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**Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland
(1/1/2019 - 6/30/2019)**

*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. Furthermore, it 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, & Victim Services and was renamed as the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (Center). Given this change, and pursuant to § 10-219(b)(2) of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Center shall submit the semi-annual reports to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Methodology

The most recent report includes data received from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland, from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

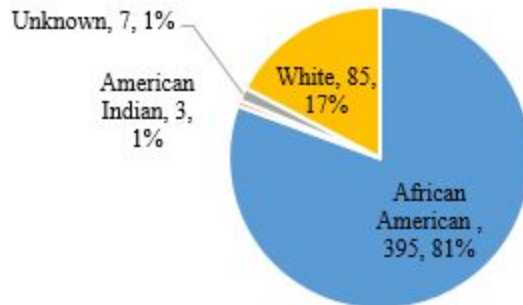
Results

Demographics

Between January 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019, a total of 490 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. As illustrated on the following pages, Charts 1-2 and Tables 1-4 depict the demographic characteristics of juveniles charged as adults. The vast majority of juveniles charged as adults were male (89%), African American (81%), and between the age of 16 and 17 years old (94%).

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

**Chart 1. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Race
(1/1 - 6/30/19)**



**Chart 2. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender
(1/1 - 6/30/19)**

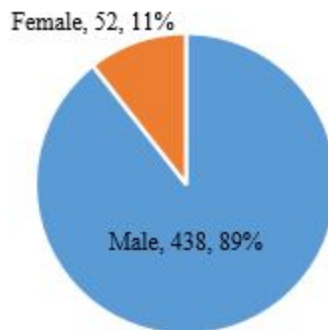


Table 1. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults		
	Frequency	Percent
10	1	0.2%
12	1	0.2%
13	1	0.2%
14	6	1.2%
15	21	4.3%
16	186	38.0%
17	274	55.9%
Total	490	100.0%

Table 2. Ethnicity/Race of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Race	Male	Female	Total
African American Percent	364 83.1%	31 59.6%	395 80.6%
Asian Percent	3 0.7%	0 0.0%	3 0.6%
White Percent	65 14.8%	20 38.5%	85 17.3%
Unknown Percent	6 1.4%	1 1.9%	7 1.4%
Total Percent	438 100.0%	52 100.0%	490 100.0%

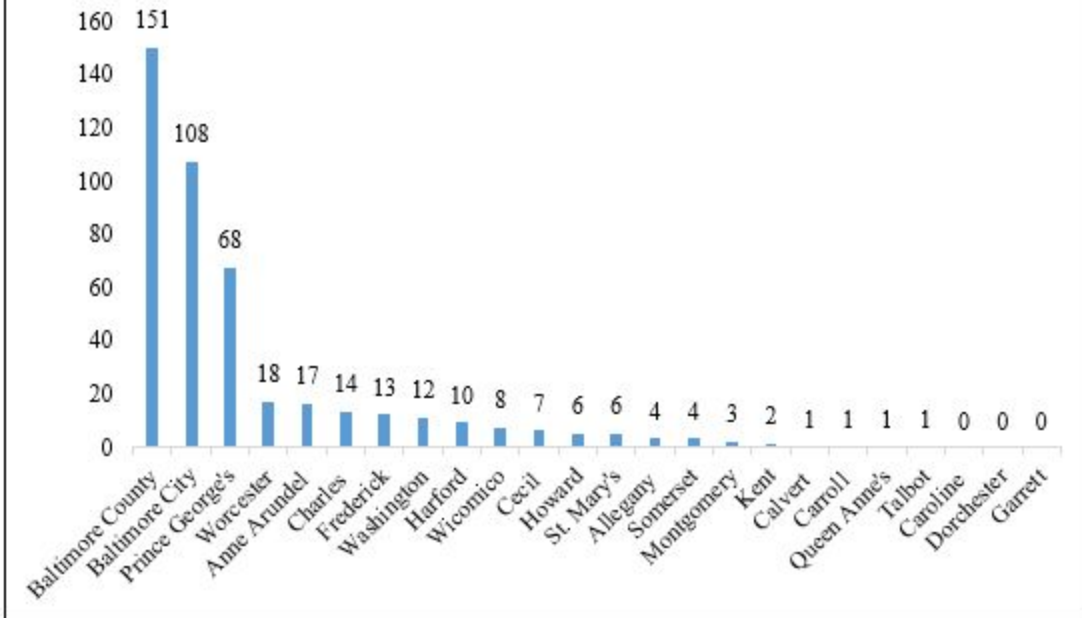
Table 3. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Ethnicity/Race					
Age	African American	Asian	White	Unknown	Total
10 Percent	1 0.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
12 Percent	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.2%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
13 Percent	1 0.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 0.2%
14 Percent	3 0.8%	0 0.0%	2 2.4%	1 14.3%	6 1.2%
15 Percent	14 3.5%	0 0.0%	7 8.2%	0 0.0%	21 4.3%
16 Percent	156 39.5%	2 66.7%	23 27.1%	5 71.4%	186 38.0%
17 Percent	220 55.7%	1 33.3%	52 61.2%	1 14.3%	274 55.9%
Total Percent	395 100.0%	3 100.0%	85 100.0%	7 100.0%	490 100.0%

Table 4. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Age	Male	Female	Total
10	1	0	1
Percent	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
12	1	0	1
Percent	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
13	1	0	1
Percent	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
14	4	2	6
Percent	0.9%	3.8%	1.2%
15	16	5	21
Percent	3.7%	9.6%	4.3%
16	171	15	186
Percent	39.0%	28.8%	38.0%
17	244	30	274
Percent	55.7%	57.8%	55.9%
Total	438	52	490
Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

