



## Deaths in Custody Statistical Tables

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This site contains a series of data tables describing recent trends in mortality in state prison, local jails, and during the process of arrest by state and local law enforcement officers. Data are presented over time, by jurisdiction, and by demographic groups. The mortality data are from the BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP), which was launched in 2000 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-297).

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### [Medical Causes of Death in State Prisons, 2001-2004](#)

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**Table 1. Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death, 2001-2006**

Cause of death	Number of state prisoner deaths						
	2001-2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	18,550	2,878	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,179	3,242
Illness	15,335	2,303	2,379	2,633	2,645	2,670	2,705
AIDS	1,154	270	245	210	145	153	131
Suicide	1,172	169	168	200	200	215	220
Homicide	299	39	48	50	51	56	55
Drug/alcohol intoxication	213	36	37	23	23	37	57
Accident	180	23	31	26	37	30	33
Other/unknown	197	38	38	25	37	18	41

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 2. Percent of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death, 2001-2006**

Cause of death	Percent of state prisoner deaths						
	2001-2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Illness	82.7 %	80.0 %	80.8 %	83.1 %	84.3 %	84.0 %	83.4 %
AIDS	6.2	9.4	8.3	6.6	4.6	4.8	4.0
Suicide	6.3	5.9	5.7	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.8
Homicide	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7
Drug/alcohol intoxication	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.7	1.2	1.8
Accident	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.0
Other/unknown	1.1	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.2	0.6	1.3

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**Table 3. Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause of death, 2001-2006**

Cause of death	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, 2001-2006	Mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners					
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	251	242	246	258	253	254	250
Illness	207	194	198	215	213	213	209
AIDS	16	23	20	17	12	12	10
Suicide	16	14	14	16	16	17	17
Homicide	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
Drug/alcohol intoxication	3	3	3	2	2	3	4
Accident	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
Other/unknown	3	3	3	2	3	1	3

Note: Mortality rates are based on the June 30 state prison custody population count, collected in the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) program. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 4. Number of state prisoner deaths, by selected characteristics, 2001-2006**

Characteristic	Number of state prisoner deaths						
	2001-2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	18,550	2,878	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,179	3,242
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	17,772	2,773	2,811	3,039	3,001	3,036	3,112
Female	751	100	115	126	137	143	130
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	9,135	1,343	1,393	1,597	1,552	1,622	1,628
Black, non-Hispanic	7,017	1,159	1,151	1,205	1,187	1,162	1,153
Hispanic	2,026	314	330	311	330	335	406
Other*	298	52	46	45	68	51	36
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18 years	9	2	1	3	1	1	1
18-24	431	86	62	58	85	80	60
25-34	1,529	256	243	278	256	245	251
35-44	3,776	656	663	669	624	601	563
45-54	5,829	896	909	983	966	1,012	1,063
Over 55	6,936	972	1,047	1,171	1,204	1,238	1,304

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 5. Percent of state prisoner deaths, by selected characteristics, 2001-2006**

Characteristic	Percent of state prisoner deaths						
	2001-2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	95.9 %	96.5 %	96.1 %	96.0 %	95.6 %	95.5 %	96.0 %
Female	4.1	3.5	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.0
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	49.4 %	46.8 %	47.7 %	50.6 %	49.5 %	51.2 %	50.5 %
Black, non-Hispanic	38.0	40.4	39.4	38.2	37.8	36.7	35.8
Hispanic	11.0	10.9	11.3	9.8	10.5	10.6	12.6
Other*	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.6	1.1
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18 years	0 %	0.1 %	0 %	0.1 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
18-24	2.3	3.0	2.1	1.8	2.7	2.5	1.9
25-34	8.3	8.9	8.3	8.8	8.2	7.7	7.7
35-44	20.4	22.9	22.7	21.2	19.9	18.9	17.4
45-54	31.5	31.2	31.1	31.1	30.8	31.9	32.8
Over 55	37.5	33.9	35.8	37.0	38.4	39.0	40.2

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**Table 6. Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by selected characteristics, 2001-2006**

Characteristic	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, 2001-2006	Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners					
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	251	242	246	258	253	254	250
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	257	250	251	266	260	261	258
Female	149	129	146	153	163	164	141
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	347	327	324	366	352	364	353
Black, non-Hispanic	200	206	206	207	202	195	187
Hispanic	199	241	246	164	172	173	202
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18 years	57	70	33	122	40	40	39
18-24	33	39	29	27	39	36	26
25-34	62	63	61	68	62	59	58
35-44	171	181	183	184	169	162	146
45-54	561	585	555	557	541	561	569
Over 55	2,061	2,031	1,992	2,033	2,066	2,103	2,139

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in state prison custody on June 30. Prisoner demographic subgroups are estimated based on the June 30 National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) custody counts, demographic data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program, and the 2004 Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 7. Number of state prisoner deaths, by state, 2001-2006**

Region	Total number of state prisoner deaths						
	2001-2006	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All states <sup>a</sup>	18,550	2,878	2,946	3,167	3,138	3,179	3,242
<b>Northeast</b>	2,723	439	448	492	453	474	417
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	195	30	30	36	34	40	25
Maine	25	6	7	2	4	0	6
Massachusetts	180	29	20	30	25	37	39
New Hampshire	37	2	9	6	6	8	6
New Jersey	380	69	60	60	59	61	71
New York	1,014	175	185	198	154	171	131
Pennsylvania	831	122	126	147	163	149	124
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	36	3	8	8	7	2	8
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	25	3	3	5	1	6	7
<b>Midwest</b>	3,306	525	532	538	600	542	569
Illinois	504	86	72	80	99	73	94
Indiana	324	47	50	56	56	45	70
Iowa	79	9	11	13	15	19	12
Kansas	140	21	22	32	30	19	16
Michigan	770	114	113	127	138	140	138
Minnesota	69	13	15	13	6	13	9
Missouri	401	57	65	66	77	70	66
Nebraska	45	7	8	7	7	8	8
North Dakota	8	3	1	1	1	1	1
Ohio	673	115	114	91	126	121	106
South Dakota	39	4	11	11	5	4	4
Wisconsin	254	49	50	41	40	29	45
<b>South<sup>a</sup></b>	8,772	1,379	1,347	1,532	1,461	1,483	1,570
Alabama	456	87	85	92	65	66	61
Arkansas	221	42	31	38	35	38	37
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	95	16	15	19	13	19	13
Florida	1,318	182	183	221	227	244	261
Georgia	640	93	106	126	90	122	103
Kentucky	253	36	41	45	42	43	46
Louisiana	477	72	78	70	94	89	74
Maryland	406	70	71	67	79	57	62
Mississippi	304	36	33	58	53	64	60
North Carolina	457	67	61	74	95	70	90
Oklahoma	394	51	64	71	53	75	80
South Carolina	369	71	45	63	50	75	65
Tennessee	440	51	61	97	71	76	84
Texas	2,376	408	396	383	395	351	443
Virginia	481	71	69	93	86	84	78
West Virginia	76	17	8	15	13	10	13
<b>West</b>	3,749	535	619	605	624	680	686
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	44	8	14	4	8	4	6

Arizona	439	65	74	84	66	78	72
California	2,096	288	337	333	348	366	424
Colorado	265	43	51	47	39	54	31
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	49	7	13	8	8	8	5
Idaho	81	17	9	12	12	13	18
Montana	52	6	5	12	12	12	5
Nevada	159	27	25	24	31	29	23
New Mexico	86	11	15	11	16	18	15
Oregon	193	24	33	25	34	37	40
Utah	50	5	9	10	11	8	7
Washington	212	29	31	33	37	45	37
Wyoming	23	5	3	2	2	8	3

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Prisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

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**Table 8. Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by state, 2001-2006**

