

JUVENILES UNDER TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION JURISDICTION

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The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over eight juveniles convicted as adult felons in September 2025, making up about three in 10,000 incarcerated felons in the state. Women make up about 10 percent of the overall adult incarcerated felon population, but none of the juveniles under TDOC's jurisdiction currently are female. All eight juveniles currently under TDOC jurisdiction are African American (100%). Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 39 percent are African American and 58 percent are white.

Seven of the eight juveniles under TDOC's jurisdiction currently are 17 years old. One is 16 years old. They were significantly younger when their crimes were committed, however, with one just 13 years old, one 14 years old, five who were 15, and only one who was 17. Two juveniles are serving in local jails, one as TDOC Backup and one who is locally sentenced. Six juveniles are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where male juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are generally sent. The offenders in county jails are one each in Davidson and Maury.

Sentences vary from six years to life. Four juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault (2), aggravated robbery (1), and attempted second degree murder (1). Three juveniles have sentences between 15 and 25 years for second degree murder. The life sentence is for first degree murder. Four offenders were convicted in urban counties: one in Davidson, two in Hamilton, and one in Knox. One was convicted in a suburban county: Haywood. One was convicted in an exurban county (areas still somewhat rural but near an urban center where many residents work): Marshall. Two were convicted in rural counties: Lauderdale and McNairy.

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