

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, 1943, was 8,747, classified under the following headings, the corresponding number for the previous year (ended 31st March, 1942) being also given :—

	1941-42.	1942-43.		1941-42.	1942-43.
<i>State wards—</i>			<i>Other than State wards—</i>		
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	2,563	2,641	Young persons supervised by Child Welfare Officers in their own homes, with relatives or with friends, pursuant to Orders of Courts	1,123	1,301
In situations (includes 20 absent without leave at 31st March, 1942, and 21 at 31st March, 1943)	1,106	1,105	Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act	627	665
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c.	231	223	Pupils at the School for the Deaf, Sumner	110	126
In private institutions	127	98	Pupils at schools for mentally backward (Otekaike and Richmond) (see also under "State wards")	52	45
In Roman Catholic institutions recognized under the Child Welfare Act	98	95	Children supervised as preventive cases	1,960	1,978
In special schools for mentally backward children (see also pupils under "Other than State wards")	131	138	Children in New Zealand Institute for the Blind for whom the Department makes payment	19	18
In refuges or cognate institutions ..	36	59		3,891	4,133
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. ..	26	36		8,221	8,543
In residential colleges	12	15			
	4,330	4,410	Total	8,221	8,543
			British children in New Zealand ..	203	204

TABLE 2.—TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN APPEARING BEFORE CHILDREN'S COURTS
(Classified according to complaints or charges laid)

	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
<i>Complaints under the Child Welfare Act—</i>			
Indigent	208	141	159
Not under proper control	175	212	314
Living in a detrimental environment	97	83	106
Neglected	30	79	46
	510	515	625
<i>Offences—</i>			
Offences against morality	9	25	11
Offences against the person	81	30	63
<i>Other offences—</i>			
(a) Theft	1,121	1,037	1,127
(b) Conversion of motor-vehicles ..	133	87	61
(c) Other conversions	507	83	85
(d) Miscellaneous, chiefly mischief	66	474	396
Delinquent	207	246	246
Breaches of Court supervision orders	10	19	20
<i>Breaches of special Acts or regulations—</i>			
Railways	40	33	10
Fire brigades	4	12	12
Acclimatization	9	5	4
Licensing	23	2	39
Arms	43	34	34
Post and Telegraph	68	81	86
Shipping	..	4	11
<i>Traffic—</i>			
(a) Regulations	173	62	70
(b) Cycle	55	11	89
Motor-vehicles	..	..	..
<i>City or borough by-laws—</i>			
(a) Other than cycling	82	215	10
(b) Cycle	..	..	62
Emergency War Regulations	..	..	10
	2,424	2,421	2,446
Total	2,934	2,933	3,071