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Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, ethnicity, and jurisdiction, on July 1, 2006

Jurisdiction	Total ^a	Race, ethnicity				
		White	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Asian
United States ^b	3,366 ^c	1,525	1,407	356	38	39
Federal	43	18	24	0	1	0
U.S. military	9	2	6	0	0	1
Alabama	193	96	95	2	0	0
Arizona	125	89	13	20	3	0
Arkansas	37	14	23	0	0	0
California	657	253	234	135	13	22
Colorado	2	0	1	1	0	0
Connecticut	8	3	3	2	0	0
Delaware	17	8	6	3	0	0
Florida	396	220	139	35	1	1
Georgia	107	53	50	3	0	1
Idaho	20	20	0	0	0	0
Illinois	10	5	2	3	0	0
Indiana	24	16	8	0	0	0
Kansas	8	5	3	0	0	0
Kentucky	38	29	8	1	0	0
Louisiana	87	29	55	2	0	1
Maryland	8	3	5	0	0	0
Mississippi	66	30	35	0	0	1
Missouri	51	30	21	0	0	0
Montana	4	4	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	10	6	1	3	0	0
Nevada	79	41	29	8	0	1
New Hampshire	0	X	X	X	X	X
New Jersey	12	6	6	0	0	0
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0
New York	1	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	188	73	100	4	10	1
Ohio	195	91	97	3	2	2
Oklahoma	91	49	34	3	5	0
Oregon ^c	33	26	3	2	1	0
Pennsylvania	228	69	139	18	0	2
South Carolina	71	32	39	0	0	0
South Dakota	4	4	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	107	59	43	1	2	2
Texas	401	123	168	106	0	4
Utah	9	6	1	1	1	0
Virginia	21	10	11	0	0	0
Washington	9	5	4	0	0	0
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0

Note: The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. collects data on persons on death row. As of July 1, 2006, 38 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had capital punishment laws; 37 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had at least 1 prisoner under sentence of death.

^aOn Mar. 1, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court determined in *Roper v. Simmons* that it is unconstitutional to execute a person for a crime committed when that person was under the age of 18. Only juveniles whose death sentences were vacated by court order or other official action before July 1, 2006 have been removed from each State's counts.

^bDetail will not add to total because seven prisoners sentenced to death in more than one State are listed in the respective State totals, but each prisoner is counted only once for the national total.

^cTotal includes one prisoner in Oregon whose race/ethnicity was unknown.

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