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2024 ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE REPORT





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all our AV EDGE members and donors! Your involvement and support enables AV EDGE's ongoing work of highlighting and promoting the communities of the Antelope Valley to influencers, developers, and investors – both locally and beyond.

I am truly excited to present to you the 2024 Roundtable Report. This information has been brought to you through an enormous labor of love from our staff and partners. I believe you too will be thrilled to see the accomplishments and impact AV EDGE has produced over the past year.

To be frank, for many businesses, industries, and residents of the Antelope Valley, the past twelve months have been challenging. But with obstacles come opportunities, and AV EDGE has made it our goal to identify and act upon the opportunities rather than focus on the obstacles. This report highlights trends, milestones, profiles, and accomplishments from OUR community. I am sure you will receive this information with a sense of wonder and pride.

I am also pleased with the special focus of this year's report on High Tech in the High Desert. There is no greater element of community pride in the Antelope Valley than our historical contributions in the area of technology and innovation. I encourage you to invest the time to read and learn about your amazing Antelope Valley!

As an organization, AV EDGE's main goal is to provide information to support growth in our communities and businesses. We are in diligent pursuit of this goal. I want to personally thank each member, donor, and partner that made this work possible. With your support, AV EDGE will continue to pursue opportunities and solutions that make the Antelope Valley the premier destination for economic growth and development beyond our wildest imaginations.

Martin Tompkins
President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Opportunity is on the horizon in the Antelope Valley! The first few months of 2024 have already been very exciting in the region. With interest rates expected to go down, economic activity is starting to buzz. The whole region is seeing significant growth activity with over 25 million square feet of new industrial space in the pipeline. We're excited to present this year's annual Economic Roundtable Report highlighting current activity and economic data aimed at providing investors the information they need to make the right call to expand in the AV.

Manufacturing, film, distribution, aerospace, green energy, have all seen growth in the AV in recent years. Land prices along with forward-thinking leadership make our communities in southern and eastern Kern County and northern Los Angeles County the best place to invest for economic success.

In this year's report, we're highlighting our history of "High Tech in the High Desert." In addition to being known world-wide as the Aerospace Valley – where many of the world's aerospace firsts occurred, to advancements in clean energy transportation, solar energy and hydrogen fuels, the AV is where so many of our life-changing technologies are born. This presents a great opportunity for growth and investment.

In addition to our culture of innovation, the AV has a large commuter workforce ready to trade long drives to work for local careers. Our AV EDGE team works to provide members and investors with information, strategic planning and partnerships to help grow their businesses and see their organizations thrive and succeed. Please contact us to learn more about membership by visiting avedgeca.org or call us at (661) 441-2957.

