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ECONOMIC 2025 ROUNDTABLE REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of AV EDGE, I extend my sincere appreciation to our valued members and donors. Your steadfast support and involvement have been instrumental in enabling our organization to effectively promote the Antelope Valley's vibrant communities to key stakeholders, including influencers, developers, and investors.

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2025 AV EDGE Roundtable Report. This comprehensive document is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our staff, partners, and community supporters. The report highlights the Antelope Valley's notable achievements, trends, milestones, and profiles, showcasing the region's progress and growth in the past year.

The report provides an in-depth look at the regional economic forecast and a comprehensive overview of the Real Estate market. Readers will gain valuable insights into the Antelope Valley's unique environment, which offers opportunities for growth in

technology, innovation, and other sectors.

As an organization, AV EDGE is committed to providing critical information that supports the growth and development of our communities and businesses. We remain dedicated to pursuing initiatives and solutions that position the Antelope Valley as a premier destination for economic growth and development.

Once again, I express my gratitude for your ongoing support. I invite you to review the report and discover the many attributes that make our community an exceptional place to work and grow.

AV EDGE President

Martin Tompkins

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The economic outlook for the Antelope Valley is so bright, we recommend wearing shades! Our region is the last community in the vicinity of Los Angeles with large vacant land areas available for growth and development, with affordable land and cost of living, as well as forward-thinking, pro-growth, pro-business local governments.

With over twenty million square feet of industrial projects in the entitlement process we can accommodate a wide array of individual needs for companies and organizations across many industry sectors.

One of our key economic sectors, aerospace, continues to grow among contractors throughout the region at Plant 42 as well as Mojave Air and Space Port and Edwards Air Force Base, creating the need for service providers and other support services.

We continue to be a growing hub for clean energy with hydrogen fuel development projects on the horizon joining our established solar and battery industry. Local water agencies

development projects have secured enough stability and water storage to meet our growth needs for at least twenty years, and continue to expand towards the future.

The Antelope Valley, from Lancaster and Palmdale in Los Angeles County to the communities of Tehachapi, Rosamond, Mojave, Edwards, California City, Boron and Ridgecrest in Kern County, is open for business and we at the Antelope Valley Economic Development & Growth Enterprise (AV EDGE) are here to help you grow and succeed!

Please contact us to learn more about membership by visiting AVEDGECA.ORG or by calling us at (661) 441-2957.

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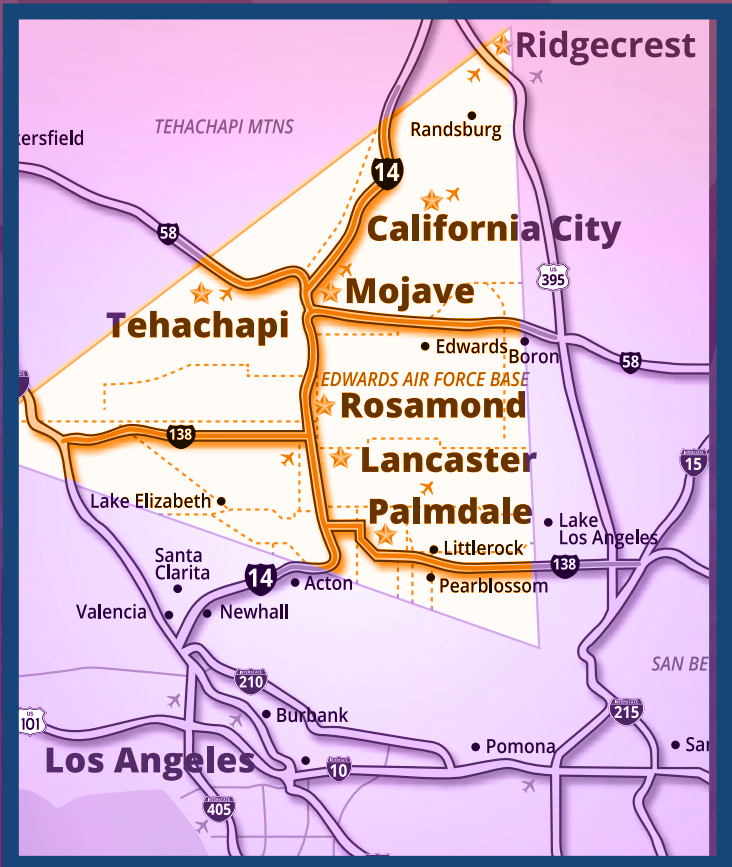
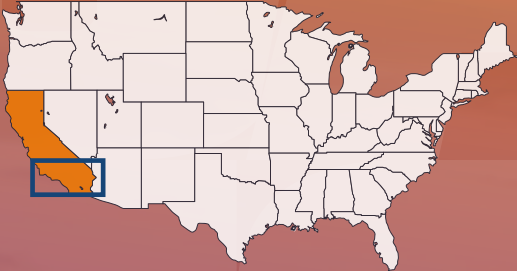
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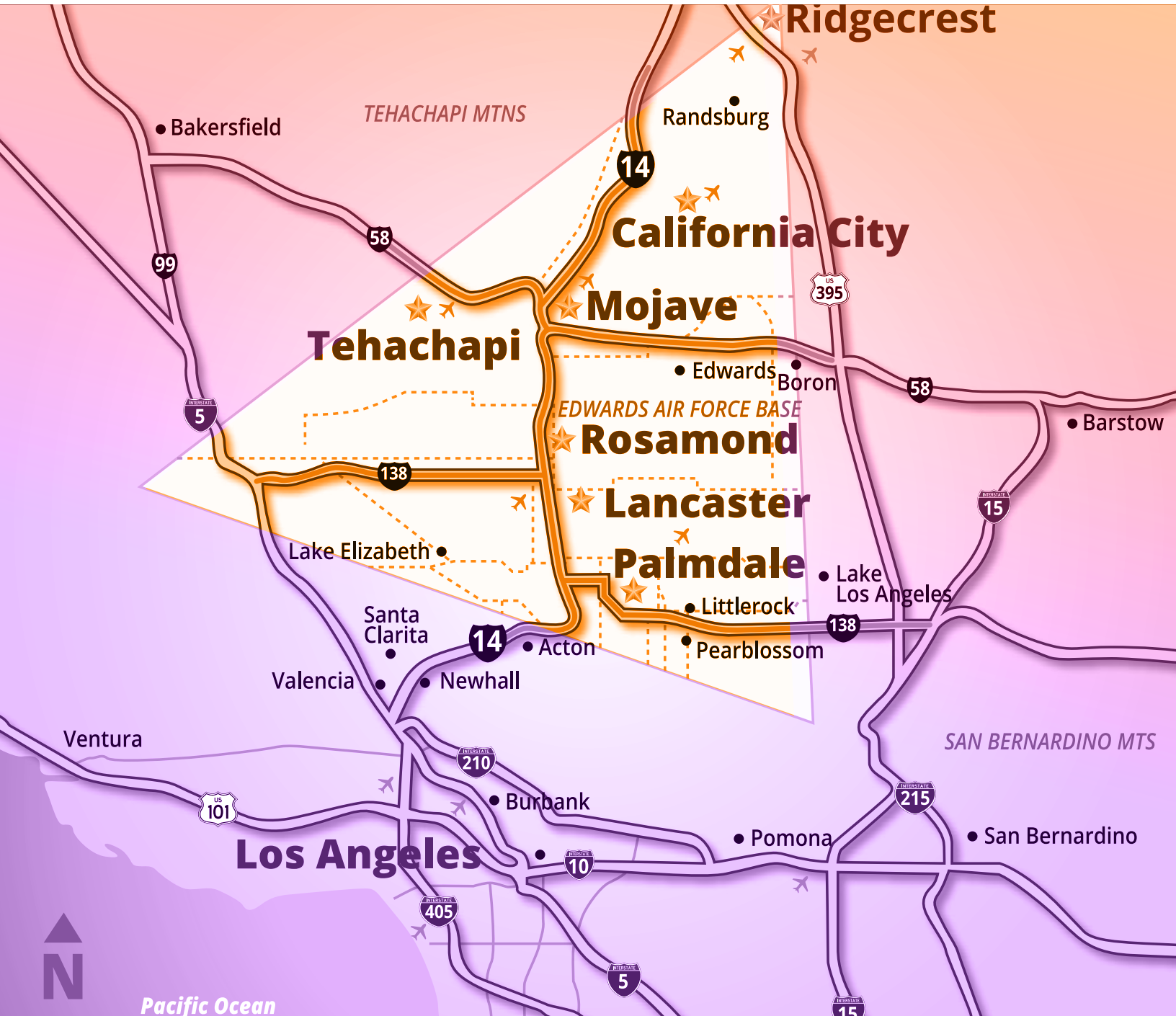
MISSION

The AV EDGE mission is to ensure thoughtful, diverse economic growth and development of the entire Antelope Valley. Through partnerships, legislative advocacy, and education, we work to inspire all businesses and industries to engage, leverage and cultivate the countless opportunities the AV offers businesses — locally, regionally, and globally.

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ANTELOPE VALLEY REGION





MISSION / VISION

Supervisor Barger's mission is to provide responsive and effective representation to constituents living in the northern portion of Los Angeles County. Keeping North County neighborhoods safe is Supervisor Barger's priority. She partners closely with law enforcement agencies in her district to implement initiatives that protect communities. Supervisor Barger's vision is to create safe communities where local businesses can thrive and residents enjoy a high quality of life. Supervisor Barger is a humanitarian with a strong sense of fiscal responsibility. She believes in providing vital County services to residents in need and serving as a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars.



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“ Los Angeles County’s businesses face a tough economic climate. County government must support them in their service to their communities. I’m working with Antelope Valley partners to provide job training, improve transportation and create new housing developments. Creating jobs and homes go hand in hand. As I’ve said before, I firmly believe people don’t want a handout. They want a hand up.”

— Supervisor Kathryn Barger

MOVING FORWARD

Two refurbished motels in Lancaster opened in 2024 as temporary housing for homeless families under the Homekey program. Renamed The Sierra and operated by the nonprofit Hope The Mission, the former Sands and Tropic motels have 38 units able to accommodate more than 150 parents and children. Five more aging motels in Lancaster and Palmdale have been purchased by Hope The Mission in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and are being renovated into interim and permanent housing. Those are the Knights Inn in Palmdale and the Americas Best Value, Bon Aire, Sahara and T-Bird motels in Lancaster. As of December 2024, Los Angeles County has used state Homekey funds to acquire 32 properties and offer over 2,000 units of interim or permanent supporting housing for people experiencing homelessness.

TOP 2 2024 MILESTONES

1 Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s leadership helped create a \$43 million project that will improve mental health services in the Antelope Valley. The project is building a 16-bed Crisis Residential Treatment Program for adults with acute mental health issues, plus a Mental Health Hub and nine-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit for children and youth.

2 Pathway Home operations in Palmdale in July and in Lancaster in November provided shelter for more than 190 people who had been living in recreational vehicles, fields, storm drains, shopping center parking lots and elsewhere. The individuals – and their pets – are being housed in motels leased by the County until permanent housing can be arranged for them.



TOP 10 2024 MILESTONES

1 LA County's Most Business-Friendly City: Lancaster became the first four-time winner of the prestigious Eddy Award for Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles County from the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. This award solidifies Lancaster's reputation for its commitment to cutting red tape, fast-tracking projects and fostering collaboration both internally and with external agencies.

2 Lancaster's Award-Winning Shop Local Program: Lancaster's Shop Local program won a Bronze award from the International Economic Development Council. This initiative encourages patronizing local businesses by offering city-sponsored cash rewards through a user-friendly mobile phone application. With over 450 participating businesses, the program has infused over \$2 million into the local economy.

3 Desert Meadows Breaks Ground: Lancaster celebrated the groundbreaking for Desert Meadows, a cutting-edge luxury apartment and townhome residential development located at 30th Street West and Lancaster Blvd. The development will feature 420 units and various high-quality amenities.

4 The Parris Center Bring Resiliency to the Region: An initiative spearheaded by Lancaster in partnership with several local, County and State agencies will serve as the region's hub for disaster preparedness and recovery. Featuring three buildings, the Parris Center will offer a facility for various sporting events and robotics team tournaments or evacuation center (when needed), an auditorium or Emergency Operations Facility (when needed), and a commercial kitchen for demonstrations and small business startups.

5 NorthPoint Begins Construction: NorthPoint's inaugural development in the Antelope Valley broke ground in July. The first development, Fox Field Commerce Center, will bring 647,000 square feet of industrial warehouse space and is expected to generate over 385 jobs for the region.

6 Soccer is Kicking Off in Lancaster: Lancaster Municipal Stadium, the former minor league baseball stadium, has been transformed into a state-of-the-art soccer-specific stadium that will be home to the AV ALTA Futbol Club, a brand-new United Soccer League men's professional team. Games will begin in Spring 2025.

