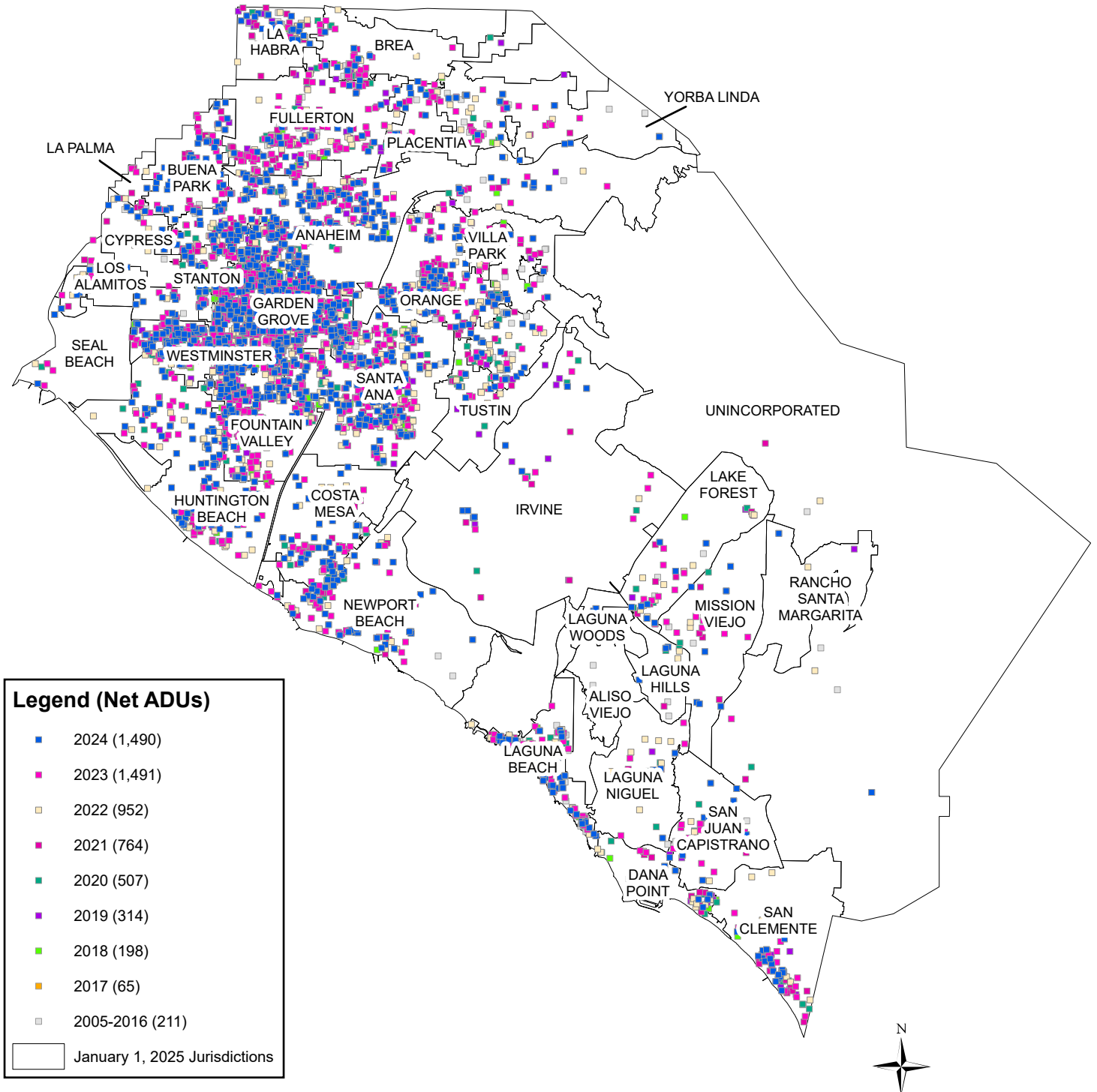


Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

2005-2024 Accessory Dwelling Unit Activity

Orange County, California



Notes:

- Dots on the map represent addresses of ADU activity.
- Map does not include demolitions
- ADUs include detached, attached, repurposed, and Junior ADUs.
- ADU activity is for January 1, 2005-December 31, 2024.
- No ADU activity reported between 2000-2004.
- Jurisdictional boundaries are as of January 1, 2025.
- Source: CDR Housing Inventory Survey (HIS)

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Table 1: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - Net Activity
Orange County, California
2005-2024

