

Louisiana death sentencing graphics

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Data date: April 26, 2016.

1976-2014 Louisiana Homicide, Death Case, and Execution Rates by Race

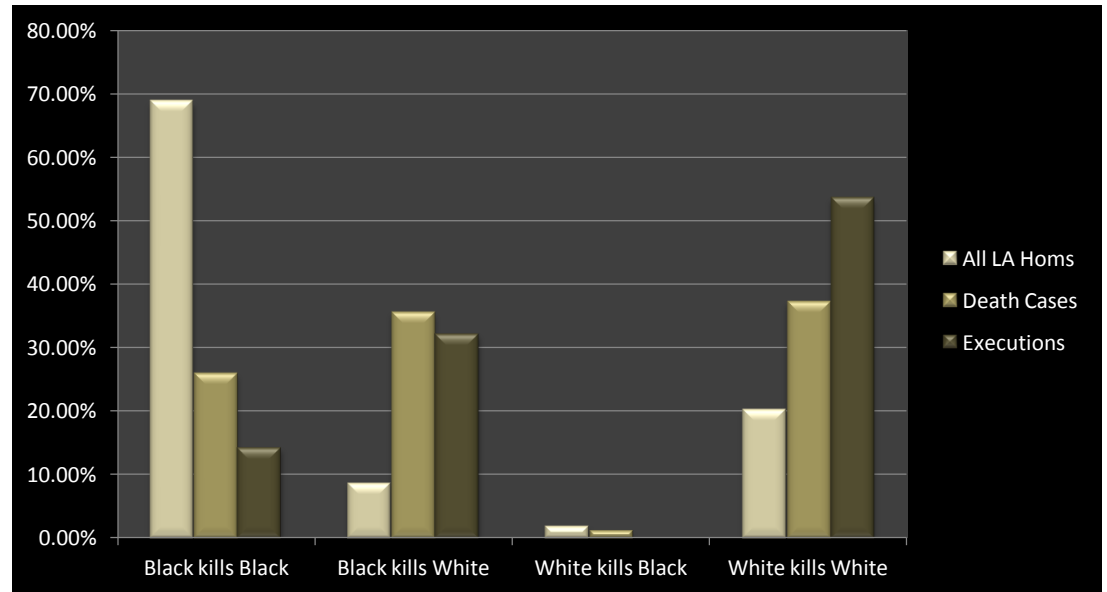
Louisiana race totals and percentages are for all non-negligent, non-justified homicides with Black or White victims and offenders, 1976-2014, as reported to the FBI. Death sentence cases are those verdicts of the modern era (October 1977 to April 2016), with two cases involving principals of another race eliminated.

Racial Category	# All LA Homs	All Homs %	# Death Cases	Death Case %	<i>should be...</i> *	% DC / Homs	# Executions	% Ex / Homs
Black kills Black	10,885	0.6882	62	0.2543	164	0.58%	4	0.04% (1 execution per 2,721 murders)
Black kills White	1,390	0.0879	85	0.3621	21	6.43%	9	0.69% (1 execution per 154 murders)
White kills Black	316	0.0200	3	0.0129	5	1.01%	0	0.00% (0 executions)**
White kills White	3,225	0.2039	89	0.3707	49	2.80%	15	0.49% (1 execution per 215 murders)
TOTAL	15,816	1.0000	239	1.0000	239	1.56%	28	0.19% (1 execution per 565 murders)

* All Homs % X 239.

** no LA WkB executions since 1752.

Race Category	Percentages:		
	All LA Homs	Death Cases	Executions
Black kills Black	68.82%	25.94%	14.29%
Black kills White	8.79%	35.56%	32.14%
White kills Black	2.00%	1.26%	0.00%
White kills White	20.39%	37.24%	53.57%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

