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Characteristic	Prisoners under sentence of death			
	Present yearend 1998	Received from court in 1998	Sentence of death removed in 1998	
			Executed	By means other than execution/a
<b>U.S. total</b>	3,452	285	68	93
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	3,404	277	66	91
Female	48	8	2	2
<b>Race</b>				
White	1,906	145	48	55
Black	1,486	132	18	36
All other races/b	60	8	2	2
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Hispanic	314	38	8	7
Non-Hispanic	2,839	209	55	77
Not known	299	38	5	9
<b>Education</b>				
7th grade or less	206	11	5	5
8th grade	217	25	8	6
9th to 11th grade	1,111	94	24	28
12th grade	1,120	88	24	28
Any college	297	21	5	7
Not reported	501	46	2	19
<b>Felony history</b>				
Prior conviction, total	2,060	162	36	49
Homicide	289	23	3	9
Other offenses	1,674	138	33	38
Offense not reported	97	1	0	2
No prior conviction	1,107	98	30	36
Not reported	285	25	2	8
<b>Age</b>				
Under 20 years	15	12	0	1
20-24 years	267	72	0	11
25-29 years	519	70	6	17
30-34 years	582	36	12	6
35-39 years	711	45	14	12
40-54 years	1,188	42	34	38
55 years or older	170	8	2	8
Median age	37	29	40	39

a/Includes deceased from causes other than execution, commutation of sentence, sentence vacated, and conviction vacated.

b/Other races present at yearend includes 29 American Indians, 18 Asians, and 13 inmates of unspecified race. Other races admitted includes 3 American Indians, 2 Asians, and 3 inmates of unspecified race. One American Indian and 1 Asian were of unspecified race. One American Indian and 1 Asian were race had their death sentences removed in 1998.

**Table 7.2. Movement of all prisoners under sentence of death, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death																			
	Under death sentence 12/31/97				Received from court in 1998				Executed in 1998				Death sentence removed in 1998/a				Under death sentence 12/31/98			
	Total	White	Black	Other	Total	White	Black	Other/b	Total	White	Black	Other/b	Total	White	Black	Other/b	Total	White	Black	Other/b
<b>U.S. total</b>	3,328	1,864	1,408	56	285	145	132	8	68	48	18	2	93	55	36	2	3,452	1,906	1,486	60
Federal	14	5	9	0	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	6	13	0
State	3,314	1,859	1,399	56	280	144	128	8	68	48	18	2	93	55	36	2	3,433	1,900	1,473	60
<b>Northeast</b>	234	84	140	10	14	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	244	85	148	11
Connecticut	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	3	0
New Jersey	14	8	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	14	8	6	0
New York	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Pennsylvania/c	215	74	131	10	12	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	224	75	138	11
<b>Midwest</b>	482	236	244	2	33	12	21	0	5	3	2	0	13	6	7	0	497	239	256	2
Illinois	161	62	99	0	7	1	6	0	1	1	0	0	10	4	6	0	157	58	99	0
Indiana	44	30	14	0	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	45	30	15	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Missouri/d	89	46	43	0	6	3	3	0	3	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	90	46	44	0
Nebraska	11	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	9	1	1
Ohio	175	87	87	1	16	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	93	97	1
South Dakota	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
<b>South</b>	1,828	1,025	781	22	186	94	88	4	55	37	16	2	64	37	26	1	1,895	1,045	827	23
Alabama	159	89	69	1	25	8	17	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	0	178	95	82	1
Arkansas	38	19	19	0	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	40	20	20	0
Delaware/e	15	7	8	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	7	10	0
Florida	367	236	130	1	25	16	9	0	4	2	1	1	16	9	7	0	372	241	131	0
Georgia	108	58	49	1	11	5	6	0	1	1	0	0	9	6	3	0	109	56	52	1
Kentucky	31	24	7	0	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	28	8	0
Louisiana	70	22	48	0	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	75	23	52	0
Maryland	17	3	14	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	17	5	12	0
Mississippi	62	29	33	0	8	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	65	28	37	0
North Carolina/e	176	77	95	4	20	9	9	2	3	3	0	0	6	4	2	0	187	79	102	6
Oklahoma/f	136	81	45	10	15	12	3	0	4	3	0	1	3	1	1	1	144	89	47	8
South Carolina	68	30	38	0	8	6	2	0	7	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	68	33	35	0
Tennessee/g	99	67	30	2	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	97	62	33	2
Texas/e	439	262	174	3	39	18	19	2	20	18	2	0	7	5	2	0	451	257	189	5
Virginia	43	21	22	0	9	6	3	0	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	39	22	17	0
<b>West</b>	770	514	234	22	47	34	10	3	8	8	0	0	12	9	2	1	797	531	242	24
Arizona/f	120	102	11	7	6	6	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	120	103	11	6
California/d	487	296	180	11	31	19	9	3	1	1	0	0	5	4	1	0	512	310	188	14
Colorado	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	0
Idaho	19	19	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	19	19	0	0
Montana	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	1
Nevada/g	86	49	36	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	84	48	35	1
New Mexico	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0
Oregon	20	19	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	22	0	1
Utah	10	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	2	1
Washington	12	9	3	0	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	10	4	0
Wyoming	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners under sentence of death in 1998: New Hampshire.  
a/Dispositions of death sentences other than by execution included reversal of judgment, commutation, resentencing, order of a new trial, and death.  
b/Three American Indians, 2 Asians, and 3 inmates of unspecified race were received from court; 1 American Indian and 1 Asian were executed; 1 American Indian and 1 Asian had their death sentences removed; 29 American Indians, 18 Asians, and 13 inmates of unspecified race were under a sentence of death at yearend.  
c/Race has been changed from white to "other" for 3 inmates.  
d/One inmate who was previously in the custody of California has been transferred to Missouri where he is under a separate sentence of death.  
e/Race has been changed from black to white for 1 inmate.  
f/One inmate who was previously in the custody of Oklahoma has been transferred to Tennessee where he is under a separate sentence of death.  
g/Total includes one inmate in custody of Nevada whose sentence in Nevada was overturned but is under a separate death sentence in California.

**Table 7.3. Movement of female prisoners under sentence of death, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Female prisoners under sentence of death											
	Under death sentence 12/31/97			Received from court in 1998			Death sentence removed in 1998/a			Under death sentence 12/31/98		
	Total	White	Black	Total/b	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total/b	White	Black
<b>U.S. total</b>	44	30	14	8	3	3	4	4	0	48	29	17
<b>Northeast</b>	5	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	3
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3
<b>Midwest</b>	3	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	5	1	4
Illinois	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3
Indiana	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Missouri	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>South</b>	25	19	6	4	3	1	3	3	0	26	19	7
Alabama	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
Arkansas	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Florida	6	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	2	2
Georgia	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mississippi	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
North Carolina	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Oklahoma	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
Tennessee	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Texas	7	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	8	5	3
<b>West</b>	11	8	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	8	3
Arizona	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
California/b	8	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	2
Idaho	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Nevada	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no women under sentence of death in 1998: Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Delaware, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

a/Includes two women who were executed during 1998 (1 each in Florida and Texas).

b/Total includes 2 inmates of unspecified race.

