

Juvenile Jurisdiction Chart

AGE at time of alleged offense	OFFENSE	
	OFFENSES other than big 12	BIG TWELVE
10-11	Proceedings start in Family; NO Transfer 33 VSA 5201(d) & (e) 33 VSA 5204(a)	Proceedings start in Family; NO Transfer 33 VSA 5201(c)
12-13		Proceedings start in Family (5201(c)); Transfer to Criminal is an option (5204(a))
14-15		Proceedings start in Crim. (5201(c)); Transfer to Family as a delinquency is an option (5203(b)) or as YO (see chart below)
16-18	All Proceedings start in Family (5201(d) & (e)) Misdemeanors: NO Transfer Felonies: Transfer to Criminal upon motion (5204(a))	Proceedings start in Crim. (5201(c)) Transfer to Family as a delinquency is an option (5203(b)) or as YO (see chart below)
19-21	Only juvenile jurisdiction now is through YO (see chart below)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19-year-olds will be treated as delinquents in 2023 unless changed by S.4 	

Youthful Offender Jurisdiction Chart

(Cases that may be eligible for YO consideration)

Age at time of alleged offense	Cases with Criminal Court Jurisdiction	YO Eligibility
10 -11	None	Not applicable
12 -13	Big 12	Big 12 cases must be filed in the Family Division per 33 VSA 5201(c) Court may transfer to Criminal per 33 VSA 5204(a) Can be transferred back down as YO per 33 VSA 5281(a)
14-15	Big 12	Big 12 must be filed in Criminal per 33 VSA 5201(c), but may be transferred to Family as YO per 33 VSA 5281(a) & 5280(a) Alternatively, SAs may directly file Big 12 cases for 14 and 15-year-olds in the Family Division as a YO (33 VSA 5280(b) & 5280(a)(1)) – this is new per Act 45 of 2019
16-18	Felonies Big 12	Felonies must be filed in Family per 33 VSA 5201(e), but can be transferred to Criminal per 33 VSA 5204(a) and then transferred back down as YO (33 VSA 5281(a)) Big 12 shall be filed in Criminal per 33 VSA 5201(c), but may be transferred to Family as YO per 33 VSA 5281(a) & 5280(a) Alternatively, SAs may directly file Big 12 cases for 16 and 17-year-olds in the Family Division as a YO per 33 VSA 5280(b) & 5280(a)(1)
19-21	Any offense	All cases start in Criminal unless SA decides to file YO petition directly in Family (33 VSA 5280(b) & 5280(a)(1)). Applies to <u>any</u> alleged offense. Any case that starts in Criminal may be transferred to Family for YO ₂ status consideration upon motion (33 VSA 5281(a) & 5280(a)(2))