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**Prisoners under sentence of death**

By race, ethnicity, and jurisdiction, on Apr. 30, 1996

Jurisdiction	Total	Race, ethnicity					
		White	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Unknown
United States <sup>a</sup>	3,122	1,493	1,272	236	50	22	49
Federal statutes	8	2	5	1	0	0	0
U.S. military	8	1	6	0	0	1	0
Alabama	144	79	56	1	0	1	7
Arizona	121	80	16	21	4	0	0
Arkansas	37	20	15	1	1	0	0
California	444	179	158	61	13	7	26
Colorado	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
Connecticut	5	3	2	0	0	0	0
Delaware	11	5	6	0	0	0	0
Florida	351	192	122	35	1	1	0
Georgia	108	61	46	0	0	0	1
Idaho	19	18	0	1	0	0	0
Illinois	164	54	104	5	0	0	1
Indiana	50	32	17	1	0	0	0
Kansas	0	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kentucky	28	21	7	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	53	13	33	5	0	0	2
Maryland	17	3	14	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	54	21	32	0	0	0	1
Missouri	92	49	38	1	1	1	2
Montana	6	5	0	0	1	0	0
Nebraska	10	7	2	0	1	0	0
Nevada	85	41	33	10	0	1	0
New Hampshire	0	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	14	6	7	1	0	0	0
New Mexico	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
New York	0	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Carolina	154	73	74	1	4	0	2
Ohio	150	70	74	3	2	0	1
Oklahoma	119	68	34	1	13	3	0
Oregon	22	19	1	1	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	200	62	124	12	0	2	0
South Carolina	71	33	37	0	1	0	0
South Dakota	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	102	66	32	1	2	1	0
Texas	394	165	147	68	5	3	6
Utah	10	7	2	1	0	0	0
Virginia	54	26	27	1	0	0	0
Washington	13	10	2	0	0	1	0
Wyoming	0	X	X	X	X	X	X

Note: The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. periodically collects data on persons on death row. As of Apr. 30, 1996, 38 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had capital punishment laws; 34 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had at least 1 prisoner under sentence of death. Between Jan. 1, 1973 and Apr. 30, 1996, an estimated 1,529 convictions or sentences have been reversed or vacated on grounds other than constitutional. Between Jan. 1, 1973 and May 30, 1990, an estimated 558 death sentences have been vacated as unconstitutional.

<sup>a</sup>Detail will not add to total because prisoners sentenced to death in more than one State are listed in the respective State totals, but each is counted only once at the national level.

Source: Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff from data provided by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.