

Juveniles under Tennessee Department of Correction Jurisdiction

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The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over nine juveniles convicted as adult felons in April 2025, making up about 4 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.

Gender	
Male	9
Female	0

Race	
Black	8
Hispanic	1

Eight of the juveniles currently under TDOC jurisdiction are African American (89 percent) and one is Hispanic (11 percent). Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 39 percent are African American and only about 3% are Hispanic.

Seven of the nine juveniles under TDOC's jurisdiction currently are 17 years old. One is 16 years old, and one is 15. They were significantly younger when their crimes were committed, however, with two just 13 years old, two 14 years old, and four who were 15.

Current Age	
15	1
16	1
17	7

Not all were immediately incarcerated. One was initially given probation and only incarcerated after he committed probation violations. Two were sentenced to serve their time in local jails, two are in local jails as TDOC Backup and four are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where all juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are sent. One who is in a county jail is still awaiting sentencing. The offenders in county jails are one each in Davidson, Gibson, Haywood, Maury and Putnam.

Age at Offense	
13	2
14	2
15	4

Sentences vary from two years to life. Four juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for burglary, aggravated assault, aggravated robbery and attempted second degree murder. Three juveniles have sentences between 20 and 30 years for second degree murder. The life sentence is for first degree murder. One offender's sentence is not yet known.

Age Incarcerated	
14	1
16	6
17	2

Region	
East TN	2
Middle TN	3
West TN	4

Four offenders were convicted in urban counties: two in Hamilton, one in Davidson and one in Shelby. Two were convicted in exurban counties (areas still somewhat rural but near an urban center where many residents work): Marshall and Putnam. Three were convicted in rural counties: Haywood, Lauderdale and McNairy.