

Table 6.59

Deaths among sentenced prisoners under the jurisdiction of State and Federal correctional institutions

By cause of death, sex, region, and jurisdiction, 1995

Region and jurisdiction	Total		Illness or natural cause		AIDS		Suicide		Accidental self-injury		Execution, male ^a	Caused by another		Unspecified cause	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Female
United States, total	3,196	162	1,537	68	912	64	155	5	45	3	56	85	2	406	20
Federal	213	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	213	9
State	2,983	153	1,537	68	912	64	155	5	45	3	56	85	2	193	11
Northeast	690	50	210	14	367	35	36	1	17	0	2	20	0	38	0
Connecticut ^b	41	1	16	0	23	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts ^c	33	1	17	0	14	0	2	1	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	128	9	25	1	58	8	6	0	2	0	0	1	0	36	0
New York	366	30	97	9	237	21	10	0	6	0	0	16	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	113	9	50	4	33	5	15	0	9	0	2	3	0	1	0
Rhode Island ^b	7	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	0	0	1	0
Vermont ^b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
Midwest	465	16	340	12	61	2	33	1	6	1	11	11	0	3	0
Illinois ^d	100	3	53	2	30	1	6	0	2	0	5	4	0	0	0
Indiana	41	3	37	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Iowa ^d	8	1	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
Kansas	13	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan ^{d,e}	104	0	95	0	NA	NA	8	0	0	0	X	1	0	0	0
Minnesota	8	1	5	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	X	0	0	0	0
Missouri	50	3	29	1	3	1	2	0	2	1	6	5	0	3	0
Nebraska	12	1	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
Ohio	110	4	77	4	23	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	5	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	13	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
South	1,389	69	727	34	377	21	51	2	17	1	41	41	1	135	10
Alabama ^f	84	4	NA	NA	20	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	62	4
Arkansas	24	2	16	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0
Delaware ^b	9	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia ^{b,g}	7	NA	0	NA	0	NA	3	NA	0	NA	X	4	NA	0	NA
Florida ^d	243	11	83	4	143	7	4	0	1	0	3	9	0	0	0
Georgia ^d	119	8	54	3	46	4	9	1	1	0	2	0	0	7	0
Kentucky	29	0	27	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana ^f	63	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	NA	NA	62	5
Maryland	53	1	24	1	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Mississippi	42	0	32	0	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
North Carolina	67	2	36	1	27	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	63	3	35	0	3	1	7	0	5	0	3	10	1	0	1
South Carolina ^e	64	2	61	1	NA	NA	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Tennessee	62	2	44	2	12	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
Texas	373	26	256	17	66	8	18	1	5	0	19	5	0	4	0
Virginia	80	3	45	3	27	0	2	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
West Virginia	7	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	0	0	0
West	439	18	260	8	107	6	35	1	5	1	2	13	1	17	1
Alaska ^b	5	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0
Arizona ^d	57	1	48	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	3	0	1	0
California	253	9	126	4	86	5	25	0	2	0	0	5	0	9	0
Colorado	24	1	15	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Hawaii ^b	11	0	6	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	X	1	0	0	0
Idaho	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	11	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Nevada	21	4	13	2	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
New Mexico ^f	7	1	NA	NA	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	7	1
Oregon	20	1	15	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	6	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	22	1	19	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: See Note, figure 6.1. For information on methodology, definitions of terms, and jurisdictional explanatory notes, see Appendix 4.

^eIllness or natural causes includes deaths resulting from AIDS or other diseases related to HIV infection.

^fState does not distinguish cause of death, except by execution.

^gThe District of Columbia did not report the sex of prisoners who died. All deaths are reported under males.

^aNo female deaths due to execution occurred during 1995.

^bFigures include both jail and prison inmates; jails and prisons are combined in one system.

^cFigures include all inmates in Massachusetts custody regardless of jurisdiction, as well as Massachusetts inmates housed in other States.

^dData are custody rather than jurisdiction counts.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1995*, NCJ-163916 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 1997), Table 5.17.