

San Mateo County

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

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

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

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

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.