Region	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, 2001-2006	Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners					
		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All states <sup>a</sup>	251	242	246	258	253	254	250
<b>Northeast</b>	264	255	258	287	266	279	237
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	171	167	157	187	181	210	128
Maine	223	355	385	102	201	0	296
Massachusetts	292	278	199	298	249	364	365
New Hampshire	246	86	363	242	247	326	216
New Jersey	229	241	208	228	224	231	243
New York	257	252	275	300	238	270	206
Pennsylvania	346	333	321	363	406	363	291
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	169	90	221	226	200	59	219
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	244	216	218	349	49	304	327
<b>Midwest</b>	225	221	222	220	245	218	223
Illinois	189	188	167	185	223	163	207
Indiana	250	242	250	265	256	197	293
Iowa	156	111	135	155	174	221	139
Kansas	261	246	251	354	327	210	179
Michigan	260	236	226	256	284	286	272
Minnesota	157	208	223	178	77	155	100
Missouri	223	202	218	218	256	226	219
Nebraska	181	181	200	169	173	186	176
North Dakota	117	296	87	88	82	74	72
Ohio	249	254	254	200	285	273	226
South Dakota	212	150	373	363	158	118	111
Wisconsin	199	246	244	188	181	133	202
<b>South<sup>a</sup></b>	275	271	262	289	271	273	282
Alabama	297	365	318	333	261	257	251
Arkansas	308	378	266	334	277	302	293
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	229	225	220	280	192	275	183
Florida	274	253	249	286	277	287	295
Georgia	224	205	228	268	185	256	200
Kentucky	327	313	337	354	336	324	298
Louisiana	402	369	394	354	480	454	364
Maryland	286	293	293	278	333	246	270
Mississippi	318	242	214	365	334	388	366
North Carolina	219	211	184	220	270	191	239
Oklahoma	292	232	288	326	235	326	347
South Carolina	271	331	203	270	214	325	284
Tennessee	387	290	343	501	365	391	433
Texas	258	278	268	247	253	224	280
Virginia	258	231	223	299	277	271	251
West Virginia	332	489	225	392	326	252	304
<b>West</b>	220	198	228	217	218	235	222
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	167	192	333	90	179	87	123
Arizona	237	240	254	275	212	240	202
California	213	178	213	207	213	223	242

Colorado	233	252	284	252	198	266	144
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	152	137	252	151	146	140	86
Idaho	232	323	163	214	204	212	278
Montana	322	227	171	420	490	451	172
Nevada	247	271	248	236	280	260	185
New Mexico	228	191	252	179	252	274	220
Oregon	265	226	291	210	268	290	306
Utah	186	121	219	227	242	168	141
Washington	215	189	194	204	218	272	215
Wyoming	219	329	191	126	115	407	148

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in custody on June 30. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 9. Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2001-2006**

Characteristic	Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/ unknown
Total	15,335	1,154	1,172	299	213	180	197
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	14,721	1,101	1,113	296	207	174	160
Female	614	53	58	3	6	6	11
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	7,807	225	675	131	114	102	81
Black, non-Hispanic	5,715	786	252	101	42	51	70
Hispanic	1,561	132	197	56	37	20	13
Other*	190	10	41	9	9	7	6
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18 years	2	0	5	1	0	1	0
18-24	156	10	185	41	12	19	8
25-34	751	168	391	90	62	40	27
35-44	2,605	539	358	95	78	52	49
45-54	5,121	359	176	48	47	39	39
Over 55	6,688	78	57	24	14	29	46

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 10. Percent of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2001-2006**

Characteristic	Percent of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/ unknown
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	96.0 %	95.4 %	95.0 %	99.0 %	97.2 %	96.7 %	93.6 %
Female	4.0	4.6	5.0	1.0	2.8	3.3	6.4
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	51.1 %	19.5 %	57.9 %	44.1 %	56.4 %	56.7 %	47.6 %
Black, non-Hispanic	37.4	68.2	21.6	34.0	20.8	28.3	41.2
Hispanic	10.2	11.4	16.9	18.9	18.3	11.1	7.6
Other*	1.2	0.9	3.5	3.0	4.5	3.9	3.5
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18 years	0 %	0 %	0.4 %	0.3 %	0 %	0.6 %	0 %
18-24	1.0	0.9	15.8	13.7	5.6	10.6	4.7
25-34	4.9	14.6	33.4	30.1	29.1	22.2	16.0
35-44	17.0	46.7	30.5	31.8	36.6	28.9	29.0
45-54	33.4	31.1	15.0	16.1	22.1	21.7	23.1
Over 55	43.6	6.8	4.9	8.0	6.6	16.1	27.2

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

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**Table 11. Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2001-2006**

Characteristic	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause of death						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/ unknown
All deaths	207	16	16	4	3	2	3
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	213	16	16	4	3	3	2
Female	122	11	11	1	1	1	2
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	297	9	26	5	4	4	3
Black, non-Hispanic	163	23	7	3	1	1	2
Hispanic	153	14	19	6	4	2	1
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18 years	13	0	31	7	0	7	0
18-24	12	1	14	3	1	1	1
25-34	30	7	16	4	3	2	1
35-44	118	24	16	4	3	2	2
45-54	493	35	17	5	5	4	4
Over 55	1,987	24	17	7	4	8	14

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in custody on June 30. Prisoner demographic subgroups are estimated based on the June 30 National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) custody counts, demographic data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program, and the 2004 Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006 - Statistical Tables](#).

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**Table 12. Number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death and state, 2001-2006**

Total number of state prisoner deaths, by cause of death								
Region	All causes	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/ unknown
All states <sup>a</sup>	18,550	15,335	1,154	1,172	299	213	180	197
<b>Northeast</b>	2,723	2,186	235	193	21	32	29	27
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	195	162	1	30	0	0	2	0
Maine	25	21	1	2	0	1	0	0
Massachusetts	180	149	4	15	1	4	2	5
New Hampshire	37	28	1	8	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	380	288	53	20	4	5	4	6
New York	1,014	752	155	69	9	12	15	2
Pennsylvania <sup>c</sup>	831	768	...	34	7	5	5	12
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	36	18	2	10	0	3	1	2
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	25	14	4	5	0	2	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	3,306	2,828	126	241	32	16	36	27
Illinois	504	389	47	47	6	3	6	6
Indiana	324	275	9	20	7	2	5	6
Iowa	79	67	1	10	0	0	0	1
Kansas	140	122	1	10	1	1	5	0
Michigan	770	681	24	45	3	3	8	6
Minnesota	69	58	1	9	0	1	0	0
Missouri	401	356	12	22	6	1	3	1
Nebraska	45	38	1	1	0	2	1	2
North Dakota	8	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ohio	673	604	22	33	7	0	4	3
South Dakota	39	29	0	5	2	0	3	0
Wisconsin	254	202	8	38	0	3	1	2
<b>South<sup>a</sup></b>	8,772	7,324	664	404	131	59	77	113
Alabama	456	381	28	4	5	0	7	31
Arkansas	221	178	14	15	8	0	4	2
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	95	59	16	11	2	0	0	7
Florida	1,318	1,064	169	37	15	4	9	20
Georgia	640	523	55	38	14	0	6	4
Kentucky	253	228	12	8	1	1	2	1
Louisiana	477	402	59	9	4	0	1	2
Maryland	406	255	73	30	16	24	1	7
Mississippi	304	271	10	13	1	3	6	0
North Carolina	457	385	34	17	5	1	12	3
Oklahoma	394	322	13	16	15	10	7	11
South Carolina	369	319	22	16	8	0	2	2
Tennessee	440	377	20	19	11	6	3	4
Texas	2,376	2,073	102	145	22	6	16	12
Virginia	481	411	35	23	3	1	1	7
West Virginia	76	70	1	3	1	1	0	0
<b>West</b>	3,749	2,997	129	334	115	106	38	30
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	44	27	0	6	1	3	6	1
Arizona	439	380	11	32	8	7	1	0



California	2,096	1,628	98	190	81	69	13	17
Colorado <sup>c</sup>	265	220	...	18	7	13	7	0
Hawaii <sup>b</sup>	49	37	1	8	1	0	1	1
Idaho	81	67	0	11	0	0	1	2
Montana	52	43	0	8	1	0	0	0
Nevada	159	131	6	12	6	1	2	1
New Mexico	86	70	2	8	3	2	1	0
Oregon	193	165	3	13	1	6	1	4
Utah	50	30	0	14	1	2	1	2
Washington	212	180	8	12	5	2	3	2
Wyoming	23	19	0	2	0	1	1	0

Note: Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006-Statistical Tables](#).

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<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Prisons and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

<sup>c</sup>State law restricts the reporting of personally-identifiable information on AIDS-related deaths; all AIDS-related deaths are included in "illness" category. For data on AIDS-related deaths in prison, see [HIV in Prisons, 2006](#).

