



FLORIDA DEATH PENALTY BY THE NUMBERS

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HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT FLORIDA DEATH PENALTY NUMBERS:

27 - exonerations of Florida Death Row prisoners due to evidence of wrongful conviction - highest in the nation.¹

96 – Floridians put to death since executions re-started in **1979**

1 for 4 - more than 1 exoneration for every 4 executions.²

350 - approximate number of people awaiting execution on Florida's Death Row.³

1 of 5 – Florida was one of only five states to have more than one new death sentence in 2016.

1 of 6 – Florida was one of only six states to carry out executions in 2016

\$51 MILLION+ A YEAR - the ANNUAL amount Florida taxpayers pay to try to enforce the Death Penalty, over and above the cost seeking life in prison without parole for these same defendants (**\$1 million a week**).⁴

14,000+ - unsolved homicides accumulated in the **30** years since Florida since executions resumed (lack of funding prevents most of these homicides from ever being solved. Re-allocating Death Penalty funds to solving violent crimes is just one example of smarter, better use of our crime-fighting dollars. (i.e., **"Execute Justice...Not People"**).⁵

1877-1950 – Florida had the highest per capita rate of lynchings in the U.S. "Lynching in America" EJI - 2015

3 - Prosecutors are **over 3 times more likely** to seek the Death Penalty when the victim is white than when the victim is African-American.⁶

3 of the 5 – women sentenced to death in the U.S. in **2011** were from Florida.⁷ **All 3 are women of color**.⁸

ONCE – Only once in the history of Florida (**170 years and hundreds of executions**), has a white person been executed for killing an African-American. (Mark Asay 08-24-2017)⁹

80% - 12 of 15 people sentenced to death in **Duval County** (2009 – 2012) were African-American. **100%** 5 of 5 in 2011.¹⁰

TOP 5 – China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and the U.S. were the top 5 executing nations in **2015**.¹¹

HOW FLORIDA COMPARED WITH OTHER DEATH PENALTY STATES IN 2015:

#1 in the number of people exonerated off Death Row since 1973

#2 in number of new death sentences (**9**)

#2 in size of Death Row (**350+**)

#4 in number of executions (**2**)

(From the Death Penalty Information Center)

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FADP is a coalition of individuals and organizations united to abolish the Death Penalty in Florida

¹ Death Penalty Information Center, "Innocence and the Death Penalty."

² Florida Department of Corrections, "Execution List: 1976 - Present."

³ Florida Department of Corrections, "Death Row Roster."

⁴ "The High Price of Killing Killers," Palm Beach Post, January 4, 2000.

⁵ FBI Uniform Crime Reports, Supplemental Homicide Reports: <http://www.scrippsnews.com/projects/murder-mysteries/database>.

⁶ Florida Supreme Court Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission, 1991.

⁷ Death Penalty Information Center, "Women and the Death Penalty."

⁸ Florida Department of Corrections, "Women on Death Row."

⁹ Radelet, Michael. *Recent Developments in the Death Penalty in Florida*, 2001. For data on executions after 2001, see Clark County Prosecuting Attorneys Office. (note – 4 people now on Death Row fit this category)

¹⁰ Florida Department of Corrections, "Death Row Roster."

¹¹ Amnesty International, "Death Sentences and Executions in 2015."