

FORM **NPS-4**  
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## DEATHS IN CUSTODY — 2009

### QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF INMATE DEATHS IN STATE PRISONS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS  
AND ACTING AS COLLECTION AGENT  
RTI International  
Crime, Violence and Justice  
Research Program

#### DATA SUPPLIED BY

NAME	TITLE				
OFFICIAL ADDRESS	Number and street or P.O. box/Route number		City	State	ZIP Code
	TELEPHONE	Area Code	Number	FAX NUMBER	Area Code
E-MAIL ADDRESS			Number		

State \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Reporting Period (Mark only one.)

- Quarter 1 (January 1 — March 31)
- Quarter 2 (April 1 — June 30)
- Quarter 3 (July 1 — September 30)
- Quarter 4 (October 1 — December 31)

#### What deaths should be reported?

- INCLUDE deaths of ALL persons —
  - CONFINED in your correctional facilities, whether housed under your jurisdiction or that of another State;
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but housed in private correctional facilities, whether located in or out of State;
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but in special facilities (e.g., hospitals, medical/treatment/release centers, halfway houses, police/court lockups, and work farms); or
  - WHILE IN TRANSIT to or from your facilities while under your supervision.
- EXCLUDE deaths of ALL persons —
  - DEATHS BY EXECUTION that were carried out in your State.
  - CONFINED in local jail facilities, whether located in or out of State.
  - UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION but housed in a State-operated correctional facility in another State or in a Federal facility.
  - UNDER PROBATION OR PAROLE SUPERVISION in your State.

#### During the reporting quarter marked above, how many persons died while in the custody of your State correctional facilities?

Number of deaths \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions:

- For each inmate death reported, complete a **STATE PRISON INMATE DEATH REPORT (NPS-4A)**. Please complete items 1 through 16 for each inmate death.
- **IF NO DEATHS OCCURRED**, report "0" in the space provided above.
- If you need assistance, call Chris Ellis of RTI International toll-free at 1-800-###-####, or e-mail [prisondeaths@rti.org](mailto:prisondeaths@rti.org).
- Please submit your data within 60 days of the end of each quarter.
- You may complete this survey online at: <http://www.rti.com/deaths/>
- If you prefer, you may also return these by fax or parcel delivery.

**FAX (TOLL FREE): 1-888-###-####**

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