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## Deaths in Custody Statistical Tables

BJS collects and disseminates data on deaths that occur in local jails, state prisons, and during the process of arrests by state and local law enforcement agencies through its Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP). This program was initiated by an act of Congress (The Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000, Public Law 106-297), which requires the collection of individual death records for these fatalities. Prior to the passage of the law, BJS had historically collected aggregate counts of deaths in correctional facilities. The collection of individual-level data has provided BJS with the ability to perform detailed analyses of comparative death rates across demographic categories, offense types and facility/agency characteristics.

Collection of individual death records from local jail facilities began in 2000, followed by a separate collection from state prison authorities in 2001. In 2002, BJS began collecting death records from all state juvenile correctional systems. The collection of arrest-related records began in 2003. These four data collections make up the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program. While the legislation requiring the collection expired in 2006, BJS has continued to collect these data, as they represent a unique national resource for understanding mortality in the criminal justice system.

BJS has published both in-depth analytical reports and online statistical tables from these various DCRP collections. To access the latest statistical tables are available at <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=19>:

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**Table 1. Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death, 2001-2007**

	Number of state prisoner deaths							
	2001-2007	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All causes	21,936	2,878	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,177	3,242	3,388
Illness	18,193	2,303	2,379	2,633	2,645	2,668	2,705	2,860
AIDS	1,274	270	245	210	145	153	131	120
Suicide	1,386	169	168	200	200	215	220	214
Homicide	356	39	48	50	51	56	55	57
Drug/alcohol intoxication	254	36	37	23	23	37	57	41
Accident	208	23	31	26	37	30	33	28
Other/Don't know	265	38	38	25	37	18	41	68

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.

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**Table 2. Percent of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death, 2001-2007**

	Percent of state prisoner deaths							
	2001-2007	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All causes	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Illness	82.9	80.8	84.3	83.4	84.3	84.0	83.4	84.4
AIDS	5.8	8.3	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.8	4.0	3.5
Suicide	6.3	5.7	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.8	6.3
Homicide	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.7
Drug/alcohol intoxication	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.8	0.7	1.2	1.8	1.2
Accident	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.8
Other/Don't know	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.3	2.0

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.

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**Table 3. Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause of death, 2001-2007**

	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, 2001-2007	Mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners						
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All causes	251	242	246	258	253	254	250	257
Illness	208	194	198	215	213	213	209	217
AIDS	15	23	20	17	12	12	10	9
Suicide	16	14	14	16	16	17	17	16
Homicide	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Drug/alcohol intoxication	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	3
Accident	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
Other/Don't know	3	3	3	2	3	1	3	5

Note: Mortality rates are based on the June 30 state prison custody population count, collected in the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) program. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.

**Table 4. Number of state prisoner deaths, by selected characteristics, 2001-2007**

	Number of state prisoner deaths							
	2001-2007	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total</b>	21,936	2,878	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,177	3,242	3,388
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	21,021	2,773	2,811	3,039	3,001	3,034	3,112	3,251
Female	888	100	115	126	137	143	130	137
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White	10,851	1,343	1,393	1,597	1,552	1,622	1,628	1,716
Black	8,240	1,159	1,151	1,205	1,187	1,160	1,153	1,225
Hispanic	2,410	314	330	311	330	335	406	384
Other*	360	52	46	45	68	51	36	62
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	10	2	1	3	1	1	1	1
18-24	498	86	62	58	85	79	60	68
25-34	1,754	256	243	278	256	245	251	225
35-44	4,289	656	663	669	624	601	563	513
45-54	6,859	896	909	983	966	1,011	1,063	1,031
55 or older	8,486	972	1,047	1,171	1,204	1,238	1,304	1,550

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.

**Table 5. Percent of state prisoner deaths, by selected characteristics, 2001-2007**

	Percent of state prisoner deaths, by selected characteristics							
	2001-2007	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	95.9 %	96.5 %	96.1 %	96.0 %	95.6 %	95.5 %	96.0 %	96.0 %
Female	4.1	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.0	4.0
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White	49.6 %	46.8 %	47.7 %	50.6 %	49.5 %	51.2 %	50.5 %	50.7 %
Black	37.7	40.4	39.4	38.2	37.8	36.6	35.8	36.2
Hispanic	11.0	10.9	11.3	9.8	10.5	10.6	12.6	11.3
Other*	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.6	1.1	1.8
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	0.0 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
18-24	2.3	3.0	2.1	1.8	2.7	2.5	1.9	2.0
25-34	8.0	8.9	8.3	8.8	8.2	7.7	7.7	6.6
35-44	19.6	22.9	22.7	21.2	19.9	18.9	17.4	15.1
45-54	31.3	31.2	31.1	31.1	30.8	31.8	32.8	30.4
55 or older	38.8	33.9	35.8	37.0	38.4	39.0	40.2	45.7

Note: 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.

**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*.



**Table 7. Number of state prisoner deaths, by state, 2001-2007**

	Total number of state prisoner deaths							
	2001-2007	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>All states<sup>a</sup></b>	21,936	2,878	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,177	3,242	3,388
<b>Northeast</b>	3,162	439	448	492	453	472	417	441
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	220	30	30	36	34	38	25	27
Maine	26	6	7	2	4	0	6	1
Massachusetts	219	29	20	30	25	37	39	39
New Hampshire	43	2	9	6	6	8	6	6
New Jersey	440	69	60	60	59	61	71	60
New York	1,162	175	185	198	154	171	131	148
Pennsylvania	981	122	126	147	163	149	124	150
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	45	3	8	8	7	2	8	9
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	26	3	3	5	1	6	7	1
<b>Midwest</b>	3,895	525	532	538	600	542	569	589
Illinois	608	86	72	80	99	73	94	104
Indiana	378	47	50	56	56	45	70	54
Iowa	96	9	11	13	15	19	12	17
Kansas	160	21	22	32	30	19	16	20
Michigan	887	114	113	127	138	140	138	117
Minnesota	82	13	15	13	6	13	9	13
Missouri	479	57	65	66	77	70	66	78
Nebraska	57	7	8	7	7	8	8	12
North Dakota	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	0
Ohio	796	115	114	91	126	121	106	123
South Dakota	47	4	11	11	5	4	4	8
Wisconsin	297	49	50	41	40	29	45	43
<b>South<sup>a</sup></b>	10,439	1,379	1,347	1,532	1,461	1,483	1,570	1,667
Alabama	510	87	85	92	65	66	61	54
Arkansas	267	42	31	38	35	38	37	46
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	110	16	15	19	13	19	13	15
Florida	1,567	182	183	221	227	244	261	249
Georgia	783	93	106	126	90	122	103	143
Kentucky	299	36	41	45	42	43	46	46
Louisiana	559	72	78	70	94	89	74	82
Maryland	463	70	71	67	79	57	62	57
Mississippi	380	36	33	58	53	64	60	76
North Carolina	556	67	61	74	95	70	90	99
Oklahoma	492	51	64	71	53	75	80	98
South Carolina	441	71	45	63	50	75	65	72
Tennessee	513	51	61	97	71	76	84	73
Texas	2,811	408	396	383	395	351	443	435
Virginia	584	71	69	93	86	84	78	103
West Virginia	95	17	8	15	13	10	13	19
<b>West</b>	4,440	535	619	605	624	680	686	691
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	54	8	14	4	8	4	6	10
Arizona	500	65	74	84	66	78	72	61
California	2,491	288	337	333	348	366	424	395
Colorado	307	43	51	47	39	54	31	42
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	62	7	13	8	8	8	5	13
Idaho	95	17	9	12	12	13	18	14
Montana	57	6	5	12	12	12	5	5
Nevada	198	27	25	24	31	29	23	39
New Mexico	108	11	15	11	16	18	15	22
Oregon	229	24	33	25	34	37	40	36
Utah	57	5	9	10	11	8	7	7
Washington	251	29	31	33	37	45	37	39
Wyoming	31	5	3	2	2	8	3	8

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Prisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

