



States With and Without the Death Penalty

STATES WITH THE DEATH PENALTY (31)

Alabama	Louisiana	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Mississippi	South Carolina
Arkansas	Missouri	South Dakota
California	Montana	Tennessee
Colorado	Nevada	Texas
Delaware	New Hampshire	Utah
Florida	North Carolina	Virginia
Georgia	Ohio	Washington
Idaho	Oklahoma	Wyoming
Indiana	Oregon	
Kansas		ALSO
Kentucky		- U.S. Gov't
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STATES WITHOUT THE DEATH PENALTY (19) (YEAR ABOLISHED IN PARENTHESES)

Alaska (1957)	Michigan (1846)	Vermont (1964)
Connecticut** (2012)	Minnesota (1911)	West Virginia (1965)
Hawaii (1957)	Nebraska (2015)	Wisconsin (1853)
Illinois (2011)	New Jersey (2007)	
Iowa (1965)	New Mexico* (2009)	ALSO
Maine (1887)	New York (2007)#	Dist. of Columbia (1981)
Maryland (2013)	North Dakota (1973)	
Massachusetts (1984)	Rhode Island (1984)^	

* In March 2009, New Mexico voted to abolish the death penalty. However, the repeal was not retroactive, leaving two people on the state's death row.

** In April 2012, Connecticut voted to abolish the death penalty. However, the repeal was not retroactive, leaving 11 people on the state's death row.

^ In 1979, the Supreme Court of Rhode Island held that a statute making a death sentence mandatory for someone who killed a fellow prisoner was unconstitutional. The legislature removed the statute in 1984.

In 2004, the New York Court of Appeals held that a portion of the state's death penalty law was unconstitutional. In 2007, they ruled that their prior holding applied to the last remaining person on the state's death row. The legislature has voted down attempts to restore the statute.

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