

**Table 6. Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by selected characteristics, 2001-2007**

	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 prisoners, 2001-2007	Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners						
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total</b>	251	242	246	258	253	254	250	257
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	259	250	251	266	260	260	258	265
Female	149	129	146	153	163	164	141	145
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White	350	327	324	366	352	364	353	365
Black	200	206	206	207	202	195	187	195
Hispanic	198	241	246	164	172	173	202	188
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	55	70	33	122	40	40	39	38
18-24	32	39	29	27	39	36	26	29
25-34	60	63	61	68	62	59	58	51
35-44	165	181	183	184	169	162	146	131
45-54	559	585	555	557	541	561	569	543
55 or older	2,123	2,031	1,992	2,033	2,066	2,103	2,139	2,500

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in State prison custody on June 30. Prisoner demographic subgroups are estimated based on the June 30 National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) custody counts, demographic data from the National Corrections Reporting Program, and the 2004 Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.