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INTRODUCTION

Tennessee's Juvenile Court Process

In Tennessee, the basic juvenile court process is comprised of three central phases: (1) Intake, (2) Adjudication, and (3) Disposition.

Juvenile court intake is a process through which the court reviews information in order to determine whether it has authority to intervene in a child's life and in what manner it will administer its authority. The components of the intake process are referral to intake, detention screening, and assessment of how to handle the complaint. Referral to intake involves the filing of a complaint by law enforcement, parents, or other individuals or agencies requesting the court exercise its authority. If detention is requested by the complainant, the intake officer performs a detention screening to determine if there is probable cause (legal sufficiency) that the child committed the alleged offense and is subject to detention in accordance with statute. Lastly, an assessment is made to determine if the complaint should be executed, if informal adjustment (a voluntary agreement between the intake officer, the child and the parents) should be pursued, or if a petition should be filed.

In most instances if a petition is filed, the case goes into the adjudicatory phase. In this phase the case is heard by the juvenile court judge to determine if the allegations of the petition are true. In making its decision, the court considers only the child's juvenile court record and the evidence that has been formally admitted. If the allegations are not substantiated or cannot be proven, the petition will be dismissed. In those situations where the allegations are substantiated, the judge will proceed immediately or will set a later hearing to determine the appropriate outcome or disposition for the case.

The purpose of the dispositional phase is to determine an appropriate course of action regarding the child and his/her circumstances. Disposition, insofar as possible, typically attempts to meet the treatment, social, and rehabilitation needs of the child.

Data Collection Methods

Two data forms, one for intake and one for disposition, were designed to collect information about juvenile court activities for the continuation of the Tennessee Juvenile Court Information System (TJCIS), a statewide computerized information system. The information of the form represents the minimal data required by the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ) to provide local and state statistics. Each court is required by law to submit this information each month for both formal and informal proceedings involving children.

Archived Data Files

The data in the files are stored as numeric characters (which are whole numbers) unless otherwise noted. The records for each case are 114 characters in length and contain 58 variables. The data are stored in single year files. The number of case records in each calendar year data file is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Records</u>
1986	16,244

Terms of Availability

Each request to use these data should be directed to the Archive. The Archive will contact the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges regarding their release. Upon the Office's

authorization to release and disseminate the data, the data files will be supplied to the requestor by the Archive with any necessary cautions or restrictions.

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Summary tabulations on selected variables manner of handling breakdowns for delinquency cases for *each county in Tennessee* are publicly available beginning with 1982 data through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 48106.

USING THE CODEBOOK

The information that follows is based on a study of available documentation from the data supplier (e.g., Administrative Office of the Courts Coding Manual and Procedures Manual), interviews with the data supplier and court personnel, and diagnostic analyses performed by the Archive staff. The example below is a reproduction of information appearing in the codebook for a typical variable. The numbers in brackets do not appear in the codebook, but are references to the descriptions which follow this example.

<u>Column/ Width</u>	<u>Variable Number</u>	<u>Code Value and Description</u>
[1] 4/2	[2] TN004	[3] MONTH OF BIRTH
		[4] The month of the juvenile's birth.
		[5] [6]
		(01) January
		(02) February
		⋮
		⋮
		(12) December
	[7]	(99) Missing
	[8]	NOTE: If any of the necessary data are missing or if the calculation produces an illogical value, a missing value code of 99 is placed in the field.

- [1] The starting location and width of the variable in the machine-readable data file. This is the format information needed to read the data into other systems.
- [2] The variable number. The variable number is used as a variable name when the file is processed by systems which use alphabetic variable names (e.g. SPSS).
- [3] The variable label used by statistical systems to identify the variable or program output.
- [4] A description of the variable contents.
- [5] The code values occurring in the data for the variable. If the variable is a year, the symbol ## represents the most current year for which data are available.
- [6] The textual definitions of the codes. The first 20 characters form a short value label which some systems use to document the output of analysis programs. A longer description follows the short label when necessary.
- [7] The designation of missing data. The Archive staff has replaced any out-of-bounds codes with missing data codes. Many analysis packages require that certain types of data which are usually excluded from analysis be designated as "missing data". Fields with no entry were left blank and "() No entry" is listed as a code value. Some variables also have response options representing "unknown" which are also listed as code values.

