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## Adult Dispositions

Juveniles can be transferred to the adult justice system for prosecution by either failing a fitness hearing in the juvenile court or being sent directly by the District Attorney. In 2003, probation departments reported information on 814 transfers to the adult system. The adult disposition information being discussed here is for the 608 dispositions received in 2003. It is anticipated the adult court dispositions for the remaining 206 juveniles will be received in subsequent years.

This section examines adult dispositions by gender, age, race/ethnic group, offense, and disposition. When multiple offenses were received from the courts, only data regarding the most serious offense with the most serious disposition for the event were used in the discussion. The data used were obtained from the Department of Justice's Automated Criminal History System (ACHS).

The race/ethnic groups presented in this section include Hispanic, white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, and other. The "other" category is included in this discussion because "other" represents 13 percent of the adult dispositions.

Many of the large and small percentages displayed throughout this section are the result of percentages being calculated using the small number of incidents received.

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# Adult Dispositions

## Level of Offense

Of the 608 adult dispositions received in 2003:

- 45.7 percent (278) were for felony offenses.
- 54.3 percent (330) were for misdemeanor offenses.

## Dispositions by Gender

Of the 608 adult dispositions received in 2003:

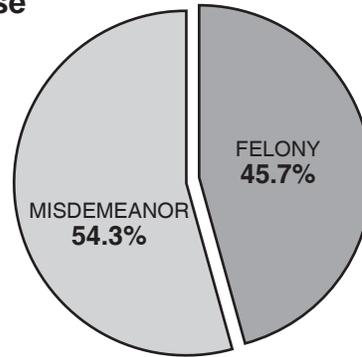
- 86.7 percent (527) were male.
- 13.3 percent (81) were female.
- Males outnumbered females by more than 6 to 1 (86.7 vs. 13.3 percent).
- Females received dispositions for misdemeanor offenses nearly three times as often as for felony offenses (60 vs. 21).

Table N-1  
TOTAL ADULT DISPOSITIONS, 2003  
Disposition by Gender, Age, and Race/  
Ethnic Group

Total .....	608
Gender	
Male .....	527
Female .....	81
Age	
12-14 .....	33
15-17 .....	575
Race/ethnic group	
Hispanic .....	250
White .....	132
Black .....	106
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	39
American Indian .....	2
Other .....	79

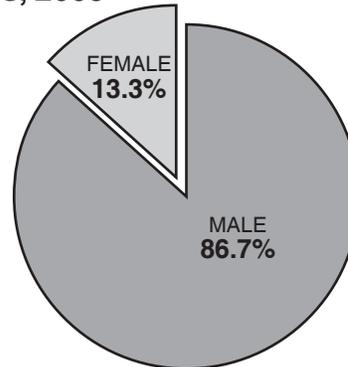
**In 2003, more than half (54.3 percent) of the adult dispositions received were for misdemeanor offenses.**

