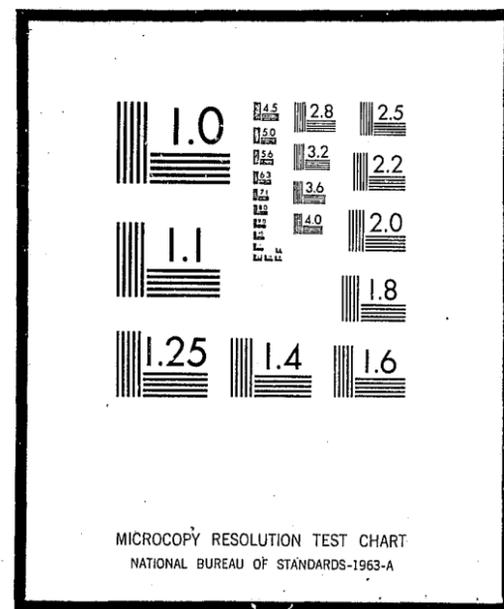


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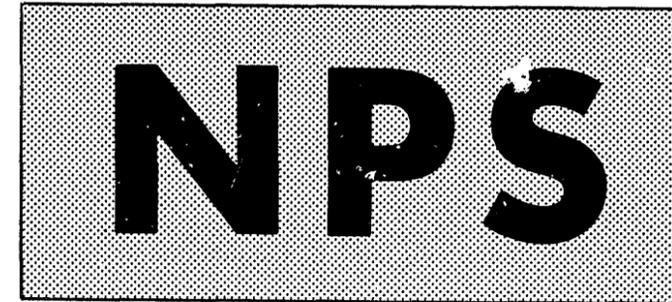
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INTRODUCTION

Fifteen executions were carried out by civil authorities in the United States during calendar year 1964. This is the lowest number of executions in any of the 35 years covered by this report—and six fewer than the 21 recorded in 1963.

A total of 3,849 prisoners have been executed under civil authority in the United States from 1930 through 1964. As Chart 1 indicates, there has been a general decline during this period in the use of the death penalty, from a high of 199 in 1935 to the low of 15 last year.

During the period covered, executions carried out under State authorities numbered 3,816, or more than 99 percent of the total, while the 33 Federal executions accounted for less than 1 percent.¹

COVERAGE

The information for these reports is submitted annually to the National Prisoner Statistics program of the Federal Bureau of Prisons by cooperating prison officials in the 44 jurisdictions which had legal provisions for the death penalty during 1964. These included 42 States, the District of Columbia, and the Federal government.

At the close of 1964, capital punishment was illegal in nine States of the Union. Oregon in 1964 became the latest State to abolish the death penalty, when a public referendum carried with 60 percent of the vote in the November election. Michigan abolished capital punishment in 1846 for all crimes except treason, and in 1963 also eliminated the death

penalty for this offense. North Dakota abolished capital punishment in 1915, Minnesota in 1911, Maine in 1887, Wisconsin in 1853, and Rhode Island in 1852. Alaska and Hawaii eliminated the death penalty in 1957, shortly before achieving statehood.

However, two of these States retain the death penalty for certain exceptional crimes. North Dakota provides the death penalty for treason, as well as for first degree murder committed by a prisoner serving a life sentence for first degree murder. Rhode Island has a mandatory death sentence for prisoners convicted of committing murder while serving a life sentence for any offense.

In addition to the nine States in which the death penalty is not now in effect, three other States have, during the past 35 years, experimented with abolition for varying periods of time—South Dakota from 1915 to 1938, Kansas from 1907 to 1934, and Delaware from 1958 to 1961.

Information is presented in this report on all prisoners executed under civil authority from 1930 through 1964. In addition, for the years 1960-64, data are presented on prisoners received from court under sentence of death, prisoners under sentence of death whose cases were disposed of by means other than execution, and prisoners who were under the death sentence at the end of the year. Prisoners under sentence of death who are being held in local or county jails ordinarily are not included in National Prisoner Statistics figures. Two exceptions are (1) prisoners held in the Cook County, Illinois Jail and the District of Columbia Jail (the only local institutions in which executions are carried out), and (2) a few cases in States where prisoners awaiting execution in State prisons are subsequently returned to a local jail pending outcome of an appeal or other legal action.

The "under sentence of death" interval begins when the court first pronounces the sentence of death and terminates either at the time

¹ The 33 Federal executions were carried out in the following years and States—1963: Iowa (1); 1957: Georgia (2); 1956: Missouri (1); 1954: New York (1); 1953: Missouri (2), New York (2); 1950: Alaska (1); 1948: Alaska (1), Florida (1), California (3); 1945: Wyoming (1); 1943: Tennessee (1); 1942: District of Columbia (6); 1939: Alaska (1); 1938: Indiana (1), Illinois (1), Michigan (1), Kansas (2); 1936: Indiana (1), Oklahoma (1), Arizona (1); 1930: Kansas (1).

of execution or at the time of some other disposition which releases the individual from the sentence of death, such as commutation, transfer to a mental hospital, grant of a new trial, reversal of judgment, vacated sentence, suicide, or death from natural causes. Many prisoners "under sentence of death" at the close of 1964 had received short stays or reprieves granted by State governors. In addition, a large number had appeals before State or Federal courts. The remainder had their dates of execution set for sometime in 1965—although these prisoners, too, could still appeal or receive executive or judicial stays.

EXECUTIONS CARRIED OUT IN EIGHT JURISDICTIONS

The declining number of executions since 1930 has been accompanied by a decrease in the number of jurisdictions implementing the death penalty.

In 1930, executions were carried out in 32 jurisdictions in the United States. This number held fairly constant until 1945, but generally declined from that time until 1964, when only eight jurisdictions implemented the death penalty. Table 2 indicates that since 1930 the 17 jurisdictions in the Southern region of the United States have accounted for 2,304, or 59.9 percent, of the 3,849 executions carried out during this period.

