

Death Sentences by County and Race of defendants and victims, 1977-2003

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This table shows the number of sentences imposed and the race of defendants and victims for all Illinois counties in which death sentences were imposed between 1977, when capital punishment was restored in Illinois, and 2003, when all death sentences were commuted. (See end notes for additional information.)

Key: Race of Defendant/Race of Victim(s)
W = White, B = African American, L = Latino.

COUNTY	W/W	W/B	W/L	B/B	B/W	B/L	L/L	L/W	OTHER	TOTAL
Boone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Bureau	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Champaign	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Clinton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Coles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cook	22	1	0	77	31	2	8	4	8	153
Cumberland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Douglas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DuPage	6	1	1	0	4	0	1	2	0	15
Edgar	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Grundy	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Hancock	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Henry	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Iroquois	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jefferson	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Jo Davies	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kane	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Kankakee	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
La Salle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lake	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	12
Livingston	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Macon	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Macoupin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Madison	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	5

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Marion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mason	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Massac	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
McHenry	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
McLean	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Montgomery	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Peoria	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pike	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Randolph	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rock Island	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Saline	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sangamon	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
St. Clair	3	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	2	13
Stephenson	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Vermilion	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wayne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Whiteside	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Will	5	0	0	4	4	1	0	2	0	16
Williamson	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Winnebago	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	102	3	1	98	61	3	9	10	14	301

Notes:

Since capital punishment was restored in Illinois, 298 men and women were sentenced to death. However, three defendants were sentenced to death in two counties: Charles Albanese in Lake and McHenry, Robin Wayne Owens in Kankakee and Will, and Alton Coleman in Lake and Cook. Hence, there have been 301 death sentences imposed, not including reimposition of death sentences in cases remanded for new trials or new sentencing hearings.

There is no category in the above table for L/B because no Latino was sentenced to death for killing a black person between 1977 and 2003.

The "other" category includes a dozen cases in which there were multiple victims of different races and two cases in which a lone victim was non-white but neither black nor Latino. The defendants in all but one of the multiple victim cases were black. Ten of those cases included at least one white victim.