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FROM: Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

January 5, 2022

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
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The Honorable William C. "Bill" Ferguson IV
President of the Senate
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The Honorable Adrienne Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
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RE: Report required by Criminal Procedure Article § 10-219(b)(6) (MSAR #12656)

Dear Governor Hogan, 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, Youth, and Victim Services' report titled, *Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021)*. This report includes information from the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS) on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland, from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH,
AND VICTIM SERVICES**

**Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland
(1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021)**

*Criminal Procedure Article § 10-219(b)(6); EX ORD
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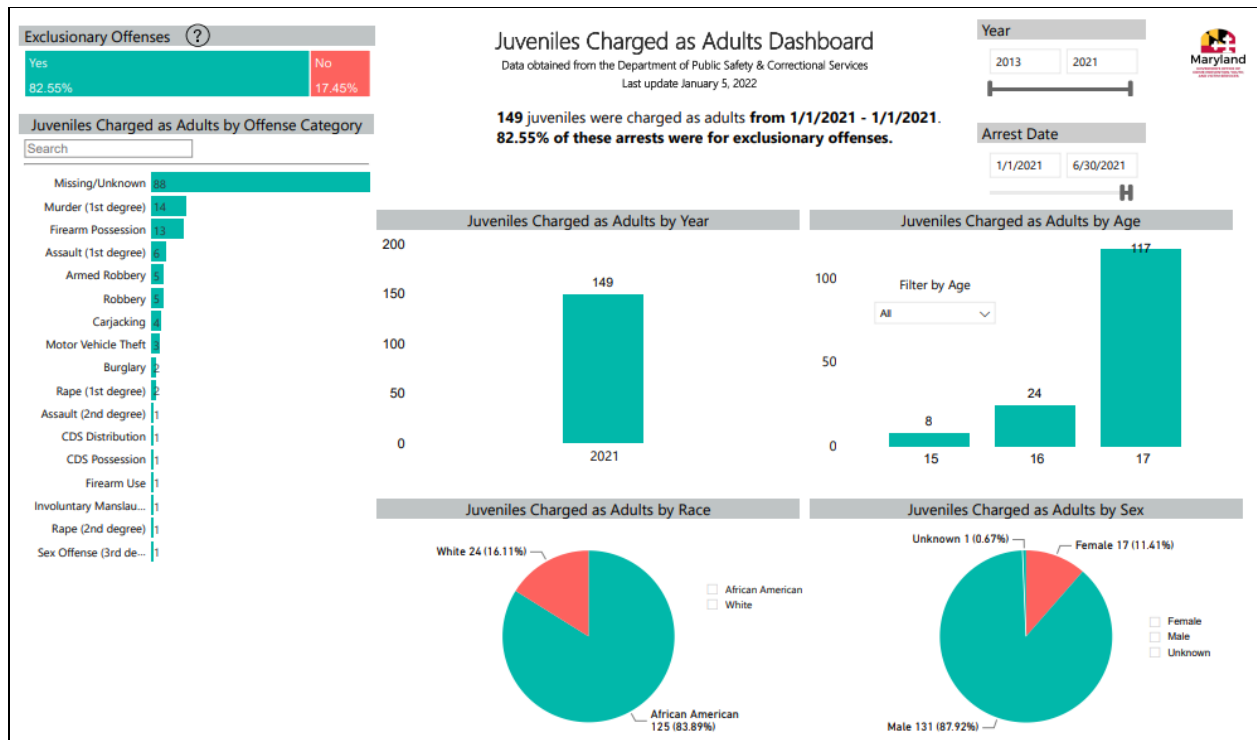
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Introduction

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.¹ 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,² 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 January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021, based on aggregate data from CJIS (*as illustrated below*).



¹ Maryland General Assembly. (2002). [Chapter 252 of 2002 \(House Bill 943\). Juvenile Justice - Criminal History Record Information - Dissemination.](#)