**Table 8. Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by state, 2001-2007**

	Average annual mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners, 2001-2007	Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners						
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>All states<sup>a</sup></b>	251	242	246	258	253	254	250	257
<b>Northeast</b>	261	255	258	287	266	278	237	249
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	165	167	157	187	181	199	128	135
Maine	198	355	385	102	201	0	296	47
Massachusetts	301	278	199	298	249	364	365	352
New Hampshire	241	86	363	242	247	326	216	205
New Jersey	229	241	208	228	224	231	243	229
New York	253	252	275	300	238	270	206	232
Pennsylvania	344	333	321	363	406	363	291	333
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	179	90	221	226	200	59	219	236
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	216	216	218	349	49	304	327	46
<b>Midwest</b>	225	221	222	220	245	218	223	227
Illinois	195	188	167	185	223	163	207	228
Indiana	245	242	250	265	256	197	293	215
Iowa	161	111	135	155	174	221	139	193
Kansas	256	246	251	354	327	210	179	225
Michigan	256	236	226	256	284	286	272	231
Minnesota	155	208	223	178	77	155	100	144
Missouri	229	202	218	218	256	226	219	261
Nebraska	193	181	200	169	173	186	176	269
North Dakota	100	296	87	88	82	74	72	0
Ohio	249	254	254	200	285	273	226	248
South Dakota	216	150	373	363	158	118	111	237
Wisconsin	198	246	244	188	181	133	202	188
<b>South<sup>a</sup></b>	277	271	262	289	271	273	282	294
Alabama	287	365	318	333	261	257	251	222
Arkansas	314	378	266	334	277	302	293	349
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	226	225	220	280	192	275	183	205
Florida	274	253	249	286	277	287	295	268
Georgia	230	205	228	268	185	256	200	269
Kentucky	323	313	337	354	336	324	298	301
Louisiana	401	369	394	354	480	454	364	393
Maryland	280	293	293	278	333	246	270	249
Mississippi	337	242	214	365	334	388	366	448
North Carolina	224	211	184	220	270	191	239	256
Oklahoma	310	232	288	326	235	326	347	415
South Carolina	276	331	203	270	214	325	284	308
Tennessee	386	290	343	501	365	391	433	377
Texas	260	278	268	247	253	224	280	274
Virginia	268	231	223	299	277	271	251	324
West Virginia	343	489	225	392	326	252	304	409
<b>West</b>	220	198	228	217	218	235	222	219
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	171	192	333	90	179	87	123	195
Arizona	227	240	254	275	212	240	202	165
California	214	178	213	207	213	223	242	224
Colorado	226	252	284	252	198	266	144	187
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	163	137	252	151	146	140	86	230
Idaho	227	323	163	214	204	212	278	193
Montana	301	227	171	420	490	451	172	172
Nevada	254	271	248	236	280	260	185	299
New Mexico	244	191	252	179	252	274	220	337
Oregon	266	226	291	210	268	290	306	269
Utah	179	121	219	227	242	168	141	138
Washington	215	189	194	204	218	272	215	214
Wyoming	245	329	191	126	115	407	148	399

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in custody (including private facilities) on June 30th. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007 - Statistical Tables*.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Prisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

**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
<b>Total</b>	18,193	1,274	1,386	356	254	208	265
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	17,466	1,213	1,319	352	245	201	225
Female	727	61	66	4	9	7	14
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
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
<b>Age</b>							
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.

**Table 10. Percent of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2001-2007**

	Percent of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death, 2001-2007						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/ Don't know
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	96.0 %	95.2 %	95.2 %	98.9 %	96.5 %	96.6 %	94.1 %
Female	4.0	4.8	4.8	1.1	3.5	3.4	5.9
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White	51.2 %	19.9 %	57.9 %	46.3 %	57.6 %	54.8 %	43.7 %
Black	37.2	67.9	22.0	32.8	20.2	30.3	45.4
Hispanic	10.3	11.5	16.6	18.4	17.7	11.5	8.0
Other*	1.3	0.8	3.6	2.5	4.5	3.4	2.9
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.4 %	0.3 %	0.0 %	0.5 %	0.0 %
18-24	1.0	0.9	15.6	12.6	5.5	9.1	4.6
25-34	4.7	14.2	33.5	27.8	28.0	23.1	13.1
35-44	16.4	45.7	29.8	31.7	37.0	26.0	24.5
45-54	33.0	31.7	15.6	18.3	22.4	24.0	26.2
55 or older	44.9	7.5	5.1	9.3	7.1	17.3	31.6

Note: 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.

**Table 11. Average annual mortality rate per 1000,000 state prisoners, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2001-2007**

	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, 2001-2007						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/ Don't know
<b>Total</b>	178	15	16	4	3	2	3
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	183	15	16	4	3	2	3
Female	103	10	11	1	1	1	2
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White	256	8	26	5	5	4	3
Black	139	21	7	3	1	2	3
Hispanic	134	13	18	5	4	2	1
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18	11	0	32	6	0	6	0
18-24	10	1	14	3	1	1	1
25-34	25	6	16	3	2	2	1
35-44	97	23	16	4	4	2	2
45-54	420	34	17	5	5	4	5
55 or older	1,757	24	18	8	4	9	18

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

**Table 12. Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause and state, 2001-2007**

	Total number of state prisoner deaths by cause, 2001-2007							
	All causes	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/unknown
<b>All States<sup>a</sup></b>	21,936	18,193	1,274	1,386	356	254	208	265
<b>Northeast</b>	3,143	2,550	242	230	21	35	32	33
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	220	182	2	33	0	1	2	0
Maine	26	22	1	2	0	1	0	0
Massachusetts	219	181	4	19	1	5	3	6
New Hampshire	43	33	2	8	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	440	334	60	22	4	5	4	11
New York	1,162	870	166	87	9	13	15	2
Pennsylvania <sup>c</sup>	981	908	...	43	7	5	6	12
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	45	24	3	11	0	3	2	2
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	26	15	4	5	0	2	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	3,895	3,339	144	276	39	24	38	35
Illinois	608	479	53	52	6	5	7	6
Indiana	378	320	11	23	8	5	5	6
Iowa <sup>b</sup>	96	82	1	12	0	0	0	1
Kansas	160	140	1	10	2	1	5	1
Michigan	887	790	28	48	4	3	8	6
Minnesota	82	70	1	10	0	1	0	0
Missouri	479	423	14	27	8	2	4	1
Nebraska	57	44	1	1	0	2	1	8
North Dakota	8	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ohio	796	709	25	44	9	1	4	4
South Dakota	47	36	0	6	2	0	3	0
Wisconsin	297	239	9	42	0	4	1	2
<b>South/a</b>	10,439	8,743	729	489	158	69	94	157
Alabama	510	426	30	7	5	1	7	34
Arkansas	267	215	17	20	8	0	5	2
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	110	74	16	11	2	0	0	7
Florida	1,567	1,280	183	46	21	4	11	22
Georgia	783	650	61	41	18	1	8	4
Kentucky	299	271	14	9	1	1	2	1
Louisiana	559	447	60	11	4	0	2	35
Maryland	463	287	81	38	16	31	3	7
Mississippi	380	338	12	16	4	3	6	1
North Carolina	556	477	39	18	5	1	13	3
Oklahoma	492	402	14	25	21	11	8	11
South Carolina	441	381	26	18	12	0	2	2
Tennessee	513	442	23	22	12	6	3	5
Texas	2,811	2,453	112	178	25	6	22	15
Virginia	584	506	38	26	3	1	2	8
West Virginia	95	88	2	3	1	1	0	0
<b>West</b>	4,440	3,561	140	391	138	126	44	40
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	54	34	0	8	1	4	6	1
Arizona	500	431	14	34	8	11	1	1
California	2,491	1,949	101	221	101	82	17	20
Colorado <sup>c</sup>	307	260	...	20	7	13	7	0
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	62	45	2	12	1	0	1	1
Idaho	95	79	0	12	1	0	1	2
Montana	57	47	0	8	1	0	1	0
Nevada	198	160	8	15	6	1	2	6
New Mexico	108	89	2	10	4	2	1	0
Oregon	229	194	3	17	1	8	2	4
Utah	57	35	0	16	1	2	1	2
Washington	251	211	10	16	6	2	3	3
Wyoming	31	27	0	2	0	1	1	0

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007-Statistical Tables*.

... Data not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Prisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

<sup>c</sup>State law restricts the reporting of personally-identifiable information on AIDS-related deaths; all AIDS-related deaths are included in "illness" category. For data on AIDS-related deaths in prison, see *HIV in Prisons, 2006*, available at <<http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/html/hivp/2006/hivp06.cfm>>.

