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Abstract

Presents characteristics of persons under sentence of death on December 31, 2006, and of persons executed in 2006 from the **NPS-8 data collection**. Tables present state-by-state information on the movement of prisoners into and out of death sentence status during 2006, status of capital statutes, and methods of execution. Numerical tables also summarize data on offenders' sex, race, Hispanic origin, age at time of arrest for capital offense, legal status at time of capital offense, and time between imposition of death sentence and execution.

The tables are based on those presented in *Capital Punishment, 2005* with the following change: table 3, which reported information on minimum age authorized for capital punishment, has been discontinued and replaced with a table summarizing Federal laws providing for the death penalty (formerly Appendix Table 1).

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Advance count of executions

The following html table presents a State-by-State summary of executions carried out during 2007.

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Table 1. Capital offenses by State, 2006

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State	Offense
Alabama	Intentional murder with 18 aggravating factors (Ala. Stat. Ann. 13A-5-40(a)(1)-(18))
Arizona	First-degree murder accompanied by at least 1 of 14 aggravating factors (A.R.S. § 13-703 (F))
Arkansas	Capital murder (Ark. Code Ann. 5-10-101) with a finding of at least 1 of 10 aggravating circumstances; treason.
California	First-degree murder with special circumstances; train wrecking; treason; perjury causing execution.
Colorado	First-degree murder with at least 1 of 17 aggravating factors; first-degree kidnapping resulting in death; treason.
Connecticut	Capital felony with 8 forms of aggravated homicide (C.G.S. 53a-54b).
Delaware	First-degree murder with at least 1 statutory aggravating circumstance.
Florida	First-degree murder; felony murder; capital drug trafficking; capital sexual battery.
Georgia	Murder; kidnapping with bodily injury or ransom when the victim dies; aircraft hijacking; treason.
Idaho	First-degree murder with aggravating factors; aggravated kidnapping; perjury resulting in death.
Illinois	First-degree murder with 1 of 21 aggravating circumstances.
Indiana	Murder with 16 aggravating circumstances (IC 35-50-2-9).
Kansas	Capital murder with 8 aggravating circumstances (KSA 21-3439, KSA 21-4625).
Kentucky	Murder with aggravating factors; kidnapping with aggravating factors (KRS 32.025).
Louisiana*	First-degree murder; aggravated rape of victim under age 13; treason (La. R.S. 14:30, 14:42, and 14:113).

Revision: Revised the definition of aggravated rape as a capital-eligible offense to include any offense involving victims under age 13. (2006 La. Sess. Law, Act 178), effective 8/15/2006.

- Maryland** First-degree murder, either premeditated or during the commission of a felony, provided that certain death eligibility requirements are satisfied.
- Mississippi** Capital murder (97-3-19(2) MCA); aircraft piracy (97-25-55(1) MCA).
- Missouri** First-degree murder (565.020 RSMO 2000).
- Montana** Capital murder with 1 of 9 aggravating circumstances (Mont. Code Ann. § 46-18-303); aggravated sexual intercourse without consent (Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-503).
- Nebraska** First-degree murder with a finding of at least 1 statutorily-defined aggravating circumstance.
- Nevada** First-degree murder with at least 1 of 15 aggravating circumstances (NRS 200.030, 200.033, 200.035).
- New Hampshire*** Six categories of capital murder (RSA 630:1, RSA 630:5).
- Revision:** Amended the capital statute to increase the minimum age of eligibility for a death sentence from 17 to 18 years at the time the offense was committed (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 630:1,V), effective 1/1/2006.
- New Jersey** Murder by one's own conduct, by solicitation, committed in furtherance of a narcotics conspiracy, or during commission of a crime of terrorism (NJSA 2C:11-3c).
- New Mexico** First-degree murder with at least 1 of 7 statutorily-defined aggravating circumstances (Section 30-2-1 A, NMSA).
- New York** First-degree murder with 1 of 13 aggravating factors (NY Penal Law §125.27).
- North Carolina** First-degree murder (NCGS §14-17).
- Ohio** Aggravated murder with at least 1 of 10 aggravating circumstances (O.R.C. secs. 2903.01, 2929.02, and 2929.04).
- Oklahoma*** First-degree murder in conjunction with a finding of at least 1 of 8 statutorily-defined aggravating circumstances; sex crimes against a child under 14 years of age.
- Revision:** Added as a capital offense sex crimes against a child under 14 years of age when the offender has a previous conviction for a similar offense (Okla. Stat. Ann. 10 § 7115), effective 7/1/2006.
- Oregon** Aggravated murder (ORS 163.095).
- Pennsylvania** First-degree murder with 18 aggravating circumstances.
- South Carolina*** Murder with 1 of 12 aggravating circumstances (§ 16-3-20(C)(a)); criminal sexual conduct with a minor with 1 of 9 aggravators (§ 16-3-655).
- Revision:** Added as a capital offense second and subsequent offenses of first-degree

