

# Santa Clara County

**Bottom Line: \$2.2 million or more wasted seeking execution since 2000.**

**Santa Clara seeks death sentences at a low rate per capita and boasts a low homicide rate and high rate of solving crime.**

	Homicide Rate 2005	Percent of Homicides Solved 2005	Death Sentences Since 2000
Santa Clara County	2.4 per 100,000	95.3	2
Rank among 24 counties	19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 (tie)

	Law Enforcement Spending per Capita 2003-2004	Education Spending, per Student 2003-2004	High School Dropout Rate 2005
Santa Clara County	\$281.39	\$7,604	13.7%
Rank among 24 counties	11 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>

## Ventura County Quick Facts:

- 2 death sentences since 2000.
- The estimated **\$2.2 million** Santa Clara County has spent seeking execution since 2000 could have funded the salaries for:
  - o 5 additional experienced high school teachers per year;
  - or
  - o 5 additional homicide investigators per year.