**Table 7.4. Movement of Hispanic prisoners under sentence of death, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Hispanic prisoners under sentence of death				
	Under death sentence 12/31/97	Received from court in 1998	Executed in 1998	Death sentence removed in 1998*	Under death sentence 12/31/98
<b>U.S. total</b>	291	38	8	7	314
<b>Northeast</b>	15	2	0	0	17
Pennsylvania	15	2	0	0	17
<b>Midwest</b>	16	0	0	1	15
Illinois	9	0	0	1	8
Indiana	2	0	0	0	2
Ohio	5	0	0	0	5
<b>South</b>	146	16	6	5	151
Arkansas	1	0	0	0	1
Florida	41	4	0	2	43
Georgia	1	0	0	0	1
Louisiana	1	0	0	0	1
Mississippi	1	0	0	0	1
North Carolina	4	0	0	1	3
Oklahoma	7	0	0	0	7
Tennessee	1	0	0	0	1
Texas	88	12	5	2	93
Virginia	1	0	1	0	0
<b>West</b>	114	20	2	1	131
Arizona	20	3	2	1	20
California	80	17	0	0	97
Colorado	1	0	0	0	1
Nevada	8	0	0	0	8
New Mexico	1	0	0	0	1
Oregon	2	0	0	0	2
Utah	2	0	0	0	2

Note: Hispanic prisoners may be of any race. Unlisted States had no Hispanic prisoners under a death sentence in 1998.

\*Dispositions of death sentences other than by execution included resentencing and death.



**Table 7.5. Time between sentencing and the yearend for prisoners under sentence of death, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death							Median number of months
	Total	Less than 12 months	12-23 months	24-35 months	36-47 months	48-71 months	More than 71 months	
<b>All prisoners</b>								
<b>U.S. total</b>	3,452	275	254	283	276	482	1,882	81
Federal	19	5	3	4	2	4	1	25
State	3,433	270	251	279	274	478	1,881	81
<b>Northeast</b>	244	14	13	17	21	41	138	84
Connecticut	5	0	0	0	1	1	3	87
New Jersey	14	1	2	3	2	1	5	42
New York	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	*
Pennsylvania	224	12	11	14	18	39	130	86
<b>Midwest</b>	497	31	28	42	40	56	300	93
Illinois	157	7	7	13	10	16	104	105
Indiana	45	2	1	2	3	5	32	121
Kansas	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	*
Missouri	90	5	9	8	10	13	45	71
Nebraska	11	0	1	2	0	1	7	146
Ohio	191	16	10	17	17	19	112	88
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	*
<b>South</b>	1,895	178	150	157	157	289	964	73
Alabama	178	25	15	14	15	26	83	60
Arkansas	40	4	3	5	4	11	13	57
Delaware	17	2	4	0	0	5	6	68
Florida	372	24	17	18	27	44	242	97
Georgia	109	11	11	6	6	10	65	98
Kentucky	36	4	2	2	0	4	24	130
Louisiana	75	9	13	8	10	10	25	46
Maryland	17	2	0	6	1	0	8	38
Mississippi	65	7	7	9	4	12	26	65
North Carolina	187	17	18	24	22	50	56	56
Oklahoma	144	13	11	15	10	16	79	91
South Carolina	68	8	4	8	8	14	26	59
Tennessee	97	4	7	5	3	6	72	129
Texas	451	39	34	36	41	70	231	73
Virginia	39	9	4	1	6	11	8	47
<b>West</b>	797	47	60	63	56	92	479	92
Arizona	120	6	9	5	4	19	77	95
California	512	31	37	40	36	55	313	93
Colorado	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	*
Idaho	19	1	1	1	0	2	14	114
Montana	6	0	0	2	0	0	4	81
Nevada	84	2	6	9	10	9	48	96
New Mexico	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	*
Oregon	23	3	2	2	2	3	11	66
Utah	10	0	1	1	0	1	7	118
Washington	14	3	3	1	1	3	3	36
Wyoming	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	*

Note: Of 39 jurisdictions with a death penalty statute, the following States reported no prisoners on death row at yearend 1998: New Hampshire.

\*Medians were not calculated on fewer than five cases

**Table 7.6. Age of prisoners under sentence of death, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death							
	All ages	Under 20 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years	35 to 39 years	40 to 54 years	55 years and older
<b>All prisoners</b>								
<b>U.S. total</b>	3,452	15	267	519	582	711	1,188	170
Federal	19	0	3	5	5	2	4	0
State	3,433	15	264	514	577	709	1,184	170
<b>Northeast</b>	244	1	7	34	46	54	88	14
Connecticut	5	0	0	1	1	2	1	0
New Jersey	14	0	0	3	3	2	4	2
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	224	1	7	30	42	50	82	12
<b>Midwest</b>	497	1	31	61	93	110	180	21
Illinois	157	0	4	22	32	35	59	5
Indiana	45	0	0	3	12	11	18	1
Kansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Missouri	90	0	6	8	21	20	29	6
Nebraska	11	0	1	1	0	1	6	2
Ohio	191	1	20	27	28	43	65	7
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>South</b>	1,895	12	193	320	313	376	597	84
Alabama	178	3	23	46	19	29	49	9
Arkansas	40	1	6	8	6	9	9	1
Delaware	17	0	3	5	3	5	1	0
Florida	372	1	16	46	56	89	147	17
Georgia	109	0	10	14	18	22	39	6
Kentucky	36	0	1	4	3	5	23	0
Louisiana	75	1	14	11	13	19	15	2
Maryland	17	0	1	4	2	3	7	0
Mississippi	65	1	11	15	12	13	10	3
North Carolina	187	1	14	28	38	39	54	13
Oklahoma	144	0	10	22	26	28	47	11
South Carolina	68	0	7	13	22	10	16	0
Tennessee	97	0	4	11	12	18	46	6
Texas	451	3	66	81	75	83	129	14
Virginia	39	1	7	12	8	4	5	2
<b>West</b>	797	1	33	99	125	169	319	51
Arizona	120	0	7	6	24	32	41	10
California	512	0	16	68	73	103	218	34
Colorado	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Idaho	19	0	1	1	1	3	13	0
Montana	6	0	0	1	2	0	3	0
Nevada	84	1	4	15	16	19	25	4
New Mexico	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Oregon	23	0	3	3	3	6	7	1
Utah	10	0	0	0	3	3	3	1
Washington	14	0	0	2	2	2	7	1
Wyoming	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

Note: Of 39 jurisdictions with a death penalty statute, the following States reported no prisoners on death row at yearend 1998: New Hampshire.

**Table 7.7. Legal status at time of capital offense for prisoners under sentence of death, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death who had the following legal status when they committed capital crimes								
	Not charged with or sentenced for another crime	Charged with another crime	Under sentence for another crime						Legal status not reported
			Total	On probation	On parole	Escaped	In prison	Other*	
<b>All prisoners</b>									
<b>U.S. total</b>	1,810	219	1,004	301	550	39	88	26	419
Federal	14	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	1
State	1,796	218	1,001	300	549	39	87	26	418
<b>Northeast</b>	92	31	52	21	27	0	4	0	69
Connecticut	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	6	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	5
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	80	31	49	21	24	0	4	0	64
<b>Midwest</b>	328	18	118	9	79	1	26	3	33
Illinois	92	5	54	0	45	0	8	1	6
Indiana	31	6	7	4	2	0	0	1	1
Kansas	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Missouri	59	3	16	1	7	1	7	0	12
Nebraska	9	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Ohio	135	4	38	4	24	0	9	1	14
South Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	985	119	551	193	279	23	41	15	240
Alabama	86	12	49	19	20	5	5	0	31
Arkansas	20	3	13	1	9	0	2	1	4
Delaware	9	1	7	5	0	1	1	0	0
Florida	210	30	88	37	32	10	6	3	44
Georgia	47	10	44	26	12	3	1	2	8
Kentucky	26	2	8	2	4	0	1	1	0
Louisiana	46	8	15	1	11	1	0	2	6
Maryland	4	1	5	1	2	0	2	0	7
Mississippi	47	4	13	2	2	0	9	0	1
North Carolina	119	9	56	29	22	2	3	0	3
Oklahoma	83	9	39	14	19	0	3	3	13
South Carolina	37	0	30	10	15	1	3	1	1
Tennessee	66	3	14	3	8	0	2	1	14
Texas	169	23	151	32	116	0	3	0	108
Virginia	16	4	19	11	7	0	0	1	0
<b>West</b>	391	50	280	77	164	15	16	8	76
Arizona	71	10	27	6	10	5	2	4	12
California	225	24	206	59	131	8	6	2	57
Colorado	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Idaho	14	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Montana	0	1	4	0	0	0	4	0	1
Nevada	58	8	16	7	7	1	1	0	2
New Mexico	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	10	2	9	2	6	0	0	1	2
Utah	1	1	8	0	6	0	2	0	0
Washington	7	0	5	2	1	1	0	1	2
Wyoming	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

Note: Of 39 jurisdictions with a death penalty statute, the following States reported no prisoners on death row at yearend 1998: New Hampshire.

