

Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

Memphis, Tennessee

State Structure

Tennessee's delinquency services are organized at both the state and local level. Secure detention in Tennessee is administered locally by executive agencies (i.e., county commission/boards or private contractors) or juvenile courts. Community supervision in Tennessee is administered by the Department of Children's Services' Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), a state-level executive agency, and local juvenile courts. DJJ also administers commitments to state public facilities and aftercare services for those youth leaving state facilities.

Upper, Lower, and Extended Age of Jurisdiction

State	Delinquency			Status (Unruly Children)	
	Lower age	Upper age	Extended age	Lower age	Upper age
Tennessee	None specified	17	Full term of the disposition order	None specified	17

Status Offenses

In Tennessee, truancy, being disobedient of the reasonable and lawful commands of a parent or guardian, committing an offense applicable only to a child, and being a runaway are status offense behaviors. Status offense cases are classified as unruly children. 81 general session and 17 private act juvenile courts have jurisdiction over status offenders and delinquents. A court may extend jurisdiction for the full term of the disposition order.

Yearly Case Count

County	2010 Population Estimates			Delinquency		Status		Dependency	
	Total	10 Through Upper Age	0 Through Upper Age	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned	Petitioned	Non-Petitioned
Shelby	928,900	112,700	244,500	2,137	8,636	77	2,148	1,983	101

Source: Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

1. Delinquency figures are cases disposed.
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3. Dependency figures are cases disposed.

School Districts

Shelby County Schools

- The district has five regions (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast, and East)

Estimated arrests of persons under age 18 in Shelby County, Tennessee

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Coverage Indicator	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Arrests	10,602	10,689	11,055	11,312	11,477
Violent Crime Index	556	587	604	567	543
Murder/nonneg. mans.	17	3	6	23	5
Forcible rape	14	7	14	24	17
Robbery	206	296	310	243	272
Aggravated assault	319	281	274	277	249
Property Crime Index	1,629	1,812	2,055	2,242	2,104
Burglary	478	489	601	672	666
Larceny-theft	1,016	1,167	1,303	1,476	1,312
Motor vehicle theft	107	135	131	77	100
Arson	28	21	20	17	26
Nonindex					
Other assaults	2,489	2,176	2,500	2,562	2,798
Forgery and counterfeiting	29	26	29	26	15
Fraud	23	14	22	15	20
Embezzlement	13	14	6	1	0
Stolen property	30	15	16	37	26
Vandalism	338	411	406	428	372
Weapons	350	360	245	275	286
Prostitution/ commercialized vice	16	36	24	16	14
Sex offenses (other)	25	44	28	43	76
Drug abuse violations	796	946	849	851	826
Gambling	32	16	46	89	76
Offenses against family	0	2	1	0	0
Driving under influence	33	29	34	30	21
Liquor laws	181	109	166	164	117
Drunkenness	159	112	152	68	84
Disorderly conduct	2,199	2,112	1,757	1,271	1,278
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
All other offenses	867	1,046	1,323	1,584	1,836
Suspicion	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew and loitering	674	687	674	908	911
Runaways	163	135	118	135	74
Population Ages 10 to 17	118,103	117,036	114,456	112,221	112,532

These statistics are estimates that account for missing data and may differ from other published sources. The county-level files which are the source of this information are not official FBI releases and are being provided for research purposes.

The Coverage Indicator refers to the relative size of the sample from which these estimates are based. A coverage indicator of 90% means that data covering 10% of the jurisdiction's population are estimated and that data from 90% of the jurisdiction's population are based on actual reports. Only jurisdictions with a coverage indicator at or above 90% are displayed in this application.

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