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 Afghanistan	7	12	[15]	Minimum age of criminal responsibility is 12. Children aged 7–12 can be subject to warnings, supervision by social services, or confinement to a rehabilitation centre.
 Albania	14	16/18	[16]	Article 1 of the Code distinguishes between offences and contraventions. Article 12 mandates that the latter (which are less serious) have a higher age limit of 16.
 Algeria	13	18	[17]	
 Andorra	12	18/21	[18]	
 Angola	14	18	[19]	Minimum and maximum sentences are reduced by two thirds between 14 and 16, and half between 16 and 18. The needs of rehabilitation and social reintegration are also to be taken into account for under 18s.
 Antigua and Barbuda	8	16	[20]	According to Articles 1 and 3 of the Juvenile Act, Courts must have regard to the welfare of those under 16.
 Argentina	16	18	[21][22]	
 Armenia	14		[23]	
 Australia	10		[24]	Age of criminal responsibility in Australia. Review under way since 2019. ^[25] Rebuttable presumption of incapacity of committing crime: under 14. ^{[24][26]}
 Austria	14	18/21	[27]	
 Azerbaijan	14		[28]	
 Bangladesh	7	9	[29]	
 Belarus	14	16	[30]	16 is the standard age of criminal liability in Belarus. Minors between 14 and 16 years old are responsible only for certain crimes, according to article 27 of the Belarusian Criminal Code.
 Belgium	12		[31]	
 Bhutan	10		[29]	

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 Bolivia	14		[32][33]	Lowered in July 2014 from 16 to 14.
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	14			
 Brazil	12	18	[34][35][36][37]	Juvenile judiciary system for offenders aged between 12 and 18, can be sentenced to a maximum of 3 years of imprisonment; separate juvenile jails. Full criminal responsibility from age 18.
 Bulgaria	14		[38]	The maximum sentence that can be imposed on juvenile offenders can be no more than 12 years of imprisonment if the offenders are between 16 and 18 and no more than 10 years if they are between 14 and 16. Juvenile offenders serve their sentences in separate prisons up to the age of 18.
 Burundi	15			
 Cambodia	14		[29]	
 Canada	12	18	[39]	
 Cape Verde	16			
 Chile	14	16	[40][41]	
 China	14	16/18	[29][42]	To be lowered to 12 on 1 March 2021. show Notes
 Colombia	14	18	[36]	
 Costa Rica	12	18	[44]	Even though legal procedures and punishment are different for offenders who are under 18, all offenders who are 12 or older may be sentenced to as much as 15 years of incarceration.
 Cote d'Ivoire	10			
 Croatia	14	18/21	[45]	14 for all crimes under the general provisions of the Criminal Code; special provisions may apply for some crimes up to the age 21.




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 Cuba	16	18/20	[46]	
 Cyprus	14			
 Czech Republic	15	18	[47]	
 Denmark (including Faroe Islands) ^[48]	15	18	[51]	
 DR Congo	14	16	[49]	
 Ecuador	12	18	[50]	
 El Salvador	12	18		
 Egypt	12		[51]	
 Equatorial Guinea	16			
 Estonia	14	18/21	[51]	
 Ethiopia	9		[51]	
 Fiji	10			
 Finland	15		[52]	
 France	13	18	[51]	
 Gambia	12			
 Georgia	14	18	[53]	Section 33 of Criminal code of Georgia defines that minors aged between 14 and 18 can be charged with criminal responsibility by juvenile justice.

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 Germany	14	18/21	[54]	Youth between 14 and 18 years are sentenced by juvenile justice. A young adult between 18 and 21 years may still be sentenced by juvenile justice if considered mentally immature.
 Greece	15	18/21		
 Guinea	10			
 Guinea Bissau	16			
 Hong Kong	10		[43]	
 Hungary	12	18	[85]	12 only for premeditated homicide, voluntary manslaughter and bodily harm leading to death or resulting in life-threatening injuries; 14 for other crimes. ^[85]
 Iceland	15	18	[31]	
 India	7		[29]	
 Indonesia	8		[29]	
 Iraq	9		[29]	
 Iran	9 (girls); 15 (boys)		[56][57]	
 Ireland	10	12	[58]	Exception for children aged 10 or 11, who can be charged with murder, manslaughter, rape or aggravated sexual assault.
 Israel	12		[29]	
 Italy	14	18	[31]	Juvenile judiciary system for offenders aged between 14 and 18; separate juvenile jails. Full criminal responsibility from age 18.
 Japan	14	Formally 20	[59]	