\*\*Other\* includes mandatory conditional release, bail, temporary leave, work release or furlough, halfway house, house arrest, and jail.

**Table 7.8. Felony history of prisoners under sentence of death, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death						
	Total	With prior felony convictions			Type of offenses unreported	With no prior felonies	Felony history not reported
		Total with prior felonies	Criminal homicide	Other offenses			
<b>All prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	3,452	2,060	289	1,674	97	1,107	285
Federal	19	7	2	4	1	12	0
State	3,433	2,053	287	1,670	96	1,095	285
<b>Northeast</b>	244	112	17	83	12	71	61
Connecticut	5	1	0	0	1	3	1
New Jersey	14	9	2	7	0	3	2
New York	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	224	102	15	76	11	64	58
<b>Midwest</b>	497	276	44	219	13	187	34
Illinois	157	93	16	75	2	58	6
Indiana	45	22	3	19	0	23	0
Kansas	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Missouri	90	52	9	38	5	27	11
Nebraska	11	6	3	3	0	5	0
Ohio	191	100	12	82	6	74	17
South Dakota	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	1,895	1,151	150	944	57	599	145
Alabama	178	101	17	80	4	47	30
Arkansas	40	28	3	24	1	12	0
Delaware	17	8	0	8	0	9	0
Florida	372	265	37	207	21	81	26
Georgia	109	72	7	63	2	33	4
Kentucky	36	19	5	13	1	17	0
Louisiana	75	34	4	29	1	38	3
Maryland	17	8	1	7	0	2	7
Mississippi	65	31	4	27	0	30	4
North Carolina	187	119	18	100	1	67	1
Oklahoma	144	86	15	64	7	51	7
South Carolina	68	32	3	29	0	33	3
Tennessee	97	53	5	44	4	31	13
Texas	451	268	30	223	15	137	46
Virginia	39	27	1	26	0	11	1
<b>West</b>	797	514	76	424	14	238	45
Arizona	120	57	5	48	4	50	13
California	512	345	54	281	10	143	24
Colorado	3	3	0	3	0	0	0
Idaho	19	12	0	12	0	6	1
Montana	6	4	4	0	0	0	2
Nevada	84	54	5	49	0	28	2
New Mexico	4	1	0	1	0	3	0
Oregon	23	14	0	14	0	7	2
Utah	10	9	3	6	0	0	1
Washington	14	14	4	10	0	0	0
Wyoming	2	1	1	0	0	1	0

Note: Of 39 jurisdictions with a death penalty statute, the following States reported no prisoner on death row at yearend 1998: New Hampshire.

**Table 7.9. Age of prisoners received from court under sentence of death, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners received from court under sentence of death								
	All ages	Under 20 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years	35 to 39 years	40 to 54 years	55 years or older	Median age in years
<b>All prisoners/a</b>									
<b>U.S. total</b>	285	19	71	68	39	42	38	8	28
Federal	5	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	24
State	280	19	68	68	38	42	37	8	28
<b>Northeast</b>	14	1	3	2	1	4	2	1	34
New Jersey	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
Pennsylvania	12	1	3	1	1	4	1	1	34
<b>Midwest</b>	33	3	7	7	7	2	7	0	28
Illinois	7	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	31
Indiana	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	*
Kansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
Missouri	6	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	32
Ohio	16	3	7	2	1	0	3	0	23
<b>South</b>	186	15	47	46	21	29	22	6	28
Alabama	25	2	7	13	1	0	1	1	26
Arkansas	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	*
Delaware	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	*
Florida	25	1	5	5	2	7	2	3	31
Georgia	11	0	4	1	2	3	1	0	30
Kentucky	5	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	31
Louisiana	9	1	3	0	1	4	0	0	30
Maryland	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	*
Mississippi	8	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	25
North Carolina	20	2	3	3	2	6	2	2	35
Oklahoma	15	0	2	1	2	3	7	0	37
South Carolina	8	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	25
Tennessee	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	*
Texas	39	5	11	10	6	5	2	0	27
Virginia	9	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	25
<b>West</b>	47	0	11	13	9	7	6	1	29
Arizona	6	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	33
California	31	0	7	11	7	2	4	0	28
Idaho	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
Nevada	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	*
Oregon	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	*
Washington	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	*
Wyoming	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
<b>White prisoners</b>									
<b>U.S. total</b>	145	9	31	31	21	21	27	5	30
Federal	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
State	144	9	31	31	21	21	26	5	30
<b>Northeast</b>	4	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	*
New Jersey	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
Pennsylvania	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	*
<b>Midwest</b>	12	0	1	2	3	0	6	0	36
Illinois	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
Indiana	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
Kansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
Missouri	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	*
Ohio	6	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	36
<b>South</b>	94	8	21	19	12	14	16	4	29
Alabama	8	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	25
Arkansas	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	*
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
Florida	16	1	2	4	1	4	2	2	33
Georgia	5	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	30
Kentucky	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	*
Louisiana	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	*
Maryland	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	*
Mississippi	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
North Carolina	9	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	39
Oklahoma	12	0	2	0	1	3	6	0	38
South Carolina	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	23
Tennessee	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*
Texas	18	3	5	5	3	1	1	0	25
Virginia	6	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	25

Table 7.9. (cont.)

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners received from court under sentence of death								Median age in years
	All ages	Under 20 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years	35 to 39 years	40 to 54 years	55 years or older	
<b>White prisoners</b>									
<b>West</b>	34	0	9	9	6	5	4	1	29
Arizona	6	0	2	0	1	1	2	0	33
California	19	0	5	7	4	1	2	0	28
Idaho	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
Nevada	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	*
Oregon	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	*
Washington	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*
Wyoming	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
<b>Black prisoners</b>									
<b>U.S. total</b>	132	10	38	34	16	20	11	3	27
Federal	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	*
State	128	10	35	34	15	20	11	3	27
<b>Northeast</b>									
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	*
Pennsylvania	8	0	2	1	1	2	1	1	35
<b>Midwest</b>									
Illinois	6	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	32
Indiana	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	*
Missouri	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	*
Ohio	10	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	20
<b>South</b>									
Alabama	17	2	4	10	1	0	0	0	27
Arkansas	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
Delaware	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	*
Florida	9	0	3	1	1	3	0	1	30
Georgia	6	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	32
Kentucky	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	*
Louisiana	7	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	24
Mississippi	6	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	25
North Carolina	9	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	26
Oklahoma	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	*
South Carolina	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	*
Tennessee	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	*
Texas	19	2	5	4	3	4	1	0	29
Virginia	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	*
<b>West</b>									
California	9	0	2	3	2	0	2	0	29
Washington	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported receiving from court no prisoners under sentence of death in 1998: Colorado, Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Utah.