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**Table 13. Average annual mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause of death and state, 2001-2006**

**Average annual mortality rate, per 100,000 state prisoners, by cause of death**

Region	All causes	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Other/unknown
All states <sup>a</sup>	251	207	16	16	4	3	2	3
<b>Northeast</b>	264	212	23	19	2	3	3	3
Connecticut <sup>b</sup>	171	142	1	26	0	0	2	0
Maine	223	186	10	17	0	10	0	8
Massachusetts	292	242	6	24	2	7	3	8
New Hampshire	246	186	7	54	0	0	0	4
New Jersey	229	174	32	12	2	3	2	4
New York	257	191	39	18	2	3	4	6
Pennsylvania <sup>c</sup>	346	319	...	14	3	2	2	15
Rhode Island <sup>b</sup>	169	85	10	47	0	14	5	9
Vermont <sup>b</sup>	244	129	40	55	0	20	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	225	192	9	16	2	1	2	4
Illinois	189	146	18	18	2	1	2	7
Indiana	250	212	7	15	5	2	4	7
Iowa	156	132	2	20	0	0	0	2
Kansas	261	227	2	19	2	2	9	2
Michigan	260	230	8	15	1	1	3	2
Minnesota	157	132	2	20	0	2	0	1
Missouri	223	198	7	12	3	1	2	9
Nebraska	181	152	4	4	0	8	4	8
North Dakota	117	102	0	15	0	0	0	1
Ohio	249	223	8	12	3	0	1	1
South Dakota	212	156	0	29	11	0	16	2
Wisconsin	199	158	6	30	0	2	1	2
<b>South<sup>a</sup></b>	275	229	21	13	4	2	2	24
Alabama	297	248	18	3	3	0	4	24
Arkansas	308	248	20	21	11	0	5	20
Delaware <sup>b</sup>	229	143	38	26	5	0	0	21
Florida	274	221	36	8	3	1	2	6
Georgia	224	182	20	13	5	0	2	3
Kentucky	327	294	16	10	1	1	3	3
Louisiana	402	339	50	8	3	0	1	7
Maryland	286	179	51	21	11	17	1	5
Mississippi	318	284	11	14	1	3	6	2
North Carolina	219	184	17	8	2	0	6	10
Oklahoma	292	239	10	12	11	7	5	10
South Carolina	271	234	16	12	6	0	1	5
Tennessee	387	332	18	16	10	5	3	5
Texas	258	225	11	16	2	1	2	5
Virginia	258	221	19	12	2	1	1	4
West Virginia	332	306	4	13	4	4	0	0
<b>West</b>	220	175	8	20	7	6	2	5
Alaska <sup>b</sup>	167	102	0	23	4	11	24	4
Arizona	237	206	6	17	4	4	1	2

California	213	165	10	19	8	7	1	2
Colorado <sup>c</sup>	233	193	...	16	6	11	6	3
Hawaii <sup>p</sup>	152	114	3	25	3	0	3	9
Idaho	232	192	0	31	0	0	3	6
Montana	322	267	0	49	6	0	0	1
Nevada	247	204	9	18	9	2	3	1
New Mexico	228	185	6	22	8	5	2	5
Oregon	265	227	4	18	1	8	1	12
Utah	186	111	0	53	4	7	4	9
Washington	215	183	8	12	5	2	3	2
Wyoming	219	178	0	21	0	11	8	0

Note: State prison rates are per 100,000 inmates held in custody (including private facilities) on June 30th. Executions are not included; for data on executions, see [Capital Punishment, 2006-Statistical Tables](#).  
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<sup>a</sup>Includes nine prisoner deaths reported by the District of Columbia in 2001. As of December 30, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia were the responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

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**Table 1. Number of local jail inmate deaths by cause of death, 2000-2006**

Cause of death	Number of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	7,008	905	947	974	1,003	1,030	1,052	1,097
Illness	3,311	459	428	459	458	485	465	557
AIDS	368	58	59	50	54	52	40	55
Suicide	2,076	289	314	314	296	300	286	277
Drug/alcohol intoxication	489	37	58	55	90	77	85	87
Accident	210	25	35	35	27	32	25	31
Homicide	147	17	21	17	14	23	21	34
Other/unknown	407	20	32	44	64	61	130	56

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**Table 2. Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2006**

Cause of death	Percent of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Illness	47.2 %	50.7 %	45.2 %	47.1 %	45.7 %	47.1 %	44.2 %	50.8 %
AIDS	5.3	6.4	6.2	5.1	5.4	5.0	3.8	5.0
Suicide	29.6	31.9	33.2	32.2	29.5	29.1	27.2	25.3
Drug/alcohol intoxication	7.0	4.1	6.1	5.6	9.0	7.5	8.1	7.9
Accident	3.0	2.8	3.7	3.6	2.7	3.1	2.4	2.8
Homicide	2.1	1.9	2.2	1.7	1.4	2.2	2.0	3.1
Other/unknown	5.8	2.2	3.4	4.5	6.4	5.9	12.4	5.1

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**Table 3. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death, 2000-2006**

Cause of death	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, 2000-2006	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates						
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	145	146	150	146	145	144	141	143
Illness	69	74	68	69	66	68	62	73
AIDS	8	9	9	8	8	7	5	7
Suicide	43	47	50	47	43	42	38	36
Drug/alcohol intoxication	10	6	9	8	13	11	11	11
Accident	4	4	6	5	4	4	3	4
Homicide	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	4
Other/unknown	8	3	5	7	9	9	17	7

Note: Mortality rates are based on June 30th custody population.

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**Table 4. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by selected characteristics, 2000-2006**

Characteristic	Number of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>	7,008	905	947	974	1,003	1,030	1,052	1,097
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	6,201	814	852	867	868	899	933	968
Female	801	91	91	107	133	131	119	129
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	3,641	453	518	537	538	504	561	530
Black, non-Hispanic	2,327	306	283	305	324	363	336	410
Hispanic	847	118	116	114	120	135	118	126
Other*	153	17	24	18	16	25	23	30
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	43	8	8	7	4	7	5	4
18-24	717	89	107	101	104	105	108	103
25-34	1,377	184	193	186	213	212	193	196
35-44	2,070	266	283	338	283	300	287	313
45-54	1,835	239	242	238	266	267	277	306
55 or older	930	115	111	102	127	136	171	168

Note: Detail may not sum to total due to missing data.

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**Table 5. Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by selected characteristics, 2000-2006**

Characteristic	Percent of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	88.6%	89.9%	90.3%	89.0%	86.7%	87.3%	88.7%	88.2%
Female	11.4	10.1	9.7	11.0	13.3	12.7	11.3	11.8
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	52.3%	50.7%	55.0%	55.1%	53.9%	49.1%	54.0%	48.4%
Black, non-Hispanic	33.4	34.2	30.1	31.3	32.5	35.3	32.4	37.4
Hispanic	12.2	13.2	12.3	11.7	12.0	13.1	11.4	11.5
Other*	2.2	1.9	2.6	1.8	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.7
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%
18-24	10.3	9.9	11.3	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.4	9.4
25-34	19.8	20.4	20.4	19.1	21.4	20.6	18.5	18.0
35-44	29.7	29.5	30.0	34.8	28.4	29.2	27.6	28.7
45-54	26.3	26.5	25.6	24.5	26.7	26.0	26.6	28.1
55 or older	13.3	12.8	11.8	10.5	12.7	13.2	16.4	15.4

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**Table 6. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by selected characteristics, 2000-2006**

Characteristic	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, 2000-2006	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates						
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>	145	146	150	146	145	144	141	143
<b>Gender</b>								
Male	146	148	153	147	142	144	143	145
Female	137	126	124	139	162	150	126	130
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>								
White, non-Hispanic	188	203	228	224	179	159	169	157
Black, non-Hispanic	122	123	112	114	120	132	116	139
Hispanic	106	103	99	93	113	125	105	106
<b>Age</b>								
Under 18	50	72	70	58	32	54	37	29
18-24	53	51	60	54	54	52	51	48
25-34	87	93	96	88	97	93	81	65
35-44	165	165	172	195	157	162	148	157
45-54	379	385	383	358	385	374	371	399
55 or older	868	842	799	697	835	866	1,040	997

Note: Mortality rates are based on June 30th custody population. Inmate populations of various demographic groups are estimates based on the Annual Survey of Jails and the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails.