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 Kenya	8		[61]	
 Kosovo	14	18/21	[60]	
 Kuwait	7	15	[29]	
 Laos	15			
 Liechtenstein	14	18/21		
 Latvia	14	18		
 Lithuania	14	16		
 Luxembourg	18		[61]	
 Malaysia	10		[62][63]	show Notes
 Mauritania	7			
 Mexico	12		[64]	Incarceration starting at age 14. Other measures applied for ages 12–13.
 Moldova	14	16/21		
 Mongolia	14	16	[65]	Children between 14 and 16 years old responsible only for certain crimes.
 Montenegro	14			
 Morocco	12		[61]	

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 Mozambique	16			
 Myanmar	7	12	[29]	
 Nepal	10		[29]	
 Netherlands	12		[31]	
 New Zealand	10	17	[66][67][68]	Rebuttable presumption of incapacity until age 14. Children aged 10 and 11 can only be convicted of murder or manslaughter; children aged 12 and 13 can only be convicted of crimes with a maximum imprisonment of 14 years but this may be increased circumstantially. See Youth justice in New Zealand .
 Nicaragua	13			
 Nigeria	7		[31]	
 North Korea	14		[29]	
 North Macedonia	14			
 Oman	9		[29]	
 Norway	15	18	[69]	
 Pakistan	7		[29]	
 Palau	10			
 Papua New Guinea	7			
 Panama	12			

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 Paraguay	14	17	[70]	Offenders between 14 and 17 can be sentenced to a maximum of 8 years of imprisonment.
 Peru	14	18	[36]	show Notes
 Philippines	15	18	[71][72][73]	On 28 January 2019, the House of Representatives passed a bill proposing to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 years to 12 years with a vote of 146-34-0.[74] As of 2020, Some child rights advocates were opposing this and other related bills in favor of a less fragmented approach addressing children's issues.[75]
 Poland	15	17	[76]	show Notes
 Portugal	16	18/21	[78]	
 Qatar	7		[29]	
 Romania	14	16/18	[81]	
 Russia	14	16	[79]	show Notes
 Rwanda	14			
 San Marino	14 ^[80]	18/21 ^[81]		
 São Tomé and Príncipe	16			
 Saudi Arabia	12		[29]	
 Senegal	13			
 Serbia	14			

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 Sierra Leone	14			
 Singapore	10 ^[82]			The Penal Code Review Committee was proposing to increase the age to 10.
 Slovakia	14			
 Slovenia	14	18/21	^[81]	
 Solomon Islands	8			
 South Africa	12		^{[83][84]}	The age of criminal capacity was raised to 12 by the <i>Child Justice Amendment Act, 2019</i> . There is a rebuttable presumption that a child between the ages of 12 and 14 lacks criminal capacity.
 South Korea	14	19	^[29]	
 Spain	14 ^{[85][86]}	18/21 ^{[87][88]}		
 Sri Lanka	8			
 Sudan	12	18	^[89]	
 Swaziland	7	14	^[51]	
 Sweden	15	18/21	^[31]	
 Switzerland	10	18	^[31]	
 Syria	10		^[29]	
 Taiwan	14	18		Offenders aged 14 to 18 years qualify for reduction of sentence under section 18 of the Criminal Code. The death penalty and imprisonment without term cannot be applied to offenders aged 14 to 18 years. ^[90]

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 Tanzania	7		[81]	
 Thailand	7	14	[29]	
 Timor-Leste	16		[29]	
 Turkey	12		[31]	
 Turkmenistan	14	16	[29]	
 Tunisia	13			
 Uganda	12		[51]	
 Ukraine	14	16	[31]	
 United Arab Emirates	7		[29]	
 United Kingdom	10	18	[91][92][93][121-131][4]	10 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland . Usually persons aged 10–11 will only be imprisoned in very serious cases, such as murder. Even more so the outcome for youth (12–17) criminal proceedings are usually age categorised (currently it will depend on whether the offender is under 12, under 14, under 16 or under 18, with the older the offender the more severity of punishment, especially for serious crimes). 12 in Scotland . Children under 12 can't be convicted or get a criminal record; from 12 to 15, decision usually made by the Children's Reporter whether to refer to a children's hearing, which can lead to a criminal record, but could be prosecuted for a criminal offence if the offence is serious.
 United States	varies by state	varies by state	[84][95]	At the state level, 33 states set no minimum age of criminal responsibility. ^[94] For federal crimes, the minimum age of criminal responsibility is 11. ^[95] Massachusetts has the oldest age of criminal responsibility at 12 years old with no exceptions while North Carolina has the youngest age at 6 years old. ^[96]
 Uruguay	13	18	[97]	
 Uzbekistan	13	16	[29]	"Persons can be held criminally responsible for all offences committed after they have reached the age of 16, and for intentional killing from the age of 13, and for other specifically named offences from the age of 14. [Criminal Code, Article 17]"
 Vanuatu	10			
 Vietnam	14	16	[29]	
 Yemen	7		[29]	
 Zambia	8	12	[51]	
 Zimbabwe	7	14	[51]	