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BJS RELEASES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, 2019 – STATISTICAL TABLES

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics today released *Capital Punishment, 2019 – Statistical Tables*. This report presents statistics on the death penalty. It discusses the number of states that have authorized the death penalty, the methods of execution and the number and demographics of prisoners who were under sentence of death during 2019. The report also provides data on the number of prisoners executed in 2019 and advance counts of executions in 2020. Findings are based on data from BJS’s Capital Punishment (NPS-8) series, which has annually collected data on national and state-level year-end counts of persons sentenced to death since 1953 and persons executed since 1930.

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