

Capital Punishment Research

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Primary Sources

- Federal statutes and case law
 - Significant amount of U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence
- State statutes and case law
 - States with death penalty statute
 - Some states, esp. Texas, Virginia & Ohio predominate.

Statistics

Indexes to Statistics

- *American Statistics Index*
- comprehensive guide to the statistical publications of the U.S. government
 - Smith Library Reference Z 7554 .U5 A46

General

- *Statistical Abstract of the United States*
 - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2878>
 - Law Library Reference HA 202 (previous years in Storage)
- *State and Metropolitan Area Data Book*
 - Law Library Reference HA 202 .S84
- *County and City Data Book*
 - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS29932>
 - Law Library HA 202 .A36
- *Historical Statistics of the United States, from Colonial Times until 1970*
 - *updated by *Statistical Abstract*
 - Smith Library Reference HA 202 .B7 1976 (pt. 1&2)

Statistics

General Criminal Statistics

- *Uniform Crime Reports*
 - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3082>
 - Law Library Reference HV 6787 .A3
- *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*
 - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3909>
 - Law Library Reference HV 7245 .N37
- *Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics*
 - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2430>
 - Law Library HV 9950 .C65
- *Statistical Handbook on Violence in America*
 - MSASS Quick Reference 303.6 S797 1996

Statistics

Capital Punishment Statistics

Capital Punishment (Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin)

- <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cp02.htm>
- Law Library HV 8699.U5 C26

Selected Criminal Statistics Series

- *Criminal Victimization*
- Law Library HV 7245 .C74
- Law Library HV 7245 .C741

Correctional Populations in the United States

- <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2863>
- Law Library HV 9465 .C676

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted

- <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS700>
- Law Library HV 8143 .L39

Patterns of Global Terrorism

- <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS1488>
- Law Library HV 6431 .P42

Statistics

Court Statistics

- *Federal Judicial Caseload Statistics*
 - <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS29106>
 - Law Library KF 180 .A354

Historical Correctional Statistics

- *Historical Corrections Statistics in the United States 1850-1984*
 - Available via OhioLINK

Miscellaneous

- *Criminal Justice Information: how to find it, how to use it*
 - Law Library Reference HV 7419.5.C751998
- *United State Government Manual*
 - <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html>
 - Law Library Reference JK 421.A3
 - Official handbook of the Federal Government; provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches; also includes information on quasi-official agencies and international organizations in which the U.S. participates; and boards, commissions, and committees

Statistics --Internet

Selected Web Resources

- *Bureau of Justice Statistics*
 - <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>
 - *National Criminal Justice Reference Service*
 - <http://www.ncjrs.org/>
 - *FBI*
 - includes data from *Uniform Crime Reports*
 - <http://www.fbi.gov/>
 - *FedStats*
 - Gateway to statistics for over 100 Federal agencies
 - <http://www.fedstats.gov>
 - *Statistical Resources on the web* (U of Mich /sociology section)
 - <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>
 - *Death Penalty Information Center*
 - <http://ww.deathpenaltyinfo.org>
- Justice Center* (University of Alaska)
- Good source for statistics
 - <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/death/stats.html>

Secondary Sources

- Books (“Treatises”)
 - Finding tools: online catalogs, BIP, WorldCat
- Scholarly Articles
 - Finding tools: indexes (citations, hybrids, ...)
- Full-Text sources

Online Catalogs

- EuclidPLUS (Case libraries)
- OhioLINK (Ohio academic libraries)
 - Patron-initiated ordering by OhioLINK members
 - 2-5 day delivery by courier
 - Only one renewal allowed
 - Overdue fines cannot be waived
- WorldCat
 - over 50 million library holdings worldwide

Treatise Retrieval

- Current “KF” should be in the Library
- A-JV (i.e., HV) are off-site: Request Form:
 - http://www.law.case.edu/tech_library/renovation/retrieval_request.asp
- OhioLINK members may borrow online
 - For books not available at Case libraries
- Interlibrary Loan

Online Journals

- Online Journals via Case
 - for Case community users
 - <http://atoz.ebsco.com/home.asp?Id=cwru>
 - Best starting point, not totally comprehensive
 - Business indexes are omitted.
 - See a reference librarian (*Fulltext Sources Online*).
- Lexis (fee-based): Find a Source
- Westlaw (fee-based): IDEN database

Indexes (Legal)

- <http://www.cwru.edu/uclibraries.html>
- Index to Legal Periodicals
- LegalTrac
- Public Affairs International
- CILP
- SSRN
- IFLP & LJI (foreign & European)

Indexes (Other)

- OhioLINK v. Case databases
 - Off-campus OhioLINK access with PIN
 - Limiting options (full-text; scholarly articles, etc.)
- Selected Titles
 - Academic Source Premier & Expanded Academic
 - Social Science Index, etc.
 - EthnicWatch and GenderWatch

Full-Text Sources

- Lexis: LAWREV;ALLREV
- Westlaw: JLR & TP-ALL
 - Field searching/ Boolean/Natural Language
- BNA resources (via Intranet OR Lexis)
- Hein Online
- OhioLINK's Electronic Journal Center
- JSTOR, Project Muse, etc.

Revenge of the Print Sources

- Henderson, Capital Punishment (3rd ed.)
 - Law Class Reserve KF 9227.C2.F53 2006
- Bedau, The Death Penalty in America
 - Law Stacks HV 8699.U5D37 1997
- Criminal Law Bulletin (v. 39, #2)
 - Print source accessible [only?] via index
- Kronenwetter, Capital Punishment (2001)*
- Katz & Giannelli, Criminal Law (2003) *

Lexis

<http://web.lexis.com/xchange/practiceareas/>

Criminal Law – Law Reviews & Journals

Westlaw

- DP-TP death penalty – texts & periodicals
- CONRTACC const. rights of the accused
- DP-NEWS death penalty news
- MDP-CS death penalty – multi-state cases
- DP-CS-ALL federal & state cases
- FDP-CS death penalty – federal cases
- FDP-USCA death penalty – fed statutes
- FEDHABPRAC fed habeas practice guide
- Various docket sources

Westlaw features

- Search multiple digest/key number and combine with full-text searching
- ResultsPLUS: integrates secondary source results with searches in primary law databases
 - Lexis' version (Practitioner's Toolkit) is coming

Targeted Web Sites

- Ohio Public Defender's Office
 - http://opd.ohio.gov/dp/dp_DeathPenalty.htm
 - National Public Defender's Association
 - http://www.nlada.org/Defender/Defender_Practitioner/Defender_Practitioner_Links#death
 - Cornell LII
 - http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/death_penalty.html
- Cornell Death Penalty Project
 - <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library/death/>
- See Statistical Sources, esp. BJS
 - <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Legislation and History

- <http://thomas.loc.gov>
- Westlaw legislative history links
- OhioLINK Lexis Congressional Universe
- USCCAN (1945-)
- Case Law research guide
- Ohio Legislative Service Commission
 - <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/>
- Ohio Capitol Connect

