36% of death sentences imposed since Ohio reinstated capital punishment in 1981 are active

Status of 341 Death Sentences (As of December 31, 2023) Pending Retrial, 1 (0%) Removed from Death Row based on Judicial or Executive Action, 123 (36%) Active Death Sentence, 121 **Deceased Prior** (36%) to Execution, 40 (12%) Executed, 56

Sources: Office of the Ohio Attorney General; Supreme Court of Ohio; Death Penalty Information Center

(16%)

Onto counties with the wost Death Sentences, 1961-2025		
County	Death Sentences (Total Statewide: 341)	Active Death Sentences (Total Statewide: 121)
Cuyahoga	70 (20.5%)	18 (14.9%)
Hamilton	62 (18.2%)	16 (13.2%)
Lucas	23 (6.7%)	7 (5.8%)
Franklin	21 (6.2%)	9 (7.4%)
Summit	21 (6.2%)	7 (5.8%)

Obio Counties with the Most Death Sentences 1981-2023

- Since Ohio reinstated the death penalty in October 1981, 3,423 capital indictments have been filed, resulting in 341 death sentences for 336 individuals (five individuals received two death sentences each).
- As of December 31, 2023, there were 119 individuals (with 121 death sentences) on Ohio's death row. The last execution was in July 2018.
- In December 2020, due to an inability to procure execution drugs, Governor DeWine announced that the state must choose a method of execution other than lethal injection before Ohio can resume executions.
- Ohio's death row population ranks sixth in the nation, behind California (647), Florida (298), Texas (185), Alabama (167), and North Carolina (139). Ohio is one of 27 states nationwide that has the death penalty.