

Supreme Court Review of Death Penalty Sentences 1972-2007

	executed	on row	cert. grant	executed per cert grant	executed + on row per grant	cases
Nevada	12	80	3	4	30.6	Godinez v. Moran 1993 Riggins v. Nevada 1992 Sumner v. Shuman 1987
Alabama	35	195	6	5.8	28.3	Nelson v. Campbell 2004 Harris v. Alabama 1995 Heath v. Alabama 1985 Baldwin v. Alabama 1985 Hopper v. Evans 1982 Beck v. Alabama 1980
Arizona	22	124	15	1.5	9.7	Schriro v. Landrigan 2007 Schriro v. Smith 2005 Schriro v. Summerlin 2004 Ring v. Arizona 2002 Stewart v. LaGrand 1999 Stewart v. Martinez-Villareal 1998 Richmond v. Lewis 1992 Schad v. Arizona 1991 Arizona v. Fulminante 1991 Walton v. Arizona 1990 Lewis v. Jeffers 1990 Ricketts v. Adamson 1987 Tison v. Arizona 1987 Poland v. Arizona 1986 Arizona v. Rumsey 1984
Arkansas	27	37	3	9	21.3	Lockhart v. Fretwell 1993 Whitmore v. Arkansas 1990 Lockhart v. Arkansas 1986
California	13	660	16	.8	42	Ayers v. Belmontes 2006 Brown v. Sanders 2006 Brown v. Payton 2005 Woodford v. Garceau 2003 Woodford v. Visciotti 2002 Calderon v. Coleman 1998 Calderon v. Ashmus 1998 Calderon v. Thompson 1998 Tuilaepa v. California 1994 Stansbury v. California 1994 Sandoval v. California 1994 Medina v. California 1992 Boyde v. California 1990 California v. Brown 1987 Pulley v. Harris 1984 California v. Ramos 1983
Colorado	1	2	0	--	--	
Connecticut	1	8	0	--	--	
Delaware	14	18	1	14	32	Dawson v. Delaware 1992

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Florida	64	397	22	2.9	21	Lawrence v. Florida 2007 Hill v. McDonough 2006 Florida v. Nixon 2004 Lambrix v. Singletary 1997 Espinosa v. Florida 1992 Sochor v. Florida 1992 Parker v. Dugger 1991 Hildwin v. Florida 1989 Dugger v. Adams 1989 Hitchcock v. Dugger 1987 Ford v. Wainwright 1986 Florida v. Wainwright 1986 Wainwright v. Witt 1985 Spanziano v. Florida 1984 Strickland v. Washington 1984 Antone v. Dugger 1984 Wainwright v. Goode 1983 Barclay v. Florida 1983 Enmund v. Florida 1982 Dobbert v. Florida 1977 Gardner v. Florida 1977 Proffitt v. Florida 1976
Georgia	39	107	20	2	7.3	Greene v. Georgia 1996 Felker v. Turpin 1996 Lonchar v. Thomas 1996 Dobbs v. Zant 1993 McCleskey v. Zant 1991 Ford v. Georgia 1991 Burden v. Zant 1991 Amadeo v. Zant 1988 Berger v. Kemp 1987 McCleskey v. Kemp 1987 Zant v. Stephens 1983 Godfrey v. Georgia 1980 Green v. Georgia 1979 Presnell v. Georgia 1978 Coker v. Georgia 1977 Davis v. Georgia 1976 Gregg v. Georgia 1976 Jackson v. Georgia 1972 Furman v. Georgia 1972
Idaho	1	20	2	.5	10.5	Arave v. Creech 1993 Lankford v. Idaho 1991
Illinois	12	11	3	4	7.7	Bracy v. Gramley 1997 Morgan v. Illinois 1992 Moore v. Illinois 1972
Indiana	17	23	1	17	40	Schiro v. Indiana 1994
Kansas	0	9	1	--	9	Kansas v. Marsh 2006
Kentucky	2	41	2	1	21.5	Stanford v. Kentucky 1989 Buchanan v. Kentucky 1987

