersey:									
Hudson County	1,846	510	104	430	647	57	15	83	-------
Mercer County	433	332	7	51	21	20	2	-------	-------
New York:									
Buffalo	932	839	42	22	-------	18	10	1	-------
Erie County	203	116	5	59	14	-------	9	-------	-------
Monroe County	233	143	38	28	2	1	21	-------	-------
New York City	7,956	4,289	1,156	2,070	205	3	226	6	1
Rensselaer County	318	75	25	53	150	5	-------	2	8
Westchester County	888	306	49	154	309	1	68	-------	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	246	232	100	20	110	53	1
Mahoning County	2,021	860	201	467	426	14	49	4	-------
Montgomery County	752	195	114	157	192	75	18	-------	1
Oregon: Multnomah County	902	650	22	116	85	12	9	1	7
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County	1,290	386	112	14	68	691	15	3	1
Montgomery County	55	30	7	11	4	-------	3	-------	-------
Philadelphia	6,955	5,641	463	583	229	1	30	8	-------
Utah: Third district	871	416	42	31	247	112	7	8	8
Virginia: Norfolk	852	554	56	126	52	56	8	-------	-------
Washington: Pierce County	135	98	7	3	10	5	-------	12	-------

[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 1929* [1]

Court	Delinquency cases									
	Total	Place of care of child								
		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	Not reported
Total cases	41,213	21,777	171	11,873	5,040	1,542	280	260	270
Alabama: Mobile County	219	89		108	1	21			
California: San Diego County	1,656	1,053	29	382	21	90	2	70	9
Connecticut: Bridgeport	461	399	4		33	24		1	
District of Columbia	1,947	1,275	2	250	375	6	32	6	1
Indiana:									
Lake County	242	158	5	53	8	18			
Marion County	985	794	5	173	3		2	8	
Iowa: Polk County	747	456	3	250	7	27		4	
Michigan: Kent County	431	239	2	187	1			1	1
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County	1,097	833	71		16	172	1	3	1
Ramsey County	396	253	2		71	70			
New Jersey:									
Hudson County	1,846	1,259	2	580	4	1			
Mercer County	433	406		21	2	4			
New York:									
Buffalo	932	600		328	4				
Erie County	203	151	2		31	1	17		1
Monroe County	233	126	3		104				
New York City	7,956	3,838	4		4,039		42	31	2
Rensselaer County	318	210			104		1		3
Westchester County	888	598	2		93		163	32	
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	50	17
Mahoning County	2,021	1,062	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	88	2	5	8
Pennsylvania:									
Allegheny County	1,290	326	3	771	3	3			184
Montgomery County	55	23	1	30		1			
Philadelphia	6,955	2,503		4,441	9				2
Utah: Third district	871	534	7	282	5	40		2	1
Virginia: Norfolk	852	442		276	1	133			
Washington: Pierce County	135	26		81		28			

[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 1929*[1]

Court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	Reason for reference to court							
		Abandonment or desertion	Abuse or cruel treatment	Improper conditions in home	Insufficient parental care	Financial need	Question of custody	Other	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 100,000 OR MORE POPULATION									
Total families	7,966	787	277	2,455	2,612	770	598	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	2	------	------	------
District of Columbia	240	5	3	33	173	4	------	2	20
Indiana:									
Lake County	150	18	8	23	63	26	8	3	1
Marion County	158	37	6	83	21	4	7	------	------
Iowa: Polk County	361	36	10	62	117	33	33	70	------
Michigan: Kent County	136	3	------	12	64	54	1	2	------
Minnesota:									
Hennepin County	176	18	1	53	32	16	56	------	------
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	55	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	59	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	390	351	205	185	------
Utah: Third district	61	17	1	9	25	5	1	3	------
Virginia: Norfolk	123	4	5	55	40	1	18	------	------
Washington: Pierce County	42	9	1	5	5	6	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							
		Abandonment or desertion	Abuse or cruel treatment	Improper conditions in home	Insufficient parental care	Financial need	Question of custody	Other	Not reported
COURTS SERVING AREAS WITH 25,000 TO 100,000 POPULATION									
Total families	1,179	97	50	244	352	280	109	46	1
Alabama:									
Bullock County	27	2		3	6	11	2	3	
Calhoun County	30	8	1	5	10	2	4		
Chambers County	9				6	2		1	
Clarke County	17	1		1	5	9		1	
Colbert County	24	3	1	11	3	4	2		
Dallas County	31	1		1		29			
Elmore County	1	1							
Etowah County	12	5			4	2	1		
Houston County	15	1		2	7	4		1	
Jackson County	4		1	2	1				
Lauderdale County	41		1	6	13	21			
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			
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	16	2	1	1	
Tallapoosa County	12	3			1	4		4	
Illinois: Rock Island County	104	17	11	23	48	2	2	1	
Indiana: Clay County	3			1	2				
Louisiana:									
Bossier and Webster Parishes	2				2				
Caddo Parish	70	3		6	5	20	36		
Ouachita Parish	46	5	5	11	5	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	29	3		6	7	13			
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County	23	3	1	6	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	2	1		1				
Fifth district	9			5	2	2			
Other counties	2	1					1		
Virginia: Lynchburg	7	5			2				

TABLE IX.—*Disposition and manner of handling dependency and neglect cases disposed of by 74 specified courts during 1929* [1]

