

Table 9. Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2001-2007

	Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/Don't know
Total	18,193	1,274	1,386	356	254	208	265
Gender							
Male	17,466	1,213	1,319	352	245	201	225
Female	727	61	66	4	9	7	14
Race/Hispanic origin							
White	9,278	253	798	164	140	114	104
Black	6,737	864	303	116	49	63	108
Hispanic	1,874	146	229	65	43	24	19
Other*	241	10	49	9	11	7	7
Age							
Under 18	2	0	6	1	0	1	0
18-24	182	11	216	45	14	19	11
25-34	860	181	464	99	71	48	31
35-44	2,975	582	413	113	94	54	58
45-54	6,005	404	216	65	57	50	62
55 or older	8,157	96	71	33	18	36	75

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.

*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.