

# Los Angeles County

**Bottom Line: \$48.4 million or more wasted seeking execution since 2000.**

**Los Angeles has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest homicide rate. It leads the state in law enforcement spending and total death sentencing.**

|                        | Homicide Rate<br>2005 | Percent of Homicides<br>Solved 2005 | Death Sentences<br>Since 2000 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Los Angeles County     | 10.4 per 100,000      | 43.6                                | 44                            |
| Rank among 24 counties | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | 1 <sup>st</sup>               |

|                        | Law Enforcement<br>Spending per Capita<br>2003-2004 | Education Spending<br>per Student<br>2003-2004 | High School<br>Dropout Rate<br>2005 |
|------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Los Angeles County     | \$403.51  | \$7,891  | 17.3%                               |
| Rank among 24 counties | 1 <sup>st</sup>                                     | 4 <sup>th</sup>                                | 4 <sup>th</sup>                     |

## Los Angeles County Quick Facts:

- 44 death sentences since 2000.
- The estimated **\$48.4 million** Los Angeles County has spent seeking execution since 2000 could have funded the salaries for:
  - o 107 additional experienced high school teachers per year;
  - or
  - o 101 additional homicide investigators per year.

