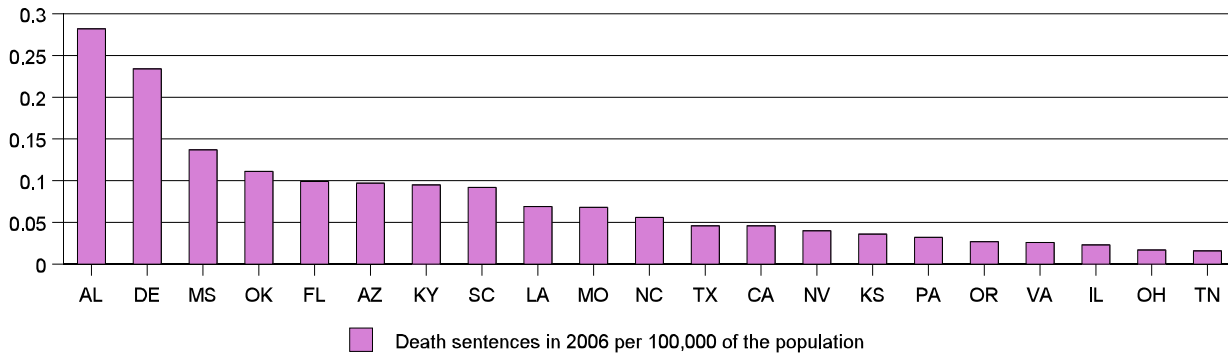




## U.S. DEATH SENTENCES IN 2006

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### Per Capita Rate of U.S. Death Sentencing



Alabama has the highest rate of death sentencing in the country. Based on new data from the Bureau of Justice, Alabama leads the nation in the rate of new death sentences for the fifth straight year. In 2006, Alabama sentenced more people to death than Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, Virginia and Ohio *combined*. With a population of only 4.5 million people, Alabama's 13 new death sentences was greater than the 11 new death sentences imposed in Texas, which has a population of 23.5 million people. A quarter of the death sentences in Alabama are a result of judicial override by elected judges, including Oscar Roy Doster who received a unanimous 12-0 verdict for life that was replaced with a death sentence.

### New U.S. Death Sentences

