

Kern County

Bottom Line: \$4.4 million or more wasted seeking execution since 2000.

Kern has sentenced 4 people to execution, ranking 7th per capita. It has the 4th highest homicide rate and 5th highest school dropout rate.

	Homicide Rate 2005	Percent of Homicides Solved 2005	Death Sentences Since 2000
Kern County	9 per 100,000	37.7	4
Rank among 24 counties	4 th	20 th	11 th

	Law Enforcement Spending per Capita 2003-2004	Education Spending per Student 2003-2004	High School Dropout Rate 2005
Kern County	\$196.18	\$7,527	16.7%
Rank among 24 counties	22 nd	9 th	5 th

Kern County Quick Facts:

- 4 death sentences since 2000.
- The estimated **\$4.4 million** Kern County has spent seeking execution since 2000 could have funded the salaries for:
 - o **10** additional experienced high school teachers per year;
 - or
 - o **9** additional homicide investigators per year.

