



Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)

Criminal Procedure Article, § 10-219(b)(6)

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The Honorable Adrienne Jones
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RE: Report required by Criminal Procedure Article § 10-219(b)(6) (MSAR #15700)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

As required by § 10-219(b)(6) of the Criminal Procedure Article, please find an enclosed copy of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's report, titled *Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)*. This report provides an update to the *Letter on Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023)* that was submitted on August 5, 2024, as it relates to the information received from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository. It also includes information on juveniles charged as adults in the first half of calendar year 2024. Based on the identified time frame, this report accounts for two semi-annual reports regarding juveniles charged as adults in Maryland between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please contact me at 410-697-9338.

As required, five color copies will be sent to the DLS Legislative Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy J. Lennig".

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Introduction

In accordance with § 10-219(b)(6) of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC), which resides in the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30 and December 31 of each year, on the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis regarding juveniles charged as adults in Maryland. Section 10-219(b) also requires the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS) to disseminate information every month to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center for the purpose of the report, including the gender, race, and age of each child. Additional information (unique identifiers relating to the child, including the name of the child, fingerprint identification numbers, and record or file number) may also be disseminated to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center only for the purposes of research, evaluation, and statistical analysis.

Pursuant to its charge, this *Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)* report provides an update to the *Letter on Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023)* that was submitted on August 5, 2024, as it relates to the information received from CJIS. It also includes information on juveniles charged as adults in the first half of calendar year 2024. Based on the identified time frame, this report accounts for two semi-annual reports regarding juveniles charged as adults between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Because the information from CJIS did not include unique identifiers related to each child, caution should be used when interpreting sum totals as the number of unique individual children may be lower. This report also provides a follow-up to several semi-annual reports that were previously submitted. To view these semi-annual reports, please visit the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy’s website at:

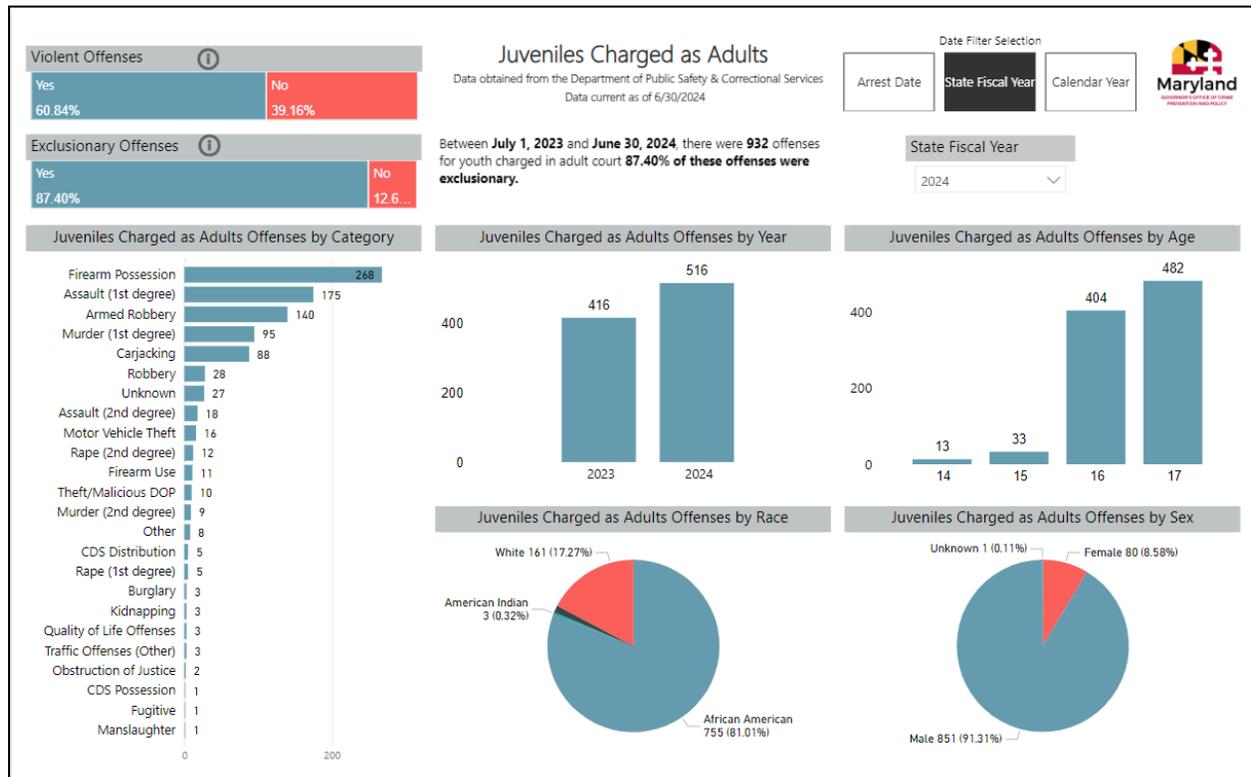
<https://goccp.maryland.gov/reports-and-publications/>.