7 Parkway Village Takes Shape: With the specific plan for Parkway Village nearing completion, the transformative mixed-use project will bring housing, retail, and community space to a site over 100 acres in size. Located in the heart of the city, this project is poised to bring unique development that will diversify the housing market in Lancaster.

8 Lancaster Energy Launches First Public Hydrogen: First Public Hydrogen (FPH2) is the first public renewable hydrogen utility created out of a groundbreaking partnership between Lancaster and the City of Industry. FPH2 creates a seamless marketplace by connecting renewable hydrogen producers with reliable buyers.

9 Lights, Camera, Lancaster!: Lancaster's reputation continues to grow as a premier film destination. 2024 marked a successful year for Film Lancaster, which hosted an upcoming Warner Bros. film and scenes from the SWAT season finale. Additionally, Lancaster's Senior Traffic Engineering Technician, John Crenshaw, was nominated for a California on Location Award for his commitment to creating safe environments for films while minimizing impacts on local traffic and surrounding areas.

10 Lancaster Police Department Takes Action: The newly launched Lancaster Police Department reflects the City's commitment to public safety and community well-being. This hybrid policing model, developed in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, enhances public safety through strategic community engagement efforts.

LANCASTER CITY PROFILE

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- Vice Mayor** Marvin Crist
- Councilmembers** Lauren Hughes-Leslie
Raj Malhi
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“ In Lancaster, our commitment to economic development is paving the way for a future where opportunity and community go hand in hand. By fostering a pro-business environment and leading the nation in clean energy innovation, particularly our groundbreaking hydrogen initiatives, we are solidifying our status as a global hub for renewable energy. The Lancaster Police Department’s efforts to tackle crime reinforce our commitment to safety, ensuring that both businesses and families can thrive. Moreover, our vibrant community spirit—highlighted by engaging events and programming—strengthens the bonds among residents, making Lancaster a truly flourishing community.”

— Mayor R. Rex Parris

MOVING FORWARD

Lancaster has long been a leader in sustainability, spearheading innovative hydrogen projects that are shaping a cleaner energy future. Through Lancaster Energy and First Public Hydrogen utility, the city’s renewable energy initiatives are poised to have a lasting impact well beyond its borders.

With a bold vision for growth and innovation, Lancaster is establishing itself as a development hub in the Antelope Valley. The city is set to see over 6 million square feet of industrial space come online, driving commerce and job creation.

Alongside industrial growth, Lancaster is witnessing a surge in residential and commercial developments, fueled by both private investment and public projects. This growth reflects Lancaster’s commitment to fostering a business-friendly climate where development is supported, and processes are streamlined.

Lastly, public safety remains a key priority, with the Lancaster Police Department implementing proactive initiatives to strengthen community trust and ensure a secure environment for residents and businesses.



TOP 10 2024 MILESTONES

1 Avenue M Development: The initial phase of the Antelope Valley Commerce Center (AVCC), an 8.3-million-square-foot industrial business park, has been approved. This state-of-the-art development will launch with six buildings along Avenue M, the epicenter of Palmdale's industrial growth. Developments on Avenue M promise to generate substantial job opportunities and economic activity, reshaping the future of the Antelope Valley.

2 Job Creation: The Trader Joe's Food Assembly and Distribution Facility is nearing completion. Located on Avenue M, the facility will create 800 to 1,000 full-time jobs, offering opportunities at all skill levels and growing the City's industrial sector. The project includes key infrastructure improvements like widened roads, sidewalks, and traffic signal installations, enhancing nearby safety and accessibility.

3 Aerospace Innovation: Lockheed Martin continues to drive aerospace advancements through cutting-edge digital engineering and manufacturing techniques. As part of the Model 437 aircraft project, these advancements have streamlined wing production, reduced errors, and cut costs. The introduction of 3D-printing methods highlights a breakthrough in aerospace manufacturing, reinforcing Palmdale's leadership in technological innovation.

4 New Facilities: Transwestern Development Company recently completed its modern 100,000-square-foot facility on Legacy Lane and actively seeks tenants. This industrial development reflects Palmdale's ongoing growth as a center for new business opportunities. With its advanced amenities and strategic location near Sierra Highway, the project seeks to attract businesses that will drive economic growth.

5 Hotels and Tourism: The WoodSpring Suites project in Palmdale is nearing completion and will soon add 122 hotel rooms to Palmdale's growing inventory. TownePlace Suites is also nearing completion, increasing the City's ability to meet the rising demand for accommodations driven by business and tourism growth.

6 Filming in Palmdale: The Film Strategic Plan led initiatives over the past year to position Palmdale as a sought-after filming destination. In collaboration with Ghetto Film School, the City hosted a week-long intensive training for local students. Additionally, City staff attended the American Film Market to showcase Palmdale's unique filming advantages and strengthen its growing reputation in the industry.

7 Local Partnerships: To highlight its support for local businesses, the City of Palmdale partnered with the Palmdale Auto Mall to boost activity and attract more visitors. Events such as food truck gatherings with family-friendly activities, Palmdale Pumpkin Palooza, and Pines and Presents brought in significant crowds from the local community and beyond, establishing the Auto Mall as a vibrant destination.

8 Small Business Support: Small businesses play a crucial role in Palmdale's business community, and this past year, the City partnered with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to host a series of marketing workshops in both English and Spanish for local entrepreneurs. This collaboration underscores the importance of working with local partners to support and empower small businesses.

9 Festivals at the Amphitheater: The Palmdale Amphitheater continues to cement itself as a prime recreation destination, hosting in 2024 the second annual High Desert Beer & Wine Festival and the eighth annual Kaleidoscope Fall Frenzy. Both festivals are slated to return in 2025, along with a slew of programming, including the annual summer concert series, family movie nights, and more.

10 Palmdale's Transit Revolution: The City signed agreements with the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Agency to construct, operate, and maintain the high-speed corridor that will connect Palmdale to Brightline West. The City also received a U.S. Department of Transportation grant to study the construction of a pedestrian and bike underpass that will serve as a key connection to California High-Speed Rail.

PALMDALE CITY PROFILE

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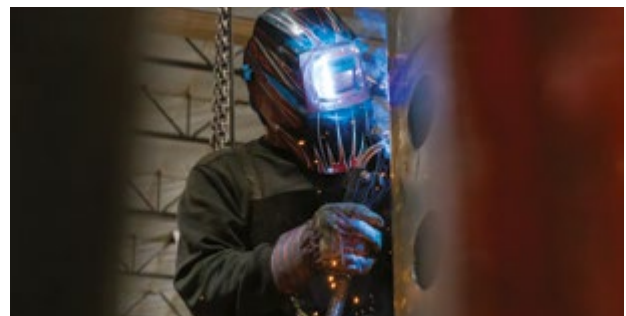
“Covington Group has over 30 years of experience developing real estate across the U.S. and considers Palmdale one of the best partners they have ever encountered. The City of Palmdale’s staff and City Manager all understand the unique opportunities presented by the availability of raw land and a great workforce that is willing, able, and ready to work locally. Covington feels fortunate to be able to work so closely with the City’s staff in a real public-private partnership to entitle approximately seven million square feet of state-of-the-art industrial properties.”

— Michael Di Sano
Senior Director - Project Management
Covington Group Inc.

MOVING FORWARD

Palmdale is shaping a future defined by progress, collaboration, and opportunity. With a strong focus on fostering innovation and enhancing quality of life, the City is committed to creating a vibrant community that supports businesses, residents, and visitors alike. Through deliberate planning and forward-thinking investments, Palmdale continues to build an environment where growth is not just expected but actively cultivated.

The City’s vision for tomorrow is grounded in partnerships, strategic initiatives, and a dedication to excellence. By aligning resources to support workforce development, attract new industries, and expand housing options, Palmdale is creating the foundation for long-term prosperity. The journey ahead is one of transformation, with the City poised to welcome new opportunities that strengthen its position as a hub for economic and community success.





MISSION

We will exceed expectations of the communities we serve, changing the way they feel about government, those who manage it, and the services it provides.

VISION

Grounded in ideas, energy and innovation, Kern County is a driving force for the world's fifth largest economy.



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“Kern County will be the best place in the State of California to live and work”

— Chairwoman Leticia Perez

MOVING FORWARD

Kern County's geology, geography, and innovative approach to economic development have led it to become the largest economy in the San Joaquin Valley. The county is the 3rd largest agriculture-producing county in the nation, home to over 50 distribution centers, and the 13th largest oil producer. In the state of California, Kern County is the largest producer of renewable energy. The Mojave Air & Space Port, along with multiple military installations, has enabled the county to be a global leader in aerospace innovation.

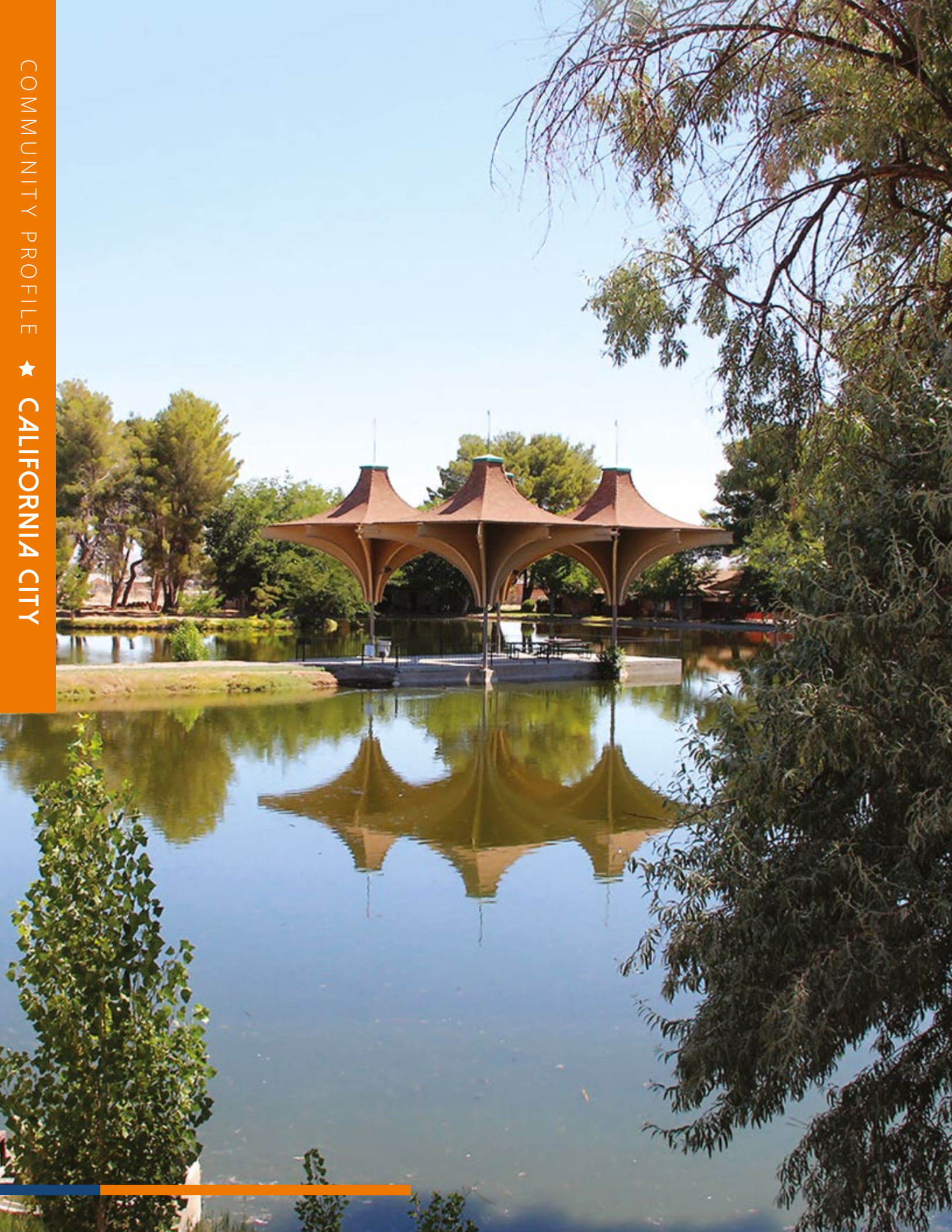
Investing in economic development is a top priority for 2025. Kern's efforts center on expanding business activity, job creation and economic stability by fostering growth within six key industry clusters: Value-Added Agriculture, Transportation and Logistics, Energy and Natural Resources, Tourism, Recreation and Entertainment, Healthcare Services, and Aerospace and Defense.

We will continue establishing strategic partnerships to support these goals, create new economic incentive initiatives, and procure more state and federal funding to enhance diverse, equitable, and inclusive growth.

TOP 2 2024 MILESTONES

1 **Measure K** - Kern County strategically implemented Measure K funding for capacity-building to enhance public safety, reduce homelessness, and bolster economic development activities. The latest year resulted in six new initiatives totaling \$3.2 million for investments in the care and upkeep of various county parks, emergency road repairs, at-risk youth enrichment activities, enhanced treatment settings for in-custody youth, enhanced spay/neuter mobile clinic in unincorporated Kern County, and business incentives.

