

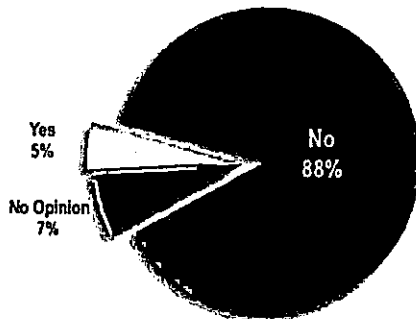
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States without the death penalty (21 states + DC)

Alaska (1957)	Connecticut (2012)
Delaware (2016)	Hawaii (1957)
Illinois (2011)	Iowa (1965)
Maine (1887)	Maryland (2013)
Massachusetts (1984)	Michigan (1847)
Minnesota (1911)	New Hampshire (2019)
New Jersey (2007)	New Mexico (2009)
New York (2007)	North Dakota (1973)
Rhode Island (1984)	Vermont (1972)
Washington (2018)	West Virginia (1965)
Wisconsin (1853)	

DETERRENCE

Do executions lower homicide rates?



• According to a survey of the former and present presidents of the country's top academic criminological societies, 88% of these experts rejected the notion that the death penalty acts as a deterrent to murder. (Radelet & Lacoock, 2009)

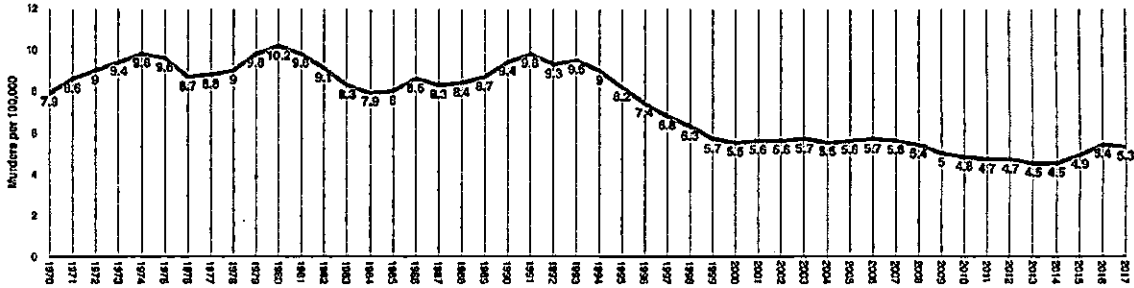
2008 Study from The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology by Radelet and Lacoock of the University of Colorado-Boulder surveyed criminologists. The results indicate that the leading scholars in the field feel that the empirical research shows that the death penalty does not deter any more than long term imprisonment. This is consistent with research from 1989 and 1996. (Radelet & Lacoock, 2009)

"There is no credible evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than long terms of imprisonment...Claims that each execution deters a certain number of murders have been thoroughly discredited by social science research." (ACLU)

"In 2003 in Canada, 27 years after the country abolished the death penalty the murder rate had fallen by 44 per cent since 1975, when capital punishment was still enforced." (Amnesty International)

"Much psychological and sociological research suggests that many criminal acts are crimes of passion or committed in a heated moment based only on immediate circumstances, and thus potential offenders may not consider or weigh longer-term possibilities of punishment and capture, including the possibility of capital punishment." (Brennan Center for Justice)

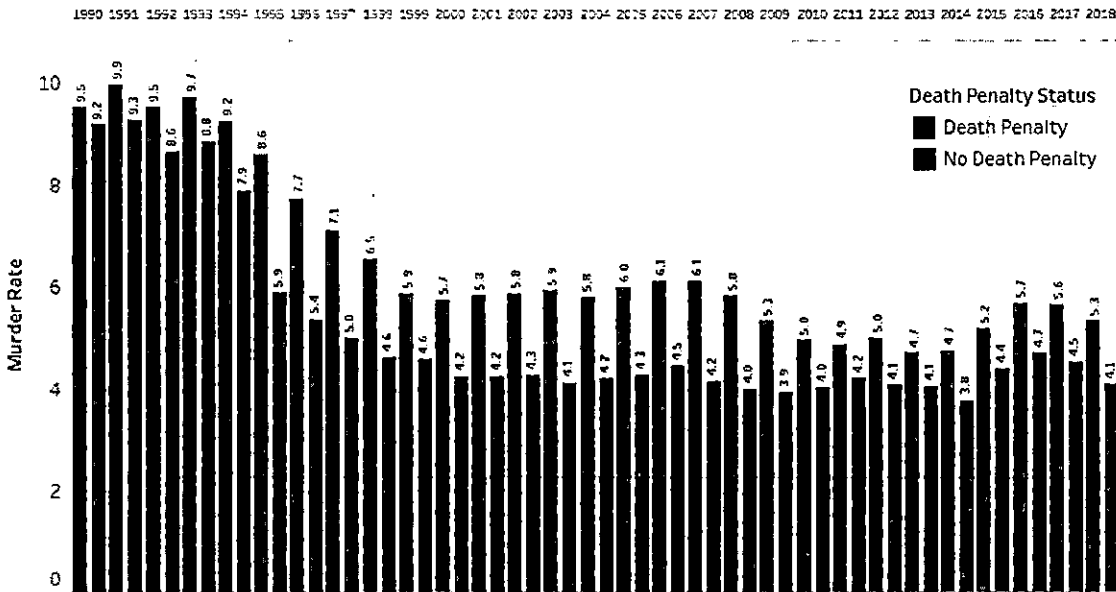
National Murder Rate 1970 – 2017



<https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/facts-and-research/murder-rates>



Murder Rates in Death Penalty and Non-Death Penalty States



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Murder rates (murders per 100,000 people)

Highlight indicates no death penalty

<https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/facts-and-research/murder-rates/murder-rates-by-state-by-region>

Connecticut

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
3.01	3.72	3.6	3.26	2.53	2.39	3.24

Delaware

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
6.11	4.43	5.77	6.57	6.09	5.33	4.96

New Mexico

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
6.86	9.29	8.11	9.85	6.78	7.6	5.57

New Jersey

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
4.51	4.79	4.89	4.39	4.33	3.66	4.22

New York

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
5.03	4.75	4.86	4.61	4.52	4.78	4.17

Illinois

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
6.12	5.99	5.48	6.07	5.98	5.6	5.32

Maryland

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015
7.36	6.83	6.34	6.47	6.11	8.97	8.9