[8] An explanatory/cautionary note.

VARIABLE LIST

TN001	Filler
TN002	Filler
TN003	Filler
TN004	Month of birth
TN005	Date of birth
TN006	Year of birth
TN007	Sex
TN008	Race
TN009	County
TN010	Filler
TN011	Month of court referral
TN012	Date of court referral
TN013	Year of court referral
TN014	MH-MR evaluation referral
TN015	Month of detention release
TN016	Date of detention release
TN017	Year of detention release
TN018	Hour of detention release
TN019	Minute of detention release
TN020	Detention release time
TN021	Case disposed by
TN022	Month of adjudication
TN023	Date of adjudication
TN024	Year of adjudication
TN025	Adjudication decision
TN026	Substantiated charge one
TN027	Substantiated charge two
TN028	Substantiated charge three
TN029	Substantiated charge four
TN030	Month of disposition hearing
TN031	Date of disposition hearing
TN032	Year of disposition hearing
TN033	Disposition one
TN034	Disposition two
TN035	Disposition three
TN036	Disposition four
TN037	Month of informal adjustment
TN038	Date of informal adjustment
TN039	Year of informal adjustment
TN040	Informal adjustment charge one
TN041	Informal adjustment charge two
TN042	Informal adjustment charge three

TN043	Informal adjustment charge four
TN044	Informal adjustment decision one
TN045	Informal adjustment decision two
TN046	Informal adjustment decision three
TN047	Informal adjustment decision four
TN048	Age at referral, created
TN049	Manner of handling, created
TN050	Most serious offense disposed, created
TN051	Second most serious offense disposed,
created	
TN052	Third most serious offense disposed, created
TN053	Most severe disposition, created
TN054	Second most severe disposition, created
TN055	Third most severe disposition, created
TN056	Month of disposition, created
TN057	Date of disposition, created
TN058	Year of disposition, created

CODEBOOK: VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

<u>Column/ Width</u>	<u>Variable Number</u>	<u>Code Value and Description</u>
1/1	TN001	FILLER
2/1	TN002	FILLER
3/1	TN003	FILLER
4/2	TN004	MONTH OF BIRTH Indicates the month of the youth's birth. (01) January (02) February : : (12) December (99) Missing
6/2	TN005	DATE OF BIRTH Indicates the date of the youth's birth. (01) First (02) Second : : (31) Thirty-first (99) Missing
8/2	TN006	YEAR OF BIRTH Indicates the year of the youth's birth. (61) 1961 (62) 1962 : : (86) 1986 (99) Missing
10/1	TN007	SEX Indicates the sex of the youth. (1) Male

- (2) Female
- (9) Missing

11/1 TN008 RACE
Indicates the race of the youth.

- (1) White
- (2) Black
- (3) American Indian
- (4) Other
- (9) Missing

12/2 TN009 COUNTY
The county submitting the statistical card.

- (01) Anderson
- (02) Bedford
- (03) Benton
- (04) Bledsoe
- (05) Blount
- (06) Bradley
- (07) Campbell
- (08) Cannon
- (09) Carroll
- (10) Carter
- (11) Cheatham
- (12) Chester
- (13) Claiborne
- (14) Clay
- (15) Cocke
- (16) Coffee
- (17) Crockett
- (18) Cumberland
- (19) Davidson
- (20) Decatur
- (21) De Kalb
- (22) Dickson
- (23) Dyer
- (24) Fayette
- (25) Fentress
- (26) Franklin
- (27) Gibson
- (28) Giles
- (29) Grainger
- (30) Greene
- (31) Grundy
- (32) Hamblen
- (33) Hamilton
- (34) Hancock
- (35) Hardeman
- (36) Hardin

