Codebook

Baumgartner Death Sentence Database

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| KeyID | Unique numeric identifier |
| NameLast | Offender last name |
| NameFirstMiddle | Offender first and middle name or initials |
| NameAKA | Alternative spellings, names, abbreviations, or aliases for the same person. See also variables at the end of this codebook for working / other versions of the offender’s name. |
| fips | FIPS code of state and county of conviction; federal = 88888 |
| state | Postal abbreviation for state of conviction (e.g., MA for Massachusetts) |
| county | Name of county of conviction |
| Disposition | Outcome of the process1 = executed2 = suicide 3 = natural death 4 = resentenced: Life5 = resentenced: less than life6 = exonerated7 = commuted8 = removed, unspecified reason9 = new trial ordered, removed from death row, outcome of new trial unknown10 = on death row  |
| DOB | Offender date of birth |
| DOBEst | 1 = Offender date of birth was estimated. This means that in the previous variable, DOB, the date given is not an exact one, but the best estimate based on an imprecise reference in a published document. Where such things occur, we record the mid-point of the possible date range referred to in the imprecise reference. Examples:* “in 1998” = 7/1/1998 (e.g., the mid-point of 1998)
* “March 1998” = 3/15/1998 (e.g., the middle of March, 1998)
* “earlier this month” in a publication from the 10th of May 1998: 5/5/1998 (e.g., halfway between the beginning of the month and the date when the reference was made)
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| DOC | Date of crime. Note this is the first crime for which a death sentence was imposed for this offender. Some offenders have more than one crime date, but we record only the first for which a death sentence was imposed. |
| DOCEst | 1 = Date of crime was estimated. Same rules as DOBEst. |
| DODS | Date of Death Sentence. See DOC. We record only the first death sentence for a given offender. |
| DODSEst | 1 = Date of Death Sentence was estimated. Same rules as DOBEst. |
| DOE | Date of Exit from death row. This could be the date of execution, the date or reversal, the date of a natural death or suicide, or any form of departure from death row. For those with Disposition = 10 (e.g., remaining on death row), it is blank.  |
| DOEEst | 1 = Date of Exit from death row was estimated. Same rules as DOBEst. |
| AgeCrime | Age of the offender at the time of the crime. This variable is expressed in years and decimal places: 19.25 years means 19 years and 3 months. Where both the date of crime and the date of birth variables are available precisely, AgeCrime is based on the difference between the two dates, in days, divided by 365.25. Where either DOB or DOC is estimated, only the year is calculated, with no fraction. Where a published source indicated the age of an offender which could not be more precisely calculated, that value (in whole years) is given. Note that where whole years are given, there is no rounding, but the “floor” value is given: someone estimated to be just a few days before their 19th birthday is listed as 18. |
| AgeCrimePublished | Where relevant, and a source indicated the age of the offender at the time of the crime, this value is recorded in whole years. |
| AgeExit | Age of the offender at the time of departure (exit) from death row. Same calculations as for AgeCrime. Where precise dates are available, this date is based on the number of days between DOB and DOE; where there are estimates of we rely on published sources, only whole years are indicated. |
| AgeExitPublished | Where relevant, and a source indicated the age of the offender at the time of exit from death row, this value is recorded in whole years. |
| AgeDPIC | DPIC version of age of the offender at execution. Valid only for those executed. |
| Sex | Sex of the offender. M or F. |
| SexDPIC | Sex of the offender from the DPIC website. M or F. Valid only for those executed. |
| Race | Race of offender, as listed by Department of Corrections or other source:A = Asian or Asian AmericanB = BlackH = Hispanic / Latino / LatinaNA = Not available / missingO = OtherU = UnknownW = White. (blank) = Missing |
| RaceDPIC | Race of offender, recoded into a numeric variable, from DPIC1 = White2 = Black3 = Hispanic / Latino / Latina4 = Native American5 = Asian / Asian American6 = OtherValid only for those executed. |
| DefW | 1 = Offender is white. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC)  |
| DefB | 1 = Offender is black. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| DefO | 1 = Offender is of another race. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| Juvenile | 1 = Offender was a juvenile at the time of the crime. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| IntellectualCapacity | 1 = Offender had indications of intellectual capacity issues. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| Volunteer | 1 = Offender was a volunteer for execution. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| Method | Method of execution (recoded to a numeric variable from DPIC)1 = Electrocution2 = Firing Squad3 = Gas Chamber4 = Hanging5 = Lethal InjectionValid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| MethodText | Method of execution, text version from DPIC, valid only for those executed. |
| Foreign | 1 = Offender was a foreign national. 0 = Not. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| CharacteristicsOfVictims | Text version of race and gender of victims, such as “WM; WF” for an offender who had two victims, one a White Male, and one a White Female. Valid only for those executed. (from DPIC) |
| VicsT | Total number of victims. Numeric values. Note this variable is recoded from the DPIC list of CharacteristicsOfVictims and extended for other cases, but is very incomplete beyond those executed. |
| VicsW | Total number of White victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsB | Total number of Black victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsO | Total number of Other race victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsWM | Total number of White male victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsBM | Total number of Black male victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsOM | Total number of Other race male victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsWF | Total number of White female victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsBF | Total number of Black female victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsOF | Total number of Other race female victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsM | Total number of male victims. See VicsT. |
| VicsF | Total number of female victims. See VicsT. |
| DPICVictims | Text version of race and gender of victims, such as “4 White male(s)”, from DPIC.  |
| numberandraceofvictims | Text version of race of victims, such as “2 White”, from DPIC.  |
| DPICNumber | DPIC ID number.  |
| OffenderNumber | Where available, a state DOC number for the offender |
| Notes | Notes and remarks from student coders. Note this combines several versions of the variable from different tasks in compiling the database; these are separated by a semi-colon; they sometimes repeat. |
| Sources | Sources for various items. Note this combines several versions of this variable from different versions of the database; these are separated by a semi-colon; they sometimes repeat. |