2 **Kern TOPS** - In a strategic effort to become the best place in the state of California to start and grow a business, Kern County launched a building permit process improvement initiative, "Kern TOPS" (Transparent Online Permitting System). Kern TOPS strives to ensure Kern is a model of excellence for customer service quality and to develop a reputation for streamlined and predictable permitting procedures. By simplifying our methods and reducing bureaucratic hurdles, Kern County is making it easier for businesses to establish, expand, and flourish, encouraging economic growth and development across our region. Achievements include reinforcing partnerships with permitting departments, recruiting customer feedback on improvements, implementing a streamlined "future state" model for permit processing and software enhancements, and designing a Pilot Permit Navigator Program to enhance permitting workflows.





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“Greater California City, with its central location in Southeast Kern County, serves a growing population of 25,000 people. This is driving demand for housing, retail and business expansion. More than 150 houses were built in 2021 and our retail sector is averaging a grand opening every month. This is exciting and all data points to this being a continuing trend.”

COMMUNITY INFO

As a planned community, California City is the third largest incorporated city in land area in California and the eleventh largest in the United States. With its strategic location near major transportation routes, including highways and railroads, California City serves as a gateway for industrial and commercial expansion. Also with easy access to the Mojave Desert and Edwards Air Force Base, California City is an ideal area for military personnel and lovers of the wide, open desert. Greater California City, with its central location in Southeast Kern County, serves a growing population. This drives demand for housing, retail, and business expansion.







TEHACHAPI REGIONAL PROFILE

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“Owning and operating a flower shop in Downtown Tehachapi is possible because our citizens enjoy and support local businesses and have kept us going for 60 years strong.”

— Sara Frost
 Owner, Tehachapi Flower Shop

COMMUNITY TRENDS

Surrounded by innovative industries, the city of Tehachapi has proven to be the residential choice for many young families who have sought careers in the aerospace, defense, mining, renewable energy and related industries. The city is home to several renewable energy support companies — both large and small — and continues to foster new business growth. In addition, Tehachapi’s dedication to quality of life, aesthetics, code enforcement and police protection has made this city a sought-after destination for new and expanding businesses.





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Second District Supervisor Chris Parlier



COMMUNITY INFO

Mojave is connected to the world! Located 90 miles north of the Los Angeles/Orange County region, Mojave is the epicenter of transportation in eastern Kern County. With the Mojave Air & Space Port, railroad links to major trade areas, and Highway 58 traversing the area, you can't miss with Mojave. There are hotels and restaurants for the weary traveler and tourists.

Mojave is connected to the earth through mining operations — pulling gold, silver, and aggregates for business, construction and other industries — and the wind and solar power production of clean, renewable energy for homes and businesses in California.

Mojave is a community in unincorporated Kern County.

ROSAMOND COMMUNITY PROFILE

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ELECTED OFFICIAL

Second District Supervisor Chris Parlier



COMMUNITY INFO

Rosamond is a bustling unincorporated community in southeastern Kern County. Much of the population is employed at Edwards Air Force Base. Others are employed in the aerospace industry, mining, renewable energy, health services and education.

The community is served by the Rosamond Community Services District, the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce, and the Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council. These organizations have the best in mind for the community, serving the population with unwavering dedication.

Rosamond is a community in unincorporated Kern County.



CAMPAIGN TO WIDEN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY

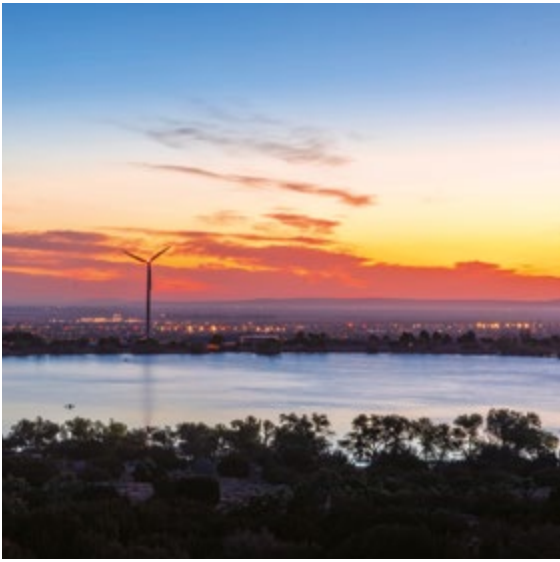
Supervisor Barger is a leader along with Lancaster, Palmdale and Santa Clarita officials of a North County campaign to widen the Antelope Valley Freeway between Palmdale and Santa Clarita, where there are higher than expected rates of crashes at spots where lanes end. Because of the North County efforts, Metro and Caltrans are creating the environmental impact report needed before widening work can start. The Supervisor has also been a supporter of a community-driven effort to improve safety and reduce crashes on Highway 138 through the Antelope Valley.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES



CITY OF LANCASTER

Opportunity zones create a unique investment environment for businesses and developers by offering significant tax incentives to private investors in underserved areas. Lancaster has six qualified Opportunity Zones, encompassing over 4,000 acres. Each zone offers unique redevelopment or new development options across various zoning types, creating ample opportunities for any developer or investor.



CITY OF PALMDALE

Palmdale is home to six designated Opportunity Zones, covering approximately 17% of the City's total population. These zones provide significant incentives for businesses to invest, offering valuable tax benefits. By utilizing special funds, individuals can defer or even eliminate federal taxes on capital gains through investments in these Opportunity Zones.

Additionally, Palmdale benefits from its own Foreign Trade Zone (#191), which provides strategic advantages for businesses engaged in international trade. This FTZ extends to neighboring areas, including the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita region, and San Fernando Valley, and encompasses nearly 1,500 acres of industrial property. The FTZ allows businesses to defer or eliminate tariffs and duties on imported goods, enabling improved cash flow, enhanced inventory management, and added value to their products.



KERN COUNTY

Kern County Economic Opportunity Areas ("EOAs")

Kern County designated five EOAs across all districts. The intent is to place funds from the percentage of property tax increment increases in a reserve for the community.

Federal Opportunity Zones

Kern County has 35 federal Opportunity Zones, which are census tracts that are economically distressed communities where new investments may, under certain conditions, be eligible for preferential federal tax treatment or preferential consideration for federal grants and programs. They were added to the Internal Revenue Service tax code in 2017.

EDUCATION



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

(661) 722-6300 | avc.edu

MISSION

Antelope Valley College, a public institution of higher education, provides a quality, comprehensive education to a diverse population of learners. We are committed to student success offering value and opportunity, in service to our community.

Antelope Valley College is in the midst of a cultural transformation as it shifts toward becoming a student-centered institution that seeks to improve student outcomes through enhanced support services and academic programs. Building on its framework of AVC SERVES, AVC is one of 12 colleges nationwide participating in Achieving the Dream's three-year Accelerating Equitable Outcomes cohort, which will promote student success, particularly for Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and other students of color from high-poverty backgrounds. AVC provides students with high-quality postsecondary credentials, including in-demand career certificates, associate degrees, and two baccalaureate degrees, to provide pathways to rewarding careers that provide competitive wages, benefits and upward mobility.



CALIFORNIA STATE BAKERSFIELD ANTELOPE VALLEY CAMPUS

(661) 952-5000 | csub.edu/av

VISION

CSUB will be a model for supporting and educating students to become knowledgeable, engaged, innovative and ethical leaders in the regional and global community.



TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 **Grand Opening of the New Student Services Building in April.** The two-story, 61,882-square-foot building houses many of AVC's major programs and services, including Admissions and Records; Assessment Center; CalWORKS; Career Center; Cashier's Office; Counseling; EOPS; Financial Aid and Scholarships; Job Placement Center; Office for Students with Disabilities; Student Transfer Academic Retention (STAR); Transfer Center; Transcript Office; Veterans Resource Center; and Welcome Center/Outreach. The building was funded by the \$350-million 2016 Measure AV Bond, which has funded other key construction and renovation projects at AVC.

2 **Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Bakersfield** in December to expand the number of STEM baccalaureate degrees available at CSUB's Antelope Valley campus, building a pipeline for scientists and engineers in a region that leads the nation in aerospace innovation and discovery.



Located on the Antelope Valley College campus, CSUB Antelope Valley offers accredited programs leading to bachelor's degrees in a number of areas including business administration, child, adolescent and family studies, criminal justice, interdisciplinary studies, liberal studies, natural sciences, religious studies, RN to BSN (online) and sociology. Teaching credential programs for all grade levels and special education are offered, along with master's degree programs in business administration, education administration, special education, social work, administration, and curriculum and instruction.



LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 948-4661 | lancsd.org

MISSION

Lancaster School District is committed to valuing and respecting our diversity; building and strengthening our communities of care; partnering to build a sense of belonging and connectedness; and insisting upon student academic growth through rigorous learning environments.

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 The school district is thankful to the Lancaster community for the passing of Measure LS for the Lancaster School District schools. Many of the sites are 30-60 years old and in need of upgraded facilities. They look forward to sharing many of the upgraded completed projects with the public in the near future.

2 In 2024, the district was able to expand community engagement with the community liaisons and family ambassadors. Last fall, they were able to host 6 major events with community partners and are proud to say, they connected over 1,000 individuals each time. They are thankful for the community partners who make part in serving the Lancaster School District families.



PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 947-7191 | palmdalesd.org

MISSION

The mission of the Palmdale School District is to implement our vision with actions and services targeted to students, parents, and staff so our students can live their lives to their full potential.

Palmdale Elementary School District is one of the largest elementary school district in the state of California. We offer K-5, K-6, K-8, Middle and Intermediate schools.

IN THE NEWS

Desert View Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, Michella Goffigan saved the life of one of her students who choked on a plastic water bottle cap. The student, Jahvid Boyd accidentally swallowed a bottle cap while opening his water bottle with his teeth. Ms. Goffigan's response to her student's call for emergency was rapid and was able to save him.

Lancaster School District serves students in preschool through eighth grade. Most of the District's 82.5 square miles lies within the City of Lancaster with a small portion in the unincorporated boundaries of Los Angeles County.

Since 1885, the District has provided excellent educational opportunities for the more than 15,000 students who attend our schools. We have one alternative education, one 6-8 STEAM, four middle, and fourteen elementary schools. In addition, we serve over 700 students in our preschool program. All of our schools and preschool operate on a traditional schedule.

The District is an active participant with the seven other Antelope Valley elementary districts and the high school district to provide quality programs. Teams of teachers and administrators from these districts meet monthly to articulate the K-12 programs.

Well-maintained school buildings and grounds reflect the importance which the District places upon providing a safe and welcoming environment for students, staff, and parents.

Our Values and Beliefs: After reviewing the current values in the context of today's realities and a globalized 21st century environment, Palmdale School District has adopted a new set of five values that incorporate most of the current beliefs, sharpening and focusing them:

1. High Intellectual Performance that prepares every student to graduate ready for college, career, and the global 21st century
2. Equity for all our students, schools, and communities as reflected in outcomes and opportunities
3. Facilitating and Supporting every student's achievement by building on their strengths, cultures, languages, and experiences to create new successes
4. Multilingualism and Multiculturalism as an individual, community, national, and global assets in the 21st century
5. Integrity and Community based on trust and common purpose that empower individuals and communities



ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 948-7655 | AVDistrict.org

MISSION

To provide equitable learning opportunities for all students.

VISION

We envision all AVUHSD graduates will possess the skills and attributes to make an affirmative contribution to their community and world.

In 2024, the Antelope Valley Union High School District developed a strategic plan, as a road map for the district. It defines priorities and initiatives, guides resource allocation, and inspires excellence across the board.

The strategic planning process was not just a task, but a collective endeavor involving the district's students, families, teachers, staff, leadership, the Governing Board, and educational partners. Together, they engaged in extensive research, analysis, review, and envisioning to chart a deliberate path forward as an educational community. This collaborative effort, driven by a shared commitment, is a testament to their collective mission of constructing pathways of success for every student under their care.



TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 The Antelope Valley Union High School District passed its first bond measure in 22 years with more than 61% of local voters saying yes to Measure AVH. The \$398 million general obligation bond's proceeds will be used to improve local high schools, upgrade vocational classrooms/labs/technology for skilled trades, science, engineering, math, aerospace education, and technical career skills.

2 The California Department of Education requires all school districts to develop and implement a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). This tool is an essential part of the educational process and helps ensure that the share of state funding received is allocated appropriately. The District's strategic plan aligns with the state's LCAP requirements but also allows them to customize their approach so we can determine what is best for the community and school district. By aligning the strategic plan with the LCAP, it strengthens the ability to deliver targeted and impactful learning that enhances the educational experience and outcomes for all students. The extensive input collected from students, staff and parents for the LCAP is also reflected in this strategic plan.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Some specialized programs within the district include:

- Antelope Valley High School Ge Engineering Academy
- Eastside High School Education & Social Service Careers Academy
- Eastside High School Biomedical Science Academy
- Highland High School Public Service Academy
- Knight High School Digital Design & Engineering Academy
- Lancaster High School Multimedia & Engineering Academy
- Littlerock High School Biomedical Science Academy
- Palmdale High School Engineering Academy
- Palmdale High School Health Careers Academy



KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 827-3100 | KernHigh.org



MISSION

The mission of the Kern High School District is to provide programs and services to allow ALL students to graduate from high school prepared to succeed in the workplace and at the post-secondary level.