Figure A. - PRISONERS EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE, OFFENSE, RACE AND AGE: 1964

State	Offense	Race	Age
Alabama	Murder	White	30
Arkansas ...	Rape	White	32
Colorado ...	Murder	White	30
Florida	Murder	White	32
Florida	Murder	Negro	44
Georgia	Murder	White	34
Georgia	Murder	White	35
Mississippi	Murder	Negro	21
Missouri ...	Rape	White	32
Missouri ...	Rape	White	33
Texas	Rape	Negro	19
Texas	Rape	Negro	23
Texas	Rape	Negro	26
Texas	Murder	Negro	30
Texas	Murder	Negro	32

The eight jurisdictions holding executions in 1964 were Texas with five; Florida, Georgia, and Missouri with two each; and Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, and Mississippi with one each. Five of these eight jurisdictions—Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri and Texas—also had executions in 1963.

METHOD OF EXECUTION

Eleven of the 15 executions in 1964 were by electrocution, and the remaining four were carried out in the gas chamber. Among the jurisdictions which retain the death penalty, 24 prescribe electrocution, eleven lethal gas, seven hanging, and one shooting or hanging. Executions ordered by the Federal courts are carried out in accordance with the method used by the State in which the sentence is imposed. If the laws of the State prohibit capital punishment, the court designates another State in which the sentence is to be carried out. Methods of execution in 1964 in the respective jurisdictions are shown in Table 2.

OFFENSE, RACE, SEX, AND AGE

Of the 15 men executed in 1964, nine were sentenced for murder and six for rape. Eight of those executed were white and seven were Negro; five whites and four Negroes were sentenced for murder, and three whites and three Negroes for rape. The median age was 31.9 years, and ranged from a 19-year old Negro executed in Texas for rape to a 44-year old Negro executed in Florida for murder. The median age was 32.9 years for the eight whites and 27.5 years for the seven Negroes.

Table 1 indicates that 2,064, or 53.6 percent, of the 3,849 prisoners executed in the United States from 1930 through 1964 were Negro, 1,743 or 45.3 percent were white, and 42 or 1.1 percent were of other races. Figure B shows that 19 of the 42 were American Indians, 13 were Filipinos, eight were Chinese, and two were Japanese.

Executions for murder account for 3,325, or 86.4 percent, of the executions carried out under civil authority in the United States since 1930. These were divided almost evenly between whites and non-whites. There were 455

Figure B. - AMERICAN INDIANS AND ORIENTALS EXECUTED IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE: 1930-1964(a)

State	Total	American Indian	Filipino	Chinese	Japanese
United States	42	19	13	8	2
FEDERAL	2	2	-	-	-
STATE	40	17	13	8	2
Arkansas	1	1	-	-	-
California ...	18	3	11	3	1
Colorado	1	-	-	-	1
Nebraska	1	1	-	-	-
New Jersey ...	2	1	1	-	-
New York	5	1	1	3	-
North Carolina	5	5	-	-	-
Ohio	1	-	-	1	-
Oklahoma	3	3	-	-	-
Texas	1	1	-	-	-
Washington ...	2	1	-	1	-

(a) All executed for murder, except for 2 American Indians executed for rape in North Carolina.

FIGURE C. - WOMEN EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE AND RACE: 1930-1964(a)

Region and State	Total	White	Negro
United States	32	20	12
Percent	100.0	62.5	37.5
FEDERAL	2	2	-
TOTAL STATE	30	18	12
Alabama	3	2	1
Arizona	1	1	-
California	4	4	-
Delaware	1	1	-
Georgia	1	-	1
Illinois	1	1	-
Louisiana	2	1	1
Mississippi	3	-	3
New York	5	4	1
North Carolina .	2	-	2
Ohio	3	2	1
Pennsylvania ...	2	1	1
South Carolina .	2	1	1

(a) All were executed for murder except for two Federal executions, one for espionage and one for kidnaping.

FIGURE D. - WOMEN EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY YEAR AND RACE: 1930-1964(a)

Year	Total	White	Negro
All years	32	20	12
1962	1	1	-
1957	1	1	-
1955	1	1	-
1954	2	1	1
1953	3	3	-
1951	1	1	-
1947	2	1	1
1946	1	-	1
1945	1	-	1
1944	3	-	3
1943	3	1	2
1942	1	1	-
1941	1	1	-
1938	2	2	-
1937	1	-	1
1936	1	1	-
1935	3	2	1
1934	1	1	-
1931	1	1	-
1930	2	1	1

(a) All were executed for murder except for two Federal executions, one for espionage and one for kidnaping.

executions for rape during the 35 year period, and 407, or 89.5 percent of these were non-white. (Table 3)

Figures C and D present information on the 32 women executed in the United States since 1930. Twenty of these were white and 12 were Negro. Except for the two Federal executions—one for espionage and one for kidnaping—all of the 32 were executed for murder.

ELAPSED TIME FROM SENTENCE OF DEATH TO EXECUTION

"Elapsed time from sentence of death to execution" refers to the period between the first imposition of the death penalty and the date of execution. The median elapsed time for those executed in 1964 was 20.5 months, and ranged from two months and three days for a rapist executed in Texas, to four years, two months and 17 days for a murderer executed in Alabama.

