

Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (1/1/2025-6/30/2025)

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

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

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RE: 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 (1/1/2025-6/30/2025)*. This report includes information on juveniles charged as adults in the first half of calendar year 2025.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to 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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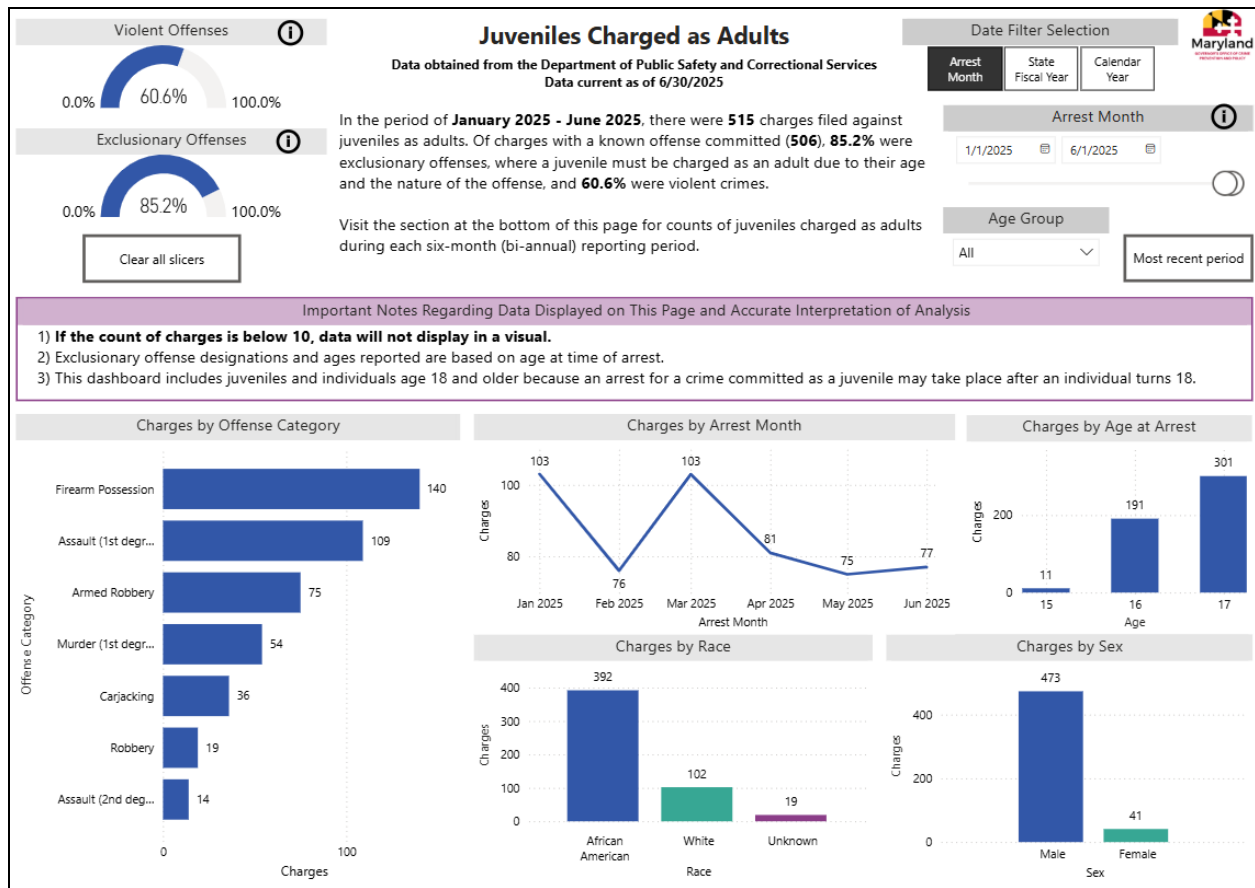
Introduction

In accordance with § 10-219(b)(6) of the Criminal Procedure Article, the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC), which resides within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office), 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 MSAC 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 numbers) may also be disseminated to MSAC only for the purposes of research, evaluation, and statistical analysis.

