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Average number of months from imposition of death sentence to execution

United States, 1977-2011

Year of execution	Number executed ^a	Average months from sentencing to execution
Total	1,277	X
1977	1	(b)
1979	2	(b)
1981	1	(b)
1982	2	(b)
1983	5	(b)
1984	21	74
1985	18	71
1986	18	87
1987	25	86
1988	11	80
1989	16	95
1990	23	95
1991	14	116
1992	31	114
1993	38	113
1994	31	122
1995	56	134
1996	45	125
1997	74	133
1998	68	130
1999	98	143
2000	85	137
2001	66	142
2002	71	127
2003	65	131
2004	59	132
2005	60	147
2006	53	145
2007	42	153
2008	37	139
2009	52	169
2010	46	178
2011	43	198

Note: Thirty-five States and the Federal Government had death penalty statutes in effect during 2011. 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. These data include executions carried out under civil authority. Additional executions (160 between 1930 and 1961) carried out under military authority are not included in the above data. Average time was calculated from the most recent sentencing date.

^aExecutions in the United States resumed in 1977.

^bAverage not calculated for fewer than 10 cases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment, 2011 - Statistical Tables*, NCJ 242185, Table 10. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.