Figure E. - CHARACTERISTICS OF PRISONERS EXECUTED IN 1964, PRISONERS WHOSE SENTENCE WAS DISPOSED OF BY OTHER MEANS IN 1964, AND PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH ON DECEMBER 31, 1964

Item	Executed 1964	Other disposition 1964	Under sentence of death 12-31-64
Total	15	68	315
Age (in years)			
Median age	31.9	31.3	30.4
16 to 19	1	3	6
20 to 24	2	17	55
25 to 29	1	13	91
30 to 34	9	8	63
35 to 44	2	18	65
45 to 54	-	7	21
55 and over	-	2	12
Unknown	-	-	2
Elapsed time (in months)(a)			
Median elapsed time	20.5	23.5	26.8
3 and under	4	1	17
4 to 6	3	-	16
7 to 12	-	9	57
13 to 18	-	12	35
19 to 24	2	16	25
25 to 36	1	12	49
37 to 48	3	10	45
49 to 60	2	3	37
61 to 72	-	3	15
73 to 84	-	2	5
85 to 96	-	-	7
97 and over	-	-	7
Year first received sentence of death:			
1953	-	-	2
1954	-	-	-
1955	-	1	1
1956	-	1	3
1957	-	-	8
1958	-	2	2
1959	-	2	16
1960	4	3	35
1961	2	11	47
1962	2	22	51
1963	4	21	60
1964	3	5	90

(a) "Elapsed time" for those executed is the period between the first imposition of the death penalty and the date of execution. In the case of those whose cases were disposed of by other means, it is the period between the date of the first imposition of the death sentence and the time of other disposition. For prisoners awaiting execution at year's end, elapsed time is computed from the date of the first imposition of the death sentence to Dec. 31, 1964.

Three of the 15 prisoners executed in 1964 had been sentenced that year, four in 1963, two each in 1962 and 1961, and four in 1960.

The elapsed time from sentencing to date of execution is determined by several factors. In addition to State laws governing the date of execution there are appeals, which may be made at all levels of the State courts as well as to the United States Supreme Court. These, together with judicial and executive orders granting stays or reprieves, account for the variation in elapsed time.

PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN 1964

During 1964, 98 prisoners were sentenced to death—seven more than the 91 reported in 1963. Of the total, eighty-nine were convicted for murder, and 9 for rape. All of the 98 were males; 52 were white and 46 were Negro.

At the close of 1964, 90 of the 98 were still under sentence of death, three had been executed, and five had their cases disposed of by means other than execution (two were granted new trials, two were transferred to mental hospitals, and one died of natural causes).

OTHER DISPOSITIONS NOT RESULTING IN EXECUTION

During calendar year 1964, the sentences of 68 prisoners (65 males and 3 females) were disposed of by means other than execution. As noted, these "other dispositions" include commutations, transfers to mental hospitals, grants of new trials, reversals of judgment, vacated sentences, suicides, and deaths by natural causes. Figure G indicates that there were more "other dispositions" in 1964 than in any year since 1960, when this information first became available.

Fifty-five of these 68 "other dispositions" had their death sentences reversed, vacated, or were granted new trials (twelve of these were re-convicted and sentenced to prison terms), nine had their sentences commuted (eight to life and one to life plus 20 years), three were transferred to mental hospitals, and one died of natural causes.

Figure F. - MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH BY OFFENSE: 1964

Offense	Reported under sentence of death on 1-1-64	Received from court during 1964	Executed in 1964			Other dispositions not resulting in execution			Reported under sentence of death 12-31-64(c)			
			Total	Present 1-1-64	Received in 1964	Total	Commu-tations (a)	Transfer to mental hospital	Other (b)	Total	Year received	
										1964	Prior years	
Total ...	300	98	15	12	3	68	9	3	56	315	90	225
Murder	249	89	9	7	2	62	7	3	52	267	82	185
Rape	47	9	6	5	1	6	2	-	4	44	8	36
Kidnaping	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Assault by life prisoner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Burglary	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1

(a) All commuted to life except 1 prisoner in Louisiana commuted to life plus 20 years.

(b) Includes reversals of judgments, vacated sentences and grants for new trials.

(c) Includes prisoners reported with appeals or other judicial or executive action pending. Excludes prisoners granted new trials.

Sixty-two of the 68 prisoners receiving a disposition other than execution had been sentenced for murder, and six for rape. The median elapsed time (the period from first imposition of the death sentence to the date of "other disposition") for the 68 was 23.5 months, and ranged from five days for a prisoner granted a new trial in Virginia, to eight years, nine months and 20 days for a prisoner granted a new trial in Illinois.

PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH AT THE CLOSE OF 1964

At the beginning of 1964, 300 prisoners were under sentence of death. Including the 98 prisoners received from court during the year, the total number of prisoners under sentence of death during the year was 398. Of these, 15 were executed, 68 had their cases disposed of by means other than execution, and 315 were awaiting execution at the end of the year. This marks the highest year-end population awaiting execution since 1953 when statistics on this subject first became available.

Of the 315 prisoners awaiting execution at year's end, 267 had been sentenced for murder, 44 for rape, two for kidnaping (New Hampshire), one for assault by a life prisoner (California), and one for burglary (Alabama).

More than half (52 percent) of the prisoners awaiting execution at the close of 1964 were distributed among six States: California had

49, Florida 32, Louisiana 24, New York 21, Maryland 19, and Alabama 18.

The median age of the 315 awaiting execution at year's end was 30.4 years, and ranged from a 17-year old convicted of murder in Alabama, to a 63-year old murderer in New Jersey. One 18-year old and four 19-year olds were among the prisoners awaiting execution at year's end—all five of whom were convicted of murder.

Elapsed time for this group is computed from the first imposition of the death sentence to December 31, 1964. The median elapsed time for the total group was 26.8 months. The longest elapsed time was 11 years, nine months and eight days—for two Negro prisoners convicted of aggravated rape in Louisiana.

MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH: 1960-1964

In 1960 the Federal Bureau of Prisons revised the data collection form submitted to the officials participating in the "Executions" aspect of the National Prisoner Statistics program. The new form provided data on the number of prisoners under sentence of death at the beginning and end of the year, the number of prisoners received from court under sentence of death during the year, and the disposition of prisoners under sentence of death. The information derived from the expanded program is summarized in Figure G. As shown, the five year period from 1960 through 1964 was characterized by:

(1) a general *decrease* in the annual number of prisoners received from court under sentence of death; (2) a general *decrease* in the number of prisoners executed under civil authority in the United States each year; (3) an *increase* in the number of prisoners whose cases were disposed of by means other than execution; (4) an *increase* in the number of prisoners awaiting execution at year's end (a low of 210 in 1960 to a high of 315 in 1964); and (5) an *increase* in elapsed time for those awaiting execution at year's end (a low of 13.4 months in 1960 to a high of 26.8 months in 1964).

MILITARY EXECUTIONS

Executions carried out by the armed forces are excluded from this report. For the 35 year period since 1930, the Army (including Air Force) carried out 160 executions—148 of these during the period 1942-1950, three each in 1954, 1955, and 1957 and one each in 1958, 1959, and 1961. Of the 160 executions, 106 were for murder (including 21 involving rape), 53 were for rape and one was for desertion. The Navy has executed no one since 1849.

Figure G. - MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH: 1960-1964

Number of prisoners	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Under sentence of death, Jan. 1 ^(a)	300	275	273	212	189
Received from court during year	98	91	99	136	113
Executed during year	15	21	47	42	56
Median elapsed time (in months)	20.5	16.0	20.5	16.2	17.0
Other dispositions	68	48	58	49	36
Median elapsed time (in months) ^(b) ..	23.5	22.4	16.6	18.7	-
Commutations	9	15	27	17	22
Transfer to mental hospitals ...	3	1	4	3	3
Other ^(c)	56	32	27	29	11
Under sentence of death, Dec. 31	315	297	267	257	210
Median elapsed time (in months)	26.8	24.0	16.7	14.4	13.4

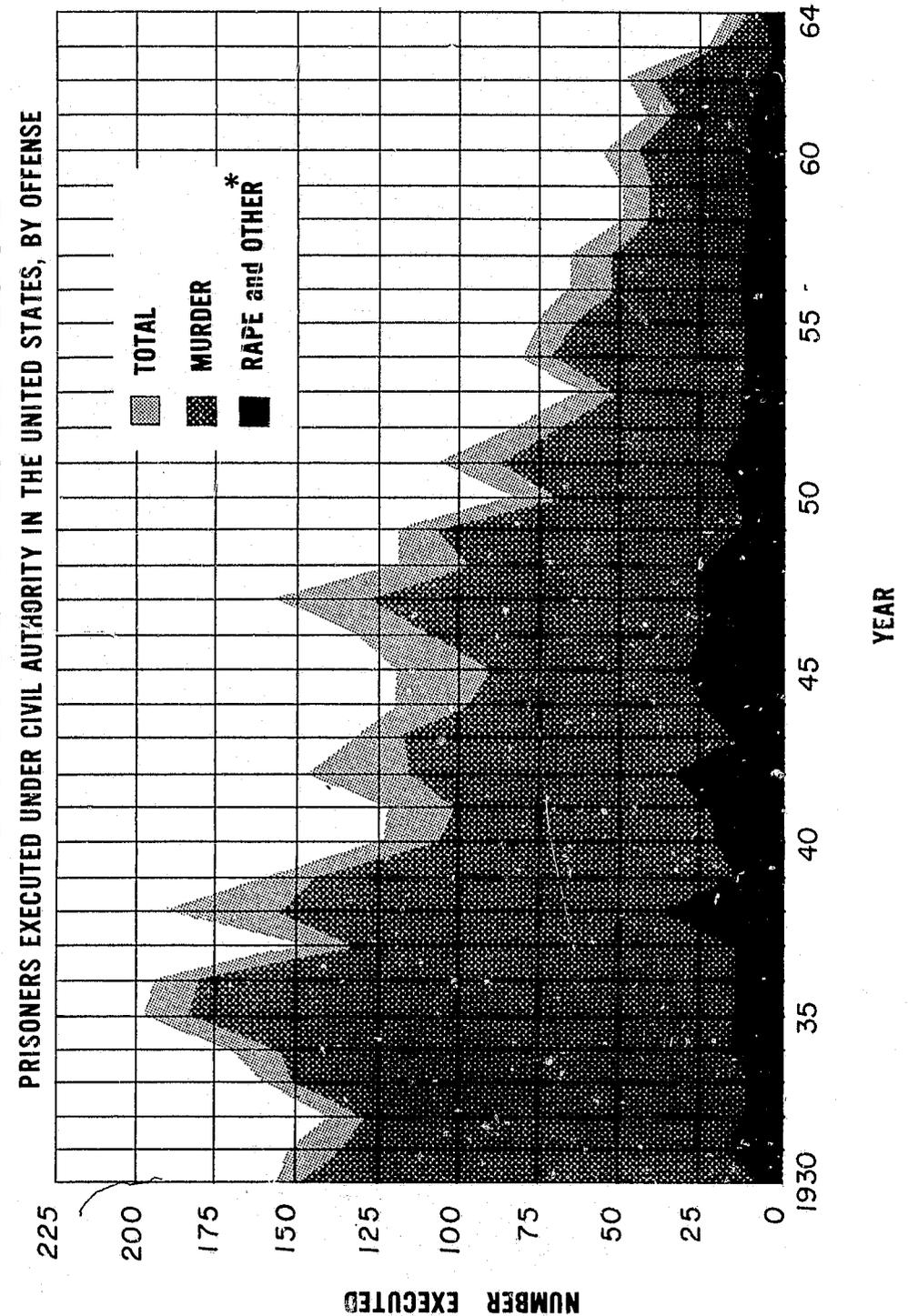
(a) The number of prisoners under sentence of death on January 1 is higher than recorded at the close of the preceding year for two reasons: (1) a few prisoners sentenced to death are not always brought to the attention of reporting authorities until the following year; and (2) a few prisoners previously reported as having been "disposed of by other means" by reason of having been granted a new trial, are subsequently re-sentenced to death but are included in the current "awaiting execution at beginning of year" figure rather than being counted as a new court commitment.