- (37) Hawkins
- (38) Haywood
- (39) Henderson
- (40) Henry
- (41) Hickman
- (42) Houston
- (43) Humphreys
- (44) Jackson
- (45) Jefferson
- (46) Johnson
- (47) Knox
- (48) Lake
- (49) Lauderdale
- (50) Lawrence
- (51) Lewis
- (52) Lincoln
- (53) Loudon
- (54) McMinn
- (55) McNairy
- (56) Macon
- (57) Madison
- (58) Marion
- (59) Marshall
- (60) Maury
- (61) Meigs
- (62) Monroe
- (63) Montgomery
- (64) Moore
- (65) Morgan
- (66) Obion
- (67) Overton
- (68) Perry
- (69) Pickett
- (70) Polk
- (71) Putnam
- (72) Rhea
- (73) Roane
- (74) Robertson
- (75) Rutherford
- (76) Scott
- (77) Sequatchie
- (78) Sevier
- (79) Shelby
- (80) Smith
- (81) Stewart
- (82) Sullivan Division I
- (83) Sumner
- (84) Tipton
- (85) Trousdale
- (86) Unicoi
- (87) Union
- (88) Van Buren
- (89) Warren

- (90) Washington
- (91) Wayne
- (92) Weakley
- (93) White
- (94) Williamson
- (95) Wilson
- (96) Johnson City
- (97) Bristol
- (98) Sullivan Division II

14/6	TN010	FILLER
20/2	TN011	<p>MONTH OF COURT REFERRAL</p> <p>Indicates the month the youth was referred to the court on the current charge.</p> <p>() No entry</p> <p>(01) January</p> <p>(02) February</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>(12) December</p>
22/2	TN012	<p>DATE OF COURT REFERRAL</p> <p>Indicates the date the youth was referred to the court on the current charge.</p> <p>() No entry</p> <p>(01) First</p> <p>(02) Second</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>(31) Thirty-first</p>
24/2	TN013	<p>YEAR OF COURT REFERRAL</p> <p>Indicates the year the youth was referred to the court on the current charge.</p> <p>() No entry</p> <p>(81) 1981</p> <p>(82) 1982</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>⋮</p> <p>(86) 1986</p>
26/1	TN014	<p>MH-MR EVALUATION REFERRAL</p> <p>Indicates if a referral was made by State Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation staff.</p> <p>() No entry</p>

		(1) Yes (2) No
27/2	TN015	<p>MONTH OF DETENTION RELEASE Indicates the month the youth was released from detention.</p> <p>() No entry (01) January (02) February : : (12) December (99) Missing</p>
29/2	TN016	<p>DATE OF DETENTION RELEASE Indicates the date date the youth was released from detention.</p> <p>() No entry (01) First (02) Second : : (31) Thirty-first (99) Missing</p>
31/2	TN017	<p>YEAR OF DETENTION RELEASE Indicates the year the youth was released from detention.</p> <p>() No entry (84) 1984 (85) 1985 : : (87) 1987 (99) Missing</p>
33/2	TN018	<p>HOUR OF DETENTION RELEASE Indicates the hour the youth was released from detention.</p> <p>() No entry (01) One (02) Two : : (12) Twelve</p>
35/2	TN019	<p>MINUTE OF DETENTION RELEASE Indicates the minute the youth was released from detention.</p>

- () No entry
 (01) One
 (02) Two
 :
 :
 (71) Seventy-one
- 37/2 TN020 DETENTION RELEASE TIME
 Indicates detention release time as either AM or PM.
- () No entry
 (AM) AM
 (PM) PM
- 39/1 TN021 CASE DISPOSED BY
 Indicates the person who disposed the case. A special judge refers to one who was specially appointed or commissioned to preside over juvenile court proceedings. A referee is licensed to practice law in Tennessee and is appointed by the judge. They have the same authority and powers as the judge to issue process and conduct proceedings.
- () No entry
 (1) Judge
 (2) Special judge
 (3) Referee
 (4) Youth services officer
- 40/2 TN022 MONTH OF ADJUDICATION
 Refers to the month the complaint was brought before a judge, special judge, or referee in the hearing to determine guilt or innocence of the child.
- () No entry
 (01) January
 (02) February
 :
 :
 (12) December
- 42/2 TN023 DATE OF ADJUDICATION
 Indicates the date of adjudication (see TN022).
- () No entry
 (01) First
 (02) Second
 :
 :
 (31) Thirty-first

