#### Table II - EXECUTIONS BY STATE with Religious Prevalence

STATE
(Rose = Bible Belt
State; Green =
repealed; Light
Blue = almost
repealed; Purple =
moratorium)

TOTAL
EXECUTIONS
(SINCE 1976)
through
2014 and RANK

AVERAGE NO.
OF ANNUAL
EXECUTIONS
SINCE 1976
[39 YEARS]

GEOGRAPHICALLY PREVALENT
RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION<sup>a</sup>
(With respect to Roman Catholic:
Blue = Most Prevalent;
Green = 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Prevalent;
With respect to Baptist: Yellow = Most prevalent)

#### Two or More Executions per Year [≥ 2]

TEXAS	531 (1 <sup>st</sup> )	13.61	Baptist
OKLAHOMA	112 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	2.87	<b>Baptist</b>
VIRGINIA	111 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	2.85	Baptist
FLORIDA	91 (4 <sup>th</sup> )	2.33	Baptist
MISSOURI	86 (5 <sup>th</sup> )	2.2	Baptist

Total this group: 931  $\Sigma$  = 931 N = 5 Percentage of total: 65.6%  $\Sigma$  / N = 186.2

## More Than One But Less Than Two Executions per Year [< 2 and > 1]

GEORGIA	60	(6 <sup>th</sup> )	1.54	Baptist
ALABAMA	56	(7 <sup>th</sup> )	1.44	Baptist
ОНІО	53	(8 <sup>th</sup> )	1.36	Methodist (South ¾ & North Central)  Roman Catholic (Far West & Extreme Northeast)  Lutheran (Northwest Central)
NORTH CAROLINA	43	(9 <sup>th</sup> )	1.10	Baptist
SOUTH CAROLINA	43	(9 <sup>th</sup> )	1.10	Baptist

Total this group: 255  $\Sigma$  = 1,186 N = 10 Percentage of total: 83.6%  $\Sigma$  / N = 118.6

#### Less Than or Equal to One Execution per Year But More Than One Every Two Years [< or = 1 and > .5]

ARIZONA	37 (10 <sup>th</sup> )	.95	Methodist (North ½ & Northwest)  Roman Catholic (South ½ & Extreme Northeast)
LOUISIANA	28 (11 <sup>th</sup> )	.72	Baptist (North ½) Roman Catholic (South ½)
ARKANSAS	27 (12 <sup>th</sup> )	.69	Baptist
MISSISSIPPI	21 (13 <sup>th</sup> )	.54	Baptist
INDIANA	20 (14 <sup>th</sup> )	.51	Methodist (Middle <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> )  Roman Catholic (Northwest & Extreme South)

Total this group: 133  $\sum$  = 1,319 N = 15 Percentage of total: 92.9%  $\sum$  / N = 87.9

<sup>a</sup> Based upon scattergram in "Current Dispersion of Religious Denominations in the U.S." *Newsweek*, March 4, 2002, p. 46.

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## Less Than One Execution Every Two Years But More Than One Every Four Years [< .5 and > .25]

DELAWARE	16 (15 <sup>th</sup> )	.41	Methodist
CALIFORNIA	13 (16 <sup>th</sup> )	.33	Roman Catholic
ILLINOIS	12 (17 <sup>th</sup> ) NO DEATH PENALTY - REPEALED 2011	.31	Roman Catholic (North ¼) Methodist (Central ½) Baptist (South ¼)
NEVADA	12 (17 <sup>th</sup> )	.31	Roman Catholic (West 3/4) Mormon (East 1/4)

Total this group: 53  $\sum$  = 1,372 N = 19 Percentage of total: 96.7%  $\sum$  / N = 72.2

# Less Than One Execution Every Four Years But More Than One Every Ten Years [< .25 and > .10]

UTAH	7 (18 <sup>th</sup> )	.18	Mormon
TENNESSEE	6 (19 <sup>th</sup> )		Baptist (overall) with Methodist area in center
MARYLAND	5 (20 <sup>th</sup> ) NO DEATH PENALTY - REPEALED 2013		Methodist (East □ & West □) Lutheran (Central □)
WASHINGTON	5 (20 <sup>th</sup> )	.13	Roman Catholic

