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## Death Sentences in the United States From 1977 By State and By Year

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	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
<b>FEDERAL</b>	4	2	1	0	3	4	3	6	5	6	10	2	5	2	2	1	5	3	4	2	0
<b>MILITARY</b>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	5	4	7	5	3	8	7	8	4	8	7	7	10	7	16	21	14	13	14	23	24
<b>CT</b>	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>NH</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>NJ</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3
<b>NY</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
<b>PA</b>	4	4	6	4	2	8	5	6	4	7	5	6	9	6	12	15	12	10	11	20	21
<b>RI</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>VT</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MIDWEST</b>	5	11	7	4	9	7	14	9	10	11	13	14	21	14	20	29	33	27	47	43	36
<b>IL</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	3	1	4	2	6	1	9	8	7	6	16	13	11
<b>IN</b>	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	2	3	1	3	3	2
<b>KS</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>MO</b>	0	3	1	0	0	2	6	1	4	2	2	3	2	5	3	7	6	10	9	10	9
<b>NE</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	1
<b>OH</b>	3	4	5	3	7	1	3	5	2	5	5	7	7	5	3	10	16	8	17	17	13
<b>SD</b>	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>SOUTH</b>	40	34	45	50	45	49	58	71	71	70	75	85	102	93	131	162	186	157	168	184	195
<b>All</b>	4	5	5	6	7	6	6	12	12	12	7	6	11	7	11	12	25	15	10	17	24

**SOURCES:** 1977-2013 See Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin, [Capital Punishment Annual Reports](#), (for those persons sentenced to death more than once, only the most recent sentence is counted).

\*2014 numbers based on DPIC research.

**NOTE:** The [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) makes revisions to its national annual totals in subsequent reports, but does not provide the revisions to each state. The totals at the bottom of the chart are the most recent available. There may be a slight discrepancy with the totals at the bottom from the totals based on individual states. The regional breakdowns are based on BJS classifications.

### STATES WITHOUT THE DEATH PENALTY (18) (YEAR ABOLISHED IN PARENTHESES)

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

¥ 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 May, 2013, Maryland abolished the death penalty. However, the repeal was not retroactive, leaving 5 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.