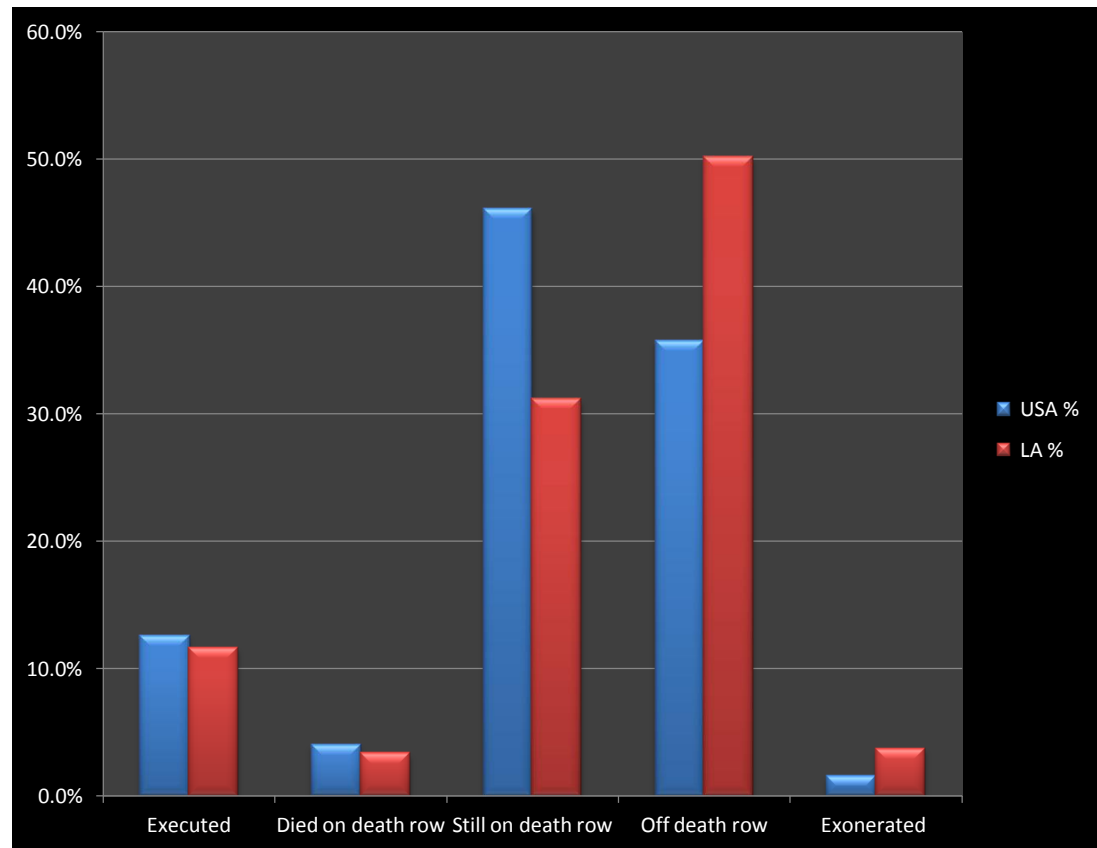


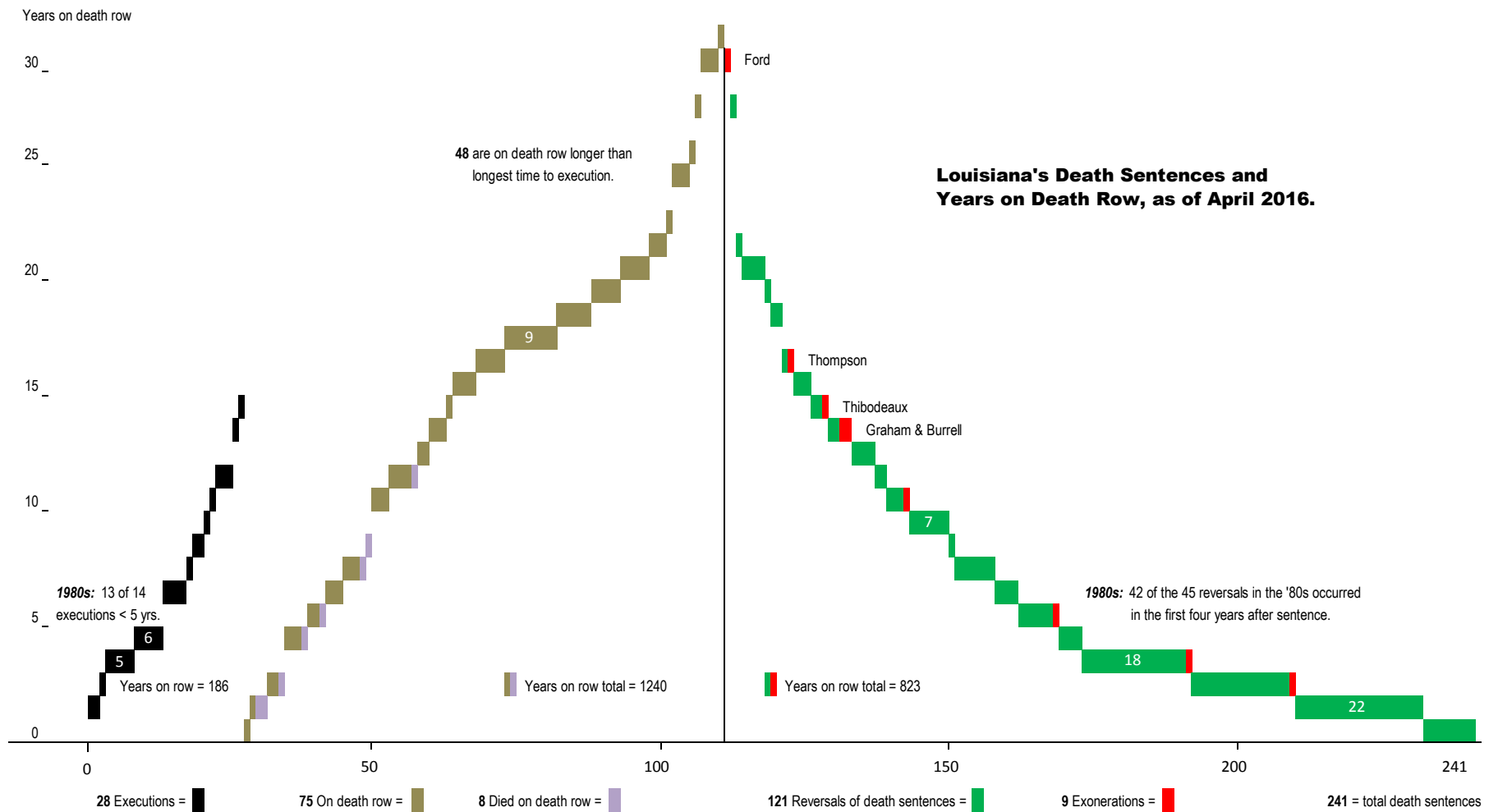
Comparing USA and LA Death Sentence Outcomes

USA statistics are for 1973-2004 from Samuel Gross et. al. 2014 National Academy of Sciences study at: <http://www.pnas.org/content/111/20/7230.full>
Louisiana data as of 04/26/2016.

Death Sentence Outcomes	# USA	USA %	# Louisiana	LA %	Case Status	# USA	# LA	Reversal Rate	
								USA %	LA %
Executed	943	12.6%	28	11.6%	Sentence carried out	943	28	25.2%	17.8%
Died on death row	298	4.0%	8	3.3%	Neither				
Still on death row	3449	46.1%	75	31.1%	Neither				
Off death row	2675	35.8%	121	50.2%					
Home (Exonerated)	117	1.6%	9	3.7%	Sentence overturned	2792	129	74.8%	82.2%
TOTAL	7482		241			3735	157		