## Adult Dispositions, 2003 By Level of Offense



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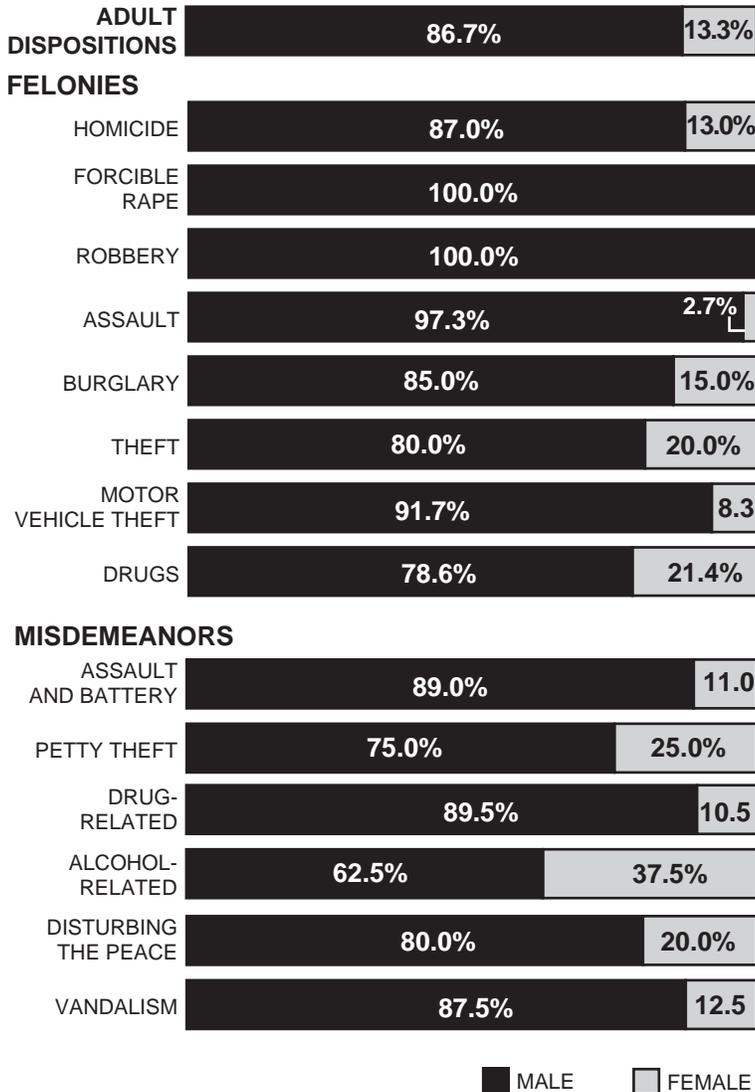
## Adult Dispositions, 2003 By Gender



Source: Table 15.

## Selected Offenses by Gender

### Adult Dispositions, 2003 By Gender



Source: Tables 15 and 15A.

Of the 8 selected felonies:

- Males accounted for more than 9 out of 10 dispositions for assault (97.3 percent).
- Females accounted for less than one-fourth of the dispositions for drugs (21.4 percent).

Of the 6 selected misdemeanors:

- Males accounted for nearly 9 out of 10 dispositions for drug-related offenses (89.5 percent).
- Females accounted for more than one-third of dispositions for alcohol-related offenses (37.5 percent).

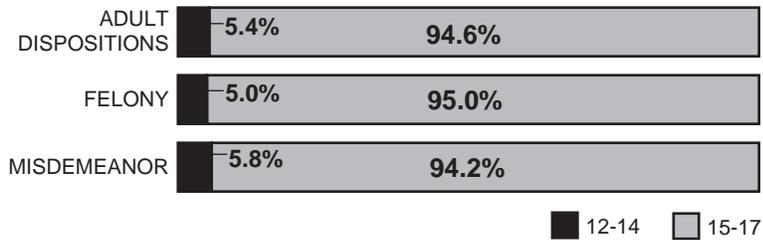
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# Disposition by Age Group

Of the 608 adult dispositions received in 2003:

- Approximately 5 percent of all felony and misdemeanor dispositions were for juveniles aged 12-14 (5.0 and 5.8 percent, respectively).
- More than 90 percent of all felony and misdemeanor dispositions were for juveniles aged 15-17 (95.0 and 94.2 percent, respectively).