(b) Information not available for 1960.

(c) Includes reversals of judgment, vacated sentences, grants for new trial, suicide, or death from natural causes.

Chart 1

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*The offense of rape comprised 87 percent of the "Rape and Other" category.

Chart 2

Executions: 1930 - 1964*

Prisoners executed under civil authority in the United States, by State

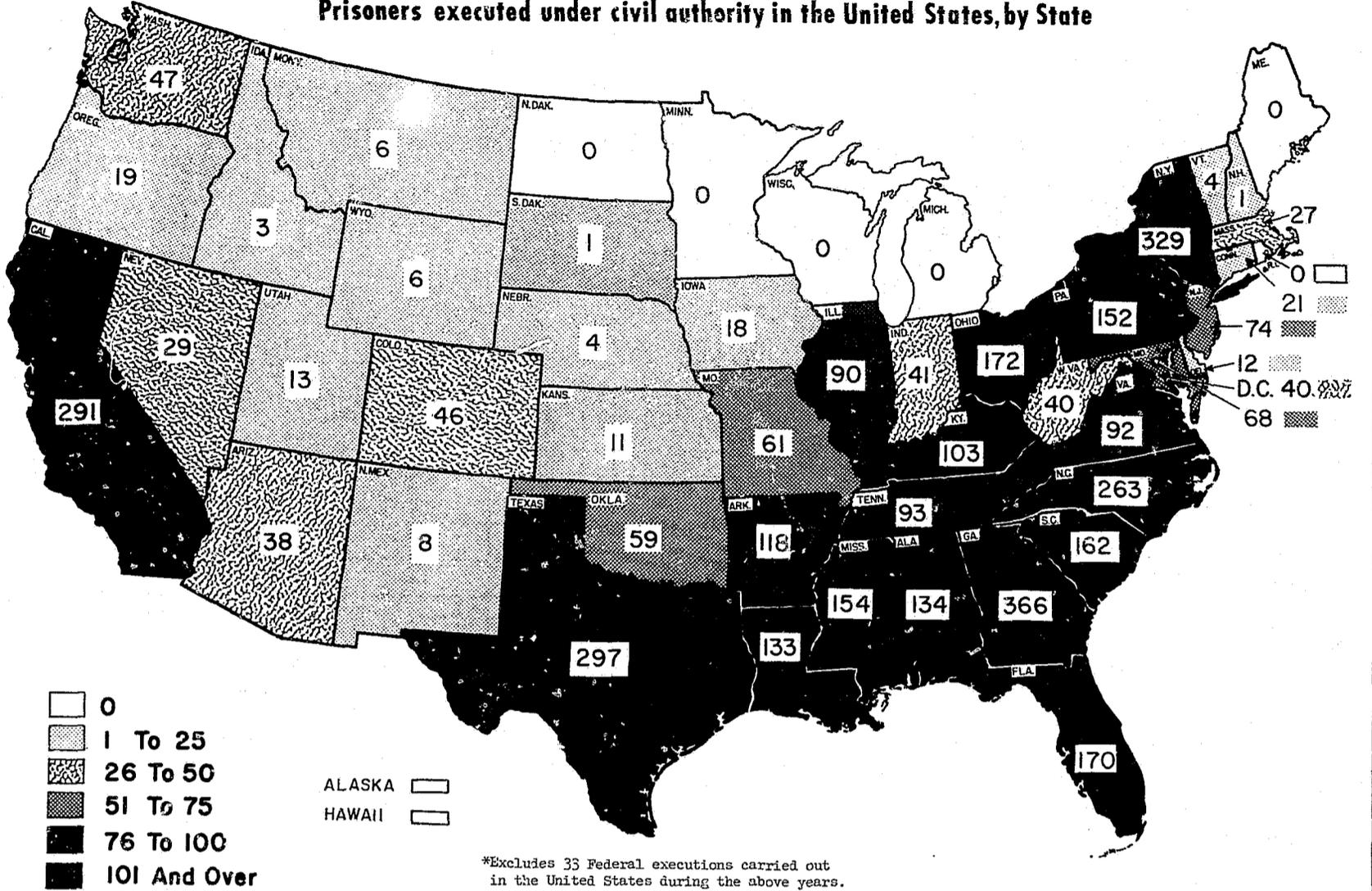
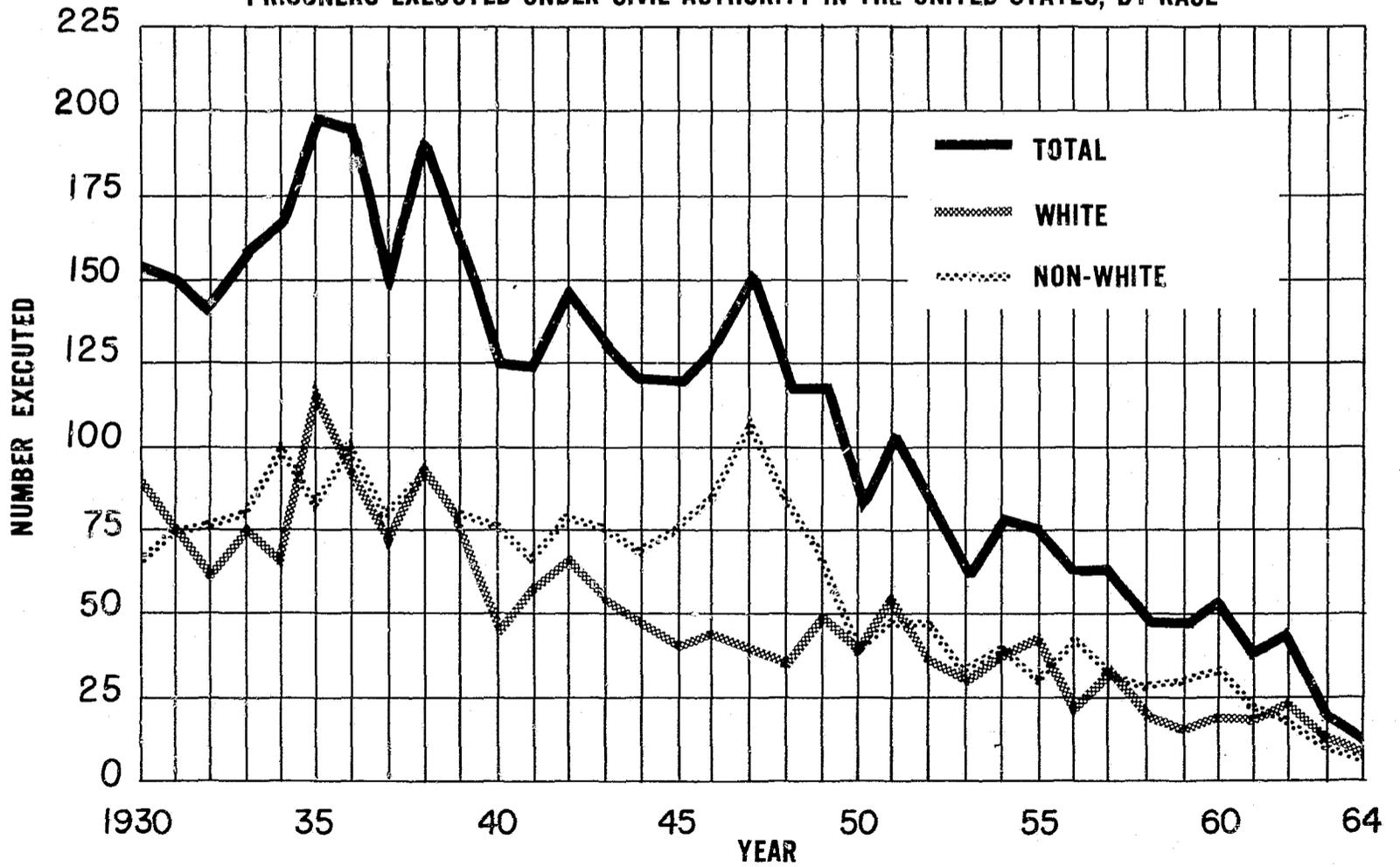


