

TABLE 9.1
Lynchings by State and Race, 1882-1968

State	White	Black	Total	State	White	Black	Total
Alabama	48	299	347	Nevada	6	0	6
Arizona	31	0	31	New Jersey	1	1	2
Arkansas	58	226	284	New Mexico	33	3	36
California	41	2	43	New York	1	1	2
Colorado	65	3	68	North Carolina	15	86	101
Delaware	0	1	1	North Dakota	13	3	16
Florida	25	257	282	Ohio	10	16	26
Georgia	39	492	531	Oklahoma	82	40	122
Idaho	20	0	20	Oregon	20	1	21
Illinois	15	19	34	Pennsylvania	2	6	8
Indiana	33	14	47	South Carolina	4	156	160
Iowa	17	2	19	South Dakota	27	0	27
Kansas	35	19	54	Tennessee	47	204	251
Kentucky	63	142	205	Texas	141	352	493
Louisiana	56	335	391	Utah	6	2	8
Maine	1	0	1	Vermont	1	0	1
Maryland	2	27	29	Virginia	17	83	100
Michigan	7	1	8	Washington	25	1	26
Minnesota	5	4	9	West Virginia	20	28	48
Mississippi	42	539	581	Wisconsin	6	0	6
Missouri	53	69	122	Wyoming	30	5	35
Montana	82	2	84	Total	1,297	3,446	4,743
Nebraska	52	5	57				

SOURCE: University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, <http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/shipp/lynchingsstate.html>.

Note: The statistics reported here are from the archives at Tuskegee Institute. Lynching statistics prior to 1882 scarcely exist, and even those available after 1892, when Ida B. Wells began investigating lynching and Tuskegee Institute started collecting and tabulating data, are not necessarily accurate. Innumerable lynchings went unreported, many lynchings went unreported in newspapers, which were the sources of Wells's and Tuskegee's statistics, and there was no consistent definition of what constituted a lynching. After the NAACP began keeping lynching statistics in 1912, its numbers differed from Tuskegee's. Nevertheless, the patterns that emerged are starkly clear: More blacks than whites were lynched, lynchings occurred much more often in the South than elsewhere in the United States, and after peaking in 1892, the number of lynchings very slowly declined. For more lynching statistics, see Robert A. Gibson, "The Negro Holocaust: Lynching and Race Riots in the United States, 1880-1950," Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute, <http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1979/2/79.02.04.x.html>.

TABLE 9.2

Lynchings by Year and Race, 1882-1968

Year	White	Black	Total	Year	White	Black	Total
1882	64	49	113	1918	4	60	64
1883	77	53	130	1919	7	76	83
1884	160	51	211	1920	8	53	61
1885	110	74	184	1921	5	59	64
1886	64	74	138	1922	6	51	57
1887	50	70	120	1923	4	29	33
1888	68	69	137	1924	0	16	16
1889	76	94	170	1925	0	17	17
1890	11	85	96	1926	7	23	30
1891	71	113	184	1927	0	16	16
1892	69	161	230	1928	1	10	11
1893	34	118	152	1929	3	7	10
1894	58	134	192	1930	1	20	21
1895	66	113	179	1931	1	12	13
1896	45	78	123	1932	2	6	8
1897	35	123	158	1933	2	24	26
1898	19	101	120	1934	0	15	15
1899	21	85	106	1935	2	18	20
1900	9	106	115	1936	0	8	8
1901	25	105	130	1937	0	8	8
1902	7	85	92	1938	0	6	6
1903	15	84	99	1939	1	2	3
1904	7	76	83	1940	1	4	5
1905	5	57	62	1941	0	4	4
1906	3	62	65	1942	0	6	6
1907	3	58	61	1943	0	3	3
1908	8	89	97	1944	0	2	2
1909	13	69	82	1945	0	1	1
1910	9	67	76	1946	0	6	6
1911	7	60	67	1947	0	1	1
1912	2	62	64	1948	1	1	2
1913	1	51	52	1949	0	3	3
1914	4	51	55	1950	1	1	2
1915	13	56	69	1951	0	1	1
1916	4	50	54	1952	0	0	0
1917	2	36	38	1953	0	0	0

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Year	White	Black	Total	Year	White	Black	Total
1954	0	0	0	1962	0	0	0
1955	0	3	3	1963	0	1	1
1956	0	0	0	1964	2	1	3
1957	1	0	1	1965	0	0	0
1958	0	0	0	1966	0	0	0
1959	0	1	1	1967	0	0	0
1960	0	0	0	1968	0	0	0
1961	0	1	1	Total	1,297	3,445*	4,742*

SOURCE: University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, <http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/shipp/lynchingyear.html>.

*The difference of one among the tables is statistically insignificant.

TABLE 9.3
Lynchings by [Alleged] Cause, 1882–1968

Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Homicide	1,937	40.84	Robbery and theft	232	4.89
Felonious assault	205	4.32	Insult to white person	85	1.79
Rape	912	19.22	All other causes	1,084	22.85
Attempted rape	288	6.07	Total	4,743	100

SOURCE: University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law, <http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/shipp/Lynchcauses.html>.