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There are **0** juvenile offenders serving life without parole in Vermont.

As of 2012 there **14** offenders in Vermont serving LWOP

Juveniles as young as **10** can face life without parole in Vermont. 33 V.S.A. §5204

~**2500** people in the US are serving LWOP for crimes committed as a juvenile.

Break down by age

Age at sentencing	Percentage of total serving JLWOP
13-13.99	0.5%
14-14.99	2.2%
15-15.99	13.3%
16-16.99	32%
17-17.99	52.2%

7 states and D.C. exclude the possibility for JLWOP

- Alaska
- Colorado
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Montana
- New Mexico
- Oregon

5 states have no children known to be serving JLWOP though possible

- Maine
- New Jersey
- New York
- Utah
- Vermont

## Important Supreme Court decisions

*Miller v. Alabama* (2012) – Held mandatory life without parole for people under the age of 18 violates the Eighth Amendment. The judge or jury must have the opportunity to consider mitigating circumstances before imposing life without parole.

*Graham v. Florida* (2010)- Held it is unconstitutional to impose LWOP on a juvenile for a nonhomicide offence.