

Center for Demographic Research

2023-2026

Business Plan

Sponsors:

California State University, Fullerton
County of Orange
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Orange County Council of Governments
Orange County Transportation Authority
Orange County Water District
Southern California Association of Governments
Transportation Corridor Agencies

Contributing Partners:

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
Orange County Sanitation District

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I. MISSION STATEMENT, CORE FUNCTION, AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Mission Statement

Provide accurate and timely information regarding population, housing and employment characteristics for Orange County, California in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Core Function

The core function of the Center for Demographic Research is the preparation of demographic forecasts for Orange County, California for a wide range of local, subregional and regional applications, including transportation infrastructure planning, facilities planning and timing, development of fee programs, bond revenue stream analysis, general planning and other applications.

- The technical complexity of preparing and maintaining demographic forecasts requires a long-term commitment from public agencies to maintain data consistency, quality, and expertise.
- To the extent practicable, CDR also provides on-going demographic products including the Orange County Profiles, and the Orange County Facts and Figures, and the annual Orange County Progress Report.

CDR Guiding Principles

In conducting the Core Function, the Center for Demographic Research is guided by the following principles:

Accuracy

Produce demographic estimates and projections that are valid and accurate.

Objectivity

Produce demographic estimates and projections that are independent and objective.

Honesty, Trust and Respect

Maintain the highest degree of integrity, honesty, trust, and respect in our interactions with our sponsors and clients, as well as private and public agencies and individuals.

Teamwork and Problem Solving

Attain CDR's goals through cooperative efforts and collaboration with each other and our sponsors, and strive to solve problems in a creative and a cost-effective manner.

Learning and Teaching

Continuously develop ourselves, enhancing our talents, skills, and abilities.

II. SPONSORSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

The Center for Demographic Research was established in 1996 to ensure Orange County continues its presence in the development and support of demographic information. The CDR activities are located at California State University, Fullerton, ensuring data consistency through the maintenance of a centralized data source of Orange County demographic characteristics.

The Center for Demographic Research is sponsored by the County of Orange, Orange County Transportation Authority, Transportation Corridor Agencies, Orange County Council of Governments, Municipal Water District of Orange County, Orange County Water District, Southern California Association of Governments, and California State University, Fullerton. These agencies govern and support the Center for Demographic Research and are referred to as CDR Sponsors.

In 2010, the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission joined the agencies supporting the CDR as a Contributing Partner. This new tier of financial support was created to be responsive to an agency's desire to participate in supporting CDR but focused in their scope of CDR services. The contributing partner tier of support includes specified work product, limited access to CDR resources and products, and non-voting membership on technical and management committees. In 2023, the Orange County Sanitation District transitioned from a full sponsor to a contributing partner.

The Center for Demographic Research operates in partnership with California State University, Fullerton, supporting the university's learning-centered mission, and is run operationally through the CSUF Auxiliary Services Corporation with academic oversight from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The CDR makes its wealth of data readily available to faculty and student researchers, assists the faculty in designing instructional activities in the field of demography, and draws upon faculty research and expertise in its project activities. Through such linkages, the CDR provides opportunities for California State University, Fullerton and

other institutions of higher education to benefit from participation in regional demographic concerns.

A Management Oversight Committee serves as the policy committee overseeing the activities of the CDR. Each of the sponsoring agencies has one voting member and the two water agencies share one voting member. Contributing Partners have one non-voting, ex-officio member each. Its responsibilities include (1) consideration of policy matters associated with the operations of the CDR, (2) review of product status and activities which are part of the core work program, (3) review of the CDR's financial status, (4) set CDR budget and modify staff salaries, (5) consideration of requests from additional agencies wishing to become sponsors or contributing partners, and (6) consideration of other matters vital to the function of the CDR, including additional tasks as requested by the sponsors.

A Technical Advisory Committee provides technical guidance and input into the development of each product produced on the annual work program. The Technical Advisory Committee advises the Director of the CDR, as well as reports to the Management Oversight Committee. Its primary role is to provide advice on the approach, techniques, data sources and methods used to develop new products, facilitate the acquisition of data necessary to produce products, to provide suggestions on the interpretation and analysis incorporated into products, to provide input on assumptions for the development of the growth forecasts, and to provide review of products prior to approval by the Management Oversight Committee. Membership to this committee is the same as the Management Oversight Committee, with the addition of a second CSU Fullerton representative and one member each from both Chapman University and the University of California, Irvine (see attached membership list).

III. SERVICES AND PRODUCTS

Below is a sampling of some of the products and services produced by the CDR.

REPORTS

Orange County Progress Report
Orange County Projections
Orange County Facts and Figures
Boundary and Annexation Report
Housing Activity Report
2020 Census Demographic Profile & decadal change report

PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES

Provide Public Information on Orange County Demographics as Requested
Maintain CDR Website
Host Orange County Data Acquisition Partnership (OCDAP) website
Provide Information and Analysis to News Media where demographics is the focus
Update Regional Housing Needs Allocations for annexations and incorporations.
Process census data
California State Data Center affiliate

DATA BASES

Orange County Projections
Housing Inventory System: data system includes all changes to each jurisdiction's housing stock
Annual Population and Housing Unit estimates by partial census tract

COMMITTEES

Participate in Sponsor Technical Advisory Committees as Requested
Coordinate with University Research Centers
Coordinate with SCAG and SCAG Committees

IV. CDR STAFF

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Carolyn Emery	Ex-Officio, Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (non-voting)
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VI. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVES:

Julianne O. Kline, Chair	University of California at Irvine
Berna Torr, Vice-Chair	Cal State University, Fullerton
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