\*Medians were not calculated on fewer than 5 cases.

aIncludes American Indians, Asians, and Hispanics of unknown race. North Carolina sentenced to death 1 American Indian inmate who was between 25 and 29 years old. North Carolina and California each sentenced to death 1 American Indian between the ages of 30 and 34 years. Pennsylvania and Texas each sentenced to death 1 Asian who was between 20 and 24 years old. Texas and California each sentenced to death 1 Hispanic inmate of unspecified race who was between 25 and 29 years old. California sentenced to death 1 Hispanic inmate of unspecified race between 35 and 39 years old.

**Table 7.10. Level of education completed by prisoners received from court under sentence of death, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners received from court under sentence of death						
	Total number	7th grade or less	8th grade	9th to 11th grade	12th grade	Any college	Not reported
<b>All prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	285	11	25	94	88	21	46
Federal	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
State	280	11	25	94	88	21	41
<b>Northeast</b>	14	3	2	2	5	0	2
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
New York	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	12	3	2	2	4	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	33	2	3	12	7	5	4
Illinois	7	1	0	1	4	0	1
Indiana	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Kansas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Missouri	6	0	0	1	1	4	0
Ohio	16	1	2	9	1	1	2
<b>South</b>	186	5	17	60	60	14	30
Alabama	25	1	5	7	4	3	5
Arkansas	4	0	0	1	2	1	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Florida	25	1	2	5	5	1	11
Georgia	11	0	1	3	4	2	1
Kentucky	5	0	0	2	1	0	2
Louisiana	9	0	1	1	6	1	0
Maryland	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Mississippi	8	0	0	2	1	2	3
North Carolina	20	0	4	6	7	2	1
Oklahoma	15	0	1	4	8	1	1
South Carolina	8	0	1	2	3	0	2
Tennessee	4	0	0	1	2	0	1
Texas	39	2	2	19	15	0	1
Virginia	9	1	0	6	1	1	0
<b>West</b>	47	1	3	20	16	2	5
Arizona	6	0	1	4	0	1	0
California	31	1	1	13	13	0	3
Idaho	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Oregon	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
Washington	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Wyoming	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported receiving from court no prisoners under sentence of death in 1998: Colorado, Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Utah.

**Table 7.11. Legal status at time of capital offense for prisoners received from court under sentence of death, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death who had the following legal status when they committed capital crimes							
	Not charged with or sentenced for another crime	Charged with another crime	Under sentence for another crime					Legal status not reported
			Total	On probation	On parole	Escaped	In prison	
<b>All prisoners*</b>								
<b>U.S. total</b>	165	11	50	17	19	1	13	59
Federal	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	160	11	50	17	19	1	13	59
<b>Northeast</b>	6	1	3	1	0	0	2	4
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	5	1	3	1	0	0	2	3
<b>Midwest</b>	27	1	5	0	4	0	1	0
Illinois	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Indiana	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Missouri	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ohio	14	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
<b>South</b>	92	9	31	14	8	0	9	54
Alabama	8	3	4	1	2	0	1	10
Arkansas	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	19	2	2	2	0	0	0	2
Georgia	7	0	3	3	0	0	0	1
Kentucky	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Louisiana	7	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Maryland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mississippi	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0
North Carolina	12	0	7	5	2	0	0	1
Oklahoma	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	5	0	3	1	0	0	2	0
Tennessee	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Virginia	4	2	3	2	1	0	0	0
<b>West</b>	35	0	11	2	7	1	1	1
Arizona	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
California	25	0	5	1	4	0	0	1
Idaho	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Washington	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>White prisoners</b>								
<b>U.S. total</b>	92	3	23	5	11	1	6	27
Federal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	91	3	23	5	11	1	6	27
<b>Northeast</b>	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	8	0	4	0	3	0	1	0
Illinois	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Missouri	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ohio	4	0	2	0	1	0	1	0



Table 7.11. (cont.)

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death who had the following legal status when they committed capital crimes							
	Not charged with or sentenced for another crime	Charged with another crime	Under sentence for another crime					Legal status not reported
			Total	On probation	On parole	Escaped	In prison	
<b>White prisoners</b>								
<b>South</b>	56	3	11	3	4	0	4	24
Alabama	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Arkansas	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kentucky	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Louisiana	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mississippi	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	7	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Oklahoma	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Tennessee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Virginia	2	1	3	2	1	0	0	0
<b>West</b>	26	0	7	1	4	1	1	1
Arizona	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
California	17	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Idaho	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Washington	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Black prisoners</b>								
<b>U.S. total</b>	70	8	25	11	7	0	7	29
Federal	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State	66	8	25	11	7	0	7	29
<b>Northeast</b>	5	1	2	0	0	0	2	1
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	4	1	2	0	0	0	2	1
<b>Midwest</b>	19	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Illinois	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Indiana	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	35	6	19	10	4	0	5	28
Alabama	4	3	3	1	1	0	1	7
Arkansas	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Georgia	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Mississippi	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	0
North Carolina	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	1
Oklahoma	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Virginia	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>West</b>	7	0	3	1	2	0	0	0
California	6	0	3	1	2	0	0	0
Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported receiving from court no prisoners under sentence of death in 1998: Colorado, Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Utah.

\*Includes American Indians, Asians, and Hispanic inmates of unspecified race.

North Carolina sentenced to death 1 American Indian who was not charged with or sentenced for another offense and 1 American Indian who was on probation at the time of the capital offense. California sentenced to death 1 American Indian who was on parole at the time of the capital offense. Pennsylvania and Texas each sentenced to death 1 Asian inmate whose legal status at the time of the capital offense was unknown. California sentenced to death 2 Hispanic inmates of unknown race who were not charged with or sentenced for another offense. Texas sentenced to death 1 Hispanic inmate of unknown race whose legal status at the time of the capital offense was unknown.

**Table 7.12. Felony history of prisoners received from court under sentence of death, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners received from court under sentence of death						
	Total	With prior felony convictions			Type of offenses unreported	With	
		Total with prior felonies	Criminal homicide	Other offenses		no prior felonies	Felony history not reported
<b>All prisoners*</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	285	162	23	138	1	98	25
Federal	5	0	0	0	0	5	0
State	280	162	23	138	1	93	25
<b>Northeast</b>	14	5	0	5	0	6	3
New Jersey	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
New York	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	12	4	0	4	0	5	3
<b>Midwest</b>	33	20	3	17	0	13	0
Illinois	7	3	0	3	0	4	0
Indiana	3	1	0	1	0	2	0
Kansas	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Missouri	6	6	0	6	0	0	0
Ohio	16	9	2	7	0	7	0
<b>South</b>	186	104	14	90	0	61	21
Alabama	25	9	2	7	0	5	11
Arkansas	4	2	0	2	0	2	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Florida	25	18	4	14	0	2	5
Georgia	11	4	0	4	0	5	2
Kentucky	5	4	2	2	0	1	0
Louisiana	9	5	0	5	0	4	0
Maryland	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Mississippi	8	3	2	1	0	5	0
North Carolina	20	16	1	15	0	4	0
Oklahoma	15	7	2	5	0	8	0
South Carolina	8	2	1	1	0	6	0
Tennessee	4	4	0	4	0	0	0
Texas	39	23	0	23	0	14	2
Virginia	9	6	0	6	0	2	1
<b>West</b>	47	33	6	26	1	13	1
Arizona	6	3	0	3	0	2	1
California	31	23	3	19	1	8	0
Idaho	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Oregon	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Washington	3	3	2	1	0	0	0
Wyoming	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>White prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	145	85	15	70	0	45	15
Federal	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
State	144	85	15	70	0	44	15
<b>Northeast</b>	4	1	0	1	0	1	2
New Jersey	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Midwest</b>	12	10	3	7	0	2	0
Illinois	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Indiana	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kansas	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Missouri	3	3	0	3	0	0	0
Ohio	6	4	2	2	0	2	0

Table 7.12. (cont.)

