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Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, ethnicity, and jurisdiction, on July 1, 2005

Jurisdiction	Total ^a	Race, ethnicity				
		White	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Asian
United States ^b	3,415 ^c	1,553	1,432	350	40	39
Federal	36	12	23	0	1	0
U.S. military	8	1	6	0	0	1
Alabama	191	97	92	2	0	0
Arizona	128	91	12	21	3	1
Arkansas	38	16	22	0	0	0
California	648	253	233	128	14	20
Colorado	3	0	2	1	0	0
Connecticut	8	3	3	2	0	0
Delaware	19	10	6	3	0	0
Florida	388	219	133	34	1	1
Georgia	112	54	54	3	0	1
Idaho	21	21	0	0	0	0
Illinois	10	5	3	2	0	0
Indiana	30	22	8	0	0	0
Kansas	7	5	2	0	0	0
Kentucky	37	28	8	1	0	0
Louisiana	89	29	57	2	0	1
Maryland	9	3	6	0	0	0
Mississippi	70	33	36	0	0	1
Missouri	55	32	23	0	0	0
Montana	4	4	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	10	6	1	3	0	0
Nevada	85	42	34	8	0	1
New Hampshire	0	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	14	7	7	0	0	0
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0
New York	2	1	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	192	71	105	4	10	2
Ohio	196	92	98	2	2	2
Oklahoma	97	51	38	2	6	0
Oregon ^c	32	26	2	2	1	0
Pennsylvania	233	70	143	18	0	2
South Carolina	77	37	40	0	0	0
South Dakota	4	4	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	108	60	43	1	2	2
Texas	414	128	172	110	0	4
Utah	10	6	2	1	1	0
Virginia	23	10	13	0	0	0
Washington	10	6	4	0	0	0
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0

Note: The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. collects data on persons on death row. As of July 1, 2005, 38 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had capital punishment laws; 37 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had at least 1 prisoner under sentence of death.

^aOn Mar. 1, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court determined in *Roper v. Simmons* that it is unconstitutional to execute a person for a crime committed when that person was under the age of 18. Only juveniles whose death sentences were vacated by court order or other official action before July 1, 2005 have been removed from each State's counts.

^bDetail will not add to total because prisoners sentenced to death in more than one State are listed in the respective State totals, but each prisoner is counted only once for the national total.

^cTotal includes one prisoner in Oregon whose race/ethnicity was unknown.

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