Where the executions are

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Introduction

• Data compiled on all US executions since 1976 as of April 11 2011, 1245 executions in total.
• Maps by county do not include 3 executions by the federal government not assigned to any county.
• First map shows traditional shading by number of executions.
• Subsequent maps start with the highest number of executions and proceed in order down to all counties with at least one execution.
• Flipping through the maps quickly shows the geographical concentration especially in those with 10 executions or more.
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Counties with 44 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 31 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 17 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 14 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 10 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 8 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 5 or more executions since 1976
Counties with 1 or more executions since 1976
US counties with 10 or more executions since 1977

Includes counties with 10 or more executions from 1977 to April 10 2011.
Trends in the US and in the most active counties have been similar over time.

- The following slides compare the total number of executions per year in the US with Houston and then with the set of counties listed in the previous slide that have executed 10 or more prisoners since 1977.
Number of Executions over time -- 1977-2010

Data through Dec 31 2011 with a total of 1234 executions
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Left scale: all executions in the US.
Right scale: all executions in counties with a total of 10 or more executions.