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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor of Maryland
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
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The Honorable Michael Erin Busch
Speaker of the House of Delegates
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Dear Governor O'Malley, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

As required by Maryland HB 943/ Ch. 252, 2002, please find enclosed a copy of the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center's report entitled, *Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland 7/1/13 – 12/31/13*. This report includes data received from the Criminal Repository (CJIS) on juveniles charged as adults from 7/1/13 – 12/31/13.

Maryland's Statistical Analysis Center is located in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-821-2828.

Sincerely,

Tammy Brown
Executive Director

Enclosure

Juveniles Charged as Adults in Maryland 7/1/13 – 12/31/13

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BACKGROUND

During the 2002 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed *House Bill 943, Chapter 252*. The bill requires the Central Repository (CJIS) to report information to the Maryland Justice Analysis Center (MJAC) on data pertaining to juveniles charged as adults in Maryland. More specifically, CJIS must report the gender, race, and age of each juvenile charged as an adult. By June 30 and December 31 of each year, the Maryland Justice Analysis Center shall report to the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on the results of its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis. In 2007, MJAC was re-located to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) in Towson and was renamed the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center (MSAC), which is responsible for completing these bi-annual reports.

METHODOLOGY

The most recent report includes data received from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults in Maryland from July 1 – December 31, 2013.

RESULTS

Demographics

From July 1 – December 31, 2013, a total of 956 juveniles were charged as adults in Maryland. The vast majority of juveniles charged as adults were male (89.5%), African American (78%), and either 16 or 17 years of age (94.7%).

Race	Frequency	Percent
Asian	2	0.2%
African American	746	78.0%
White	200	20.9%
Unknown	8	0.8%
Total	956	100.0%

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	856	89.5%
Females	100	10.5%
Total	956	100.0%

Age	Frequency	Percent
13	6	0.6%
14	3	0.3%
15	41	4.3%
16	311	32.5%
17	595	62.2%
Total	956	100.0%

Race	Male	Female	Total
Asian	2	0	2
Percent	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
African American	664	82	746
Percent	77.6%	82.0%	78.0%
White	182	18	200
Percent	21.3%	18.0%	20.9%
Unknown	8	0	8
Percent	0.9%	0.0%	0.8%
Total	856	100	956
Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Age	Asian	African American	White	Unknown	Total
13	0	3	3	0	6
Percent	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.6%
14	1	2	0	0	3
Percent	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
15	0	35	6	0	41
Percent	0.0%	4.7%	3.0%	0.0%	4.3%
16	0	288	22	1	311
Percent	0.0%	38.6%	11.0%	12.5%	32.5%
17	1	418	169	7	595
Percent	50.0%	56.0%	84.5%	87.5%	62.2%
Total	2	746	200	8	956
Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 6. Age of Juveniles Charged as Adults by Gender			
Age	Male	Female	Total
13	4	2	6
Percent	0.5%	2.0%	0.6%
14	2	1	3
Percent	0.2%	1.0%	0.3%
15	40	1	41
Percent	4.7%	1.0%	4.3%
16	286	25	311
Percent	33.4%	25.0%	32.5%
17	524	71	595
Percent	61.2%	71.0%	62.2%
Total	856	100	956
Percent	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Offense Type

Maryland law provides that juveniles who commit certain offenses must be charged as adults. These exclusionary offenses are listed below:

Juveniles 14 years and older

- First Degree Murder
 - First Degree Rape
 - First Degree Sex Offense
- Any attempts or conspiracies to commit the above offenses

Juveniles 16 years and older

Serious/Violent Offenses

- Abducting, 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

Firearms Offenses

- 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

Overall, nearly 54% of juveniles charged as adults during the second half of 2013 were charged with exclusionary offenses that prohibited them from being charged in a juvenile court. Armed Robbery and First Degree Assault were the two most common exclusionary offenses.

Table 7. Juveniles Charged as Adults by Exclusionary Offense Type		
Under 14	Frequency	Percent
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	0	0.0%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	6	100.0%
14-15		
1st Degree Murder	10	22.7%
1st Degree Rape	0	0.0%
1st Degree Sex Offense	0	0.0%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	10	22.7%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	44	100.0%
16-17		
Armed Robbery (attempted)	184	20.3%
Assault (1st degree)	159	17.5%
Carjacking	13	1.4%
Handgun Possession	49	5.4%
Handgun Use in a Violent Crime	22	2.4%
Murder (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	52	5.7%
Rape (1st, 2nd, and attempted)	1	0.1%
Regulated Firearm Possession	17	1.9%
Sex Offense (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and attempted)	5	0.6%
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	502	55.4%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	906	100.0%
All Juveniles		
<i>Exclusionary Offenses</i>	512	53.6%
Total Juveniles Charged as Adults	956	100.0%

There was no significant difference between the percentages of male and female juveniles who were charged with exclusionary offenses (54.4% and 46% respectively), while African American juveniles were significantly more likely to be arrested and charged with an exclusionary offense than white juveniles (56% compared to 43%).

Table 8. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Race

Race	Frequency	Percent
Asian	1 of 2	50.0%
African American	418 of 746	56.0%
White	86 of 200	43.0%
Unknown	7 of 8	87.5%
Total	512 of 956	53.6%

Table 9. Juveniles Charged with Exclusionary Offenses by Gender

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Males	466 of 856	54.4%
Females	46 of 100	46.0%
Total	956	100.0%

Pursuant to *House Bill 943, Chapter 25*, MSAC will continue to receive data from CJIS on juveniles charged as adults and submit bi-annual reports on its research, evaluation, and statistical analysis of these findings.