Chart 3

EXECUTIONS 1930 - 1964

PRISONERS EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY RACE



Source: Table 1

Table 1. - PRISONERS EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY RACE, OFFENSE AND YEAR: 1930 TO 1964
(For years 1930-1955; excludes Alaska and Hawaii except for three Federal executions in Alaska, 1939, 1940, and 1950.)

Year	All offenses			Murder			Rape			Other offenses (a)		
	Total	White	Negro	Total	White	Negro	Total	White	Negro	Total	White	Negro
All years	3,349	1,743	2,064	3,325	1,657	1,628	40	48	405	69	38	31
Percent	100.0	45.3	53.6	100.0	49.8	49.0	1.2	10.5	89.0	100.0	55.1	44.9
1964	15	8	7	9	5	4	-	3	3	1	1	1
1963	21	13	8	18	12	6	-	2	2	2	2	2
1962	47	28	19	41	26	15	-	1	2	1	1	1
1961	42	20	22	33	18	15	-	1	7	1	1	1
1960	56	21	35	44	18	26	-	-	8	4	3	1
1959	49	16	33	41	15	26	-	1	7	1	1	1
1958	49	20	28	41	20	20	1	2	8	1	1	1
1957	65	34	31	54	32	22	1	2	12	1	1	1
1956	65	21	43	52	20	31	1	1	12	1	2	1
1955	76	44	32	71	37	33	1	1	8	4	1	1
1954	81	38	42	71	37	33	1	1	6	1	1	1
1953	62	30	31	51	25	25	1	1	11	1	1	1
1952	83	36	47	71	35	36	1	2	15	1	1	1
1951	105	77	47	87	55	31	1	4	9	1	1	1
1950	82	40	42	68	36	32	-	1	13	1	1	1
1949	119	50	67	107	49	56	2	1	10	2	1	1
1948	119	35	82	95	32	61	2	2	21	2	1	1
1947	153	42	111	129	40	89	1	2	21	1	1	1
1946	131	46	84	107	45	61	1	4	22	1	1	1
1945	117	41	75	90	37	52	3	2	22	1	1	1
1944	120	47	70	96	45	48	3	2	22	1	1	1
1943	131	54	74	115	54	63	1	4	11	1	1	1
1942	147	67	80	115	57	58	1	4	21	1	1	1
1941	123	59	63	102	55	46	1	2	16	1	1	1
1940	124	49	75	105	44	61	-	2	13	1	1	1
1939(b)	160	80	77	145	79	63	3	1	12	3	2	5
1938	190	96	92	155	90	63	2	2	24	5	1	1
1937	147	69	74	133	67	62	4	2	11	4	1	1
1936	195	92	101	181	86	93	2	2	8	1	1	1
1935	199	119	77	184	115	66	3	2	11	4	1	1
1934	166	65	102	154	64	89	1	1	13	2	1	1
1933	160	77	81	151	75	74	2	1	6	1	1	1
1932	140	62	75	128	62	63	3	1	10	1	1	1
1931	153	77	72	137	76	57	4	1	14	1	1	1
1930	155	90	65	147	90	57	-	1	16	1	2	2

(a) 24 armed robbery, 20 kidnaping, 11 burglary, 8 espionage (6 in 1942 and 2 in 1953), 6 aggravated assault.
(b) Revised to reflect the Federal execution of a male American Indian in Alaska for murder.

Table 2. - PRISONERS EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY STATE AND YEAR: 1930-1964
(Method of Execution in 1964: E-Electrocution, G-Lethal Gas, H-Hanging, S-Shooting or hanging.)