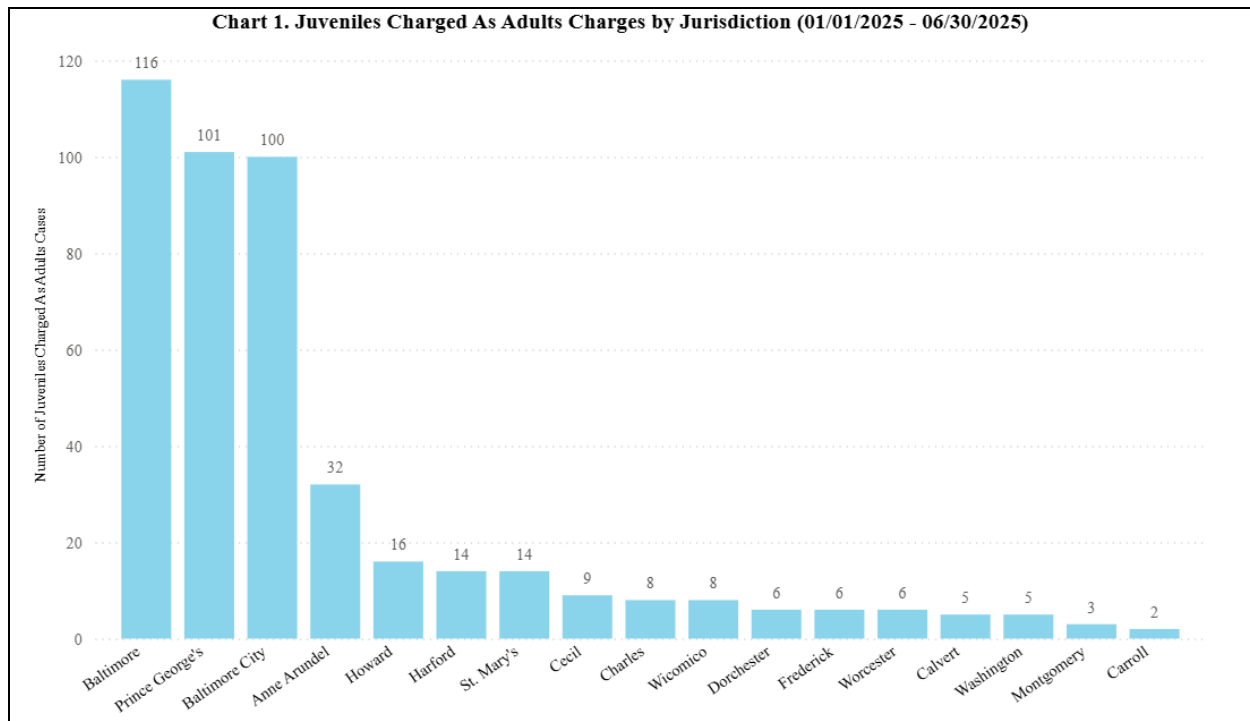
Pursuant to its charge, this *Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland (1/1/2025-6/30/2025)* includes information on juveniles charged as adults in the first half of calendar year 2025. Because the information from CJIS did not include unique identifiers related to each child, caution should be used when 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 reports, please visit the Office's website at: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/reports-and-publications/>.

Juveniles Charged as Adults

Between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025, there were 515 total charges in which children were charged as adults in Maryland. The vast majority of these offenses were charged to boys (91.8%) and children between 16 and 17 years old (95.5%). Most of these offenses were charged to African American children (76.1%), followed by White children (19.8%). The most common crime charged were those related to firearm possession (27.2%). Of charges for known offenses (n = 506), 85.2% were identified as potentially exclusionary offenses, where a juvenile must be charged as an adult due to their age and the nature of the offense, and 60.6% were violent crimes. For more information and/or to view the **Juveniles Charged as Adults Dashboard** and its interactive capability, please visit the Office's website at: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/data-dashboards/>.



The majority of offenses for juveniles charged as adults occurred within three jurisdictions: Baltimore County (n = 116), Prince George's County (n = 101), and Baltimore City (n = 100) (as illustrated in **Chart 1**). For 64 offenses, MSAC did not receive jurisdiction information; these instances were coded as "unknown." In addition, there were no offenses reported in Allegany County, Caroline County, Garrett County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, or Talbot County during this time period.



Conclusion

MSAC 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.