

# 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.**

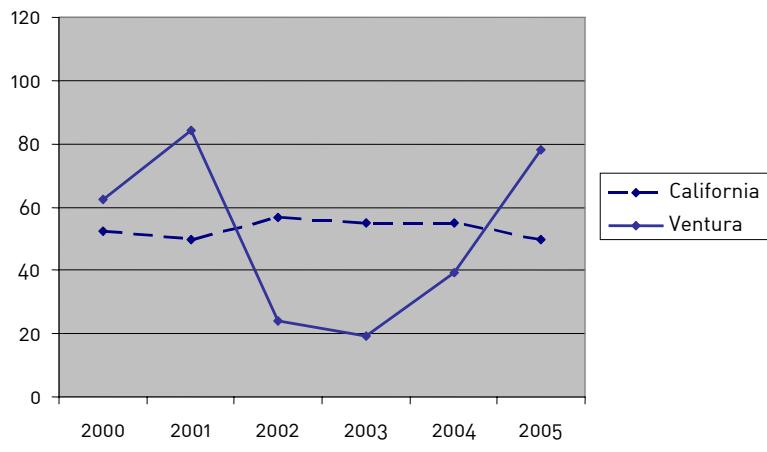
	Homicide Rate 2005	Percent of Homicides Solved 2005	Death Sentences Since 2000
Ventura County	3.9 per 100,000	78.1	5
Rank among 24 counties	15 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	10

	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 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>

## 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.

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



**Death Sentences per Murder Charged, 2000-2007**

