

State	Strike Zone Defined	Strikes Needed	Required Sentence	Number of People Sentenced
Alaska	All strikes must be serious felonies	Three	40-99 years in prison	1*
Arkansas	Murder, kidnapping, robbery, rape, terrorist act	Two	Minimum 40 years in prison, no parole	5
	1st-degree battery, firing a gun from a vehicle, use of prohibited weapon, conspiracy to to commit murder, kidnapping, robbery, rape, 1st-degree battery, 1st-degree sezual abuse	Three	Range of no parole sentences, depending on offense	
California	Any felony if one prior felony conviction is serious or violent felony	Two	Double the presumptive sentence	42,322
	Any felony if two prior felony convictions are serious or violent felonies	Three	Indeterminate life sentence, with no parole eligibility for 25 years	
Colorado	Any Class 1 or 2 felony, or any Class 3 felony that is violent	Three	Mandatory life in prison; parole eligibility after 40 years	4
Connecticut	Murder, attmpted murder, assault with intent to kill, manslaughter, arson, kidnapping, aggravated sezual assault, robbery, 1st-degree assault	Three	Up to life in prison	1
Florida	Any forcible felony, aggravated stalking, aggravating child abuse, lewd or indecent conduct, escape	Three	Life if 3rd strike is 1st-degree felony, 30-40 years if 2nd-degree felony; 10-15 years if 3rd degree felony	1,628
Georgia	Murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, rape, aggravated child molesting, aggravated sodomy, aggravated sexual battery	Two	Mandatory life without parole	7,631
	Any felony	Four	Mandatory maximum sentence	

Indiana	Murder, rape, sexual battery with a weapon, child molestating, arson, robbery, burglary with a weapon or resulting in serious injury, drug dealing	Three	Mandatory life without possibility of parole	38
Louisiana	Murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, rape armed robbery, kidnapping, serious drug offenses, serious felony offenses Any four felony convictions with at least one on above list	Three Four	Mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole Mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole	N/A
Maryland	Murder; rape; robbery; 1st- or 2nd- degree sexual offense; burglary; kidnapping; car jacking; manslaughter; use of firearm in felony; assault with intent to murder, rape rob, or commit sexual offense. Separate prison terms required for each offense	Four	Mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole	330 (approx.)
Montana	Deliberate homicide, aggravated kidnapping, sexual intercourse without consent, ritual abuse of a minor Mitigated deliberate homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery	Two Three	Mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole Mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole	0
Nevada	Murder, robbery, kidnapping, battery, abuse of children, arson, home invasion	Three	Life with parole possible 10 years, or 25 years with parole after 10 years	304
New Jersey	Murder, robbery, car jacking	Three	Mandatory life in prison without possibility of parole	10
New Mexico	Murder, shooting at or from vehicle and causing harm, kidnapping, criminal sexual penetration, armed robbery resulting in harm	Three	Mandatory life in prison with parole eligibility in 30 years	0
North Carolina	47 violent felonies; separate indictment and finding that offender is "violent habitual offender"	Three	Mandatory life in prison without parole	22

North Dakota	Any Class A, B or C felony	Two	If second strike is Class A felony, court may sentence to life; if Class B felony, up to 20 years; if Class C felony, up to 10 years.	10
Pennsylvania	Murder, voluntary manslaughter, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, arson, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated assault	Two Three	Enhanced sentence of up to 10 years Sentence of up to 25 years	50 (approximately)
	Same offenses			
South Carolina	Murder, voluntary manslaughter, homicide by child abuse, rape, kidnapping, armed robbery, drug trafficking, embezzlement, bribery, certain accessory and attempt offenses	Two	Mandatory life in prison without parole	14
Tennessee	Murder, aggravated kidnapping, robbery, arson, or rape; rape of a child. Prior prison term required.	Two Three		14
	Same as above, plus rape, aggravated sexual battery. Separate prison terms required.			
Utah	Any 1st - or 2nd - degree felony	Three	3 years of life without parole; judge has discretion	N/A
Vermont	Murder; manslaughter; arson causing death; assault and robbery with weapon causing injury; aggravated assault, and domestic assault; kidnapping; maiming; lewd conduct with a child	Three	Court may sentence up to life in prison	16
Virginia	Murder, kidnapping, robbery, carjacking, sexual assault; conspiracy with above crimes	Three	Mandatory life in prison without parole	328
Washington	Murder, manslaughter, rape, child molestation, robbery, aggravated assault, explosion with threat to humans,	Three	Mandatory life in prison without parole	209

	extortion, kidnapping, vehicular assault, arson, attempted arson, burglary, any felony with deadly weapon, treason, promoting prostitution, leading organized crime			
Wisconsin	Murder, manslaughter, vehicular homicide, aggravated battery, abuse of children, robbery, sexual assault, taking hostages, kidnapping arson, burglary	Three	Mandatory life in prison without parole	9
Federal government	Murder, voluntary manslaughter, assault w/intent to commit murder or rape, robbery, aggravated sexual abuse, abusive sexual contact, kidnapping, aircraft piracy, carjacking, extortion, arson, firearms use, serious drug crimes	Three	Mandatory life in prison without parole	35**

*As of August 1998. **As of September 1996.

Sources: Austin et al., *"Three Strikes and You're Out": Implementation and Impact*; Dickey, *"Three Strikes" Five Years Later*, Schiraldi. et al, *Three Strikes and You're Out: An Examination of the Impact*.