

JUVENILES UNDER TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION JURISDICTION

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The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over four juveniles convicted as adult felons on February 9, 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. All four juveniles currently under TDOC jurisdiction are African American (100%). Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 40 percent are African American, 57 percent are white, and 3 percent are Hispanic.

Three of the four 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, and two who were 15. One was first incarcerated at age 14, one at age 15, and two at age 16. One juvenile was locally sentenced and is serving his full sentence in a Davidson County jail. Three 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. One juvenile has sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault. Two juveniles have sentences between 10 and 25 years—for aggravated robbery (1) and second degree murder (1). The life sentence is for first degree murder. Two offenders were convicted in urban counties: one in Davidson and one in Hamilton. One was convicted in a mixed urban/rural county: Madison. One was convicted in a rural county: Lauderdale. Two counties of conviction are in west Tennessee, one is in Middle Tennessee, and one is in East Tennessee.

GENDER		RACE		CURRENT AGE		AGE AT OFFENSE		REGION	
MALE	4	BLACK	4	15	0	13	1	EAST TN	1
FEMALE	0	HISPANIC	0	16	1	14	1	MIDDLE TN	1
		OTHER	0	17	3	15	2	WEST TN	2
						16	0		
						17	0		
						AGE INCARCERATED			
						14	1		
						15	1		
						16	2		
						17	0		