

ORANGE COUNTY FACTS & FIGURES

Center for Demographic Research, March 2026

GENERAL INTEREST

Area	Incorporated Cities	2025 Taxable Sales*	County Incorporation Date
799.8 square miles	34	\$87.0 billion	1889

*Source: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration
Most recent data available.

POPULATION

Current DOF Estimate 1/1/2025: <i>Source: CA Department of Finance, E-5 Revised: Released May 2025</i>	3,175,427
Current ACS Estimate 2024 Annual: <i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates</i>	3,170,435
Decennial Census Figure 4/1/2020: <i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census</i>	3,186,989

Population Projections (OCP-2022):

July 2019	3,196,231
July 2025	3,239,474
July 2030	3,287,447
July 2035	3,327,150
July 2040	3,345,665
July 2045	3,343,718
July 2050	3,327,124

Source: Center for Demographic Research, 2022

HOUSING

Current DOF Estimate 1/1/2025: <i>Source: CA Department of Finance, E-5 Revised: Released May 2025</i>	1,163,983
Current ACS Estimate 2024 Annual: <i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2024 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates</i>	1,160,884
Decennial Census Figure 4/1/2020: <i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Decennial Census</i>	1,129,785

Housing Projections (OCP-2022):

July 2019	1,124,849
July 2025	1,176,165
July 2030	1,220,390
July 2035	1,252,783
July 2040	1,271,438
July 2045	1,290,931
July 2050	1,311,738

Source: Center for Demographic Research, 2022

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Residential Building Permit Activity (Valuations in Millions of Dollars):

Residential	2025 2nd Quarter		2025 3rd Quarter		2025 4th Quarter	
	Permits	Valuation	Permits	Valuation	Permits	Valuation
Single	644	\$201	618	\$207	728	\$215
Multiple	1,525	\$373	258	\$67	530	\$136
All Units	2,169	\$574	876	\$274	1,258	\$351

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Building Permits Survey

As of December 2022, the RERCSC is not publishing permit or valuation data. As of the March 2023 Facts and Figures, the permit source has been replaced with the U.S. Census Bureau. Valuations for non-residential structures are not available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Real Estate Market:

Median Price of Existing Resale Single Family Dwelling Units

Feb 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Feb '25 to Feb '26 Yearly % Change	Jan '26 to Feb '26 Monthly % Change
\$1,465,500	\$1,410,000	\$1,432,500	-2.3%	1.6%

Source: CA Association of Realtors, March 2026

Existing Home Activity

	2024/4th Quarter	2025/1st Quarter	2025/2nd Quarter	2025/3rd Quarter	2025/4th Quarter	Q4 Y-Y% Change
Sales, All Homes	5,039	4,640	5,638	5,745	5,342	6.0%
Median Price, All Homes (\$1,000s)	\$1,148.5	\$1,238.0	\$1,253.3	\$1,205.7	\$1,208.3	5.2%
Price Index, All Homes (2009=100)	276.6	298.2	301.9	290.4	291.0	5.2%
Affordability Index	48.7	43.2	43.7	46.9	50.1	2.9%

Source: Chapman University, Economic & Business Review 44(1): December 2025

Note: Affordability index measures a household's ability to purchase a "typical" single-family home.

EMPLOYMENT

Current Estimate of Employed Residents:

February 2026	
Civilian Labor Force	1,620,500
Employed Residents	1,555,300
Unemployed Residents*	65,200
Unemployment Rate	4.0%

Source: CA Employment Development Department

*Calculated number

Employment Projections (OCP-2022):

July 2019	1,805,476
July 2025	1,843,470
July 2030	1,897,773
July 2035	1,941,915
July 2040	1,976,791
July 2045	1,997,885
July 2050	2,018,954

Source: Center for Demographic Research, 2022

Note: OCP Employment Projections includes both wage and salary plus self-employment.

