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**Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland  
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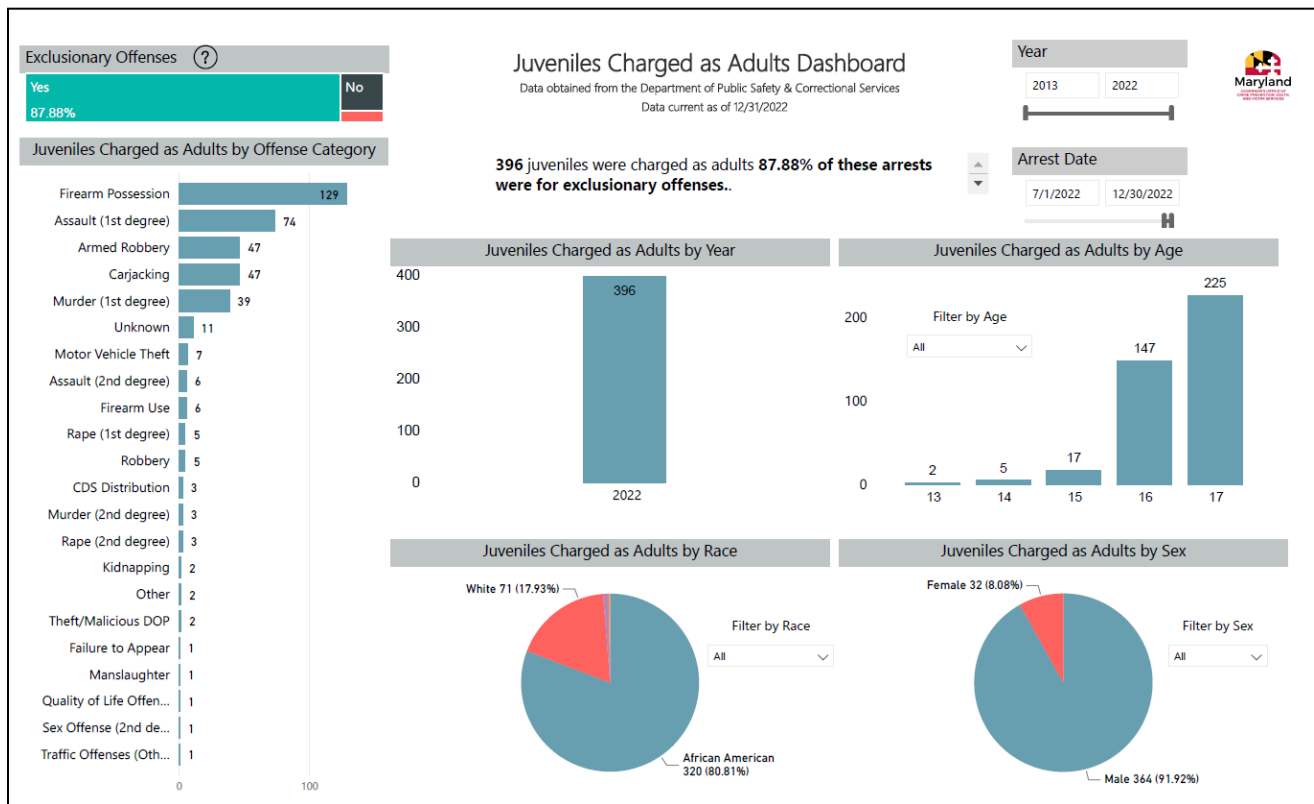
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# Introduction

Chapter 252 of 2002 (House Bill 943) required the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS) to report information to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center on data pertaining to juveniles charged as adults in Maryland, to include the gender, race, and age of each.<sup>1</sup> It also required the Maryland Justice Analysis Center to 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 on this matter. In 2007, the Maryland Justice Analysis Center moved to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, and was renamed the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (Center). Given this change, the Center submits semi-annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly.

## Juveniles Charged as Adults

In accordance with § 10-219(b)(6) of the Criminal Procedure Article, this *Juveniles Charged as Adults* report provides specific information on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, based on aggregate data from CJIS (*as illustrated below*).



