

**COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA**  
**General Information**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Santa Cruz County is the Second smallest county in the State of California, with an are of 440 square miles. It is also one of the original 27 counties formed in 1850, and prior to California's independence it wad one of the three Spanish Pueblos in California.

Santa Cruz County is located in the northern crescent of Monterey Bay, 74 miles south of San Francisco, 375 miles north of Los Angeles, 159 miles southwest of Sacramento, and 164 miles northwest of Fresno.

STATISTICS

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Population (1)</u><br><u>(In thousands)</u> | <u>Budget</u><br><u>Requirements (2)</u><br><u>(In thousands)</u> | <u>Budget</u><br><u>Per</u><br><u>Capita</u> | <u>Current</u><br><u>Property Taxes</u><br><u>(In thousands)</u> | <u>Taxes</u><br><u>per</u><br><u>Capita</u> |
|-------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1994-95     | 241  | \$ 245,734  | \$ 1,020                                     | \$ 21,175  | \$ 88                                       |
| 1995-96     | 242  | 249,564   | 1,031  | 21,054   | 87  |
| 1996-97     | 246  | 251,857   | 1,024  | 21,602   | 88  |
| 1997-98     | 249  | 263,750   | 1,059  | 22,552   | 91  |
| 1998-99     | 253  | 282,886   | 1,118  | 23,605   | 93  |
| 1999-00     | 255  | 316,018   | 1,239  | 26,031   | 102   |
| 2000-01     | 260  | 370,462   | 1,425  | 27,965   | 108   |
| 2001-02     | 260  | 395,942   | 1,523  | 30,115   | 116   |
| 2002-03     | 260  | 374,714   | 1,441  | 31,496   | 121   |
| 2003-04     | 260  | 371,187   | 1,428  | 34,412   | 132   |

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Assessed</u><br><u>Valuation</u><br><u>(In thousands)</u> | <u>Per Capita</u><br><u>Income (3)</u> | <u>School</u><br><u>Enrollment (4)</u> | <u>Unemployment</u><br><u>Rate (5)</u> |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1994-95     | \$ 14,270,996  | \$ 24,037                              | 60,303                                 | 9.8 %                                  |
| 1995-96     | 14,679,728   | 24,769                                 | 57,302                                 | 9.1                                    |
| 1996-97     | 15,244,159   | 26,059                                 | 62,737                                 | 8.3                                    |
| 1997-98     | 16,079,760   | 27,733                                 | 63,827                                 | 7.6                                    |
| 1998-99     | 17,366,712   | 29,406                                 | 64,575                                 | 7.3                                    |
| 1999-00     | 18,750,835   | 31,302                                 | 64,583                                 | 6.3                                    |
| 2000-01     | 20,541,442   | 33,539                                 | 65,861                                 | 5.6                                    |
| 2001-02     | 21,849,406   | 37,567                                 | 66,952                                 | 6.1                                    |
| 2002-03     | 23,387,410   | 36,865                                 | 67,896                                 | 8.0                                    |
| 2003-04     | 25,106,093   | 38,323                                 | 67,596                                 | 8.1                                    |

SOURCES

- (1) Based on information compiled by State Department of Finance.
- (2) Santa Cruz County Final Budget.
- (3) Office of Economic Research of State Department of Commerce. Figures are for calendar year.
- (4) County Superintendent of Schools.
- (5) Employment Development Department.