

Contra Costa County

Bottom Line: \$9.9 million or more wasted seeking execution since 2000.

Contra Costa's homicide rate has been rising, despite the high number of death sentences, while nearly two-thirds of homicides go unsolved.

	Homicide Rate 2005	Percent of Homicides Solved, 2005	Death Sentences Since 2000
Contra Costa County	7.8 per 100,000	35	9
Rank among 24 counties	10 th	22 nd	6 th

	Law Enforcement Spending per Capita 2003-2004	Education Spending per Student 2003-2004	High School Dropout Rate 2005
Contra Costa County	\$247.74	\$7,306	9.3%
Rank among 24 counties	17 th	15 th	17 th

Contra Costa County Quick Facts:

- 9 death sentences since 2000.
- The estimated **\$9.9 million** Contra Costa County has spent seeking execution since 2000 could have funded the salaries for:
 - o **22** additional experienced high school teachers per year;
 - or
 - o **21** additional homicide investigators per year.