criminal sexual conduct with a minor who is less than 11 years of age (§16-3-655). Lawmakers also added as an aggravating factor murder committed by a person deemed a sexually violent predator under South Carolina law (§16-3-20(C)(a)(12). Both changes were effective 7/1/2006.

South Dakota* First-degree murder with 1 of 10 aggravating circumstances.

Revision: Amended the definition of aggravated kidnapping to eliminate death as a possible sentence (SDCL 22-19-1), effective 7/1/2006.

Tennessee First-degree murder with 1 of 15 aggravating circumstances (Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-204).

Texas Criminal homicide with 1 of 9 aggravating circumstances (TX Penal Code 19.03).

Utah Aggravated murder (76-5-202, Utah Code Annotated).

Virginia First-degree murder with 1 of 13 aggravating circumstances (VA Code § 18.2-31).

Washington Aggravated first-degree murder.

Wyoming First-degree murder.

* Revised statutory provisions relating to the death penalty during 2006.

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	Lethal Injection	Electrocution	Lethal gas	Hanging	Firing Squad
Alabama ^a	Alabama ^a		Arizona ^{a,b}	Delaware ^{a,c}	Idaho ^a
Arizona ^{a,b}		Arkansas ^{a,d}	California ^a	New Hampshire ^{a,e}	Oklahoma ^f
Arkansas ^{a,d}		Florida ^a	Missouri ^a	Washington ^a	Utah ^g
California ^a		Kentucky ^{a,h}	Wyoming ⁱ		
Colorado		Nebraska			
Connecticut		Oklahoma ^f			
Delaware ^{a,c}		South Carolina ^a			
Florida ^a		Tennessee ^{a,j}			
Georgia		Virginia ^a			
Idaho ^a					
Illinois					
Indiana					
Kansas					
Kentucky ^{a,h}					
Louisiana					
Maryland					
Mississippi					
Missouri ^a					
Montana					
Nevada					
New Hampshire ^a					
New Jersey					
New Mexico					
New York					
North Carolina					
Ohio					
Oklahoma ^a					
Oregon					
Pennsylvania					
South Carolina ^a					
South Dakota					
Tennessee ^{a,j}					
Texas					
Utah ^a					
Virginia ^a					
Washington ^a					
Wyoming ^a					

Note: The method of execution of Federal prisoners is lethal injection, pursuant to 28 CFR, Part 26. For offenses under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, the execution method is that of the State in which the conviction took place (18 U.S.C. 3596).

^aAuthorizes two methods of execution.

^bAuthorizes lethal injection for persons sentenced after November 15, 1992; inmates sentenced before that date may select lethal injection or gas.

^cAuthorizes lethal injection for those whose capital offense occurred on or after June 13, 1986; those who committed the offense before that date may select lethal injection or hanging.

^dAuthorizes lethal injection for those whose offense occurred on or after July 4, 1983; inmates whose offense occurred before that data may select lethal injection or electrocution.