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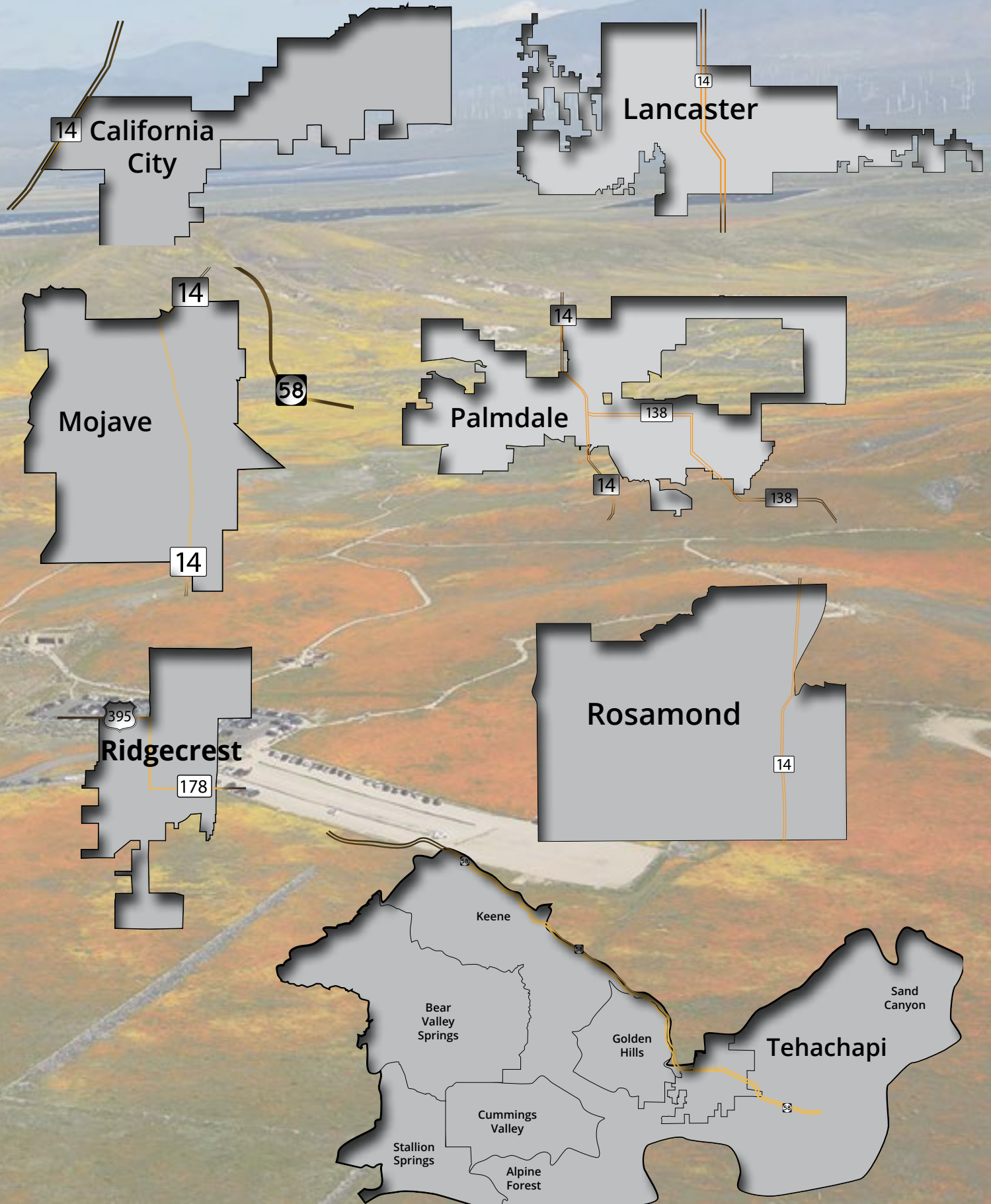
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The AV EDGE mission is to ensure thoughtful, diverse economic growth and development of the entire Antelope Valley. Through partnerships, legislative advocacy, and education, we work to inspire all businesses and industries to engage, leverage and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

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Supervisor Barger attends launch of LA County's Justice, Care and Opportunities Department's new re-entry program in the Antelope Valley for justice-impacted individuals.

BUSINESS/COMMUNITY QUOTE

"I am committed to keeping Los Angeles County focused on supporting our local businesses so they can thrive during a tough economic climate. County departments that touch the business community must proactively work to reduce barriers, especially those that negatively impact small businesses. I'm also continuing my work with Antelope Valley municipal partners to create new housing developments throughout the region. We must dually invest in the local economy's growth and increasing the available housing stock—creating jobs and homes go hand in hand. I firmly believe people don't want a handout. They want a hand up."

— Supervisor Kathryn Barger, kathrynbarger.lacounty.gov

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 her priority. She partners closely with law enforcement agencies in her district to implement initiatives that protect communities. A humanitarian with a strong sense of fiscal responsibility, her vision is to create safe communities where local businesses can thrive and residents enjoy a high quality of life. She believes in providing vital county services to residents in need and serving as a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars.

TOP 2 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Supervisor Kathryn Barger's leadership helped anchor the future development of the Center for Transportation Excellence in the Antelope Valley. The massive transit vehicle testing and manufacturing hub has the potential to generate \$11.5 billion in economic returns and over 114,300 jobs.



Supervisor Barger receives BizFed's inaugural Richard Riordan Legacy Award for support of business community.

