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**Prisoners under sentence of death and outcome of the sentence**

By year of sentencing, United States, 1973-2004

	Prisoners under sentence of death	Prisoners removed from under sentence of death						Other or unknown reasons	Prisoners under sentence of death Dec. 31, 2004
		Execution	Other death	Appeals or higher courts overturned			Sentence commuted		
				Death penalty statute	Conviction	Sentence			
Total	7,529	944	301	472	778	1,348	337	34	3,315
1973	42	2	0	14	9	8	9	0	0
1974	149	11	4	65	15	30	22	1	1
1975	298	6	4	171	24	67	21	2	3
1976	233	14	5	136	17	43	15	0	3
1977	137	19	3	40	26	33	7	0	9
1978	185	36	6	21	36	65	8	0	13
1979	151	28	13	2	28	59	6	1	14
1980	173	45	13	3	29	50	12	0	21
1981	223	54	14	0	42	78	12	1	22
1982	267	59	18	0	39	74	12	1	64
1983	253	63	18	1	27	64	14	2	64
1984	284	61	16	2	44	67	12	8	74
1985	264	45	10	1	41	81	12	4	70
1986	299	64	20	0	47	61	13	5	89
1987	288	51	21	5	40	66	6	7	92
1988	291	48	13	1	34	64	13	0	118
1989	258	39	11	0	31	53	12	1	111
1990	251	42	10	0	35	44	15	1	104
1991	267	32	10	0	34	38	10	0	143
1992	288	35	13	0	27	45	19	0	149
1993	287	42	15	0	19	31	15	0	165
1994	314	44	11	0	25	36	11	0	187
1995	317	41	14	0	15	32	12	0	203
1996	317	21	10	0	20	42	11	0	213
1997	277	11	5	0	21	30	5	0	205
1998	300	14	8	2	20	25	8	0	223
1999	276	5	7	3	16	22	10	0	213
2000	232	6	5	1	10	22	8	0	180
2001	163	4	2	0	5	13	2	0	137
2002	168	1	1	2	2	5	5	0	152
2003	152	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	149
2004	125	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	124

Note: See Note, [table 6.81.2004](#). For those prisoners sentenced to death more than once, the numbers are based on the most recent death sentence.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment, 2004*, Bulletin NCJ 211349 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, November 2005), p. 14. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.