^eAuthorizes hanging only if lethal injection cannot be given.

^fAuthorizes electrocution if lethal injection is held to be unconstitutional, and firing squad if both lethal injection and electrocution are held to be unconstitutional.

^gAuthorizes firing squad if lethal injection is held unconstitutional. Inmates who selected execution by firing squad prior to May 3, 2004, may still be entitled to execution by that method.

^hAuthorizes lethal injection for persons sentenced on or after March 31, 1998; inmates sentenced before that date may select lethal injection or electrocution.

ⁱAuthorizes lethal gas if lethal injection is held to be unconstitutional.

^jAuthorizes lethal injection for those whose capital offense occurred after December 31, 1998; those who committed the offense before that date may select electrocution by written waiver.

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Statute	Description
8 U.S.C. 1342	Murder related to the smuggling of aliens.
18 U.S.C. 32-34	Destruction of aircraft, motor vehicles, or related facilities resulting in death.
18 U.S.C. 36	Murder committed during a drug-related drive-by shooting.
18 U.S.C. 37	Murder committed at an airport serving international civil aviation.
18 U.S.C. 115(b)(3) [by cross-reference to 18 U.S.C. 1111]	Retaliatory murder of a member of the immediate family of law enforcement officials.
18 U.S.C. 241, 242, 245, 247	Civil rights offenses resulting in death.
18 U.S.C. 351 [by cross-reference to 18 U.S.C. 1111]	Murder of a member of Congress, an important executive official, or a Supreme Court Justice.
18 U.S.C. 794	Espionage.
18 U.S.C. 844(d), (f), (i)	Death resulting from offenses involving transportation of explosives, destruction of government property, or destruction of property related to foreign or interstate commerce.
18 U.S.C. 924(i)	Murder committed by the use of a firearm during a crime of violence or a drug-trafficking crime.
18 U.S.C. 930	Murder committed in a Federal Government facility.
18 U.S.C. 1091	Genocide.
18 U.S.C. 1111	First-degree murder.
18 U.S.C. 1114	Murder of a Federal judge or law enforcement official.
18 U.S.C. 1116	Murder of a foreign official.
18 U.S.C. 1118	Murder by a Federal prisoner.
18 U.S.C. 1119	Murder of a U.S. national in a foreign country.
18 U.S.C. 1120	Murder by an escaped Federal prisoner already sentenced to life imprisonment.
18 U.S.C. 1121	Murder of a State or local law enforcement official or other person aiding in a Federal investigation; murder of a State correctional officer.
18 U.S.C. 1201	Murder during a kidnapping.
18 U.S.C. 1203	Murder during a hostage taking.
18 U.S.C. 1503	Murder of a court officer or juror.
18 U.S.C. 1512	Murder with the intent of preventing testimony by a witness, victim, or informant.

18 U.S.C. 1513	Retaliatory murder of a witness, victim, or informant.
18 U.S.C. 1716	Mailing of injurious articles with intent to kill or resulting in death.
18 U.S.C. 1751 [by cross-reference to 18 U.S.C. 1111]	Assassination or kidnapping resulting in the death of the President or Vice President.
18 U.S.C. 1958	Murder for hire.
18 U.S.C. 1959	Murder involved in a racketeering offense.
18 U.S.C. 1992	Willful wrecking of a train resulting in death.
18 U.S.C. 2113	Bank-robbery-related murder or kidnapping.
18 U.S.C. 2119	Murder related to a carjacking.
18 U.S.C. 2245	Murder related to rape or child molestation.
18 U.S.C. 2251	Murder related to sexual exploitation of children.
18 U.S.C. 2280	Murder committed during an offense against maritime navigation.
18 U.S.C. 2281	Murder committed during an offense against a maritime fixed platform.
18 U.S.C. 2332	Terrorist murder of a U.S. national in another country.
18 U.S.C. 2332a	Murder by the use of a weapon of mass destruction.
18 U.S.C. 2340	Murder involving torture.
18 U.S.C. 2381	Treason.
21 U.S.C. 848(e)	Murder related to a continuing criminal enterprise or related murder of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer.
49 U.S.C. 1472-1473	Death resulting from aircraft hijacking.

