



THE NATIONAL REGISTRY
OF EXONERATIONS

The Year in Exonerations

Last week, the Registry team attended the Innocence Network Conference in Seattle, Washington. It was an extraordinary gathering, a testament to hope, resilience and perseverance in the face of injustice.

We also released our annual report, which you can read [here](#).

The quick highlights:

The Registry recorded 147 exonerations that occurred in 2024. These men and women lost an average of 13.5 years to wrongful imprisonment for crimes they did not commit—over 1,980 years in total. We also added 49 exonerations that occurred in previous years.

Our report breaks down the 2024 exoneration data by type of crime, contributing factors to wrongful conviction, patterns by demographic, and the roles of those closest to the advocacy work involved. We also highlight a few standout exoneration stories from 2024.

With your support, the National Registry of Exonerations can protect the innocent by preventing false convictions.

We find the stories. We painstakingly search for every false conviction in the United States that is overturned and meets our criteria for exoneration. We gather the information, study the cases, and code the data, fueling the most comprehensive public database of exonerations that exists.

We tell the stories. One by one, we write and share the human stories behind each individual exoneration. We bear witness to these incredible injustices to ensure that they are remembered.

And we count the stories. Thousands of exonerees. Tens of thousands of years lost to wrongful incarceration. Untold costs paid by our communities. This independent collection of data allows us to understand how false convictions occur and prevent them from happening in the future.

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