

Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

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Facts About the Death Penalty in Georgia

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Number of Executions since 1976: 31

(8 by lethal injection, 23 by electrocution)

RACE of offender/victim: Black on Black – 2 Black on White – 11 White on White – 18

Total Death Row Inmates: 118

RACE: Black – 58 White - 57 Other - 3

GENDER: Males - 117 Females - 1

Total Number of Juveniles on Death Row: 2

Minimum Age to Receive the Death Penalty: 17

Does Georgia Forbid the Execution of the Mentally Retarded: Yes

Death Row Location: Men -- Jackson, GA Women -- Atlanta, GA

Method of Execution: lethal injection

Does Georgia Have Life Without Parole: Yes

Clemency Process: The State Board Of Pardons and Paroles has the exclusive authority to grant clemency.

Capital Offenses: Murder; kidnapping with bodily injury or ransom where the victim dies; aircraft hijacking; treason.

Is Felony Murder a Capital Crime: Yes (*Ga. Code Ann. sec. 16-5-1(c)*)

Who Decides Sentence: Jury

*Sources: Death Penalty Information Center (March 18, 2003) and
Death Row USA (Jan. 1, 2003) – A quarterly report by the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund*

Racial Injustice Figures

Percentage of Georgia's population that is African American: 27

Percentage of Georgia's prison population that is African American: 68

Percentage of district attorneys in Georgia's 46 judicial circuits who are African-American: 2

Percentage of judges in Georgia's Superior Courts who are African-American: 10

Percentage of homicides in Georgia in which the victim is African American: 65

Percentage of cases in which executions have been carried out in which the victim was white: 90

Source: Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, Ga