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Table 4. Prisoners under sentence of death, by region, jurisdiction, and race, 2005 and 2006

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Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death, 12/31/05			Received under sentence of death			Removed from death row (excluding executions) ^a			Executed			Prisoners under sentence of death, 12/31/06		
	Total ^b	White ^c	Black ^c	Total ^b	White ^c	Black ^c	Total ^b	White ^c	Black ^c	Total ^b	White ^c	Black ^c	Total ^b	White ^c	Black ^c
U.S. total	3,245	1,802	1,366	115	72	42	79	40	35	53	32	21	3,228	1,802	1,352
Federal^d	37	15	21	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	17	24
State	3,208	1,787	1,345	110	70	39	79	40	35	53	32	21	3,186	1,785	1,328
Northeast	239	84	144	4	1	3	7	4	3	0	0	0	236	81	144
Connecticut	8	5	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	4	3
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	10	4	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	3	6
New York	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pennsylvania	220	75	134	4	1	3	5	2	3	0	0	0	219	74	134
Midwest	281	152	126	10	6	4	9	3	6	6	5	1	276	150	123
Illinois	7	5	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	3
Indiana	20	15	5	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	17	14	3
Kansas	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Missouri	46	24	22	4	3	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	47	26	21
Nebraska	10	9	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	8	1
Ohio	193	95	95	2	1	1	3	1	2	5	4	1	187	91	93
South Dakota	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
South	1,773	961	787	71	44	27	50	25	23	44	25	19	1,750	955	772
Alabama	190	96	94	13	9	4	9	4	5	1	1	0	193	100	93
Arkansas	38	14	24	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	36	13	23
Delaware	16	12	4	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	16	10	6
Florida	368	239	129	18	14	4	8	6	2	4	3	1	374	244	130
Georgia	106	56	49	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	105	55	49

Kentucky	36	28	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	31	9
Louisiana	83	29	53	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	31	54
Maryland	7	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	4
Mississippi	67	31	35	4	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	69	32	36
North Carolina	171	67	95	5	4	1	6	0	6	4	2	2	166	69	88
Oklahoma	87	48	32	4	2	2	3	0	1	4	3	1	84	47	32
South Carolina	69	32	37	4	1	3	10	7	3	1	1	0	62	25	37
Tennessee	103	60	41	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	102	60	40
Texas	410	237	169	11	5	6	6	4	2	24	10	14	391	228	159
Virginia	22	10	12	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	1	20	8	12
West	915	590	288	25	19	5	13	8	3	3	2	1	924	599	289
Arizona	108	92	12	6	5	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	110	94	13
California	646	383	234	17	12	4	6	5	1	1	1	0	656	389	237
Colorado	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Idaho	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0
Montana	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Nevada	83	50	32	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	82	51	30
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Oregon	31	27	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	28	3
Utah	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	1
Washington	10	5	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	9	5	4
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0

Note: Some figures shown for yearend 2005 are revised from those reported in *Capital Punishment, 2005*, NCJ 215083. The revised figures include 13 inmates who were either reported late to the National Prisoner Statistics program or were not in custody of State correctional authorities on 12/31/04 (3 in Pennsylvania; 2 in Georgia; and 1 each in Connecticut, Kansas, Missouri, Alabama, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Nevada, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons). The revised figures also exclude 22 inmates who were relieved of a death sentence before 12/31/05 (6 in Ohio; 4 in Florida; 3 each in Georgia and North Carolina; and 1 each in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Mississippi, Texas, Arizona, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons).

^aIncludes 16 deaths from natural causes (2 each in North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, and California; and 1 each in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Nebraska, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and Nevada) and 3 deaths from suicide (1 each in Alabama, Texas, and California).

