

Montana, 1973-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1973
First Direct Appeal	1974
First Consensual Execution	NONE
First Non-Consensual Execution	1995

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	20
Total Number of Executions	1
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	5%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	19
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	8
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	42%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	1
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	5%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	11

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥1
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥9%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥47%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	4
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	3
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	75%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	87% [86%]
Overall Success Rate	13% [14%]

Timing

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	22.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	17.33
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	10.67

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	28.25
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	2.50
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	18.14
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	1.41
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.13
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.91

Demographic Information

Average Population	798,634
Average Homicides	32
Average Homicides/ Average Population	4.02
Average Prison Admissions	370
Average Prison Population	1,102
Percentage Population Non-White	8%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	7
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	2
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	38.42
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	37.43

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Nebraska, 1975-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1975
First Direct Appeal	1977
First Consensual Execution	NONE
First Non-Consensual Execution	1994

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	24
Total Number of Executions	1
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	4%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	21
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	6
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	29%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	3
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	13%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	15

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥2
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥13%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥38%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	7
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	3
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	43%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	65% [60%]
Overall Success Rate	35% [40%]

Timing

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	19.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	16
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	14.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	21.74
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	1.51
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	12.35
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.91
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.06
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.51

Demographic Information

Average Population	1,585,535
Average Homicides	53
Average Homicides/ Average Population	3.36
Average Prison Admissions	776
Average Prison Population	1,944
Percentage Population Non-White	7%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	8
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	1
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	32.67
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	28.46

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Nevada, 1975-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1975
First Direct Appeal	1977
First Consensual Execution	1979
First Non-Consensual Execution	1996

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	108
Total Number of Executions	5
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	5%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	96
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	29
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	30%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	12
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	11%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	67

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥5
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥8%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥35%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	4
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	2
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	50%

Overall Rate Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	68% [65%]
Overall Success Rate	32% [35%]

Timing

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	21
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	2.25
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	14.5

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	43.10
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	10.91
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	28.23
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.00
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.00
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.00

Demographic Information

Average Population	952,702
Average Homicides	116
Average Homicides/ Average Population	12.13
Average Prison Admissions	1,564
Average Prison Population	3,826
Percentage Population Non-White	15%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	8
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	1
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	7.81
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	68.66

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

North Carolina, 1977-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1977
First Direct Appeal	1979
First Consensual Execution	1984
First Non-Consensual Execution	1984

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	271
Total Number of Executions	8
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	3%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	218
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	132
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	61%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	53
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	20%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	86

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥9
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥10%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥65%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	11
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	2
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	18%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	71% [68%]
Overall Success Rate	29% [32%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	7.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	9.40
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	9.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	19.08
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	4.34
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	15.73
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.49
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.11
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.41

Demographic Information

Average Population	6,330,700
Average Homicides	617
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	10.01
Average Prison Admissions	10,342
Average Prison Population	17,225
Percentage Population Non-White	24%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	7
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	0
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	55.62
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	25.50

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Oklahoma, 1977-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1977
First Direct Appeal	1980
First Consensual Execution	1995
First Non-Consensual Execution	1990

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	220
Total Number of Executions	6
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	3%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	192
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	93
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	48%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	28
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	13%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	99

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥2
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥2%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥50%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	12
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	6
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	50%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	75% [74%]
Overall Success Rate	25% [26%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	13.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	14.67
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	9.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	39.16
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	7.06
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	24.07
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.89
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.16
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.55

Demographic Information

Average Population	3,085,645
Average Homicides	264
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	8.33
Average Prison Admissions	4,213
Average Prison Population	9,138
Percentage Population Non-White	16%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	8
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	0
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	37.77
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	24.55

Sources : DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Pennsylvania, 1979-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1979
First Direct Appeal	1981
First Consensual Execution	1995
First Non-Consensual Execution	NONE

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	274
Total Number of Executions	2
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	1%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	200
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	56
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	28%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	74
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	27%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	144

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥1
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥1%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥29%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	5
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	2
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	40%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	57% [57%]
Overall Success Rate	43% [43%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	N/A
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	11.50
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	10.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	16.73
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	2.30
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	17.47
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.00
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.00
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.00

Demographic Information

Average Population	11,904,777
Average Homicides	712
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	5.98
Average Prison Admissions	4,306
Average Prison Population	15,684
Percentage Population Non-White	11%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	6
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	2
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	13.40
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	40.17

Sources : DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

South Carolina, 1977-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1977
First Direct Appeal	1979
First Consensual Execution	NONE
First Non-Consensual Execution	1985

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	138
Total Number of Executions	5
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	4%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	119
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	64
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	54%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	19
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	14%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	55

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥10
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥18%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥62%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	7
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	1
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	14%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	67% [60%]
Overall Success Rate	33% [40%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	8.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	9.40
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	8

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	18.20
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	4.19
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	11.37
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.66
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.15
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.41

Demographic Information

Average Population	3,247,142
Average Homicides	349
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	10.76
Average Prison Admissions	4,113
Average Prison Population	12,142
Percentage Population Non-White	31%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	4
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	1
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	38.49
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	22.82

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Tennessee, 1977-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1977
First Direct Appeal	1979
First Consensual Execution	NONE
First Non-Consensual Execution	2000

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	141
Total Number of Executions	0
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	0%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	109
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	32
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	29%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	32
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	23%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	77

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥13
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥17%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥41%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	1
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	1
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	100%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	100% [100%]
Overall Success Rate	0% [0%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	23
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	N/A
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	17

