

# San Mateo County

**Bottom Line: \$1.1 million or more wasted seeking execution since 2000.**

**San Mateo rarely pursues execution, while it ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> for spending on education and graduates the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of students.**

|                        | Homicide Rate<br>2005 | Percent of Homicides<br>Solved 2005 | Death Sentences<br>Since 2000 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| San Mateo County       | 4.2 per 100,000       | 46.7                                | 1                             |
| Rank among 24 counties | 14 <sup>th</sup>      | 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | 15 (tie)                      |

|                        | Law Enforcement<br>Spending per Capita<br>2003-2004 | Education Spending,<br>per Student<br>2003-2004 | High School<br>Dropout Rate<br>2005 |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| San Mateo County       | \$316.13  | \$8,223   | 5.3%                                |
| Rank among 24 counties | 5 <sup>th</sup>                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                                 | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    |

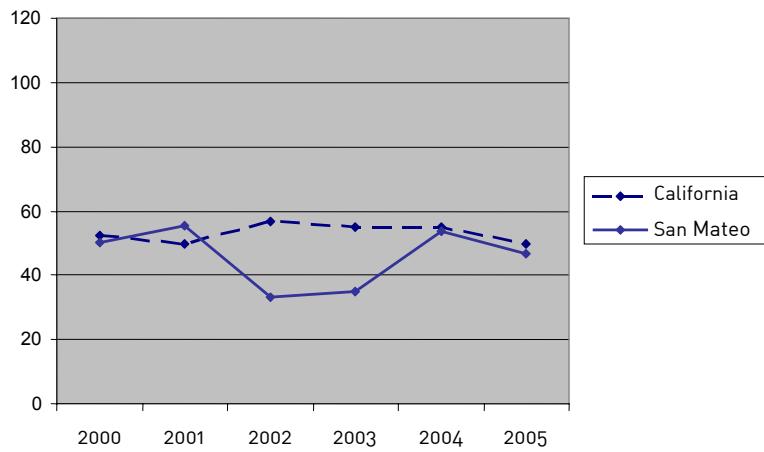
## San Mateo County Quick Facts:

- 1 death sentence since 2000.
- The estimated **\$1.1 million** San Mateo County has spent seeking execution since 2000 could have funded the salaries for:
  - o **2 additional experienced high school teachers per year;**

or

- o **2 additional homicide investigators per year.**

**Percentage of Homicides Solved, 2000-2005**



**Death Sentences per 100,000 Population, 2000-2007**