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**Table 7. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by 50 largest jail jurisdictions, 2000-2006**

Jurisdiction	Number of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>	2,464	328	330	354	330	347	365	410
Los Angeles County, CA	237	35	37	33	28	23	43	38
New York City, NY	217	38	37	24	30	25	30	33
Maricopa County, AZ	77	10	7	14	8	9	17	12
Cook County, IL	117	22	14	12	8	24	14	23
Harris County, TX	111	13	17	22	17	11	9	22
Philadelphia City, PA	118	14	14	13	13	22	21	21
Dallas County, TX	75	7	6	16	13	12	8	13
Dade County, FL	106	14	16	16	16	13	14	17
Orange County, CA	30	3	1	2	6	3	5	10
Broward County, FL	57	11	12	5	7	5	8	9
San Bernardino County, CA	49	3	4	7	6	4	10	15
San Diego County, CA	71	7	10	6	9	14	15	10
Shelby County, TN	56	7	8	7	6	9	11	8
Santa Clara County, CA	34	4	3	7	5	3	8	4
Hillsborough County, FL <sup>a</sup>	30	8	3	5	2	6	2	4
Baltimore City, MD	79	11	10	18	9	9	9	13
Sacramento County, CA	48	2	7	11	7	6	13	2
Bexar County, TX	66	6	10	9	14	13	9	5
Alameda County, CA	60	10	6	13	12	7	4	8
Orange County, FL	26	6	4	5	1	2	3	5
District of Columbia	61	4	0	10	11	13	11	12
Fresno County, CA	30	5	3	6	4	8	1	3
Pinellas County, FL	36	5	5	4	7	4	3	8
Tarrant County, TX	28	6	3	1	3	10	2	3
Jacksonville City, FL	48	7	12	10	6	3	7	3
Clark County, NV	37	8	9	4	3	1	6	6
Allegheny County, PA	43	3	6	7	6	5	8	8
Riverside County, CA	29	2	2	4	2	4	6	9
Davidson County, TN	58	7	8	9	6	10	10	8
De Kalb County, GA	24	2	4	1	4	7	4	2
Marion County, IN	31	7	6	3	6	2	2	5
Fulton County, GA	14	4	0	5	5	0	0	0
Milwaukee County, WI	20	0	4	2	2	6	3	3
Wayne County, MI	30	6	7	4	4	0	5	4
Oklahoma County, OK	30	0	5	2	5	5	5	8
Gwinnett County, GA	11	0	0	0	1	4	3	3
Palm Beach County, FL	29	5	6	2	5	4	3	4
Polk County, FL	13	0	0	2	4	1	2	4
Travis County, TX	24	4	4	3	2	3	3	5
Franklin County, OH	19	3	2	5	3	2	2	2
King County, WA	13	/	0	2	5	3	1	2
Cobb County, GA	20	1	0	4	0	7	1	7
Denver County, CO	16	0	5	1	2	2	2	4
Suffolk County, MA <sup>b</sup>	8	0	2	0	1	2	1	2
Hamilton County, OH	28	3	4	4	4	3	4	6

Mecklenburg County, NC	7	0	0	3	2	0	0	2
Bernalillo County, NM	29	4	1	3	3	4	5	9
Kern County, CA	22	3	3	2	2	6	3	3
El Paso County, TX	25	5	1	4	2	7	5	1
Hampden County, MA	17	3	2	2	3	1	4	2

Note: Fifty largest jurisdictions as of June 30, 2006, displayed from largest to smallest.  
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**Table 8. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by 50 largest jail jurisdictions, 2000-2006**

Jurisdiction	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, 2000-2006	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates							
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
<b>Total</b>	167	160	165	175	158	162	166	181	
Los Angeles County, CA	176	178	191	171	132	124	240	197	
New York City, NY	218	245	255	172	206	182	221	245	
Maricopa County, AZ	134	150	99	175	99	104	188	123	
Cook County, IL	165	224	137	110	74	228	136	246	
Harris County, TX	205	158	239	331	233	134	100	242	
Philadelphia City, PA	229	216	199	180	199	298	273	239	
Dallas County, TX	155	96	96	244	191	169	110	182	
Dade County, FL	226	204	250	240	233	196	208	251	
Orange County, CA	74	47	21	44	118	54	82	154	
Broward County, FL	168	289	253	98	141	96	146	151	
San Bernardino County, CA	129	59	75	141	112	75	178	262	
San Diego County, CA	198	132	204	123	182	271	286	188	
Shelby County, TN	157	121	155	145	128	185	217	151	
Santa Clara County, CA	116	97	73	179	129	72	179	84	
Hillsborough County, FL <sup>a</sup>	106	189	86	143	53	141	43	91	
Baltimore City, MD	304	345	304	495	236	209	225	313	
Sacramento County, CA	189	66	218	334	193	150	310	49	
Bexar County, TX	257	168	293	247	389	344	233	125	
Alameda County, CA	215	230	156	335	313	173	99	201	
Orange County, FL	92	125	96	132	26	58	79	130	
District of Columbia	313	256	0	572	347	369	311	335	
Fresno County, CA	164	222	128	264	151	268	33	85	
Pinellas County, FL	172	200	183	139	238	130	83	228	
Tarrant County, TX	117	179	86	32	88	291	60	86	
Jacksonville City, FL	223	256	397	337	197	88	203	86	
Clark County, NV	193	336	355	146	117	34	187	177	
Allegheny County, PA	222	131	209	283	229	183	284	237	
Riverside County, CA	132	78	76	122	62	124	185	276	
Davidson County, TN	280	251	306	315	204	311	320	250	
De Kalb County, GA	122	68	127	38	145	269	142	64	
Marion County, IN	177	289	245	122	216	81	83	203	
Fulton County, GA	73	133	0	182	193	0	0	0	
Milwaukee County, WI	90	0	116	64	62	177	107	104	
Wayne County, MI	158	214	261	148	153	0	192	140	
Oklahoma County, OK	178	0	268	89	197	189	214	291	
Gwinnett County, GA	63	0	0	0	56	163	111	110	
Palm Beach County, FL	162	195	255	77	202	145	108	152	
Polk County, FL	80	0	0	107	189	38	70	154	
Travis County, TX	133	156	150	118	81	125	109	193	
Franklin County, OH	109	139	88	199	112	75	74	78	
King County, WA	87	/	0	74	208	124	40	78	
Cobb County, GA	121	49	0	182	0	299	41	279	

Denver County, CO	113	0	274	53	105	107	89	162
Suffolk County, MA <sup>b</sup>	47	0	87	0	41	79	39	84
Hamilton County, OH	185	143	202	200	188	134	172	256
Mecklenburg County, NC	49	0	0	157	102	0	0	86
Bernalillo County, NM	224	293	70	213	179	191	232	393
Kern County, CA	135	118	114	78	90	274	136	132
El Paso County, TX	159	250	47	167	84	292	229	47
Hampden County, MA	139	175	119	121	189	62	207	97

Note: Fifty largest jurisdictions as of June 30, 2006, displayed from largest to smallest. Mortality rates are based on average daily population (ADP).

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**Table 9. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2006**

Characteristic	Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2006						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Homicide	Other/ unknown
<b>Total</b>	3,311	368	2,076	489	210	147	407
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	2,895	328	1,912	386	188	144	348
Female	416	40	163	103	22	3	54
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	1,465	57	1,441	295	132	59	192
Black, non-Hispanic	1,385	257	306	119	54	59	147
Hispanic	386	50	254	64	18	27	48
Other*	60	4	70	8	6	1	4
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18	5	1	32	2	0	1	2
18-24	114	9	424	66	31	33	40
25-34	350	72	645	159	52	32	67
35-44	916	160	626	145	65	40	118
45-54	1,183	104	267	101	49	28	103
55 or older	738	20	75	14	13	12	58

Note: Detail may not add to total due to missing data.