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners received from court under sentence of death						
	Total	With prior felony convictions				With	
		Total with prior felonies	Criminal homicide	Other offenses	Type of offenses unreported	no prior felonies	Felony history not reported
<b>White prisoners</b>							
<b>South</b>	94	51	7	44	0	31	12
Alabama	8	2	0	2	0	2	4
Arkansas	3	1	0	1	0	2	0
Florida	16	9	2	7	0	2	5
Georgia	5	3	0	3	0	0	2
Kentucky	4	3	2	1	0	1	0
Louisiana	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Maryland	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Mississippi	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
North Carolina	9	9	0	9	0	0	0
Oklahoma	12	5	2	3	0	7	0
South Carolina	6	1	1	0	0	5	0
Tennessee	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Texas	18	12	0	12	0	6	0
Virginia	6	4	0	4	0	1	1
<b>West</b>	34	23	5	18	0	10	1
Arizona	6	3	0	3	0	2	1
California	19	14	2	12	0	5	0
Idaho	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Oregon	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Washington	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Black prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	132	76	8	67	1	47	9
Federal	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
State	128	76	8	67	1	43	9
<b>Northeast</b>	9	4	0	4	0	4	1
New York	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	8	4	0	4	0	3	1
<b>Midwest</b>	21	10	0	10	0	11	0
Illinois	6	2	0	2	0	4	0
Indiana	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Missouri	3	3	0	3	0	0	0
Ohio	10	5	0	5	0	5	0
<b>South</b>	88	53	7	46	0	27	8
Alabama	17	7	2	5	0	3	7
Arkansas	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Florida	9	9	2	7	0	0	0
Georgia	6	1	0	1	0	5	0
Kentucky	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Louisiana	7	5	0	5	0	2	0
Mississippi	6	3	2	1	0	3	0
North Carolina	9	7	1	6	0	2	0
Oklahoma	3	2	0	2	0	1	0
South Carolina	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Tennessee	3	3	0	3	0	0	0
Texas	19	11	0	11	0	7	1
Virginia	3	2	0	2	0	1	0
<b>West</b>	10	9	1	7	1	1	0
California	9	8	1	6	1	1	0
Washington	1	1	0	1	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported receiving from court no prisoners under sentence of death in 1998: Colorado, Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Utah.

\*Includes American Indians, Asians, and Hispanic inmates of unspecified race. North Carolina sentenced to death 2 American Indians who had no prior felony convictions. California sentenced to death 1 American Indian who had previously been convicted of a felony other than homicide. Pennsylvania and Texas each sentenced to death 1 Asian who had no prior felony convictions. California sentenced to death 2 Hispanic inmates of unknown race with no prior felony convictions. Texas sentenced to death 1 Hispanic inmate of unknown race whose felony history was unknown.

**Table 7.13. Means of removal for all prisoners who left death row, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners removed from death row																	
	Total			Executed/a			Death by other than execution/b			Sentence commuted/c			Sentence vacated/d			Conviction vacated/d		
	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
<b>All prisoners</b>																		
<b>U.S. total</b>	161	103	54	68	48	18	13	11	2	1	1	0	43	24	19	36	19	15
<b>Northeast</b>	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	1
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
<b>Midwest</b>	18	9	9	5	3	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	9	3	6
Illinois	11	5	6	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	5
Indiana	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Missouri	5	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	119	74	42	55	37	16	6	5	1	1	1	0	37	20	17	20	11	8
Alabama	6	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2
Arkansas	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Florida	20	11	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	8	6	2	1	1
Georgia	10	7	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	5	3	2
Louisiana	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	0
Maryland	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mississippi	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	2	0
North Carolina	9	7	2	3	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1
Oklahoma	7	4	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
South Carolina	8	3	5	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tennessee	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Texas	27	23	4	20	18	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	0
Virginia	13	5	8	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>West</b>	20	17	2	8	8	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	4	3	0
Arizona	6	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
California	6	5	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
Colorado	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Montana	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	4	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Washington	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners leaving death row in 1998: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

a/One American Indian in Florida and one Asian in Oklahoma were executed.

b/Eight white inmates died of natural causes in (3 in California, and 1 each in Illinois, Missouri, Alabama, Texas, California, and Nevada); two white inmates committed suicide (in North Carolina); and 1 white inmate in Texas was shot during an escape attempt. Two black inmates died from natural causes (Illinois and Alabama).

c/Commutation changed sentences from death to life in prison or a term of years.

d/Further legal proceedings may have followed the vacating of sentences and of convictions and may have resulted in new sentences of death. The sentence and conviction of an American Indian in Oklahoma was overturned, and he was awaiting a new trial. A Hispanic inmate of unknown race in Arizona has his sentence and conviction overturned and was subsequently resentenced to life in prison.

**Table 7.14. Status of prisoners removed from death row, by race, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners removed from death row															
	Total	Serving reduced sentence			Died			Awaiting new trial			Awaiting new sentence			Other		
		Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
<b>U.S. total/a</b>	161	49	24	24	81	59	20	15	6	8	10	9	1	6	5	1
<b>Northeast</b>	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	18	5	2	3	8	5	3	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Illinois/b	11	3	1	2	3	2	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Indiana	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	5	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	119	36	18	18	61	42	17	10	4	5	8	7	1	4	3	1
Alabama	6	1	0	1	3	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	20	15	9	6	4	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia/c	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	4	0	2	1	1
Louisiana	4	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
North Carolina/b	9	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0
Oklahoma/d	7	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
South Carolina	8	0	0	0	7	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	27	5	3	2	22	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	13	0	0	0	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>West</b>	20	5	2	2	12	12	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Arizona	6	2	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
California	6	2	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada/d	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Washington	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners leaving death row in 1998: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

a/Total includes 2 American Indians, 1 Asian, and 1 Hispanic inmate of unknown race.

One American Indian in Florida was executed. An American Indian in Oklahoma was awaiting a new trial after his conviction was overturned. One Asian inmate in Oklahoma was executed. One Hispanic inmate of unknown race in Arizona was resented to life in prison after his conviction was overturned.

b/"Other status" consists of 1 man whose conviction and sentence were overturned. No information on the current status of the man was available at the time of data collection.

c/"Other status" consists of 1 man whose sentence was overturned and 1 man whose conviction was overturned. No further action was taken in these cases during 1998.

d/"Other status" consists of 1 man whose sentence and conviction was overturned. No further action was taken during 1998.