- 44/2 TN024 YEAR OF ADJUDICATION
Indicates the year of adjudication (see TN022).
- () No entry
 - (81) 1981
 - (82) 1982
 - :
 - :
 - (87) 1987
 - (99) Missing
- 46/1 TN025 ADJUDICATION DECISION
Indicates the outcome of the adjudicatory hearing.
- () No entry
 - (1) Dismissed
 - (2) Complaints substantiated
 - (3) Transferred to another juvenile court for disposition
 - (4) Bindover to adult court
 - (5) Sent to another state- interstate compact
 - (6) Termination of parental rights
- 47/2 TN026 SUBSTANTIATED CHARGE ONE
Indicates the first substantiated charge.
- () No entry
 - (01) Murder
 - (02) Manslaughter
 - (03) Robbery with deadly weapon
 - (04) Robbery
 - (05) Assault to murder
 - (06) Assault
 - (07) Rape
 - (08) Assault to rape
 - (09) Sex offenses, except rape and prostitution
 - (10) Vehicular homicide
 - (11) Burglary
 - (12) Burglarizing a vehicle
 - (13) Motor vehicle theft
 - (14) Grand larceny
 - (15) Petit larceny
 - (16) Shoplifting
 - (17) Arson
 - (18) Receiving and concealing stolen property
 - (19) Vandalism, malicious mischief
 - (20) Forgery
 - (21) Joyriding
 - (22) Possession, other controlled substance

- (23) Sale, other controlled substance
- (24) Possession, marijuana
- (25) Sale, marijuana
- (26) Driving under the influence
- (27) Carrying a dangerous weapon
- (28) Drunkenness
- (29) Disorderly conduct
- (30) Gaming, gambling
- (31) Trespassing
- (32) Prostitution
- (33) Resisting arrest
- (34) Loitering
- (35) Escape
- (36) Traffic
- (37) Local ordinance
- (38) Other drug offense
- (39) Violating of hunting and fishing regulations
- (40) Violation of probation
- (41) Violation of aftercare
- (42) Violation of valid court order
- (43) In-state runaway
- (44) Out-of-state runaway
- (45) Truancy
- (46) Violation of curfew
- (47) Ungovernable, unruly behavior
- (48) Possessing, drinking alcohol
- (49) Dependent, neglected
- (50) Abuse
- (51) Termination of parental rights
- (52) Consent to marry
- (53) School exemption
- (54) Custody
- (55) Visitation
- (56) Legitimation
- (57) Foster care review
- (58) Child abuse by juvenile
- (59) Possession of drug paraphernalia
- (60) False information
- (61) Indecent exposure
- (62) Resisting arrest or interfering with officer
- (63) Throwing stones or missiles
- (64) Curfew violation in city or state park
- (65) Loitering during school hours
- (66) Peeping, prowling
- (67) Fleeing to avoid arrest
- (68) False identification
- (69) Loitering on school property
- (70) Felony, attempted
- (71) Misdemeanor, attempted
- (72) Admit to school
- (73) Bad checks
- (74) Obscene phone calls
- (75) Failure to appear

		(99) Other (99)
49/2	TN027	SUBSTANTIATED CHARGE TWO See variable TN026 for code values and descriptions.
51/2	TN028	SUBSTANTIATED CHARGE THREE See variable TN026 for code values and descriptions.
53/2	TN029	SUBSTANTIATED CHARGE FOUR See variable TN026 for code values and descriptions.
55/2	TN030	MONTH OF DISPOSITION HEARING Indicates the month of the disposition hearing. () No entry (01) January (02) February : : (12) December
57/2	TN031	DATE OF DISPOSITION HEARING Indicates the date of the disposition hearing. () No entry (01) First (02) Second : : (31) Thirty-first
59/2	TN032	YEAR OF DISPOSITION HEARING Indicates the year of the disposition hearing. () No entry (81) 1981 (82) 1982 : : (87) 1987
61/2	TN033	DISPOSITION ONE

Indicates the first disposition.