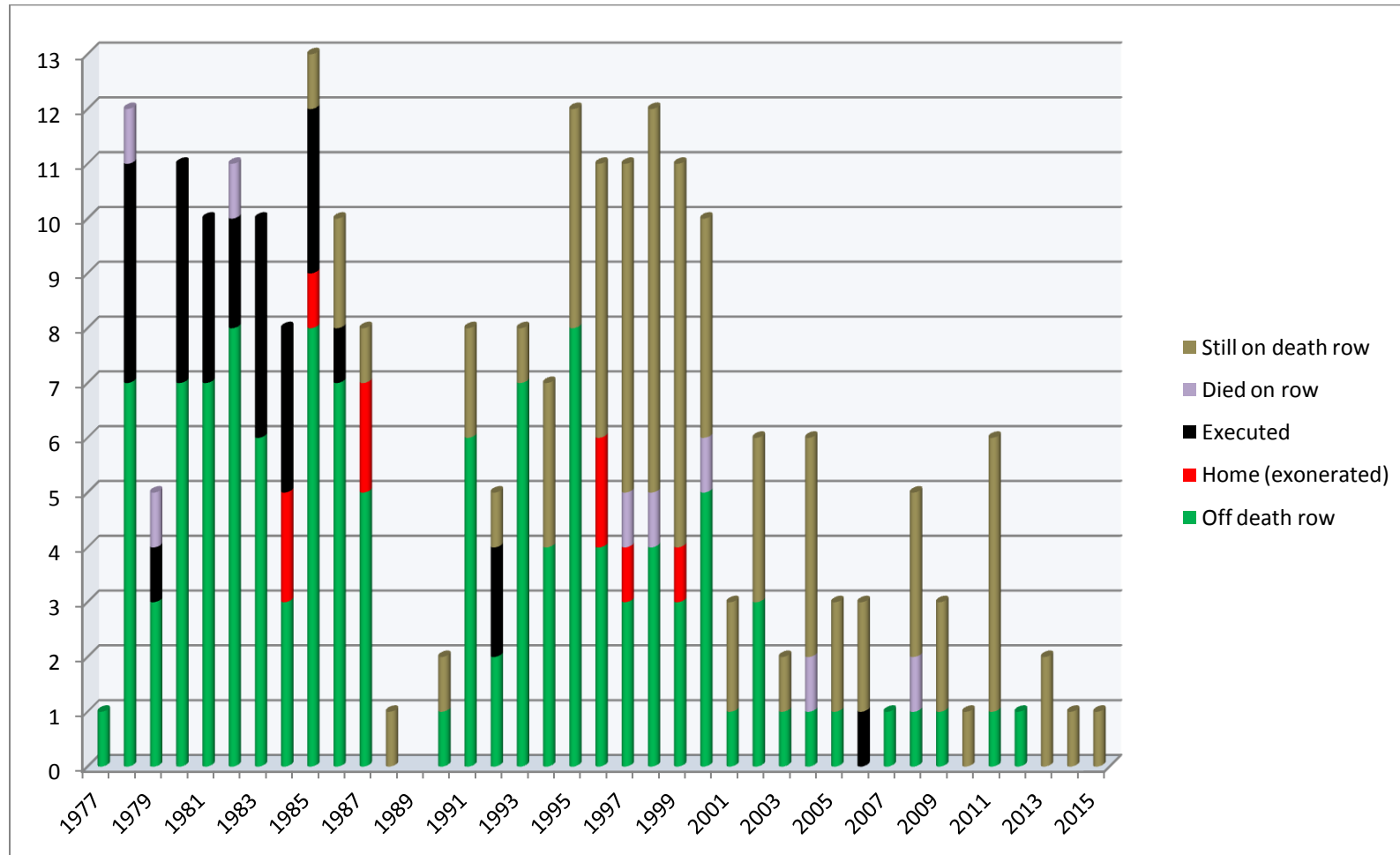
Row Labels	Values	
	USA %	LA %
Executed	12.6%	11.6%
Died on death row	4.0%	3.3%
Still on death row	46.1%	31.1%
Off death row	35.8%	50.2%
Exonerated	1.6%	3.7%
Grand Total	100.0%	100.0%





Note: Numbers in white against a colored background are only to orient the viewer to how many cases various widths represent.

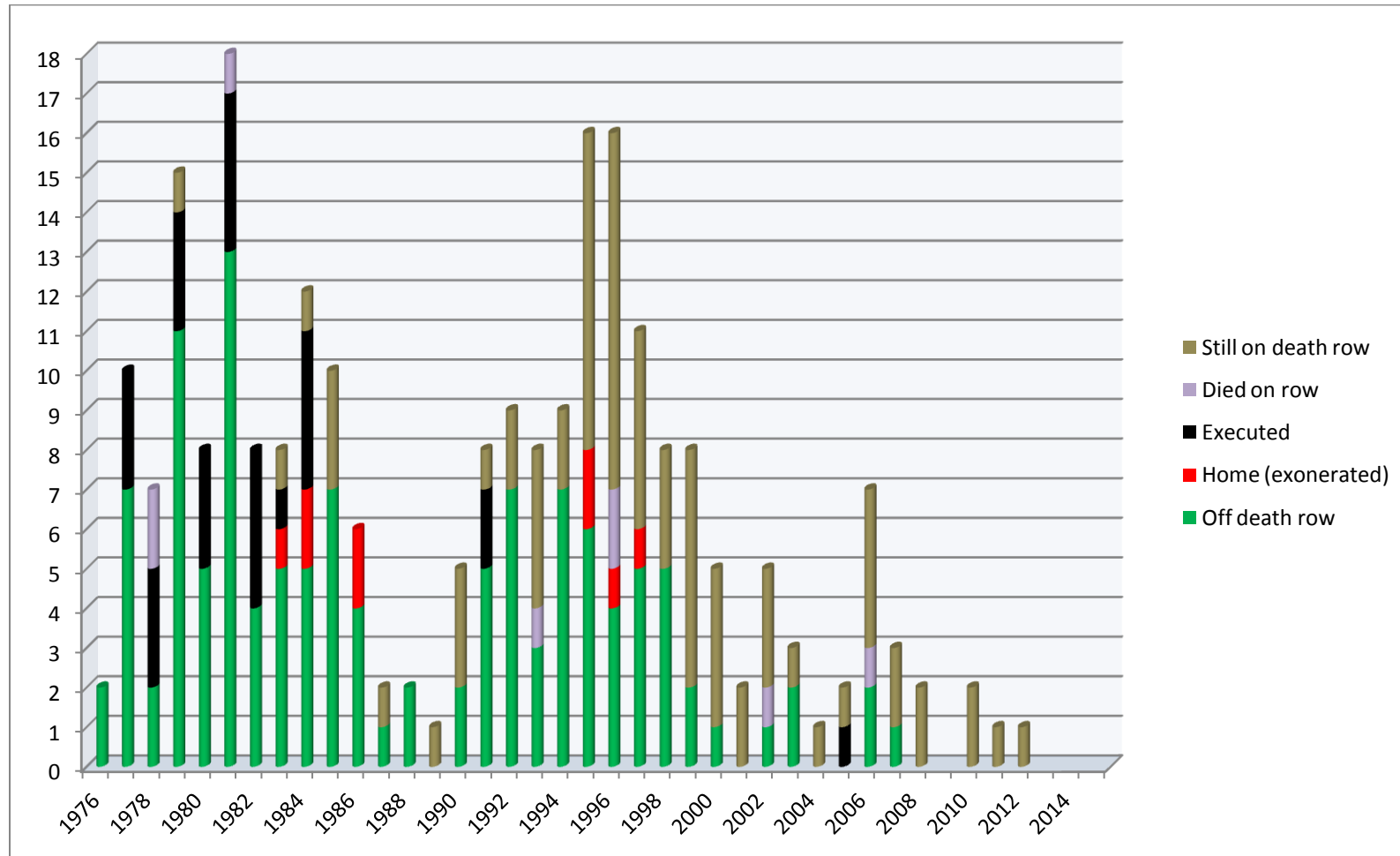
Louisiana death sentences by year, color-coded by eventual outcome:



