



Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables

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Abstract

Presents characteristics of persons under sentence of death on December 31, 2007, 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 2007, status of capital statutes, and methods of execution. Numerical tables also summarize data on offenders' gender, 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, 2006* 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 2008.

[Advance count of executions, January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008](#)

About the data

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Table 1. Capital offenses by State, 2007

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^a	Capital murder (Ark. Code Ann. 5-10-101) with a finding of at least 1 of 10 aggravating circumstances; treason. Revision: Amended the definition of capital murder to include murder committed in the course of robbery, aggravated robbery, residential burglary, or commercial burglary (Ark. Cod Ann. § 5-10-101 (Supp. 2007)), effective 7/31/2007.
California	First-degree murder with special circumstances; train wrecking; treason; perjury causing execution.
Colorado^b	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 (11 Del. C. § 4209).
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).
Maryland	First-degree murder, either premeditated or during the commission of a felony, provided that certain death eligibility requirements are satisfied.
Mississippi	Capital murder (Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-19(2)); aircraft piracy (Miss. Code Ann. § 97-25-55(1)).
Missouri^a	First-degree murder (565.020 RSMO 2000). Revision: Added to the capital statute provisions for selecting members of the execution team and prohibiting disclosure of the identity of anyone who has been on the execution team (Mo. Rev. Stat § 546.720), effective 8/28/2007.
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).
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.
Oregon	Aggravated murder (ORS 163.095).
Pennsylvania	First-degree murder with 18 aggravating circumstances.
South Carolina^a	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 an aggravating circumstance murder committed while in the commission of first-degree arson (§16-3-20(C)(a)(1)(j)), effective 6/18/2007.
South Dakota^a	First-degree murder with 1 of 10 aggravating circumstances. Revision: Amended the code of criminal procedure to allow for use of a 3-drug protocol in administering lethal injection (SDCL § 23A-27A-32), effective 7/1/2007.
Tennessee^a	First-degree murder with 1 of 15 aggravating circumstances (Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-204). Revision: Amended the definition of first-degree murder to include killing in the perpetration of rape or aggravated rape of a child (Tenn Code Ann. § 39-13-202(a)(2)), effective 7/1/2007.
Texas^a	Criminal homicide with 1 of 9 aggravating circumstances (Tex. Penal Code § 19.03); super aggravated sexual assault (Tex. Penal Code § 12.42(c)(3)). Revision: Revised the penal code and the code of criminal procedure to allow the death penalty for aggravated sexual assault of victims under the age of 14 when the offender has a previous conviction for a similar offense (TX Penal Code § 12.42(c)(3) and Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art. 37.072), effective 9/1/2007.
Utah^a	Aggravated murder (76-5-202, Utah Code Annotated). Revision: Amended the criminal code to allow for an automatic sentence of life without parole if the death penalty is ruled unconstitutional (Utah Code Ann. § 76-3-207) and added to the definition of aggravated murder intentional killing when the victim is younger than 14 years of age (Utah Code Ann. § 76-5-202(t)). Both changes became effective 4/30/07.
Virginia^a	First-degree murder with 1 of 15 aggravating circumstances (VA Code § 18.2-31).

Revision: Added to the definition of capital murder willful, deliberate, and premeditated killing of a judge or a witness when the killing is for the purpose of interfering with the person's duties in a criminal case (Va. Code § 18.2-31(14) and (15)), effective 7/1/2007.

Washington Aggravated first-degree murder.

Wyoming^a First-degree murder.

Revision: Added as a capital offense murder during the commission of sexual abuse of a minor (W.S. § 6-2-101), effective 7/1/2007.

Note: New Jersey enacted legislation repealing the death penalty (P.L. 2007, c.204 (NJSA 2C:11-3)), effective 12/17/2007.

^aNine states revised statutory provisions relating to the death penalty during 2007.

^bThe Colorado Supreme Court struck a portion of that state's capital statute on April 23, 2007 (*People v. Montour*, 157 P.3d 489 (Colo. 2007)). The statute (*Colo. Rev. Stat.* § 18-1.3-1201(1)(a)) specified that defendants pleading guilty to a class 1 felony be sentenced by the judge, thereby requiring defendants to waive their right to a jury trial on all facts essential to determining death penalty eligibility as established in *Ring v. Arizona*. The court ruled that this was unconstitutional under Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 2. Method of execution, by State, 2007

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	Illinois ^{a,h}	Wyoming ⁱ		
Colorado	Kentucky ^{a,j}			
Connecticut	Nebraska			
Delaware ^{a,c}	Oklahoma ^f			
Florida ^a	South Carolina ^a			
Georgia	Tennessee ^{a,k}			
Idaho ^a	Virginia ^a			
Illinois ^a				
Indiana				
Kansas				
Kentucky ^{a,j}				
Louisiana				
Maryland				
Mississippi				
Missouri ^a				
Montana				
Nevada				
New Hampshire ^a				
New Mexico				
New York				
North Carolina				
Ohio				
Oklahoma ^a				
Oregon				

Pennsylvania
South Carolina^a
South Dakota
Tennessee^{a,k}
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 date 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 electrocution only if lethal injection is held illegal or unconstitutional.