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**Table 10. Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2006**

**Percent of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2006**

Characteristic	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Homicide	Other/ unknown
<b>Total</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	87.4 %	89.1 %	92.1 %	78.9 %	89.5 %	98.0 %	86.6 %
Female	12.6	10.9	7.9	21.1	10.5	2.0	13.4
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	44.4 %	15.5 %	69.6 %	60.7 %	62.9 %	40.4 %	49.1 %
Black, non-Hispanic	42.0	69.8	14.8	24.5	25.7	40.4	37.6
Hispanic	11.7	13.6	12.3	13.2	8.6	18.5	12.3
Other*	1.8	1.1	3.4	1.6	2.9	0.7	1.0
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18	0.2 %	0.3 %	1.5 %	0.4 %	0.0 %	0.7 %	0.5 %
18-24	3.4	2.5	20.5	13.6	14.8	22.6	10.3
25-34	10.6	19.7	31.2	32.6	24.8	21.9	17.3
35-44	27.7	43.7	30.3	29.8	31.0	27.4	30.4
45-54	35.8	28.4	12.9	20.7	23.3	19.2	26.5
55 or older	22.3	5.5	3.6	2.9	6.2	8.2	14.9

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**Table 11. Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2006**

Characteristic	Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death, 2000-2006						
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Homicide	Other/unknown
Total	69	8	43	10	4	3	8
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	68	8	45	9	4	3	8
Female	71	7	28	17	4	0	9
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	76	3	76	15	7	3	9
Black, non-Hispanic	73	14	16	6	3	3	8
Hispanic	48	6	32	8	2	3	6
<b>Age</b>							
Under 18	6	1	38	2	0	1	2
18-24	8	1	32	5	2	2	3
25-34	22	5	41	10	3	2	4
35-44	73	13	50	11	5	3	9
45-54	245	21	55	21	10	6	21
55 or older	690	19	71	13	12	11	52

Note: Mortality rates are based on June 30th custody population. Inmate populations of various demographic groups are estimates based on the Annual Survey of Jails and the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails.

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**Table 1. Number of arrest-related deaths, by cause of death, 2003-2006**

Cause of death	Number of arrest-related deaths				
	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	2,686	627	670	679	710
<b>Homicide</b>					
By law enforcement	1,540	366	367	368	439
By other persons	13	3	4	4	2
<b>Drug/alcohol intoxication</b>	317	83	79	85	70
<b>Suicide</b>	289	59	84	79	67
<b>Accidental injury</b>	182	52	41	47	42
<b>Illness/natural causes</b>	139	27	46	32	34
<b>Other/unknown</b>	206	37	49	64	56

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**Table 2. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by cause of death, 2003-2006**

Cause of death	Percent of arrest-related deaths				
	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>All causes</b>	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Homicide</b>					
By law enforcement	57.3 %	58.4 %	54.8 %	54.2 %	61.8 %
By other persons	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.3
<b>Drug/alcohol intoxication</b>	11.8	13.2	11.8	12.5	9.9
<b>Suicide</b>	10.8	9.4	12.5	11.6	9.4
<b>Accidental injury</b>	6.8	8.3	6.1	6.9	5.9
<b>Illness/natural causes</b>	5.2	4.3	6.9	4.7	4.8
<b>Other/unknown</b>	7.7	5.9	7.3	9.4	7.9

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**Table 3. Number of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics, 2003-2006**

Characteristic	Number of arrest-related deaths				
	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	2,686	627	670	679	710
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	2,566	594	642	655	675
Female	112	32	28	21	31
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>					
White, non-Hispanic	1,134	286	273	277	298
Black, non-Hispanic	834	196	213	217	208
Hispanic	552	108	145	136	163
Other <sup>a</sup>	100	30	23	26	21
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>					
Under 18	68	18	19	13	18
18-24	503	117	125	140	121
25-34	780	176	185	184	235
35-44	720	184	178	188	170
45-54	390	94	101	80	115
55 or older	164	30	54	50	30

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data.

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

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**Table 4. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics, 2003-2006**

Characteristic	Percent of arrest-related deaths				
	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	95.8 %	94.9 %	95.8 %	96.9 %	95.6 %
Female	4.2	5.1	4.2	3.1	4.4
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>					
White, non-Hispanic	43.3 %	46.1 %	41.7 %	42.2 %	43.2 %
Black, non-Hispanic	31.8	31.6	32.6	33.1	30.1
Hispanic	21.1	17.4	22.2	20.7	23.6
Other <sup>a</sup>	3.8	4.8	3.5	4.0	3.0
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>					
Under 18	2.6 %	2.9 %	2.9 %	2.0 %	2.6 %
18-24	19.2	18.9	18.9	21.4	17.6
25-34	29.7	28.4	27.9	28.1	34.1
35-44	27.4	29.7	26.9	28.7	24.7
45-54	14.9	15.2	15.3	12.2	16.7
55 or older	6.2	4.8	8.2	7.6	4.4

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

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**Table 5. Number of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Selected characteristics	Cause of death, 2003-2006						
	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/unknown
All deaths	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	2,566	1,499	300	275	177	127	188
Female	112	52	17	14	5	12	12
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	1,134	675	107	159	64	61	68
Black, non-Hispanic	834	454	125	44	76	54	81
Hispanic	552	326	72	72	35	16	31
Other <sup>a</sup>	100	72	12	8	3	3	2
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>							
Under 18	68	52	4	6	5	0	1
18-24	503	365	30	49	36	4	19
25-34	780	471	111	73	50	22	53
35-44	720	361	111	91	52	33	72
45-54	390	194	50	42	29	46	29
55 or older	164	84	7	22	8	34	9

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

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**Table 6. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by selected characteristics and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Selected characteristics	Cause of death, 2003-2006						
	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/unknown
All deaths	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	95.8%	96.6%	94.6%	95.2%	97.3%	91.4%	94.0%
Female	4.2	3.4	5.4	4.8	2.7	8.6	6.0
<b>Race/Hispanic origin</b>							
White, non-Hispanic	43.3%	44.2%	33.9%	56.2%	36.0%	45.5%	37.4%
Black, non-Hispanic	31.8	29.7	39.6	15.5	42.7	40.3	44.5
Hispanic	21.1	21.3	22.8	25.4	19.7	11.9	17.0
Other <sup>a</sup>	3.8	4.7	3.8	2.8	1.7	2.2	1.1
<b>Age<sup>b</sup></b>							
Under 18	2.6%	3.4%	1.3%	2.1%	2.8%	0.0%	0.5%
18-24	19.2	23.9	9.6	17.3	20.0	2.9	10.4
25-34	29.7	30.8	35.5	25.8	27.8	15.8	29.0
35-44	27.4	23.6	35.5	32.2	28.9	23.7	39.3
45-54	14.9	12.7	16.0	14.8	16.1	33.1	15.8
55 or older	6.2	5.5	2.2	7.8	4.4	24.5	4.9
<b>Number of deaths</b>	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206

<sup>a</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 64 cases in which only year of birth was reported, and age was estimated based on an imputed date of birth of June 30th.

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**Table 7. Number of arrest-related deaths, by state, 2003-2006**

Region and jurisdiction	Number of arrest-related deaths				
	2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
All states	2,686	627	670	679	710
<b>Northeast</b>	369	71	99	91	108
Connecticut	13	0	5	4	4
Maine	9	3	1	2	3
Massachusetts	25	9	6	8	2
New Hampshire	7	1	2	2	2
New Jersey	44	6	14	17	7
New York	142	28	39	30	45
Pennsylvania	113	21	30	26	36
Rhode Island	11	2	2	1	6
Vermont	5	1	0	1	3
<b>Midwest</b>	472	131	124	116	101
Illinois	100	29	28	23	20
Indiana	33	9	7	10	7
Iowa	25	4	9	9	3
Kansas	27	5	6	7	9
Michigan	90	26	24	22	18
Minnesota	23	8	9	3	3
Missouri	16	9	3	2	2
Nebraska	11	5	4	1	1
North Dakota	7	3	2	2	0
Ohio	97	20	25	26	26
South Dakota	5	3	1	1	0
Wisconsin	38	10	6	10	12
<b>South</b>	907	217	225	242	223
Alabama	10	2	0	6	2
Arkansas <sup>a</sup>	4	/	/	1	3
Delaware	8	1	1	1	5
District of Columbia	12	2	4	4	2
Florida	277	55	68	78	76
Georgia	/	/	/	/	/
Kentucky	11	3	2	4	2
Louisiana <sup>a</sup>	23	/	1	10	12
Maryland	/	/	/	/	/
Mississippi <sup>a</sup>	3	/	1	0	2
North Carolina <sup>b</sup>	57	16	19	22	/
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	39	15	20	4	/
South Carolina <sup>c</sup>	10	6	0	0	4
Tennessee <sup>a</sup>	7	/	0	4	3
Texas	380	105	89	96	90
Virginia	59	10	17	10	22
West Virginia	7	2	3	2	0
<b>West</b>	938	208	222	230	278
Alaska	4	0	1	2	1
Arizona	181	26	46	52	57
California	465	106	112	93	154
Colorado	56	21	12	12	11

Hawaii	12	0	5	5	2
Idaho	5	2	1	1	1
Montana	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>d</sup>	2	2	/	/	/
New Mexico	42	15	9	8	10
Oregon	54	12	13	17	12
Utah	30	6	9	6	9
Washington	86	17	14	34	21
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	1	1	/	/	/

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Reported data for 2004-2006; did not report 2003 data.