The Kern High School District (KHSD) is located in Kern County, California at the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. The KHSD's District Office is located in the city of Bakersfield. The Kern High School District is California's largest grades 9-12 high school district serving over 42,000 students. The District has 19 comprehensive high schools, five continuation schools, Bakersfield Adult School, two career technical education facilities, and several Special Education sites.



WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 722-0716 | westside.k12.ca.us

MISSION

Recognizing the exceptionalism of every child the mission of Westside Union School District is to educate all students to universally high levels of academic competence. We are committed to comprehensive systems of instructional delivery that include research-based best practices to assure this outcome by "pointing the way, providing the path" to success.

Serving over 9,000 students spread across over 346 square miles, Westside Union School District prides itself on being "The District of Choice" with more choice-based programs than any other district in the Antelope Valley. The District operates 13 schools, providing world-class education to students from kindergarten to 8th grade. Continuing a tradition of high academic achievement, Westside has seven schools that have earned California Distinguished School, CSBA Golden Bell or Gold Ribbon School status. Importantly, all WUSD schools are also accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The District proudly serves the communities of Antelope Acres, Anaverde, Leona Valley, Quartz Hill, West Lancaster and West Palmdale. A caring, supportive and motivating learning environment is evident throughout all of the schools. Our primary goal is to ensure each student's academic success by carefully assessing their individual needs. All Westside schools maintain a positive school climate that promotes student progress.

HEALTH CARE



MISSION

Palmdale Regional Medical Center is committed to providing high quality healthcare in a compassionate and efficient manner.

SOUTHWEST HEALTHCARE / PALMDALE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

38600 MEDICAL CENTER DR, PALMDALE, CA 93551 (661)
382-5000 | SWHPalmdaleRegional.com

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 Palmdale Regional Medical Center has acquired the newest in surgical robotic technology with the DaVinci 5 Robot. This surgical robotic technology is the latest available in bringing advanced technology to our surgeons and patients for urological, gynecological and bariatric procedures.

2 Palmdale Regional Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Program, which began in 2023, has expanded to include 8 more residents in 2024. Additionally, an Internal Medicine Residency Program will begin in the summer of 2025 that will include 12 additional physician residents. This program expansion gives PRMC the distinction of establishing the facility as a teaching institution and increasing commitment prospects for primary care physician services.

“Our commitment is to continue to grow medical excellence that better serves the diverse needs of the Antelope Valley community. We continue to train and recruit skilled healthcare professionals, invest in the latest technologies, and expand the services available to ensure we have everything we need to treat our patients with quality and safety. Our entire team - including physicians, nurses, techs, and support staff that encompasses all areas of the hospital - is vital to maintaining the excellence we have obtained and are dedicated to continuing far into the future.”

Southwest Healthcare Palmdale Regional Medical Center has made patient safety and quality the top priority in every area of patient care. In the Fall of 2024, PRMC received a 3rd consecutive 'A' from the Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit watchdog group focused on patient safety.

Over 30 performance measures to prevent errors, accidents, injuries and infections were evaluated along with systems PRMC has in place to prevent safety hazards. Additionally, concerted efforts have been made to streamline and strengthen the efficiency of emergency services in order to provide a caring atmosphere while providing well organized and structured services to reduce wait times for patients.



“Our hospital is more than just a place of healing; it is a cornerstone of our community’s strength and resilience. At Antelope Valley Medical Center, we are dedicated to not only providing exceptional medical care, but also collaborating with local organizations to uplift the well-being of our entire region. Together, we build a healthier, more vibrant community where everyone can thrive.”

— Edward Mirzabegian
Chief Executive Officer, Antelope Valley Medical Center

ANTELOPE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

1600 W AVE J, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(661) 949-5000 | avmc.org

AVMC has successfully completed a significant expansion of its Emergency Department (ED), adding a new 7,200 square foot facility featuring 40 treatment bays, a nurses’ station, and essential support areas. As the second busiest emergency department in the State, this expansion increases our capacity to better serve the Antelope Valley community. The new addition integrates seamlessly with the existing ED, improving efficiency and workflow to better meet the needs of our growing population. AVMC staff had the opportunity to sign one of the last beams added to the new facility, leaving their mark on AVMC history.

With approximately 3,000 employees, Antelope Valley Medical Center continues to be the leader for local healthcare options, by introducing new medical programs to address the growing demand of the Antelope Valley.

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 In addition to the newly expanded emergency department, AVMC opened its new Infusion Suite to address a crucial need in our region by offering a dedicated space for infusion therapy, catering to patients requiring intravenous medications, or requiring other specialized treatments. Patients benefit by experiencing lower treatment costs, better health outcomes, and greater accommodation.

2 AVMC also proudly celebrated the 40th anniversary of its Level 3B Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. For four decades, AVMC has been at the forefront of providing specialized care for premature and critically ill newborns, ensuring their health and well-being from the very first moments of life.



CITY OF HOPE

44151 15TH STREET WEST, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(833) 542-1298 | cityofhope.org/antelope-valley

MISSION

City of Hope’s mission is to make hope a reality for all touched by cancer and diabetes.

Founded in 1913, City of Hope has grown into one of the largest and most advanced cancer research and treatment organizations in the U.S. City of Hope research has been the basis for numerous breakthrough cancer medicines, as well as human synthetic insulin and monoclonal antibodies. With an independent, National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center that is ranked top 5 in the nation for cancer care by U.S. News & World Report at its core, City of Hope’s uniquely integrated model spans cancer care, research and development, academics and training, and a broad philanthropy program that powers its work.

ANTELOPE VALLEY PARTNERS FOR HEALTH

44226 10TH ST W, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(661) 942-4719 | avph.org

In 2024, Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) celebrated 25-years of serving the community with two unforgettable events. AVPH kicked off the summer by hosting the SummerFest celebrating the families and community we serve. The day included fun summer activities provided by the AVPH team with 100 other community partners and over 1,500 attendees. The anniversary festivities culminated in October with a Masquerade Ball attended by 115 guests and launched the “Building a Healthier Future for the Antelope Valley” capital campaign. The year was also full of expanding programs and building community capacity by granting over \$100,000 to new emerging non-profit agencies.

With approximately 136 employees, AVPH has many programs and services providing education and outreach in the Antelope Valley that attempt to fulfill our mission and vision.



ADVENTIST HEALTH

1100 MAGELLAN DRIVE, TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
(661) 823-3000 | AdventistHealth.org/Tehachapi-Valley

Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley is proud to be the region’s premiere health care provider, offering a state-of-the-art critical access hospital, medical offices for primary care, a rehabilitation center and specialties new to our hometown and surrounding communities.



“ Thank you for your many years of service. We appreciate the support and knowledge that you bring to our faith-based community, as well as the community at large and the surrounding areas, an expertise of experience to empower that makes you truly an invaluable contributor.”

— Dr. Tina Thornton
AVPH mini grant recipient

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 The Antelope Valley Food Access Network (AVFAN), a collaborative of local food pantries spearheaded by AVPH, works to increase access to fresh produce. AVPH’s food pantry has committed to the collaborative’s goal by serving over 20,200 individuals and distributing over 67,800 pounds of fresh produce. AVFAN’s dedication to improving food security led to a partnership with the City of Palmdale in a documentary focusing on SB 1383, a California law aimed at reducing food waste.

2 The AVPH Youth Department fosters healthy youth development by providing safe spaces and opportunities to young adults. Students recently concluded two cohorts who participated in a first job simulation, reaching over 80% retention. 30 students received \$500 over 6 months while learning professional skills, emphasizing the importance of maintaining grades, attendance, and workplace standards.



Compelled by the heartfelt mission of “Living God’s love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope,” Adventist Health is reimagining healthcare in Tehachapi and beyond. As the community grows, Adventist Health continues to identify needed services, expand options, attract new physicians and provide an elevated quality of care for all those who visit, live in the area and love their town. Together, we are inspired to build a healthier community in Tehachapi for generations.

HIGH DESERT MEDICAL GROUP

43839 15TH ST W., LANCASTER (661) 945-5984
 38209 47TH ST E., STE C. PALMDALE (661) 951-3100
hdmg.net



As the Antelope Valley's largest independent medical provider organization, the mission of High Desert Medical Group is to deliver the best healthcare for our tens of thousands of patients. The constant best practice is delivering patient-focused care. With that focus comes a commitment to giving back to the community. This includes a commitment to our elder and veteran populations through the wide array of free medical services and screenings. For more than 30 years HDMG has organized the premier event for seniors of the Antelope Valley, the free Senior Expo health extravaganza at Antelope Valley Fairgrounds where Antelope Valley seniors across the community obtain access to free screenings, vaccinations and much more to benefit their quality of life.

At its main service site at 43839 15th Street West in Lancaster, and its affiliated Heritage Health Care site at 38209 47th St. East in Palmdale, High Desert Medical Group employs nearly 400 medical professionals in the Antelope Valley, including Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, RNs, LVNs and Administrative Staff, all qualified to deliver care in several languages.

“The business of High Desert Medical Group is service to the community, delivering great care to our tens of thousands of patients, and reaching out across the community with support and enrichment activities for our elder patients and populations of all generations whom we serve.”

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

- 1 High Desert Medical Group focused on our vulnerable senior population, expanding services and enlarging HDMG's Enrichment Center for Seniors. New programs include personalized nutrition coaching, community outreach events, more fitness programs and class variety. Social programs were added to combat loneliness and isolation.
- 2 The group received a U.S. Health and Human Services award for patient-focused care in prescription drug services for Medicare Advantage patients and patients with Medicare Part D drug benefits.



KAISER PERMANENTE

615 W AVE L, LANCASTER, CA 93534
 4502 E AVENUE S, PALMDALE, CA, 93552
 (833) 574-2273 | kaiserpermanente.org



TOP 2024 MILESTONES

- 1 Kaiser Permanente opened its new Antelope Valley Surgery Center in Lancaster in 2024. The surgery center has 4 surgery suites allowing for local residents to stay in the Antelope Valley for their outpatient procedures rather than go to a non-Kaiser Permanente facility or out of the area.
- 2 Provided \$139,314 in grants to local organizations addressing mental health, human trafficking, & homelessness, access to care, obesity/diabetes, and economic security.

“For over 50 years in the Antelope Valley, Kaiser Permanente—one of America's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans—has been helping people get and stay healthy in the high desert since 1968. With more than 200 physicians and 1,200 employees, Kaiser Permanente provides high quality care to more than 160,000 patients at five convenient locations in Lancaster and Palmdale.”

Kaiser Permanente cares for over 160,000 Antelope Valley residents and is continuously working on improving health outcomes for all of our members and the community as a whole. Through our integrated health model, we are able to provide acute and preventative medicine to our members both at our facilities and

through virtual appointments. Our commitment to the community is seen through our employee volunteering, non-profit grant dollars and support of youth education programs. Kaiser Permanente currently has approximately 200+ physicians and 1200 employees in the Antelope Valley.

AIR QUALITY & UTILITIES



ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

(661) 723-8070 | AVAQMD.ca.gov

AIR QUALITY

The Antelope Valley actually has its own Air Quality Management District that helps us achieve a healthful environment through effective air quality programs and community collaboration. The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) is located just a short distance from the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. The AVAQMD is a practical, community partner that is always willing to work with businesses looking to make the Los Angeles County High Desert home. The AVAQMD's ability to work with industry to find practical air quality solutions is one of the primary reasons large corporations and unique businesses continue to establish operations in the Antelope Valley. With nearly 500,000 residents, the AVAQMD has managed to attract new industry and commerce while maintaining air quality standards through a cooperative program of planning, regulatory development, permitting, ambient air monitoring, compliance assistance and public education. The proactive partnership between the AVAQMD and the regulated industries creates a strong local economy while maintaining high air quality standards.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

(661) 427-2000 | SoCalGas.com

NATURAL GAS

For more than 150 years, SoCalGas has served Central and Southern California as a responsible and engaged leader, employer and neighbor. With safe, clean, affordable, reliable and abundant domestic sources of natural gas, SoCalGas' innovation is fueling new possibilities in California. We strive to improve the quality of life in our communities by maintaining a diverse workforce, working with suppliers that represent and reflect the communities we serve and giving back through our charitable contributions and employee volunteer activities. Our service territory encompasses approximately 24,000 square miles in diverse terrain from Visalia to the Mexican border.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

(800) 655-4555 | SCE.com

ELECTRICITY

Southern California Edison's mission is to safely deliver reliable, clean, and affordable electricity to the communities that make the region great. Being one of the nation's largest electric utilities, SCE delivers power to 15 million people across the country.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

(661) 947-7197 | WM.com

SANITATION

Waste Management is committed to providing the highest quality commercial trash pickup, dumpster rentals and propane tank services available to residents and businesses throughout the area. As one of California's largest trash and recycling service partners, they pride themselves on providing excellent customer service and environmental stewardship, because they believe that taking care of waste the right way today will lead to a cleaner and more sustainable tomorrow.

REGIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE



AV BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

817 East Avenue Q9, Palmdale, CA 93550

AVBlackChamber.org



AV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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AV HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

819 E Ave Q-9, Palmdale, CA 93550

(661) 538-0607 | AVHispanicChamber.org



BORON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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(760) 762-5810



CALIFORNIA CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8001 California City Blvd, California City, CA 93505

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE GREATER ANTELOPE VALLEY

37765 53rd St E, Palmdale, CA 93552

(661) 361-8254 | COCGAV.com



GREATER TEHACHAPI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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(661) 822-4180 | Tehachapi.com



MOJAVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

15836 Sierra Hwy, Mojave, CA 93501

(661) 824-2481 | MojaveChamber.org



QUARTZ HILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

42043 50th St W, Quartz Hill, CA 93536

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LANCASTER



Thriving Businesses, Vibrant Community

In Lancaster, we're committed to nurturing a supportive environment where local businesses can expand and thrive. Partner with us for a range of City-led programs and events designed to boost business visibility and foster community connections.

Together, we can achieve more—
right here in Lancaster.



businessinlancasterca.org

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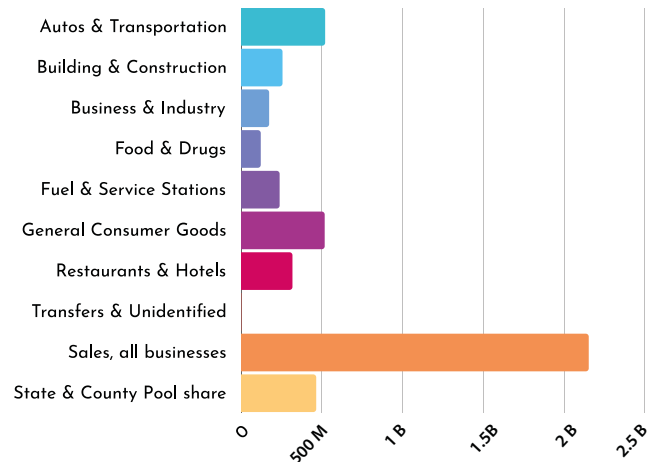


RETAIL

CITY OF LANCASTER

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS

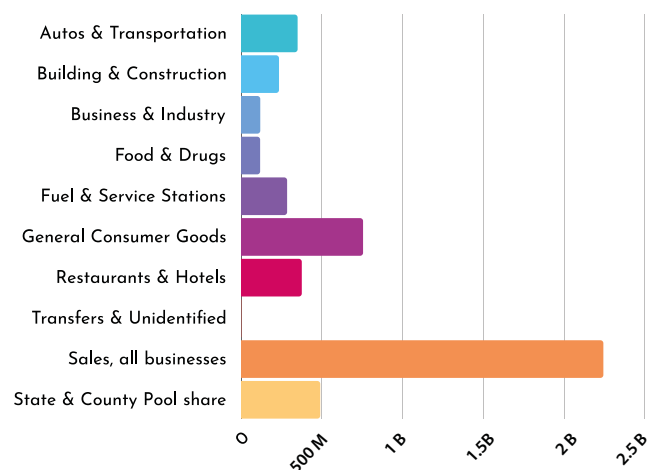
Autos and Transportation	\$520,668,900
Building and Construction	\$256,856,800
Business and Industry	\$174,099,800
Food and Drugs	\$122,259,500
Fuel and Service Stations	\$239,025,100
General Consumer Goods	\$517,768,300
Restaurants and Hotels	\$318,372,300
Transfers & Unidentified	\$ 2,617,300
Sales, all businesses	\$2,151,668,000
State and County Pool share	\$465,335,300
Total:	\$2,617,003,300



CITY OF PALMDALE

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS

Autos and Transportation	\$350,273,100
Building and Construction	\$235,173,400
Business and Industry	\$119,205,700
Food and Drugs	\$118,389,100
Fuel and Service Stations	\$285,346,000
General Consumer Goods	\$755,291,900
Restaurants and Hotels	\$376,096,400
Transfers & Unidentified	\$2,360,900
Sales, all businesses	\$2,242,136,500
State and County Pool share	\$490,315,200
Total:	\$2,732,451,700



PARKS & RECREATION



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

L.A. County has hundreds of parks, lakes, and trails. Supervisor Kathryn Barger supports maintaining and improving these valuable resources for current and future generations. The county's Department of Parks and Recreations, with input from community residents, continues to work on expanding recreation facilities in unincorporated L.A. County. This includes planning for the future Primmer Park in Littlerock and preservation work at Lake Los Angeles' Tameobit Wildlife Sanctuary.

LANCASTER

Lancaster's Parks, Arts, Recreation & Community Services (PARCS) Department is dedicated to enhancing community life through major investments in parks, sports, and youth programs.

With over 450 acres of beautifully maintained parks, Lancaster offers residents a wealth of opportunities to picnic, play, exercise, and unwind—right in their own backyard. The City's 12 parks feature scenic walking trails, playgrounds, and open space areas along with top-tier recreational amenities, including several sports fields and courts.

Lancaster's diverse recreation programs inspire participants to challenge themselves, build confidence, and connect with their community while exploring new skills and hobbies. From educational classes and sports leagues to dynamic after-school programs, there's something for everyone. Throughout the year, the City also hosts a variety of seasonal events that bring residents together in celebration. Committed to enhancing these experiences, Lancaster is investing millions of dollars to upgrade park facilities and expand youth programming, ensuring even more opportunities for recreation, learning, and community engagement.



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DESTINATION LANCASTER

826. W. LANCASTER BLVD, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(661) 579 - 3779 | DestinationLancasterca.org

Destination Lancaster is the official tourism bureau for Lancaster, showcasing the city's vibrant blend of natural beauty, culture, and outdoor adventure while driving tourism and overnight stays. Partnering with local businesses, hotels, and attractions, Destination Lancaster enhances visitor experiences while driving economic growth. Whether exploring aerospace history, enjoying local arts, or savoring diverse cuisine, Lancaster invites travelers to discover something unforgettable. Learn more at DestinationLancasterca.org.



PALMDALE

The City of Palmdale has curated a diverse lineup of community events designed to enrich the lives of its residents. This exciting range includes everything from lively concerts and family movie nights to spectacular fireworks displays. The City also celebrated its inaugural year of Farmers Markets, the beloved Kaleidoscope Fall Frenzy, and festive Jolly Holiday events. From community theater and engaging festivals to family-friendly events and dynamic programs, Palmdale’s Parks and Recreation team continually fosters a strong sense of community, bringing people together and creating memorable experiences for everyone, regardless of age.

The much-anticipated opening of the new concession stand at Marie Kerr Park is coming this year! Located at the




VISIT PALMDALE
 38250 SIERRA HIGHWAY, PALMDALE, CA 93550
 (661) 267 - 5100 | VisitPalmdale.org

Visit Palmdale is making strides in establishing key partnerships to advance tourism and boost hotel stays in our region. In May 2024, Visit Palmdale successfully held its second annual High Desert Beer and Wine Festival. The festival will return in 2025, along with the rest of the City’s yearly festivities and other new and exciting events at the Palmdale Amphitheater, the Palmdale Playhouse, and beyond.

Best of the West Softball Complex, this exciting addition will provide players and fans a convenient spot to enjoy snacks and refreshments. With eight fully fenced fields, all featuring lighting and covered seating, the complex is already a top destination.

The City is also excited to welcome AV ALTA FC Youth Academy, whose players use the newly renovated Sam Yellen Park soccer field for practice and games. This sponsorship initiative will provide a unique opportunity for the next generation of players by offering a pre-professional program that works harmoniously with local clubs to build champions. The club is a US League One franchise, the largest soccer organization in North America.



KERN COUNTY

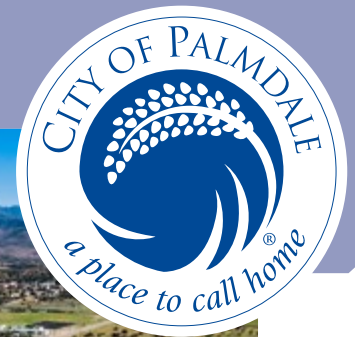
Parks are an important part of quality of life and Kern County continues to invest in parks.

Kern County Parks & Recreation manages eight regional parks, 40 neighborhood parks and 25 public buildings, supervises three golf courses and landscapes 76 county buildings.

Parks in East Kern include the 490-acre Tehachapi Mountain Park offering hiking, nature awareness, camping and equestrian trails.

INNOVATION / OPPORTUNITY / COMMUNITY

Launch, expand, and accelerate your business.



With plenty of room to grow and a talented workforce ready to bolster your success, Palmdale is a premier location to meet your strategic goals. We make it easy to do business here.

- **11 million square feet of industrial space in development**
- **Modern spaces to own or lease**
- **Collaborative city leadership**
- **Streamlined permitting and development processes**

We've helped countless businesses across a variety of sectors flourish in Palmdale, including retail, film, aerospace, hospitality, logistics, and manufacturing. And with a thriving arts and culture scene, beautiful parks, and family-friendly neighborhoods, you'll love calling Palmdale home even when you're off the clock.

Inquire today to find your future in Palmdale.



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economicdevelopment@cityofpalmdale.org

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARKS

LANCASTER

CENTERPOINT BUSINESS PARK

Location: Ave J & Lowtree Ave
Acreage: 9.5 acres
Zoning: Office Professional

ENTERPRISE BUSINESS PARK

Location: Sierra Highway & Ave L-4
Acreage: 75 acres
Zoning: Office/Light Industrial

FOX FIELD INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR

Location: Ave H West of Highway 14
Acreage: 8,236 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan

LANCASTER BUSINESS PARK

Location: Business Center Parkway
& Ave K-8
Acreage: 240 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan

LANCASTER HEALTH DISTRICT

Location: Ave J & 15th Street West
Acreage: 340 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan

NORTH VALLEY INDUSTRIAL CENTER

Location: Ave H & Division Street
Acreage: 270 acres
Zoning: Heavy Industrial

SOUTHERN AMARGOSA INDUSTRIAL

Location: Ave L & M East of Highway 14
Acreage: 1,400 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

THE BLVD

Location: Lancaster Blvd & 10th Street
West to Sierra Highway
Acreage: 9.5 acres
Zoning: Commercial/Office
Professional/Specific Plan

TEHACHAPI

BAILEY COURT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Location: Tehachapi Blvd/Bailey Court
Acreage: 25 acres
Zoning: M-1

TEHACHAPI MUNICIPAL AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Location: 411 N. Green Street
Acreage: 2 acres
Zoning: M-1

ENTERPRISE WAY/INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY

Location: Mill Street / Industrial Way
Acreage: 3 acres
Zoning: M-1

GOODRICK BUSINESS PARK (COUNTY)

Location: Dennison Rd/Goodrick Rd
Acreage: 110 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial/Mixed



PALMDALE

In the Pipeline:

Antelope Valley Commerce Center

Location: W Ave M and Sierra Hwy
Acreage: 339 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan (Industrial, Employment Flex and Film Studio)

The Hub

Location: Rancho Vista Blvd and Sierra Hwy
Acreage: 78 acres
Zoning: Aerospace Industrial

Palmdale Logistics Center

Location: E Ave M and 35th Street E
Acreage: 69 acres
Zoning: Heavy Industrial

Partially Constructed:

Trader Joe's Food Assembly and Distribution Facility

Location: W Ave M and 10th Street W
Acreage: 430 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan

Fully Constructed:

Legacy at Palmdale

Location: Legacy Lane and W Ave O
Acreage: 2.3 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

MOJAVE

PPG Aerospace


Location: 11604 United Street, Mojave
Contact: (661) 824-4535

Trical Inc.

Location: 1667 Purdy Rd, Mojave
Contact: (661) 824-2494
Zoning: Specific Plan

FILM




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film
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The Antelope Valley has a long history of providing Hollywood with easy access to remote desert landscapes and a wide variety of exotic-looking film locations. The AV has had the unique distinction of “standing in” for various desert areas and as distant countries since the earliest days of Hollywood. Nowadays the AV has not only seen a surge in filming, it’s also facing an unprecedented number of extraordinary opportunities as Hollywood grapples with issues and the Antelope Valley continues to provide solutions.

After the pandemic, rules and restrictions for filming and productions were slowly lifted, so Hollywood went back to work like never before. Production of dozens of feature films and TV shows were brought back to California from all over the world. The escalating demand for content also created another issue, one that looks to eventually have a great impact on the Antelope Valley. With there being so much demand, there was a serious shortage of sound stages developed in Los Angeles.

