



Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2018 - 12/31/2018)

*Criminal Procedure Article, § 10-219(B)(6); Chapter 252
of 2002 (House Bill 943)*

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Background

Chapter 252 of 2002 (House Bill 943), *Juvenile Justice - Criminal History Record Information - Dissemination*, 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.¹ Chapter 252 of 2002 also required CJIS to report the gender, race, and age of each juvenile charged as an adult. In accordance with this Act, the Maryland Justice Analysis Center shall 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.

Executive Order 01.01.2007.04 moved the Maryland Justice Analysis Center from the University of Maryland to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and changed its name to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (Center) to facilitate statewide crime data analysis and sharing to generate local policies and solutions.² The Center is also responsible for completing all semi-annual reports required by Chapter 252 of 2002.

Methodology

This *Juveniles Charges as Adults in Maryland (7/1/2018 - 12/31/2018)* report includes data received from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland, from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Results

Demographics

Between July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, a total of 413 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. Charts 1 and 2 as well as Tables 1 - 4 depict the demographic characteristics of juveniles charged as adults. The vast majority of juveniles charged as adults were male (93.0%), black (77.0%), and between the age of 16 and 17 years old (95.9%).

¹ Maryland General Assembly. (2002). [Chapter 252 of 2002 \(House Bill 9443\), Juvenile Justice - Criminal History Record Information - Dissemination](#).

² Department of Legislative Services. (2007). [Executive Order 01.01.2007.04 Maryland Statistical Analysis Center](#).

Chart 1. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Race
(7/1 - 12/31/18)

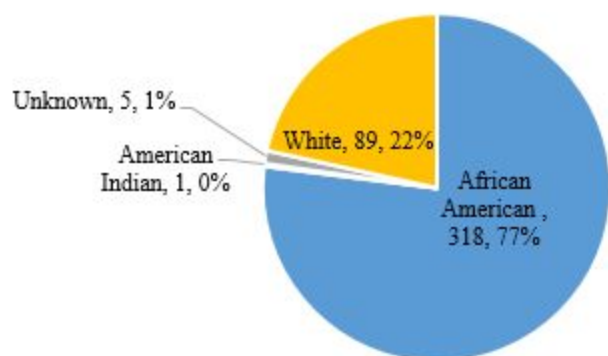


Chart 2. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender
(7/1 - 12/31/18)

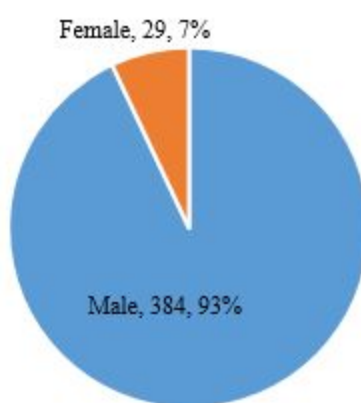


Table 1. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults

	Frequency	Percent
14	3	0.7%
15	14	3.4%
16	145	35.1%
17	251	60.8%
Total	413	100.0%

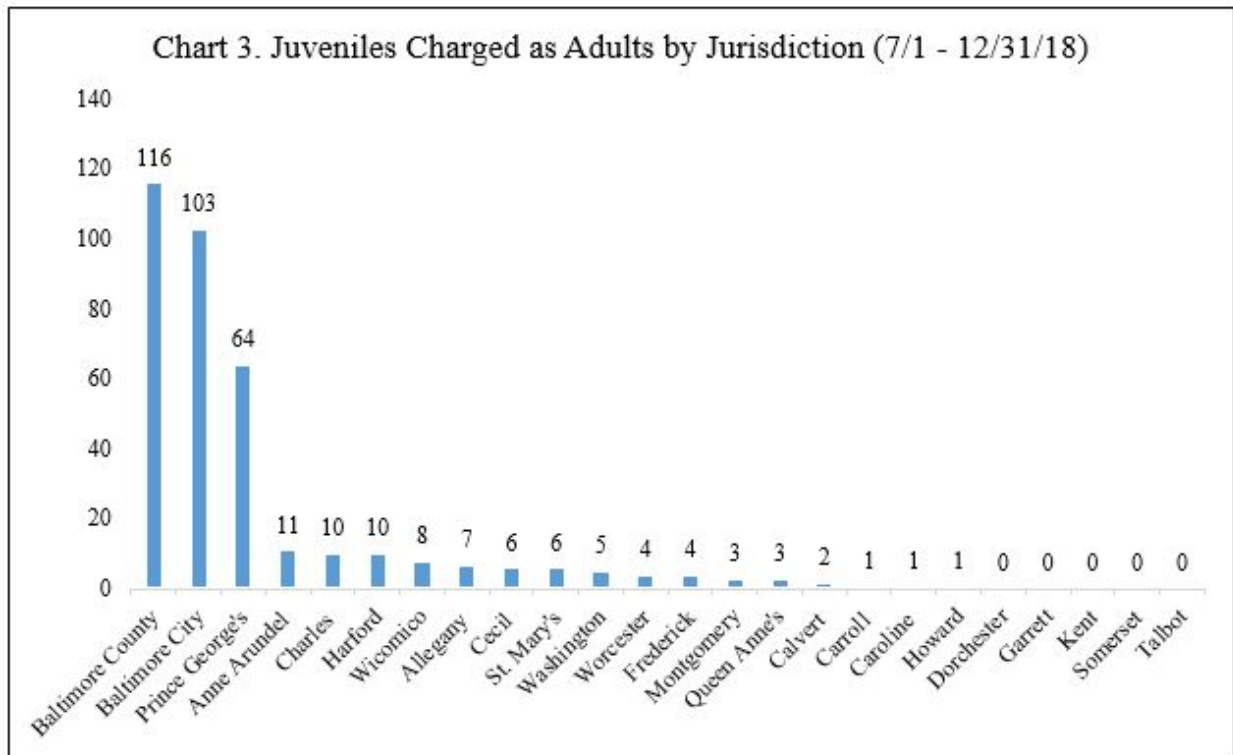
Table 2. Ethnicity/Race of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Race	Male	Female	Total
African American Percent	295 76.8%	23 79.3%	318 77.0%
American Indian Percent	1 0.3%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
White Percent	83 21.6%	6 20.7%	89 21.6%
Unknown Percent	5 1.3%	0 0.0%	5 1.2%
Total Percent	384 100.0%	29 100.0%	413 100.0%

