

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

Table 6.78

Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, region, and jurisdiction, on Dec. 31, 1996 and 1997

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death on Dec. 31, 1996			Changes during 1997									Prisoners under sentence of death on Dec. 31, 1997		
	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Received under sentence of death			Removed from death row (excluding executions) <sup>a</sup>			Executed			Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black
				Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black			
United States, total	3,242	1,833	1,358	256	146	106	89	58	31	74	45	27	3,335	1,876	1,406
Federal <sup>c</sup>	12	4	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	6	9
State	3,230	1,829	1,350	253	144	105	89	58	31	74	45	27	3,320	1,870	1,397
Northeast	223	81	135	13	6	7	4	2	2	0	0	0	232	85	140
Connecticut	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	11	5	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	6
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	208	75	126	10	3	7	4	2	2	0	0	0	214	76	131
Midwest	482	236	244	27	18	9	18	13	5	10	5	5	481	236	243
Illinois	161	61	100	6	3	3	6	4	2	2	0	2	159	60	99
Indiana	46	31	15	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	44	30	14
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	93	50	43	10	8	2	9	7	2	6	5	1	88	46	42
Nebraska	11	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	11	9	1
Ohio	170	85	84	8	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	177	89	87
South Dakota	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
South	1,793	1,024	747	157	80	75	52	34	18	60	36	22	1,838	1,034	782
Alabama	152	89	62	15	7	8	5	4	1	3	2	1	159	90	68
Arkansas	38	21	17	5	1	4	1	0	1	4	3	1	38	19	19
Delaware	11	5	6	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	8	7
Florida	374	234	139	18	14	4	21	11	10	1	0	1	370	237	132
Georgia	102	58	44	13	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	61	53
Kentucky	29	22	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30	23	7
Louisiana	62	22	40	12	2	10	3	1	2	1	1	0	70	22	48
Maryland	19	4	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	17	3	14
Mississippi	57	26	31	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	30	34
North Carolina	161	77	81	22	7	14	7	6	1	0	0	0	176	78	94
Oklahoma	134	81	42	11	7	4	7	6	1	1	0	0	137	82	45
South Carolina	68	30	38	5	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	68	30	38
Tennessee	93	63	28	7	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	98	66	30
Texas	444	268	172	32	20	12	1	1	0	37	23	13	438	264	171
Virginia	49	24	25	4	2	2	1	0	1	9	5	4	43	21	22
West	732	488	224	56	40	14	15	9	6	4	4	0	769	515	232
Arizona	121	101	14	8	7	0	7	3	4	2	2	0	120	103	10
California	455	273	171	36	25	11	5	3	2	0	0	0	486	295	180
Colorado	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	2	2
Idaho	18	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19	0
Montana	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	0
Nevada	83	48	34	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	51	35
New Mexico	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
Oregon	19	18	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	20	19	0
Utah	9	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	2
Washington	11	10	1	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	12	9	3
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: See Note, table 6.77. Some data for yearend 1996 have been revised by the Source and will differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. Data for "white" and "black" prisoners include Hispanics.

<sup>b</sup>Totals include persons of other races.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes persons held under Armed Forces jurisdiction with a military death sentence for murder.

<sup>a</sup>Includes eight deaths from natural causes (two in California and one each in Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Oregon), four suicides (one each in Alabama, Arizona, California, and Texas), and one inmate killed during an attempted escape (Arizona).

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment 1997*, Bulletin NCJ-172881 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, December 1998), p. 6.