**Table 13. Average annual mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause and state, 2001-2007**

	Average annual mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause, 2001-2007							
	All causes	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/unknown
<b>All states<sup>a</sup></b>	251	208	15	16	4	3	2	3
<b>Northeast</b>	261	211	22	19	2	3	3	3
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	165	136	1	25	0	1	2	0
Maine	198	166	8	15	0	8	0	8
Massachusetts	301	249	6	26	1	7	4	8
New Hampshire	241	183	11	46	0	0	0	6
New Jersey	229	174	31	11	2	3	2	6
New York	253	190	36	19	2	3	3	5
Pennsylvania <sup>c</sup>	344	318	...	15	2	2	2	12
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	179	95	12	44	0	12	8	8
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	216	117	34	47	0	17	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	225	193	8	16	2	1	2	4
Illinois	195	153	17	17	2	2	2	6
Indiana	245	208	7	15	5	3	3	6
Iowa <sup>b</sup>	161	138	2	20	0	0	0	3
Kansas	256	224	2	16	3	2	8	3
Michigan	256	228	8	14	1	1	2	2
Minnesota	155	132	2	19	0	2	0	0
Missouri	229	202	7	13	4	1	2	27
Nebraska	193	150	3	3	0	7	3	26
North Dakota	100	87	0	13	0	0	0	1
Ohio	249	222	8	14	3	0	1	1
South Dakota	216	163	0	29	10	0	13	1
Wisconsin	198	159	6	28	0	3	1	1
<b>South</b>	277	232	20	13	4	2	2	24
Alabama	287	239	17	4	3	1	4	22
Arkansas	314	252	20	24	10	0	6	17
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	226	151	33	23	4	0	0	19
Florida	274	222	33	8	4	1	2	5
Georgia	230	190	18	12	5	0	2	2
Kentucky	323	292	16	10	1	1	2	25
Louisiana	401	322	43	8	3	0	1	28
Maryland	280	174	49	23	10	19	2	5
Mississippi	337	300	11	14	3	3	5	2
North Carolina	224	191	16	7	2	0	5	8
Oklahoma	310	253	9	16	13	7	5	8
South Carolina	276	239	16	11	7	0	1	5
Tennessee	386	332	17	16	9	4	2	5
Texas	260	227	10	16	2	1	2	5
Virginia	268	232	18	12	1	0	1	4
West Virginia	343	317	7	11	4	4	0	0
<b>West</b>	220	176	7	19	7	6	2	5
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	171	107	0	25	3	12	20	4
Arizona	227	196	6	15	4	5	1	2
California	214	168	9	19	9	7	1	2
Colorado <sup>c</sup>	226	191	...	15	5	10	5	3
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	163	118	5	32	2	0	3	8
Idaho	227	188	0	29	2	0	3	5
Montana	301	249	0	42	5	0	5	7
Nevada	254	207	10	19	8	1	3	7
New Mexico	244	200	5	23	9	4	2	4
Oregon	266	225	3	20	1	9	2	11
Utah	179	109	0	51	3	6	3	9
Washington	215	181	8	14	5	2	3	2
Wyoming	245	210	0	18	0	9	7	0

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in custody (including private facilities) on June 30th. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see *Capital Punishment, 2007-Statistical Tables*, ... Data not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Prisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

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**Table 1. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2007**

Cause of death	Number of local jail inmate deaths								
	2000-2007	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All causes	8,110	905	946	973	1,004	1,029	1,051	1,099	1103
Illness	3,878	459	429	459	459	484	466	555	567
AIDS	410	58	59	50	54	52	40	54	43
Suicide	2,363	289	314	314	296	300	286	279	285
Drug/alcohol intoxication	567	37	59	55	89	77	84	87	79
Accident	229	25	35	35	28	32	24	32	18
Homicide	172	17	20	18	15	24	22	36	20
Other/unknown	491	20	30	42	63	60	129	56	91

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**Table 2. Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2007**

Cause of death	Percent of local jail inmate deaths								
	2000-2007	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All causes	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Illness	47.8 %	50.7 %	45.3 %	47.2 %	45.7 %	47 %	44.3 %	50.5 %	51.4 %
AIDS	5.1	6.4	6.2	5.1	5.4	5.1	3.8	4.9	3.9
Suicide	29.1	31.9	33.2	32.3	29.5	29.2	27.2	25.4	25.8
Drug/alcohol intoxication	7	4.1	6.2	5.7	8.9	7.5	8	7.9	7.2
Accident	2.8	2.8	3.7	3.6	2.8	3.1	2.3	2.9	1.6
Homicide	2.1	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.5	2.3	2.1	3.3	1.8
Other/unknown	6.1	2.2	3.2	4.3	6.3	5.8	12.3	5.1	8.3

**Table 3. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death, 2000-2007**

Cause of death	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, 2000-2007	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates							
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All causes	145	152	149	146	145	144	138	143	141
Illness	69	77	67	69	66	68	61	72	72
AIDS	7	10	9	7	8	7	5	7	5
Suicide	42	48	49	47	43	42	38	36	36
Drug/alcohol intoxication	10	6	9	8	13	11	11	11	10
Accident	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	4	2
Homicide	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	3
Other/unknown	8	3	5	6	9	8	17	7	12

Note: Mortality rates are based on the average daily population (ADP) for the years 2002 through 2007. In 2000 and 2001, ADP was estimated by taking the average of the January 1 and December 31 one-day inmate population counts.

**Table 4. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by selected characteristics, 2000-2007**

Characteristic	Number of local jail inmate deaths								
	2000-2007	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	8,110	905	946	973	1,004	1,029	1,051	1,099	1,103
Gender									
Male	7,173	814	851	866	869	898	932	970	973
Female	931	91	91	107	133	131	119	129	130
Race/Hispanic origin									
White, non-Hispanic	4,190	453	517	536	538	504	561	531	550
Black, non-Hispanic	2,723	306	283	305	324	362	335	410	398
Hispanic	972	118	116	114	119	135	118	127	125
Other*	181	17	24	18	16	25	23	30	28
Age									
Under 18	48	8	8	7	5	7	5	4	4
18-24	817	89	107	101	103	105	108	103	101
25-34	1,576	184	193	186	212	212	193	197	199
35-44	2,363	266	283	338	284	300	286	313	293
45-54	2,156	239	241	237	266	266	277	306	324
55 or older	1,114	115	111	102	128	136	171	169	182

Note: Detail may not sum to total due to missing data.

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

**Table 5. Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by selected characteristics, 2000-2007**

Characteristic	Percent of local jail inmate deaths								
	2000-2007	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Gender									
Male	88.5 %	89.9 %	90.3 %	89 %	86.7 %	87.3 %	88.7 %	88.3 %	88.2 %
Female	11.5	10.1	9.7	11	13.3	12.7	11.3	11.7	11.8
Race/Hispanic origin									
White, non-Hispanic	51.9 %	50.7 %	55 %	55.1 %	54 %	49.1 %	54.1 %	48.4 %	50 %
Black, non-Hispanic	33.8	34.2	30.1	31.3	32.5	35.3	32.3	37.3	36.1
Hispanic	12.1	13.2	12.3	11.7	11.9	13.2	11.4	11.6	11.4
Other*	2.2	1.9	2.6	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.7	2.5
Age									
Under 18	0.6 %	0.9 %	0.8 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	0.4 %	0.4 %
18-24	10.1	9.9	11.3	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.4	9.4	9.2
25-34	19.5	20.4	20.5	19.2	21.2	20.7	18.6	18	18.0
35-44	29.3	29.5	30	34.8	28.5	29.2	27.5	28.7	26.6
45-54	26.7	26.5	25.6	24.4	26.7	25.9	26.6	28	29.4
55 or older	13.8	12.8	11.8	10.5	12.8	13.3	16.4	15.5	16.5

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

**Table 6. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by selected characteristics, 2000-2007**

Characteristic	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, 2000-2007	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates							
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	145	152	149	146	145	144	138	143	141
Gender									
Male	146	154	151	147	142	143	140	144	143
Female	136	134	123	138	161	149	123	130	129
Race/Hispanic origin									
White, non-Hispanic	172	181	189	183	178	159	167	157	162
Black, non-Hispanic	123	124	110	115	119	131	113	138	131
Hispanic	114	131	124	116	111	124	103	106	99
Age									
Under 18	49	74	70	58	40	54	37	29	28
18-24	52	53	60	54	53	52	51	48	46
25-34	88	97	95	87	96	93	80	80	80
35-44	163	171	171	195	157	161	145	156	144
45-54	383	400	379	355	383	372	364	397	414
55 or older	892	875	793	694	838	863	1,022	996	1,057

Note: Mortality rates are based on the average daily population (ADP). In 2000 and 2001, ADP was estimated by taking the average of January 1 and December 31 one-day inmate population counts. Inmate populations for age are based on the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails. Inmate populations for sex, race/Hispanic origin are based on the Annual Survey of Jails, 2000 through 2007.