Table 3. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Ethnicity/Race					
Age	African American	American Indian	White	Unknown	Total
14 Percent	2 0.6%	0 0.0%	1 1.1%	0 0.0%	3 0.7%
15 Percent	12 3.8%	0 0.0%	1 1.1%	1 20.0%	14 3.4%
16 Percent	115 36.2%	1 100.0%	27 30.3%	2 40.0%	145 35.1%
17 Percent	189 59.4%	0 0.0%	60 67.4%	2 40.0%	251 60.8%
Total Percent	318 100.0%	1 100.0%	89 100.0%	5 100.0%	413 100.0%

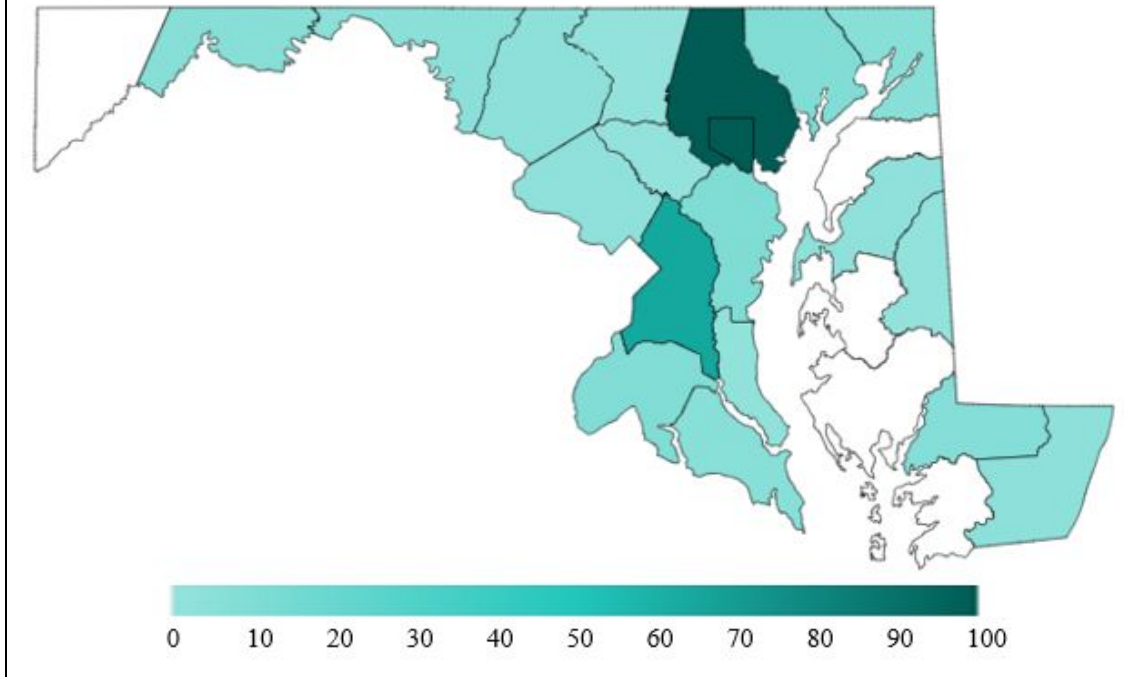
Table 4. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Age	Male	Female	Total
14 Percent	3 0.8%	0 0.0%	3 0.7%
15 Percent	12 3.1%	2 6.9%	14 3.4%
16 Percent	133 34.6%	12 41.4%	145 35.1%
17 Percent	236 61.5%	15 51.7%	251 60.8%
Total Percent	384 100.0%	29 100.0%	413 100.0%

Jurisdiction

As illustrated below and on the following page, chart 3 and map 1 identify the number of juveniles charged as adults per jurisdiction. The top six jurisdictions with the highest number of juveniles charged as adults, from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, occurred in Baltimore County (n = 116), Baltimore City (n = 103), Prince George's County (n = 64), Anne Arundel County (n = 11), Charles County (n = 10), and Harford County (n = 10). Forty-eight arrests also occurred in which the jurisdiction field was missing and, as a result, were coded as unknown.



