

TABLE 19.1

Methods of Execution in the United States, by State, as of August 2016

| METHOD | NUMBER OF EXECUTIONS SINCE 1976 | JURISDICTIONS AUTHORIZING THE METHOD |
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| Lethal Injection | 1,262 Executed | Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska*, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico*, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, U.S. Military, U.S. Government (New Mexico abolished the death penalty in 2009 and Nebraska in 2015. However, their laws were not retroactive, leaving 2 and 10 people, respectively, on death row.) |
| Electrocution | 158 Executed | Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia (All have lethal injection as the primary method.) |
| Gas Chamber | 11 Executed | Arizona, California, Missouri, Wyoming, Oklahoma (All have lethal injection as the primary method.) |
| Hanging | 3 Executed | New Hampshire, Washington (Both have lethal injection as the primary method.) |
| Firing Squad | 3 Executed | Oklahoma, Utah (Both have lethal injection as the primary method. Utah has authorized the firing squad if lethal-injection drugs are unavailable. Oklahoma offers firing squad only if lethal injection and electrocution are found unconstitutional.) |

Source: Adapted from Death Penalty Information Center (2016b).