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Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, ethnicity, and jurisdiction, on July 1, 2009

Jurisdiction	Total ^a	Race, ethnicity				
		White	Black	Hispanic	Native American	Asian
United States ^b	3,279 ^c	1,457	1,364	379	37	41
Federal	58	22	31	4	1	0
U.S. military	8	1	6	0	0	1
Alabama	200	100	96	3	0	1
Arizona	129	90	13	22	4	0
Arkansas	43	17	26	0	0	0
California	690	253	249	154	12	22
Colorado	3	0	2	1	0	0
Connecticut	10	3	6	1	0	0
Delaware	19	7	9	3	0	0
Florida	403	222	142	36	1	2
Georgia	108	53	51	3	0	1
Idaho	18	18	0	0	0	0
Illinois	15	8	5	2	0	0
Indiana	17	13	4	0	0	0
Kansas	10	6	4	0	0	0
Kentucky	36	29	6	1	0	0
Louisiana	84	26	54	3	0	1
Maryland	5	1	4	0	0	0
Mississippi	60	27	32	0	0	1
Missouri	52	30	22	0	0	0
Montana	2	2	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	11	5	2	4	0	0
Nevada	78	38	31	8	0	1
New Hampshire	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Mexico ^d	2	2	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	169	66	89	4	9	1
Ohio	176	79	90	3	2	2
Oklahoma	86	44	34	3	5	0
Oregon ^e	33	26	3	2	1	0
Pennsylvania	225	69	135	19	0	2
South Carolina	63	29	33	1	0	0
South Dakota	3	3	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	92	47	40	1	2	2
Texas	342	107	132	99	0	4
Utah	10	6	1	2	1	0
Virginia	16	8	7	1	0	0
Washington	9	5	4	0	0	0
Wyoming	1	1	0	0	0	0

Note: The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. collects data on persons on death row. As of July 1, 2009, 36 States, the Federal Government, and the United States military had capital punishment laws; all 38 of these jurisdictions 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, 2009 have been removed from each State's counts.

^bDetail will not add to total because eight 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.

^dIn 2009, New Mexico repealed the death penalty for future prosecutions, but did not make the law retroactive, leaving two prisoners under sentence of death.

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