

Countries with the death penalty (retentionist)

Country	Annual executions (2017)	Last recorded execution	Capital crimes ¹	Methods of execution
Afghanistan	5 ²	2018	Murder, arson, terrorism, treason, espionage, adultery, apostacy, homosexual sodomy	Firing squad, hanging
Bahrain	3	2017	Murder, arson, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape of a child, drug trafficking, military offences	Firing squad
Bangladesh	6	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, human trafficking, drug trafficking, possession of drugs	Firing squad, hanging
Belarus	2	2018	Murder, treason, war crimes	Firing squad
Botswana	0	2018	Murder, treason, espionage, aggravated piracy, military offences	Hanging, any method decided by President (military only)
Chad	0	2015 ³	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, military offences	
China	Unknown ⁴	Unknown	Murder, arson, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, forced prostitution, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, drug trafficking, economic crimes, prison riots, military offences	Firing squad, lethal injection
Egypt	35	2018	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, military offences	Hanging
Equatorial Guinea	0	2014	Aggravated murder, treason, espionage, robbery, piracy, war crimes, military offences	Firing squad (military only), hanging
Gambia	0	2012	Murder, terrorism, treason	Firing squad, hanging
India	0	2015	Aggravated murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, military offences	Firing squad (military only), hanging
Indonesia	0	2016	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, robbery, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, corruption, war	Firing squad

¹ All crimes listed other than murder are crimes which are punishable by death even when not resulting in death; also note that not all crimes listed are mandatorily punishable by death

² This figure is according to Afghan media and is not a reliable number

³ This is when members of Boko Haram were executed; prior to this no executions had taken place since 2003

⁴ The number of people sentenced to death each year is a state secret in China; however, human rights organisations estimate that China carries out thousands of executions each year

			crimes, military offences, production/transfer/use of chemical weapons	
Iran	Unknown ⁵	2018	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, robbery, burglary, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, adultery, apostacy, homosexual sodomy, incestuous relations, fornication, publishing pornography, recidivist consumption of alcohol, blasphemy, political crimes, economic crimes, military offences	Firing squad, hanging, stoning, falling from a height
Iraq	125	2018	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, war crimes, military offences	Firing squad, hanging
Japan	4	2018	Murder, arson, terrorism, treason	Hanging
Jordan	15	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape of a child, robbery, drug trafficking, war crimes	Hanging
Kuwait	7	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, forced prostitution, human trafficking, drug trafficking, military offences	Firing squad, hanging
Libya	0	2010	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, drug trafficking, military offences	Firing squad
Malaysia	4	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, kidnapping, robbery, burglary, drug trafficking, trafficking of firearms, possession of multiple firearms, military offences	Hanging
Nigeria	0	2016 ⁶	Murder, terrorism, treason, rape, kidnapping, robbery, adultery, apostacy, homosexual sodomy, incestuous relations, witchcraft, practicing of indigenous religions, military offences	Firing squad, hanging, stoning, crucifixion
North Korea	Unknown	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, assault,	Firing squad, hanging ⁷

⁵ The number of people sentenced to death each year is kept largely secret in Iran; however, human rights organisations estimate that Iran carries out many hundreds of executions each year

⁶ The Legal Defence and Assistance Project (a Nigerian rights organisation) and Amnesty International both reported that 3 executions were carried out secretly in 2016; however, the last execution publicised by the Nigerian government took place in 2013

⁷ The method of execution is not mandated by legislation – it simply says ‘extinguishing bodily life.’ It has been reported by South Korean media that a senior party official was executed by flame thrower

			facilitating prostitution, robbery, circulating 'harmful' information, failure to discharge duty, religious offences, being a 'scoundrel', human trafficking, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, economic crimes, military offences	
Oman	0	2015	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, piracy, drug trafficking,	Firing squad, hanging
Pakistan	65	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, rape, kidnapping, adultery, apostacy, blasphemy, drug trafficking, arms trafficking, military offences	Hanging
Palestinian Authority	6	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, military offences	Firing squad, hanging
Saudi Arabia	146	2018	Murder, arson, treason, espionage, terrorism, rape, robbery, burglary, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, adultery, apostacy, homosexual sodomy, recidivist consumption of alcohol, sorcery/witchcraft, military offences	Beheading, stoning
Singapore	8	2018	Murder, terrorism, treason, kidnapping, drug trafficking, economic crimes, piracy, war crimes, military offences	Hanging
Somalia	12	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, military offences	Firing squad
Sudan	0	2016	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, robbery, drug trafficking, economic crimes, adultery, apostacy, homosexual sodomy, recidivist heterosexual sodomy, incestuous relations, war crimes	Hanging, stoning, 'in the same manner in which the offender caused death' (retributive sentences only)
Syria	Unknown	2014	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, inflicting torture during a gang-robbery, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, military offences, belonging to the Moslem Brethren (Muslim Brotherhood) Group, military offences	Firing squad (military only), hanging
Thailand	0	2018	Murder, arson, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, economic crimes, illegal use of firearms, military offences	Lethal injection

in 2014 and that a senior military official was executed with a mortar round in 2012; however, these statements are not reliable

