

JUVENILES UNDER TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION JURISDICTION

August 10, 2026

The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over eight juveniles convicted as adult felons on August 10, 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.

Five of the eight juveniles currently under TDOC's jurisdiction are 17 years old, and three are 16 years old. They were younger when their crimes were committed, however, with one just 13 years old, two who were 14, three who were 16, one who was 17, and one whose judgment order is not yet filed and so whose age at offense is not currently known. Two of the juvenile offenders were first incarcerated at age 14, one at age 15, two at age 16, one at age 17, and one whose age at first incarceration is not currently known. Two juveniles were locally sentenced and will serve their full sentences split between a county jail and probation, one in Knox County and one in Marshall County. Six juveniles are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where male juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are generally sent.

Sentences vary from two years to life. Five juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—two for aggravated assault, one for rape, one for sexual battery, and one for carjacking. Two juveniles have sentences between 10 and 25 years—one for attempted second degree murder and one for rape of a child. The life sentence is for first degree murder. Two offenders were convicted in urban counties: Knox and Rutherford. Six were convicted in mixed urban/rural counties: Bedford (1), Bradley (1), Gibson (1), Madison (2), and Marshall (1). Three counties of conviction are in West Tennessee, three are in Middle Tennessee, and two are in East Tennessee.

GENDER	
MALE	8
FEMALE	0

RACE	
BLACK	5
HISPANIC	1
WHITE	2

CURRENT AGE	
15	0
16	3
17	5

AGE AT OFFENSE	
13	1
14	2
15	0
16	3
17	1
AGE INCARCERATED	
14	2
15	1
16	2
17	2

REGION	
EAST TN	2
MIDDLE TN	3
WEST TN	3