<sup>1</sup> Maryland General Assembly. (2002). *Chapter 252 of 2002 (House Bill 943), Juvenile Justice - Criminal History Record Information - Dissemination*. <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2002rs/bills/hb/hb0943t.pdf>

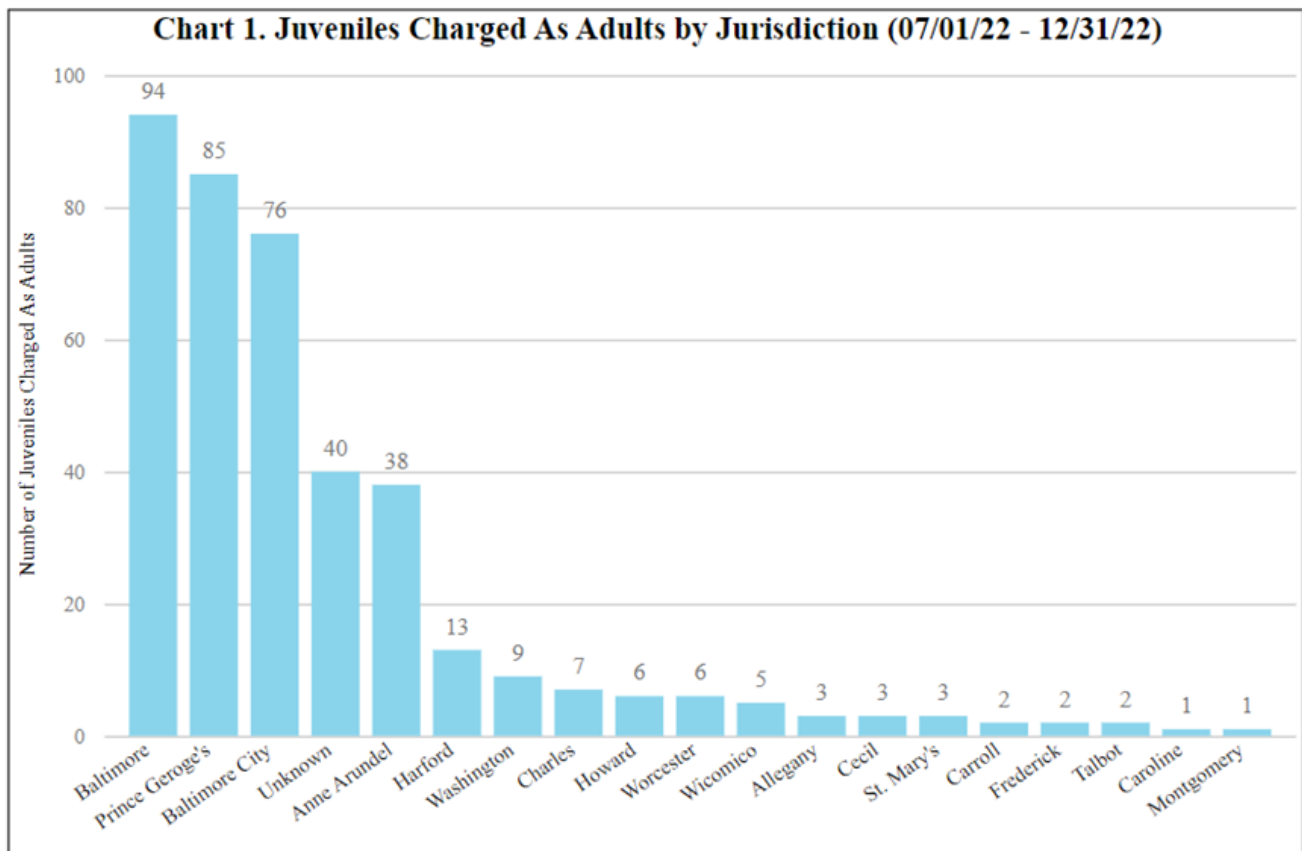
To view the **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard**, and its interactive capabilities, please visit the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services’ website at <http://goccp.maryland.gov/data-dashboards/juveniles-charged-as-adults-dashboard/>.

## Demographics

Between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022, a total of 396 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. The vast majority were male (91.9%) and between the age of 16 and 17 years old (93.9%). Most juveniles charged as adults were African American (80.8%), followed by White (17.9%). Please see the depiction above for more information (*as shown in **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard***).

