

Ventura County

Bottom Line: \$5.5 million or more wasted seeking execution since 2000.

Ventura has the highest rate of death sentences per murder charged and ranks near the bottom for school spending.

	Homicide Rate 2005	Percent of Homicides Solved 2005	Death Sentences Since 2000
Ventura County	3.9 per 100,000	78.1	5
Rank among 24 counties	15 th	7 th	10

	Law Enforcement Spending per Capita 2003-2004	Education Spending per Student 2003-2004	High School Dropout Rate 2005
Ventura County	\$311.89	\$6,994	9%
Rank among 24 counties	6 th	22 nd	18 th

Ventura County Quick Facts:

- 5 death sentences since 2000.
- The estimated **\$5.5 million** Ventura County has spent seeking execution since 2000 could have funded the salaries for:
 - o 12 additional experienced high school teachers per year;
 - or
 - o 11 additional homicide investigators per year.

