



RANKING OF DEATH SENTENCES PER CAPITA IN 2006

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Rank	State	Number of death sentences per state in 2006	Rate of death sentences in 2006 per 100,00 of the population
1	Alabama	13	0.282668
2	Delaware	2	0.0234335
3	Mississippi	4	0.137431
4	Oklahoma	4	0.111756
5	Florida	18	0.099503
6	Arizona	6	0.097302
7	Kentucky	4	0.095100
8	South Carolina	4	0.092565
9	Louisiana	3	0.069966
10	Missouri	4	0.068461
11	North Carolina	5	0.056455
12	Texas	11	0.046793
13	California	17	0.046629
14	Nevada	1	0.040071
15	Kansas	1	0.036178
16	Pennsylvania	4	0.032152
17	Oregon	1	0.027021
18	Virginia	2	0.026168
19	Illinois	3	0.023379
20	Ohio	2	0.017424
21	Tennessee	1	0.016599
22	Connecticut	0	0

23	New Hampshire	0	0
24	New Jersey	0	0
25	New York	0	0
26	Indiana	0	0
27	Nebraska	0	0
28	Arkansas	0	0
29	Georgia	0	0
30	Maryland	0	0
31	Colorado	0	0
32	Idaho	0	0
33	Montana	0	0
34	New Mexico	0	0
35	Utah	0	0
36	Washington	0	0
37	Wyoming	0	0

In 2006, twenty-one states handed down death sentences, with a nationwide total of 115. The above table represents the rate of imposition per 100,000 of each state's population. The rankings have been calculated on the basis of statistics from the Bureau of Justice vis-a-vis death sentences imposed in 2006, along with official 2006 population statistics for the relevant states. Alabama had the highest per capita ranking, while Tennessee had the lowest ranking. A further sixteen states that had the death penalty on their statute books in 2006 imposed no death sentences in that year.