- () No entry
- (01) Transferred to another court for disposition
- (02) Retired, warned, adjusted, counseled
- (03) Held open without further action
- (04) Probation to juvenile court
- (05) Probation to parents
- (06) Probation to DOC (department of corrections)
- (07) Commitment to DOC- suspended
- (08) Restitution
- (09) Public Service
- (10) Referred to other agency or individual for supervision-diversion
- (11) Alternative school program
- (12) Fine
- (13) Runaway returned to home, school, institution, home state
- (14) DOC commitment with no recommendation
- (15) DOC commitment with recommendation for institution
- (16) DOC commitment with recommendation for community placement
- (17) Commitment to DMH-MR (Department of Mental Health)
- (18) Tennessee Preparatory School
- (19) DHS custody
- (20) DMH-MR placement
- (21) Private MH (mental health) placement
- (22) Private MR placement
- (23) Private child care agency or school
- (24) City-county agency or institution
- (25) Relative or other individual
- (26) Other
- (27) Consent to marry granted
- (28) Consent to marry denied
- (29) School exemption granted
- (30) School exemption denied
- (31) Custody changed
- (32) Custody unchanged
- (33) Child legitimated
- (34) Child not legitimated
- (35) Visitation changed
- (36) Visitation unchanged
- (37) Foster care terminated
- (38) Foster care continued

63/2	TN034	DISPOSITION TWO
		See variable TN033 for code values and descriptions.
65/2	TN035	DISPOSITION THREE
		See variable TN033 for code values and descriptions.

- 67/2 TN036 DISPOSITION FOUR
See variable TN033 for code values and descriptions.
- 69/2 TN037 MONTH OF INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT
Refers to the month of informal adjustment (Court staff remedies the situation by giving counsel and advice to the parents and child. This is a voluntary agreement in which no official finding of fact is made).
- () No entry
(01) January
(02) February
:
:
(12) December
- 71/2 TN038 DATE OF INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT
Refers to date of informal adjustment.
- () No entry
(01) First
(02) Second
:
:
(31) Thirty-first
- 73/2 TN039 YEAR OF INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT
Refers to year of informal adjustment.
- () No entry
(81) 1981
(82) 1982
:
:
(87) 1987
- 75/2 TN040 INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE ONE
Refers to the charge associated with the informal adjustment.
- () No entry
(01) Murder
(02) Manslaughter
(03) Robbery with deadly weapon
(04) Robbery
(05) Assault to murder
(06) Assault
(07) Rape
(08) Assault to rape
(09) Sex offenses, except rape and prostitution
(10) Vehicular homicide

- (11) Burglary
- (12) Burglarizing a vehicle
- (13) Motor vehicle theft
- (14) Grand larceny
- (15) Petit larceny
- (16) Shoplifting
- (17) Arson
- (18) Receiving and concealing stolen property
- (19) Vandalism, malicious mischief
- (20) Forgery
- (21) Joyriding
- (22) Possession, other controlled substance
- (23) Sale, other controlled substance
- (24) Possession, marijuana
- (25) Sale, marijuana
- (26) Driving under the influence
- (27) Carrying a dangerous weapon
- (28) Drunkenness
- (29) Disorderly conduct
- (30) Gaming, gambling
- (31) Trespassing
- (32) Prostitution
- (33) Resisting arrest
- (34) Loitering
- (35) Escape
- (36) Traffic
- (37) Local ordinances
- (38) Other drug offense
- (39) Violating of hunting and fishing regulations
- (40) Violation of probation
- (41) Violation of aftercare
- (42) Violation of valid court order
- (43) In-state runaway
- (44) Out-of-state runaway
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- (52) Consent to marry
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- (54) Custody
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- (66) Peeping, prowling
- (67) Fleeing to avoid arrest
- (68) False identification
- (69) Loitering on school property
- (70) Felony, attempted
- (71) Misdemeanor, attempted
- (72) Admit to school
- (73) Bad checks
- (74) Obscene phone calls
- (75) Failure to appear
- (99) Missing

77/2	TN041	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE TWO
		See variable TN040 for code values and descriptions.
79/2	TN042	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE THREE
		See variable TN040 for code values and descriptions.
81/2	TN043	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE FOUR
		See variable TN040 for code values and descriptions.
83/2	TN044	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT DECISION ONE
		Indicates the result of an informal adjustment.