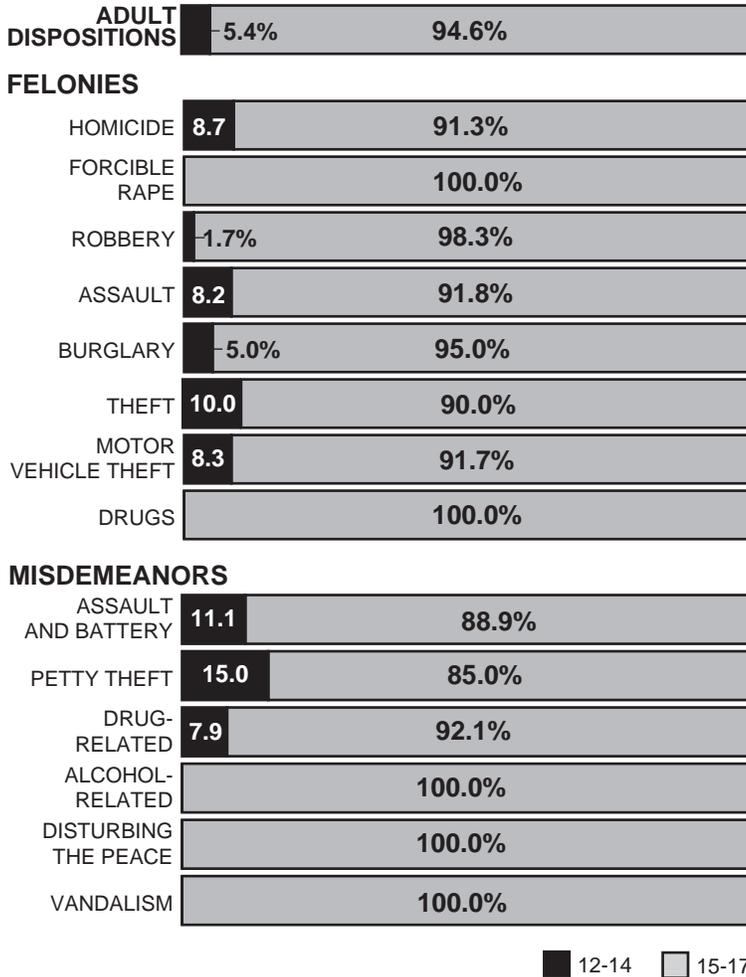
## Adult Dispositions, 2003 By Age Group



Source: Table 15.

## Selected Offenses by Age Group

### Adult Dispositions, 2003 By Age Group



Source: Tables 15 and 15A.

Of the 8 selected felonies:

- Juveniles aged 12-14 accounted for 1 out of 10 dispositions for theft (10.0 percent).
- Juveniles aged 15-17 accounted for all of the dispositions for rape and drugs (100.0 percent).

Of the 6 selected misdemeanors:

- Juveniles aged 12-14 accounted for more than 1 out of 10 dispositions for assault and battery (11.1 percent).
- Juveniles aged 15-17 accounted for 100 percent of the dispositions for alcohol-related offenses, disturbing the peace, and vandalism.

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# Type of Disposition

Of the 608 adult dispositions received in 2003:

- 68.1 percent were convicted (414).
- 1.6 percent were returned to juvenile court (10).
- 0.5 percent were acquitted (3).
- 27.3 percent were dismissed (166).
- 2.5 percent were for diversion/drug court programs (15).

## Disposition by Gender

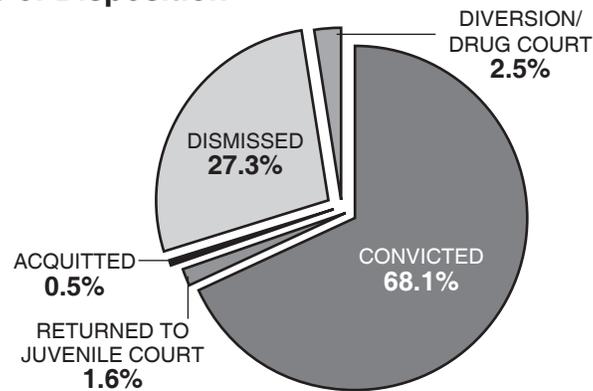
Males represented:

- 88.9 percent of the convictions (368).
- 90.0 percent of the returnees to juvenile court (9).
- 100.0 percent of the acquittals (3).
- 80.7 percent of the dismissals (134).
- 86.7 percent of the diversion/drug court placements (13).

Females represented:

- 11.1 percent of the convictions (46).
- 10.0 percent of the returnees to juvenile court (1).
- 19.3 percent of the dismissals (32).
- 13.3 percent of the diversion/drug court placements (2).

## Adult Dispositions, 2003 By Type of Disposition



Source: Table 15.