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Payroll Employment (Wage & Salary Jobs):

February 2026

	February 2024	February 2025	February 2026	Difference 2025-26	Percent Difference 2025-26
Mining	400	400	300	-100	-25.0%
Agriculture	1,700	1,600	1,700	100	6.3%
Construction	103,500	102,500	99,900	-2,600	-2.5%
Manufacturing	156,300	151,500	147,400	-4,100	-2.7%
Wholesale Trade	81,500	78,100	77,200	-900	-1.2%
Retail Trade	144,000	142,800	142,500	-300	-0.2%
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	35,500	35,100	34,300	-800	-2.3%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	103,500	102,000	103,500	1,500	1.5%
Government	162,300	166,100	150,200	-15,900	-9.6%
Services	893,000	902,000	919,200	17,200	1.9%
Information	22,000	22,400	21,700	-700	-3.1%
Professional & Business Services	316,100	313,600	315,600	2,000	0.6%
Educational Services	38,400	38,400	39,800	1,400	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	231,800	241,900	250,100	8,200	3.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	56,300	59,100	59,300	200	0.3%
Accommodation	26,200	26,000	26,300	300	1.2%
Food Services & Drinking Places	146,700	145,700	150,400	4,700	3.2%
Other Services	55,500	54,900	56,000	1,100	2.0%
Total Employment	1,681,700	1,682,100	1,676,200	-5,900	-0.4%

Source: CA Employment Development Department

Note: Self-employment is not included in payroll employment.

INCOME

	Median Household Income	Median Family Income	Per Capita Income
2000 Census	\$58,820	\$64,611	\$25,826
2019 Estimate	\$95,934	\$107,171	\$43,200
2021 Estimate	\$100,559	\$113,908	\$47,334
2022 Estimate	\$106,209	\$121,553	\$51,343
2023 Estimate	\$110,042	\$126,455	\$51,875
2024 Estimate	\$115,229	\$131,404	\$54,045

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Decennial;

American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, B19013, B19113, B19301

The U.S. Census Bureau did not release annual data for 2020.

GROSS COUNTY PRODUCT (GCP):

2010 Estimate	\$ 180.3 billion
2023 Estimate	\$ 333.5 billion
2024 Estimate	\$ 351.3 billion
2025 Forecast	\$ 366.5 billion
2026 Forecast	\$ 383.8 billion

GCP – Local equivalent to national Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Source: Center for Economic Research, Chapman University

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) (182-84=100)

	Mar 2025	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Mar '25 to Mar '26 Yearly % Change	Feb '26 to Mar '26 Monthly % Change
LA-Long Beach-Anaheim	340.6	348.4	352.2	3.4%	1.1%
United States	319.8	326.8	330.2	3.3%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

TAXABLE SALES TRANSACTIONS

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION Sales Permits and Taxable Sales*				
	Sales Permits		Taxable Sales (\$1,000s)	
	2025 3rd Quarter	2025 4th Quarter	2025 3rd Quarter	2025 4th Quarter
Retail Stores Total	65,211	65,095	\$14,391,018	\$15,100,523
Motor Vehicle Dealers**	3,283	3,281	\$2,845,284	\$2,566,810
All Other Outlets	53,067	53,009	\$7,539,545	\$7,736,403
Total	118,278	118,104	\$21,930,563	\$22,836,926

Retail store totals include motor vehicle sales.

Totals may not equal the sum of the cells due to rounding.

*This is the most recent data available.

**Motor vehicle sales permit numbers represent the number of active dealers.

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY Taxable Sales Forecast (In Millions)						
	2024/4th Quarter	2025/1st Quarter	2025/2nd Quarter	2025/3rd Quarter	2025/4th Quarter	Q4 Y-Y% Change
General Merchandising & Clothing	\$3,700	\$2,610	\$2,848	\$2,855	\$3,673	-0.7%
All Food and Drink	\$3,482	\$3,262	\$3,494	\$3,560	\$3,582	2.9%
Motor Vehicle and Parts	\$2,646	\$2,744	\$2,835	\$2,738	\$3,149	19.0%
Service Stations	\$1,085	\$963	\$1,024	\$1,012	\$938	-13.5%
All Other Outlets	\$11,752	\$10,466	\$11,428	\$11,395	\$11,719	-0.3%
Total Taxable Sales	\$22,665	\$20,045	\$21,629	\$21,561	\$23,061	1.7%

Totals may not equal the sum of the cells due to rounding.

