

Juvenile Life Without Parole Sentencing



2/3 of males and **3/4** of females in the juvenile justice system meet the criteria for one or more psychiatric disorders¹

Children as young as



have been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole²



Juveniles are **5x**



more likely to be sexually assaulted in adult facilities than in juvenile facilities³

For **59%** of JLWOP inmates, life without parole was their first-ever criminal conviction⁴





Black youth receive life without parole sentences **10x** more than white youth⁵



Only the **United States** and **Somalia** have failed to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child which forbids juvenile life without parole sentences⁶

Over **2,500** individuals are currently serving life without parole sentences for crimes they committed as juveniles⁷

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