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Louisiana	27	88	5	5.4	23	Sawyer v. Whitley 1992 Sawyer v. Smith 1990 Lowenfield v. Phelps 1988 Roberts v. Louisiana 1977 Roberts v. Louisiana 1976
Maryland	5	8	3	1.7	4.3	Wiggins v. Smith 2003 Mills v. Maryland 1988 Booth v. Maryland 1987
Mississippi	8	66	6	1.3	12.3	Stringer v. Black 1992 Clemons v. Mississippi 1990 Johnson v. Mississippi 1988 Gray v. Mississippi 1987 Cabana v. Mississippi 1986 Caldwell v. Mississippi 1985
Missouri	66	51	6	11	19.5	Roper v. Weaver 2007 Deck v. Missouri 2005 Roper v. Simmons 2005 Schlup v. Delo 1995 Delo v. Lashley 1993 Bullington v. Missouri 1981
Montana	3	2	0	--	--	
Nebraska	3	9	1	3	12	Victor v. Nebraska 1994
New Hampshire	0	0	0	--	--	
New Jersey	0	11	0	--	--	
New Mexico	1	2	0	--	--	
New York	0	1	0	--	--	
North Carolina	43	185	2	21.5	114	McKoy v. North Carolina 1990 Woodson v. North Carolina 1976
Ohio	24	191	7	3.4	30.7	Bradshaw v. Richey 2005 Bradshaw v. Stumpf 2005 Mitchell v. Esparza 2003 Ohio Adult Parole Auth. v. Woodard 1998 Marshall v. Lonberger 1983 Lockett v. Ohio 1978 Bell v. Ohio 1978
Oklahoma	83	88	8	10.4	21.4	Cooper v. Oklahoma 1996 Romano v. Oklahoma 1994 Saffle v. Parks 1990 Thompson v. Oklahoma 1988 Ross v. Oklahoma 1988 Maynard v. Cartwright 1988 Ake v. Oklahoma 1985 Eddings v. Oklahoma 1982
Oregon	2	33	1	2	35	Oregon v. Guzek 2006

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Pennsylvania	3	226	5	.6	45.8	Rompilla v. Beard 2005 Beard v. Banks 2004 Sattazahn v. Pennsylvania 2003 Horn v. Banks 2002 Blystone v. Pennsylvania 1990
South Carolina	36	67	5	7.2	20.6	Kelly v. South Carolina 2002 Shafer v. South Carolina 2001 Simmons v. South Carolina 1994 South Carolina v. Gathers 1989 Skipper v. South Carolina 1986
South Dakota	0	4	0	--	--	
Tennessee	2	107	5	.4	21.8	House v. Bell 2006 Bell v. Thompson 2005 Bell v. Cone 2005 Bell v. Cone 2002 Payne v. Tennessee 1991
Texas	379	393	26	14.6	29.7	Panetti v. Quarterman 2007 Brewer v. Quarterman 2007 Smith v. Texas 2007 Abdul-Kabir v. Quarterman 2007 Miller-El v. Dretke 2005 Medellin v. Dretke 2005 Smith v. Texas 2004 Tennard v. Dretke 2004 Banks v. Dretke 2004 Miller-El v. Cockrell 2003 Penry v. Johnson 2001 Brown v. Texas 1997 McFarland v. Scott 1994 Johnson v. Texas 1993 Herrera v. Collins 1993 Graham v. Collins 1993 Collins v. Youngblood 1990 Powell v. Texas 1989 Penry v. Lynaugh 1989 Lynaugh v. Texas 1988 Satterwhite v. Texas 1988 Barefoot v. Estelle 1983 Estelle v. Smith 1981 Adams v. Texas 1980 Jurek v. Texas 1976 Branch v. Texas 1972
Utah	6	9	0	--	--	
United States, including military	3	53	3	1	18.7	United States v. Bass 2002 Jones v. United States 1999 Loving v. United States 1996

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Virginia	98	20	16	6.1	7.4	Atkins v. Virginia 2002 Mickens v. Taylor 2002 Ramdass v. Angelone 2000 Williams v. Taylor 2000 Williams v. Taylor 2000 Weeks v. Angelone 2000 Strickler v. Greene 1999 Beard v. Greene 1998 Buchanan v. Angelone 1998 O'Dell v. Netherland 1997 Gray v. Netherland 1996 Tuggle v. Netherland 1995 Mu'Min v. Virginia 1991 Murray v. Giarratano 1989 Smith v. Murray 1986 Turner v. Murray 1986
Washington	4	9	2	2	6.5	Uttecht v. Brown 2007 In re Blodgett 1992
Wyoming	1	2	0	--	--	
<i>Total</i>	<i>1057</i>	<i>3357</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>22.52</i>	

Death row population and execution statistics were derived from "Death Row USA, Winter 2007," A quarterly report by the Criminal Justice Project of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.:

http://www.naacpldf.org/content/pdf/pubs/drusa/DRUSA_Winter_2007.pdf. The data is current as of January 1, 2007.

