



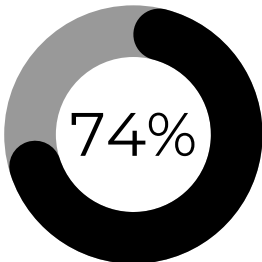
Basic Facts: South Carolina's Death Penalty

Main Facts:

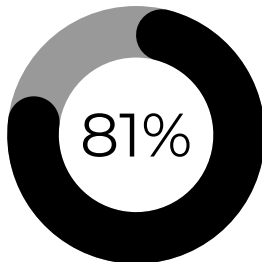
- **Current Death Row Inmates:** 35 Men
- **Execution Methods:** Lethal Injection, Electric Chair, and Firing Squad
- **Last Execution:** 2011 (Due to Lethal Injection Supply Problems)
- **Last Death Row Sentence:** 2019
- **Total Number of Executions since 1718:** 684 (includes Federal and Military Executions); 282 since 1912
- **Economic Background of Death Row Inmates:** Impoverished/ Working Class
- **Location of Death Row:** Broad River Correctional Institution

In 2021, the state added the firing squad as a third option. Richard Bernard Moore is a notable case, being the first inmate to choose the firing squad as his method of execution.

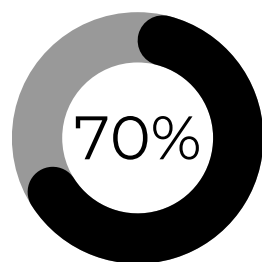
DISPARITY STATISTICS



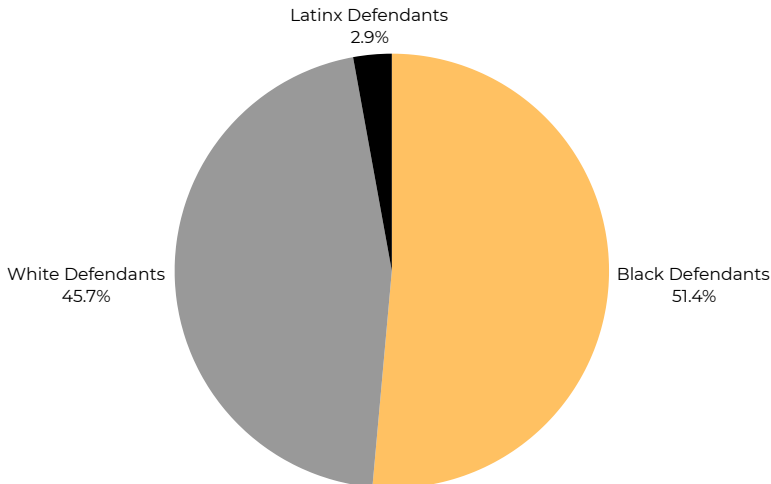
OF EXECUTIONS SINCE 1912 HAVE BEEN AFRICAN AMERICANS



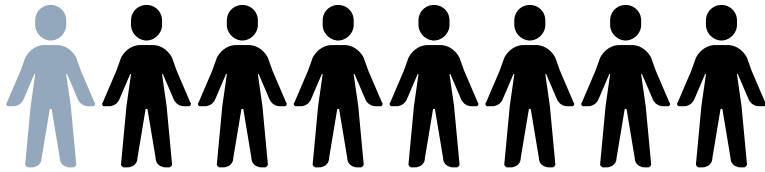
OF DEATH ROW INMATES HAVE WHITE VICTIMS



DEATH ROW INMATES WITH SEVERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES



INNOCENCE



- **ONE PERSON IS EXONERATED AND RELEASED FOR EVERY 8.2 PEOPLE WHO WERE EXECUTED IN THE U.S.**
- **THREE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EXONERATED FROM SOUTH CAROLINA'S DEATH ROW: JESSIE KEITH BROWN, MICHAEL LINDER, AND WARREN DOUGLAS MANNING**
- **THERE HAVE BEEN 4 VACATED SENTENCES BASED ON INNOCENCE CLAIMS, BUT MANY MORE LIKELY EXIST.**
- **MANY WRONGFULLY CONVICTED PEOPLE HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES, MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR LEGAL TEAMS AND PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE TO A JURY.**
- **ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS WRONGFUL EXECUTIONS IN US HISTORY IS THE CASE OF GEORGE STINNEY, JR. OUT OF CLARENDON COUNTY. HE WAS 14 YEARS OLD WHEN THE STATE SENTENCED HIM TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR. HIS CASE WAS VACATED IN 2014. HE IS ONE OF MORE THAN A DOZEN TEENAGERS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN SC.**

Exoneration: When someone who was convicted of a crime is officially cleared of that crime because new evidence proves they didn't do it. It means the person is declared innocent and their conviction is overturned

Vacated sentences: the court has nullified or canceled the original judgment of conviction and sentence. This usually happens when new evidence emerges proving the person's innocence or showing significant legal errors in the original trial.

COST

- **A SINGLE DEATH PENALTY CASE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, FROM BEGINNING TO END, COSTS TAXPAYERS AN AVERAGE OF 1.1 MILLION MORE DOLLARS THAN A LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCE.**
- **A SINGLE DEATH PENALTY TRIAL COSTS SOUTH CAROLINIANS AROUND \$415,000 MORE THAN A NONCAPITAL MURDER TRIA**
- **CASES IN 2005 AND 2006 AND CONCLUDED THAT REPEALING THE DEATH PENALTY COULD HAVE SAVED THE STATE NEARLY \$22 MILLION IN JUST THOSE TWO YEARS.**

A noncapital murder trial: a legal proceeding for a murder charge that does not carry the possibility of the death penalty.