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Deaths of prisoners in State correctional facilities

By region and State, 2001-2006^a

Region and State	State prisoner deaths						
	Total	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total ^b	18,550 ^c	2,878 ^c	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,179	3,242
Northeast	2,723	439	448	492	453	474	417
Connecticut ^d	195	30	30	36	34	40	25
Maine	25	6	7	2	4	0	6
Massachusetts	180	29	20	30	25	37	39
New Hampshire	37	2	9	6	6	8	6
New Jersey	380	69	60	60	59	61	71
New York	1,014	175	185	198	154	171	131
Pennsylvania	831	122	126	147	163	149	124
Rhode Island ^d	36	3	8	8	7	2	8
Vermont ^d	25	3	3	5	1	6	7
Midwest	3,306	525	532	538	600	542	569
Illinois	504	86	72	80	99	73	94
Indiana	324	47	50	56	56	45	70
Iowa	79	9	11	13	15	19	12
Kansas	140	21	22	32	30	19	16
Michigan	770	114	113	127	138	140	138
Minnesota	69	13	15	13	6	13	9
Missouri	401	57	65	66	77	70	66
Nebraska	45	7	8	7	7	8	8
North Dakota	8	3	1	1	1	1	1
Ohio	673	115	114	91	126	121	106
South Dakota	39	4	11	11	5	4	4
Wisconsin	254	49	50	41	40	29	45
South	8,763	1,370	1,347	1,532	1,461	1,483	1,570
Alabama	456	87	85	92	65	66	61
Arkansas	221	42	31	38	35	38	37
Delaware ^d	95	16	15	19	13	19	13
Florida	1,318	182	183	221	227	244	261
Georgia	640	93	106	126	90	122	103
Kentucky	253	36	41	45	42	43	46
Louisiana	477	72	78	70	94	89	74
Maryland	406	70	71	67	79	57	62
Mississippi	304	36	33	58	53	64	60
North Carolina	457	67	61	74	95	70	90
Oklahoma	394	51	64	71	53	75	80
South Carolina	369	71	45	63	50	75	65
Tennessee	440	51	61	97	71	76	84
Texas	2,376	408	396	383	395	351	443
Virginia	481	71	69	93	86	84	78
West Virginia	76	17	8	15	13	10	13
West	3,747	533	619	605	624	680	686
Alaska ^d	44	8	14	4	8	4	6
Arizona	439	65	74	84	66	78	72
California	2,096	288	337	333	348	366	424
Colorado	265	43	51	47	39	54	31
Hawaii ^d	49	7	13	8	8	8	5
Idaho	81	17	9	12	12	13	18
Montana	52	6	5	12	12	12	5
Nevada	159	27	25	24	31	29	23
New Mexico	86	11	15	11	16	18	15
Oregon	193	24	33	25	34	37	40
Utah	48	3	9	10	11	8	7
Washington	212	29	31	33	37	45	37
Wyoming	23	5	3	2	2	8	3

Note: These data are from the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, which was launched by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in 2000 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-297). Data collection on deaths in local jail facilities began in 2000, followed by collection from State prison authorities in 2001. In 2002, collection of records of deaths from State juvenile correctional systems began. The U.S. Census Bureau has collected State data for BJS since 2003.

State prisons were instructed to report the death of any prisoner in their custody, even if the prisoner was held for other jurisdictions, such as county jail, another State, or the Federal Government. State prisoner death counts include deaths of any prisoners held in private facilities under contract to the State's department of correction. Deaths of prisoners in private facilities were counted in the State that had jurisdiction over the prisoner, not the State where the private facility was located. State prisons also were instructed to include the death of any prisoner sent

outside the prison facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services, or for work-release programs. Deaths of prisoners who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the prison facility were excluded.

^aDetail may not add to total because of missing data.

^bThese data do not include deaths by execution.

^cThe District of Columbia transferred custody of prison operations to the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 2001. These data include nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001.

^dPrisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Deaths in Custody Statistical Tables, State Prison Deaths, 2001-2006*, Table 7 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcrp/tables/dcst06spt7.htm> [July 3, 2008]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.