No. 2 Supervisor Barger continued championing solutions to tackle the homelessness crisis and helped secure state funding for a total of five Homekey sites, creating 200 housing units in the Antelope Valley. A winter shelter was opened in Palmdale for the first time in several years, and capacity in the year-round Lancaster shelter is being expanded.



Together CA Groundbreaking in Palmdale, CA on Feb. 7, 2024

We're investing in communities to create jobs and improve transit.

METRO CENTER FOR TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE

VISION

The Metro Center for Transportation Excellence will improve the availability of vehicle development and testing so that transportation agencies and operators can reduce costs and accelerate bus and rail vehicle delivery across not just Los Angeles, but the entire Western United States, where nearly 13,000 railcars and 16,000 buses are expected to be procured over the next 20 years.

EQUITY

This project will deliver substantial mobility benefits to disadvantaged communities throughout LA County, aligning with the goals of the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative. This project will benefit underserved and transit-dependent communities across the region by not only accelerating the implementation of a greener and higher-quality transit fleet, but by training the next generation of transit operators, mechanics, technicians and engineers, and putting thousands of individuals to work.

SAFETY

The center will facilitate the delivery of safe and reliable transit vehicles (bus and rail) to agencies and provide a safe place to test new technologies that is completely separate from operational networks.

JOBS

The Center will incentivize the return of full-scale rail manufacturing to the U.S. and create approximately 114,000 jobs directly and indirectly in LA County communities. Employment Development Department data shows 438,000 employees in relevant industries in the LA region, where the unemployment rate as of September 2021 was 8.2%, which is higher than both statewide (6.4%) and nationwide (4.6%) rates; this indicates there are people ready and available to become employed at this facility.



Metro is seeking to partner with local, state and federal partners to create a vehicle testing center, innovation and training center and proving ground that will help catalyze a reinvestment in domestic rail and bus car manufacturing.

Facilities:

- Phase 1- 7-mile-long test track and 5 bus and rail testing labs consisting of 500,000 square foot of system testing laboratories and auxiliary uses.
- Phase 2- 2 manufacturing facilities for bus and rail vehicle assembly, collectively sized at 1,500,000 square feet.

Total project cost: Phase I \$1.45- \$1.6 Billion
Specific Funding sources: To Be Determined
Jobs created: 114,310



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Fact sheet for the Center for Transportation Excellence

MOVING FORWARD

Together California — a first-of-its-kind foster care village that keeps siblings under the supervision of the county's Department of Children and Family Services together — is coming to Palmdale. Supervisor Barger contributed \$500,000 in support of the \$22 million project, which will create 12 homes, two studio apartments for transitional housing and a 7,000 square-foot community center by 2025. "I've worked hard to build stability in the child welfare system that serves

my Antelope Valley constituents," said Supervisor Barger. "I've supported increasing our DCFS workforce. I've cultivated partnerships that will bring more services to the area. This new project will go a long way in helping improve the outcomes of our foster youth. By keeping siblings together, Together California will lessen trauma and change the lives of countless youth. When it comes to investing in opportunities to uplift our community's children, I'm all in."



A Together CA rendering photo that shows what the future foster village project for siblings will look like, once completed



Supervisor Barger poses with Together CA founders (listed from left to right): Christian Bale, Dr. Eric Esrailian, and Together CA Director Tim McCormick.



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BUSINESS/COMMUNITY QUOTE

"In Lancaster, our foremost priority is the safety and unity of our community. We are dedicated to enhancing public safety measures and fostering a secure environment where residents can unite, thrive and build strong connections. Simultaneously, we lead the way in clean energy solutions, particularly renewable hydrogen, driving us towards a sustainable and green future. This not only reduces our environmental footprint but also creates new job opportunities and energy cost savings for our residents. Together, we build a city where safety, community, and economic prosperity go hand in hand, paving the way for a brighter and more sustainable tomorrow."

— Mayor R. Rex Parris

TOP 10



Industrial Market —The industrial market continues to thrive in Lancaster. There is more than 6 million square feet of industrial development in various stages of the development review process. While some projects are still speculative, others have signed tenants and specific prospects interested.

