

The Death Penalty in Nevada Since 1977

(Current as of March 21, 2017)¹

Total number of death sentences imposed:	186
Total number of individuals sentenced to death:	160
Total number of reversals (in state and federal courts) of conviction or sentence in death penalty cases:	88 (46.7% of total number of sentences)
Total number of individuals permanently removed from death row as a result of reversal/vacation of conviction or penalty:	50 (31.2% of total number of individuals sentenced to death)
Total number of individuals executed:	12 (6.4% of inmates)
Number of “volunteers” who sought to be executed:	11 (5.9% of inmates)
Number of involuntary executions:	1
Number of death-sentenced inmates who died of natural causes in prison:	11 (5.9% of inmates)
Number of suicides of death-sentenced inmates:	5 (2.6% of inmates)

¹ Based on data collected by the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada.

Counties That Have Imposed Death Sentences

County	Total of Number of Death Sentences Since 1977	Number of Death Sentenced Inmates Currently on Death Row
Carson City	5	1
Churchill	0	0
Clark	139	62
Douglas	0	0
Elko	1	0
Esmerelda	0	0
Eureka	0	0
Humboldt	2	0
Lander	0	0
Lincoln	0	0
Lyon	1	1
Mineral	0	0
Nye	0	0
Pershing	3	2
Storey	0	0
Washoe	32	14
White Pine	3	2
	186	82

Racial/Ethnic Composition of Death Row Inmates

Total number of individuals on death row as of March 21, 2017: 82²

Race/Ethnic of Inmate	Number	Percentage of Death Row	Percentage of Nevada Population 2016 ³
White	39	47.5%	52.3%
Black	30	36.5%	8.6%
Hispanic	10	12.1%	28.6%
Asian	1	1.2%	9.3%
Other	2	2.4%	1.1%

² This number includes two individuals who have been sentenced by juries but not yet formally sentenced by the court.

This number also includes inmates who have received some form of relief from their capital convictions or sentences, but that relief is not final (i.e. they have not yet received a non-death sentence, or the court ruling granting relief is still under review).

³ Based on information published by the State Demographer.

Total of All Individuals Sentenced to Death Since 1977: 160

Race/Ethnic of Inmate	Number	Percentage of Death Row
White	84	52.5%
Black	54	33.7%
Hispanic	17	10.6%
Asian	2	1.25%
Other	3	1.87%