## Adult Dispositions, 2003 Type of Disposition by Gender

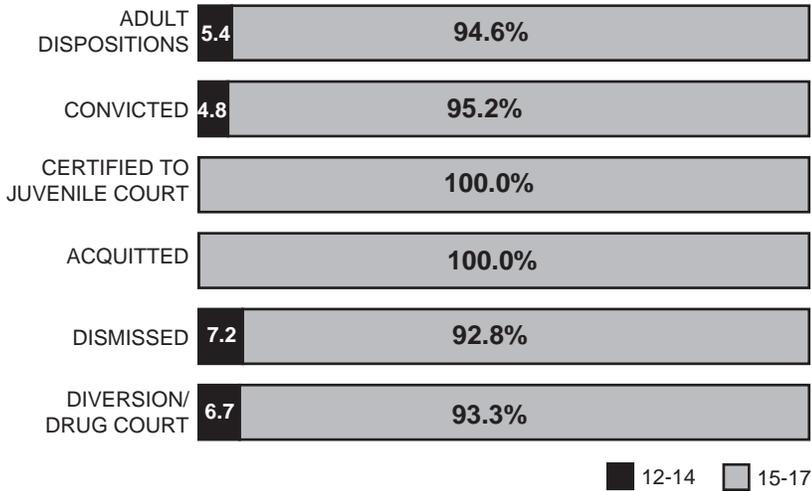


Source: Table 15.

**In 2003, more than two-thirds (68.1 percent) of the juveniles tried as adults were convicted.**

# Dispositions by Age Group

## Adult Dispositions, 2003 Type of Disposition by Age



Source: Table 15.

Juveniles aged 12-14 represented:

- 4.8 percent of the convictions (20).
- 7.2 percent of the dismissals (12).
- 6.7 percent of the diversion/drug court placements (1).

Juveniles aged 15-17 represented:

- 95.2 percent of the convictions (394).
- 100.0 percent of the returnees to juvenile court (10).
- 100.0 percent of the acquittals (3).
- 92.8 percent of the dismissals (154).
- 93.3 percent of the diversion/drug court placements (14).

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# Disposition by Race/Ethnic Group

In 2003, when compared to their statewide race/ethnic group population of adult dispositions, of those who were tried as an adult for a felony offense:

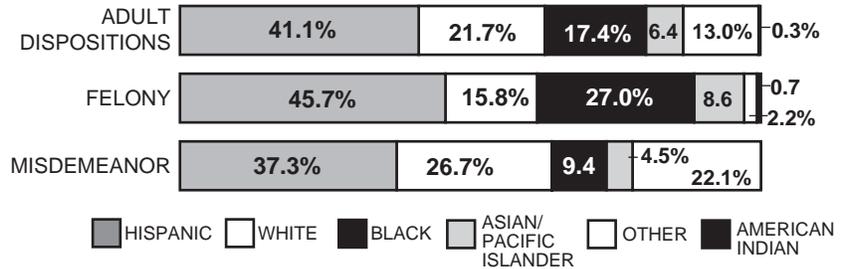
- Blacks were tried in adult court 1.6 times more (27.0 vs. 17.4 percent).
- Asian/Pacific Islanders were tried in adult court 1.3 times more (8.6 vs. 6.4 percent).
- American Indians were tried in adult court 2.3 times more (0.7 vs. 0.3 percent).

Of those who were tried as an adult for a misdemeanor offense:

- Hispanics were tried in adult court 0.9 times less (37.3 vs. 41.1 percent).
- Whites were tried in adult court 1.2 times more (26.7 vs. 21.7 percent).
- Others were tried in adult court 1.7 times more (22.1 vs. 13.0 percent)

