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Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, ethnicity, and jurisdiction, on Jan. 1, 2008

Jurisdiction	Total ^a	Race, ethnicity				
		White	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Asian
United States ^b	3,316 ^c	1,495	1,379	364	37	40
Federal	51	20	28	2	1	0
U.S. military	9	2	6	0	0	1
Alabama	203	106	95	2	0	0
Arizona	126	91	13	19	3	0
Arkansas	40	15	25	0	0	0
California	667	251	239	143	12	22
Colorado	2	0	1	1	0	0
Connecticut	9	3	5	1	0	0
Delaware	19	7	9	3	0	0
Florida	397	222	137	36	1	1
Georgia	107	54	49	3	0	1
Idaho	19	19	0	0	0	0
Illinois	13	6	5	2	0	0
Indiana	19	13	6	0	0	0
Kansas	9	5	4	0	0	0
Kentucky	39	31	7	1	0	0
Louisiana	88	30	55	2	0	1
Maryland	6	2	4	0	0	0
Mississippi	64	30	33	0	0	1
Missouri	48	28	20	0	0	0
Montana	2	2	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	10	5	1	4	0	0
Nevada	77	40	28	8	0	1
New Hampshire	0	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	173	67	91	4	10	1
Ohio	188	85	96	3	2	2
Oklahoma	84	43	34	3	4	0
Oregon ^c	35	28	3	2	1	0
Pennsylvania	228	71	136	19	0	2
South Carolina	63	27	36	0	0	0
South Dakota	3	3	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	102	55	42	1	2	2
Texas	373	111	153	104	0	5
Utah	9	6	1	1	1	0
Virginia	21	8	13	0	0	0
Washington	9	5	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 Jan. 1, 2008, 36 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had capital punishment laws; 35 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 Jan. 1, 2008 have been removed from each State's counts.

^bDetail will not add to total because seven 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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