Commercial Development —The former Toys "R" Us location has been reimagined into a contemporary commercial place with renowned establishments such as Sprouts Farmers Market, Chick-Fil-A, Quick Quack Car Wash, Ono Hawaiian BBQ, Dutch Bros, Taco Bell, and Schools First Federal Credit Union. Remarkably, the marketplace gathered a footfall of over 660,000 visitors within the first six months. Additionally, Lancaster welcomed Tractor Supply, Smart & Final Extra and several other local businesses with more commercial developments expected to break ground in 2024.

Housing Updates —With several projects in development, the upcoming growth is projected to incorporate more than 5,000 single-family homes and over 1,800 multi-family apartment-style units. These developments will encompass both market-rate accommodations as well as affordable housing provisions across the city.

Freeway Interchanges —In partnership with Metro and Caltrans, Lancaster is working to complete freeway interchange projects to improve connectivity and access throughout the city. The Avenues K, J and M interchanges will receive a facelift, with completion of all three projects by 2026. Local street improvements along Avenues J and K have already been completed.

Shop Local Platform — Lancaster partnered with Bludot Technologies, Inc., to provide an online platform and smartphone application to support small businesses. Through Bludot's Open Rewards platform, consumers can download the app and earn rewards for shopping locally. Once enough rewards are accumulated, they can be redeemed by patronizing other small businesses in the community. Open Rewards Shop Local app is available to everyone and can be downloaded in the Google Marketplace or Apple App Store.

MARRC — Lancaster and the Antelope Valley Fair Authority received a \$20 million grant for the development of the Multi-Agency Regional Resilience Center (MARRC). The MARRC is part of an initiative aimed at enhancing community resilience during economic and regional emergencies and is poised to run entirely on renewable energy. In addition to functioning as an emergency facility, the MARRC will double as an event center for the Antelope Valley.





MOVING FORWARD

Lancaster is experiencing a pivotal moment of advancement and prosperity and is poised for significant growth in all sectors. Developers are investing in Lancaster and have initiated major projects that will transform the city and create thousands of warehouse and logistics jobs for our residents. In addition to the industrial boom, thousands of housing units are in the pipeline and various commercial redevelopment and development projects are underway.

In conjunction with private developments, Lancaster is committed to investing in itself and the future through capital improvement programs, park and facility renovations, local events, and renewable hydrogen partnerships. Quality-of-life and public safety are at the forefront of our efforts. Additionally, Lancaster recently launched a community-led hybrid policing model in partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a dual force to bolster the city's public safety infrastructure.



2023 MILESTONES



USL Antelope Valley — Lancaster, along with the United Soccer League (USL), Antelope Valley Soccer, Inc. (USL Antelope Valley), announced intentions to introduce men's professional and women's pre-professional soccer to Lancaster. The former minor league baseball stadium that was once home to the Lancaster JetHawks, will be transformed into a soccer-specific venue for the club's matchup. With the transformation of the facility, this will become the fourth stadium dedicated to the sport in Southern California.

BYD Expansion — Lancaster first welcomed electric bus manufacturer, BYD, in 2013. Since then, the company's presence in the city has widened and continued to expand. Recently, BYD has submitted a project on a 160-acre site that would include a 630,000 square-foot electric school bus manufacturing facility with ample room for expansion. The facility is slated to be under construction in 2024.

Film Office — The Lancaster Economic Development division expanded its scope to add the Lancaster Film Office. This strategic move aims to synergize economic growth with the city's thriving film industry. By integrating film-related initiatives into its portfolio, the department seeks to attract more productions, stimulate local businesses, and enhance Lancaster's position as a dynamic hub for economic and cinematic endeavors.

Hydrogen — Lancaster continues to be on the cutting-edge of sustainability and clean energy practices. Lancaster has formalized a "Sister City" relationship with the City of Namie in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan and has added a mentee – the county of Hawai'i. Further, Lancaster has partnerships with several companies and pilot programs that are using various technologies to produce and utilize clean hydrogen energy.



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Palmdale

*A hidden gem of innovation
in the Antelope Valley*



With over 12 million square feet of new industrial development underway, Palmdale is raising the bar. Air Force Plant 42 alone provides 16,000+ jobs and is home of Northrop Grumman's B-21 "Raider" bomber, which took its inaugural flight in 2023.

