

Juveniles under Tennessee Department of Correction Jurisdiction

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The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over eight juveniles convicted as adult felons in May 2025, making up about 3 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	8
Female	0

Race	
Black	8
Other	0

All eight of the juveniles currently under TDOC jurisdiction are African American. Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 39 percent are African American.

Six of the eight 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 one just 13 years old, two 14 years old, and four who were 15. One is awaiting sentencing information, and his age at offense is not known.

Current Age	
15	1
16	1
17	6

One was sentenced to serve his time in a local jail, two are in local jails as TDOC Backup and five are at Northwest Correctional Complex, where all juveniles who are incarcerated in a TDOC institution are sent. One who is at Northwest Correctional Complex is still awaiting sentencing information. The offenders in county jails are one each in Davidson, Gibson and Maury.

Age at Offense	
13	1
14	2
15	4

Sentences vary from three years to life. Three juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault, aggravated robbery and attempted second degree murder. Three juveniles have sentences between 15 and 25 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	4
17	3

Region	
East TN	2
Middle TN	2
West TN	3

Three offenders were convicted in urban counties: two in Hamilton and one in Davidson. One was convicted in an exurban county (areas still somewhat rural but near an urban center where many residents work): Marshall. Three were convicted in rural counties: Haywood, Lauderdale and McNairy. The one awaiting sentencing information's county of conviction is unknown.