## Adult Dispositions, 2003

### Type of Disposition by Race/Ethnic Group

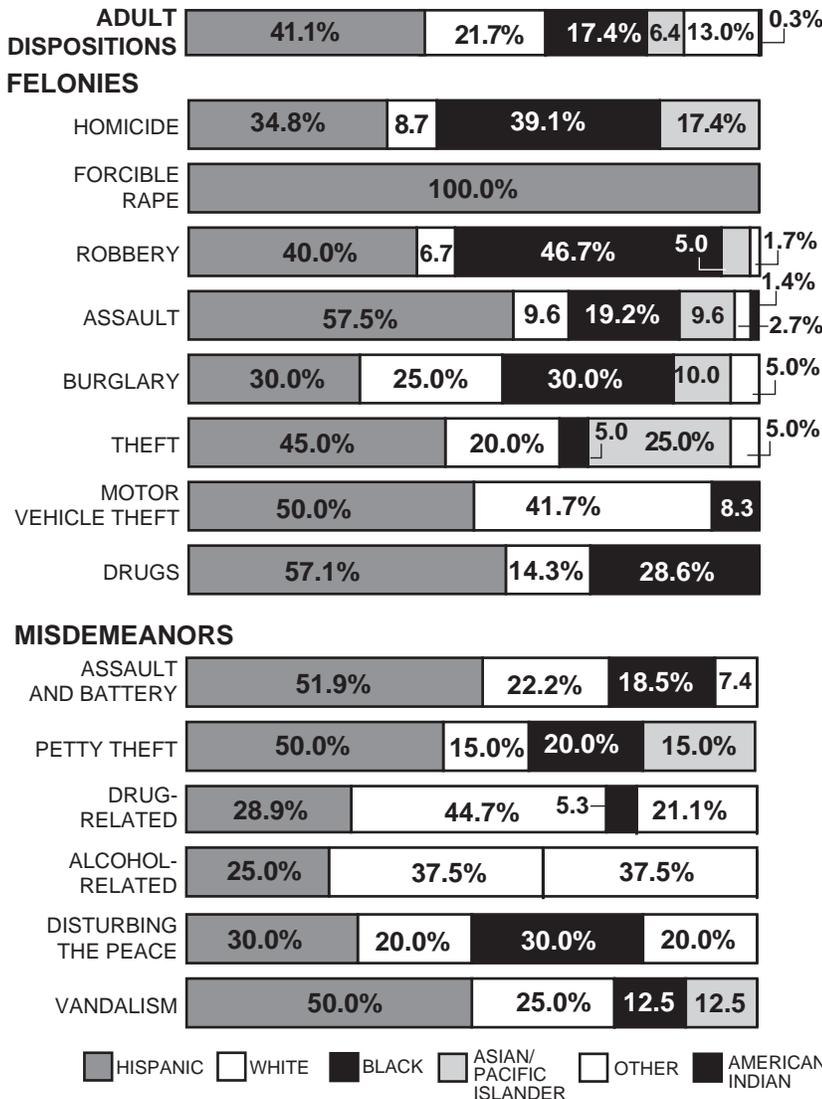


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Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

# Selected Offense by Race/Ethnic Group

## Adult Dispositions Selected Offenses By Race/Ethnic Group



Source: Tables 15 and 15A.  
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2003, when compared to their statewide race/ethnic group population of juveniles tried as adults, of those who were tried as an adult for a selected felony offense:

- Hispanics were tried as adults 1.4 times more for assault (57.5 vs. 41.1 percent).
- Blacks were tried as adults 2.7 times more for robbery (46.7 vs. 17.4 percent).
- Asian/Pacific Islanders were tried as adults 3.9 times more for theft (25.0 vs. 6.4 percent).

Of those tried as an adult for a misdemeanor offense:

- Hispanics were tried as adults 1.3 times more for assault and battery (51.9 vs. 41.1 percent).
- Whites were tried as adults 2.1 times more for drug-related offenses (44.7 vs. 21.7 percent).
- Blacks were tried as adults 1.7 times more for disturbing the peace (30.0 vs. 17.4 percent).

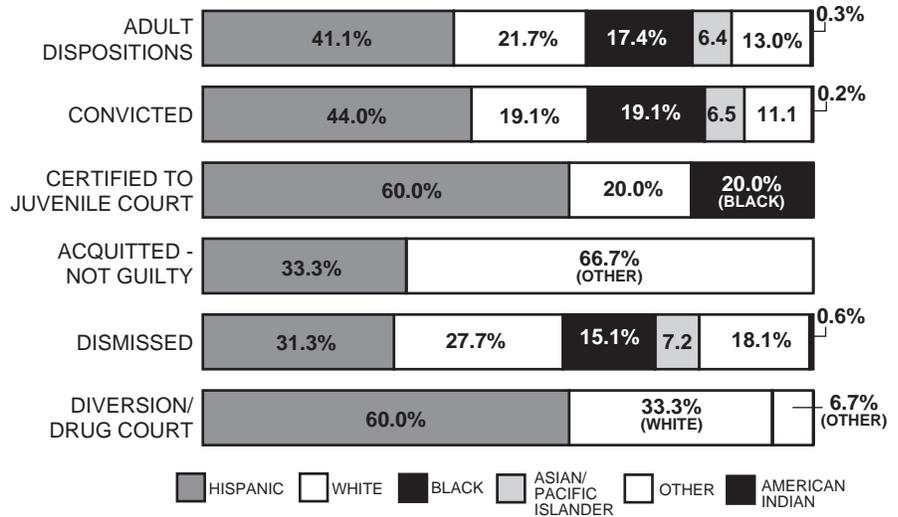
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# Type of Disposition by Race/Ethnic Group