**Table 7. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by 50 largest jail jurisdictions, 2000-2007**

Jurisdiction	Number of local jail inmate deaths								
	2000-2007	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	2,861	332	332	356	330	346	365	411	389
Los Angeles County, CA	273	35	36	33	28	23	43	38	37
New York City, NY	247	38	37	24	30	25	30	33	30
Maricopa County, AZ	90	10	7	14	8	9	17	12	13
Cook County, IL	129	22	14	12	8	24	14	23	12
Harris County, TX	127	13	17	22	17	11	9	22	16
Philadelphia City, PA	138	14	14	13	13	22	21	21	20
Dallas County, TX	83	7	6	16	13	12	8	13	8
Dade County, FL	124	14	16	16	16	13	14	17	18
Orange County, CA	37	3	1	2	6	3	5	10	7
Broward County, FL	66	11	12	5	7	5	8	11	7
San Bernardino County, CA	56	3	4	7	6	4	10	15	7
San Diego County, CA	80	7	10	6	9	14	15	10	9
Shelby County, TN	63	7	8	7	6	9	11	8	7
Santa Clara County, CA	42	4	3	7	5	3	8	4	8
Hillsborough County, FL <sup>a</sup>	35	8	3	5	2	6	2	4	5
Baltimore City, MD	99	11	10	18	9	9	9	13	20
Sacramento County, CA	50	2	7	11	7	6	13	2	2
Bexar County, TX	73	6	10	9	14	13	9	5	7
Alameda County, CA	69	10	6	13	12	7	4	8	9
Orange County, FL	34	6	4	5	1	2	3	5	8
District of Columbia	72	4	0	10	12	13	11	12	10
Fresno County, CA	32	5	3	6	4	8	1	3	2
Pinellas County, FL	41	5	5	4	7	4	3	8	5
Tarrant County, TX	33	6	3	1	3	10	2	3	5
Jacksonville City, FL	57	7	12	10	6	3	7	3	9
Clark County, NV	42	8	9	4	3	1	6	6	5
Allegheny County, PA	46	3	6	7	6	5	8	8	3
Riverside County, CA	37	2	2	4	2	4	6	9	8
Davidson County, TN	64	7	8	9	6	9	10	7	8
De Kalb County, GA	28	2	4	1	4	7	4	2	4
Marion County, IN	36	7	6	3	6	2	2	5	5
Fulton County, GA	15	4	0	5	5	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee County, WI	24	0	4	2	2	6	3	3	4
Wayne County, MI	33	6	7	4	3	0	5	4	4
Oklahoma County, OK	36	0	5	2	5	5	5	8	6
Gwinnett County, GA	21	4	3	2	1	4	3	3	1
Palm Beach County, FL	35	5	6	2	5	4	3	4	6
Polk County, FL	15	0	0	2	4	1	2	4	2
Travis County, TX	29	4	4	3	2	3	3	5	5
Franklin County, OH	22	3	2	5	3	2	2	2	3
King County, WA	18	0	0	2	5	3	1	2	5
Cobb County, GA	22	1	0	4	0	7	1	7	2
Denver County, CO	24	0	5	1	2	2	2	4	8
Suffolk County, MA <sup>b</sup>	12	0	2	0	1	2	1	2	4
Hamilton County, OH	32	3	4	4	4	3	4	6	4
Mecklenburg County, NC	15	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	8
Bernalillo County, NM	32	4	1	3	3	4	5	9	3
Kern County, CA	24	3	3	2	2	6	3	3	2
El Paso County, TX	31	5	1	4	2	7	5	1	6
Hampden County, MA	18	3	2	2	3	1	4	2	1

Note: Fifty largest jurisdictions as of June 30, 2006, displayed from largest to smallest.

<sup>a</sup>Hillsborough County data for 2003 cover the first calendar quarter; quarters 2 through 4 were not reported.

<sup>b</sup>Suffolk County data for 2000 exclude the Suffolk County House of Corrections.

**Table 8. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by 50 largest jail jurisdictions, 2000-2007**

Jurisdiction	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, 2000-2007	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates							
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	168	164	165	176	158	161	166	181	171
Los Angeles County, CA	178	178	186	171	132	124	240	197	192
New York City, NY	218	245	255	172	206	182	221	245	214
Maricopa County, AZ	136	150	99	175	99	104	188	123	145
Cook County, IL	160	224	137	110	74	228	136	246	126
Harris County, TX	201	158	239	331	233	134	100	242	170
Philadelphia City, PA	230	216	199	180	199	298	273	239	237
Dallas County, TX	152	96	96	244	191	169	110	182	125
Dade County, FL	231	204	250	240	233	196	208	251	263
Orange County, CA	80	62	21	44	118	54	82	154	107
Broward County, FL	158	229	253	98	141	96	146	185	116
San Bernardino County, CA	129	59	75	141	112	75	178	262	128
San Diego County, CA	195	132	204	123	182	271	286	188	174
Shelby County, TN	153	121	155	145	128	185	217	151	126
Santa Clara County, CA	122	92	73	179	129	72	179	84	165
Hillsborough County, FL <sup>a</sup>	115	239	86	143	53	141	43	91	126
Baltimore City, MD	326	345	304	495	236	209	225	313	485
Sacramento County, CA	170	66	218	334	193	150	310	49	44
Bexar County, TX	246	168	293	247	389	344	233	125	172
Alameda County, CA	215	236	156	335	313	173	99	201	210
Orange County, FL	107	145	96	132	26	58	79	130	193
District of Columbia	315	256	0	572	378	369	311	335	301
Fresno County, CA	152	222	128	264	151	268	33	85	65
Pinellas County, FL	167	200	183	139	238	130	83	228	137
Tarrant County, TX	118	158	86	32	88	291	60	86	143
Jacksonville City, FL	226	256	397	337	197	88	203	86	242
Clark County, NV	187	336	355	146	117	34	187	177	140
Allegheny County, PA	207	131	209	283	229	183	284	237	98
Riverside County, CA	145	78	76	122	62	124	185	276	233
Davidson County, TN	266	251	306	315	204	280	320	219	232
De Kalb County, GA	126	68	127	38	145	269	142	64	153
Marion County, IN	176	289	245	122	216	81	83	163	206
Fulton County, GA	68	133	0	182	193	0	0	0	34
Milwaukee County, WI	96	0	116	64	62	177	107	104	138
Wayne County, MI	152	214	261	148	115	0	192	140	143
Oklahoma County, OK	184	0	268	89	197	189	214	291	221
Gwinnett County, GA	124	238	174	108	56	163	111	110	33
Palm Beach County, FL	168	195	255	77	202	145	108	152	208
Polk County, FL	80	0	0	107	189	38	70	154	81
Travis County, TX	139	156	150	118	81	125	109	193	178
Franklin County, OH	110	139	88	199	112	75	74	78	116
King County, WA	88	0	0	74	208	124	40	78	184
Cobb County, GA	116	49	0	182	0	299	41	279	78
Denver County, CO	140	0	274	53	105	107	89	162	331
Suffolk County, MA <sup>b</sup>	62	0	87	0	41	79	39	84	165
Hamilton County, OH	183	143	202	200	188	134	172	256	170
Mecklenburg County, NC	81	0	0	157	102	0	0	86	302
Bernalillo County, NM	211	293	70	213	179	191	232	393	120
Kern County, CA	128	118	114	78	90	274	136	132	86
El Paso County, TX	172	250	47	167	84	292	229	47	264
Hampden County, MA	128	175	119	121	189	62	207	97	50

Note: Fifty largest jurisdictions as of June 30, 2006, displayed from largest to smallest. Mortality rates are based on average daily population (ADP).

<sup>a</sup>Hillsborough County data for 2003 cover the first calendar quarter; quarters 2 through 4 were not reported.

<sup>b</sup>Suffolk County data for 2000 exclude the Suffolk County House of Corrections.



**Table 9. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2007**

Characteristic	Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2007						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Homicide	Other/unknown
Total	3,878	410	2,363	567	229	172	491
Gender							
Male	3,385	364	2,177	452	207	168	420
Female	492	46	185	115	22	4	67
Race/Hispanic origin							
White, non-Hispanic	1,712	62	1,639	341	145	63	228
Black, non-Hispanic	1,633	289	353	141	56	74	177
Hispanic	444	54	283	74	22	32	63
Other*	72	5	83	8	6	1	6
Age							
Under 18	5	1	36	2	1	1	2
18-24	132	9	477	76	33	42	48
25-34	412	77	716	182	60	39	90
35-44	1,056	174	717	172	69	43	132
45-54	1,382	122	321	115	51	34	131
55 or older	885	25	89	18	15	12	70

Note: Detail may not add to total due to missing data.