Region and State	Total	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1950-54	1945-49	1940-44	1935-39	1930-34
United States ...	3,849	15	21	47	42	56	49	49	65	65	76	413	639	645	891	776
FEDERAL(a)	33	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	6	6	7	9	1
TOTAL STATE	3,816	15	20	47	42	56	49	49	63	64	76	407	633	638	882	775
NORTHEAST	608	-	3	4	3	7	9	4	4	9	25	56	74	110	145	155
Maine(b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
New Hampshire ...H	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont ...E	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts ...E	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1
Rhode Island(b) ..	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Connecticut ...E	21	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	6	11	7
New York ...E	329	-	2	-	2	6	4	4	4	6	3	-	5	5	3	2
New Jersey ...E	74	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	27	36	78	73	80
Pennsylvania ...E	152	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	-	1	8	8	8	6	16	24
NORTH CENTRAL	398	2	3	7	2	2	2	7	2	4	1	42	64	42	113	105
Ohio ...E	172	-	2	2	1	2	1	6	1	4	-	20	26	15	39	43
Indiana ...E	41	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	20	11
Illinois ...E	90	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	13	27	34
Michigan(b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Wisconsin(b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Minnesota(b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Iowa ...H	18	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Missouri ...G	61	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	7	1
North Dakota(b) ..	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
South Dakota(b) ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	6	20	16
Nebraska ...E	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	XX	XX
Kansas(b) ...H	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
SOUTH	2,304	12	10	22	26	32	31	29	44	42	38	244	419	413	524	419
Delaware(b) ...H	12	-	-	-	-	XX	XX	XX	-	-	-	-	2	2	6	2
Maryland ...G	68	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	19	26	10	6
Dist. of Col. ...E	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	3	5	15
Virginia ...E	92	-	-	1	4	1	2	3	2	-	1	15	22	13	20	8
West Virginia ...E	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	2	2	10	10
North Carolina ...G	263	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	14	62	50	80	51
South Carolina ...E	162	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	4	16	29	32	30	37
Georgia ...E	366	2	2	2	5	6	4	6	14	6	4	51	72	58	73	64
Florida ...E	170	2	1	5	2	2	10	3	3	4	4	22	27	38	29	15
Kentucky ...E	103	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	3	4	22	27	38	29	15
Tennessee ...E	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	5	8	15	19	34	18
Alabama ...E	134	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	18	19	19	31	16
Mississippi ...G	154	1	2	1	5	1	2	1	2	1	8	14	21	29	41	19
Arkansas ...E	118	1	-	-	1	1	1	3	2	2	15	26	34	22	26	26
Louisiana ...E	133	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	1	1	11	18	20	33	20	20
Oklahoma ...E	59	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	7	1	14	23	24	19	39	39
Texas ...E	297	5	4	9	3	8	3	6	5	7	4	49	36	38	72	48
WEST	506	1	4	14	11	15	7	9	13	10	12	65	76	73	100	96
Montana ...H	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Idaho ...H	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming ...G	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	3
Colorado ...G	46	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
New Mexico ...G	8	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	7	6	9	16
Arizona ...G	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2
Utah ...S	13	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	6	10	7
Nevada ...G	29	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	-
Washington ...H	47	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	5	3	5
Oregon(b) ...G	19	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	4	7	9	13	10
California ...G	291	1	1	11	8	9	6	6	9	5	9	4	6	6	1	1
Alaska ...E	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	39	45	35	57	51
Hawaii ...E	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) See the text for the States and years in which the 33 Federal executions occurred.
(b) Death penalty is illegal as indicated (XX), except for the provisions indicated in the text.
(c) Alaska and Hawaii when territories abolished capital punishment in 1957. As States, Alaska and Hawaii are included in series beginning January 1, 1960.

Table 3. - PRISONERS EXECUTED UNDER CIVIL AUTHORITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BY OFFENSE, RACE, AND STATE: 1930-1964

(For years 1930-1959, excludes Alaska and Hawaii except for three Federal executions in Alaska, one each in 1939, 1948 and 1950.)