The City has allocated over \$73 million for capital improvement projects this fiscal year, with an additional \$26 million in the pipeline by 2025, setting the stage for Palmdale to take economic growth and innovation to new heights!

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BUSINESS/COMMUNITY QUOTE

"IDS Real Estate Group worked with the city of Palmdale to bring a highly complicated one million square-foot distribution center from concept to groundbreaking. Having developed over 40 million square feet across the country, the city of Palmdale has proven to be an exceptional partner in Southern California due to its pragmatic approach, efficient processes, and problem-solving mentality which helped expedite a challenging entitlement, plan check, mitigation, and development process."

— Geoff Garland, senior vice president, IDS Real Estate Group

TOP 10

- **IDS Real Estate Group** has officially broken ground on its impressive \$200 million distribution center, covering 108 acres at the southeast corner of Avenue M & 10th Street West. This one million square-foot development is expected to generate nearly 1,000 job opportunities when it becomes fully operational later this year.
- **The revolutionary X-59 supersonic aircraft**, recently unveiled and crafted by Lockheed Martin at the renowned Skunk Works Palmdale facility, marks a significant leap in aviation technology. The aircraft showcases NASA's commitment to pushing the boundaries of potential transoceanic supersonic flight positioning our local aerospace companies as pivotal players in the pursuit of rapid and efficient intercontinental travel.



- **Northrop Grumman's B-21 "Raider" bomber** recently completed its historic inaugural flight from Plant 42. With the B-21 progressing from development to full-rate production, the U.S. Air Force has requested 100 aircraft, each estimated at \$750 million, which promises a long-term and substantial boost in local job opportunities.
- **Boeing** recently announced a project to modify the MD-90 with a new type of wing that will lower emissions. The new aircraft known as X-66 will test the transonic

wing configuration as part of NASA's sustainable flight demonstrator project.

- **Palmdale's Aerospace Incentive Program**, featuring up to a \$250,000 incentive, was recently launched in an effort to attract and support small to mid-size aerospace and defense companies. Leveraging the city's pro-innovation environment for growth and success, the program actively encourages businesses to establish, expand or relocate to Palmdale.



- **Palmdale is at the forefront** of transportation innovation, marked by its potential selection as the site for the Center for Transportation Technology Excellence. This initiative is poised to create over 114,000 direct and indirect jobs, projecting an impressive \$11.5 billion economic impact.



MOVING FORWARD

Palmdale is boldly paving the way for its future, setting the stage for a city that thrives on innovation, opportunity and community. Through strategic investments and meticulous planning, the city is charting a course that not only supports workforce development and job growth but also fosters the development of high-quality living spaces.

Palmdale's future is a testament to collaboration, innovation and a commitment to progress. Through continued creation

of strategic partnerships, the city is poised to support growth, develop the local workforce and provide businesses with the tools necessary to thrive. These are truly exciting times and the future holds immense promise. By uniting efforts, the city is creating an environment that positions Palmdale as the ultimate destination — a place where families prosper, businesses flourish and investors find unparalleled opportunities.

2023 MILESTONES

- **The city is actively collaborating** with the California High Speed Rail Authority in preparation for the imminent arrival of the California High-Speed Rail and Brightline West systems. The future multi-modal high-speed rail station is set to revolutionize life in the Antelope Valley, influencing how residents live, work and engage in recreational activities.



- **The Film Palmdale Strategic Plan** — recently completed — sets the stage for attracting a comprehensive film ecosystem to the area. This initiative encompasses education and workforce training in various supportive trades, as well as marketing, promotion, and film support through incentive programs, partnerships, and legislative measures.



- **Palmdale's business-friendly environment** has successfully attracted over 300 new businesses over the past year. The surge in retail growth is highlighted by the opening of Nothing Bundt Cakes, Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers and Handel's Old Fashion Ice Cream and anticipated further growth, including Pollo Campero, a second Chick-fil-A, and new shopping, dining, and entertainment experiences coming soon to the Antelope Valley Mall.



- **New hotels** are coming to Palmdale. WoodSprings Suites and Towncenter Suites are currently under construction and anticipated to open before the end of the year, bringing 230 new hotel rooms to Palmdale.

