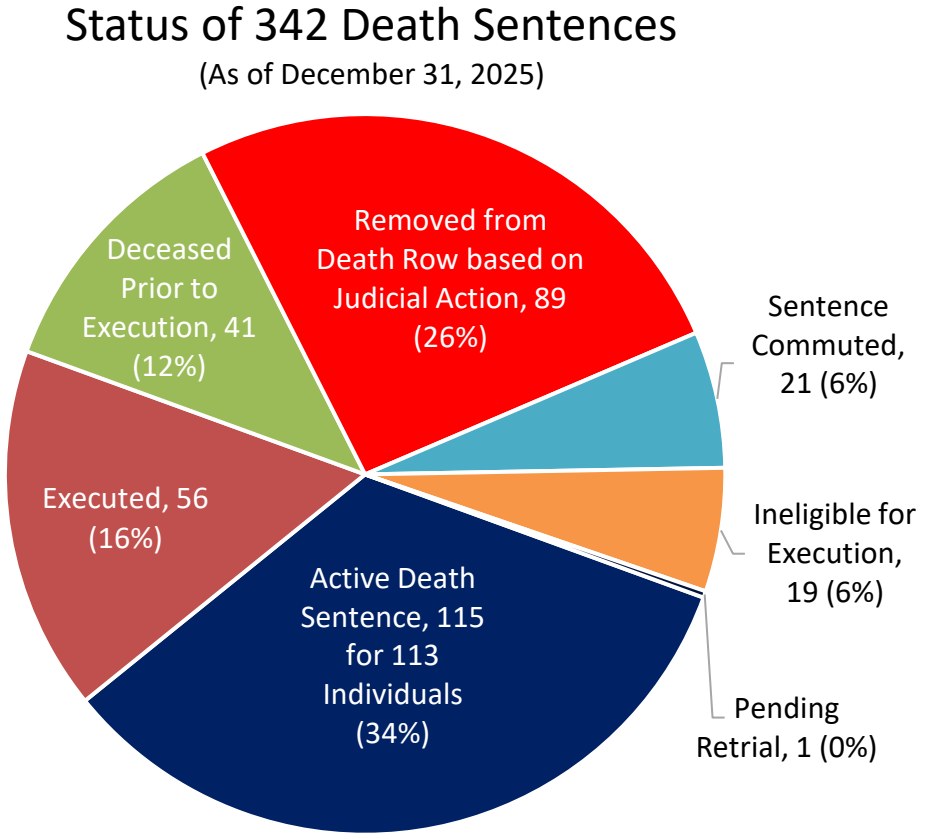
34% of death sentences imposed since Ohio reinstated capital punishment in 1981 are active



Sources: Office of the Ohio Attorney General; Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; the Supreme Court of Ohio; Death Penalty Information Center

- Since Ohio reinstated the death penalty in October 1981, 3,436 capital indictments have been filed, resulting in 342 death sentences for 337 individuals (five individuals received two death sentences each).
- As of December 31, 2025, there were 113 individuals (with 115 death sentences) on Ohio's death row. The last death sentence imposed in Ohio was in 2024 and the last execution was in July 2018. Executions take place at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville.
- In December 2020, due to an inability to procure execution drugs, Governor DeWine announced that the state must choose a method of execution other than lethal injection before Ohio can resume executions.
- Since January 2024, male death row inmates are primarily housed at Ross Correctional Institution, a medium/maximum security facility in Chillicothe; a small number are held at other facilities based on security or medical needs. The only female on death row resides at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville.
- According to the Death Penalty Information Center, as of October 1, 2025, Ohio's death row population ranked sixth in the nation, behind California (580), Florida (265), Texas (169), Alabama (159), and North Carolina (124). Ohio is one of 27 states with the death penalty.