

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

Table 6.76

Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, ethnicity, and jurisdiction, on Jan. 1, 1999

Jurisdiction	Total	Race, ethnicity					
		White	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	Unknown
United States ^a	3,549	1,659	1,499	287	50	28	26
Federal statutes	21	5	14	1	0	1	0
U.S. military	8	1	5	0	0	2	0
Alabama	173	89	76	1	0	1	6
Arizona	122	84	13	20	5	0	0
Arkansas	42	19	21	1	0	0	1
California	519	213	186	90	14	10	6
Colorado	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
Connecticut	5	2	3	0	0	0	0
Delaware	17	7	10	0	0	0	0
Florida	390	216	136	36	1	1	0
Georgia	123	65	56	1	0	0	1
Idaho	22	21	0	1	0	0	0
Illinois	162	54	101	7	0	0	0
Indiana	46	29	16	1	0	0	0
Kansas	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	39	31	8	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	82	19	54	2	0	1	6
Maryland	17	6	11	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	62	29	33	0	0	0	0
Missouri	87	45	42	0	0	0	0
Montana	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	9	7	1	0	1	0	0
Nevada	88	43	37	7	0	1	0
New Hampshire	0	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	16	9	7	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	4	3	0	1	0	0	0
New York	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	209	86	112	3	6	1	1
Ohio	191	89	95	3	2	0	2
Oklahoma	151	84	48	4	13	2	0
Oregon	25	20	1	2	1	0	1
Pennsylvania	226	71	139	14	0	2	0
South Carolina	69	31	37	0	1	0	0
South Dakota	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	102	64	33	1	2	2	0
Texas	441	164	182	87	4	3	1
Utah	11	7	2	2	0	0	0
Virginia	36	21	14	0	0	0	1
Washington	17	13	3	0	0	1	0
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. collects data on persons on death row. As of Jan. 1, 1999, 38 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had capital punishment laws; 37 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had at least 1 prisoner under sentence of death. Between Jan. 1, 1973 and Jan. 1, 1999, an estimated 1,642 convictions or sentences have been reversed or vacated. Between Jan. 1, 1973 and May 30, 1990, an estimated 558 death sentences have been vacated as unconstitutional.

^aDetail will not add to total because prisoners sentenced to death in more than one State are listed in the respective State totals, but each prisoner is counted only once for the national total.

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