The 27 executions for death sentences issued prior to 1993, in black above, occurred at the following times:

- 7 in the 13 months between December 1983 and January 1985.
- 8 in the summer of 1987 — after this point in time, Louisiana juries issued only one death sentence until September 1990.
- 3 in the spring of 1988.
- 9 at a rate of one per year from 1990 to 2002, with no executions in 1993, 1994, 1998, and 2001.

Crime dates of Louisiana death sentences by year, color-coded by eventual outcome:

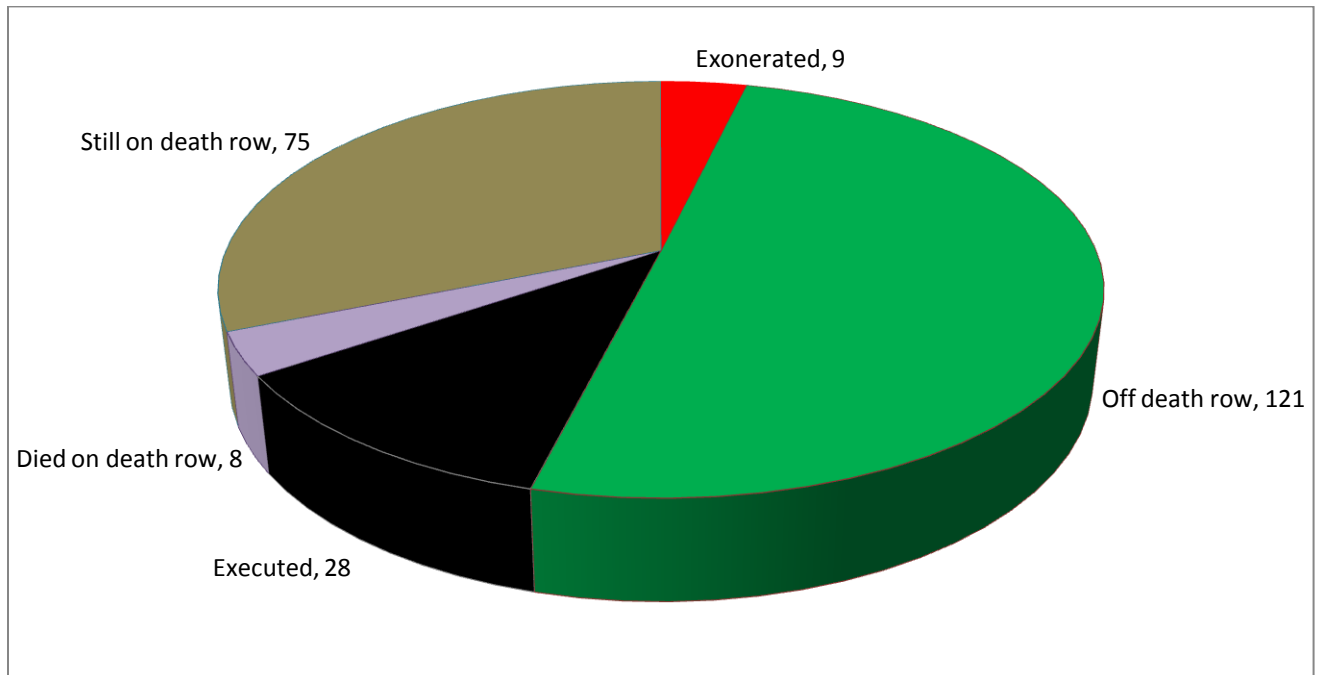


25 of the 28 executions were for crimes occurring from 1977 to 1984.

