

JUVENILES UNDER TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION JURISDICTION

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The Tennessee Department of Correction had jurisdiction over seven juveniles convicted as adult felons on March 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. Five of the seven juveniles are African American (71%), one is white (14%), and one is Hispanic (14%). Among the full population of incarcerated adult felony offenders, 40 percent are African American, 57 percent are white, and 3 percent are Hispanic.

Six of the seven juveniles currently under TDOC's jurisdiction 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, two who were 15, and two who were 16. One is recently arrived and still awaiting a judgment order, so his age at the time of offense is not currently known. One of the juvenile offenders was first incarcerated at age 14, one at age 15, four at age 16, and the seventh's first incarceration age is not currently known. One juvenile was locally sentenced and is serving his full sentence in a Davidson County jail. Another is in a Rutherford County jail but will eventually transfer to a TDOC facility. Five 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. Two juveniles have sentences of less than ten years—for aggravated assault. Three juveniles have sentences between 10 and 25 years—for aggravated robbery (1), attempted second degree murder (1), and second degree murder (1). The life sentence is for first degree murder. The offender still awaiting a judgment order's sentence is not currently known. Three offenders were convicted in urban counties: Davidson, Hamilton, and Rutherford. Three were convicted in mixed urban/rural counties: Bedford, Bradley, and Madison. One was convicted in a rural county: Lauderdale. Two counties of conviction are in west Tennessee, three are in Middle Tennessee, and two are in East Tennessee.

GENDER		RACE		CURRENT AGE		AGE AT OFFENSE		REGION	
MALE	7	BLACK	5	15	0	13	1	EAST TN	2
FEMALE	0	HISPANIC	1	16	1	14	1	MIDDLE TN	3
		WHITE	1	17	6	15	2	WEST TN	2
						16	2		
						17	0		
						AGE INCARCERATED			
						14	1		
						15	1		
						16	4		
						17	0		