Quarters are classified within calendar years not fiscal years

Source: Chapman University, Economic & Business Review 44(1): December 2025

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION – ORANGE COUNTY

Year	Valuation	Yearly % Change
2021-22	\$689,088,931,331	3.9%
2022-23	\$733,634,516,224	6.5%
2023-24	\$778,720,416,289	6.1%
2024-25	\$820,060,963,996	5.3%
2025-26	\$861,597,546,426	5.1%

Source: Orange County Auditor-Controller

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POPULATION & HOUSING ESTIMATES BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	Total Population			Total Housing Units			Persons Per Household*
	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	% Change 2025-26	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	% Change 2025-26	January 1, 2026
Aliso Viejo	50,419	49,945	-0.94%	20,189	20,190	0.00%	2.53
Anaheim	340,635	340,433	-0.06%	113,602	114,627	0.90%	3.07
Brea	48,082	47,656	-0.89%	18,719	18,731	0.06%	2.66
Buena Park	83,219	82,850	-0.44%	26,086	26,219	0.51%	3.19
Costa Mesa	110,313	109,436	-0.80%	44,610	44,673	0.14%	2.51
Cypress	49,826	49,495	-0.66%	17,145	17,194	0.29%	2.91
Dana Point	32,539	32,268	-0.83%	16,557	16,576	0.11%	2.22
Fountain Valley	56,769	56,596	-0.30%	20,035	20,166	0.65%	2.85
Fullerton	140,901	140,224	-0.48%	50,791	50,998	0.41%	2.78
Garden Grove	171,668	171,077	-0.34%	50,273	50,580	0.61%	3.46
Huntington Beach	192,787	191,498	-0.67%	83,348	83,585	0.28%	2.41
Irvine	317,652	317,744	0.03%	128,153	129,428	0.99%	2.50
Laguna Beach	22,549	22,440	-0.48%	13,183	13,245	0.47%	2.05
Laguna Hills	30,547	30,275	-0.89%	11,439	11,445	0.05%	2.71
Laguna Niguel	65,167	64,590	-0.89%	28,452	28,470	0.06%	2.43
Laguna Woods	17,132	16,970	-0.95%	13,414	13,414	0.00%	1.42
La Habra	61,524	61,269	-0.41%	20,981	21,095	0.54%	2.97
Lake Forest	88,017	87,522	-0.56%	32,173	32,299	0.39%	2.77
La Palma	15,184	15,045	-0.92%	5,278	5,280	0.04%	2.91
Los Alamitos	12,030	11,951	-0.66%	4,558	4,571	0.29%	2.63
Mission Viejo	91,219	90,401	-0.90%	35,367	35,384	0.05%	2.62
Newport Beach	83,041	82,306	-0.89%	45,132	45,161	0.06%	2.13
Orange	141,825	141,063	-0.54%	48,301	48,441	0.29%	2.84
Placentia	53,723	53,613	-0.20%	18,674	18,815	0.76%	2.91
Rancho Santa Margarita	46,657	46,217	-0.94%	17,607	17,609	0.01%	2.69
San Clemente	63,133	62,636	-0.79%	26,962	27,006	0.16%	2.51
San Juan Capistrano	35,491	35,331	-0.45%	12,847	12,912	0.51%	2.84
Santa Ana	312,796	312,808	0.00%	84,070	84,937	1.03%	3.75
Seal Beach	24,696	24,496	-0.81%	14,677	14,691	0.10%	1.81
Stanton	40,600	41,415	2.01%	12,643	13,024	3.01%	3.24
Tustin	79,650	79,175	-0.60%	28,737	28,795	0.20%	2.82
Villa Park	5,757	5,741	-0.28%	2,040	2,054	0.69%	2.88
Westminster	90,625	90,490	-0.15%	28,588	28,820	0.81%	3.22
Yorba Linda	66,566	66,190	-0.56%	23,801	23,894	0.39%	2.83
Incorporated	3,042,739	3,031,166	-0.38%	1,118,432	1,124,329	0.53%	2.79
Unincorporated	132,770	132,530	-0.18%	45,447	45,700	0.56%	2.99
Total Orange County	3,175,509	3,163,696	-0.37%	1,163,879	1,170,029	0.53%	2.80