- () No entry
- (01) Dismissed
- (02) Counseled adjusted
- (03) Court supervision
- (04) Probation parents
- (05) Restitution
- (06) Public service
- (07) Referred MH
- (08) Referred alcohol drug
- (09) Referred other agency
- (10) Voluntary DHS placement
- (11) Voluntary DMH-MR placement
- (12) Voluntary private MH placement
- (13) Voluntary private MR placement
- (14) Voluntary private child care agency
- (15) Voluntary city-county agency institution
- (16) Voluntary relative individual placement
- (17) Other

85/2	TN045	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT DECISION TWO See variable TN044 for code values and descriptions.
87/2	TN046	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT DECISION THREE See variable TN044 for code values and descriptions.
89/2	TN047	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT DECISION FOUR See variable TN044 for code values and descriptions.
91/2	TN048	AGE AT REFERRAL, CREATED Indicates the age of the youth at the time they were referred to court. (01) One (02) Two : : (19) Nineteen (99) Missing
93/1	TN049	MANNER OF HANDLING, CREATED Indicates whether the case was handled formally or informally. (1) Formal (2) Informal
94/2	TN050	MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE DISPOSED, CREATED Indicates the most serious offense disposed. () No entry (01) Murder (02) Manslaughter (03) Robbery with deadly weapon (04) Robbery (05) Assault to murder (06) Assault (07) Rape (08) Assault to rape (09) Sex offenses, except rape and prostitution (10) Vehicular homicide (11) Burglary (12) Burglarizing a vehicle (13) Motor vehicle theft (14) Grand larceny (15) Petit larceny (16) Shoplifting

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- (33) Resisting arrest
- (34) Loitering
- (35) Escape
- (36) Traffic
- (37) Local ordinances
- (38) Other drug offense
- (39) Violating of hunting and fishing regulations
- (40) Violation of probation
- (41) Violation of aftercare
- (42) Violation of valid court order
- (43) In-state runaway
- (44) Out-of-state runaway
- (45) Truancy
- (46) Violation of curfew
- (47) Ungovernable, unruly behavior
- (48) Possessing, drinking alcohol
- (49) Dependent, neglected
- (50) Abuse
- (51) Termination of parental rights
- (52) Consent to marry
- (53) School exemption
- (54) Custody
- (55) Visitation
- (56) Legitimation
- (57) Foster care review
- (58) Child abuse by juvenile
- (59) Possession of drug paraphernalia
- (60) False information
- (61) Indecent exposure
- (62) Resisting arrest or interfering with officer
- (63) Throwing stones or missiles
- (64) Curfew violation in city or state park
- (65) Loitering during school hours
- (66) Peeping, prowling
- (67) Fleeing to avoid arrest
- (68) False identification
- (69) Loitering on school property

- (70) Felony, attempted
- (71) Misdemeanor, attempted
- (72) Admit to school
- (73) Bad checks
- (74) Obscene phone calls
- (75) Failure to appear
- (99) Other

96/2 TN051 SECOND MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE DISPOSED, CREATED

See variable TN050 for code values and descriptions.

98/2 TN052 THIRD MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE DISPOSED, CREATED

See variable TN050 for code values and descriptions.

100/3 TN053 MOST SEVERE DISPOSITION, CREATED

Indicates the most severe disposition .

