



Statute of Limitations Fact Sheet

31 states have crimes for which there is no criminal statute of limitation, meaning that a criminal prosecution can be brought at any time regardless of how much time has passed since the crime occurred, including:

7 states that have **no statute of limitation on any felony**

Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Virginia

8 states that have **no statute of limitation on the most serious felonies**

Alabama	crimes involving use or threat of violence
California	crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment
Louisiana	crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment
Tennessee	crimes punishable by death or life imprisonment
New York	Class A felonies
New Mexico	Class A felonies
Indiana	Class A felonies
South Dakota	Class A or B or Class 1 felonies

11 states with **no statute of limitation on specific sex offenses**

Alaska	sexual abuse class A or B felony
Arizona	violent sexual assault
Connecticut	Class A felony sexual assault
Delaware	any sex offense
Florida	1 st or 2 nd degree sexual battery (if reported to police within 72 hours)
Nevada	sexual assault (if reported within 4 years)
New Jersey	sexual assault or aggravated sexual assault
Oklahoma	certain sex crimes (if reported within 12 years, and DNA evidence applies)
Texas	sexual assault (with DNA evidence)
Vermont	aggravated sexual assault
Wisconsin	1 st degree sexual assault

5 states with **no statute of limitation on child sex abuse**

Colorado	any sex offense against a child
Idaho	sexual abuse of a child
Maine	unlawful sexual contact with a minor
Mississippi	various sex offenses against a child
Rhode Island	1 st or 2 nd degree child molestation

Additionally, **6 states** allow prosecutions of child sex abuse for **at least 20 years** after the victim's 18th birthday.

Connecticut	30 years
Illinois	20 years
Louisiana	30 years
Missouri	20 years
New Hampshire	22 years
Wisconsin	27 years