Source: California Department of Finance, E-5, Revised May 2026; with 2020 Census Benchmark.

*Persons Per Household is based on total population divided by households (occupied housing units) as calculated by DOF.

Notes: Total Housing Units include occupied and unoccupied units.

Percent change is rounded to hundredths.

Orange County Population by Race & Ethnicity, 2010 and 2020 U.S. Census

Jurisdiction	Non-Hispanic Asian				Non-Hispanic Black				Non-Hispanic White				Non-Hispanic All Other Races*				Hispanic or Latino**				Total Jurisdiction	
	2010		2020		2010		2020		2010		2020		2010		2020		2010		2020		2010	2020
Aliso Viejo	6,902	8,509	892	949	29,538	29,044	2,327	3,838	8,164	9,836	177,467	186,651	8,164	9,836	47,823	52,176						
Anaheim	49,210	60,632	8,209	8,465	92,362	78,237	9,017	12,839	177,467	186,651	9,817	12,972	177,467	186,651	336,265	346,824						
Brea	7,068	13,082	499	784	20,690	18,256	1,208	2,311	9,817	12,972	9,817	12,972	9,817	12,972	39,282	47,325						
Buena Park	21,232	27,499	2,809	2,504	22,302	16,331	2,549	3,370	31,638	34,330	31,638	34,330	31,638	34,330	80,530	84,034						
Costa Mesa	8,483	9,455	1,352	1,306	56,993	54,169	3,729	6,193	39,403	40,795	39,403	40,795	39,403	40,795	109,960	111,918						
Cypress	14,850	18,743	1,376	1,522	20,865	16,356	1,932	2,841	8,779	10,689	8,779	10,689	8,779	10,689	47,802	50,151						
Dana Point	1037	1,291	255	268	25,468	23,463	929	1,791	5,662	6,294	5,662	6,294	5,662	6,294	33,351	33,107						
Fountain Valley	18,324	22,532	473	526	27,234	22,230	2,032	2,922	7,250	8,837	7,250	8,837	7,250	8,837	55,313	57,047						
Fullerton	30,486	37,913	2,791	2,972	51,656	42,150	3,727	6,357	46,501	54,225	46,501	54,225	46,501	54,225	135,161	143,617						
Garden Grove	63,118	72,524	1,752	1,595	38,558	28,172	4,376	5,556	63,079	64,102	63,079	64,102	63,079	64,102	170,883	171,949						
Huntington Beach	20,792	25,921	1,635	2,111	127,640	117,536	7,514	13,686	32,411	39,457	32,411	39,457	32,411	39,457	189,992	198,711						
Irvine	82,722	139,725	3,494	6,646	95,822	106,056	10,716	19,388	19,621	35,855	19,621	35,855	19,621	35,855	212,375	307,670						
La Habra	5,501	7,802	836	1,047	18,178	14,953	1,275	1,856	34,449	37,439	34,449	37,439	34,449	37,439	60,239	63,097						
La Palma	7,432	7,835	773	766	4,329	3,324	547	717	2,487	2,939	2,487	2,939	2,487	2,939	15,568	15,568						
Laguna Beach	797	961	158	181	19,472	18,328	646	1,407	1,650	2,155	1,650	2,155	1,650	2,155	22,723	23,032						
Laguna Hills	3,790	4,715	373	420	18,725	16,849	1,214	1,901	6,242	7,489	6,242	7,489	6,242	7,489	30,344	31,374						
Laguna Niguel	5,390	6,306	693	766	45,682	42,824	2,453	3,949	8,761	10,510	8,761	10,510	8,761	10,510	62,979	64,355						
