

Top Ten States by Number of Cremations – 2004 Final Results

The table below shows the top ten states with the highest number of cremations in 2004 (in rank order) and the percentage of deaths resulting in cremations.

Final 2004 Statistics		
State in Rank Order	# of Cremations	% of Deaths Cremated
1. California****	122,380	51.21%
2. Florida*	80,729	47.79%
3. New York*	35,571	23.46%
4. Pennsylvania*	32,634	25.97%
5. Texas*	32,075	21.22%
6. Michigan*	30,282	35.54%
7. Washington*	28,000	62.86%
8. Ohio**	25,787	24.38%
9. Arizona*	25,463	59.14%
10. Illinois ₁	23,732	23.32%

*Official figures used from the Vital Statistics System, State Health Department or similar entity.

**Estimated using official 98-02 state data and 2004 confirmed death count from National Vital Statistics.

****California cremation total collected from the Association of California Cremationists.

₁ – Illinois figures based on 70 crematories out of 78. Eight crematories' numbers were estimated. IL began collecting cremation numbers in mid-2003.

Top Ten States by Percentage of Deaths Cremated – 2004 Final Results

In comparison, the table below identifies the top ten states with the highest percentage of cremations to deaths and the number of cremations in 2004 (in rank order).

Final 2004 Statistics		
State in Rank Order	% of Deaths Cremated	# of Cremations
1. Hawaii*	67.50%	5,900
2. Nevada*	67.26%	11,929
3. Washington*	62.86%	28,000
4. Oregon*	61.91%	18,762
5. Arizona*	59.14%	25,463
6. Alaska*	57.64%	1,761
7. Montana*	57.17%	4,600
8. Colorado*	54.52%	15,427
9. Rhode Island**	54.48%	5,341
10. California****	51.21%	122,380

*Official figures used from the State Health Department or similar entity.

**Estimated using data collected from Rhode Island crematories.

****California cremation total collected from the Association of California Cremationists.