



# 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

**1 for 4** - more than 1 exoneration for every 4 executions.<sup>2</sup>

**350** - approximate number of people awaiting execution on Florida's Death Row.<sup>3</sup>

**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**).<sup>4</sup>

**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"**).<sup>5</sup>

**1877-1950** – Florida had the highest per capita rate of lynchings in the U.S. "Lynching in America" 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.<sup>6</sup>

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

**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)<sup>9</sup>

**80%** - 12 of 15 people sentenced to death in **Duval County** (2009 – 2012) were African-American. **100%** 5 of 5 in 2011.<sup>10</sup>

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

## HOW FLORIDA COMPARES 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

<sup>1</sup> Death Penalty Information Center, "Innocence and the Death Penalty."

<sup>2</sup> Florida Department of Corrections, "Execution List: 1976 - Present."

<sup>3</sup> Florida Department of Corrections, "Death Row Roster."

<sup>4</sup> "The High Price of Killing Killers," Palm Beach Post, January 4, 2000.

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

<sup>6</sup> Florida Supreme Court Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission, 1991.

<sup>7</sup> Death Penalty Information Center, "Women and the Death Penalty."

<sup>8</sup> Florida Department of Corrections, "Women on Death Row."

<sup>9</sup> 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)

<sup>10</sup> Florida Department of Corrections, "Death Row Roster."

<sup>11</sup> Amnesty International, "Death Sentences and Executions in 2014."