

### Life without Parole (LWOP) sentencing of Youth in the United States: State-by-State Statistics

State	Total youth offenders serving LWOP	Youth serving LWOP per 100,000 14-17 yr. olds	Rank from highest to lowest rate of sentencing youth to LWOP (out of 40 states)	Mandatory or discretionary sentencing to LWOP	Rate of sentencing White youth to LWOP per 10,000 White 14-17 yr. olds	Rate of sentencing Hispanic youth to LWOP per 10,000 Hispanic 14-17 yr. olds	Rate of sentencing Black youth to LWOP per 10,000 Black 14-17 yr. olds	Ratio of Black to White youth serving LWOP as percentage of youth population	Rank from largest to smallest ratio of Black to White youth sentenced to LWOP (out of 27 states)
Alabama	15	5.86	25	mandatory	0.2	0	1.3	5.6	20
Arizona	30	10.33	20	mandatory	0.3	1.4	5.2	18.1	4
Arkansas	46	29.21	8	mandatory	1.2	0	9.5	7.6	17
California	180	9.18	22	discretionary	0.2	0.9	4.4	22.5	1
Colorado	46	18.75	11	mandatory	0.6	2.7	10.7	16.7	9
Connecticut	10	5.58	26	mandatory	0.1	0.9	2.6	19.6	3
Delaware	7	16.31	15	mandatory	0.3	0	5.7	17.5	7
Florida	273	33.32	7	mandatory	1.4	0.6	9.8	6.9	18
Georgia	8	1.71	32	mandatory	0.1	0	0.4	5.4	21
Hawaii	4	6.08	24	discretionary	data missing	data missing	data missing	data missing	data missing
Idaho	data missing	data missing	data missing	mandatory	data missing	data missing	data missing	data missing	data missing
Illinois	103	14.46	17	mandatory	0.4	0.9	5.7	15.7	10
Indiana	2	0.57	36	discretionary	0.1	0	0	n/a	n/a
Iowa	67	38.23	5	mandatory	2.4	12.2	40.6	16.8	8
Louisiana	317	109.56	2	mandatory	4.2	0	21.7	5.2	22
Maryland	13	4.41	28	mandatory	0.1	0	1.2	10.6	13
Massachusetts	60	18.49	12	mandatory	0.9	2.6	8.8	9.7	15
Michigan	306	52.87	3	mandatory	1.9	2.6	23.1	12.4	12
Minnesota	2	0.66	35	mandatory	0.04	0	0	n/a	n/a
Mississippi	17	9.48	21	discretionary	0.7	0	1.3	1.7	26

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Missouri	116	35.13	6	mandatory	1.8	0	14.5	7.9	16
Montana	1	1.71	33	discretionary	0	6.1	0	n/a	n/a
Nebraska	21	19.57	10	mandatory	1	0	18.6	18.1	5
Nevada	16	15.35	16	discretionary	1.1	0.8	4.6	4.3	23
New Hampshire	3	4.25	29	mandatory	0.3	6.8	0	n/a	n/a
New Jersey	0	0	38	discretionary	0	0	0	0	27
North Carolina	44	10.55	19	mandatory	0.2	0	3	14.6	11
North Dakota	1	2.44	31	discretionary	0	16.6	0	n/a	n/a
Ohio	1	0.15	37	discretionary	0	0	0.1	n/a	n/a
Oklahoma	49	23.21	9	discretionary	1.2	2.1	12.6	10.3	14
Pennsylvania	332	49.27	4	mandatory	1.3	13.2	26.4	20.9	2
Rhode Island	2	3.69	30	mandatory	0	1.6	2.4	n/a	n/a
South Carolina	26	11.5	18	mandatory	0.6	0	1.9	3.2	25
South Dakota	9	17.99	13	mandatory	1.4	0	0	n/a	n/a
Tennessee	4	1.29	34	discretionary	0.1	0	0.3	3.8	24
Texas*	0	0	0	unknown					
Utah	0	0	39	discretionary	0	0	0	0	27
Vermont	0	0	40	discretionary	0	0	0	0	27
Virginia	48	132.94	1	mandatory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Washington	23	6.65	23	mandatory	0.5	0	3	5.7	19
Wisconsin	16	4.91	27	mandatory	0.2	0	3.7	17.6	6

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Wyoming	6	17.88	14	discretionary	0.9	8	0	n/a	n/a
Federal	1	n/a	n/a	mandatory	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>National</b>	<b>2225</b>	<b>17.35</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>n/a</b>

Source: Data provided from thirty-eight state correctional departments and additional other sources for the states of Alabama and Virginia.

\* Texas made life without parole sentencing for youth possible as of September 2005. Therefore, this table contains no data on youth offenders serving the sentence in that state.