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

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

^kAuthorizes 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.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 3. Federal capital offenses, 2007

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.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

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Table 4. Prisoners under sentence of death, by region, jurisdiction, and race, 2006 and 2007

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death, 12/31/06			Received under sentence of death			Removed from death row (excluding executions) ^a			Executed			Prisoners under sentence of death, 12/31/07		
	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	3,233	1,806	1,353	115	67	47	86	41	41	42	28	14	3,220	1,804	1,345
Federal^d	42	17	24	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	21	26
State	3,191	1,789	1,329	109	63	45	86	41	41	42	28	14	3,172	1,783	1,319
Northeast	236	81	144	8	4	4	14	3	10	0	0	0	230	82	138
Connecticut	7	4	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	5
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	9	3	6	0	0	0	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	219	74	134	6	4	2	4	0	3	0	0	0	221	78	133
Midwest	280	152	125	9	3	6	11	6	5	5	5	0	273	144	126
Illinois	10	7	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	8	5
Indiana	17	14	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	14	11	3
Kansas	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	4
Missouri	47	26	21	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	45	25	20
Nebraska	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	1
Ohio	186	90	93	5	1	4	7	3	4	2	2	0	182	86	93
South Dakota	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	0
South	1,750	956	771	71	39	31	46	21	24	36	22	14	1,739	952	764
Alabama	194	101	93	13	8	5	5	3	2	3	0	3	199	106	93
Arkansas	36	13	23	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	14	24
Delaware	17	10	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	10	9
Florida	375	245	130	21	13	8	7	3	4	0	0	0	389	255	134
Georgia	103	55	47	4	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	105	58	46

Kentucky	40	31	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	39	31	8
Louisiana	86	31	54	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	86	31	54
Maryland	6	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	4
Mississippi	68	32	35	2	2	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	65	32	32
North Carolina	166	69	88	3	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	167	69	89
Oklahoma	84	47	32	3	1	2	4	3	0	3	2	1	80	43	33
South Carolina	62	24	38	4	3	1	6	4	2	1	0	1	59	23	36
Tennessee	102	60	40	1	0	1	5	2	3	2	2	0	96	56	38
Texas	392	229	159	14	6	7	8	1	7	26	18	8	372	216	151
Virginia	19	7	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	7	13
West	925	600	289	21	17	4	15	11	2	1	1	0	930	605	291
Arizona	110	94	13	7	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	116	99	14
California	656	389	237	10	8	2	11	8	1	0	0	0	655	389	238
Colorado	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Idaho	18	18	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
Montana	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Nevada	82	51	30	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	83	51	31
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Oregon	33	29	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	31	3
Utah	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	1
Washington	9	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	5	3
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0

Note: Some figures shown for yearend 2006 are revised from those reported in *Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables*, NCJ 220219.

^aIncludes 16 deaths from natural causes (5 in California; 2 each in Alabama and Florida; and 1 each in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Missouri, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, and Tennessee); 2 deaths from suicide (1 each in North Carolina and California); and 1 inmate murdered by another inmate (in Mississippi).

^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 Hispanics.

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

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

Table 5. Demographic characteristics of prisoners under sentence of death, 2007

Characteristic	Prisoners under sentence of death, 2007		
	Yearend	Admissions	Removals
Total inmates	3,220	115	128
Gender			
Male	98.3 %	98.3 %	99.2 %
Female	1.7	1.7	0.8
Race			
White	56.0 %	58.3 %	53.9 %
Black	41.8	40.9	43.0
All other races*	2.2	0.9	3.1
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	12.9 %	14.4 %	9.5 %
Non-Hispanic	87.1	85.6	90.5
Number unknown	413	11	12
Education			
8th grade or less	13.8 %	7.9 %	13.9 %
9th-11th grade	36.7	36.5	43.5
High school graduate/GED	40.4	44.4	36.1
Any college	9.2	11.1	6.5
Median	11th	12th	11th
Number unknown	522	52	20
Marital status			
Married	22.2 %	29.9 %	20.4 %
Divorced/separated	20.4	14.9	16.8
Widowed	2.8	2.3	5.3
Never married	54.5	52.9	57.5
Number unknown	362	28	15

