

The Death Penalty in Tarrant County

- Tarrant County, where juries have sentenced **75 people to death**, ranks fourth in use of the death penalty in Texas.
- Although Tarrant County remains among Texas's top sentencing counties, juries in these jurisdictions have imposed **just one new death sentence** over the last five years. In June 2022, jurors **rejected** the death penalty in a Law of Parties case, instead opting for life in prison without parole for Timothy Huff.
- Of the five men sentenced to death in Tarrant County since 2012, **four are Black**.
- The State of Texas has executed **578 people** since 1982. This includes **45 people** who were convicted in Tarrant County.
- **One of the five people** put to death by the State of Texas in 2022 — **Stephen Barbee** — was convicted in **Tarrant County**.
- **30% of all execution dates set in 2021**, four of the thirteen, were set by Tarrant County officials.
- Since 1973, **190 individuals** – including 16 people in Texas – have been released from death rows nationwide due to evidence of their wrongful conviction. **Michael Toney** was wrongfully convicted in Tarrant County and released in 2009.
- **Seven individuals in Tarrant County** have been exonerated of serious crimes since 2001, largely on the basis of DNA evidence, official misconduct, and/or mistaken eyewitness identification.
- **18 people** sentenced to death in Tarrant County are no longer on death row; in most cases, their sentences were changed to life in prison or life in prison without parole or they died of natural causes.
- Currently, there are 191 people on death row in Texas, including 7 women. Of these, **12 people were convicted in Tarrant County**.

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