States Receiving The Greatest Number of Cert. Grants In Death Penalty Cases

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| 1. Texas - 26 | 16. Maryland 3 |
| 2. Florida - 22 | 20. Idaho - 2 |
| 3. Georgia - 20 | 20. Kentucky - 2 |
| 4. California - 16 | 20. North Carolina - 2 |
| 4. Virginia - 16 | 20. Washington - 2 |
| 6. Arizona - 15 | 24. Delaware - 1 |
| 7. Oklahoma - 8 | 24. Indiana - 1 |
| 8. Ohio - 7 | 24. Kansas - 1 |
| 9. Alabama - 6 | 24. Nebraska - 1 |
| 9. Mississippi - 6 | 24. Oregon - 1 |
| 9. Missouri - 6 | |
| 12. Louisiana - 5 | 10 states have not had any death penalty cases in which cert. was granted: Colorado, Connecticut, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. |
| 12. Pennsylvania - 5 | The court has granted cert. 3 times in federal death penalty cases, including military cases. |
| 12. South Carolina - 5 | |
| 12. Tennessee - 5 | |
| 16. Nevada - 3 | |
| 16. Arkansas - 3 | |
| 16. Illinois - 3 | |

States With The Lowest Number of Executions Per Certiorari Grant

1.	Tennessee - .4	18.	Alabama - 5.8
2.	Idaho - .5	19.	Virginia - 6.1
3.	Pennsylvania - .6	20.	South Carolina - 7.2
4.	California - .8	21.	Arkansas - 9
5.	Kentucky - 1	22.	Oklahoma - 10.4
6.	Mississippi - 1.3	23.	Missouri - 11
7.	Arizona - 1.5	24.	Delaware - 14
8.	Maryland - 1.7	25.	Texas - 14.6
9.	Georgia - 2	26.	Indiana - 17
9.	Oregon - 2	27.	North Carolina - 21.5
9.	Washington - 2		
12.	Florida - 2.9		
13.	Nebraska - 3		
14.	Ohio - 3.4		
15.	Nevada - 4		
15.	Illinois - 4		
17.	Louisiana - 5.4		
	<i>National Average - 5.4</i>		

Other than Utah, the 10 states which have not had any death penalty cases in which cert. was granted have a relatively low number of people who have been executed: Colorado (1), Connecticut (1), Montana (3), New Hampshire (0), New Jersey (0), New Mexico (1), New York (0), South Dakota (0), Utah (6), and Wyoming (1).

Rates for Certiorari Grants Based Upon Population of Death Row + Execution Inmates

In other words, states receiving the most review per death row inmate

1.	Maryland - 4.3	19.	Alabama - 28.3
2.	Washington - 6.5	20.	Texas - 29.7
3.	Georgia - 7.3	21.	Nevada - 30.6
4.	Virginia - 7.4	22.	Ohio - 30.7
5.	Illinois - 7.7	23.	Delaware - 32
6.	Kansas - 9	24.	Oregon - 35
7.	Arizona - 9.7	25.	Indiana - 40
8.	Idaho - 10.5	26.	California - 42
9.	Nebraska - 12	27.	Pennsylvania - 45.8
10.	Mississippi - 12.3	28.	North Carolina - 114
11.	Missouri - 19.5		
12.	South Carolina - 20.6		
13.	Florida - 21		
14.	Arkansas - 21.3		
15.	Oklahoma - 21.4		
16.	Kentucky - 21.5		
17.	Tennessee - 21.8		
	<i>National Average - 22.5</i>		
18.	Louisiana - 23		

The 10 states which have not had any death penalty cases in which cert. was granted have a relatively low number of people who have either been executed or are currently on death row: Colorado (3), Connecticut (9), Montana (5), New Hampshire (0), New Jersey (11), New Mexico (3), New York (1), South Dakota (4), Utah (15), and Wyoming (3).

To be complete, further information is needed: number of exonerations, number of natural deaths of death row inmates, and number of other deaths of death row inmates (homicides and suicides).