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Kern River

BUSINESS/COMMUNITY QUOTE

"2023 was a year of investment and building for the future of Kern County. These investments today lay a foundation for our future, and over the course of 2024, we will see those projects materialize. Investing in public safety, parks and public spaces, community improvements and the economy will bring growth and needed enhancements to Kern County. We will all get to enjoy the benefits of improved parks, infrastructure, enhanced economic opportunities, and safer communities."

— Supervisor Zack Scrivner

MISSION / VISION

Grounded in ideas, energy and innovation, Kern County is a driving force for the world's fifth largest economy. Kern County's vision is to exceed expectations of the communities we serve, changing the way they feel about government, those who manage it and the services it provides.

With regards to economic development, Kern County is committed to being the best place in the State of California to start and grow a business.

TOP 2 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Through economic development, supporting energy and agricultural industries, Lean Six Sigma efficiency enhancements, and cost reductions, Kern County has weathered an economic storm and has achieved needed fiscal stability. Building on a strong foundation of a growing local economy and aggressively seeking federal and state grants, 2023 can be characterized as a year of building for a stronger future..

No. 2 The passage of Measure K has allowed Kern County to improve the investment in public safety and fire. New equipment, better pay, and enhanced training and recruitment efforts will pay off in the future with a more secure and safe Kern County.



Measure K



MOVING FORWARD

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

With unambiguous support for legacy industries, Kern County is leading the energy evolution and, in 2023, became the first county in the state of California to launch a review of a carbon capture and sequestration project (CRC Carbon TerraVault 1). Despite unprecedented economic and regulatory headwinds, Kern County will continue to feed, fuel and defend the nation.



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California City Police Department Officer Cascarano at a special meeting with Daisy Girl Scouts

BUSINESS/ COMMUNITY QUOTE

"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."

— Alexia Svejda, President, California City Chamber of Commerce



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Scott Hayman



Parade of 1000 Flags. Photo credit — Laura Austin, News Review



BUSINESS/COMMUNITY QUOTE

"The business landscape in Ridgecrest is experiencing growth and vitality. Our local enterprises have consistently confronted challenges with remarkable creativity and innovation. At the Ridgecrest Chamber, we take pride in our role, actively assisting both established and emerging businesses in discovering tailored solutions. We are excited to collaborate further with the city of Ridgecrest and our community partners and continuing our joint endeavors on projects enhancing quality of life and fostering a stronger, more vibrant community"

— Rebecca McCourt, Executive Director, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

TOP 10

Hurricane Hilary – The unprecedented storm event that swept through Ridgecrest in Fall 2023 provided an example of the improved communication between city officials and residents. The proactive response of city officials and staff provided an opportunity for Ridgecrest to deal with the high rains and subsequent flooding to mitigate damages and ensure safety of residents.



Caption: Police & Public Works staff respond/assist during the storm (Hurricane Hilary). Photo credit — Jennifer Ricketts

Community Events – Thanks to the passage of Measure "P," community events have been improved and expanded to improve residents' quality of life and provide an opportunity for different demographics to engage in the community. Highlights of the past year included the new "Night on Balsam" event series and the holiday tree lighting event.

Tunnels to Towers 9/11 Mobile Museum – First responders and citizens welcomed a "once in a community" experience at the annual Desert Empire Fair's special exhibit of the Tunnel to Towers Mobile Museum. This represents only the third time the museum has been in California in the last 20 years, and the community of Ridgecrest was proud to have the opportunity to honor the heroes and actions of September 11, 2001.



A Night on Balsam – Ridgecrest Community Event Series. Photo credit — RAW Media Pros.

Street Improvement Projects – The 5-Year Pavement Rehabilitation Plan is at approximately 65% completion, with over \$8M of streets rehabilitated to date. The streets department updated 100-plus sidewalks and curb ramps to current ADA Standards and completed a total of \$6.4 million in hot mix asphalt paving projects.