- () No entry
- (001) Dismissed
- (002) Complaint(s) substantiated
- (003) Transferred to another juvenile court for disposition
- (004) Bindover to adult court
- (005) Sent to another state- interstate compact
- (006) Termination of parental rights
- (101) Transferred to another court for disposition
- (102) Retired, warned, adjusted, counseled
- (103) Held open without further action
- (104) Probation to juvenile court
- (105) Probation to parents
- (106) Probation to DOC
- (107) Commitment to DOC suspended
- (108) Restitution
- (109) Public service
- (110) Referred to other agency or individual for supervision-diversion
- (111) Alternative school program
- (112) Fine
- (113) Runaway returned to home, school, institution, home state
- (114) DOC commitment with no recommendation
- (115) DOC commitment with recommendation for institution
- (116) DOC commitment with recommendation for community placement
- (117) Commitment to DMH-MR
- (118) Tennessee Preparatory School
- (119) DHS custody
- (120) DMH-MR placement
- (121) Private MH placement
- (122) Private MR placement
- (123) Private child care agency or school
- (124) City-county agency or institution

- (125) Relative or other individual
- (126) Other [judicial]
- (127) Consent to marry granted
- (128) Consent to marry denied
- (129) School exemption granted
- (130) School exemption denied
- (131) Custody changed
- (132) Custody unchanged
- (133) Child legitimated
- (134) Child not legitimated
- (135) Visitation changed
- (136) Visitation unchanged
- (137) Foster care terminated
- (138) Foster care continued
- (201) Dismissed
- (202) Counseled adjusted
- (203) Court supervision
- (204) Probation parents
- (205) Restitution
- (206) Public service
- (207) Referred MH
- (208) Referred alcohol drug
- (209) Referred other agency
- (210) Voluntary DHS placement
- (211) Voluntary DMH-MR placement
- (212) Voluntary private MH placement
- (213) Voluntary private MR placement
- (214) Voluntary private child care agency
- (215) Voluntary city-county agency institution
- (216) Voluntary relative individual placement
- (217) Other [non-judicial]

103/3 TN054 SECOND MOST SEVERE DISPOSITION, CREATED

See variable TN053 for code values and descriptions.

106/3 TN055 THIRD MOST SEVERE DISPOSITION, CREATED

See variable TN053 for code values and descriptions.

109/2 TN056 MONTH OF DISPOSITION, CREATED

Indicates the month of disposition.

- (01) January
- (02) February
- :
- :
- (12) December

111/2 TN057 DATE OF DISPOSITION, CREATED
Indicates the date of disposition.

- (01) First
- (02) Second
- ⋮
- ⋮
- (31) Thirty-first

113/2 TN058 YEAR OF DISPOSITION, CREATED
Indicates the year of disposition.

- (86) 1986

Appendix I

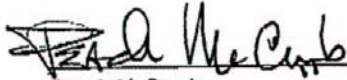
Original Data Collector's Statement of Acceptance

STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

I have reviewed the *Tennessee Court Case Records: 1993-1997 User's Guide* and accept it as accurate descriptions of the delinquency data except, as noted in the remarks below, stored at the National Juvenile Court Data Archive and of the methods used by the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to collect these data. These user's guides may be revised to cover future years' data unless there are such major changes in the data collected as to warrant completely new documentation.

Comments to users:

Juvenile court data has been severely under reported in the most demographically dense counties in Tennessee for the past several years. We wish to bring this to the attention of anyone who may rely on the State's data in the *Tennessee Court Case Records: 1993 - 1997 User's Guide* published by the National Center for Juvenile Justice. The Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) acquired the responsibility for collecting, auditing and distributing juvenile court data in April 2005. Each court operates independently within its respective county because the State of Tennessee has a non-unified court system. While there are juvenile court data collection systems in place they lack standardization and are haphazard in their data collection and information dissemination methods. This means that the juvenile courts vary widely in the completeness of their reported data and data accuracy and validity have been adversely impacted.



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May 4, 2006

We wanted to make note of the fact that we do not rank the referral reasons as they are on Pages 30 and 31, Appendix I.

We are forwarding the front and back of the Juvenile Court Data Form (Page 37) and ask that you include both the front and the back in your guide.