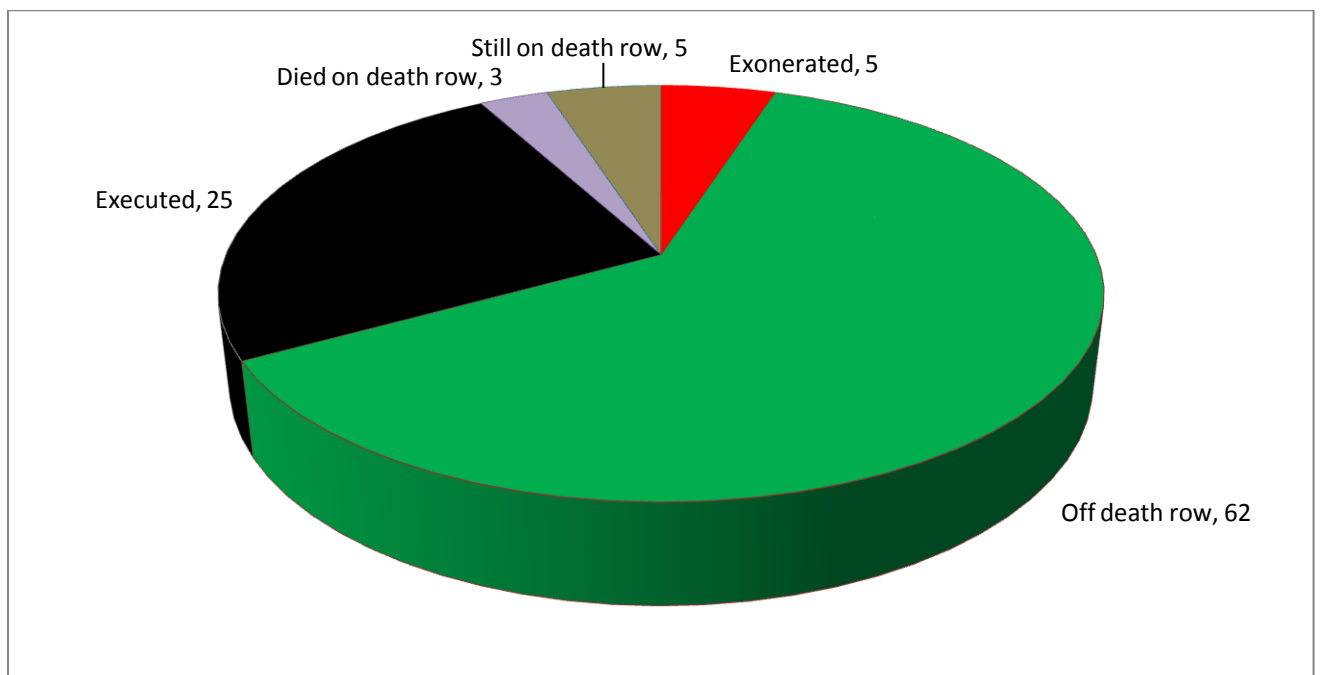
Two 1991 crimes resulted in executions in 2000 and 2002, the last Louisiana involuntary executions. The 2005 crime resulting in execution was voluntary.

29 crimes since 2000 have resulted in death penalties, less than 1995-96, or 1979 & 1981.

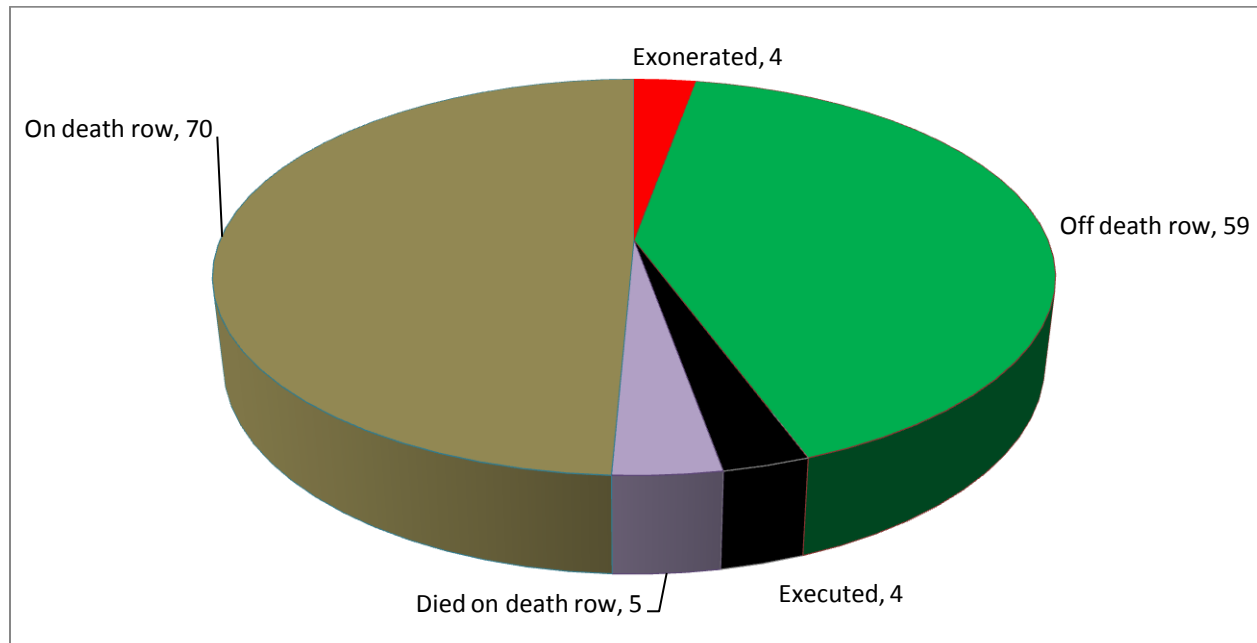
Current outcomes of all 241 death sentences:



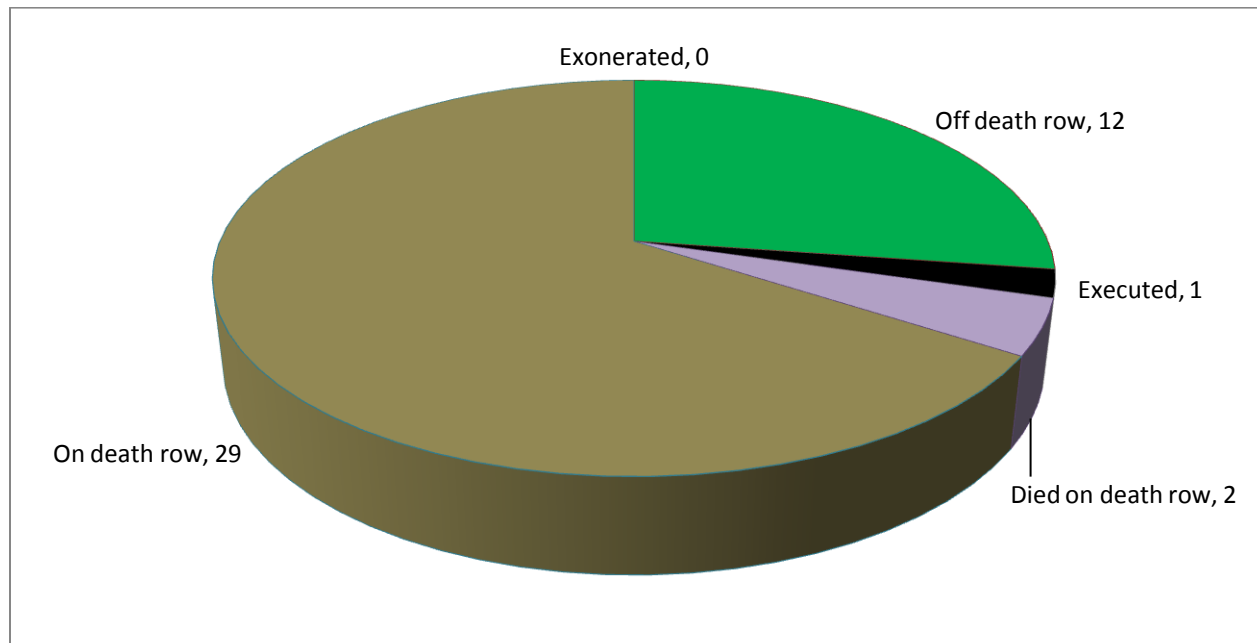
Outcomes of the first 100 death sentences, October 1977 to September 1988:



Outcomes of later death sentences, the 141 after September 1990:

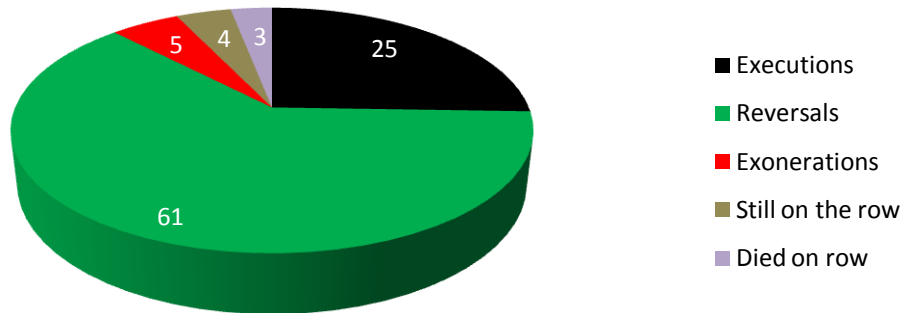


Outcomes of 44 death sentences issued in the new century, since 2000:



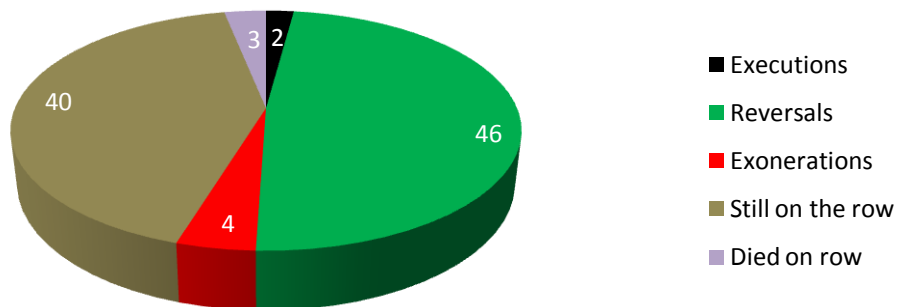
Comparing outcomes of LA death sentences from three different decades.

1977-1986 - 98 death cases



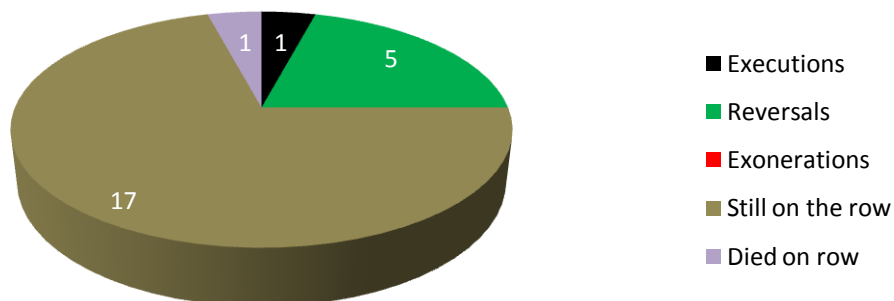
38 reversals occurred in 1977-1986: 29 in Direct Appeal; 4 in State Post-Conviction; and 5 in Federal Habeus.

1991-2000 - 95 death cases



32 reversals occurred in 1991-2000: 19 in Direct Appeal; 6 in State Post-Conviction; and 7 in Federal Habeus.