Total this group: 23  $\sum$  = 1,395 N = 23 Percentage of total: 98.3%  $\sum$  / N = 60.6

## Less Than One Execution Every Ten Years But More Than One Every Thirty-Five Years [< .10 and > .05]

NEBRASKA <sup>b</sup>	3	(21 <sup>st</sup> )	.076	Roman Catholic (North ½) Methodist (South ½)
MONTANA	3	(21 <sup>st</sup> )	.076	Roman Catholic (overall) with Lutheran and Mormon Areas
PENNSYLVANIA	3	(21 <sup>st</sup> )	.076	Roman Catholic (West ½ & East ¼) Lutheran & Methodist (East Central ¼)
KENTUCKY	3	(21 <sup>st</sup> )	.076	Baptist
SOUTH DAKOTA	3	(21 <sup>st</sup> )	.076	Roman Catholic (West □) Lutheran (East □)
IDAHO	3	(21 <sup>st</sup> )	.076	Roman Catholic (North □ and West □) Mormon (Southeast □)
OREGON	2	(22 <sup>nd</sup> )	.051	Roman Catholic (overall) Mormon (Southeast 1/8)

Total this group: 20  $\Sigma$  = 1,415 N = 30 Percentage of total: 99.7%  $\Sigma$  / N = 47.16

<sup>b</sup> In May 2015, Nebraska voted to abolish the death penalty. The status of the 10 inmates on death row is uncertain at this time. A petition has been submitted to suspend the repeal and put it to a voter referendum

## **One Execution Every Thirty-Eight Years [.027]**

COLORADO	1 (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	.025	Roman Catholic (overall) Methodist (East 1/8 & Northwest Corner)
CONNECTICUT	1 (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) NO DEATH PENALTY - REPEALED 2012	.025	Roman Catholic
NEW MEXICO	1 (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) NO DEATH PENALTY - REPEALED 2009	.025	Roman Catholic (overall) with Baptist (Northwest Corner & Southeast Corner)
WYOMING	1 (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	.025	Roman Catholic (overall) with Mormon (Southwest strip) Methodist (Narrow Southeast Corner)

Total this group: 4  $\sum$  = 1,419 N = 34 Percentage of total: 100%  $\sum$  / N = 41.7

#### **No Executions**

KANSAS	0	None	Methodist
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	None	Roman Catholic
NEW JERSEY	NO DEATH PENALTY - REPEALED 2008	None	Roman Catholic
NEW YORK <sup>c</sup>	NO DEATH PENALTY - 2004	None	Roman Catholic (overall) with Methodist pocket (Central)
ALASKA	NO DEATH PENALTY		
HAWAII	NO DEATH PENALTY		
AWOI	NO DEATH PENALTY		Lutheran (North ½) Methodist (South ½) with Roman Catholic pocket (East Central)
MAINE	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic
MASSACHUSETTS	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic
MICHIGAN	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic
MINNESOTA	NO DEATH PENALTY		Lutheran (overall) with  Roman Catholic pockets (Northeast, Central & Southeast)
NORTH DAKOTA	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic (Southwest ¼ & Northeast Corner) Lutheran (Northwest, Central & Southeast)
RHODE ISLAND	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic
VERMONT	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic
WEST VIRGINIA	NO DEATH PENALTY		Baptist (South ½) Methodist (North ½)
WISCONSIN	NO DEATH PENALTY		Roman Catholic (overall) Lutheran (Far West & South)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NO DEATH PENALTY		Methodist

Total this group: 0  $\Sigma$  = 1,419 N = 51 Percentage of total: 100%  $\Sigma$  / N = 27.82

<sup>c</sup> New York's Death Penalty statute was declared unconstitutional in 2004; no successor statute has been passed.