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Prisoners executed under civil authority

By region and jurisdiction, 1930-2012

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Region and jurisdiction	1930 to 1934	1935 to 1939	1940 to 1944	1945 to 1949	1950 to 1954	1955 to 1959	1960 to 1964	1965 to 1969	1970 to 1979	1980 to 1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
United States	776	891	645	639	413	304	181	10	3	29	18	18	25	11	16	23	14	31	38
Federal	1	9	7	6	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State	775	882	638	633	407	301	180	10	3	29	18	18	25	11	16	23	14	31	38
Northeast	155	145	110	74	56	51	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	2	3	5	5	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Massachusetts	7	11	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Hampshire	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	24	16	6	8	8	9	3	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	80	73	78	36	27	25	10	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	41	41	15	21	19	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vermont	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
Midwest	105	113	42	64	42	16	16	5	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	5	1	1	4
Illinois	34	27	13	5	8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Indiana	11	20	2	5	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	1	7	3	4	1	-	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X	-	3	2	5	-	1	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri	16	20	6	9	5	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	1	4
Nebraska	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio	43	39	15	36	20	12	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Dakota	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
South	419	524	413	419	244	183	102	2	1	28	16	18	24	10	13	17	13	26	30
Alabama	19	41	29	21	14	6	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	4	1	-	2	-
Arkansas	20	33	20	18	11	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Delaware	2	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
District of Columbia	15	5	3	13	3	1	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida	15	29	38	27	22	27	12	-	1	9	3	3	1	2	2	4	2	2	3
Georgia	64	73	58	72	51	34	14	-	-	3	3	1	5	1	1	-	1	-	2
Kentucky	18	34	19	15	8	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	39	19	24	23	14	13	1	-	-	6	1	-	8	3	-	1	1	-	1
Maryland	6	10	26	19	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	26	22	34	26	15	21	10	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	51	80	50	62	14	5	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Oklahoma	25	9	6	7	4	3	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
South Carolina	37	30	32	29	16	10	8	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Tennessee	16	31	19	18	1	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	48	72	38	36	49	25	29	-	-	4	6	10	6	3	4	4	5	12	17
Virginia	8	20	13	22	15	8	6	-	-	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	5
West Virginia	10	10	2	9	5	4	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
West	96	100	73	76	65	51	45	3	2	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	4	4
Alaska ^a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arizona	7	10	6	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
California	51	57	35	45	39	35	29	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Colorado	16	9	6	7	1	2	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii ^a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montana	1	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	5	3	5	5	9	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
New Mexico	2	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	1	1	6	6	4	-	1	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utah	-	2	3	1	2	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Washington	10	13	9	7	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Wyoming	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 ^b	2008 ^b	2009	2010	2011	2012
United States	31	56	45	74	68	98	85	66	71	65	59	60	53	42	37	52	46	43	43
Federal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State	31	56	45	74	68	98	85	64	71	64	59	60	53	42	37	52	46	43	43
Northeast	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Maine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Massachusetts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X
New York	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(c)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pennsylvania	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vermont	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Midwest	3	11	9	10	5	12	5	10	9	7	7	14	6	5	2	7	8	6	5
Illinois	1	5	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X
Indiana	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	2	-	2	-	5	1	2	-	1	-	-	-
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Minnesota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri	X	6	6	6	3	9	5	7	6	2	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Nebraska	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(d)	(d)	-	-	-
North Dakota	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ohio	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	3	7	4	5	2	2	5	8	5	3
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Wisconsin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
South	26	41	29	60	55	74	76	50	61	57	50	43	44	36	35	45	35	32	31
Alabama	-	2	1	3	1	2	4	-	2	3	2	4	1	3	-	6	5	6	-
Arkansas	5	2	1	4	1	4	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	1	1	3	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
District of Columbia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Florida	1	3	2	1	4	1	6	1	3	3	2	1	4	-	2	2	1	2	3
Georgia	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	4	4	3	2	3	-	1	3	3	2	4	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Maryland	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	3	2	6
North Carolina	1	2	-	-	3	4	1	5	2	7	4	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	-	3	2	1	4	6	11	18	7	14	6	4	4	3	2	3	3	2	6
South Carolina	-	1	6	2	7	4	1	-	3	-	4	3	1	1	3	2	-	1	-
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
Texas	14	19	3	37	20	35	40	17	33	24	23	19	24	26	18	24	17	13	15
Virginia	2	5	8	9	13	14	8	2	4	2	5	-	4	-	4	3	3	1	-
West Virginia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
West	2	2	7	4	8	11	4	4	1	-	2	2	3	1	-	-	3	5	7
Alaska ^a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Arizona	-	1	2	2	4	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	6
California	-	-	2	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii ^a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Idaho	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Montana	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
Oregon	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utah	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Washington	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: In three States, Maine, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, there were no death penalty statutes in effect for the entire period covered by the table. Alaska and Hawaii have not authorized the death penalty since 1960, when they were first included as States. For other States, the death penalty may have been abolished or declared unconstitutional, and/or subsequently reinstated. In these cases, an X appears to indicate years when the death penalty was not in effect.

^a As States, Alaska and Hawaii are included in the series beginning Jan. 1, 1960.

^b On Sept. 25, 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a case challenging the use of lethal injection. In *Baze v. Rees* (No. 07-5439), a Kentucky case, the Supreme Court considered whether lethal injection constitutes cruel and unusual punishment as it is currently implemented. No executions were carried out while the Supreme Court considered the issue. On Apr. 16, 2008 the Court ruled that Kentucky's three-drug protocol for carrying out lethal injections does not amount to cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment, thereby allowing executions to recommence.

^cThe New York State Court of Appeals ruled on June 24, 2004 that portions of New York's death penalty law were unconstitutional, thereby halting further death sentences and executions.

^dIn February 2008, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that electrocution violated the State's constitution. As of 2010, Nebraska revised its statute to authorize lethal injection, thereby allowing executions to recommence.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1997*, NCJ 177613 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2000), Table 7.25; and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics; *Capital Punishment, 2010 - Statistical Tables*, NCJ 236510, Table 4 and data provided by the Death Penalty Information Center. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.