**Table 7.15. Time between sentencing and removal for prisoners removed from death row, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners removed from death row						
	Total	Less than 12 months	12-23 months	24-35 months	36-47 months	48-71 months	More than 71 months
<b>All prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	161	1	8	19	9	19	105
<b>Northeast</b>	4	0	1	0	1	0	2
New Jersey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
<b>Midwest</b>	18	0	3	1	1	1	12
Illinois	11	0	1	1	1	1	7
Indiana	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Missouri	5	0	1	0	0	0	4
<b>South</b>	119	1	3	16	6	17	76
Alabama	6	0	0	3	0	1	2
Arkansas	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Florida	20	0	1	7	1	3	8
Georgia	10	0	1	0	0	1	8
Louisiana	4	0	1	0	0	1	2
Maryland	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mississippi	5	0	0	0	1	1	3
North Carolina	9	0	0	2	0	1	6
Oklahoma	7	0	0	2	2	0	3
South Carolina	8	0	0	0	1	0	7
Tennessee	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Texas	27	1	0	1	1	3	21
Virginia	13	0	0	0	0	6	7
<b>West</b>	20	0	1	2	1	1	15
Arizona	6	0	0	0	1	0	5
California	6	0	1	0	0	0	5
Colorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Idaho	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montana	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nevada	4	0	0	1	0	1	2
Washington	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners leaving death row in 1998: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

**Table 7.16. Age of prisoners removed from death row, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners removed from death row							
	All ages	Under 20 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 29 years	30 to 34 years	35 to 39 years	40 to 54 years	55 years and older
<b>All prisoners</b>								
U.S. total	161	1	11	23	18	26	72	10
<b>Northeast</b>	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pennsylvania	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	18	0	0	3	1	3	10	1
Illinois	11	0	0	2	1	1	7	0
Indiana	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Missouri	5	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
<b>South</b>	119	1	11	17	15	21	48	6
Alabama	6	0	0	2	2	1	1	0
Arkansas	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Florida	20	0	5	4	1	3	6	1
Georgia	10	0	1	1	1	2	3	2
Louisiana	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Maryland	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Mississippi	5	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
North Carolina	9	0	2	1	0	1	4	1
Oklahoma	7	0	1	1	0	3	2	0
South Carolina	8	0	0	0	0	1	7	0
Tennessee	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Texas	27	0	2	2	6	5	11	1
Virginia	13	0	0	4	4	2	3	0
<b>West</b>	20	0	0	3	1	1	13	2
Arizona	6	0	0	1	0	0	5	0
California	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Colorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Idaho	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Montana	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Washington	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners leaving death row in 1998: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

**Table 7.17. Legal status at time of capital offense for prisoners removed from death row, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners removed from death row who had the following legal status when they committed capital crimes						Legal status not reported
	Not charged with or sentenced for another crime	Charged with another crime	Under sentence for another crime				
			Total	On probation	On parole		
<b>All prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	94	10	42	14	25	3	15
<b>Northeast</b>	2	0	1	1	0	0	1
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	10	1	6	0	5	1	1
Illinois	4	1	5	0	5	0	1
Indiana	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Missouri	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	71	9	27	10	16	1	12
Alabama	3	0	2	1	1	0	1
Arkansas	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	15	2	2	2	0	0	1
Georgia	7	1	2	2	0	0	0
Louisiana	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
Maryland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mississippi	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	7	0	2	0	2	0	0
Oklahoma	4	0	2	1	0	1	1
South Carolina	6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tennessee	4	0	1	0	1	0	1
Texas	11	2	9	2	7	0	5
Virginia	4	3	6	2	4	0	0
<b>West</b>	11	0	8	3	4	1	1
Arizona	3	0	3	1	2	0	0
California	4	0	1	1	0	0	1
Colorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	3	0	2	1	0
Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners leaving death row in 1998: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.



**Table 7.18. Felony history of prisoners removed from death row, 1998**

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners removed from death row						
	Total	With prior felony convictions			Type of offense unreported	With no prior felonies	Felony history not reported
		Total with prior felonies	Criminal homicide	Other offenses			
<b>All prisoners</b>							
<b>U.S. total</b>	161	85	12	71	2	66	10
<b>Northeast</b>	4	2	1	1	0	2	0
New Jersey	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	3	1	1	0	0	2	0
<b>Midwest</b>	18	10	1	9	0	7	1
Illinois	11	7	1	6	0	3	1
Indiana	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Missouri	5	1	0	1	0	4	0
<b>South</b>	119	61	8	51	2	51	7
Alabama	6	3	0	3	0	2	1
Arkansas	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Florida	20	8	2	6	0	11	1
Georgia	10	5	0	5	0	4	1
Louisiana	4	2	0	2	0	2	0
Maryland	2	1	0	1	0	0	1
Mississippi	5	1	0	1	0	4	0
North Carolina	9	5	1	4	0	4	0
Oklahoma	7	4	2	2	0	3	0
South Carolina	8	2	0	2	0	6	0
Tennessee	6	5	0	4	1	1	0
Texas	27	15	2	12	1	9	3
Virginia	13	9	1	8	0	4	0
<b>West</b>	20	12	2	10	0	6	2
Arizona	6	3	0	3	0	2	1
California	6	4	0	4	0	2	0
Colorado	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Montana	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	4	3	2	1	0	1	0
Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: The following States with death penalty statutes reported no prisoners leaving death row in 1998: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

**Table 7.19. Prisoners executed under civil authority in the United States, by year, region, and jurisdiction, 1930-98**

Region and jurisdiction	Total	1998	1997	1996	1995	1990-1994	1985-1989	1980-1984	1975-1979	1970-1974	1965-1969	1960-1964	1955-1959	1950-1954	1945-1949	1940-1944	1935-1939	1930-1934
<b>U.S. total</b>	4,359	68	74	45	56	137	88	29	3	0	10	181	304	413	639	645	891	776
Federal	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	6	6	7	9	1
State	4,326	68	74	45	56	137	88	29	3	0	10	180	301	407	633	638	882	775
<b>Northeast</b>	610	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	51	56	74	110	145	155
Connecticut	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	5	3	2
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	11	7
New Hampshire	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
New Jersey	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	8	8	6	16	24
New York	329	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	25	27	36	78	73	80
Pennsylvania	154	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	19	21	15	41	41
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
<b>Midwest</b>	455	5	10	9	11	14	2	1	0	0	5	16	16	42	64	42	113	105
Illinois	101	1	2	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	5	13	27	34
Indiana	47	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	2	20	11
Iowa	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	3	7	1
Kansas	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	2	3	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	94	3	6	6	6	10	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	5	9	6	20	16
Nebraska	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	12	20	36	15	39	43
South Dakota	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>South</b>	2,713	55	60	29	41	112	81	28	1	0	2	102	183	244	419	413	524	419
Alabama	152	1	3	1	2	3	6	1	0	0	1	4	6	14	21	29	41	19
Arkansas	135	1	4	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	11	18	20	33	20
Delaware	20	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	2
Dist. of Col.	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	13	3	5	15
Florida	213	4	1	2	3	12	11	9	1	0	0	12	27	22	27	38	29	15
Georgia	389	1	0	2	2	4	11	3	0	0	0	14	34	51	72	58	73	64
Kentucky	104	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	8	15	19	34	18
Louisiana	157	0	1	1	1	3	12	6	0	0	0	1	13	14	23	24	19	39
Maryland	71	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	19	26	10	6
Mississippi	158	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	10	21	15	26	34	22	26
North Carolina	274	3	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	14	62	50	80	51
Oklahoma	73	4	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	4	7	6	9	25
South Carolina	182	7	2	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	10	16	29	32	30	37
Tennessee	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	18	19	31	16
Texas	461	20	37	3	19	52	29	4	0	0	0	29	25	49	36	38	72	48
Virginia	151	13	9	8	5	16	6	2	0	0	0	6	8	15	22	13	20	8
West Virginia	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9	2	10	10
<b>West</b>	548	8	4	7	2	11	5	0	2	0	3	45	51	65	76	73	100	96
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	50	4	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	2	3	6	10	7
California	297	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	29	35	39	45	35	57	51
Colorado	48	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	1	7	6	9	16
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Montana	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Nevada	36	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	9	5	5	3	5
New Mexico	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Oregon	21	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	6	6	1	1
Utah	18	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	2	1	3	2	0
Washington	50	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	7	9	13	10
Wyoming	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	3