Region and State	All offenses				Murder				Rape				Other offenses							
	Total	White	Negro	Other	Total	White	Negro	Other	Total	White	Negro	Other	Total			Armed robbery		Kid-napping	Other offenses (a)	
													White	Negro	White	Negro	White	White	Negro	
United States	3,849	1,743	2,064	42	3,325	1,657	1,628	40	455	48	405	2	69	8	31	5	19	20	13	12
Percent	100.0	-	-	-	85.4	-	-	-	11.8	-	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEDERAL	33	28	3	2	16	11	3	2	2	2	-	-	15	15	-	1	-	6	8	-
TOTAL STATE	3,816	1,715	2,061	40	3,309	1,646	1,625	38	453	46	405	2	54	23	31	4	19	14	5	12
NORTHEAST	608	424	177	7	606	422	177	7	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Maine (b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
New Hampshire	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	4	4	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	27	25	2	-	27	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island (b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Connecticut	21	18	3	-	21	18	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	329	234	90	5	327	232	90	5	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
New Jersey	74	47	25	2	74	47	25	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	152	95	57	-	152	95	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH CENTRAL	398	253	143	2	388	250	136	2	10	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	172	104	67	1	172	104	67	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indiana	41	31	10	-	41	31	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	90	59	31	-	90	59	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan (b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Wisconsin (b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Minnesota (b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Iowa	18	18	-	-	18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	61	29	32	-	51	26	25	-	10	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota (b)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
South Dakota (c)	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	4	3	-	1	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kansas (c)	11	8	3	-	11	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Region and State	All offenses				Murder				Rape				Other offenses							
	Total	White	Negro	Other	Total	White	Negro	Other	Total	White	Negro	Other	Total			Armed robbery		Kid-napping	Other offenses (a)	
													White	Negro	White	Negro	White	White	Negro	
SOUTH	2,304	635	1,650	10	1,822	583	1,231	8	443	43	398	2	39	9	30	4	19	5	-	11
Delaware (c)	12	5	7	-	8	4	4	-	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	68	13	55	-	44	7	37	-	24	6	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dist. of Col.	40	3	37	-	37	3	34	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	92	17	75	-	71	17	54	-	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	40	31	9	-	36	28	8	-	1	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-
North Carolina	263	59	199	5	207	55	149	3	47	4	41	2	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	9
South Carolina	162	35	127	-	120	30	90	-	42	5	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	366	68	298	-	299	65	234	-	61	3	58	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	-	-
Florida	170	57	113	-	133	55	78	-	36	1	35	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Kentucky	103	51	52	-	82	47	41	-	10	1	9	-	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	93	27	66	-	66	22	44	-	27	5	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alabama	134	27	107	-	105	25	80	-	22	2	20	-	7	-	7	-	5	-	-	2
Mississippi	154	30	124	-	130	30	100	-	21	-	21	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
Arkansas	118	27	90	1	99	25	73	1	19	2	17	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Louisiana	133	30	103	-	116	30	86	-	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma	59	41	15	3	53	39	11	3	4	-	4	-	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
Texas	297	114	182	1	210	101	108	1	84	13	71	-	3	-	3	-	3	-	-	-
WEST	505	403	82	21	493	391	81	21	-	-	-	-	13	12	1	-	-	7	5	1
Montana	6	4	2	-	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	3	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wyoming	6	5	1	-	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colorado	46	40	5	1	46	40	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	3	6	2	-	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	38	28	10	-	38	28	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utah	13	13	-	-	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	29	27	2	-	29	27	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	47	40	5	2	46	39	5	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Oregon (c)	19	16	3	-	19	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
California	291	221	52	18	279	210	51	18	-	-	-	-	12	11	1	-	-	6	5	1
Alaska (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Hawaii (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX

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(a) In this category the 8 Federal executions were for espionage. The 9 executions in North Carolina and the 2 in Alabama were for burglary. In California, the 6 executions were for aggravated assault committed by prisoners under a life sentence.
 (b) Death penalty illegal during entire period, except for provisions indicated in the text.
 (c) See text for period during which death penalty was in force.
 (d) Alaska and Hawaii when territories abolished capital punishment in 1957. As States, Alaska and Hawaii are included in this series beginning Jan. 1, 1960.

Table 4. - MOVEMENT OF PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH BY STATE AND OFFENSE: 1964

Region and State	Prisoners reported under sentence of death: 1-1-64				Received from court during 1964				Executed in 1964			Other dispositions not resulting in execution			Prisoners reported under sentence of death: 12-31-64(c)				
	Total	Offense			Total	Offense			Total	Offense		Total	Com-mu-ted (a)	Trans. to mental hosp.	Other (b)	Total	Offense		
		Mur-der	Rape	Oth-er		Mur-der	Rape	Oth-er		Mur-der	Rape						Mur-der	Rape	Mur-der
United States	300	249	47	4	98	89	9	15	9	6	68	9	3	56	315	267	44	4	
FEDERAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL STATE	300	249	47	4	98	89	9	15	9	6	68	9	3	56	315	267	44	4	
NORTHEAST	48	46	-	2	14	14	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	7	54	52	-	2	
Maine (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
New Hampshire ..	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Massachusetts ..	2	2	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	
Rhode Island (d) ..	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
New York	20	20	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	21	21	-	-	
New Jersey	12	12	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	13	13	-	-	
Pennsylvania	12	12	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	13	13	-	-	
NORTH CENTRAL	27	25	2	-	14	14	-	2	-	2	7	1	-	6	32	32	-	-	
Ohio	5	5	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	9	9	-	-	
Indiana	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5	5	-	-	
Illinois	5	5	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	9	9	-	-	
Michigan (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
Wisconsin (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
Minnesota (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
Iowa	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Missouri	5	3	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	
North Dakota (d) ..	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nebraska	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Kansas	4	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	
SOUTH	146	100	45	1	46	37	9	12	8	4	29	4	3	22	151	106	44	1	
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Maryland	17	11	6	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	19	13	6	-	
Dist. of Col. ..	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	
Virginia	4	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	4	3	1	-	
West Virginia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
North Carolina ..	4	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	2	2	-	-	
South Carolina ..	5	3	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	3	-	-	
Georgia	7	6	1	-	5	4	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	10	8	2	-	-	
Florida	35	28	7	-	7	2	5	2	2	-	8	1	-	7	32	20	12	-	
Kentucky	8	8	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	8	8	-	-	
Tennessee	7	5	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	5	4	1	-	
Alabama	12	7	4	1	10	10	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	3	18	15	2	1	
Mississippi	3	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	2	2	2	-	-	
Arkansas	8	2	6	-	5	5	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	12	7	5	-	-	
Louisiana	27	16	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	24	14	10	-	
Oklahoma	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	
Texas	3	1	2	-	7	6	1	5	2	3	1	-	-	1	4	4	-	-	
WEST	79	78	-	1	24	24	-	1	1	-	24	3	-	21	78	77	-	1	
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Colorado	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Arizona	13	13	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	14	14	-	-	
Utah	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Nevada	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	
Washington	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	
Oregon (e)	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	
California	48	47	-	1	19	19	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	18	49	48	-	1	
Alaska (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
Hawaii (d)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	

(a) All were commuted to life except for 1 prisoner in Louisiana commuted to life plus 20 years.
 (b) Includes reversals of judgment, vacated sentences and grants for new trials.
 (c) Includes prisoners with appeals or other judicial or executive action pending.
 (d) Death penalty illegal except for the provisions indicated in the text.
 (e) Death sentence abolished November, 1964.

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