

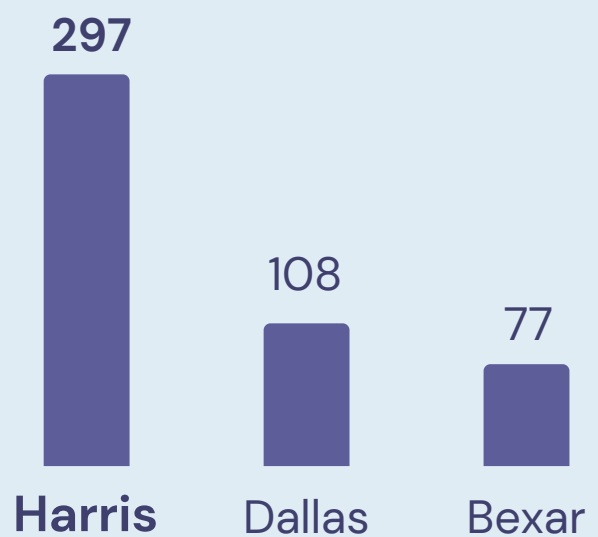
# THE DEATH PENALTY IN HARRIS COUNTY

As Texas moves away from the death penalty, Harris County remains an outlier.

## HARRIS COUNTY REMAINS A TOP SENTENCING COUNTY

Although death sentences in Harris County have dropped significantly in recent years—with juries imposing just **three new death verdicts since 2017**—it remains the state's top sentencing county.

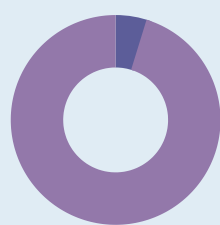
## TOP SENTENCING COUNTIES IN TEXAS



## ONLY 20% OF HOUSTON VOTERS

think the **death penalty**, rather than **life imprisonment**, is the most **appropriate punishment** for murder, according to a 2020 survey conducted by the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University.

More than **1/3 of the individuals** currently on Texas's death row were convicted in Harris County.



## 20 OF THE LAST 21 DEFENDANTS

sentenced to death in Harris County are **people of color**.

## 131 EXECUTIONS

Harris County accounts for **more executions** than any state in the country except Texas and **twice as many** as any other county.

Of the **16 death row exonerees** in Texas, **four were convicted** in Harris County.

## INFORMATION SOURCE

Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty  
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Nearly **40% of the people** on death row who have **been resentenced or died in prison** since 2017 are from Harris County.