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

*At yearend 2006, inmates of "other" races consisted of 28 American Indians, 35 Asians, and 11 self-identified Hispanics. During 2007, 1 Asian was admitted; and 2 American Indians, 1 Asian, and 1 self-identified Hispanic were removed.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 6. Persons of Hispanic origin and women under sentence of death, by jurisdiction, 2006 and 2007

Jurisdiction	Under sentence of death, 12/31/06 ^a		Received under sentence of death		Death sentence removed ^b		Under sentence of death, 12/31/07	
	Hispanics	Women	Hispanics	Women	Hispanics	Women	Hispanics	Women
U.S. total	358	55	15	2	11	1	362	56
Federal	2	1	2	0	0	0	4	1
Alabama	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4
Arizona	16	2	1	0	0	0	17	2
California	140	15	6	0	2	0	144	15
Colorado	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Connecticut	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Florida	31	0	1	0	0	0	32	0
Georgia	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	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	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
Mississippi	0	3	0	0	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	4	4	0	1	0	0	4	5
Ohio	5	1	0	1	0	0	5	2

Oklahoma	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	1
Oregon	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pennsylvania	21	5	1	0	1	0	21	5
Tennessee	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
Texas	108	10	3	0	6	1	105	9
Utah	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Virginia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

^aThe count of women under sentence of death at yearend 2006 has been revised.

^bIncludes 6 Hispanic men in Texas who were executed in 2007.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#)

Table 7. Age at time of arrest for capital offense and age of prisoners under sentence of death at yearend 2007

Age	Prisoners under sentence of death			
	At time of arrest		On December 31, 2007	
	Number*	Percent	Number	Percent
Total number under sentence of death on 12/31/07	2,955	100 %	3,220	100 %
19 or younger	317	10.7	1	--
20-24	812	27.5	42	1.3
25-29	677	22.9	249	7.7
30-34	508	17.2	431	13.4
35-39	321	10.9	574	17.8
40-44	172	5.8	546	17.0
45-49	88	3.0	583	18.1
50-54	34	1.2	357	11.1
55-59	19	0.6	250	7.8
60-64	5	0.2	127	3.9
65 or older	2	0.1	60	1.9
Mean age	29 yrs.		43 yrs.	
Median age	27 yrs.		42 yrs.	

-- Less than .05%

Note: The youngest person under sentence of death was a black male in Texas, born in June 1988 and sentenced to death in June 2007. 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 265 inmates for whom the date of arrest for capital offense was not available.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

Table 8. Criminal history profile of prisoners under sentence of death, by race and Hispanic origin, 2007

	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	65.4 %	61.8 %	71.0 %	61.3 %
No	34.6	38.2	29.0	38.7
Number unknown	273			
Prior homicide convictions				
Yes	8.4 %	8.5 %	8.8 %	6.7 %
No	91.6	91.5	91.2	93.3
Number unknown	54			
Legal status at time of capital offense				
Charges pending	7.9 %	9.1 %	7.3 %	5.2 %
Probation	10.6	8.9	12.4	11.4
Parole	15.4	13.3	16.5	20.3
On escape	1.4	1.8	0.9	1.8
Incarcerated	3.6	4.2	3.4	2.5
Other status	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
None	60.6	62.5	59.0	58.5
Number unknown	354			

^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.

White and black categories exclude Hispanics.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 9. Number of persons executed, by jurisdiction, 1930-2007

Jurisdiction	Number executed	
	Since 1930	Since 1977
U.S. total	4,958	1,099
Texas	702	405
Georgia	406	40
New York	329	0
North Carolina	306	43
California	305	13
Florida	234	64
South Carolina	199	37
Ohio	198	26
Virginia	190	98
Alabama	173	38
Mississippi	162	8
Louisiana	160	27
Pennsylvania	155	3
Oklahoma	146	86
Arkansas	145	27
Missouri	128	66
Kentucky	105	2
Illinois	102	12
Tennessee	97	4
New Jersey	74	0
Maryland	73	5
Arizona	61	23

Indiana	60	19
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
Vermont	4	0
Idaho	4	1
South Dakota	2	1
New Hampshire	1	0

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

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables

Table 10. Executions and other dispositions of inmates sentenced to death, by race and Hispanic origin, 1977-2007

Race/Hispanic origin	Total under sentence of death 1977-2007 ^b	Prisoners executed		Prisoners who received other dispositions ^a	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
Total	7,547	1,099	14.6 %	3,228	42.8 %
White^c	3,681	631	17.1 %	1,584	43.0
Black^c	3,096	373	12.0	1,389	44.9
Hispanic	652	81	12.4	209	32.1
All other races^{c,d}	118	14	11.9	46	39.0

^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 12/31/07; 374 persons sentenced to death prior to 1977 whose death sentence was removed between 1977 and 12/31/07; and 7,167 persons sentenced to death between 1977 and 2007.

