

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 December 2025, making up about three 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. Eight of the nine juveniles currently under TDOC jurisdiction are African American (89%) and one is Hispanic (11%). Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 39 percent are African American, 58 percent are white, and 3 percent are Hispanic.

Eight of the nine 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, five who were 15, and two who were 16. Three juveniles are serving in local jails, one as TDOC Backup, one who is locally sentenced, and one whose sentence is as yet unknown. Six juveniles are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where male juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are generally sent. The offenders in county jails are one each in Davidson, Maury, and Sumner.

Sentences vary from five years to life. Four juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault (2) and attempted second degree murder (2). Three juveniles have sentences between 10 and 25 years—for aggravated robbery (1) and second degree murder (2). The life sentence is for first degree murder. One juvenile offender's sentence is still unknown, though the conviction was for aggravated assault. Four offenders were convicted in urban counties: one in Davidson, two in Hamilton, and one in Knox. One was convicted in a mixed urban/rural county: Madison. One was convicted in a suburban county: Sumner. One was convicted in an exurban county (areas still somewhat rural but near an urban center where many residents work): Marshall, and two were convicted in rural counties: Lauderdale and McNairy.

GENDER	
MALE	9
FEMALE	0

RACE	
BLACK	8
HISPANIC	1
OTHER	0

CURRENT AGE	
15	0
16	1
17	8

AGE AT OFFENSE	
13	1
14	1
15	5
16	2
17	0
AGE INCARCERATED	
13	1
15	1
16	6
17	1

REGION	
EAST TN	3
MIDDLE TN	3
WEST TN	3