As a result of the shortage of readily available stages and our close proximity to Los Angeles, the Antelope Valley is ready to welcome Hollywood to our unique landscape with various movie sets and a sound stage!

LANCASTER

Lancaster offers diverse locations, a film-friendly community, and access to California’s lucrative film tax incentives, making it an ideal choice for productions of all sizes. From rugged desert landscapes and suburban neighborhoods to high-end sports venues, Lancaster provides visually dynamic backdrops that can stand in for a variety of settings. Popular film locations include Historic Downtown Lancaster (The BLVD), which blends modern and classic Americana for urban scenes; Fox Field, a prime aviation location with expansive runways and hangars for high-intensity aerial sequences; Lancaster’s long open highways, perfect for car commercials and chase scenes; and the city’s brand-new soccer stadium, a sleek, modern venue ideal for sports-centric productions. Lancaster has played a key role in major productions, including TV shows like S.W.A.T., 9-1-1: Lone Star, and Loot; blockbuster films such as Captain Marvel, Iron Man, and BC Project; and commercials for brands like USPS, Honda, and Toyota, as well as music videos for artists like Charli XCX and Yebba. Beyond its stunning locations, Lancaster is actively growing as a film hub, with plans for potential sound stages and expanded local crew training opportunities.



FILM PALMDALE

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FILM LANCASTER

44933 FERN AVE, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(661) 723-5850 | FilmLancaster.com

PALMDALE

The City of Palmdale has the exciting opportunity to build off its rich history of cinema and develop as a film industry hub for Los Angeles County. Palmdale is located in North Los Angeles County, less than an hour from studios and production support services in the L.A. basin. The City has provided filmmakers with scenic and diverse locations since the earliest days of Hollywood and the era of silent film. It has portrayed the Holy Land for biblical epics, the Wild West for countless Westerns and even landscapes for science fiction classics. A multitude of blockbuster movies and streaming television shows have filmed key scenes in this unique shooting location. By using our beloved City as the backdrop for your shoot, your film or show could be the next big hit.

The Palmdale Film Stage features a 6,000-square-foot (sq. ft.) stage and studio with a 2,500 sq. ft. Cyclorama (Cyc) wall with a green screen. In addition, the Palmdale Film Stage offers an equipment loading dock, a kitchen, a furnished green room, a dressing room with clothes racks and standing mirrors, a make-up room with two lighted make-up and hair (MUAH) stations and two restrooms. These amenities allow for an inviting and flexible location for all filming and photo shoot needs.

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TRANSPORTATION



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Antelope Valley Transit Authority operates the first and largest all-electric, zero emission bus fleet in North America. AVTA provides local, commuter, and dial-a-ride service to a population of more than 475,000 residents in the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, as well as the unincorporated portions of northern Los Angeles County. AVTA's total service area covers 1,200 square miles and is bounded by the Kern County line to the north, the San Bernardino County line to the east, the Angeles National Forest to the south, and Interstate 5 to the West.

AVTA employs approximately 60 employees in the Antelope Valley. We also contract with MV Transportation and AVTS that together provide more than 300 professional operators, paratransit drivers, mechanics, and supervisory staff to provide AVTA's transportation services to the residents of the Antelope Valley.

“AVTA is here to mobilize and empower our community by connecting people to resources for opportunities that enrich and elevate their lives.”

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

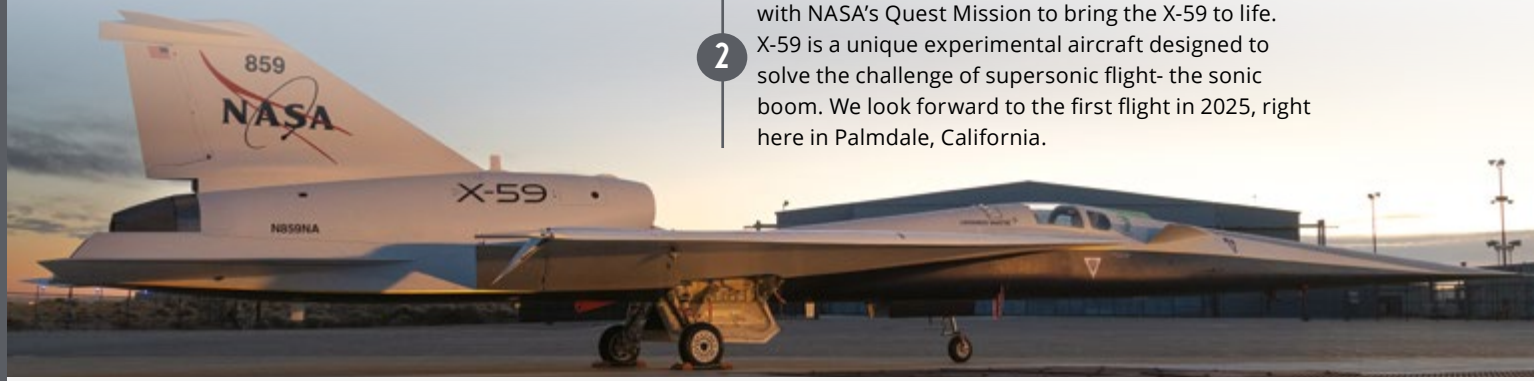
- 1 In September of 2024, AVTA celebrated 10 years of electric service, marking the anniversary of our first electric bus entering local service.
- 2 By the end of 2024, AVTA's fleet reached more than 16.5 million electric miles driven, avoiding 4.125 million gallons of diesel fuel, and reducing more than 98 million pounds of CO2 pollution.



AEROSPACE

At Lockheed Martin, our purpose is to ensure those we serve always stay ahead of ready. Helping the future arrive is what we do. We solve the great problems of our times. We create the innovative technologies that define eras. While no one knows what's going to change the world next, we're probably already working on it.

With more than 12,000 employees in the state — and 4,485 based at facilities in and around the Antelope Valley — Lockheed Martin's team is committed to giving back and driving growth and is proud to have called California home for more than a century.



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“ At Lockheed Martin, we deliver innovative solutions to the world's toughest challenges. From air, land, sea, space and cyber, we create products trusted for our customers' most important missions.”

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

- 1 Globally, air dominance took center stage. We surpassed 1,000 F-35 deliveries around the world, celebrated 50 years of the F-16's legacy and delivered the 2,700th C-130.
- 2 Locally, Lockheed Martin Skunk Works® collaborated with NASA's Quest Mission to bring the X-59 to life. X-59 is a unique experimental aircraft designed to solve the challenge of supersonic flight- the sonic boom. We look forward to the first flight in 2025, right here in Palmdale, California.



Northrop Grumman is an innovative manned and unmanned air system provider with a proven track record of systems engineering, manufacturing excellence and reliability. The Palmdale site is a world-class facility and home to some of the world's most technologically advanced aircraft. Employing thousands of talented and diverse employees, it is uniquely suited for the development, prototyping, production and testing of military aircraft systems — both manned and unmanned. The highly specialized manufacturing and engineering facility is located on the government owned/ contractor operated U.S. Air Force Plant 42. The company has more than 7,000 employees in the Antelope Valley. For more information on careers at Northrop Grumman, visit ngc.com/careers.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

“ Northrop Grumman invests heavily in the Antelope Valley community. Our ASTAR Academy provides advanced, hands-on manufacturing training to both current and future employees. We are proud to have a workforce on the cutting edge of technology.”

— Bryan M. Mahoney
Sector Vice President, Operations & Palmdale Site Leader

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

- 1 Northrop Grumman's Digital Pathfinder project showcased a fully connected digital ecosystem, reducing engineering rework below 1% cutting costs and schedules. Using advanced manufacturing, it successfully built the Model 437's wings, setting a new standard for future programs.
- 2 On July 31, 2024, the Northrop Grumman Palmdale facility delivered its first MQ-4C Triton uncrewed aircraft to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The high-altitude, long-endurance Triton enables Australia to deploy the most advanced maritime intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting capability available today.



STRATOLAUNCH

Stratolaunch is an aerospace company specializing in hypersonic flight testing and technology development. The company is best known for operating Roc, the world's largest aircraft. Stratolaunch focuses on advancing integrated air-launched systems, including the Talon-A testbeds, capable of reaching speeds exceeding Mach 5+. Through its hypersonic mission, Stratolaunch aims to enhance national security, accelerate aerospace innovation, and contribute to the future of high-speed flight.

The company employs 364 full time employees and contractors between the Antelope Valley, Kern County and other local areas.

“The Stratolaunch team is proud to be part of the rich history of the Aerospace Valley. We stand on the shoulders of past breakthrough flight innovations that happened here in the valley, as we forge our own path to transform high-speed flight tests. We're excited to bring our commercial hypersonic test service online for our customers in 2024, as it is imperative to the defense of our nation.”

— Dr. Zachary Krevor
Stratolaunch President and CEO

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 Stratolaunch achieved a major milestone in 2024 with the first fully reusable Talon- A flight. This demonstrated not only precision in hypersonic flight testing but also a sustainable approach to future hypersonic missions.

2 The Roc launch platform marked notable operational advancements, including improved flight performance, the successful completion of an envelope expansion series, and the certification of two complete Roc flight crew members.



“Here at Mojave, we like to live by the words: Permission Granted.”

At Mojave Air & Space Port, we don't just take off—we soar. As the world's premier civilian aerospace test center, we ignite the path from concept to first flight, providing a vibrant arena where tomorrow's aircraft take their first breath. Our mission is to foster and maintain our renowned aerospace presence while ensuring a sanctuary of safety for the design, development, and testing of the future's cutting-edge aviation innovations. Whether you're dreaming up the next breakthrough or pushing the boundaries of what's possible, Mojave Air & Space Port is where your aerospace ambitions reach new heights. It is staffed with over 3,000 employees at the airport.

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 **Multiple First Flights:** This year, we proudly marked numerous groundbreaking first flights, solidifying our position as the cradle of innovation in aerospace. These milestones reflect our commitment to pushing the boundaries of what's possible and leading the future of aviation.

2 **Enhanced Safety and Collaboration:** We've significantly strengthened our foothold in the aerospace sector by enhancing our approaches to safety, coordination, and collaboration facility wide. These efforts ensure we continue to provide a safe and dynamic environment for designing, developing, and testing the aircraft of tomorrow.



TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 Water recharge basins and Aqueduct turnout structure were completed by AVEK Water Agency for the High Desert Water Banking Project (HDWB), enabling 40,000 acre-feet of water to be added to the project in 2024. The Agency also installed multiple recovery wells at the site.

2 A partnership between AVEK and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, HDWB is a 280,000-acre-foot capacity water storage project that enables access to 70,000 acre-feet per year of water south of the Tehachapi Mountains. The Project will safeguard the communities of Southern California from drought and emergencies, reducing reliance on SWP Aqueduct supplies.



WATER



ANTELOPE VALLEY – EAST KERN WATER AGENCY

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(661) 943-3201 | AveK.org

The Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) has developed water banking and storage programs that have enabled us to adapt to extreme weather patterns by taking advantage of water supply during wet period; being prepared for dry seasons and prolonged drought. In 2024, AVEK delivered 40,000 acre-feet (AF) of water in meeting customer demands and retained 25,000 AF of Carryover Supply stored in the State Water Project (SWP) San Luis Reservoir for delivery in 2025. AVEK met its banking goal, having 3 years' worth of supply given only a 5% SWP allocation, with over 112,00 AF of supply stored locally.

** An acre-foot is the volume of water it takes to cover an acre of land one foot deep and equals 325,851 gallons. It is generally considered enough water to serve the needs of two families for a year within the State of California.*

“Extreme weather patterns are expected to continue with the State of California with potentially prolonged periods of drought and unpredictable rain and snowfall. AVEK Water Agency is seeking to mitigate these threats to water supply reliability by increasing their capacity to move and store water by recharging local groundwater basins. Through long-term infrastructure and operational planning, we can continue to support economic development in the greater Antelope Valley, ensuring safe, reliable, sustainable water supplies for our communities for generations to come.”



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

2029 EAST AVENUE Q, PALMDALE, CA 93550
(661) 947-4111 | PalmdaleWater.org

Palmdale Water District (PWD) took an important step toward securing the future of water supply for the community by breaking ground on the Pure Water Antelope Valley Demonstration Facility. After groundbreaking formalities attended by more than 100 people, contractors began preparing the site at 2107 East Avenue Q for the water augmentation test facility. This site is a precursor to the full-scale facility that will purify up to 4.5 million gallons of recycled water for potable use, benefiting more than 14,500 homes annually. Scheduled for completion in early 2026, the Demonstration Facility will purify recycled water with a four-step filtration system. Opening of the full-scale facility is expected in 2029. PWD has 92 employees.



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT A CENTURY OF SERVICE

“Since 1918, Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency.”