^bTotals include persons of races other than white and black.

^cThe reporting of race and Hispanic origin differs from that presented in tables 8 and 10. In this table, white and black inmates include persons of Hispanic origin.

^dExcludes persons held under Armed Forces jurisdiction with a military death sentence for murder.

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Table 5. Demographic characteristics of prisoners under sentence of death, 2006

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Characteristic	Percent of prisoners under sentence of death, 2006		
	Yearend	Admissions	Removals
Total	3,228	115	132
Gender			
Male	98.3 %	95.7 %	98.5 %
Female	1.7	4.3	1.5
Race			
White	55.8 %	62.6 %	54.5 %
Black	41.9	36.5	42.4
All other races*	2.3	0.9	3.0
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	11.1 %	11.5 %	12.0 %
Non-Hispanic	76.1	88.5	88.0
Number unknown	414	19	15
Education			
8th grade or less	13.9 %	11.7 %	20.5 %
9th-11th grade	37.0	40.3	33.3
High school graduate/GED	40.0	40.3	35.9
Any college	9.0	7.8	10.3
Median	11th	11th	11th
Number unknown	486	38	15
Marital status			
Married	21.7 %	17.7 %	32.8 %
Divorced/separated	20.6	22.9	17.6
Widowed	3.0	3.1	1.6
Never married	54.8	56.3	48.0
Number unknown	348	19	7

Note: Calculations are based on those cases for which data were reported. Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

*At yearend 2005, inmates of "other" races consisted of 31 American Indians, 34 Asians, and 12 self-identified Hispanics. During 2006, one Asian was admitted, and three American Indians and one self-identified Hispanic were removed.

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Table 6. Persons of Hispanic origin and women under sentence of death, by jurisdiction, 2005 and 2006

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Jurisdiction	Under sentence of death, 12/31/05 ^a		Received under sentence of death		Death sentence removed ^b		Under sentence of death, 12/31/06	
	Hispanic	Women	Hispanic	Women	Hispanic	Women	Hispanic	Women
U.S. total	361	51	11	5	14	2	358	54
Federal	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Alabama	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3
Arizona	17	2	0	0	1	0	16	2
California	136	14	6	1	2	0	140	15
Colorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Connecticut	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Delaware	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Florida	31	0	2	0	2	0	31	0
Georgia	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Idaho	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Illinois	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Indiana	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Kentucky	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Louisiana	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2
Mississippi	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Nebraska	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Nevada	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
New Mexico	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
North Carolina	3	4	1	0	0	0	4	4
Ohio	6	2	0	0	1	1	5	1
Oklahoma	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Oregon	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pennsylvania	21	5	0	0	0	0	21	5
Tennessee	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
Texas	112	9	2	1	7	0	107	10
Utah	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Virginia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

^aThe counts of women and Hispanics under sentence of death at yearend 2005 have been revised.

^bIncludes 6 Hispanic men in Texas and 1 each in Ohio and Florida who were executed in 2006.

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Table 7. Age at time of arrest for capital offense and age of prisoners under sentence of death at yearend 2006

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Age	Prisoners under sentence of death			
	At time of arrest		On December 31, 2006	
	Number*	Percent	Number	Percent
Total number under sentence of death on 12/31/06	2,955	100 %	3,228	100 %
19 or younger	329	11.1	0	
20-24	815	27.6	51	1.6
25-29	672	22.7	280	8.7
30-34	508	17.2	455	14.1
35-39	312	10.6	596	18.5
40-44	174	5.9	563	17.4
45-49	89	3.0	553	17.1
50-54	34	1.2	331	10.3
55-59	16	0.5	246	7.6
60-64	4	0.1	103	3.2
65 or older	2	0.1	50	1.5
Mean age	28 yrs.		42 yrs.	
Median age	27 yrs.		42 yrs.	

