

## Compensation Awarded In The U.S. To The Wrongly Convicted In 2008

## International Compensation 2008

In 2008 at least \$13,370,090 was awarded to wrongly convicted people in countries other than the United States. The follow are there name, country, offense, years imprisoned and amount awarded:

- Angela Cannings, England, murder, 2 yrs, amount unknown.
- Liu Cuizhen, China, murder, 2 yrs, \$9,200.
- James Driskell, Canada, murder, 13 yrs, \$3,827,000.
- Henry Landini, Australia, drugs, 5 yrs, \$162,327.
- Vasilii Kononov, Latvia, war crimes, 1 yr, \$47,010.
- Peter Mickelberg, Australia, theft, 6 yrs, \$441,000.
- Raymond Mickelberg, Australia, theft, 8 yrs, \$441,000.
- Fritz Moen, Norway, rape & murder, 18-1/2 yrs, \$1,800,000.
- Steven Truscott, Canada, murder, 10 yrs, \$6,387,000.
- Jonathan Zealand, South Africa, murder, 6 yrs, \$255,553.

(All amounts adjusted to US dollars on the day of the award.)

The average award was \$192,375 per year of imprisonment. That is almost double the average of \$96,710 per year awarded in the U.S. in 2008.

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Name	Compensation	Paid By	State	Convicted	Released	Exonerated	Years	Avg. Yearly	Compensated	Exonerated By	Crime	Sentence
Gene Bibbins	\$ 1,000,000	City of Baton Rouge	LA	1986	2002	2002	16	\$ 62,500	2008	DNA	Robbery & Rape	Life in prison
Jimmy Ray Brongard	\$ 3,500,000	State of Montana	MT	1987	2002	2002	15.5	\$ 25,806	2008	DNA	Rape	40 yrs
Roy A. Brown	\$ 2,600,000	State of New York	NY	1992	2007	2007	15.5	\$ 167,742	2008	DNA	Murder	25 yrs to life
Alan Crozier	\$ 1,250,000	State of Florida	FL	1982	2006	2006	24.5	\$ 51,020	2008	DNA	Sexual Assault	130 yrs
Dwayne Dail <sup>1</sup>	\$ 750,000	State of N. Carolina	NC	1989	2007	2007	18	\$ 41,667	2008	DNA	Rape	Life
Louis Greco	\$ 500,000	State of Massachusetts	MA	1968	DP-1995	2004	28	\$ 17,857	2008	Frame-up exposed	Murder	Death - then Life
Anthony Harris	\$ 2,200,000	Tuscarawas County	OH	1999	2000	2000	2	\$1,100,000	2008	False confession	Murder	Release at 21
Madison Hobley	\$ 1,000,000	City of Chicago	IL	1990	2003	2003	13	\$ 76,923	2008	Brady violation	Murder	Life
Darryl Hunt	\$ 391,455	State of N. Carolina	NC	1985	2004	2004	18.5	\$ 21,748	2008	DNA	Murder	Life
Rickey Johnson	\$ 150,000	State of Louisiana	LA	1982	2006	2006	25.5	\$ 5,882	2008	DNA	Rape	Life
Dennis Maher	\$ 165,000	City of Lowell	MA	1984	2003	2003	19.5	\$ 8,462	2008	DNA	Rape	Life
Larry Mayes	\$ 4,500,000	City of Hammond	IN	1982	2001	2001	21	\$ 214,286	2008	DNA	Rape & Robbery	80 yrs
Kenneth Moore	\$ 600,000	State of Ohio	OH	1995	2004	2004	9	\$ 66,667	2008	Retrial acquittal	Murder	15 yrs to life
James Ochoa	\$ 550,000	City of Buena Park	CA	2005	2006	2006	1.4	\$ 392,857	2008	DNA	Robbery	2 yrs
Anthony Powell	\$ 3,400,000	City of Boston	MA	1992	2004	2004	12.5	\$ 272,000	2008	DNA	Rape	12-20 yrs
Anthony Powell	\$ 500,000	State of Massachusetts	MA	1992	2004	2004	12.5	\$ 40,000	2008	DNA	Rape	12-20 yrs
Steve Snipes	\$ 150,000	State of N. Carolina	NC	1998	2003	2003	5	\$ 30,000	2008	New eyewitness	Armed robbery	
Samuel Snow	\$ 27,580	U.S. Army	WA	1944	1945	2007	.4	\$ 68,950	2008	Concealed evidence	Rioting	1 year
Shih-Wei Su	\$ 3,500,000	City of New York	NY	1992	2003	2003	12	\$ 291,667	2008	Brady violation	Attempted murder	16-50 yrs
Jerry F. Townsend	\$ 2,200,000	City of Miami	FL	1980	2001	2001	21	\$ 104,762	2008	DNA	Rape & Murder	Death
Leo Waters	\$ 390,000	State of N. Carolina	NC	1982	2003	2003	21	\$ 18,571	2008	DNA	Rape	Life
Nicholas Yarris	\$ Millions	Delaware County	PA	1983	2003	2003	21	\$ ???	2008	DNA	Rape & Murder	Death
Daniel Young	\$ 700,000	City of Chicago	IL	1994	2005	2005	12.5	\$ 56,000	2008	DNA	Rape & Murder	Life
Daniel Young	\$ 130,000	State of Illinois	IL	1994	2005	2005	12.5	\$ 10,400	2008	DNA	Rape & Murder	Life
<b>Totals (U.S.)</b>	<b>\$30,154,035</b>						<b>312<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$96,710</b>				

<sup>1</sup> Dail was awarded \$368,493 in Feb. 2008. In July 2008 NC increased the max. award under state law to \$750,000, so in Nov. 2008 Dail was awarded an additional \$381,507. Hunt, Waters and Snipes were also awarded additional money.  
<sup>2</sup> Does not include Nicholas Yarris' 21 years of imprisonment. Yarris' compensation wasn't publicly disclosed, but it is believed to be more than \$1 million.