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

**Table 10. Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2007**

	Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2007						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol	in Accident	Homicide	Other/unknown
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Gender							
Male	87.3 %	88.8 %	92.2 %	79.7 %	90.4 %	97.7 %	86.2 %
Female	12.7	11.2	7.8	20.3	9.6	2.3	13.8
Race/Hispanic origin							
White, non-Hispanic	44.3 %	15.1 %	69.5 %	60.5 %	63.3 %	37.1 %	48.1 %
Black, non-Hispanic	42.3	70.5	15.0	25.0	24.5	43.5	37.3
Hispanic	11.5	13.2	12.0	13.1	9.6	18.8	13.3
Other*	1.9	1.2	3.5	1.4	2.6	0.6	1.3
Age							
Under 18	0.1 %	0.2 %	1.5 %	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.6 %	0.4 %
18-24	3.4	2.2	20.2	13.5	14.4	24.6	10.1
25-34	10.6	18.9	30.4	32.2	26.2	22.8	19.0
35-44	27.3	42.6	30.4	30.4	30.1	25.1	27.9
45-54	35.7	29.9	13.6	20.4	22.3	19.9	27.7
55 or older	22.9	6.1	3.8	3.2	6.6	7	14.8

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

**Table 11. Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2007**

Characteristic	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death, 2000-2007						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol	Accident	Homicide	Other/unknown
Total	69	7	10	4	42	3	8
Gender							
Male	69	7	44	9	4	3	8
Female	71	7	28	17	3	1	9
Race/Hispanic origin							
White, non-Hispanic	70	3	68	14	6	3	9
Black, non-Hispanic	74	13	16	6	3	3	8
Hispanic	53	6	34	8	3	4	7
Age							
Under 18	5	1	37	2	1	1	2
18-24	8	1	31	5	2	3	3
25-34	23	5	40	10	3	2	5
35-44	73	12	49	12	5	3	9
45-54	246	22	57	20	9	6	22
55 or older	710	20	72	14	12	9	54

Note: Mortality rates are based on the average daily population (ADP). In 2000 and 2001, ADP was estimated by taking the average of January 1 and December 31 one-day inmate population counts. Inmate populations for age are based on the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails. Inmate populations for sex, race/Hispanic origin are based on the Annual Survey of Jails, 2000 through 2007.

# State and local law enforcement arrest-related deaths, 2003-2006

Table 1. Number of arrest-related deaths, by cause of death, 2003-2006

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Table 6. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics and cause of death, 2003-2006

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Table 12. Number of arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and cause of death, 2003-2006

Table 13. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and cause of death, 2003-2006

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**Table 1. Number of arrest-related deaths, by cause of death, 2003-2006**

Cause of death	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
All causes	2,686	627	670	679	710
Homicide —					
by law enforcement	1,540	366	367	368	439
by other persons	13	3	4	4	2
Drug/alcohol intoxication	317	83	79	85	70
Suicide	289	59	84	79	67
Accidental injury	182	52	41	47	42
Illness/natural causes	139	27	46	32	34
Other/unknown	206	37	49	64	56

Note: See Methodology for information on missing data by state for each year.

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**Table 2. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by cause of death, 2003-2006**

Cause of death	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
All causes	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Homicide —					
by law enforcement	57.3 %	58.4 %	54.8 %	54.2 %	61.8
by other persons	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3
Drug/alcohol intoxication	11.8	13.2	11.8	12.5	9.9
Suicide	10.8	9.4	12.5	11.6	9.4
Accidental injury	6.8	8.3	6.1	6.9	5.9
Illness/natural causes	5.2	4.3	6.9	4.7	4.8
Other/unknown	7.7	5.9	7.3	9.4	7.9

Note: See Methodology for information on missing data by state for each year.

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**Table 3. Number of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics, 2003-2006**

Selected characteristics	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
All deaths	2,686	627	670	679	710
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	2,566	594	642	655	675
Female	112	32	28	21	31
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>					
White, non-Hispanic	1,134	286	273	277	298
Black, non-Hispanic	834	196	213	217	208
Hispanic	552	108	145	136	163
Other <sup>a</sup>	100	30	23	26	21
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>					
Under 18	68	18	19	13	18
18-24	503	117	125	140	121
25-34	780	176	185	184	235
35-44	720	184	178	188	170
45-54	390	94	101	80	115
55 or older	164	30	54	50	30

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data.

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 64 cases in which only year of birth was reported, and age was estimated based on an imputed date of birth of June 30th.

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**Table 4. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics, 2003-2006**

Selected characteristics	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
All deaths	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	95.8 %	94.9 %	95.8 %	96.9 %	95.6 %
Female	4.2	5.1	4.2	3.1	4.4
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>					
White, non-Hispanic	43.3 %	46.1 %	41.7 %	42.2 %	43.2 %
Black, non-Hispanic	31.8	31.6	32.6	33.1	30.1
Hispanic	21.1	17.4	22.2	20.7	23.6
Other <sup>a</sup>	3.8	4.8	3.5	4.0	3.0
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>					
Under 18	2.6 %	2.9 %	2.9 %	2.0 %	2.6 %
18-24	19.2	18.9	18.9	21.4	17.6
25-34	29.7	28.4	27.9	28.1	34.1
35-44	27.4	29.7	26.9	28.7	24.7
45-54	14.9	15.2	15.3	12.2	16.7
55 or older	6.2	4.8	8.2	7.6	4.4

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 64 cases in which only year of birth was reported, and age was estimated based on an imputed date of birth of June 30th.



**Table 5. Number of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Selected characteristics	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ Don't know
All deaths	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	2,566	1,499	300	275	177	127	188
Female	112	52	17	14	5	12	12
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	1,134	675	107	159	64	61	68
Black, non-Hispanic	834	454	125	44	76	54	81
Hispanic	552	326	72	72	35	16	31
Other <sup>a</sup>	100	72	12	8	3	3	2
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>							
Under 18	68	52	4	6	5	0	1
18-24	503	365	30	49	36	4	19
25-34	780	471	111	73	50	22	53
35-44	720	361	111	91	52	33	72
45-54	390	194	50	42	29	46	29
55 or older	164	84	7	22	8	34	9

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 64 cases in which only year of birth was reported, and age was estimated based on an imputed date of birth of June 30th.

**Table 6. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Selected characteristics	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ Don't know
All deaths	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	95.8 %	96.6 %	94.6 %	95.2 %	97.3 %	91.4 %	94.0 %
Female	4.2	3.4	5.4	4.8	2.7	8.6	6.0
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	43.3 %	44.2 %	33.9 %	56.2 %	36.0 %	45.5 %	37.4 %
Black, non-Hispanic	31.8	29.7	39.6	15.5	42.7	40.3	44.5
Hispanic	21.1	21.3	22.8	25.4	19.7	11.9	17.0
Other <sup>a</sup>	3.8	4.7	3.8	2.8	1.7	2.2	1.1
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>							
Under 18	2.6 %	3.4 %	1.3 %	2.1 %	2.8 %	0.0 %	0.5 %
18-24	19.2	23.9	9.6	17.3	20.0	2.9	10.4
25-34	29.7	30.8	35.5	25.8	27.8	15.8	29.0
35-44	27.4	23.6	35.5	32.2	28.9	23.7	39.3
45-54	14.9	12.7	16.0	14.8	16.1	33.1	15.8
55 or older	6.2	5.5	2.2	7.8	4.4	24.5	4.9
<b>Number of deaths</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>206</b>

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 64 cases in which only year of birth was reported, and age was estimated based on an imputed date of birth of June 30th.