Court	Dependency and neglect cases									
	Total	Official								Unofficial
		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	16,038	13,253	2,430	3,155	813	3,545	3,206	95	9	2,785
Alabama: Mobile County	9	9	5		1		3			
California: San Diego County	438	133	63	65	1		2	2		305
Connecticut: Bridgeport	70	51	8	1	1	3	38			19
District of Columbia	348	348	118	11		216	1	1	1	
Indiana:										
Lake County	246	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	186	11	19	12	50	1		
Minnesota:										
Hennepin County	343	343	172		18	115	29	9		
Ramsey County	138	138	3	76	7	33	19			
New York:										
Buffalo	72	72	1	6		51	14			
Erie County	68	68	29			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				159			
Westchester County	270	269	87	1	6	167	3	5		1
Ohio:										
Cuyahoga County	1,396	1,060	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	292	197	38		18	20	121			95
Montgomery County	385	267	43	36	15	31	129	13		118
Oregon: Multnomah County	443	333	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	197	1,374	481	5		992
Utah: Third district	130	101	4	2	14		81			29
Virginia: Norfolk	209	209	94	19	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 1920.

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								Unofficial
		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	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	7	------	4	2	------	2
Houston County	46	3	------	1	2	------	------	------	------	43
Jackson County	6	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	6
Lauderdale County	104	32	3	20	1	------	8	------	------	72
Lee County	26	8	------	3	5	------	------	------	------	18
Limestone County	19	5	------	3	------	------	2	------	------	14
Lowndes County	38	1	------	------	------	------	------	1	------	37
Marengo County	61	9	------	4	1	------	4	------	------	52
Marshall County	7	5	------	5	------	------	------	------	------	2
Monroe County	54	2	1	------	------	------	1	------	------	52
Morgan County	30	6	------	------	1	------	1	4	------	24
Perry County	64	3	------	3	------	------	------	------	------	61
Pickens County	53	1	------	------	1	------	------	------	------	52
Talladega County	42	6	------	1	------	------	4	1	------	36
Tallapoosa County	23	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	23
Illinois: Rock Island County	162	162	15	41	40	1	51	14	------	------
Indiana: Clay County	13	13	------	8	------	------	5	------	------	------
Louisiana:										
Bossier and Webster Parishes	5	5	------	------	------	------	5	------	------	------
Caddo Parish	107	105	11	------	53	------	37	4	------	2
Ouachita Parish	110	55	13	21	6	8	7	------	------	55
Minnesota: Winona County	17	6	4	------	------	2	------	------	------	11
New York:										
Chemung County	135	135	102	2	10	------	21	------	------	------
Columbia County	133	133	87	20	5	1	19	1	------	------
Dutchess County	293	265	84	78	68	33	------	2	------	28
Ontario County	73	73	7	52	2	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	5	------	------	4	------	------	------
Ohio:										
Auglaize County	28	28	11	------	11	6	------	------	------	------
Clark County	78	77	6	3	16	1	51	------	------	1
Lake County	31	31	12	1	------	------	18	------	------	------
Sandusky County	40	19	------	------	3	11	4	1	------	21
Pennsylvania: Lycoming County	39	38	------	1	1	18	14	4	------	1
South Carolina: Greenville County	114	84	20	24	25	2	11	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 1929* [1]

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	2,290	142
Alabama: Mobile County	9	8	8					1	
California: San Diego County	438	416	230	97	16	4	69	22	
Connecticut: Bridgeport	70	67	27	40				3	
District of Columbia	348	146	5	7	9		125	202	
Indiana:									
Lake County	246	190	88	100	2			56	
Marion County	282	238	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					
Monroe County	284	281	141	140				3	
New York City	3,891	3,520	1,471	1,907	14	11	9	371	
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	9		1	5	147	
Mahoning County	292	265	96	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	1					
Philadelphia	3,670	2,823	1,395	1,241	80	41	66	705	142
Utah: Third district	130	129	98	31				1	
Virginia: Norfolk	209	169	163	6				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 1929* [1]

Court	Families represented in dependency and neglect cases								
	Total	Source of reference to court							
		Social agency	Parents or relatives	Other individual	Police	Probation officer	School department	Other	Not reported
Total families	7,966	3,209	2,635	644	644	450	251	129	4
Alabama: Mobile County	6	1	4	1					
California: San Diego County	271	51	75	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	150	15	43	17	15	45	15		
Marion County	158	37	43	18	51	3		6	
Iowa: Polk County	361	98	118	79	17	4	23	22	
Michigan: Kent County	136	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	19	51	42	29	3	
Franklin County	418	106	122	81	16	83	9	1	
Hamilton County	264	112	51	53	6	15	15	10	2
Mahoning County	157	97	23	10	11	10	6		
Montgomery County	245	61	113	29	6	28	5	3	
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	514	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 1929* [1]

Court	Dependency and neglect cases								
		Place of care of child							
	Total	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	Not reported
Total cases	16,038	9,259	694	1,188	4,320	1	128	242	206
Alabama: Mobile County	9	7			2				
California: San Diego County	438	279	26	20	90		1	22	
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	16	
Marion County	282	137	47	8	72			18	
Iowa: Polk County	631	350	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	284	61	9		214				
New York City	3,891	1,288	11		2,574		11	7	
Rensselaer County	187	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	307	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 1929* [1]

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	28	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	1,994	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	130	46	20	44	103	1
Montgomery County	129	51	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 1929* [1]

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	29	13	1		
District of Columbia	617	179	248	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	16	13	1	
New Jersey:								
Hudson County	189	42	59	59	24	5		
Mercer County	148	28	13	6	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	98	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	5
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 1929* [1]

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	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 1929* [1]

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	739	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	Lanett.
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 divison	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, Juab, and Wasatch Counties.
[5] Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties.
[6] Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Millard, San Juan, Uintah, and Washington Counties.