

JUVENILES UNDER TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION JURISDICTION

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The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over six juveniles convicted as adult felons on January 12, 2026, making up about two 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 six 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.

Five of the six 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, three who were 15, and one who was 16. One juvenile was locally sentenced and is serving his full sentence in a Davidson County jail. Five juveniles are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where male juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are generally sent.

Sentences vary from five years to life. Three juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault (2) and attempted second degree murder (1). 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. Two were convicted in a mixed urban/ rural county: Madison. One was convicted in an exurban county (areas still somewhat rural but near an urban center where many residents work): Maury; and one was convicted in a rural county: Lauderdale.

GENDER		RACE		CURRENT AGE		AGE AT OFFENSE		REGION	
MALE	6	BLACK	6	15	0	13	1	EAST TN	1
FEMALE	0	HISPANIC	0	16	1	14	1	MIDDLE TN	2
		OTHER	0	17	5	15	3	WEST TN	3
						16	1		
						17	0		
						AGE INCARCERATED			
						14	1		
						15	1		
						16	4		
						17	0		