**Table 7. Number of arrest-related deaths, by state, 2003-2006**

Region and jurisdiction	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	2,686	627	670	679	710
<b>Northeast</b>	369	71	99	91	108
Connecticut	13	0	5	4	4
Maine	9	3	1	2	3
Massachusetts	25	9	6	8	2
New Hampshire	7	1	2	2	2
New Jersey	44	6	14	17	7
New York	142	28	39	30	45
Pennsylvania	113	21	30	26	36
Rhode Island	11	2	2	1	6
Vermont	5	1	0	1	3
<b>Midwest</b>	472	131	124	116	101
Illinois	100	29	28	23	20
Indiana	33	9	7	10	7
Iowa	25	4	9	9	3
Kansas	27	5	6	7	9
Michigan	90	26	24	22	18
Minnesota	23	8	9	3	3
Missouri	16	9	3	2	2
Nebraska	11	5	4	1	1
North Dakota	7	3	2	2	0
Ohio	97	20	25	26	26
South Dakota	5	3	1	1	0
Wisconsin	38	10	6	10	12
<b>South</b>	907	217	225	242	223
Alabama	10	2	0	6	2
Arkansas <sup>a</sup>	4	/	0	1	3
Delaware	8	1	1	1	5
District of Columbia	12	2	4	4	2
Florida	277	55	68	78	76
Georgia	/	/	/	/	/
Kentucky	11	3	2	4	2
Louisiana <sup>a</sup>	23	/	1	10	12
Maryland	/	/	/	/	/
Mississippi <sup>a</sup>	3	/	1	0	2
North Carolina <sup>b</sup>	57	16	19	22	/
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	39	15	20	4	/
South Carolina <sup>c</sup>	10	6	0	0	4
Tennessee <sup>a</sup>	7	/	0	4	3
Texas	380	105	89	96	90
Virginia	59	10	17	10	22
West Virginia	7	2	3	2	0
<b>West</b>	938	208	222	230	278
Alaska	4	0	1	2	1
Arizona	181	26	46	52	57
California	465	106	112	93	154
Colorado	56	21	12	12	11
Hawaii	12	0	5	5	2
Idaho	5	2	1	1	1
Montana	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>d</sup>	2	2	/	/	/
New Mexico	42	15	9	8	10
Oregon	54	12	13	17	12
Utah	30	6	9	6	9
Washington	86	17	14	34	21
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	1	1	/	/	/

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Reported data for 2004-2006; did not report 2003 data.<sup>b</sup>Reported data for 2003-2005; did not report 2006 data.<sup>c</sup>2006 data exclude quarter 1.<sup>d</sup>Reported data for 2003; did not report data for 2004-2006.

**Table 8. Number of arrest-related deaths, by state and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Region and jurisdiction	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ Don't know
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>
Connecticut	13	12	0	0	0	0	1
Maine	9	4	1	2	1	0	1
Massachusetts	25	7	10	3	0	4	1
New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	44	24	7	3	3	3	4
New York	142	72	17	13	10	23	7
Pennsylvania	113	75	9	10	4	8	7
Rhode Island	11	4	4	0	1	2	0
Vermont	5	3	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
Illinois	100	67	5	11	6	6	5
Indiana	33	33	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	25	16	0	6	2	0	1
Kansas	27	17	3	2	2	1	2
Michigan	90	59	11	7	7	4	2
Minnesota	23	16	2	0	3	1	1
Missouri	16	10	2	4	0	0	0
Nebraska	11	8	0	0	1	2	0
North Dakota	7	2	2	3	0	0	0
Ohio	97	66	12	2	7	3	7
South Dakota	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	38	27	1	6	3	0	1
<b>South</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>97</b>
Alabama	10	6	1	1	0	1	1
Arkansas <sup>a</sup>	4	0	2	0	0	1	1
Delaware	8	7	0	0	0	0	1
District of Columbia	12	7	1	2	0	1	1
Florida	277	157	24	6	28	6	56
Georgia	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Kentucky	11	11	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana <sup>a</sup>	23	14	2	1	2	3	1
Maryland	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mississippi <sup>a</sup>	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
North Carolina <sup>b</sup>	57	19	6	9	13	3	7
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	39	31	1	6	1	0	0
South Carolina <sup>c</sup>	10	3	2	0	2	0	3
Tennessee <sup>a</sup>	7	1	2	0	1	0	3
Texas	380	153	77	77	22	30	21
Virginia	59	42	2	8	3	3	1
West Virginia	7	3	1	0	2	0	1
<b>West</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>69</b>
Alaska	4	2	0	1	1	0	0
Arizona	181	114	17	34	7	4	5
California	465	277	70	21	32	24	41
Colorado	56	32	4	10	7	0	3
Hawaii	12	5	4	0	0	3	0
Idaho	5	4	0	0	1	0	0
Montana	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>d</sup>	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
New Mexico	42	18	5	15	2	1	1
Oregon	54	46	1	5	2	0	0
Utah	30	16	1	11	0	0	2
Washington	86	51	7	6	5	0	17
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Reported data for 2004-2006; did not report 2003 data.

<sup>b</sup>Reported data for 2003-2005; did not report 2006 data.

<sup>c</sup>2006 data exclude quarter 1.

<sup>d</sup>Reported data for 2003; did not report data for 2004-2006.

**Table 9. Number of arresting agencies with at least one reported arrest-related death, by state, 2003-2006**

Region and jurisdiction	Average, 2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>392</b>
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>
Connecticut	3	0	4	4	4
Maine	3	4	1	3	3
Massachusetts	6	9	5	6	2
New Hampshire	2	1	2	2	2
New Jersey	9	7	13	10	7
New York	10	8	11	9	10
Pennsylvania	12	8	12	14	12
Rhode Island	3	2	2	1	5
Vermont	1	1	0	1	3
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>72</b>
Illinois	13	11	13	12	14
Indiana	6	8	5	6	5
Iowa	6	3	11	7	3
Kansas	6	6	3	6	7
Michigan	15	15	16	15	13
Minnesota	4	5	6	3	2
Missouri	3	4	3	2	2
Nebraska	2	5	1	1	1
North Dakota	2	5	2	2	0
Ohio	16	10	17	18	18
South Dakota	1	1	1	1	0
Wisconsin	7	9	5	7	7
<b>South</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>137</b>
Alabama	3	2	0	6	2
Arkansas <sup>a</sup>	1	/	0	1	3
Delaware	2	1	1	1	3
District of Columbia	1	1	1	1	1
Florida	39	33	35	44	43
Georgia	:	/	/	/	/
Kentucky	3	3	1	4	3
Louisiana <sup>a</sup>	9	/	1	10	10
Maryland	:	/	/	/	/
Mississippi <sup>a</sup>	1	/	1	0	1
North Carolina <sup>b</sup>	16	14	15	19	/
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	9	11	13	3	/
South Carolina <sup>c</sup>	3	6	0	0	5
Tennessee <sup>a</sup>	2	/	0	4	3
Texas	47	49	40	48	49
Virginia	11	6	14	10	14
West Virginia	2	2	3	2	0
<b>West</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>135</b>
Alaska	2	0	3	2	1
Arizona	16	12	13	16	21
California	52	48	50	46	63
Colorado	11	12	9	12	9
Hawaii	2	0	2	2	2
Idaho	1	2	1	1	1
Montana	:	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>d</sup>	:	2	/	/	/
New Mexico	7	7	9	7	6
Oregon	11	13	9	9	11
Utah	8	5	10	9	7
Washington	14	14	9	18	14
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	:	1	/	/	/

Note: Some death records identified multiple arresting agencies. As a result, the number of arresting agencies may exceed the number of arrest-related deaths.

/Not reported.

:Not calculated; less than 2 years of data reported.

<sup>a</sup>Reported data for 2004-2006; did not report 2003 data.

<sup>b</sup>Reported data for 2003-2005; did not report 2006 data.

<sup>c</sup>2006 data exclude quarter 1.

<sup>d</sup>Reported data for 2003; did not report data for 2004-2006.

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**Table 10. Arrest-related deaths, by most serious offense, 2003-2006**

Most serious offense	Number	Percent
All offenses	2,686	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,546	57.6 %
Homicide	239	8.9
Murder of a law enforcement officer	9	0.3
Att.murder of a law enforcement officer	138	5.1
Other murder/manslaughter	92	3.4
Kidnapping	56	2.1
Sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	20	0.7
Robbery	138	5.1
Assault	1,033	38.5
Assault on a law enforcement officer	385	14.3
Domestic violence <sup>b</sup>	80	3.0
Other assault	568	21.1
Other violent	60	2.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	198	7.4 %
Burglary	67	2.5
Larceny	22	0.8
Motor vehicle theft	30	1.1
Fraud	12	0.4
Other property <sup>c</sup>	67	2.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	196	7.3 %
Possession	129	4.8
Trafficking	44	1.6
Other drug	23	0.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	364	13.6 %
Weapons	43	1.6
Obstruction of justice	110	4.1
Obstruction of law enforcement activities	68	2.5
Obstruction of court activities	42	1.6
Traffic violations	48	1.8
Driving while intoxicated	36	1.3
Drunkenness, disorderly conduct	91	3.4
Probation/parole violation, escape	26	1.0
Immigration	1	--
Other public-order	9	0.3
<b>No criminal charges intended</b>	102	3.8 %
Mental health transport	58	2.2
Medical transport	12	0.4
Unspecified	32	1.2
<b>Offense not reported</b>	280	10.4 %

--Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

<sup>b</sup>Some domestic violence cases may be reported as assaults.