**Table 7.20. Prisoners executed under civil authority in the United States, by race and offense, 1930-98**

Year	All races				White				Black				Other races/b		
	Total offenses	Murder	Rape	Other offenses/a	Total offenses	Murder	Rape	Other offenses/b	Total offenses	Murder	Rape	Other offenses/a	Total offenses	Murder	Rape
<b>All years</b>	4,359	3,834	455	70	2,064	1,977	48	39	2,246	1,810	405	31	49	47	2
1998	68	68	0	0	48	48	0	0	18	18	0	0	2	2	0
1997	74	74	0	0	45	45	0	0	27	27	0	0	2	2	0
1996	45	45	0	0	31	31	0	0	14	14	0	0	0	0	0
1995	56	56	0	0	33	33	0	0	22	22	0	0	1	1	0
1994	31	31	0	0	20	20	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0
1993	38	38	0	0	23	23	0	0	14	14	0	0	1	1	0
1992	31	31	0	0	19	19	0	0	11	11	0	0	1	1	0
1991	14	14	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
1990	23	23	0	0	16	16	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
1989	16	16	0	0	8	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
1988	11	11	0	0	6	6	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
1987	25	25	0	0	13	13	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0
1986	18	18	0	0	11	11	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
1985	18	18	0	0	11	11	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
1984	21	21	0	0	13	13	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0
1983	5	5	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1982	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1981	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1980	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1979	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1978	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1977/c	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1965-67	10	10	0	0	8	8	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
1960-64	181	145	28	8	90	79	6	5	91	66	22	3	0	0	0
1955-59	304	253	44	7	135	128	4	3	167	123	40	4	2	2	0
1950-54	413	348	58	7	201	188	9	4	209	157	49	3	3	3	0
1945-49	639	528	103	8	214	203	7	4	419	319	96	4	6	6	0
1940-44	645	536	97	12	276	255	12	9	362	276	83	3	7	5	2
1935-39	891	797	73	21	456	436	7	13	421	347	66	8	14	14	0
1930-34	776	717	52	7	371	367	3	1	395	340	49	6	10	10	0

a/Includes executions for armed robbery (25), kidnaping (20), burglary (11), sabotage (6), aggravated assault (6), and espionage (2).

b/Includes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaska Natives.

c/No executions from 1968 to 1976.

## **Chapter 7: Capital Punishment**

### **Explanatory notes**

The statistics reported for capital punishment may differ from data collected by other organizations. The differences occur for a variety of reasons:

- Inmates under sentence of death are originally added the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) counts when they enter correctional facilities rather than when judges pronounce sentence.
- Following the year when prisoners are first counted, their admissions or releases as a result of court order are attributed to the year for the sentence or court order. For example, a prisoner sentenced in November 1996 entering prison custody in January 1997 would be counted as an admission in the 1997 report; the 1997 report would count him or her as being under sentence of death at yearend 1996. Similarly, a prisoner whose sentence is overturned in 1995 but who remains in the count until 1997 when the court's decision is reported would be subtracted from the 1995 and 1996 reports.
- NPS counts of persons under sentence of death are always for the last day of a calendar year and will differ from more recent counts.
- Some figures shown for yearend 1997 are revised from those reported in Correctional Populations in the United States, 1997. The revised figures include 18 inmates who either were reported late to the NPS program or were not in custody of the State correctional authorities at yearend 1997:

Alabama (1)  
Arizona (1)  
California (2)  
Florida (1)  
Illinois (2)  
Kentucky (1)  
Louisiana (1)  
Mississippi (1)  
Nevada (2)  
Ohio (2)  
Texas (3)  
Wyoming (1).

Twenty-seven inmates had sentences to death removed in 1997 but were not reported:

Alabama (1)  
Arizona (1)  
Federal Bureau of Prisons (1)  
Florida (4)  
Georgia (7)  
Louisiana (1)  
Mississippi (3)

Nevada (3)  
Ohio (4)  
Texas (2)

- The data for 12/31/97 also include 2 inmates who were listed erroneously as being removed from death row: Connecticut (1) and Pennsylvania (1).

- Race has been changed from that previously reported for 7 inmates: 3 in Pennsylvania (from white to "other") and 1 each in Delaware, North Carolina, Texas, and Arizona (from white to black).

FORM **NPS-8**  
(10-22-98)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
ACTING AS COLLECTING AGENT FOR THE  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**CENSUS USE ONLY**

a. Report year

b.

Card \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ Cards

**REPORT OF INMATE UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH  
NATIONAL PRISONER STATISTICS**

**RETURN TO**

**Bureau of the Census  
ATTN: Demographic Surveys Division  
Washington, DC 20233**

**Important - Please read instructions on reverse before completing this form.**

**1. State**

**Inmate's Dept. of Corrections ID.**

**11. Date of arrest for capital offense**

Month Year  
[ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**2. Inmate name**

Last First Middle Initial  
[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**12. Date of conviction for capital offense**

Month Year  
[ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**3. Sex - Mark (X) appropriate box.**

1  Male 2  Female

**13. Date of sentence for capital offense**

Month Year  
[ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**4a. Race - Mark (X) appropriate box.**

1  White 5  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
2  Black 6  Other - Specify   
3  American Indian or Alaska Native  
4  Asian

**14a. Inmate status on December 31, \_\_\_\_\_**  
Mark (X) appropriate box.

1  Under sentence of death - Continue with item b  
2  Sentence of death removed - Skip to items c and d

**4b. Hispanic origin - Mark (X) appropriate box.**

1  Hispanic 2  Non-Hispanic 3  Not known

**14b. Was this inmate on escape or at a mental hospital on December 31?**

1  Yes, on escape - Enter month and year of escape  
2  Yes, at a mental hospital - Enter month and year of transfer to mental hospital  
3  No  
Month Year  
[ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**5. Date of birth**

Month Year  
[ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**NO FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS INMATE**

**6. Capital offense(s) for which imprisoned**  
**Number of death sentences imposed** \_\_\_\_\_

Murder  Kidnap  
 Rape  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**14c. Reason for inmate's removal from under sentence of death - Mark (X) appropriate box.**

1  Executed - Enter date and skip to item 15  
2  Deceased by other causes - Enter date and skip to item 16  
3  Capital sentence declared unconstitutional by State or U.S. Supreme Court  
4  Sentence commuted  
5  Conviction affirmed, sentence overturned by appellate or higher court  
6  Conviction and sentence overturned by appellate or higher court  
7  Other - Specify  
8  Information not available at this office  
Month Year  
[ ] [ ] - [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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**7. Marital status at time of first imprisonment for capital offense**

1  Married - Include common law marriage  
2  Divorced or separated  
3  Widowed  
4  Never married  
5  Not known

**8. Highest year of education completed at time of first imprisonment for capital offense**

01  7th grade or less 07  1st year of college  
02  8th grade 08  2nd year of college  
03  9th grade 09  3rd year of college  
04  10th grade 10  4th year of college  
05  11th grade 11  More than 4 years of college  
06  12th grade - (Include GED) 12  Not Known

**14d. Current status of inmate removed from sentence of death - Mark (X) the one box showing the inmate's status as of the day you fill out this report, i.e., TODAY.**

1  Under new sentence of \_\_\_\_\_  
2  Awaiting retrial to determine guilt  
3  Awaiting resentencing only (guilt affirmed)  
4  Found not guilty in retrial  
5  All charges on capital offense dropped  
6  Other - Specify  
7  No action has been taken since removal from sentence of death  
8  Information not available at this office

**9. Legal status at time of capital offense**  
Mark (X) appropriate box.

**NOT UNDER SENTENCE**

1  No charges pending  
2  Charges pending

**UNDER SENTENCE**

3  On probation  
4  On parole  
5  On escape  
6  Imprisoned  
7  Other - Specify legal status \_\_\_\_\_  
8  UNKNOWN

**15. Method of execution - Mark (X) one box showing how the inmate was executed.**

01  Lethal injection  
02  Electrocutation  
03  Lethal gas  
04  Hanging  
05  Firing squad  
06  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

**10a. Prior felony conviction(s) - Mark (X) appropriate box.**

1  Yes  
2  No  
3  Unknown } Skip to item 11

**10b. Were any of these convictions for criminal homicide?**

Yes, prior conviction for  
01  Murder 04  Attempted murder  
02  Involuntary manslaughter 05  Other - Specify  
08  Manslaughter  
09  Voluntary manslaughter 06  No  
03  Vehicular manslaughter 07  Unknown

**16. Cause of death other than execution**  
Mark (X) the appropriate box.

01  Natural causes  
02  Suicide  
03  Murdered by another inmate  
04  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Please complete one card for each person who (1) entered your State's correctional system under sentence of death at any time during the report year, or (2) had received a sentence of death in a previous year but was not previously reported. Attempt to answer all items.**

**Item b. Card of Cards** – Complete this item to insure proper accounting of all persons under sentence of death in your correctional system who have not been previously reported.