## Jurisdiction

The majority of juveniles charged as adults occurred within three jurisdictions: Baltimore County (n = 94), Prince George’s County (n = 85), and Baltimore City (n = 76) (*as shown in **Chart 1***). Forty arrests also occurred in which the jurisdiction field was missing and, as a result, were coded as unknown. In addition, there were no arrests in the following jurisdictions: Calvert, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Somerset.



## Offense Type

Maryland law provides that juveniles who commit certain offenses must be charged as adults. These exclusionary offenses include the following:

<i>Juveniles 14 Years and Older</i>	<i>Juveniles 16 Years and Older</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First degree murder</li> <li>● First degree rape</li> <li>● First degree sex offense</li> <li>● Any attempts or conspiracies to commit the above offenses</li> </ul>	<p><u>Serious Violent Offenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Abduction</li> <li>● Kidnapping</li> <li>● Second degree murder (and attempted)</li> <li>● Manslaughter (except involuntary)</li> <li>● Second degree rape (and attempted)</li> <li>● Second degree sex offense (and attempted)</li> <li>● Third degree sex offense (and attempted)</li> <li>● Armed robbery (and attempted)</li> <li>● Carjacking or armed carjacking</li> <li>● First degree assault</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Firearms Offenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wear, carry, or transport handgun</li> <li>● Use of a handgun or antique firearm in the commission of a crime, use of a machine gun in a crime of violence</li> <li>● Use of a machine gun for aggressive purposes</li> <li>● Possession of an unregistered short-barreled shotgun or short-barreled rifle</li> <li>● Restrictions on possession of a regulated firearm</li> <li>● Restrictions on sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm</li> <li>● Sale, transfer, or disposal of stolen regulated firearm</li> </ul>

As illustrated in the **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard**, 87.9% of juveniles that were charged as adults during the second half of the 2022 calendar year were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Firearm possession was the most common exclusionary offense, followed by assault in the first degree, armed robbery and carjacking, and murder in the first degree. In addition, and based on the number of exclusionary offense arrests, there was a small difference between African American (88.4%) and White (85.9%) juveniles (*as shown in Table 1*). There was also a small difference between male and female juveniles who were charged with exclusionary offenses (*as shown in Table 2*).

<b>Table 1. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race</b>		
<b>Race</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
African American	283 of 320	88.4%
White	61 of 71	85.9%
Asian	1 of 1	100.0%
Unknown	3 of 4	75.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>348 of 396</b>	<b>87.9%</b>

<b>Table 2. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender</b>		
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Males	321 of 364	88.2%
Females	27 of 32	84.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>348 of 396</b>	<b>87.9%</b>

**Table 3. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Top Three Jurisdictions** illustrates the percentage of all juveniles, within the top three jurisdictions, who were charged with an exclusionary offense.

<b>Table 3. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Top Three Jurisdictions</b>		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Baltimore County	83 of 94	88.3%
Prince George’s County	78 of 85	91.8%
Baltimore City	72 of 76	94.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>348 of 396</b>	<b>87.9%</b>

## Trends

As illustrated in **Table 4. Juveniles Charged as Adults Statistics by Year (2018 - 2022)**, the number of juveniles charged as adults decreased by 50.6% between 2018 and 2021, and then increased by 83.9% in 2022. The percentage of juveniles charged with exclusionary offenses increased from 79.3% of all arrests in 2018 to 87.2% of all arrests in 2022. In addition, there was little variation in the demographic make-up of these juveniles over the same period.

<b>Table 4. Juveniles Charged as Adults Statistics by Year (2018 - 2022)</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total juveniles charged as adults	919	949	756	454	835
% African American	78.8%	80.7%	80.4%	84.6%	81.0%
% White	19.3%	16.9%	16.8%	14.8%	17.0%
% Male	91.2%	89.9%	92.7%	90.5%	92.8%
% Under 16	4.6%	4.8%	3.6%	5.7%	5.5%
Charged with exclusionary offenses	79.3%	79.2%	83.3%	82.8%	87.2%

## **Conclusion**

Pursuant to § 10-219(b)(6) of the Criminal Procedure Article, the 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 matter.