^cExcludes persons of Hispanic origin.

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

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 11. Time under sentence of death and execution, by race, 1977-2007

Year of execution	Number executed			Average elapsed time from sentence to execution for all inmates
	All races ^a	White ^b	Black ^b	
Total	1,099	708	376	127 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
2007	42	28	14	153

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.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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**Table 12. Women under sentence of death,
by race and jurisdiction, 12/31/07**

Jurisdiction	Women under sentence of death		
	All races*	White	Black
Total	56	38	15
California	15	11	2
Texas	9	5	4
Pennsylvania	5	2	3
North Carolina	5	2	2
Alabama	4	2	2
Mississippi	3	3	0
Ohio	2	2	0
Tennessee	2	2	0
Arizona	2	2	0
Louisiana	2	1	1
Federal	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.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 13. Persons under sentence of death, by gender, race, and Hispanic origin, 12/31/07

	Persons under sentence of death	
	Male	Female
White	1,766	38
Hispanic	335	3
Black	1,330	15
Hispanic	11	0
Other*	68	3
Hispanic	11	2

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

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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**Table 14. Number of inmates
received under sentence of
death, 1993-2007**

Year	Inmates received
1993	295
1994	328
1995	326
1996	323
1997	281
1998	306
1999	284
2000	235
2001	167
2002	169
2003	153
2004	140
2005	138
2006	121
2007	115

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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**Table 15. Number of
persons executed, 1977-
2007**

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
2007	42

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 16. Number of persons executed by race, Hispanic origin, and method, 1977-2007

Method of execution	Number of persons executed				
	White*	Black*	Hispanic	American Indian*	Asian*
Total	631	373	81	8	6
Lethal injection	536	301	79	7	6
Electrocution	82	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.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Table 17. Elapsed time since sentencing for inmates under sentence of death on 12/31/07, by gender, race, and Hispanic origin

Inmates under sentence of death	Elapsed time since sentencing	
	Mean	Median
Total	141 mo	133 mo
Male	142	134
Female	102	98
White*	144	138
Black*	142	136
Hispanic	127	114

Note: For those persons sentenced to death more than once, the data are based on the most recent death sentence.

*Excludes persons of Hispanic origin.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Advance count of executions:
January 1, 2008 - November 30, 2008

Jurisdiction	Number of executions
Total	36
Texas	18
Virginia	4
Georgia	3
Ohio	2
Florida	2
Mississippi	2
Oklahoma	2
South Carolina	2
Kentucky	1

Note: In 2008, 35 of the executions were carried out by lethal injection; 1 execution in South Carolina was carried out by electrocution.

Source: [National Prisoner Statistics Program \(NPS-8\)](#).

See also [Methodology](#).

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Methodology

National Prisoner Statistics Program (NPS-8)

Capital punishment information is collected annually as part of the National Prisoner Statistics program (NPS-8). This data series is collected in two parts: data on persons under sentence of death are obtained from the department of corrections in each jurisdiction currently authorizing capital punishment; and information on the status of death penalty statutes is obtained from the Office of the Attorney General in each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Government. [Data collection forms are available on the BJS website.](#)

NPS-8 covers all persons under sentence of death at any time during the year who were held in a State or Federal nonmilitary correctional facility. Included are capital offenders transferred from prison to mental hospitals and those who may have escaped from custody. Excluded are persons whose death sentences have been overturned by the court, regardless of their current incarceration status.

The statistics reported in this Bulletin may differ from data collected by other organizations for a variety of reasons: (1) NPS-8 adds inmates to the population under sentence of death not at sentencing but at the time they are admitted to a State or Federal correctional facility; (2) If inmates entered prison under a death sentence or were reported as being relieved of a death sentence in one year but the court had acted in the previous year, the counts are adjusted to reflect the dates of court decisions (see the note on table 4 for the affected jurisdictions); and (3) NPS counts are always for the last day of the calendar year and will differ from counts for more recent periods.

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