

Table 341. Prisoners Under Sentence of Death by Characteristic: 1980 to 2005

[As of December 31. Excludes prisoners under sentence of death who remained within local correctional systems pending exhaustion of appellate process or who had not been committed to prison]

Characteristic	1980	1990	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total ^{1, 2}	688	2,346	3,064	3,328	3,465	3,540	3,601	3,577	3,562	3,377	3,320	3,254
White	418	1,368	1,732	1,864	1,917	1,960	1,989	1,968	1,939	1,882	1,856	1,805
Black and other	270	978	1,332	1,464	1,548	1,580	1,612	1,609	1,623	1,495	1,464	1,440
Under 20 years	11	8	20	16	16	16	11	4	4	1	1	-
20 to 24 years	173	168	264	275	273	251	237	192	153	133	95	61
25 to 34 years	334	1,110	1,068	1,077	1,108	1,108	1,103	1,099	1,058	965	896	816
35 to 54 years	186	1,006	1,583	1,809	1,897	1,958	2,019	2,043	2,069	1,969	1,977	2,012
55 years and over	10	64	119	151	171	194	223	243	273	306	345	365
Years of school completed:												
7 years or less	68	178	191	205	208	201	214	212	215	213	207	192
8 years	74	186	195	206	218	221	233	236	234	227	221	206
9 to 11 years	204	775	979	1,069	1,122	1,142	1,157	1,145	1,130	1,073	1,053	1,030
12 years	162	729	995	1,084	1,128	1,157	1,184	1,183	1,173	1,108	1,091	1,105
More than 12 years	43	209	272	288	301	307	315	304	294	270	262	256
Unknown	163	279	422	476	488	499	490	501	511	483	480	465
Marital status:												
Never married	268	998	1,412	1,555	1,645	1,689	1,749	1,763	1,746	1,641	1,622	1,586
Married	229	632	718	740	752	731	739	716	709	684	658	649
Divorced ³	217	726	924	1,033	1,068	1,107	1,105	1,102	1,102	1,049	1,034	1,019
Time elapsed since sentencing:												
Less than 12 months	185	231	287	262	293	259	208	151	147	137	117	122
12 to 47 months	389	753	784	844	816	800	786	734	609	495	421	399
48 to 71 months	102	438	423	456	482	499	507	476	468	451	388	299
72 months and over	38	934	1,560	1,766	1,874	1,969	2,092	2,220	2,333	2,291	2,388	2,434
Legal status at arrest:												
Not under sentence	384	1,345	1,764	1,957	2,036	2,088	2,202	2,189	2,165	2,048	2,026	1,979
Parole or probation ⁴	115	578	866	880	879	886	921	918	909	845	809	792
Prison or escaped	45	128	110	116	127	125	126	135	141	137	145	144
Unknown	170	305	314	375	423	428	344	339	342	344	334	339

- Represents zero. ¹ Revisions to the total number of prisoners were not carried to the characteristics except for race.

² Includes races not shown separately. ³ Includes persons married but separated, widows, widowers, and unknown. ⁴ Includes prisoners on mandatory conditional release, work release, other leave, AWOL or bail. Covers 28 prisoners in 1990, 33 in 1995, 30 in 1997, 26 in 1998, 21 in 1999 and 2000, and 17 in 2001, 2002, and 2003; 15 in 2004; and 14 in 2005.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment 2005, Series NCJ 215083*. See also <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cp05.htm>>.