City Council members present city plaque to Tunnels to Towers 9/11 Mobile Museum. Photo credit — Isabel Sanchez

RETAIL UPDATE

In 2023, Ridgecrest experienced another year of economic growth with many retail projects completed or preparing to move forward. New and incoming fast-casual dining and entertainment options include Frosty Peaks Frozen Yogurt, Tacos & Burgers, Wendy's, Jersey Mike's Subs, The Habit Burger Grill,

- Automotive dealers
- Building material/supplies dealers
- Clothing stores
- Full-service restaurants
- Furniture/home furnishing stores



New local business 'Tap That Axe' prepares for its grand opening in December 2023. Photo credit — Tap that Axe FB

and Tap that Axe. New retail tenants at Ridgecrest Towne Center will include Ross & Five Below

Ridgecrest continues to offer opportunities to capture market demand in the following retail categories:

- Gasoline stations
- Grocery stores
- General merchandise/retail stores
- Specialty food stores

MOVING FORWARD

Ridgecrest continues to build on the economic momentum of past years, with many large projects preparing to move forward in 2024, including the wastewater treatment facility, the Sgt. John Pinney community pool, the Leroy Jackson sports complex and the Inyokern air service study.

With earthquake recovery projects on Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake projected to reach completion over the next few years, it is vital to ensure that Ridgecrest remains visible to potential new residents. In order to continue the momentum of economic growth, the city is pursuing approval for a land swap/annexation agreement with the Bureau of Land Management for property on California Highway 395 to draw passing travelers and potential customers to the Ridgecrest market.

2023 MILESTONES

Wastewater Treatment Facility – Completed \$3 million in preliminary engineering and environmental compliance for new wastewater treatment facility design. Plans are currently at 30% design completion with the goal to finalize and complete 100% design plans over the next year.

Housing Element Update – The city is in the process of updating the next General Plan Housing Element. California cities are required to update the Housing Element every eight years to plan for projected housing needs at all income levels. Ridgecrest needs to plan for over 1,400 new housing units to be built between 2023 and 2031. The 2031 Housing Element is currently under review and will be finalized pending approval



10th Annual Petroglyph Festival (2023). Photo credit — Ridgecrest Petroglyph Festival

by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mojave View Apartments – A certificate of occupancy was awarded in the third quarter of 2023 for the 75-unit affordable housing development, with over 60% occupancy to date. Off-site public improvements associated with the project per the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant are projected to reach completion by 2025.

Hotel Developments - Construction is nearing completion on the TownePlace Suites by Marriott development, which will provide an additional 96-rooms to the market. The city Planning Commission has also approved an application for the development of 3.72 acres of vacant general commercial zoned land for the construction of two new hotels, Home 2 Suites and Woodspring Suites.

Oasis at China Lake – Phase I development continues to progress with new tenants including Frosty Peaks Frozen Yogurt, Jersey Mike's Subs, and The Habit Burger Grill. Phase II of construction on the entertainment complex is projected to begin in 2024.

Placer A.I. Location Data - The city of Ridgecrest has advanced economic development efforts in business recruitment by partnering with Placer A.I. for location-based data that helps frame an accurate picture of the Ridgecrest trade area and customer demographics.

Tehachapi: City of Tehachapi, 115 S. Robinson St., Tehachapi, CA 93561 (661) 822-2200



LiveUpTehachapi.com

ELECTED CITY COUNCIL

Tehachapi City Mayor:
Michael Davies

Tehachapi City Mayor Pro Tem:
Joan Pogon-Cord

Tehachapi City Councilmembers:
Jeanette Pauer
Philip Smith
Susan Wiggins



Tehachapi Farmers Market.

MOVING FORWARD

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 of Tehachapi is home to several renewable energy support companies both large and small and continues to foster new business growth with co-working spaces like The Village Collective in downtown, which has served as an incubator for several small professional service industries as they take their dreams to market. 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. Housing continues to be built with the ongoing projects from K Hovnanian Homes and Greenbriar Sustainable Living, who is expected to break ground on the long-awaited 995-unit master planned community Sage Ranch in 2024 with public infrastructure and amenities.

BUSINESS/ COMMUNITY QUOTE

"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



Tehachapi Loop.

TOP 10 2023 MILESTONES

Successful Implementation of Public Infrastructure Maintenance as a result of passage of Measure S sales tax measure in November 2022.