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**Table 8. Number of arrest-related deaths, by state and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Region and jurisdiction	Cause of death, 2003-2006						
	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ unknown
All states	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206
<b>Northeast</b>	369	206	49	33	20	40	21
Connecticut	13	12	0	0	0	0	1
Maine	9	4	1	2	1	0	1
Massachusetts	25	7	10	3	0	4	1
New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	44	24	7	3	3	3	4
New York	142	72	17	13	10	23	7
Pennsylvania	113	75	9	10	4	8	7
Rhode Island	11	4	4	0	1	2	0
Vermont	5	3	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Midwest</b>	472	326	38	41	31	17	19
Illinois	100	67	5	11	6	6	5
Indiana	33	33	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	25	16	0	6	2	0	1
Kansas	27	17	3	2	2	1	2
Michigan	90	59	11	7	7	4	2
Minnesota	23	16	2	0	3	1	1
Missouri	16	10	2	4	0	0	0
Nebraska	11	8	0	0	1	2	0
North Dakota	7	2	2	3	0	0	0
Ohio	97	66	12	2	7	3	7
South Dakota	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	38	27	1	6	3	0	1
<b>South</b>	907	455	121	112	74	48	97
Alabama	10	6	1	1	0	1	1
Arkansas <sup>a</sup>	4	0	2	0	0	1	1
Delaware	8	7	0	0	0	0	1
District of Columbia	12	7	1	2	0	1	1
Florida	277	157	24	6	28	6	56
Georgia	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Kentucky	11	11	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana <sup>a</sup>	23	14	2	1	2	3	1
Maryland	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Mississippi <sup>a</sup>	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
North Carolina <sup>b</sup>	57	19	6	9	13	3	7
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	39	31	1	6	1	0	0
South Carolina <sup>c</sup>	10	3	2	0	2	0	3
Tennessee <sup>a</sup>	7	1	2	0	1	0	3
Texas	380	153	77	77	22	30	21
Virginia	59	42	2	8	3	3	1
West Virginia	7	3	1	0	2	0	1
<b>West</b>	938	566	109	103	57	34	69
Alaska	4	2	0	1	1	0	0
Arizona	181	114	17	34	7	4	5

California	465	277	70	21	32	24	41
Colorado	56	32	4	10	7	0	3
Hawaii	12	5	4	0	0	3	0
Idaho	5	4	0	0	1	0	0
Montana	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>d</sup>	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
New Mexico	42	18	5	15	2	1	1
Oregon	54	46	1	5	2	0	0
Utah	30	16	1	11	0	0	2
Washington	86	51	7	6	5	0	17
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Reported data for 2004-2006; did not report 2003 data.

<sup>b</sup>Reported data for 2003-2005; did not report 2006 data.

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**Table 9. Number of arresting agencies with at least one reported arrest-related death, by state, 2003-2006**

Region and jurisdiction	Number of arresting agencies with at least one reported arrest-related death				
	Average, 2003-2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
All states	384	366	373	405	392
<b>Northeast</b>	47	40	50	50	48
Connecticut	3	0	4	4	4
Maine	3	4	1	3	3
Massachusetts	6	9	5	6	2
New Hampshire	2	1	2	2	2
New Jersey	9	7	13	10	7
New York	10	8	11	9	10
Pennsylvania	12	8	12	14	12
Rhode Island	3	2	2	1	5
Vermont	1	1	0	1	3
<b>Midwest</b>	79	82	83	80	72
Illinois	13	11	13	12	14
Indiana	6	8	5	6	5
Iowa	6	3	11	7	3
Kansas	6	6	3	6	7
Michigan	15	15	16	15	13
Minnesota	4	5	6	3	2
Missouri	3	4	3	2	2
Nebraska	2	5	1	1	1
North Dakota	2	5	2	2	0
Ohio	16	10	17	18	18
South Dakota	1	1	1	1	0
Wisconsin	7	9	5	7	7
<b>South</b>	136	128	125	153	137
Alabama	3	2	0	6	2
Arkansas <sup>a</sup>	1	/	0	1	3
Delaware	2	1	1	1	3
District of Columbia	1	1	1	1	1
Florida	39	33	35	44	43
Georgia	:	/	/	/	/
Kentucky	3	3	1	4	3
Louisiana <sup>a</sup>	9	/	1	10	10
Maryland	:	/	/	/	/
Mississippi <sup>a</sup>	1	/	1	0	1
North Carolina <sup>b</sup>	16	14	15	19	/
Oklahoma <sup>b</sup>	9	11	13	3	/
South Carolina <sup>c</sup>	3	6	0	0	5
Tennessee <sup>a</sup>	2	/	0	4	3
Texas	47	49	40	48	49
Virginia	11	6	14	10	14
West Virginia	2	2	3	2	0
<b>West</b>	122	116	115	122	135
Alaska	2	0	3	2	1

Arizona	16	12	13	16	21
California	52	48	50	46	63
Colorado	11	12	9	12	9
Hawaii	2	0	2	2	2
Idaho	1	2	1	1	1
Montana	:	/	/	/	/
Nevada <sup>d</sup>	:	2	/	/	/
New Mexico	7	7	9	7	6
Oregon	11	13	9	9	11
Utah	8	5	10	9	7
Washington	14	14	9	18	14
Wyoming <sup>d</sup>	:	1	/	/	/

Note: Some death records identified multiple arresting agencies. As a result, the number of arresting agencies may exceed the number of arrest-related deaths.

/Not reported.

:Not calculated; less than two years of data reported.

<sup>a</sup>Reported data for 2004-2006; did not report 2003 data.

<sup>b</sup>Reported data for 2003-2005; did not report 2006 data.

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**Table 10. Arrest-related deaths, by most serious offense, 2003-2006**

Most serious offense	Arrest-related deaths, 2003-2006	
	Number	Percent
<b>All offenses</b>	2,686	100%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,546	57.6%
Homicide	239	8.9
Murder of a law enforcement officer	9	0.3
Attempted murder of a law enforcement officer	138	5.1
Other murder/manslaughter	92	3.4
Kidnapping	56	2.1
Sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	20	0.7
Robbery	138	5.1
Assault	1,033	38.5
Assault on a law enforcement officer	385	14.3
Domestic violence <sup>b</sup>	80	3.0
Other assault	568	21.1
Other violent	60	2.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	198	7.4%
Burglary	67	2.5
Larceny	22	0.8
Motor vehicle theft	30	1.1
Fraud	12	0.4
Other property <sup>c</sup>	67	2.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	196	7.3%
Possession	129	4.8
Trafficking	44	1.6
Other drug	23	0.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	364	13.6%
Weapons	43	1.6
Obstruction of justice	110	4.1
Obstruction of law enforcement activities	68	2.5
Obstruction of court activities	42	1.6
Traffic violations	48	1.8
Driving while intoxicated	36	1.3
Drunkenness, disorderly conduct	91	3.4
Probation/parole violation, escape	26	1.0
Immigration	1	--
Other public-order	9	0.3
<b>No criminal charges intended</b>	102	3.8%
Mental health transport	58	2.2
Medical transport	12	0.4
Unspecified	32	1.2
<b>Offense not reported</b>	280	10.4%

--Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

<sup>b</sup>Some domestic violence cases may be reported as assaults.

<sup>c</sup>Includes arson and stolen property.