In 2003, when compared to their statewide race/ethnic group population of juveniles tried as adults, of those convicted:

- Hispanics and blacks were convicted 1.1 times more (44.0 vs. 41.1 percent and 19.1 vs. 17.4 percent, respectively).
- Whites were convicted 0.9 times less (19.1 vs. 21.7 percent).
- Asian/Pacific Islanders were convicted at nearly the same rate (6.5 vs. 6.4 percent).
- Others were convicted 0.9 times less (11.1 vs. 13.0 percent).
- American Indians were convicted 0.7 times less (0.2 vs. 0.3 percent).

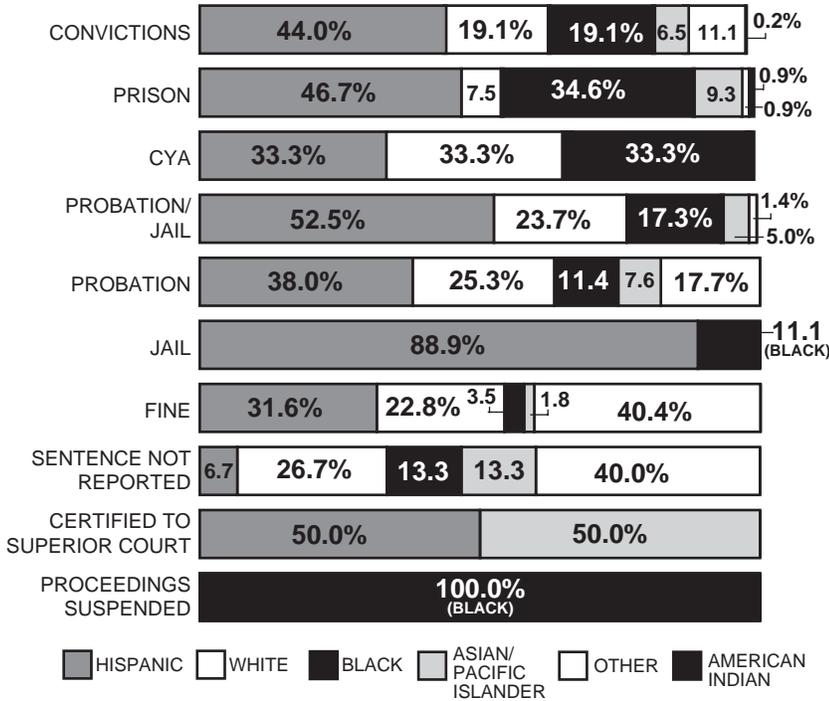
**Adult Dispositions, 2003**  
**Type of Disposition by Race/Ethnic Group**



Source: Table 15.  
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# Commitments by Race/Ethnic Group

## Commitments, 2003 By Race/Ethnic Group



In 2003, when compared to their statewide race/ethnic group population of juveniles tried as adults, of those convicted:

- Hispanics were committed to jail 2.0 times more (88.9 vs. 44.0 percent).
- Blacks were committed to prison 1.8 times more (34.6 vs. 19.1 percent).
- Whites were committed to prison 0.4 times less (7.5 vs. 19.1 percent).
- Asian/Pacific Islanders were committed to prison 1.4 times more (9.3 vs. 6.5 percent).
- American Indians were committed to prison 4.5 times more (0.9 vs. 0.2 percent).

Source: Table 15.

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**In 2003, when compared to their statewide race/ethnic group population of juveniles sent to adult court, blacks were convicted and committed to prison more than any other race/ethnic group.**