

The Death Penalty in Tarrant County

- Tarrant County, where juries have sentenced **76 people to death**, ranks fourth in use of the death penalty in Texas.
- Jurors in Tarrant County have imposed **two new death sentences since 2019**, including one in the spring of 2024.
- Of the six men sentenced to death in Tarrant County since 2012, **five are Black**.
- The State of Texas has executed **588 people** since 1982. This includes **45 people** who were convicted in Tarrant County.
- Since 1973, **200 individuals** – including 18 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 in custody of natural causes.
- Currently, there are 179 people on death row in Texas, including 7 women. Of this total population, **12 people were convicted in Tarrant County**.

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