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**

- Harris: 297
- Dallas: 108
- Bexar: 77

**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**

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

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.

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