During 2005, at least 2,148 people were executed in 22 countries. At least 5,186 people were sentenced to death in 53 countries. These were only minimum figures; the true figures were certainly higher.

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ALGERIA  LIBYA
BAHAMAS  MALAWI
BAHRAIN  MALAYSIA
BANGLADESH  MALI
BELIZE  MONGOLIA
BARBADOS  MOROCCO
BURKINA FASO  NIGERIA
BURUNDI  OMAN
CHINA  PAKISTAN
CONGO (Democratic Republic)  PHILIPPINES
EGYPT  QATAR
ETHIOPIA  SAUDI ARABIA
GHANA  SINGAPORE
GUINEA  SOMALIA
INDIA  SRI LANKA
INDONESIA  SUDAN
IRAN  SYRIA
IRAQ  TAIWAN
JAMAICA  TANZANIA
JAPAN  TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
JORDAN  UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KAZAKSTAN  UZBEKISTAN
KOREA (North)  VIET NAM
KOREA (South)  YEMEN
KWUWAIT  ZIMBABWE
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As in previous years, the vast majority of executions worldwide were carried out in a tiny handful of countries. In 2005, 94 per cent of all known executions took place in China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the USA.
Based on public reports available, Amnesty International estimated that at least 1,770 people were executed in China during the year, although the true figures were believed to be much higher. A Chinese legal expert was recently quoted as stating the figure for executions is approximately 8,000 based on information from local officials and judges, but official national statistics on the application of the death penalty remained classified as a state secret.

Iran executed at least 94 people, and Saudi Arabia at least 86. There were 60 executions in the USA.

The total figure for those currently condemned to death and awaiting execution is difficult to access, although human rights researcher Mark Warren has estimated the number at between 19,474 and 24,546. These figures are based on information from human rights groups, media reports and the limited official figures available. Again, the true total is probably higher.