Map 1. Number of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Jurisdiction (7/1 – 12/3/2018)



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"> ● First degree murder ● First degree rape ● First degree sex offense ● Any attempts or conspiracies to commit the above offenses 	<p><u>Serious Violent Offenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abduction ● Kidnapping ● Second degree murder (and attempted) ● Manslaughter (except involuntary) ● Second degree rape (and attempted) ● Second degree sex offense (and attempted) ● Third degree sex offense (and attempted) ● Armed robbery (and attempted) ● Carjacking or armed carjacking ● First degree assault
	<p><u>Firearms Offenses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wear, carry, or transport handgun ● Use of a handgun or antique firearm in the commission of a crime, use of a machine gun in a crime of violence

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use of a machine gun for aggressive purposes ● Possession of an unregistered short-barreled shotgun or short-barreled rifle ● Restrictions on possession of a regulated firearm ● Restrictions on sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm ● Sale, transfer, or disposal of stolen regulated firearm
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As illustrated in *Table 5. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Exclusionary Offense Type*, over 80% of juveniles charged as adults, from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Armed robbery, firearm possession, and first-degree assault were the most common exclusionary offenses.

Table 5. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Exclusionary Offense Type		
14-15		
1st Degree Murder	7	41.2%
1st Degree Rape	4	23.5%
1st Degree Sex Offense	0	0.0%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	11	64.7%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	17	100.0%
16-17		
Armed Robbery (attempted)	104	26.3%
Assault (1st degree)	58	14.6%
Carjacking	39	9.8%
Handgun Possession	80	20.2%
Handgun Use in a Violent Crime	0	0.0%
Kidnapping	0	0.0%
Manslaughter	0	0.0%
Murder (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	26	6.6%
Rape (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	10	2.5%
Regulated Firearm Possession	0	0.0%
Sex Offense (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and attempted)	3	0.8%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	320	80.8%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	396	100.00%
All Juveniles		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	331	80.1%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	413	100.00%

As shown in Table 6 and Table 7, there was no significant difference between black (81.5%) and white juveniles (75.3%), or male and female juveniles (80.2% and 79.3%, respectively) on their likelihood of being arrested and charged with an exclusionary offense. There was also a general consistency between the six counties with the most juveniles charged as adults and the percentage of juveniles charged as adults for exclusionary offenses (60% - 100%).

Table 6. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race		
Race	Frequency	Percent
African American	259 of 318	81.5%
American Indian	0 of 1	0.0%
White	67 of 89	75.3%
Unknown	5 of 5	100.0%
Total	331 of 413	80.2%

Table 7. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender		
Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	308 of 384	80.2%
Females	23 of 29	79.3%
Total	331 of 413	80.2%

Table 8. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses (top 6 Jurisdictions)		
County	Frequency	Percent
Baltimore County	94 of 116	81.0%
Baltimore City	96 of 103	93.2%
Prince George's County	59 of 64	92.2%
Anne Arundel County	9 of 11	81.8%
Charles County	6 of 10	60.0%
Harford County	10 of 10	100.0%

Five-Year Trends

As indicated in Table 9, the number of juveniles charged as adults had a large decrease in 2015 which remained relatively constant for three years before another increase in 2018. Much of the increase in 2018 can be attributed to an increase in juveniles being arrested for armed robbery (252 vs. 195), firearms possession related offenses (172 vs. 73) and carjacking (75 vs. 57). The percentage of juveniles charged with exclusionary offenses increased from 63% of all arrests in 2013, to 79% of all arrests in 2018. In addition, there was little variation in the demographic makeup of these juveniles over the five-year period.

Table 9. Juveniles Charged as Adults Statistics by Year (2013 - 2018)						
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total juveniles charged as adults	1,418	1,521	798	756	683	919
% Black	80.0%	82.2%	80.6%	78.6%	78.8%	78.8%
% White	19.1%	15.9%	17.4%	19.6%	19.3%	19.3%
% Male	90.1%	91.8%	90.5%	91.9%	92.2%	91.2%
% Under 16	5.2%	3.6%	4.4%	3.0%	5.4%	4.6%
Charged with exclusionary offenses	62.8%	70.4%	80.0%	78.8%	79.0%	79.3%

Summary

Between July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018, over 400 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. Nearly 80% of the juveniles were charged with exclusionary offenses and were required, by law, to be charged as adults.

Pursuant to Chapter 252 of 2002, the Center will continue to receive data from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults and will report on a semi-annual basis as it relates to the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis on this matter.