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	14.39
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	2.98
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	16.18
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.00
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.00
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.00

Demographic Information

Average Population	4,676,729
Average Homicides	474
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	10.13
Average Prison Admissions	3,086
Average Prison Population	8,716
Percentage Population Non-White	17%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	6
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	0
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	16.51
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	26.92

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Texas, 1974-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1974
First Direct Appeal	1975
First Consensual Execution	1985
First Non-Consensual Execution	1982

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	717
Total Number of Executions	104
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	15%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	523
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	160
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	31%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	194
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	27%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	363

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥22
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥6%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥35%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	139
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	36
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	26%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	52% [49%]
Overall Success Rate	48% [51%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	8.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	9.12
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	6.50

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	15.16
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	4.55
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	15.33
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	1.97
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.59
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	1.99

Demographic Information

Average Population	15,410,928
Average Homicides	2,056
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	13.34
Average Prison Admissions	18,229
Average Prison Population	46,774
Percentage Population Non-White	24%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	7
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	0
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	33.01
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	33.22

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Utah, 1974-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1974
First Direct Appeal	1977
First Consensual Execution	1977
First Non-Consensual Execution	1987

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	25
Total Number of Executions	4
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	16%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	20
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	7
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	35%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	5
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	20%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	13

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥3
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥23%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥50%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	3
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	1
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	33%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	67% [56%]
Overall Success Rate	33% [44%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	13.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	9.25
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	10

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	21.89
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	1.56
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	14.23
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	1.75
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.13
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	1.14

Demographic Information

Average Population	1,561,677
Average Homicides	51
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	3.28
Average Prison Admissions	575
Average Prison Population	1,757
Percentage Population Non-White	6%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	8
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	1
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	26.28
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	34.65

Sources : DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Virginia, 1977-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1977
First Direct Appeal	1978
First Consensual Execution/	1982
First Non-Consensual Execution	1984

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	105
Total Number of Executions	29
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	28%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	100
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	10
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	10%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	5
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	5%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	90

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥3
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥3%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥13%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	31
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	2
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	6%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	18% [15%]
Overall Success Rate	82% [85%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	7.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	7.50
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	5.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	9.94
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	1.82
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	7.62
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	2.46
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.45
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	1.89

Demographic Information

Average Population	5,679,425
Average Homicides	482
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	8.49
Average Prison Admissions	5,526
Average Prison Population	13,783
Percentage Population Non-White	22%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	2
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	0
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	47.32
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	34.60

Sources : DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Washington, 1977-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1977
First Direct Appeal	1979
First Consensual Execution	1993
First Non-Consensual Execution	1994

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	40
Total Number of Executions	2
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	5%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	22
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	10
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	45%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	18
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	45%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	12

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	Unknown
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	3
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	1
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	33%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	[63%]
Overall Success Rate	[37%]

Time

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	17.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	7.50
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	9.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	8.37
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	0.90
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	5.90
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	0.21
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.02
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	0.15

Demographic Information

Average Population	4,368,610
Average Homicides	216
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	4.94
Average Prison Admissions	2,558
Average Prison Population	6,781
Percentage Population Non-White	10%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	8
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	1
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	19.47
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	40.40

Sources: DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen

Wyoming, 1974-1995

History

First Death Sentence	1974
First Direct Appeal	1977
First Consensual Execution	NONE
First Non-Consensual Execution	1992

Sentences and Executions

Total Number of Death Sentences	30
Total Number of Executions	1
Percentage of Death Sentences Carried Out	3%

Error Rates

State Direct Appeal

Number Reviewed on Direct Appeal	9
Number Reversed on Direct Appeal	6
Percentage Reversed on Direct Appeal	67%
Number Awaiting Direct Appeal	21
Percentage Awaiting Direct Appeal	70%
Number Forward to State Post-Conviction	3

State Post-Conviction

Number Reviewed on Post-Conviction	Unknown
Number Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥1
Percentage Reversed on Post-Conviction	≥33%
Number Forward to Federal Habeas Corpus	Unknown

State Direct Appeal and State Post-Conviction Combined

Overall Rate of Error Found by State Courts	≥78%
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Federal Habeas Corpus

Number Reviewed on Habeas Corpus	2
Number Reversed on Habeas Corpus	1
Percentage Reversed on Habeas Corpus	50%

Overall Rates Including [and Excluding] State Post-Conviction

Overall Error Rate	89% [84%]
Overall Success Rate	11% [16%]

Timing

Time From First Death Sentence to First Non-Consensual Execution	18.00
Average Time from Sentence to Execution	11.50
Average Time from Sentence to Final Federal Relief	6.00

Sentencing and Execution Rates

Death Sentences per 1000 Homicides	58.48
Death Sentences per 100,000 Population	6.44
Death Sentences per 1000 Prison Population	37.57
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Homicides	1.95
Non-Consensual Executions per 100,000 Population	0.21
Non-Consensual Executions per 1000 Prison Population	1.25

Demographic Information

Average Population	456,589
Average Homicides	23
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population	5.11
Average Prison Admissions	319
Average Prison Population	799
Percentage Population Non-White	8%

Court Factors

Political Pressure (judicial elections)	8
Party Competition (gubernatorial elections)	0
State Court Criminal Caseload per 1000 Population	26.67
Expenditures per Capita on Courts	63.57

Sources : DRCen; Death Row U.S.A., Winter 2000; DADB; HCDB; Appendix C; USCen; UCRDB; USCen; PrisCen; PolPres; CtCaLd; CtExpen