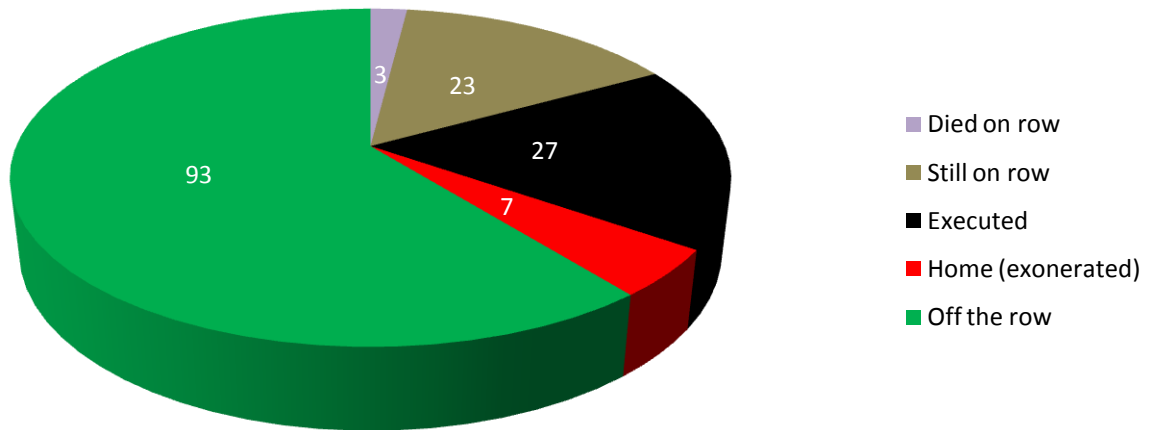
2006-2015 - 24 death cases



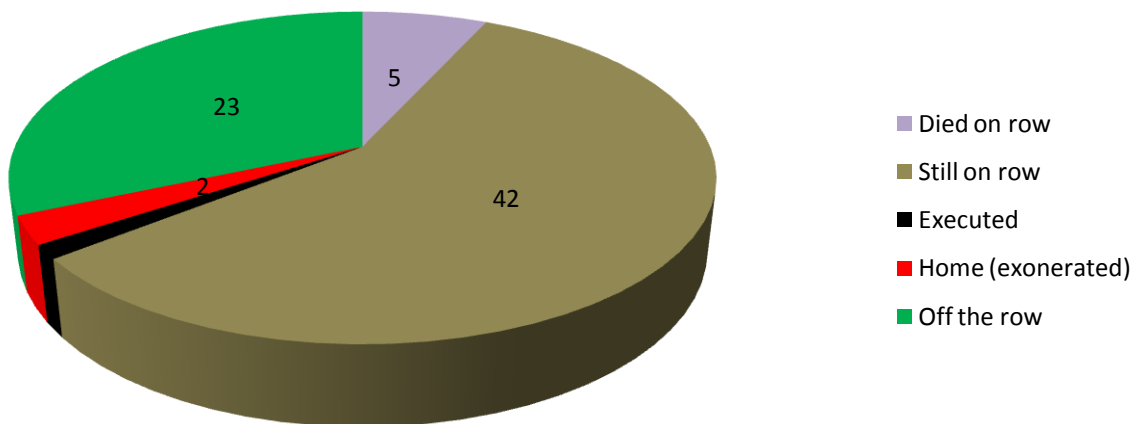
30 reversals occurred in 2006-2015: 7 in Direct Appeal; 13 in State Post-Conviction; and 10 in Federal Habeus.

Number of death sentences reversed in three eras of defense counsel certification:

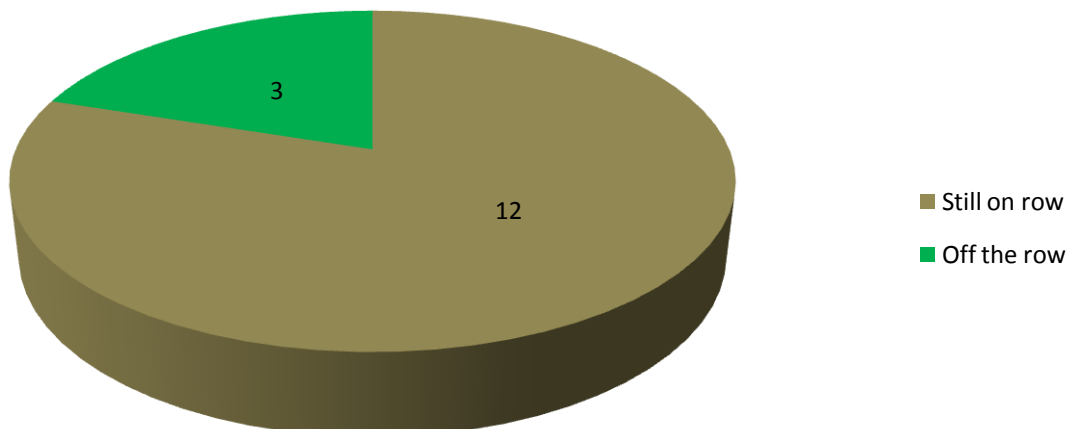
1977-1996 (153 cases)



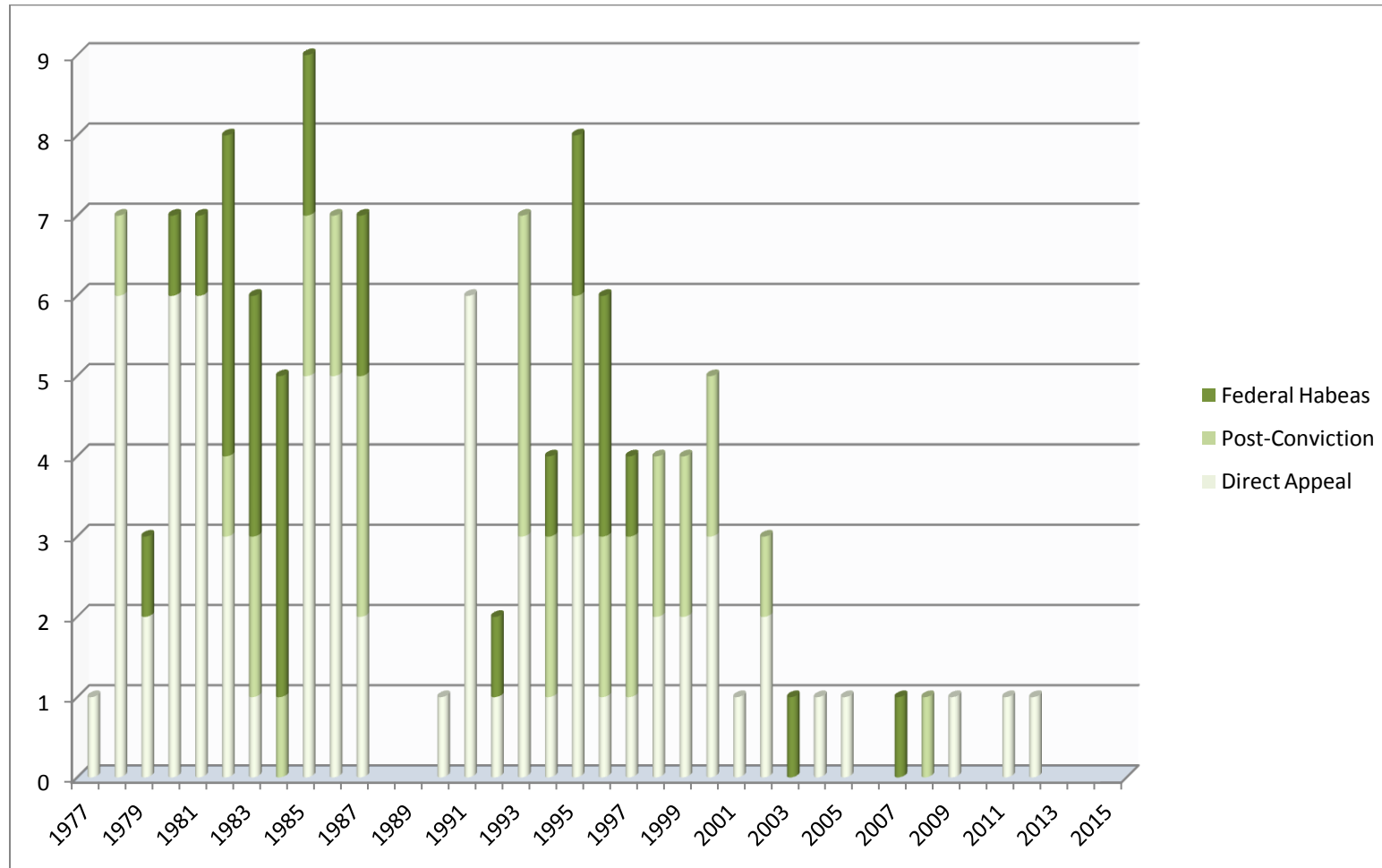
1997-2008 (73 cases)