Jurisdiction	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Net Activity	Share of County Growth
Aliso Viejo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.0%
Anaheim	1	1	-	4	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	4	6	7	10	32	72	123	152	222	640	10.7%
Brea	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	3	4	6	18	8	55	0.9%
Buena Park	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	19	5	32	45	107	1.8%
Costa Mesa	-	-	-	1	-	(1)	1	(1)	-	-	-	(2)	2	2	4	6	10	15	33	66	136	2.3%
Cypress	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	3	7	25	0.4%
Dana Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5	7	11	11	2	9	50	0.8%
Fountain Valley	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	15	26	27	31	68	35	217	3.6%
Fullerton	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	6	7	20	20	41	47	83	28	260	4.3%
Garden Grove	-	8	4	1	1	5	16	(22)	-	(6)	7	6	7	80	94	206	203	220	362	265	1,457	24.3%
Huntington Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	24	26	47	72	80	265	4.4%
Irvine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	5	1	9	8	34	0.6%
La Habra	-	-	2	3	3	-	-	1	1	(1)	-	2	4	1	5	6	22	14	16	36	115	1.9%
La Palma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	2	1	9	0.2%
Laguna Beach	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	6	2	6	3	8	4	9	23	29	81	56	230	3.8%
Laguna Hills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	3	-	5	15	0.3%
Laguna Niguel	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	8	7	7	30	0.5%
Laguna Woods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Lake Forest	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	4	7	11	9	10	49	0.8%
Los Alamitos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	7	7	20	0.3%
Mission Viejo	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	5	11	9	33	0.6%
Newport Beach	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	9	14	59	32	122	2.0%
Orange	-	3	2	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	7	12	10	46	51	65	73	292	4.9%
Placentia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	6	2	17	14	43	0.7%
Rancho Santa Margarita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	0.1%
San Clemente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	11	10	14	7	15	19	79	1.3%
San Juan Capistrano	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	5	3	12	8	34	0.6%
Santa Ana	-	-	3	4	4	2	-	2	2	7	1	3	7	14	30	41	64	88	123	156	551	9.2%
Seal Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	2	8	0.1%
Stanton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	11	9	10	23	29	18	20	125	2.1%
Tustin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	8	6	8	4	5	39	0.7%
Villa Park	-	-	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	19	7	7	3	46	0.8%
Westminster	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	19	43	26	43	101	152	163	558	9.3%
Yorba Linda	-	-	3	-	-	1	5	-	1	(2)	2	1	3	4	3	3	8	14	16	19	81	1.4%
Unincorporated	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	1	7	-	2	7	15	6	9	33	33	39	33	71	262	4.4%
Orange County Total	1	12	27	25	18	22	31	(12)	18	9	18	42	65	198	314	507	764	952	1,491	1,490	5,992	100.0%

Notes:

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Single unit added to single family attached or detached residence or lot through new construction or conversion of existing space.

May be attached or detached. Depending on type, must include kitchen facilities and bathroom or access to bathroom. May not be sold separate from primary residence but may be rented.

There was no ADU activity reported from 2000-2004.

Increased ADU activity post 2016 reflects multiple pieces of legislation passed over a number of years pertaining to loosening restrictions on ADUs.

This table shows the net activity for each jurisdiction and includes detached, attached, repurposed and Junior ADUs.

These units have been completed or finalized through building finals, certificates of occupancy, or utility releases.

These data are not the number of building permits.

Data were collected from all 35 Orange County jurisdictions through CDR's Housing Inventory System (HIS).

Jurisdictional boundaries are as of January 1, 2025.

Table 2: Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - Net Activity
Orange County, California
2005-2024