Juveniles Charged as Adults

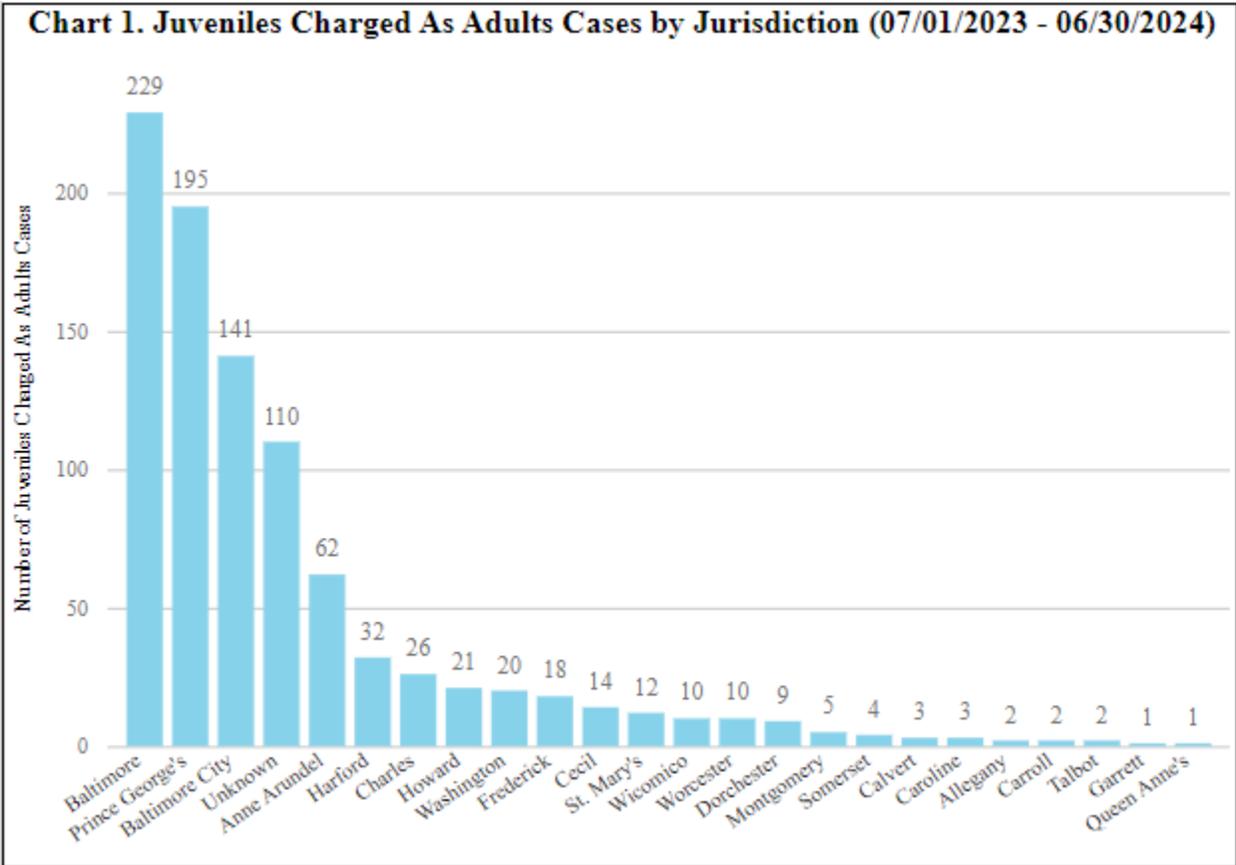
Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, there were 932 offenses for which children were charged as adults in Maryland.¹ The vast majority of these offenses were charged to boys (91.3%) and children between 16 and 17 years old (95.1%). Most of these offenses were charged to African American children (81.0%), followed by White children (17.3%). For more information and/or to view the **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard** and its interactive capabilities, please visit the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy’s website at

<http://goccp.maryland.gov/data-dashboards/juveniles-charged-as-adults-dashboard/> (as illustrated below).

¹ It is important to note that given the detail of the de-identified data, it is unknown if the 932 offenses correspond to 932 juveniles. Thus, any and all findings presented in this report and associated dashboard should be interpreted at the offense-level as opposed to the level of unique children.



The majority of offenses for juveniles charged as adults occurred within three jurisdictions: Baltimore County (n = 229), Prince George’s County (n = 195), and Baltimore City (n = 141) (as shown in **Chart I**). For 110 offenses, MSAC did not receive jurisdiction information; these instances were coded as “unknown.” In addition, there were no offenses reported in Kent County during this time period.



Conclusion

Pursuant to § 10-219(b)(6) of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center will continue to receive data from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults and will submit semi-annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly as it relates to the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis on this topic.