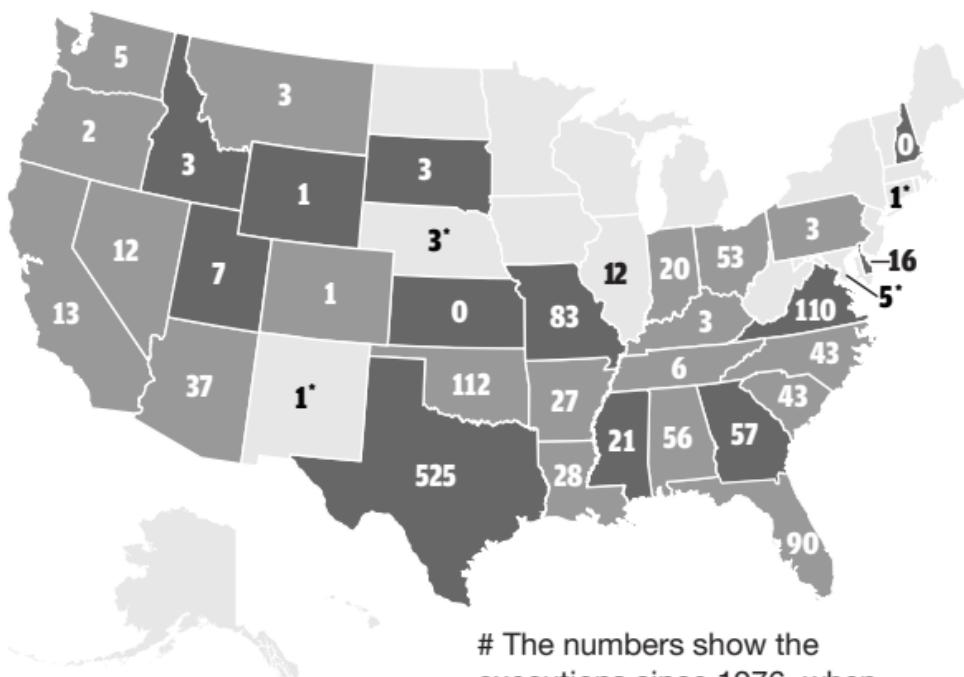


Death penalty in the U.S.

Thirty-one states sentence people to death, but only 12 states put inmates to death. The other 20 have halted executions because of legal challenges to the constitutionality of the death penalty either due to lack of necessary drugs or because the state's governor has decreed a moratorium.

- States with the death penalty
- States with the death penalty but have halted executions
- States without the death penalty



The numbers show the executions since 1976, when nationwide moratorium ended.

* Before death penalty abolished