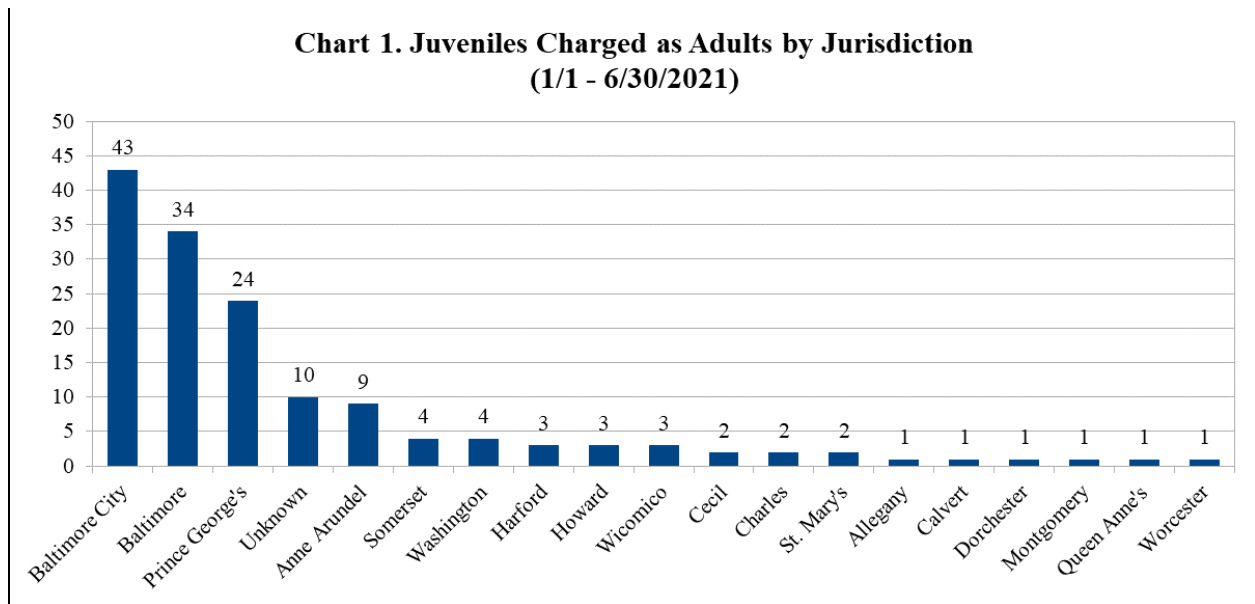
² Maryland General Assembly. (2020). [Chapter 11. Acts of 2020.](#) In March 2020, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention was renamed the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.

Demographics

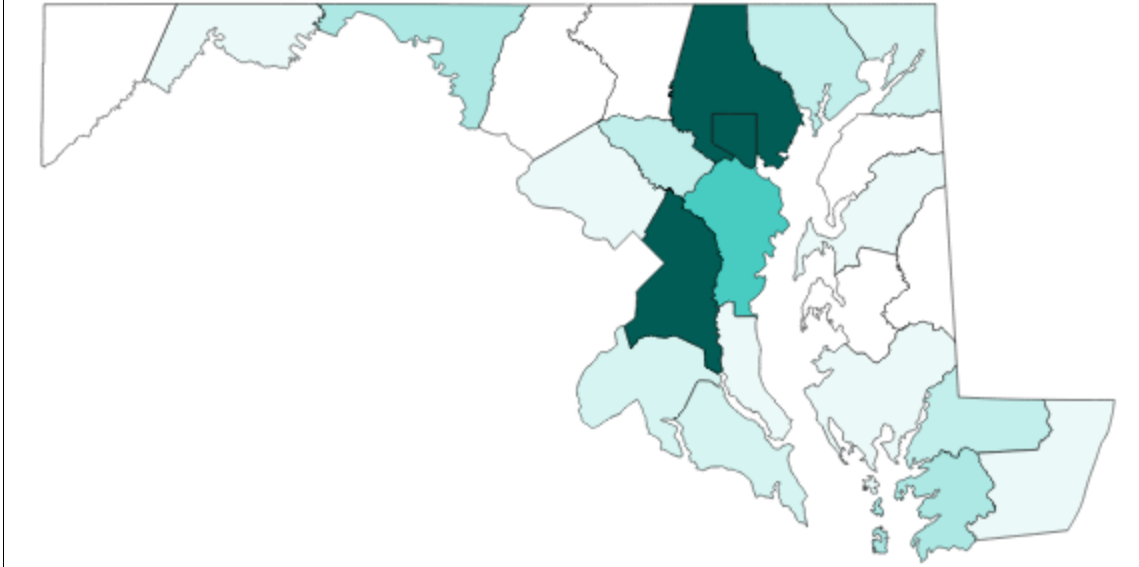
Between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021, a total of 149 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. The vast majority were male (87.9%) and between the age of 16 and 17 years old (94.6%). Most juveniles charged as adults were African American (83.9%), followed by White (16.1%). Please see the depiction above for more information (*as shown in **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard***).

Jurisdiction

The majority of juveniles charged as adults occurred within five jurisdictions: Baltimore City (n = 43), Baltimore County (n = 34), Prince George's County (n = 21), Anne Arundel County (n = 9), and Somerset County (n = 4) (*as shown in **Chart 1 and Map 1***). Ten 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: Carroll County, Caroline County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Kent County, and Talbot County.



Map 1. Number of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Jurisdiction (1/1 - 6/30/2021)



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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard**, over 82% of juveniles that were charged as adults during the first half of the 2021 calendar year, were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Murder and firearm possession were the most common exclusionary offenses.³ In addition, and based on the number of exclusionary offense arrests, there was a minimal difference between African American (82.4%) and White (83.3%) 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*).

Table 1. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race		
Race	Frequency	Percent
African American	103 of 125	82.4%
White	20 of 24	83.3%
Total	123 of 149	82.6%

Table 2. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender		
Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	109 of 131	83.2%
Females	14 of 17	82.4%
Unknown	0 of 1	0.0%
Total	123 of 149	82.6%

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

Table 3. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Top Five Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Frequency	Percent
Baltimore City	41 of 43	95.3%
Baltimore County	28 of 34	82.4%
Prince George's County	22 of 24	91.7%
Anne Arundel County	8 of 9	88.9%
Somerset County	0 of 4	0.0%

³ It is important to note that the exclusionary offense type was missing in 88 cases.

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.