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

1 It was a special celebration this summer when PWD and Littlerock Creek Irrigation District commemorated the Littlerock Dam’s 100th anniversary. Dignitaries, community members and water agency staff gathered to mark the milestone. For the past century, the dam has played a pivotal role in providing water for the community and controlling floods.

2 Another important project is the start of the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project, which will reduce water loss and increase the flow of water from the Littlerock Dam to Lake Palmdale. The project will convert the 7.2-mile earthen ditch into a closed pipeline, saving an estimated 1,450 acre-feet of water annually. Partially covered by grants, it will cost about \$33 million. Completion is expected in 2026.

MINING

The rich Mojave Desert is home to the largest open pit mine in California, owned and operated by Rio Tinto U.S. Borax. From early mining in Death Valley to the discovery of boron and development of mine operations in Kern County, U.S Borax has been a trusted community partner. It's also been a vital east Kern employer and a global business operator for decades.

The company supplies one-third of the world demand for refined borates found in hundreds of products used every day including mobile cell phones, laptop computers and flat screen televisions. Without borates the screens would be too hot to touch. Borates are also found in plant fertilizers, laundry additives and fire suppressants. Home insulation, two-by-fours used in construction and wind turbine blades are also improved with borates.

Rio Tinto U.S. Borax is proud to lead the world in the development of refined borates — and works hard to find better ways to provide the materials the world needs.

That business mindset led the company to explore low carbon opportunities in the cement industry — using decades-old mine waste.



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OTHER MINING ASSETS IN THE REGION

CalPortland Cement — Mojave
CalPortland.com

Unicem Tehachapi Cement — Tehachapi
Tehacem.us

Granite Construction — Littlerock, Palmdale, Inyokern, Bakersfield and Arvin
GraniteConstruction.com



RENEWABLE ENERGY



Throughout the Antelope Valley, you will find evidence of the region’s increasing importance to renewable energy production in California. Not much more than a decade ago, only about 12% of California’s electricity came from renewable sources — wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and small hydroelectric facilities. But renewable energy reached 37% of the state’s electrical production in 2021 – and will continue to grow.

In addition to large-scale commercial solar projects in both Los Angeles and Kern County areas of the Antelope Valley, there are more than 5,000 wind turbines in the Tehachapi-Mojave wind corridor with an important transmission line carrying the power to Southern California. The region continues to attract innovative industrial investments in the renewable energy sector.



“Lancaster Energy’s success over the last decade has shown that bold, local leadership can drive real change. Now, with the launch of the First Public Hydrogen Authority, we are taking another historic step—partnering with the City of Industry to build a clean energy future powered by hydrogen. This isn’t just about technology; it’s about securing economic growth, energy independence, and environmental sustainability for generations to come.”

— Mayor R. Rex Parris

LANCASTER ENERGY

(844) 844-288-4523 | LancasterEnergy.com

Lancaster Energy is celebrating its 10-year anniversary as a trailblazer in municipal energy, proving that cities can lead the clean energy transition. As we mark this milestone, we are also driving the future of renewable hydrogen through the First Public Hydrogen Authority (FPH2), a groundbreaking partnership between the City of Lancaster and the City of Industry. FPH2 is the first public hydrogen utility in the U.S., reinforcing our commitment to innovation and sustainability while ensuring a cleaner, more resilient energy future for our communities.

TOP 2024 MILESTONES

- 1 **Lancaster Energy’s 10-Year Anniversary**
A decade of providing clean, cost-effective energy and setting the standard for community choice aggregation.
- 2 **Launch of First Public Hydrogen Authority (FPH2)**
A landmark initiative making hydrogen accessible, affordable, and a key component of California’s renewable energy landscape.



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ECONOMIC 2025 ROUNDTABLE REPORT BY THE NUMBERS

INNOVATION HAPPENS HERE



REGIONAL PROFILE

**MEDIAN
AGE**
34.52
YEARS OLD

Regional Population



Total

2010 Census	496,676
2020 Census	534,632
2025 Estimate	523,517
2030 Projection	522,955

EDUCATION

	Total	%
High School Graduate (or GED)	89,162	28.93
Some College, No Degree	69,750	22.63
Associate's Degree	26,997	8.76
Bachelor's Degree	42,178	13.69
Graduate Degree	22,918	7.44

POPULATION BY AGE

	Total	%
Age 0-19	136,483	28.72
Age 20-49	189,128	39.80
Age 50-64	87,169	18.34
Age 65 and Over	62,454	13.14

REGIONAL HOUSING

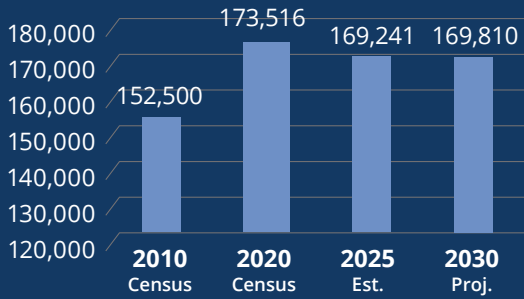
2025 Est. Average Household Income	\$100,688
Housing Units	165,165
Owner-Occupied	64.89%
2025 Est. Average Household Size	3.11

POPULATION BY RACE

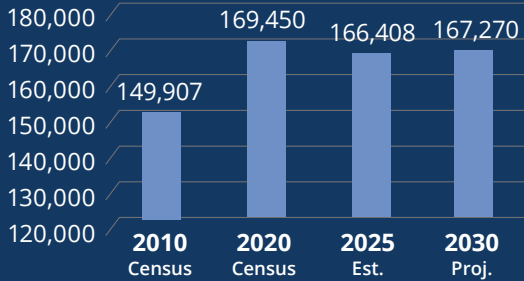
	Number
White	185,761
Black/African American	74,802
American Indian/Alaska Native	9,890
Asian	20,593
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1,183
Other	143,494
Two or More Races	87,794
Hispanic/Latino	267,311
Not Hispanic/Latino	256,206

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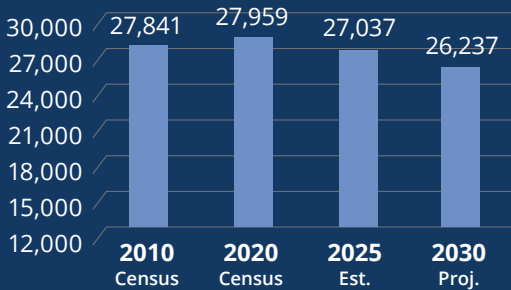
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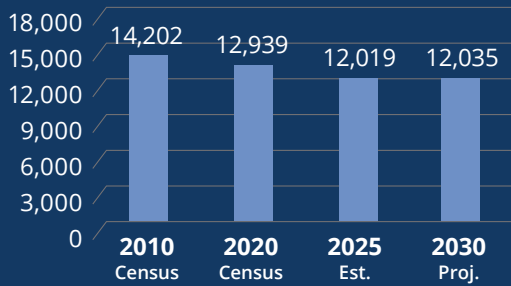
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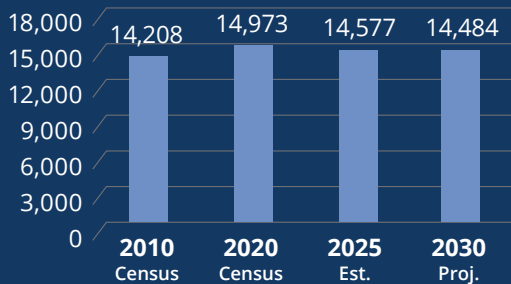
CITY OF RIDGECREST



CITY OF TEHACHAPI



CALIFORNIA CITY



POPULATION DETAIL



5-YEAR POPULATION FORECAST

	2025 Est.	2030 Est.
City of Lancaster (93534, 93535, 93536)	196,114	196,241
City of Palmdale (93550, 93551, 93552)	177,597	178,273
*Unincorporated - Los Angeles County (93510, 93532, 93543, 93544, 93553, 93563, 93591)	33,028	32,464
City of California City (93505)	14,144	14,068
Greater Tehachapi (93531, 93561)	34,622	34,562
City of Ridgecrest (93555)	31,934	34,103
*Unincorporated - Kern County (93501, 93516, 93519, 93523, 93524, 93527, 93554, 93560)	36,317	36,341
Greater Antelope Valley Region	523,517	522,955

* Areas defined by Zip Codes
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POPULATION BY ZIP CODE

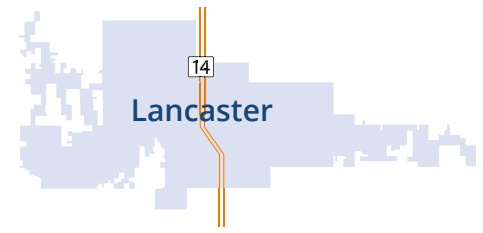
Zip	City	2020 Census	2025 Est.	2030 Proj.
93501	Mojave	6,032	5,803	5,616
93505	California City	14,542	14,144	14,068
93516	Boron	2,152	2,194	2,208
93519	Cantil	65	48	47
93523	Edwards	3,426	3,686	3,876
93524	Edwards	84	96	104
93527	Inyokern	2,341	2,193	2,090
93531	Keene	455	460	459
93554	Randsburg	7	5	5
93555	Ridgecrest	32,963	31,934	31,006
93560	Rosamond	21,466	22,053	23,395
93561	Greater Tehachapi (includes 95331)	34,914	34,162	34,103
93510	Acton	7,365	7,033	6,916

Zip	City	2020 Census	2025 Est.	2030 Proj.
93532	Lake Hughes	2,405	2,247	2,185
93534	Lancaster	44,185	42,689	42,218
93535	Lancaster	81,884	80,549	80,920
93536	Lancaster	74,296	72,876	73,103
93543	Littlerock	14,194	13,665	13,493
93544	Llano	1,217	1,105	1,060
93550	Palmdale	82,371	80,075	79,847
93551	Palmdale	56,174	55,583	56,201
93552	Palmdale	42,568	41,939	42,225
93553	Pearblossom	1,736	1,615	1,566
93563	Valyermo	226	206	198
93591	Lake L.A. (Palmdale)	7,474	7,157	7,046
Overall Total		534,542	523,517	527,935



LANCASTER CITY STATS

44933 FERN AVENUE, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(661) 723-6128 | CityofLancasterca.org



Population Includes zip codes: 93534, 93535, 93536

2020 Census Population	173,516
2025 Population	169,241
2030 Projection	169,810

Population Characteristics

Median Age	35
Spanish Speaking	27.24%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino	51.56%
Hispanic or Latino	48.44%
White Alone	29.02%
Black or African American	22.39%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.70%
Asian Alone	4.64%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.19%
Other	25.49%
Two or More Races	16.57%

Average Household Income \$93,904

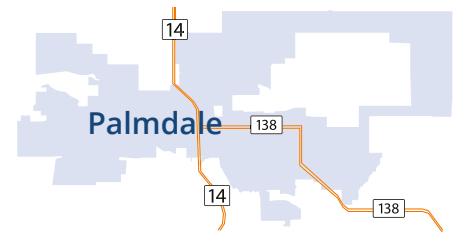
93534	\$77,360
93535	\$79,261
93536	\$122,093

Median Housing Value \$430,454

Housing Units (estimate)	54,421
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	58.42%

Education (Age 25+)

No High School Diploma	9.71%
High School Graduate	29.87%
Some College, No Degree	21.43%
Associate's Degree	8.65%
Bachelor's Degree	13.14%
Graduate Degree	8.19%



PALMDALE CITY STATS

8300 SIERRA HWY., SUITE A, PALMDALE, CA 93550
(661) 267-5100 | CityofPalmdale.org

POPULATION Includes zip codes: 93550, 93551, 93552

2020 Census Population	169,450
2025 Population	166,408
2030 Projection	167,270

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	34.80
Spanish Speaking	47.04%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	34.60%
Hispanic or Latino	65.40%
White Alone	23.57%
Black or African American	13.43%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.21%
Asian Alone	4.31%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.21%
Other	38.29%
Two or More Races	17.97%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$106,055

93550	\$81,526
93551	\$143,724
93552	\$106,406

MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE \$464,734

Housing Units (estimate)	49,184
Persons Per Household (avg.)	4
Homeowners (avg.)	66.43%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	11.03%
High School Graduate	29.28%
Some College, No Degree	21.40%
Associate's Degree	7.55%
Bachelor's Degree	12.76%
Graduate Degree	6.21%

CALIFORNIA CITY CITY STATS

21000 HACIENDA BLVD, CALIFORNIA CITY, CA 93505
(760) 373-96610 | CaliforniaCity-CA.gov/CC



Population Includes zip code: 93505

2020 Census Population	14,973
2025 Population	14,577
2030 Projection	14,484

Population Characteristics

Median Age	34.80
Spanish Speaking	27.14%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino	59.85%
Hispanic or Latino	40.15%
White Alone	33.88%
Black or African American	25.59%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.38%
Asian Alone	2.70%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.32%
Other	22.13%
Two or More Races	14.01%

