

Table 6.82.2008

## Prisoners under sentence of death

By race, region, and jurisdiction, on Dec. 31, 2007 and 2008

Region and jurisdiction	Prisoners under sentence of death on Dec. 31, 2007			Changes during 2008									Prisoners under sentence of death on Dec. 31, 2008		
	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Received under sentence of death			Removed from death row (excluding executions) <sup>a</sup>			Executed			Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black
				Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black	Total <sup>b</sup>	White	Black			
United States, total	3,215	1,806	1,338	111	65	44	82	53	27	37	20	17	3,207	1,798	1,338
Federal <sup>c</sup>	48	21	26	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	23	27
State	3,167	1,785	1,312	108	63	43	82	53	27	37	20	17	3,156	1,775	1,311
Northeast	233	84	139	7	4	3	6	3	2	0	0	0	234	85	140
Connecticut	9	4	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4	6
New Hampshire	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	224	80	134	5	4	1	6	3	2	0	0	0	223	81	133
Midwest	272	144	125	14	8	6	14	8	6	2	1	1	270	143	124
Illinois	13	8	5	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	10	5
Indiana	14	11	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	10	3
Kansas	7	3	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	4	4
Missouri	45	25	20	6	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	28	22
Nebraska	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	1
Ohio	181	86	92	3	0	3	10	5	5	2	1	1	172	80	89
South Dakota	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
South	1,732	952	757	58	33	25	49	32	16	35	19	16	1,706	934	750
Alabama	199	106	93	9	3	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	205	107	98
Arkansas	38	14	24	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	16	25
Delaware	19	10	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	10	10
Florida	388	255	133	16	11	5	12	10	2	2	1	1	390	255	135
Georgia	106	59	46	3	1	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	105	57	47
Kentucky	38	31	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	36	30	6
Louisiana	85	31	53	3	1	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	84	28	55
Maryland	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4
Mississippi	65	32	32	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	2	0	60	28	31
North Carolina	166	69	88	1	0	1	6	3	3	0	0	0	161	66	86
Oklahoma	80	43	33	9	4	5	2	0	2	2	2	0	85	45	36
South Carolina	59	23	36	4	4	0	2	1	1	3	1	2	58	25	33
Tennessee	96	56	38	0	0	0	9	7	2	0	0	0	87	49	36
Texas	367	214	148	9	7	2	4	2	1	18	9	9	354	210	140
Virginia	21	8	13	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	1	3	15	7	8
West	930	605	291	29	18	9	13	10	3	0	0	0	946	613	297
Arizona	117	100	14	6	5	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	119	102	13
California	655	389	238	20	12	7	6	4	2	0	0	0	669	397	243
Colorado	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Idaho	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	0
Montana	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Nevada	82	50	31	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	81	48	32
New Mexico	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Oregon	35	31	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	31	3
Utah	9	7	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	8	1
Washington	8	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	3
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Note: Thirty-eight States and the Federal Government had death penalty statutes in effect during 2007. New Jersey enacted legislation repealing the death penalty, effective Dec. 17, 2007, therefore in 2008 thirty-seven States and the Federal Government had death penalty statutes in effect. 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. Some data for yearend 2007 have been revised by the Source and will differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. Data for "white" and "black" prisoners include Hispanics.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes prisoners held under Armed Forces jurisdiction with a military death sentence for murder.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Capital Punishment, 2008 - Statistical Tables*, NCJ 228662, Table 4 [Online]. Available: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf> [Jan. 11, 2010].

<sup>a</sup>Includes 16 deaths from natural causes (3 each in Pennsylvania, Florida, and North Carolina; 2 each in Alabama and California; and 1 each in Ohio, Tennessee, and Nevada); and 7 deaths from suicide (2 each in Texas and California; and 1 each in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Florida).

<sup>b</sup>Totals include prisoners of races other than white and black.