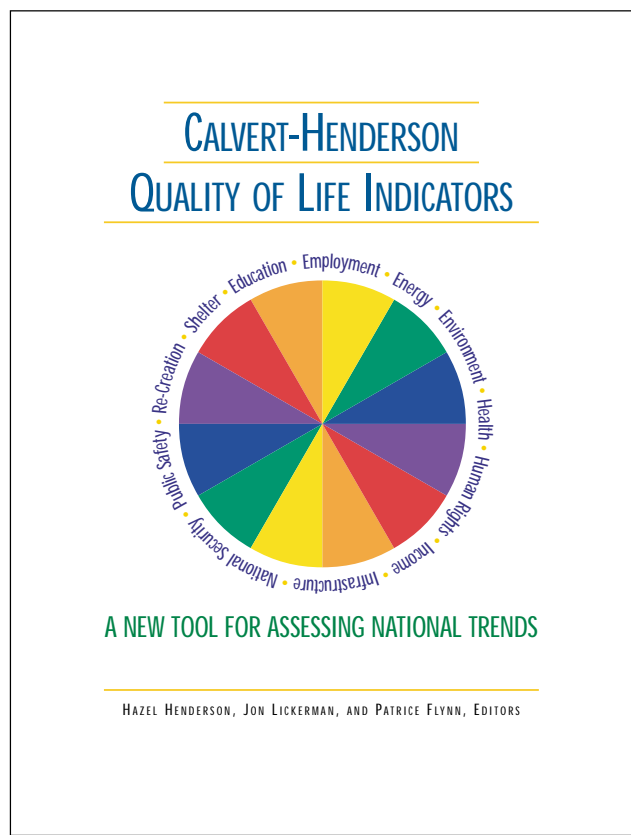


# Human Rights Indicator: Selected Statistics on Human Rights

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### Prisoners Under Sentence of Death (Death Row) by Race 1978-1998

Year	Total	White	Non-White
1978	445	261	184
1979	567	344	223
1980	688	418	270
1981	838	488	350
1984	1,420	806	614
1985	1,575	896	679
1986	1,800	1,013	787
1987	1,967	1,128	839
1988	2,117	1,235	882
1989	2,243	1,308	935
1990	2,346	1,368	978
1991	2,466	1,450	1,016
1992	2,575	1,508	1,067
1993	2,727	1,575	1,152
1994	2,905	1,653	1,252
1995	3,064	1,732	1,332
1996	3,242	1,833	1,409
1997	3,328	1,864	1,464
1998	3,452	1,906	1,546

Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Note: Excludes prisoners under sentence of death who remained within local correctional systems pending exhaustion of appellate process or who had not been committed to prison.

**Prisoner Executions by Civil Authority****1978-1999**

(Total=357)

Year	Total	White	Black
1978	0	0	0
1979	2	2	0
1980	0	0	0
1981	1	1	0
1982	2	1	1
1983	5	4	1
1984	21	13	8
1985	18	11	7
1986	18	11	7
1987	25	13	12
1988	11	6	5
1989	16	8	8
1990	23	16	7
1991	14	7	7
1992	31	19	11
1993	38	23	14
1994	31	20	11
1995	56	33	23
1996	45	31	14
1997	74	45	27
1998	68	48	18
1999	98	61	33

Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Note: There were no executions from 1968-1976. Figures exclude executions by military authorities, such as the Army and Navy.

**Percentage of Population Who Voted During Presidential Election Years**

Year	Total	Male	Female	White	Black
1976	59.2	59.6	58.8	60.9	48.7
1980	59.2	59.1	59.4	60.9	50.5
1984	59.9	59.0	60.8	61.4	55.8
1988	57.4	56.4	58.3	59.1	51.5
1992	61.3	60.2	62.3	63.6	54.0
1996	54.2	52.8	55.5	56.0	50.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Note: Voting data for the Census 2000 will be available in 2002.

**Resident Population by Race 1980-1999 (American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut)**

(thousands)

Year	Total	American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut
1980	226,546	1,420
1981	229,466	1,483
1982	231,664	1,537
1983	233,792	1,596
1984	235,825	1,656
1985	237,924	1,718
1986	240,133	1,783
1987	242,289	1,851
1988	244,499	1,923
1989	246,819	2,001
1990	248,791	2,067
1991	252,153	2,112
1992	255,030	2,149
1993	257,783	2,187
1994	260,327	2,222
1995	262,803	2,256
1996	265,229	2,290
1997	267,784	2,326
1998	270,248	2,361
1999	272,691	2,397

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

**Number of Poor and Poverty Rate by Race: 3 Year Average 1997, 1998 and 1999**

(thousands)

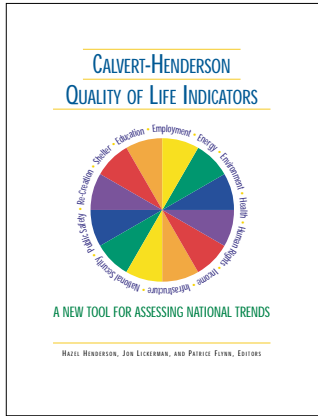
Characteristic	Total	Number Below Poverty	Percentage Below Poverty
<b>All Races</b>	271,011	34,103	12.6
White	222,803	23,257	10.4
Non-Hispanic	192,649	15,722	8.2
Black	34,903	8,856	25.4
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2,548	659	25.9
Asian and Pacific Islander	10,757	1,330	12.4
Hispanics (may be of any race)	31,607	7,939	25.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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