<sup>c</sup>Includes arson and stolen property.

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**Table 11. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by most serious offense and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Most serious offense	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ Don't know
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	57.6 %	75.3 %	28.1 %	52.6 %	25.3 %	23.7 %	27.7 %
Homicide	8.9	13.0	0.0	10.0	1.6	0.0	2.4
Murder of a law enforcement officer	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Att.murder of a law enforcement officer	5.1	8.3	0.0	1.4	1.1	0.0	1.5
Other murder/manslaughter	3.4	4.2	0.0	8.3	0.5	0.0	1.0
Kidnapping	2.1	2.8	0.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	1.0
Sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	0.7	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.0	0.7	0.0
Robbery	5.1	7.2	1.3	4.8	1.6	1.4	1.5
Assault	38.5	49.1	23.7	29.1	21.4	19.4	21.8
Assault on a law enforcement officer	14.3	18.2	9.5	6.2	10.4	8.6	11.7
Domestic violence <sup>b</sup>	3.0	2.4	2.2	7.3	2.7	3.6	1.9
Other assault	21.1	28.5	12.0	15.6	8.2	7.2	8.3
Other violent	2.2	2.6	1.9	2.8	0.5	2.2	1.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	7.4 %	3.6 %	14.2 %	10.0 %	13.2 %	17.3 %	9.7 %
Burglary	2.5	1.4	4.4	2.1	3.8	4.3	5.8
Larceny	0.8	0.4	1.9	1.7	0.5	2.2	0.5
Motor vehicle theft	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.7	3.8	2.2	0.0
Fraud	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.7	1.1	2.2	0.0
Other property <sup>c</sup>	2.5	0.8	7.3	2.8	3.8	6.5	3.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7.3 %	2.6 %	19.2 %	5.5 %	18.7 %	16.5 %	10.7 %
Possession	4.8	1.2	15.8	3.1	9.3	11.5	9.2
Trafficking	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.7	7.1	2.9	0.5
Other drug	0.9	0.4	1.9	0.7	2.2	2.2	1.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	13.6 %	7.0 %	22.4 %	23.2 %	27.5 %	30.2 %	12.1 %
Weapons	1.6	1.7	0.9	3.1	0.5	2.2	0.5
Obstruction of justice	4.1	2.2	6.3	6.6	11.0	4.3	5.3
Obstruction of law enforcement activities	2.5	1.4	4.1	3.1	8.2	2.9	2.9
Obstruction of court activities	1.6	0.8	2.2	3.5	2.7	1.4	2.4
Traffic violations	1.8	0.8	2.8	3.5	4.9	4.3	0.5
Driving while intoxicated	1.3	0.6	0.6	2.8	4.4	5.8	0.0
Drunkenness, disorderly conduct	3.4	0.8	11.4	4.2	3.8	10.1	4.4
Probation/parole violation, escape	1.0	0.6	0.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.5
Immigration	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Other public-order	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
<b>No criminal charges intended</b>	3.8 %	2.3 %	9.1 %	3.8 %	1.6 %	8.6 %	5.3 %
Mental health transport	2.2	1.0	5.4	2.8	1.6	4.3	3.9
Medical transport	0.4	0.1	1.9	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.5
Unspecified	1.2	1.2	1.9	0.3	0.0	3.6	1.0
<b>Offense not reported</b>	10.4 %	9.2 %	6.9 %	4.8 %	13.7 %	3.6 %	34.5 %
<b>Number of deaths</b>	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206

Note: Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

--Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

<sup>b</sup>Some domestic violence cases may be reported as assaults.

<sup>c</sup>Includes arson and stolen property.

**Table 12. Number of arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and cause of death, 2003-2006**

	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/Don't know
All deaths	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest*</b>							
Sheriff's office	541	325	46	61	40	17	52
Local police department	1,952	1,104	258	205	127	112	146
State police/highway patrol	150	99	9	21	11	5	5
Special jurisdiction police	23	13	3	1	3	3	0
Constables	7	5	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved*</b>							
1-9	68	33	4	13	5	6	7
10-24	130	62	15	31	7	7	8
25-49	217	120	15	45	15	12	10
50-99	243	132	28	30	21	13	19
100-249	383	215	56	32	30	19	31
250-499	325	194	39	24	23	15	30
500-999	290	170	36	34	24	8	18
1,000 or more	1,014	616	124	79	57	58	80

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data.

\* In cases involving multiple arresting agencies, the characteristics of the largest agency are reported.



**Table 13. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and cause of death, 2003-2006**

	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ Don't know
All deaths	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest*</b>							
Sheriff's office	20.2 %	21.0 %	14.5 %	21.2 %	22.1 %	12.3 %	25.6 %
Local police department	73.0	71.4	81.4	71.2	70.2	81.2	71.9
State police/highway patrol	5.6	6.4	2.8	7.3	6.1	3.6	2.5
Special jurisdiction police	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.7	2.2	0.0
Constables	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved*</b>							
1-9	2.5 %	2.1 %	1.3 %	4.5 %	2.7 %	4.3 %	3.4 %
10-24	4.9	4.0	4.7	10.8	3.8	5.1	3.9
25-49	8.1	7.8	4.7	15.6	8.2	8.7	4.9
50-99	9.1	8.6	8.8	10.4	11.5	9.4	9.4
100-249	14.3	13.9	17.7	11.1	16.5	13.8	15.3
250-499	12.2	12.6	12.3	8.3	12.6	10.9	14.8
500-999	10.9	11.0	11.4	11.8	13.2	5.8	8.9
1,000 or more	38.0	39.9	39.1	27.4	31.3	42.0	39.4
<b>Number of deaths</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>206</b>

\* In cases involving multiple arresting agencies, the characteristics of the largest agency are reported.

# Methodology

## **BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) – Local jail inmate death data**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) began collecting inmate death records from jail jurisdictions nationwide in December 2000 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (PL 106-297). Data on inmate deaths were requested at the end of each calendar quarter (form CJ-9 for local jails, form CJ-10 for private or multi-jurisdictional jails). Jails were also asked to submit inmate population and admission counts at the end of each calendar year which allowed for the calculation of inmate mortality rates (forms CJ-9A and CJ-10A). As part of the yearend collection of population data, jails were asked for a yearend count of inmate deaths which were reconciled with quarterly reports to identify missing records. Jails with missing death records were asked to submit the records on a separate quarterly death report form.

Jails were instructed to report the death of any inmate in their custody, even if the inmate was held for other jurisdictions, such as the state department of corrections, another state or county, or the federal government. Jails were also instructed to include the death of any inmate sent outside the jail facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services or for work-release programs. Deaths that occurred while an inmate was in transit to or from the jail facility were included. Deaths of jail inmates who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the jail facility were excluded.

From the beginning of the collection in 2000, as agent for BJS, the Governments Division of the U.S. Census Bureau collected both the quarterly death records and the yearend collection of population and admissions data from all jail jurisdictions nationwide. If a final determination of cause of death could not be made at the time of reporting, respondents were asked to indicate that autopsy reports were pending. Jurisdictions with incomplete records were contacted again over the following 12 months to obtain final cause of death data. In each year (2000 through 2006), at least 99% of the more than 3,000 jail jurisdictions nationwide responded to the collection.

For local jail survey forms, see [Deaths in Custody survey questionnaires](#).

## **BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) – State prisoner death data**

BJS began collecting inmate death records from state prison authorities nationwide in 2001 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (PL 106-297). State departments of correction were asked to submit a quarterly report of all deaths at the end of each calendar quarter. States were also asked to submit a quarterly summary count of deaths (form NPS-4) and an individual report of each inmate death (form NPS-4A). If a final determination of cause of death could not be made at the time of reporting, respondents were asked to indicate that autopsy reports were pending. Jurisdictions with incomplete records were contacted again over the following 12 months to obtain final cause of death data.

State prisons were instructed to report the deaths of any inmate in their custody, even if the inmate was held for other jurisdictions, such as a county jail, another state, or the federal government. State prisoner death counts include the death of any inmate held in a private prison facility under contract to the state's department of correction. Deaths of inmates in private facilities were counted in the state that had jurisdiction over the inmate, not the state where the private facility was located.

