

**Table 339. Prisoners Under Sentence of Death by Characteristic: 1980 to 2007**

[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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total</b> <sup>1, 2</sup>	<b>688</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>3,540</b>	<b>3,601</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>3,377</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>3,220</b>
White	418	1,368	1,732	1,960	1,989	1,968	1,939	1,882	1,856	1,802	1,806	1,804
Black and other	270	978	1,332	1,580	1,612	1,609	1,623	1,495	1,464	1,443	1,427	1,416
Under 20 years old	11	8	20	16	11	4	4	1	1	—	—	1
20 to 24 years old	173	168	264	251	237	192	153	133	95	61	51	42
25 to 34 years old	334	1,110	1,068	1,108	1,103	1,099	1,058	965	896	816	735	680
35 to 54 years old	186	1,006	1,583	1,958	2,019	2,043	2,069	1,969	1,977	2,012	2,043	2,060
55 years old and over	10	64	119	194	223	243	273	306	345	365	399	437
Years of school completed:												
7 years or less	68	178	191	201	214	212	215	213	207	192	186	183
8 years	74	186	195	221	233	236	234	227	221	206	195	189
9 to 11 years	204	775	979	1,142	1,157	1,145	1,130	1,073	1,053	1,030	1,015	989
12 years	162	729	995	1,157	1,184	1,183	1,173	1,108	1,091	1,105	1,098	1,089
More than 12 years	43	209	272	307	315	304	294	270	262	256	248	248
Unknown	163	279	422	499	490	501	511	483	480	465	486	522
Marital status:												
Never married	268	998	1,412	1,689	1,749	1,763	1,746	1,641	1,622	1,586	1,577	1,558
Married	229	632	718	731	739	716	709	684	658	649	626	635
Divorced <sup>3</sup>	217	726	924	1,107	1,105	1,102	1,102	1,049	1,034	1,019	1,025	1,027
Time elapsed since sentencing:												
Less than 12 months	185	231	287	259	208	151	147	137	117	122	105	110
12 to 47 months	389	753	784	800	786	734	609	495	421	399	382	352
48 to 71 months	102	438	423	499	507	476	468	451	388	299	262	262
72 months and over	38	934	1,560	1,969	2,092	2,220	2,333	2,291	2,388	2,434	2,479	2,496
Legal status at arrest:												
Not under sentence	384	1,345	1,764	2,088	2,202	2,189	2,165	2,048	2,026	1,979	1,952	1,963
Parole or probation <sup>4</sup>	115	578	866	886	921	918	909	845	809	792	778	760
Prison or escaped	45	128	110	125	126	135	141	137	145	144	142	143
Unknown	170	305	314	428	344	339	342	344	334	339	356	354

— Represents zero. <sup>1</sup> Revisions to the total number of prisoners were not carried to the characteristics except for race. <sup>2</sup> Includes races not shown separately. <sup>3</sup> Includes persons married but separated, widows, widowers, and unknown. <sup>4</sup> Includes prisoners on mandatory conditional release, work release, other leave, AWOL or bail. Covers 28 prisoners in 1990; 33 in 1995; 26 in 1998; 21 in 1999 and 2000; 17 in 2001, 2002, and 2003; 15 in 2004; and 14 in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment*, Series NCJ 224528, annual. See also <<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cp.htm#publications>>.