Partial list of sources:

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| **State** | **Name of Contact or Website** | **Source Information** |
| Colorado | Professor Michael Radelet, Colorado Law | michael.radelet@colorado.edu |
| Connecticut | Office of Legislative Research Reports | <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2012/rpt/2012-R-0020.htm> |
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| Delaware | Jon Offredo of Public Defender's Office | jon.offredo@state.de.us  |
| Florida | Florida DOC -- executions | <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/oth/deathrow/execlist.html> |
| Florida DOC -- current DR population | <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/OffenderSearch/deathrowroster.aspx> |
| Roger Sockman of DOC -- removals | Patrick.Manderfield@fdc.myflorida.com; Roger.Sockman@fdc.myflorida.com |
| Idaho | Sean Falconer of Idaho DOC | sfalcone@idoc.idaho.gov |
| Illinois | Northwestern Law Website | <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/wrongfulconvictions/exonerations/deathpenalty/> |
| John Clegg and Sharon Shapinski of DOC | JOHN.CLEGG@doc.illinois.gov; SHARON.SHIPINSKI@doc.illinois.gov |
| Indiana | DOC website | DOC website: current DR population; DOC website, removals |
| Kansas | Kansas Coalition Against the Deat Penalty | https://www.doc.ks.gov/newsroom/capital |
| Kentucky | Michael J. Zydney of Northern Kentucky University | mannheimem1@nku.edu  |
| Kentucky Department of Corrections | <https://corrections.ky.gov/depts/AI/Pages/DeathRowInmates.aspx> |
| Mississippi | Grace Fisher of MSDOC | Gfisher@doc.state.ms.us  |
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| New Jersey | Susan Green of New Jersey Public Defender's Office | Susan.Green@opd.nj.gov  |
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| Oklahoma | Madhuri Gewal of the Constitution Project | mgewal@constitutionproject.org |
| Oklahoma DOC -- Current DR Population | <http://doc.ok.gov/death-row> |
| Oklahoma Department of Corrections -- Executions | <http://doc.ok.gov/death-row> |
| Oregon | Nickie Basinger of Oregon DOC | Nickie.Basinger@doc.state.or.us |
| Pennsylvania | US Courts Litigation Listing | http://www2.ca3.uscourts.gov/Export/litigant\_list.htm |
| Texas | Texas Department of Criminal Justice | <https://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/death_row/dr_executed_offenders.html> |
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| <http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/death_row/dr_offenders_no_longer_on_dr.html> |
| Virginia | Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse | <http://www.vc3.org/resources/page.asp?pageid=561>  |
| Wyoming | Mark Horan of DOC | mark.horan@wyo.gov  |