Jurisdiction	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Net Activity	Share of County Growth
Aliso Viejo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Anaheim	-	-	-	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	5	5	8	15	34	67	85	125	355	9.9%
Brea	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	2	1	6	3	27	0.7%
Buena Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	9	1	21	19	54	1.5%
Costa Mesa	-	-	-	1	-	(1)	1	(1)	-	-	-	(2)	2	1	2	3	7	11	25	40	89	2.5%
Cypress	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4	10	0.3%
Dana Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	6	5	1	4	24	0.7%
Fountain Valley	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	8	14	14	19	40	19	123	3.4%
Fullerton	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	3	12	12	12	22	52	22	147	4.1%
Garden Grove	-	6	3	1	1	5	15	(2)	-	-	7	-	5	49	72	170	165	152	227	170	1,046	29.0%
Huntington Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	12	21	27	23	87	2.4%
Irvine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	2	-	6	3	18	0.5%
La Habra	-	-	2	3	3	-	-	1	1	(1)	-	1	3	1	3	2	12	9	10	23	73	2.0%
La Palma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	4	0.1%
Laguna Beach	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	2	8	9	21	20	75	2.1%
Laguna Hills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5	0.1%
Laguna Niguel	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	3	10	0.3%
Laguna Woods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Lake Forest	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	7	5	5	27	0.7%
Los Alamitos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	2	9	0.2%
Mission Viejo	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	5	1	10	0.3%
Newport Beach	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	4	9	4	25	0.7%
Orange	-	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	-	5	9	8	33	32	42	48	197	5.5%
Placentia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	2	13	7	26	0.7%
Rancho Santa Margarita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	0.0%
San Clemente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	10	7	3	5	6	36	1.0%
San Juan Capistrano	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	2	8	5	24	0.7%
Santa Ana	-	-	1	3	2	2	-	2	2	7	1	2	2	9	20	23	45	63	77	97	358	9.9%
Seal Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	0.1%
Stanton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	6	6	8	13	18	12	12	78	2.2%
Tustin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	5	5	6	3	2	25	0.7%
Villa Park	-	-	3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	19	6	5	2	40	1.1%
Westminster	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	33	22	32	66	111	108	384	10.7%
Yorba Linda	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	1	(2)	1	1	3	3	3	3	6	4	11	12	52	1.4%
Unincorporated	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	2	7	13	4	6	19	17	28	19	40	161	4.5%
Orange County Total	-	9	24	23	10	10	24	6	13	10	16	23	45	117	205	336	478	570	853	831	3,603	100.0%

Notes:

This table shows the net activity of detached ADUs; these include new construction of detached ADUs or conversion of existing detached space.

These units have been completed or finalized through building finals, certificates of occupancy, or utility releases.

These data are not the number of building permits.

Data were collected from all 35 Orange County jurisdictions through CDR's Housing Inventory System (HIS).

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Table 3: Attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) - Net Activity
Orange County, California
2005-2024

Jurisdiction	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Net Activity	Share of County Growth
Aliso Viejo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.1%
Anaheim	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	2	17	38	56	67	97	285	11.9%
Brea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	5	12	5	28	1.2%
Buena Park	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	4	11	26	53	2.2%
Costa Mesa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	4	8	26	47	2.0%
Cypress	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	2	3	15	0.6%
Dana Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	5	6	1	5	26	1.1%
Fountain Valley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	7	12	13	12	28	16	94	3.9%
Fullerton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	8	8	29	25	31	6	113	4.7%
Garden Grove	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	(20)	-	(6)	-	6	2	31	22	36	38	68	135	95	411	17.2%
Huntington Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11	21	14	26	45	57	178	7.5%
Irvine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	1	3	5	16	0.7%
La Habra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	4	10	5	6	13	42	1.8%
La Palma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	5	0.2%
Laguna Beach	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	5	1	6	2	7	15	20	60	36	155	6.5%
Laguna Hills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	4	10	0.4%
Laguna Niguel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	5	5	4	20	0.8%
Laguna Woods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Lake Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	5	4	4	5	22	0.9%
Los Alamitos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	5	11	0.5%
Mission Viejo	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	6	8	23	1.0%
Newport Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	10	50	28	97	4.1%
Orange	-	-	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	3	2	13	19	23	25	95	4.0%
Placentia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	4	7	17	0.7%
Rancho Santa Margarita	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	0.1%
San Clemente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	7	4	10	13	43	1.8%
San Juan Capistrano	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	3	10	0.4%
Santa Ana	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	5	10	18	19	25	46	59	193	8.1%
Seal Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	5	0.2%
Stanton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	3	2	10	11	6	47	2.0%
Tustin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	1	2	1	3	14	0.6%
Villa Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	1	6	0.3%
Westminster	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	7	10	4	11	35	41	55	174	7.3%
Yorba Linda	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	10	5	7	29	1.2%
Unincorporated	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	2	2	3	14	16	11	14	31	101	4.2%
Orange County Total	1	3	3	2	8	12	7	(18)	5	(1)	2	19	20	81	109	171	286	382	638	659	2,389	100.0%

Notes:

This table shows the net activity of attached ADUs; these include new construction of an attached ADU, repurposing of existing space within the primary structure or creation of a junior ADU.

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