State prisons were also instructed to include the death of any inmate sent outside the prison facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services or for work-release programs. Deaths that occurred while a state prisoner was in transit to or from the prison were included. Deaths of state prisoners who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the prison facility were

excluded. All execution deaths were excluded from the collection because capital punishment cases are already tracked under the National Prisoners Statistics program.

This data collection was conducted by BJS staff during 2001 and 2002 and by data collection staff of Governments Division of the U.S. Census Bureau for BJS since 2003. In each year (2001 through 2006), all 50 state departments of correction responded to the collection. The District of Columbia submitted data for its prison population until transferring all of their custody operations to the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2001. Federal prisons are not covered by PL 106-297 and these tables do not include mortality data on federal prisoners.

For state prisoner survey forms, see [Deaths in Custody survey questionnaires](#).

### **BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) – State and local law enforcement arrest-related death data**

The Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-297) required the U.S. Department of Justice to begin a quarterly collection of individual death records for all persons incarcerated in state or local correctional facilities, as well as “any person who is in the process of arrest.” The act linked eligibility for funds under the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth In Sentencing (VOI/TIS) grant programs to reporting death records to the Attorney General. At the time the law was enacted, all 50 states and the District of Columbia participated in the VOI/TIS grant programs. The act did not apply to federal law enforcement agencies or the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

#### *Identifying State-level data providers*

In developing the collection of arrest-related death records, BJS staff contacted multiple offices in each state to determine the appropriate reporting contact. While each state was required to report these death records as a condition of eligibility for VOI/TIS grant funds, the grants were awarded to state departments of correction. In developing the collection, BJS did not find any state correctional authorities that collected information on the operations of law enforcement agencies in their state.

At the time the Death in Custody Reporting Act was passed, only two states (California and Texas) collected information on all types of arrest-related deaths. For the remaining 48 states and the District of Columbia, the new DCRP collection was the first attempt to perform a comprehensive count of all arrest-related deaths.

In California and Texas, state statutes required the reporting of all arrest-related deaths to the state attorney general's office. These offices agreed to complete statewide reports of arrest-related deaths for submission to BJS. In all other jurisdictions, BJS worked with state officials to determine which agency would collect arrest-related death reports.

A state criminal justice commission, commonly administered by the governor's office, was the most common data reporting contact (22 states), followed by the state attorney general and state police department (8 states each). In five states, the department of corrections took a lead role in compiling records because of the VOI/TIS grant funding. In over 30 states, the reporting office also served as a state criminal justice Statistical Analysis Center (SAC).

#### **Agencies reporting DCRP arrest-related death records**

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<b>All data providers</b>	48
<b>State criminal justice commission</b>	22
<b>State attorney general</b>	8
<b>State police/highway patrol</b>	8
<b>State department of correction</b>	5
<b>State medical examiner</b>	3
<b>State department of public safety</b>	1
<b>State office of financial management</b>	1

While every state identified a data provider, three states — Georgia, Maryland, and Montana — never submitted records. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia participated in the collection at some point, but the participation of some states varied by year. A total of 43 states participated in 2003, 45 states participated in both 2004 and 2005, and 43 states participated in 2006. The District of Columbia submitted records in all four years. For a summary of state reporting coverage, see statistical tables 7 and 9.

Many of the arrest-related deaths undergo lengthy investigations by prosecutors, police departments, and coroner's offices to determine a cause of death or decide a legal disposition of the case. It took up to 15 months to finalize cause of death information for some cases. Multiple contacts were made to the state data providers to complete missing items and receive a final cause of death.

#### *Data sources for state reporters*

Regardless of which state office ultimately took the lead in compiling the death records, most states utilized multiple data sources in this effort. Of the 47 states that participated at some point, 42 used multiple sources of information on arrest-related deaths, while 30 states reported at least 3 different sources of data. (For a detailed listing of reporting methods used by each state, see pages 9 and 10 of the online version of the BJS Special Report, [Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005](#).)

State and local law enforcement agencies were the most common source of data used by state reporters. Law enforcement agencies voluntarily reported arrest-related deaths to 40 data providers. In California and Texas, law enforcement agencies were required by state law to submit arrest-related death records. The Metropolitan Police Department was the only source of arrest-related data for the District of Columbia.

Thirty states used media searches to identify arrest-related deaths and followed up with a data request to the law enforcement agency involved in the incident. In some cases when the agency did not respond to this information request, the state contact used the media accounts of the death to complete the DCRP questionnaire. Twenty-three states involved county coroners or the state medical examiner's office in compiling these records, and 19 states involved the state police. Nine states used their Uniform Crime Reporting office, and 6 states collected information from prosecutors' offices. Seven states used other resources or agencies in compiling these reports.

#### *Defining deaths "in the process of arrest"*

BJS had to define the term "in the process of arrest," specified in the Death in Custody Reporting Act (PL 106-297). BJS staff consulted with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and criminal justice researchers to identify which circumstances involved an "arrest process."

All deaths of persons in the physical custody or under the physical restraint of law enforcement officers were included. This resulted in the reporting of 102 deaths over four years in which no criminal charges were involved. Law enforcement responses to people exhibiting mental health problems accounted for 58 of these cases, while another 12 cases involved persons who had to be restrained by police for medical transportation. In another 32 cases, the reason for law enforcement involvement was not specified, but the record indicated that no criminal charges were involved. The deaths of any other persons not subject to an attempted arrest were excluded, including bystanders and law enforcement officers killed during an attempted arrest.

State contacts were instructed to include all deaths resulting from use of force by law enforcement officers. Arrest-related suicides were also included in this collection, provided that law enforcement officers were in some type of contact with the arrest subject prior to the suicide. For example, if an armed suspect was surrounded by officers and chose to take his own life rather than surrender, the death would be included. However, if an offender was actively sought by police but committed suicide before the police located him, the death would be excluded. The reason for the exclusion is that no officers were present at the time of death to attempt an arrest.

Vehicular accident deaths that were not specifically related to arrest activities were excluded from the collection. States were instructed to include vehicular accident deaths only when law enforcement officers actively took some role in causing the accident during an arrest attempt. This included shooting at the vehicle or driver or forcing the vehicle off the road with a police vehicle or other obstructions (such as a spike strip to blow out tires or a roadblock). All other vehicular deaths were excluded.

States were also instructed to disregard whether an arrest warrant had been issued. Because officers frequently make arrests in response to unexpected events, requiring an arrest warrant would leave many arrest-related deaths unreported. Likewise, states were told to exclude the deaths of persons who had arrest warrants issued against them that were not enforced. For example, if an offender had a bench warrant issued for their arrest, but later died before any officers attempted to enforce this arrest warrant, the state was told to exclude that record. In such cases, the arrest warrant indicated an administrative criminal justice status and not an attempt to bring the subject into custody.

Deaths of arrestees were subject to the data collection from the time police encountered them in the field until the time they were booked into a local jail facility. This included deaths of arrest subjects who died at medical facilities due to injuries or medical problems, as well as any persons who died in transit from an arrest scene in a police vehicle or ambulance. All deaths in jails are reported to BJS under a separate DCRP collection with different questionnaires.

Once records of arrest-related deaths were submitted to BJS, the forms were reviewed to ensure that each case met the established guidelines. BJS staff and the state contacts routinely discussed and resolved cases that were ambiguous or appeared to involve circumstances that would exclude them from the collection. Since the publication of the report [Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005](#), BJS has also undertaken an intensive review of DCRP jail death records to search for records reported to multiple DCRP collections. This review identified 26 arrest-related death records submitted during the 2003-2005 period that were also reported as jail inmate deaths (1.3% of the 2,002 deaths reported). In the interest of avoiding double-counts of the same events, these deaths have been excluded from the statistical tables presented for the 2003-2006 period. As a result, counts of deaths presented in the statistical tables for 2003-2005 may not match those published earlier.

#### *Other national measures of arrest-related deaths*

While DCRP is the only national statistical program that measures all types of arrest-related deaths, two other national programs measure law enforcement homicides. Law enforcement agencies can submit Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR) as part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) also

compiles mortality statistics, including a category for law enforcement homicides. For a detailed discussion of these resources and how their measures of arrest-related deaths differ from the DCRP, please see the BJS Special Report, [\*Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005\*](#).

For state and local law enforcement arrest-related death survey forms, see [Deaths in Custody survey questionnaires](#).