2009-2015 (15 cases)



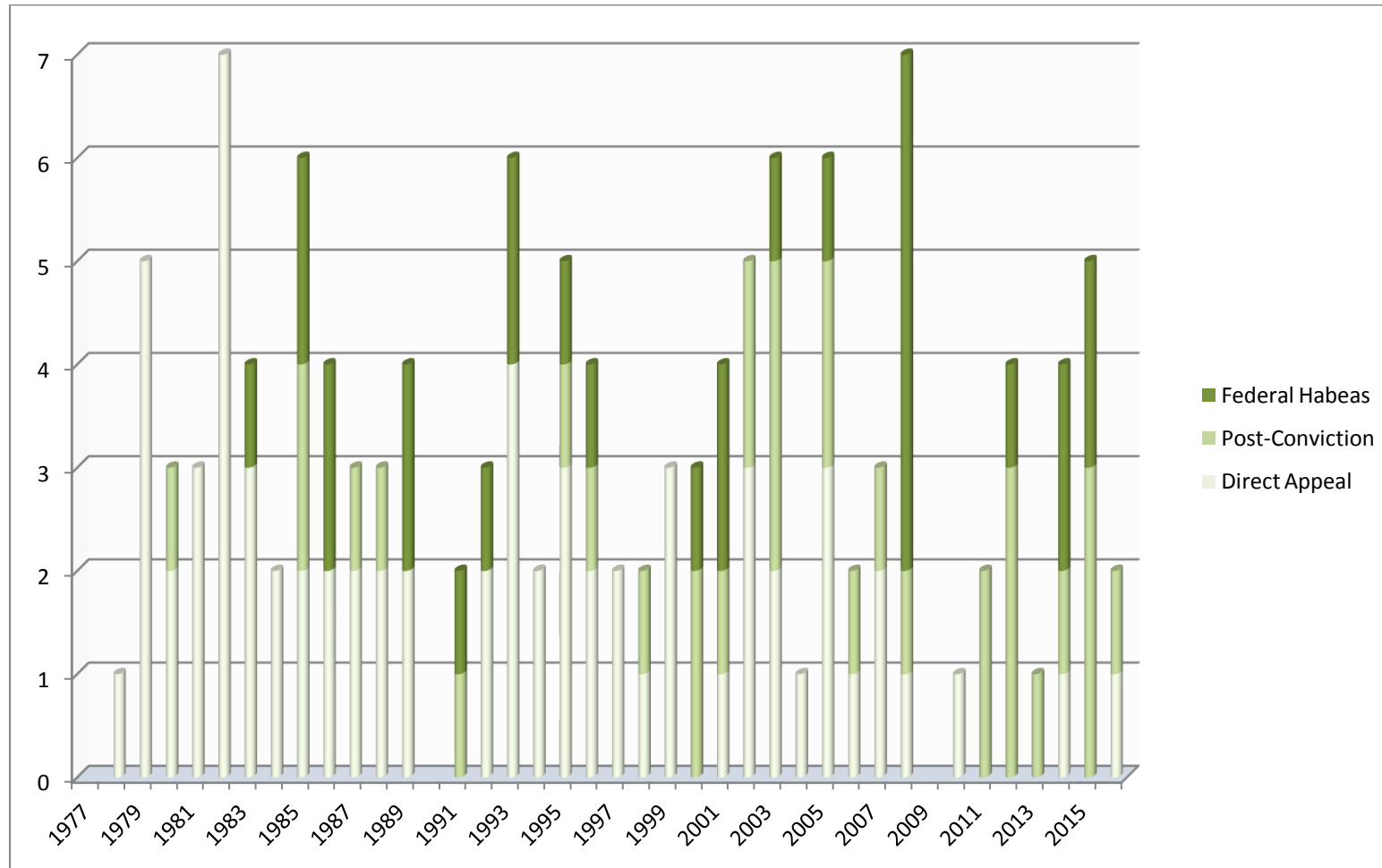
Louisiana reversals of death sentences by SENTENCE Year, color-coded by stage of appeal:



129 reversals, 9 of which were exonerations of death sentences handed down in '84 (2), '85, '87 (2), '96 (2), '97, AND '99.

Note: Direct Appeal includes 3 cases reversed before direct appeal, and Federal Habeas includes 1 case reversed after federal habeas.

Louisiana reversals of death sentences by REVERSAL Year, color-coded by stage of appeal:



129 reversals, 9 of which were exonerations occurring in '95, '98, '00 (2), '01 (2), '04, '12, and '14.

Note: Direct Appeal includes 3 cases reversed before direct appeal, and Federal Habeas includes 1 case reversed after federal habeas.