

Table 6.76.2004

Number and rate (per 100,000 prisoners) of deaths among State and Federal prisonersBy cause of death, United States, 2001-2004^a

Cause of death	Deaths			
	State		Federal	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
2001, total	3,008 ^b	240	303	198
Natural causes other than AIDS	2,258	180	247	162
AIDS	256	20	22	14
Suicide	173	14	18	12
Accident	46	4	6	4
Execution	58	5	2	1
By another person	49	4	8	5
Other/unspecified	91	7	0	X
2002, total	3,105	246	335	207
Natural causes other than AIDS	2,405	190	289	179
AIDS	215	17	17	11
Suicide	166	13	17	11
Accident	41	3	5	3
Execution	70	6	0	X
By another person	53	4	3	2
Other/unspecified	155	12	4	2
2003, total	3,230	250	347	204
Natural causes other than AIDS	2,417	187	315	185
AIDS	213	16	14	8
Suicide	195	15	6	4
Accident	28	2	4	2
Execution	64	5	1	1
By another person	42	3	5	3
Other/unspecified	271	21	2	1
2004, total	2,915	222	333	186
Natural causes other than AIDS	2,255	172	295	165
AIDS	128	10	18	10
Suicide	167	13	11	6
Accident	27	2	6	3
Execution	56	4	0	X
By another person	47	4	3	2
Other/unspecified	235	18	0	X

Note: See Note, [table 6.74.2004](#). These data are from the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) National Prisoner Statistics series (NPS-1) only. The other tables showing prisoner death data ([table 6.78.2004](#)) and AIDS-related prisoner deaths ([tables 6.77.2004](#) and [6.0006.2004](#)) present combined data from NPS-1 and the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP), implemented by BJS beginning in 2001. Therefore, the above data will differ from tables showing combined NPS-1 and DCRP figures, which capture additional prisoner death cases.

^aDetail may not add to total because of rounding.

^bDetail for 2001 does not add to total because Louisiana reported 77 deaths but did not provide a breakdown.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *HIV in Prisons, 2001*, Bulletin NCJ 202293, p. 5, Table 4; p. 6, Table 5; *2003*, Bulletin NCJ 210344, p. 6, Tables 4 and 5; *2004*, Bulletin NCJ 213897, p. 7, Tables 5 and 6 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and *HIV in Prisons and Jails, 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 205333 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, December 2004), p. 6, Tables 4 and 5. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.