

Table 6.82.2009

Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, region, and jurisdiction, on Dec. 31, 2008 and 2009

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death on Dec. 31, 2008			Changes during 2009									Prisoners under sentence of death on Dec. 31, 2009		
	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Received under sentence of death			Removed from death row (excluding executions) <sup>a</sup>			Executed			Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black
				Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black			
United States, total	3,210	1,795	1,343	112	65	42	97	49	47	52	31	21	3,173	1,780	1,317
Federal <sup>c</sup>	51	23	27	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	26	28
State	3,159	1,772	1,316	108	62	41	97	49	47	52	31	21	3,118	1,754	1,289
Northeast	234	85	140	8	3	5	13	4	9	0	0	0	229	84	136
Connecticut	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	6
New Hampshire	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	223	81	133	8	3	5	13	4	9	0	0	0	218	80	129
Midwest	277	147	126	7	5	2	9	2	6	7	6	1	268	144	121
Illinois	15	10	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	11	5
Indiana	15	12	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	14	11	3
Kansas	8	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	4
Missouri	50	28	22	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	51	29	22
Nebraska	10	8	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	8	2
Ohio	176	82	91	1	0	1	7	0	6	5	4	1	165	78	85
South Dakota	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
South	1,708	934	752	49	29	19	56	29	27	45	25	20	1,656	909	724
Alabama	205	107	98	9	6	2	8	6	2	6	4	2	200	103	96
Arkansas	41	16	25	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	40	16	24
Delaware	19	9	10	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	17	9	8
Florida	391	255	136	15	10	5	15	9	6	2	2	0	389	254	135
Georgia	105	57	47	2	1	1	3	3	0	3	3	0	101	52	48
Kentucky	36	30	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	35	29	6
Louisiana	84	28	55	3	2	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	83	29	53
Maryland	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4
Mississippi	60	28	31	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	60	28	31
North Carolina	161	66	86	2	1	1	4	2	2	0	0	0	159	65	85
Oklahoma	84	45	35	2	1	1	4	1	3	3	2	1	79	43	32
South Carolina	58	25	33	2	1	1	3	0	3	2	1	1	55	25	30
Tennessee	88	49	37	3	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	89	49	38
Texas	356	211	141	8	5	3	9	5	4	24	11	13	331	200	127
Virginia	15	7	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	13	6	7
West	940	606	298	44	25	15	19	14	5	0	0	0	965	617	308
Arizona	118	101	13	14	9	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	131	109	17
California	668	396	243	29	15	11	13	9	4	0	0	0	684	402	250
Colorado	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Idaho	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	0
Montana	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Nevada	81	47	33	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	80	47	32
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Oregon	34	30	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	31	27	3
Utah	10	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	8	1
Washington	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	3
Wyoming	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Note: Thirty-seven States and the Federal Government had death penalty statutes in effect during 2008. New Mexico enacted legislation repealing the death penalty, effective July 1, 2009, therefore in 2009 thirty-six States and the Federal Government had death penalty statutes in effect. The U.S. military also has a death penalty provision, but the Bureau of Justice Statistics does not collect data for persons under military death sentence. Some data for yearend 2008 have been revised by the Source and will differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. Data for "white" and "black" prisoners include Hispanics.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes prisoners held under Armed Forces jurisdiction with a military death sentence for murder.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment, 2009 - Statistical Tables*, NCJ 231676, Table 4 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp09st.pdf> [Dec. 7, 2010].

<sup>a</sup>Includes 23 deaths from natural causes (8 in California; 5 each in Alabama and Florida; and 1 each in Georgia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Texas); and 4 deaths from suicide (1 each in California, Georgia, Nevada, and Pennsylvania).

<sup>b</sup>Totals include prisoners of races other than white and black.