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**Table 11. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by most serious offense and cause of death, 2003-2006**

Most serious offense	Cause of death, 2003-2006						
	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/ unknown
All offenses	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	57.6%	75.3%	28.1%	52.6%	25.3%	23.7%	27.7%
Homicide	8.9	13.0	0.0	10.0	1.6	0.0	2.4
Murder of a law enforcement officer	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Attempted murder of a law enforcement officer	5.1	8.3	0.0	1.4	1.1	0.0	1.5
Other murder/manslaughter	3.4	4.2	0.0	8.3	0.5	0.0	1.0
Kidnapping	2.1	2.8	0.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	1.0
Sexual assault <sup>a</sup>	0.7	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.0	0.7	0.0
Robbery	5.1	7.2	1.3	4.8	1.6	1.4	1.5
Assault	38.5	49.1	23.7	29.1	21.4	19.4	21.8
Assault on a law enforcement officer	14.3	18.2	9.5	6.2	10.4	8.6	11.7
Domestic violence <sup>b</sup>	3.0	2.4	2.2	7.3	2.7	3.6	1.9
Other assault	21.1	28.5	12.0	15.6	8.2	7.2	8.3
Other violent	2.2	2.6	1.9	2.8	0.5	2.2	1.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	7.4%	3.6%	14.2%	10.0%	13.2%	17.3%	9.7%
Burglary	2.5	1.4	4.4	2.1	3.8	4.3	5.8
Larceny	0.8	0.4	1.9	1.7	0.5	2.2	0.5
Motor vehicle theft	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.7	3.8	2.2	0.0
Fraud	0.4	0.1	0.3	1.7	1.1	2.2	0.0
Other property <sup>c</sup>	2.5	0.8	7.3	2.8	3.8	6.5	3.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7.3%	2.6%	19.2%	5.5%	18.7%	16.5%	10.7%
Possession	4.8	1.2	15.8	3.1	9.3	11.5	9.2
Trafficking	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.7	7.1	2.9	0.5
Other drug	0.9	0.4	1.9	0.7	2.2	2.2	1.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	13.6%	7.0%	22.4%	23.2%	27.5%	30.2%	12.1%
Weapons	1.6	1.7	0.9	3.1	0.5	2.2	0.5
Obstruction of justice	4.1	2.2	6.3	6.6	11.0	4.3	5.3
Obstruction of law enforcement activities	2.5	1.4	4.1	3.1	8.2	2.9	2.9
Obstruction of court activities	1.6	0.8	2.2	3.5	2.7	1.4	2.4
Traffic violations	1.8	0.8	2.8	3.5	4.9	4.3	0.5
Driving while intoxicated	1.3	0.6	0.6	2.8	4.4	5.8	0.0
Drunkenness, disorderly conduct	3.4	0.8	11.4	4.2	3.8	10.1	4.4
Probation/parole violation, escape	1.0	0.6	0.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.5
Immigration	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Other public-order	0.3	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
<b>No criminal charges intended</b>	3.8%	2.3%	9.1%	3.8%	1.6%	8.6%	5.3%
Mental health transport	2.2	1.0	5.4	2.8	1.6	4.3	3.9
Medical transport	0.4	0.1	1.9	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.5
Unspecified	1.2	1.2	1.9	0.3	0.0	3.6	1.0
<b>Offense not reported</b>	10.4%	9.2%	6.9%	4.8%	13.7%	3.6%	34.5%
<b>Number of deaths</b>	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206

Note: Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

--Less than 0.05%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes rape and other sexual assault.

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**Table 12. Number of arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and cause of death, 2003-2006**

	Cause of death, 2003-2006						
	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/unknown
All deaths	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest*</b>							
Sheriff's office	541	325	46	61	40	17	52
Local police department	1,952	1,104	258	205	127	112	146
State police/highway patrol	150	99	9	21	11	5	5
Special jurisdiction police	23	13	3	1	3	3	0
Constables	7	5	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved*</b>							
1-9	68	33	4	13	5	6	7
10-24	130	62	15	31	7	7	8
25-49	217	120	15	45	15	12	10
50-99	243	132	28	30	21	13	19
100-249	383	215	56	32	30	19	31
250-499	325	194	39	24	23	15	30
500-999	290	170	36	34	24	8	18
1,000 or more	1,014	616	124	79	57	58	80

Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to missing data.

\* In cases involving multiple arresting agencies, the characteristics of the largest agency are reported.

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**Table 13. Percent of arrest-related deaths, by characteristics of the law enforcement agency involved and cause of death, 2003-2006**

	Cause of death, 2003-2006						
	All causes	Homicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Suicide	Accident	Illness	Other/unknown
All deaths	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
<b>Type of agency involved in arrest*</b>							
Sheriff's office	20.2 %	21.0 %	14.5 %	21.2 %	22.1 %	12.3 %	25.6 %
Local police department	73.0	71.4	81.4	71.2	70.2	81.2	71.9
State police/highway patrol	5.6	6.4	2.8	7.3	6.1	3.6	2.5
Special jurisdiction police	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.7	2.2	0.0
Constables	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
<b>Number of full-time sworn personnel employed by the agency involved*</b>							
1-9	2.5 %	2.1 %	1.3 %	4.5 %	2.7 %	4.3 %	3.4 %
10-24	4.9	4.0	4.7	10.8	3.8	5.1	3.9
25-49	8.1	7.8	4.7	15.6	8.2	8.7	4.9
50-99	9.1	8.6	8.8	10.4	11.5	9.4	9.4
100-249	14.3	13.9	17.7	11.1	16.5	13.8	15.3
250-499	12.2	12.6	12.3	8.3	12.6	10.9	14.8
500-999	10.9	11.0	11.4	11.8	13.2	5.8	8.9
1,000 or more	38.0	39.9	39.1	27.4	31.3	42.0	39.4
<b>Number of deaths</b>	2,686	1,553	317	289	182	139	206

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### BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) – Local jail inmate death data

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) began collecting inmate death records from jail jurisdictions nationwide in December 2000 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (PL 106-297). Data on inmate deaths were requested at the end of each calendar quarter (form CJ-9 for local jails, form CJ-10 for private or multi-jurisdictional jails). Jails were also asked to submit inmate population and admission counts at the end of each calendar year which allowed for the calculation of inmate mortality rates (forms CJ-9A and CJ-10A). As part of the yearend collection of population data, jails were asked for a yearend count of inmate deaths which were reconciled with quarterly reports to identify missing records. Jails with missing death records were asked to submit the records on a separate quarterly death report form.

Jails were instructed to report the death of any inmate in their custody, even if the inmate was held for other jurisdictions, such as the state department of corrections, another state or county, or the Federal government. Jails were also instructed to include the death of any inmate sent outside the jail facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services or for work-release programs. Deaths that occurred while an inmate was in transit to or from the jail facility were included. Deaths of jail inmates who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the jail facility were excluded.

From the beginning of the collection in 2000, as agent for BJS, the Governments Division of the U.S. Census Bureau collected both the quarterly death records and the yearend collection of population and admissions data from all jail jurisdictions nationwide. If a final determination of cause of death could not be made at the time of reporting, respondents were asked to indicate that autopsy reports were pending. Jurisdictions with incomplete records were contacted again over the following 12 months to obtain final cause of death data. In each year (2000 through 2006), at least 99% of the more than 3,000 jail jurisdictions nationwide responded to the collection.

For local jail survey forms, see [Deaths in Custody survey questionnaires](#).

### BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) – State prisoner death data

BJS began collecting inmate death records from state prison authorities nationwide in 2001 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (PL 106-297). State departments of correction were asked to submit a quarterly report of all deaths at the end of each calendar quarter. States were also asked to submit a quarterly summary count of deaths (form NPS-4) and an individual report of each inmate death (form NPS-4A). If a final determination of cause of death could not be made at the time of reporting, respondents were asked to indicate that autopsy reports were pending. Jurisdictions with incomplete records were contacted again over the following 12 months to obtain final cause of death data.

State prisons were instructed to report the deaths of any inmate in their custody, even if the inmate was held for other jurisdictions, such as a county jail, another state, or the Federal government. State prisoner death counts include the death of any inmate held in a private prison facility under contract to the state's department of correction. Deaths of inmates in private facilities were counted in the state that had jurisdiction over the inmate, not the state where the private facility was located.

