

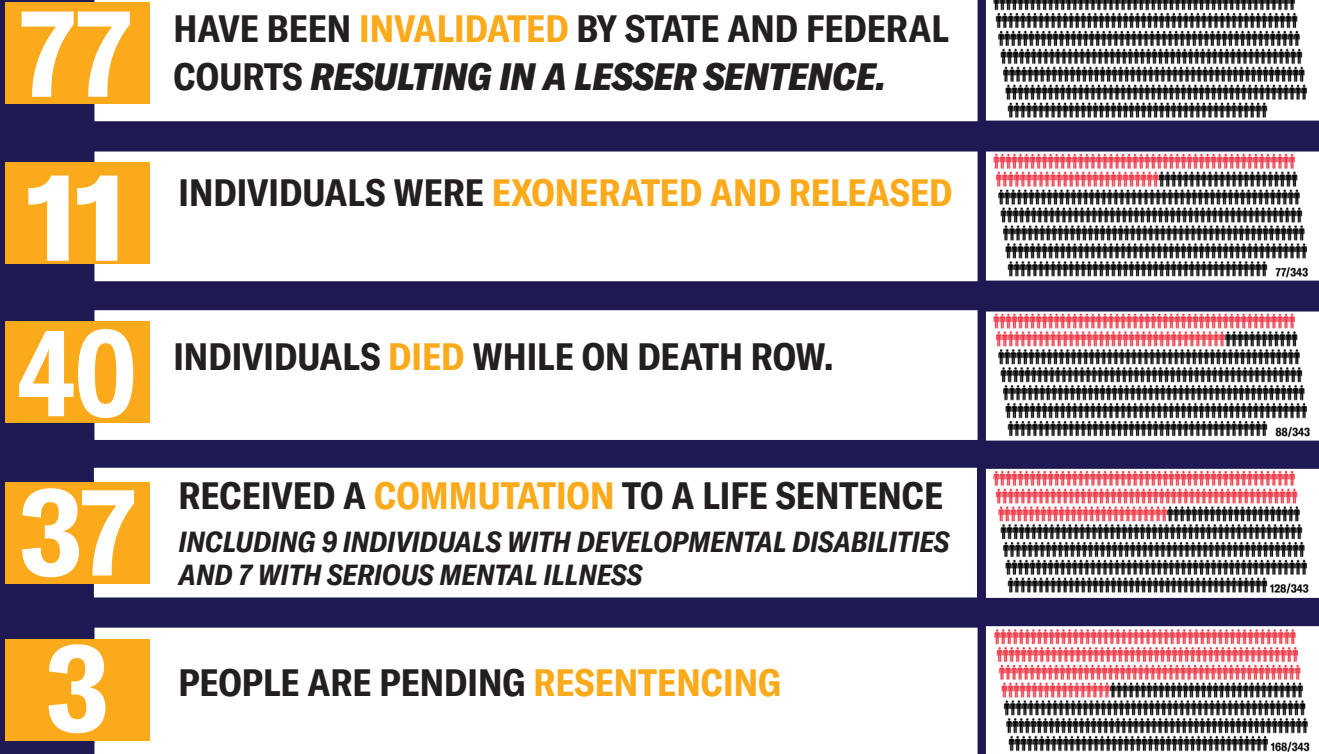
# Ohio's Death Penalty

# BY THE NUMBERS

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Over the last 43 years since Ohio's current death penalty law was passed, the state has sought the death penalty 3,423 times, yet succeeded in getting a death sentence just 343 times. There have been 56 executions since 1981.

## OF THE 343 DEATH SENTENCES:



The relatively small number of people who make it to death row spend on average more than 21.37 years there. And that number does not tell the whole story as some prisoners are on death row for only a short period of time before their convictions or death sentences are overturned in the courts.

Ohio's experience is not unique. Every state that still retains the death penalty is grappling with problems in its application. No state has been able to overcome the reality that a system designed to take a life has inherent risks and problems. 23 states plus Washington D.C., have abolished the death penalty. **Ohio can and should be next.**

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