Laguna Woods	1613	3,796	105	158	13,600	12,206	224	545	650	939	650	939	650	939	16,192	17,644						
Lake Forest	9,985	16,650	1,158	1,312	44,177	40,506	2,920	5,445	19,024	21,945	19,024	21,945	19,024	21,945	77,264	85,858						
Los Alamitos	1,447	2,060	300	347	6,721	5,449	563	898	2,418	3,026	2,418	3,026	2,418	3,026	11,449	11,780						
Mission Viejo	8,312	10,822	1,129	1,134	64,276	57,790	3,711	5,921	15,877	17,986	15,877	17,986	15,877	17,986	93,305	93,653						
Newport Beach	5,925	7,443	571	626	70,142	64,352	2,374	4,628	6,174	8,190	6,174	8,190	6,174	8,190	85,186	85,239						
Orange	15,116	18,058	1,895	2,221	63,805	55,330	3,586	6,727	52,014	57,575	52,014	57,575	52,014	57,575	136,416	139,911						
Piacentia	7,457	9,940	818	946	22,590	18,993	1,252	2,254	18,416	19,691	18,416	19,691	18,416	19,691	50,533	51,824						
Rancho Santa Margarita	4,268	5,711	788	761	32,054	27,930	1,841	3,250	8,902	10,297	8,902	10,297	8,902	10,297	47,853	47,949						
San Clemente	2,269	2,513	349	382	48,254	45,889	1,948	3,830	10,702	11,679	10,702	11,679	10,702	11,679	63,522	64,293						
San Juan Capistrano	952	1,194	146	139	19,312	18,591	795	1,568	13,388	13,704	13,388	13,704	13,388	13,704	34,593	35,196						
Santa Ana	33,618	37,440	3,177	2,745	29,950	26,438	3,855	5,582	253,928	238,022	253,928	238,022	253,928	238,022	324,528	310,227						
Seal Beach	2,273	3,624	255	370	18,580	16,814	729	1,281	2,331	3,153	2,331	3,153	2,331	3,153	24,168	25,242						
Stanton	8,708	11,250	703	666	8,340	5,968	1,018	1,271	19,417	18,807	19,417	18,807	19,417	18,807	38,186	37,962						
Tustin	15,147	19,043	1,535	1,619	26,317	22,901	2,517	4,001	30,024	32,712	30,024	32,712	30,024	32,712	75,540	80,276						
Villa Park	848	1,116	42	47	4,177	3,641	147	315	598	724	598	724	598	724	5,812	5,843						
Westminster	42,414	46,513	700	853	22,972	17,962	2,439	3,238	21,176	22,345	21,176	22,345	21,176	22,345	89,701	90,911						
Yorba Linda	9,957	15,570	789	786	42,183	36,022	2,085	3,689	9,220	12,269	9,220	12,269	9,220	12,269	64,234	68,336						
Remainder Unincorporated	15,034	20,936	1,170	1,364	75,535	73,595	4,088	7,787	25,333	29,195	25,333	29,195	25,333	29,195	121,160	132,877						
Total Orange County	532,477	699,124	44,000	49,304	1,328,499	1,198,655	92,283	153,072	1,012,973	1,086,834	1,012,973	1,086,834	1,012,973	1,086,834	3,010,232	3,186,989						

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 **Hispanic or Latino can be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Public Law 94-171 Summary File

For a more in-depth comparison between the 2010 and 2020 decennial census, please visit <http://www.fullerton.edu/cdr/demographics/census2020.aspx>