State prisons were also instructed to include the death of any inmate sent outside the prison facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services or for work-release programs. Deaths that occurred while a state prisoner was in transit to or from the prison were included. Deaths of state prisoners who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the prison facility were excluded. All execution deaths were excluded from the collection because capital punishment cases are already tracked under the National Prisoners Statistics program.

This data collection was conducted by BJS staff during 2001 and 2002 and by data collection staff of Governments Division of the U.S. Census Bureau for BJS since 2003. In each year (2001 through 2006), all 50 state departments of correction responded to the collection. The District of Columbia submitted data for its prison population until transferring all of their custody operations to the Federal Bureau of Prisons during 2001. Federal prisons are not covered by PL 106-297 and these tables do not include mortality data on Federal prisoners.

For state prisoner survey forms, see [Deaths in Custody survey questionnaires](#).

### BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) – State and local law enforcement arrest-related death data

The Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-297) required the U.S. Department of Justice to begin a quarterly collection of individual death records for all persons incarcerated in State or local correctional facilities, as well as "any person who is in the process of arrest." The act linked eligibility for funds under the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth In Sentencing (VOI/TIS) grant programs to reporting death records to the Attorney General. At the time the law was enacted, all 50 states and the District of Columbia participated in the VOI/TIS grant programs. The act did not apply to Federal law

enforcement agencies or the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

#### *Identifying State-level data providers*

In developing the collection of arrest-related death records, BJS staff contacted multiple offices in each state to determine the appropriate reporting contact. While each state was required to report these death records as a condition of eligibility for VOI/TIS grant funds, the grants were awarded to state departments of correction. In developing the collection, BJS did not find any state correctional authorities that collected information on the operations of law enforcement agencies in their state.

At the time the Death in Custody Reporting Act was passed, only two states (California and Texas) collected information on all types of arrest-related deaths. For the remaining 48 states and the District of Columbia, the new DCRP collection was the first attempt to perform a comprehensive count of all arrest-related deaths.

In California and Texas, state statutes required the reporting of all arrest-related deaths to the state attorney general's office. These offices agreed to complete statewide reports of arrest-related deaths for submission to BJS. In all other jurisdictions, BJS worked with state officials to determine which agency would collect arrest-related death reports.

A state criminal justice commission, commonly administered by the governor's office, was the most common data reporting contact (22 States), followed by the state attorney general and state police department (8 states each). In five states, the department of corrections took a lead role in compiling records because of the VOI/TIS grant funding. In over 30 states, the reporting office also served as a state criminal justice Statistical Analysis Center (SAC).

#### **Agencies reporting DCRP arrest-related death records**

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<b>All data providers</b>	<b>48</b>
State criminal justice commission	22
State attorney general	8
State police/highway patrol	8
State department of correction	5
State medical examiner	3
State department of public safety	1
State office of financial management	1

While every state identified a data provider, three states — Georgia, Maryland, and Montana — never submitted records. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia participated in the collection at some point, but the participation of some states varied by year. A total of 43 states participated in 2003, 45 states participated in both 2004 and 2005, and 43 states participated in 2006. The District of Columbia submitted records in all four years. For a summary of State reporting coverage, see statistical tables 7 and 9.

Many of the arrest-related deaths undergo lengthy investigations by prosecutors, police departments, and coroner's offices to determine a cause of death or decide a legal disposition of the case. It took up to 15 months to finalize cause of death information for some cases. Multiple contacts were made to the state data providers to complete missing items and receive a final cause of death.

#### *Data sources for State reporters*

Regardless of which state office ultimately took the lead in compiling the death records, most states utilized multiple data sources in this effort. Of the 47 states that participated at some point, 42 used multiple sources of information on arrest-related deaths, while 30 states reported at least 3 different sources of data. (For a detailed listing of reporting methods used by each state, see pages 9 and 10 of the online version of the BJS Special Report, [\*Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005\*](#).)

State and local law enforcement agencies were the most common source of data used by state reporters. Law enforcement agencies voluntarily reported arrest-related deaths to 40 data providers. In California and Texas, law enforcement agencies were required by state law to submit arrest-related death records. The Metropolitan Police Department was the only source of arrest-related data for the District of Columbia.

Thirty states used media searches to identify arrest-related deaths and followed up with a data request to the law enforcement agency involved in the incident. In some cases when the agency did not respond to this information request, the state contact used the media accounts of the death to complete the DCRP questionnaire. Twenty-three states involved county coroners or the state medical examiner's office in compiling these records, and 19 states involved the state police. Nine states used their Uniform Crime Reporting office, and 6 states collected information from prosecutors' offices. Seven states used other resources or agencies in compiling these reports.

#### *Defining deaths "in the process of arrest"*

BJS had to define the term "in the process of arrest," specified in the Death in Custody Reporting Act (PL 106-297). BJS staff consulted with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and criminal justice researchers to identify which circumstances involved an "arrest process."

All deaths of persons in the physical custody or under the physical restraint of law enforcement officers were included. This resulted in the reporting of 102 deaths over four years in which no criminal charges were involved. Law enforcement responses

to people exhibiting mental health problems accounted for 58 of these cases, while another 12 cases involved persons who had to be restrained by police for medical transportation. In another 32 cases, the reason for law enforcement involvement was not specified, but the record indicated that no criminal charges were involved. The deaths of any other persons not subject to an attempted arrest were excluded, including bystanders and law enforcement officers killed during an attempted arrest.

State contacts were instructed to include all deaths resulting from use of force by law enforcement officers. Arrest-related suicides were also included in this collection, provided that law enforcement officers were in some type of contact with the arrest subject prior to the suicide. For example, if an armed suspect was surrounded by officers and chose to take his own life rather than surrender, the death would be included. However, if an offender was actively sought by police but committed suicide before the police located him, the death would be excluded. The reason for the exclusion is that no officers were present at the time of death to attempt an arrest.

Vehicular accident deaths that were not specifically related to arrest activities were excluded from the collection. States were instructed to include vehicular accident deaths only when law enforcement officers actively took some role in causing the accident during an arrest attempt. This included shooting at the vehicle or driver or forcing the vehicle off the road with a police vehicle or other obstructions (such as a spike strip to blow out tires or a roadblock). All other vehicular deaths were excluded.

States were also instructed to disregard whether an arrest warrant had been issued. Because officers frequently make arrests in response to unexpected events, requiring an arrest warrant would leave many arrest-related deaths unreported. Likewise, states were told to exclude the deaths of persons who had arrest warrants issued against them that were not enforced. For example, if an offender had a bench warrant issued for their arrest, but later died before any officers attempted to enforce this arrest warrant, the state was told to exclude that record. In such cases, the arrest warrant indicated an administrative criminal justice status and not an attempt to bring the subject into custody.

Deaths of arrestees were subject to the data collection from the time police encountered them in the field until the time they were booked into a local jail facility. This included deaths of arrest subjects who died at medical facilities due to injuries or medical problems, as well as any persons who died in transit from an arrest scene in a police vehicle or ambulance. All deaths in jails are reported to BJS under a separate DCRP collection with different questionnaires.

Once records of arrest-related deaths were submitted to BJS, the forms were reviewed to ensure that each case met the established guidelines. BJS staff and the State contacts routinely discussed and resolved cases that were ambiguous or appeared to involve circumstances that would exclude them from the collection. Since the publication of the report [Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005](#), BJS has also undertaken an intensive review of DCRP jail death records to search for records reported to multiple DCRP collections. This review identified 26 arrest-related death records submitted during the 2003-2005 period that were also reported as jail inmate deaths (1.3% of the 2,002 deaths reported). In the interest of avoiding double-counts of the same events, these deaths have been excluded from the statistical tables presented for the 2003-2006 period. As a result, counts of deaths presented in the statistical tables for 2003-2005 may not match those published earlier.

#### *Other national measures of arrest-related deaths*

While DCRP is the only national statistical program that measures all types of arrest-related deaths, two other national programs measure law enforcement homicides. Law enforcement agencies can submit Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR) as part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) also compiles mortality statistics, including a category for law enforcement homicides. For a detailed discussion of these resources and how their measures of arrest-related deaths differ from the DCRP, please see the BJS Special Report, [Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005](#).

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