### **Item 4a. Race**

**(1) White** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

**(2) Black** – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**(3) American Indian or Alaska Native** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

**(4) Asian** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, including Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**(5) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**(6) Other** – Any other race not covered by the above categories. Please specify the race in the space provided.

**Item 4b. Hispanic Origin** – Hispanics are defined as those having an ethnic origin or background in Central America, South America, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, or Spain.

**Item 5. Date of Birth** – enter two digits for month (January=01, February=02, etc.) and four digits for year.

**Item 6. Capital offense for which imprisoned** – Mark **all** and **only** those offenses for which capital punishment was levied during the report year or a previous year but not reported. Enter the number of death sentences the inmate received in the space provided.

**Item 7. Marital status at time of first imprisonment for capital offense** – "Time of first imprisonment" refers to the inmate's original time of arrival **at prison** after his first sentencing to death. Separated does **not** include separation because of imprisonment.

**Item 8. Highest year of education completed at time of first imprisonment for capital offense** – Time frame as in Item 7 above. Include Graduate Equivalent Degree (GED) as "12th grade."

**Item 9. Legal status at time of capital offense** – If the person was known to be free in all states with no criminal charges pending at the time of the offense(s) in item 6, mark "Not under sentence – no charges pending."

**Item 10a. Prior felony conviction(s)** – If the person was known to have been convicted of any felony(ies) before being convicted of the offense(s) in item 6, mark "Yes" in item 10a and fill item 10b.

**Item 10b. Prior conviction for criminal homicide** – If the prior felony conviction(s) referred to in item 10a was for criminal homicide, mark item 10b "Yes". Also mark one or more of the types of criminal homicide listed. If the person was convicted of a type not listed, mark "other" and specify the type.

**Item 12. Date of conviction for capital offense** – Generally a person will receive only one conviction for a single capital offense or multiple capital offenses. For such a person, enter the month and year he or she was found guilty of the capital offense(s) entered in item 6. If a person was convicted of more than one capital offense and received more than one death sentence, not all on the same date, enter the earliest date (month and year) the person was found guilty. If a person was previously convicted for the offense(s) shown in item 6, and that conviction was subsequently overturned but the person was retried and found guilty, enter the most recent month and year of conviction. **Do not** for any of the above situations, enter the date an appeal was rejected or the person was admitted to prison.

**Item 13. Date of sentence for capital offense** – Enter the month and year the person was sentenced to death. This date must be the same as or later than the conviction date entered in item 12.

**Item 14a. Inmate status on December 31, \_\_\_\_\_** – Indicate whether or not the inmate was under sentence of death at the end of the report year.

**Item 14b.** If inmate was under sentence of death on December 31, indicate if the inmate was on escape or at a mental hospital. Enter the month and year of escape or transfer to mental hospital.

**Item 14c. Reason for removal from sentence of death** – Complete this item **only** if the sentence of death was removed during the report year, or earlier if removal not previously reported. Mark the box which most accurately describes how the inmate was removed from sentence of death.

**14d. Current status of Inmate removed from sentence of death** – Mark the one box which most accurately shows the inmate's legal status as of **THE DATE THIS REPORT IS COMPLETED**. If "Under new sentence", enter length of new sentence.

# NPS-8B

OMB No. 1121-0030: Approval Expires 02/28/2001

<b>RETURN TO</b>	<b>DSD – Crime Surveys Branch</b> <b>NPS-8</b> <b>BUREAU OF THE CENSUS</b> <b>4700 Silver Hill Rd – Stop 8400</b> <b>Washington, DC 20233-8400</b>	<small>FORM</small> <b>NPS-8B</b> <small>(10-22-98)</small>	<b>STATUS OF</b> <b>DEATH PENALTY STATUTES</b> <b>NO STATUTE IN FORCE, 1997</b> <b>National Prisoner Statistics</b> <b>1998</b>	<small>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</small> <small>BUREAU OF THE CENSUS</small> <small>ACTING AS COLLECTING AGENT FOR</small> <small>BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS</small> <small>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</small>
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<b>Report submitted by</b>	Name and title	Telephone			Date completed
		Area code	Number	Extension	

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**1. National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) records show that at the end of 1997 your State had NO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT STATUTE. At any time in 1998 was such a law established?**

- No – Go to Question 4
- Yes

Effective date

Citation

*Please provide a copy of the law, if possible.*

**2. During 1998, was that law explicitly struck by the U.S. or State Supreme Court?**

- No – Go to Question 5
- Yes
  - Wholly struck
    - By U.S. Supreme Court
    - By State Supreme Court
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**3. In the opinion of the Attorney General, what was the impact on persons sentenced under your State's statute?**

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**4. As of December 31, 1998, does your State CONSTITUTION specifically prohibit capital penalties?**

- No
- Yes

Date

Citation

**5. As of December 31, 1998, your State –**

- Had a capital punishment statute
- Had no capital punishment statute

**6. For what offenses can the death penalty be imposed in your State?**


**7. Does your State provide for automatic appeal upon imposition of the death penalty, irrespective of the defendant's wishes?**

- No
- Yes

**8. What is the minimum age at which persons can be sentenced to death in your State?**

Age

**9. What methods of execution are authorized in your capital punishment statute?**

*Mark (X) all that apply.*

- Lethal injection
- Electrocutation
- Lethal gas
- Hanging
- Firing squad
- Other – Specify  $\checkmark$

# NPS-8C

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**1. National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) records show that at the end of 1997 your State had a capital punishment statute. During 1998, was that law explicitly struck in whole or in part by the U.S. or the State Supreme Court?**

- No – Go to Question 3
- Yes
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    - By U.S. Supreme Court
    - By State Supreme Court
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**3. During 1998, was the capital punishment statute:**

- Revised or modified

*Please provide a copy of the revised sections, if possible. If revised more than once, please specify.*

**3. Continued — During 1998, was the capital punishment statute:**

- Replaced (entirely new statute)

*Please provide a copy of the new statute, if possible.*

- None of the above

**4. As of December 31, 1998, your State –**

- Had a capital punishment statute
- Had no capital punishment statute

**5. For what offense(s) can the death penalty be imposed in your State?**

  
  

**6. Does your State provide for automatic appeal upon imposition of the death penalty, irrespective of defendant's wishes?**

- No
- Yes

**7. What is the minimum age at which persons can be sentenced to death in your State?**

**8. What methods of execution are authorized in your capital punishment statute?**

*Mark (X) all that apply.*

- Lethal injection
- Electrocutation
- Lethal gas
- Hanging
- Firing squad
- Other – Specify ↴