

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 on May 8, 2026, making up about two in 10,000 incarcerated state felons in Tennessee. 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. Five of the eight juveniles are African American (63%), two are white (25%), and one is Hispanic (13%). Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 40 percent are African American, 57 percent are white, and 3 percent are Hispanic.

Six of the eight juveniles currently under TDOC's jurisdiction are 17 years old, and two are 16 years old. They were younger when their crimes were committed, however, with one just 13 years old, one 14 years old, one who was 15, two who were 16, one who was 17, and two who are still awaiting judgment orders, so their age at offense is unknown. One of the juvenile offenders was first incarcerated at age 14, one at age 15, three at age 16, one at age 17, and the other two offenders' first incarceration age is not currently known. One juvenile was locally sentenced and is serving his full sentence in a Davidson County jail. Seven juveniles are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where male juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are generally sent.

Sentences vary from six years to life. Two juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault. Three juveniles have sentences between 10 and 25 years—for aggravated robbery (1), attempted first degree murder (1), and attempted second degree murder (1). The life sentence is for first degree murder. The offenders still awaiting judgment orders' sentences are not currently known. Four offenders were convicted in urban counties: Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Rutherford. Four were convicted in mixed urban/rural counties: Bedford, Bradley, Gibson, and Madison. Two counties of conviction are in West Tennessee, three are in Middle Tennessee, and three are in East Tennessee.

GENDER		RACE		CURRENT AGE		AGE AT OFFENSE		REGION	
MALE	8	BLACK	5	15	0	13	1	EAST TN	3
FEMALE	0	HISPANIC	1	16	2	14	1	MIDDLE TN	3
		WHITE	2	17	6	15	1	WEST TN	2
						16	2		
						17	1		
						AGE INCARCERATED			
						14	1		
						15	1		
						16	3		
						17	1		