

State-by-State Comparison of Life without Parole

State	Prison Population	Lifers	LWOP	Percent LWOP	Executed	LWOP or Executed	Percent LWOP/Exec
Alabama	29,400	5,087	1,413	4.80%	38	1,451	4.90%
Alaska	3,500	229	---	0.00%	0	---	0.00%
Arizona	38,700	1,433	208	0.50%	23	231	0.60%
Arkansas	14,500	1,376	541	3.70%	27	568	3.90%
California	170,800	34,164	3,679	2.20%	13	3,692	2.20%
Colorado	23,000	2,136	464	2.00%	1	465	2.00%
Connecticut	19,500	430	334	1.70%	1	335	1.70%
Delaware	3,800	526	318	8.30%	14	332	8.70%
Florida	95,400	10,784	6,424	6.70%	66	6,490	6.80%
Georgia	54,900	7,193	486	0.90%	43	529	1.00%
Hawaii	3,600	412	47	1.30%	0	47	1.30%
Idaho	6,300	523	102	1.60%	1	103	1.60%
Indiana	27,800	250	96	0.40%	19	115	0.40%
Iowa	8,700	616	616	7.10%	0	616	7.10%
Kansas	8,800	806	2	0.00%	0	2	0.00%
Kentucky	13,800	1,073	66	0.50%	3	69	0.50%
Louisiana	38,200	4,161	4,161	10.90%	27	4,188	11.00%
Maine	2,200	58	54	2.40%	0	54	2.40%
Maryland	23,300	2,311	321	1.40%	5	326	1.40%
Massachusetts	10,300	1,760	902	8.70%	0	902	8.80%
Michigan	50,100	5,010	3,384	6.70%	0	3,384	6.80%
Minnesota	9,200	496	48	0.50%	0	48	0.50%
Mississippi	22,500	1,914	1,230	5.40%	10	1,240	5.50%
Missouri	29,700	2,582	938	3.10%	66	1,004	3.40%
Montana	3,400	171	51	1.50%	3	54	1.60%
Nebraska	4,400	515	213	4.90%	3	216	4.90%
Nevada	13,500	2,217	450	3.30%	12	462	3.40%
New Hampshire	2,900	177	63	2.20%	0	63	2.20%
New Jersey	26,200	1,257	46	0.20%	0	46	0.20%
New Mexico	6,300	391	0	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
New York	61,900	11,147	190	0.30%	0	190	0.30%
North Carolina	39,200	2,390	1,215	3.10%	43	1,258	3.20%
North Dakota	1,400	40	11	0.80%	0	11	0.80%
Ohio	50,000	5,202	216	0.40%	28	244	0.50%
Oklahoma	25,100	2,135	623	2.50%	88	711	2.80%
Oregon	13,600	719	143	1.10%	2	145	1.10%
Pennsylvania	46,300	4,349	4,343	9.40%	3	4,346	9.40%
Rhode Island	3,800	182	32	0.80%	0	32	0.80%

South Carolina	24,500	2,056	777	3.20%	40	817	3.30%
South Dakota	3,300	169	169	5.10%	1	170	5.10%
Tennessee	19,200	2,020	260	1.30%	4	264	1.40%
Texas	140,300	8,558	71	0.10%	423	494	0.40%
Vermont	2,200	89	13	0.60%	0	13	0.60%
Virginia	37,000	2,145	774	2.10%	102	876	2.40%
Washington	15,700	1,967	542	3.40%	4	546	3.50%
West Virginia	5,900	612	251	4.30%	0	251	4.30%
Wisconsin	22,300	1,072	171	0.80%	0	171	0.80%
Wyoming	2,100	197	20	1.00%	1	21	1.00%

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