

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER CONTROL AND SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under the supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at the 31st March, 1942, was 8,424, classified under the following headings, the corresponding number for the previous year (ended 31st March, 1941) being also given :—

	1940-41.	1941-42.		1940-41.	1941-42.
State wards—			Other than State wards—		
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	2,559	2,563	Young persons supervised by Child Welfare Officers in their own homes, with relatives or with friends, pursuant to Orders of Courts	1,109	1,123
In situations (includes 24 absent without leave at 31st March, 1941, and 20 at 31st March, 1942)	986	1,106	Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act	581	627
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c.	229	231	Pupils at the School for the Deaf, Sumner (at 31st December, 1941, for current year)	117	110
In private institutions	105	127	Pupils at schools for mentally backward (Otekaieke and Richmond)	47	52
In Roman Catholic institutions recognized under the Child Welfare Act	77	98	Children supervised as preventive cases	1,739	1,960
In special schools for backward children ..	189*	131	Children in New Zealand Institute for the Blind for whom the Department makes payment	24	19
In refuge or cognate institutions	51	36			
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. . .	30	26			
In residential colleges (mostly Maori children)	14	12			
British children	202	203			
	4,442	4,533		3,617	3,891
			Total	8,059	8,424

* Correcting error in E.—4, 1941.

TABLE 2.—TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE CHILDREN'S COURTS.
(Classified according to reason for appearance.)

	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Indigent	161	208	141
Not under proper control	206	175	212
Living in a detrimental environment ..	91	97	83
Neglected	31	30	79
	489	510	515
Offences against morality	4	9	25
Offences against the person	90	81	30
Other offences—			
(a) Theft	1,049	1,121	1,037
(b) Conversion of motor-vehicles	117	133	87
(c) Miscellaneous (including offences against rights of property, mischief, &c.)	308	507	557
Delinquent	201	66	207
Breaches of Court supervision orders ..	7	10	19
Breaches of special Acts or Regulations—			
Railways	2	40	33
Fire brigades	10	4	12
Acclimatization	4	9	5
Licensing	7	23	2
Arms	38	43	34
Post and Telegraph	67	68	81
Shipping	4	..	4
Traffic	47	173	62
Motor-vehicles	212	55	11
City or borough by-laws	297	82	215
	2,464	2,424	2,421
Total	2,953	2,934	2,936