Average Household Income

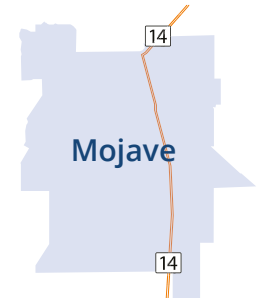
93505	\$72,459
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Median Housing Value

Housing Units (estimate)	5,550
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	58.16%

Education (Age 25+)

No High School Diploma	11.04%
High School Graduate	37.34%
Some College, No Degree	22.98%
Associate's Degree	9.02%
Bachelor's Degree	7.59%
Master's Degree	2.53%
Professional School Degree	0.61%
Doctoral Degree	0.35%



MOJAVE COMMUNITY STATS

Population Includes zip code: 93501

2020 Census Population	6,103
2025 Population	5,803
2030 Projection	5,616

Population Characteristics

Median Age	32.80
Spanish Speaking	29.08%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino	51.43%
Hispanic or Latino	48.57%
White Alone	36.95%
Black or African American	22.29%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.87%
Asian Alone	1.43%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.11%
Other	22.38%
Two or More Races	14.96%

Average Household Income

93501	\$68,593
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Median Housing Value

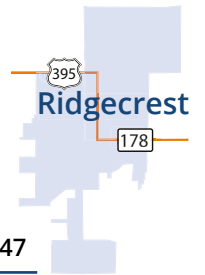
Housing Units (estimate)	1,862
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	39.06%

Education (Age 25+)

No High School Diploma	7.32%
High School Graduate	38.78%
Some College, No Degree	34.47%
Associate's Degree	4.52%
Bachelor's Degree	1.33%
Master's Degree	1.44%
Professional School Degree	0.04%
Doctoral Degree	0.50%

RIDGECREST CITY STATS

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POPULATION Includes zip code: 93555

2020 Census Population	32,963
2025 Population	31,934
2030 Projection	31,006

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	35.40
Spanish Speaking	11.92%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	73.73%
Hispanic or Latino	26.27%
White Alone	62.49%
Black or African American	5.27%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.26%
Asian Alone	5.29%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.62%
Other	10.19%
Two or More Races	14.88%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$108,747

93555	\$109,233
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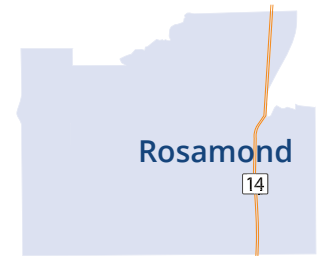
MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE

\$264,767

Housing Units (estimate)	12,414
Persons Per Household (avg.)	2
Homeowners (avg.)	61.98%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	5.73%
High School Graduate	21.14%
Some College, No Degree	23.57%
Associate's Degree	13.47%
Bachelor's Degree	22.55%
Master's Degree	9.48%
Professional School Degree	0.28%
Doctoral Degree	0.87%



ROSAMOND COMMUNITY STATS

POPULATION Includes zip code: 93560

2020 Census Population	21,466
2025 Population	22,053
2030 Projection	22,395

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	37.80
Spanish Speaking	11.40%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	74.12%
Hispanic or Latino	25.88%
White Alone	45.72%
Black or African American	12.60%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.04%
Asian Alone	12.77%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.94%
Other	11.03%
Two or More Races	15.90%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$113,624

93560	\$98,368
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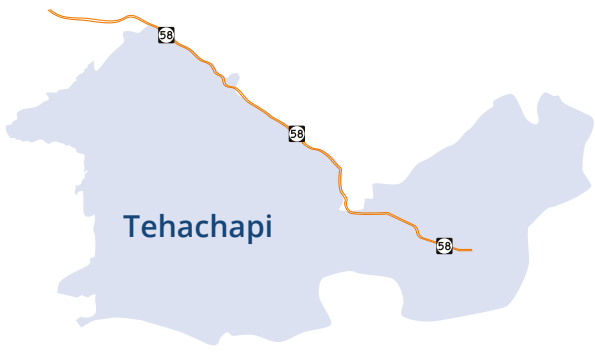
MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE

\$470,665

Housing Units (estimate)	8,930
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	57.69%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	6.60%
High School Graduate	24.12%
Some College, No Degree	25.24%
Associate's Degree	15.42%
Bachelor's Degree	20.17%
Master's Degree	6.50%
Professional School Degree	1.46%
Doctoral Degree	0.49%



TEHACHAPI REGIONAL STATS

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POPULATION Includes zip codes: 93531, 93561

2020 Census Population	34,914
2025 Population	34,162
2030 Projection	34,103

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	37.30
Spanish Speaking	19.24%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	60.38%
Hispanic or Latino	39.62%
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White Alone	52.23%
Black or African American	6.98%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.21%
Asian Alone	2.37%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.18%
Other	22.84%
Two or More Races	14.19%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$79,557

93561	\$107,291
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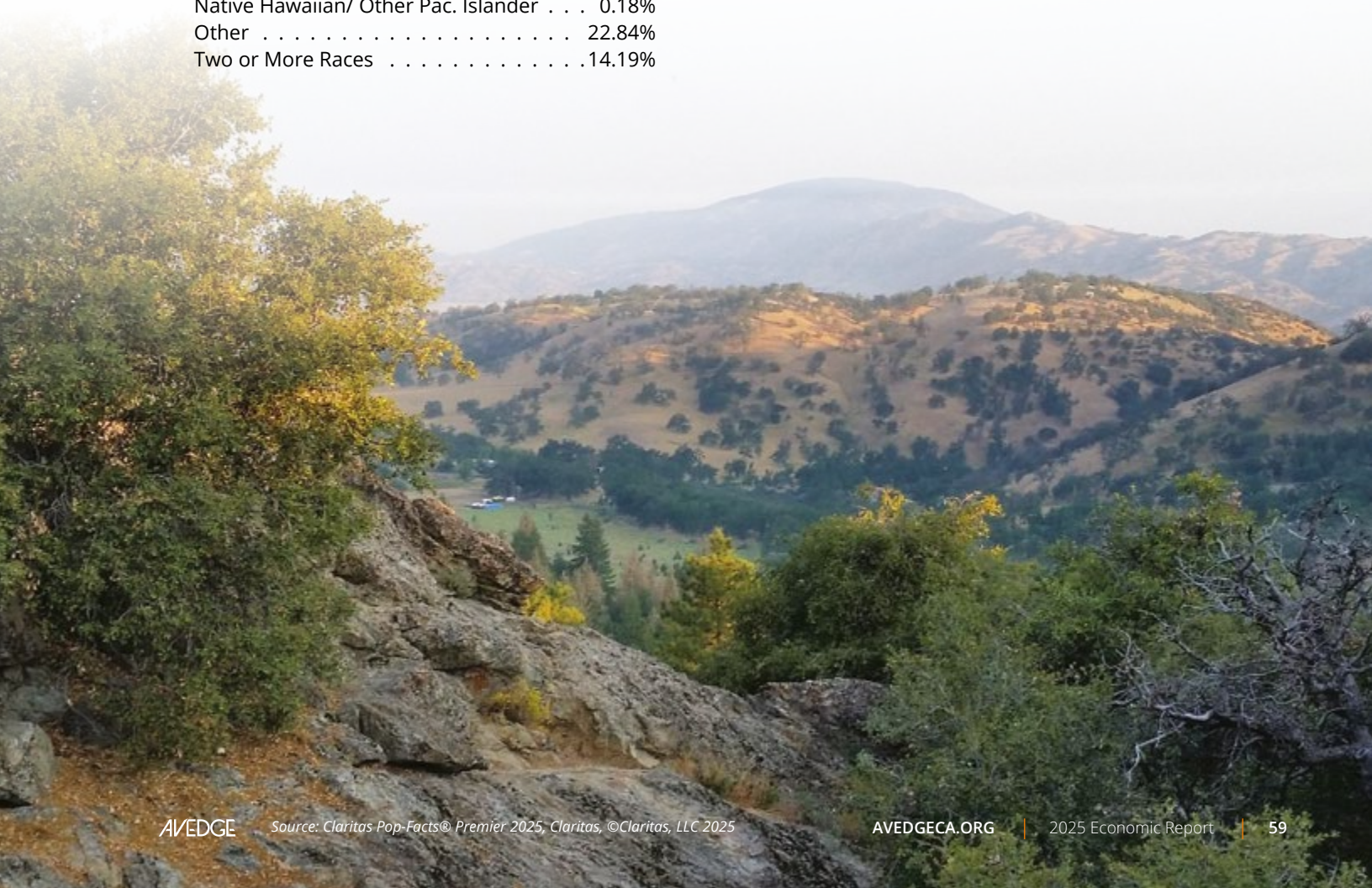
MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE

\$409,175

Housing Units (estimate)	3,929
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	58.28%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	11.89%
High School Graduate	25.66%
Some College, No Degree	30.02%
Associate's Degree	7.41%
Bachelor's Degree	11.17%
Master's Degree	5.17%
Professional School Degree	0.66%
Doctoral Degree	2.10%



REAL ESTATE BY AREA

Area	Total Households	Housing Units, Owner-Occupied	Housing Units, Renter-Occupied	2024 Median Owner-Occupied Housing Value
LA County	3,346,237	1,511,991	1,824,246	\$858,164
Antelope Valley	165,165	107,173	57,992	\$381,289
Lancaster	51,754	30,237	21,517	\$430,454
Palmdale	47,113	31,297	15,816	\$464,734
Kern County	284,049	169,320	114,729	\$362,688
California City	4,838	2,814	2,024	\$260,414
Mojave	1,631	637	994	\$202,015
Ridgecrest	6,994	6,900	4,233	\$264,767
Rosamond	5,648	4,933	3,618	\$470,665
Tehachapi	2,443	2,129	1,524	\$409,175

Geographies: 93501 (Mojave, CA); 93505 (California City, CA); 93534 (Lancaster, CA); 93535 (Lancaster, CA); 93536 (Lancaster, CA); 93543; (Palmdale, CA); 93551 (Palmdale, CA); 93552 (Palmdale, CA); 93553; 93555 (Ridgecrest, CA); 93560 (Rosamond, CA); 93561 (Tehachapi, CA); 93581 (Tehachapi, CA) DataSource: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2025; ©Claritas, LLC 2025



EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

	Count	Total Employees	Establishments with 100+ Employees
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	966	5,531	4
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	305	2,702	3
Utilities	339	13,200	17
Construction	23,060	135,345	98
Manufacturing	18,289	310,304	534
Wholesale Trade	16,256	168,622	248
Transportation and Warehousing	9,487	152,699	171
Retail Trade	59,126	509,246	833
Information	12,347	182,528	182
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	24,210	138,826	143
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	59,173	384,582	395
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,962	15,580	12
Administrative, Support, Waste Mgmt Remediation Services	16,642	274,493	163
Educational Services	10,512	384,891	706
Healthcare and Social Assistance	148,438	660,389	535
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,515	135,143	129
Finance and Insurance	39,965	172,221	171
Accommodation and Food Services	33,235	395,117	337
Other Services (except Public Administration)	55,067	278,102	203
Public Administration	4,172	202,071	324
Grand Total	536,066	4,521,592	5,208

Geographies: 93510 (Acton, CA); 93532 (Lake Hughes, CA); 93534 (Lancaster, CA); 93535 (Lancaster, CA); 93536 (Lancaster, CA); 93543 (Littlerock, CA); 93544 (Llano, CA); 93550 (Palmdale, CA); 93551 (Palmdale, CA); 93552 (Palmdale, CA); 93553 (Pearblossom, CA); 93563 (Valyermo, CA); 93591 (Palmdale, CA). DataSource: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2025; ©Claritas, LLC 2025

KERN COUNTY

	Count	Total Employees	Establishments with 100+ Employees
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	442	6,883	15
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	123	3,484	7
Utilities	89	784	0
Construction	1,954	16,911	25
Manufacturing	867	10,921	19
Wholesale Trade	938	16,181	22
Transportation and Warehousing	1,180	7,904	12
Retail Trade	4,054	38,758	72
Information	503	4,753	5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,396	7,068	5
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,449	15,174	13
Management of Companies and Enterprises	51	193	0
Administrative, Support, Waste Mgmt Remediation Services	1,026	11,686	10
Educational Services	713	29,532	59
Healthcare and Social Assistance	8,406	50,825	60
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	507	5,351	6
Finance and Insurance	1,890	5,552	2
Accommodation and Food Services	2,394	27,534	13
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3,656	14,534	10
Public Administration	635	41,174	26
Grand Total	33,273	315,202	381

Geographies: 93501 (Mojave, CA); 93505 (California City, CA); 93516 (Boron, CA); 93519 (Cantil, CA); 93523 (Edwards, CA); 93524 (Edwards, CA); 93527 (Inyokern, CA); 93554 (Randsburg, CA); 93555 (Ridgcrest, CA); 93560 (Rosamond, CA) DataSource: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2025; ©Claritas, LLC 2025

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