UAE	1	2017	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, adultery, import/storage/disposal of nuclear waste	Firing squad, stoning
USA	23	2018	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, drug trafficking, war crimes, military offences	Firing squad, hanging, lethal injection, electrocution, gas chamber
Vietnam	0	2016	Aggravated murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape of a child, robbery, drug trafficking, economic crimes, war crimes, military offences	Firing squad, lethal injection
Yemen	2	2018	Murder, terrorism, treason, espionage, rape, kidnapping, drug trafficking, possession of drugs, adultery, apostacy, homosexual sodomy, military offences, recidivist forcing/allowing of a wife or daughter into prostitution	Firing squad, stoning

Countries without the death penalty (abolitionist)

Country	Status ⁸	Year of abolition	Last recorded execution
Albania	Abolitionist	2000	1992
Algeria	Abolitionist de facto ⁹	n/a	1993
Antigua & Barbuda	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1991
Argentina	Abolitionist	2008	1916
Australia	Abolitionist	1985 / 2010	1967
Austria	Abolitionist	1985	1950
Bahamas	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2000
Barbados	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1984
Belgium	Abolitionist	1999	1863 / 1950 (wartime)
Belize	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1985
Brazil	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1876
Brunei	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1957
Bulgaria	Abolitionist	1998	1989
Cameroon	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1997
Canada	Abolitionist	1998	1962
Central African Rep.	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1981
Comoros	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1997
Croatia	Abolitionist	1990	1987
Cuba	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2003
Cyprus	Abolitionist	2002	1962
Czech Republic	Abolitionist	1990	1989
Dem. Rep. Congo	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2003
Denmark	Abolitionist	1993	1892 / 1945 (wartime)
Dominica	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1986
Estonia	Abolitionist	1998	1991
Ethiopia	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2007
Fiji	Abolitionist	2015	1970
France	Abolitionist	1981	1977
Georgia	Abolitionist	1997	1995
Ghana	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1993
Germany	Abolitionist	1987 (East) / 1990 (upon reunification)	1981 (East) / 1951 (West)
Greece	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1972
Hungary	Abolitionist	1990	1988
Iceland	Abolitionist	1940	1830
Ireland	Abolitionist	1990	1954
Italy	Abolitionist	1994	1997
Jamaica	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1988
Kenya	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1987
Laos	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1989
Lebanon	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2004

⁸ According to Amnesty International

⁹ 'Abolitionist de facto' is the phrase used when a nation doesn't employ capital punishment in practice, but has not legally abolished it. Any country which has not used the death penalty in the last 10 years is seen to be 'abolitionist de facto'

Lesotho	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1995
Lithuania	Abolitionist	1999	1995
Madagascar	Abolitionist	2015	1958
Malawi	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1992
Malta	Abolitionist	1991	1943
Morocco	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1993
Myanmar	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1988
Netherlands	Abolitionist	1982	1956
New Zealand	Abolitionist	1989	1957
Niger	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1976
Norway	Abolitionist	1988	1876 / 1948 (wartime)
Papua New Guinea	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1954
Poland	Abolitionist	1998 / 2002	1988
Portugal	Abolitionist	1911	1846
Qatar	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2003
Russian Federation	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1999
Romania	Abolitionist	1900 / 1994	1989
Serbia	Abolitionist	2001	1992
Sierra Leone	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1998
Slovakia	Abolitionist	1993	Unknown
Slovenia	Abolitionist	1994	1959
South Africa	Abolitionist	1995	1989
South Korea	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1997
Spain	Abolitionist	1995	1975
Sri Lanka	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1976
St Lucia	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1995
Suriname	Abolitionist	2015	1982
Swaziland	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1983
Sweden	Abolitionist	1985	1910
Switzerland	Abolitionist	1987	1944
Tanzania	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1994
Tonga	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1982
Trinidad & Tobago	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1999
Turkey	Abolitionist	1984	1983
Uganda	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2005
Ukraine	Abolitionist	2000	1997
United Kingdom	Abolitionist	1998	1965
Vatican City	Abolitionist	1969	1870
Zambia	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	1997
Zimbabwe	Abolitionist de facto	n/a	2005

Data as of September 2018. All figures concern the actions of the state only, and exclude the actions of any groups which are not recognised internationally, such as terrorist organisations which control certain regions.