

Juvenile Proceedings Court Jurisdiction

Age	Offense	Case Begins	Transfer Available?	Youthful Offender Available?
14-21 16-21 Total = Big 14	Big 11 Big 3	Criminal Division (Unless “Direct Filed” in Family Division as Youthful Offender)	Yes, 2 options: (1) To FD for YO treatment; or (2) 14-17s only, to FD for delinquency proceedings, § 5203(b)	Yes, via “Direct File” in FD or transfer from CD to FD on motion. Requires YO consideration hearing in FD, court approval
10-18 (Note: On April 1, 2025, 10-19 per Raise the Age,)	Non Big 14	Family Division	Misdemeanors—No Felonies—Yes, to Crim Division, 16-18 only, § 5204(a) (16-19 on 4/1/25 per Raise the Age) --Motion, hearing, and findings required; detailed criteria in statute for transfer decision; § 5204(d)	Misdemeanors-No Felonies-Yes, 16-18 only, § 5204(a) (16-19 on 4/1/25 per Raise the Age) -Must transfer to CD first, then back to FD for YO consideration
12-13	Big 11	Family Division	Yes, to Crim Division, § 5204(a) --Motion, hearing, and findings required; detailed criteria in statute for transfer decision; § 5204(d)	Yes --Must transfer to CD first, then back to FD for YO consideration
Under 10	Murder (§ 5102(c)(i))	Family Division	No	No
19-21	Non Big 14	Criminal (Unless “Direct Filed”)	Yes, to Family Division for YO treatment	Yes, via transfer to FD or “Direct File”