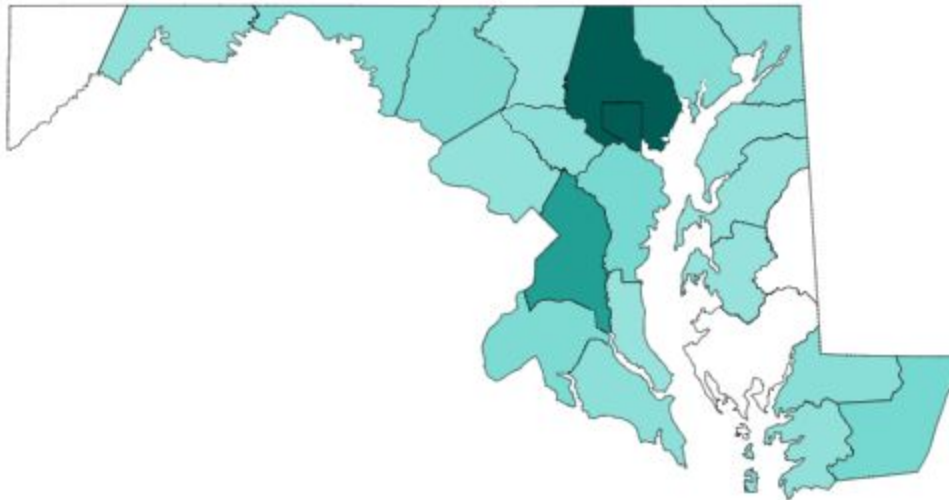
Jurisdiction

As illustrated on the following page, Chart 3 and Map 1 identifies the number of juveniles charged as adults per jurisdiction. The highest number of juveniles charged as adults, from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, occurred within five jurisdictions: Baltimore County (n = 151), Baltimore City (n = 108), Prince George's County (n = 68), Worcester County (n = 18), and Anne Arundel County (n = 17). Thirty-five arrests also occurred in which the jurisdiction field was missing and, as a result, were coded as unknown.

**Chart 3. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Jurisdiction
(1/1 - 6/30/19)**



Map 1. Number of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Jurisdiction (7/1 - 6/30/2019)



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 ● Use of a machine gun for aggressive purposes ● Possession of 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

As illustrated in Table 5, over 77% of juveniles charged as adults, from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Armed robbery, handgun possession, and first degree assault were the most common exclusionary offenses.

Table 5. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Exclusionary Offense Type		
Under 14		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	0	0.0%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	3	100.0%
14-15		
1st Degree Murder	9	33.3%
1st Degree Rape	3	11.1%
1st Degree Sex Offense	0	0.0%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	12	44.4%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	27	100.0%
16-17		
Armed Robbery (attempted)	121	26.3%
Assault (1st degree)	82	17.8%
Carjacking	40	8.7%
Handgun Possession	97	21.1%
Handgun Use in a Violent Crime	2	0.4%
Kidnapping	2	0.4%
Manslaughter	0	0.0%
Murder (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	16	3.5%
Rape (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	5	1.1%
Regulated Firearm Possession	0	0.0%
Sex Offense (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and attempted)	1	0.2%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	366	79.6%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	460	100.0%
All Juveniles		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	378	77.1%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	490	100.00%

As shown in Table 6, there was a significant difference between African American (80.5%) and White juveniles (60.0%) on the number of exclusionary offense arrests. Table 7 indicates a marginally significant difference between male and female juveniles who were charged with exclusionary offenses (78.3% and 67.3%, respectively).

Table 6. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race		
Race	Frequency	Percent
African American	318 of 395	80.5%
Asian	3 of 3	100.0%
White	51 of 85	60.0%
Unknown	6 of 7	85.7%
Total	378 of 490	77.1%

Table 7. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender		
Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	343 of 438	78.3%
Females	35 of 52	67.3%
Total	378 of 490	77.1%

Table 8 illustrates the percentage of all juveniles, within the top five counties, who were charged with an exclusionary offense.

Table 8. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses (top 5 Jurisdictions)		
County	Frequency	Percent
Baltimore County	122 of 151	80.7%
Baltimore City	100 of 108	92.6%
Prince George's County	63 of 68	92.7%
Anne Arundel County	11 of 17	64.7%
Worcester County	1 of 18	5.5%

Five-Year Trends

As indicated in Table 9, the number of juveniles charged as adults decreased by 52%, between 2013 to 2017, and then increased by 35% in 2018. The percentage of juveniles charged with exclusionary offenses also increased from 63% of all arrests in 2013, to 77%-80% 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 - 2019 YTD)							
Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Total Juveniles charged as adults	1,418	1,521	798	756	683	919	490
% Black	80.0%	82.2%	80.6%	78.6%	78.8%	78.8%	80.6%
% White	19.1%	15.9%	17.4%	19.6%	19.3%	19.3%	17.4%
% Male	90.1%	91.8%	90.5%	91.9%	92.2%	91.2%	89.4%
% Under 16	5.2%	3.6%	4.4%	3.0%	5.4%	4.6%	6.1%
Charged with exclusionary offenses	62.8%	70.4%	80.0%	78.8%	79.0%	79.3%	77.1%

Summary

Between January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, 490 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. The majority of these juveniles were African American males between the age of 16 and 17 years old. Nearly 80% of these juveniles were charged with exclusionary offenses and were required, by law, to be charged as adults.

Pursuant to § 10-219(b)(2), 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.