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Table 1: Number of arrested persons under the age of 18

	2003	2004	2005
(A) No. of arrested persons (all ages)	42,051	42,991	40,804
(B) No. of arrested persons under the age of 18	7,918	7,566	6,821
Percentage of (B) over (A)	18.8%	17.6%	16.7%

<u>Table 2: Major offences committed by arrested persons under the age of 18</u>

Offence	2003	2004	2005	
Shop theft	2,002	1,802	1,659	
Miscellaneous theft	1,284	1,459	1,413	
Wounding/serious assault	1,218	1,156 1,08		
Robbery	619	544 3:		
Triad offences	249	249 256		
Serious narcotics offences	177	148	105	
Other offences [@]	2,369	2,208	1,977	
Total	7,918	7,566	6,821	

[@] Other offences include arson, blackmail, burglary, criminal damage, disorderly conduct / fighting in public place, indecent assault, possession of offensive weapon, murder and manslaughter, unlawful sexual intercourse etc.

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