Note: The youngest person under sentence of death was a white male in Florida, born in May 1986 and sentenced to death in September 2006. The oldest person under sentence of death was a white male in Arizona, born in September 1915 and sentenced to death in June 1983.

*Excludes 273 inmates for whom the date of arrest for capital offense was not available.

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Table 8. Criminal history profile of prisoners under sentence of death, by race and Hispanic origin, 2006

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Percent of prisoners under sentence of death^a

	All ^b	White ^c	Black ^c	Hispanic
U.S. total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Prior felony convictions				
Yes	65.5 %	62.1 %	70.9 %	61.4 %
No	34.5	37.9	29.1	38.6
Number unknown	276			
Prior homicide convictions				
Yes	8.4 %	8.4 %	8.8 %	7.1 %
No	91.6	91.6	91.2	92.9
Number unknown	56			
Legal status at time of capital offense				
Charges pending	7.8 %	9.0 %	7.4 %	5.0 %
Probation	10.6	8.9	12.1	11.8
Parole	16.0	14.0	16.8	21.5
On escape	1.4	1.7	0.9	1.9
Incarcerated	3.5	4.0	3.3	2.5
Other status	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
None	60.2	62.0	58.9	57.0
Number unknown	356			

^aPercentages are based on those offenders for whom data were reported. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

^cWhite and black categories exclude persons of Hispanic origin.

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Table 9. Number of persons executed, by jurisdiction, 1930-2006

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Jurisdiction	Number executed	
	Since 1930	Since 1977
U.S. total	4,916	1,057
Texas	676	379
Georgia	405	39
New York	329	0
North Carolina	306	43
California	305	13
Florida	234	64
South Carolina	198	36
Ohio	196	24
Virginia	190	98
Alabama	170	35
Mississippi	162	8
Louisiana	160	27
Pennsylvania	155	3
Arkansas	145	27
Oklahoma	143	83
Missouri	128	66
Kentucky	105	2
Illinois	102	12
Tennessee	95	2
New Jersey	74	0
Maryland	73	5
Arizona	60	22
Indiana	58	17
Washington	51	4
Colorado	48	1
Nevada	41	12
District of Columbia	40	0
West Virginia	40	0
Federal system	36	3
Massachusetts	27	0
Delaware	26	14
Connecticut	22	1
Oregon	21	2
Utah	19	6
Iowa	18	0

Kansas	15	0
Montana	9	3
New Mexico	9	1
Wyoming	8	1
Nebraska	7	3
Idaho	4	1
Vermont	4	0
New Hampshire	1	0
South Dakota	1	0

Note: Military authorities carried out an additional 160 executions between 1930 and 1961.

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Table 10. Executions and other dispositions of inmates sentenced to death, by race and Hispanic origin, 1977-2006

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Race/Hispanic origin	Total under sentence of death 1977-2006 ^b	Prisoners executed		Prisoners who received other dispositions ^a	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
Total	7,433	1,057	14.2 %	3,148	42.4 %
White^c	3,633	609	16.8 %	1,553	42.7 %
Black^c	3,047	359	11.8	1,348	44.2
Hispanic	636	75	11.8	203	31.9
All other races^{c,d}	117	14	12.0	44	37.6

^aIncludes persons removed from a sentence of death because of statutes struck down on appeal, sentences or convictions vacated, commutations, or death by other than execution.

^bIncludes 6 persons sentenced to death prior to 1977 who were still under sentence of death on 12/31/06; 374 persons sentenced to death prior to 1977 whose death sentence was removed between 1977 and 12/31/06; and 7,053 persons sentenced to death between 1977 and 2006.

^cExcludes persons of Hispanic origin.

^dIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

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Table 11. Time under sentence of death and execution, by race, 1977-2006

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Year of execution	Number executed			Average elapsed time from sentence to execution for all inmates
	All races ^a	White ^b	Black ^b	
Total	1,057	680	362	126 mo
1977-83	11	9	2	51 mo
1984	21	13	8	74
1985	18	11	7	71
1986	18	11	7	87
1987	25	13	12	86
1988	11	6	5	80
1989	16	8	8	95
1990	23	16	7	95
1991	14	7	7	116
1992	31	19	11	114
1993	38	23	14	113
1994	31	20	11	122
1995	56	33	22	134
1996	45	31	14	125
1997	74	45	27	133
1998	68	48	18	130
1999	98	61	33	143
2000	85	49	35	137
2001	66	48	17	142
2002	71	53	18	127
2003	65	44	20	131
2004	59	39	19	132
2005	60	41	19	147
2006	53	32	21	145

Note: Average time was calculated from the most recent sentencing date.

^aIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

^bIncludes persons of Hispanic origin.

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Table 12. Women under sentence of death, by race and jurisdiction, 12/31/06

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Jurisdiction	Women under sentence of death		
	All races*	White	Black
Total	54	36	15
California	15	11	2
Texas	10	5	5
Pennsylvania	5	2	3
North Carolina	4	2	1
Mississippi	3	3	0
Alabama	3	1	2
Tennessee	2	2	0
Arizona	2	2	0
Louisiana	2	1	1
Federal	1	1	0
Ohio	1	1	0
Georgia	1	1	0
Kentucky	1	1	0
Oklahoma	1	1	0
Virginia	1	1	0
Idaho	1	1	0
Indiana	1	0	1

*Includes races other than white and black.

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Table 13. Persons under sentence of death, by gender, race, and Hispanic origin, 12/31/06

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	Persons under sentence of death	
	Male	Female
White	1,766	36
Hispanic	328	3
Black	1,337	15
Hispanic	12	0
Other races*	71	3
Hispanic	13	2

*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

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Table 14. Number of inmates received under sentence of death, 1995-2006

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Year	Inmates received
1995	326
1996	323
1997	281
1998	306
1999	284
2000	235
2001	167
2002	169
2003	153
2004	140
2005	138
2006	115

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Table 15. Number of persons executed, 1977-2006

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Year	Number executed
1977	1
1979	2
1981	1
1982	2
1983	5
1984	21
1985	18
1986	18
1987	25
1988	11
1989	16
1990	23
1991	14
1992	31
1993	38
1994	31
1995	56
1996	45
1997	74
1998	68
1999	98
2000	85
2001	66
2002	71
2003	65
2004	59
2005	60
2006	53

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Table 16. Number of persons executed by race, Hispanic origin, and method, 1977-2006

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Method of execution	Number of persons executed				
	White*	Black*	Hispanic	American Indian*	Asian*
Total	609	359	75	8	6
Lethal injection	515	287	73	7	6
Electrocution	81	69	2	1	0
Lethal gas	8	3	0	0	0
Hanging	3	0	0	0	0
Firing squad	2	0	0	0	0

*Excludes persons of Hispanic origin.

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Table 17. Elapsed time since sentencing for inmates under sentence of death on 12/31/06, by gender, race, and Hispanic origin

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Inmates under sentence of death	Elapsed time since sentencing	
	Mean	Median
Total	135 mo	127 mo
Male	135 mo	127 mo
Female	95	90
White*	137	129
Black*	136	130
Hispanic	121	107

*Excludes persons of Hispanic origin.

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Jurisdiction	Number of executions
Total	42
Texas	26
Alabama	3
Oklahoma	3
Indiana	2
Ohio	2
Tennessee	2
South Dakota	1
Georgia	1
South Carolina	1
Arizona	1

Note: On September 25, 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a case challenging the use of lethal injection. In *Baze v. Rees* (No. 07-5439), the Supreme Court will consider whether lethal injection constitutes cruel and unusual punishment as it is currently implemented. No executions have been carried out since the Supreme Court agreed to consider this issue.

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All data in this report have been reviewed for accuracy by the data providers in each jurisdiction prior to publication.

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