- Hiring of new Police Chief Richard Standridge.
- Full staffed police department.
- Construction/opening of the Pinon Road extension.
- Construction of "Valley Park" and Five-A-Side soccer facility.
- Seven million visits to the city.
- Opening of 10 new small businesses.
- Expansion of community engagement team.
- Expanded special events with city leadership and partnerships leading to thousands of visitors.
- Opening of Stray Leaves Vineyard Wine Tasting Room in downtown, the first from the Tehachapi Mountains AVA to operate in the city limits.



RETAIL UPDATE

Despite being an incorporated city of just 10,000 residents, the city of Tehachapi has a much larger trade area serving over 200,000 with shoppers from surrounding communities including California City, Mojave and Rosamond patronizing Tehachapi businesses — in addition to the traveling public along Highway 58. Travel

establishments such as Flying J, Love’s Travel Center continue to be popular trade destinations, along with retail powerhouses Walmart, Home Depot, and Tractor Supply.

The city continues to attract national and local businesses seeking expansion as the market continues to grow. With four unincorporated communities surrounding

the city, businesses within the city benefit from the 30,000 residents located within a 15-minute drive. Home construction continues in the city and surrounding community development benefits city businesses with about 1.2 million people accounting for more than 7 million retail visits in 2023.

INSIDE THE TEHACHAPI VALLEY COMMUNITY

Stallion Springs



Pickleball



Railroad Loop



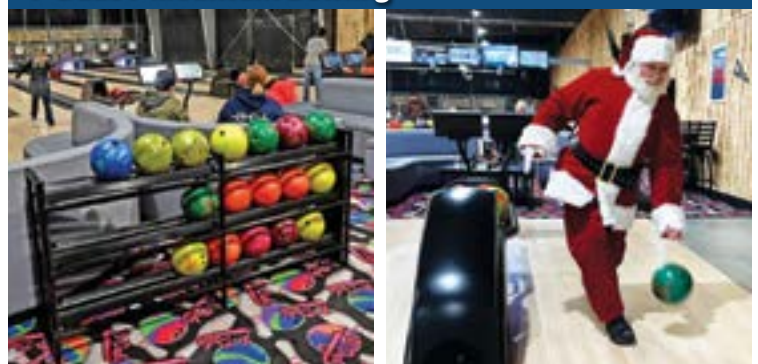
Wine Tasting



TPCRA Rodeo



P-Dubs / Mountain Bowling



Area Parks



TVRPD Fishing Derby at Brite Lake





VisitMojave.org

ELECTED OFFICIAL

Second District Supervisor

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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. Presently, there are improvements coming to the East and West Parks and plans are underway for a return of Gold Rush Days, a much-loved event. Mojave continues to support an elementary school and a junior/senior high school through the Mojave Unified School District.

TOP 10 2023 MILESTONES

- New solar lights installed along K Street, thanks to a RENEWBIZ grant.
- Kern County Fire Station #14 accepted delivery of a \$1.2 million fire engine.
- Planning for the return of Gold Rush Days/
- Active and effective monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting to support local business and plan and execute community events and activities.
- Building Forward Grant program awarded \$69,172 for improvements to the Mojave Library.
- Planning and recruitment to attract a financial institution to Mojave.
- Efforts to build the hospitality industry including an extended stay hotel for those working in the area.
- Increased availability of electric charging stations for EV.
- Working to attract an RV park to serve transient workers, commuters and the film industry.
- Expansion of services for families via the East Kern Family Resource Center and the Salvation Army.

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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.

TOP 10 2023 MILESTONES

- Community pool re-opened summer 2023.
- Kern County negotiated a health clinic.
- New Kern County Sheriff's sub-station was approved for Rosamond
- Rosamond High School, a dual-enrollment school, received over \$7 million in community school grant funds.
- New cafeteria under construction at Rosamond High School.
- At Tropico Middle School, 28 classrooms are under construction, in addition to a new track and outdoor exercise equipment.
- \$11 million in construction are being planned for Westpark Elementary School.
- Grant funding from the American Rescue Plan was approved for a new skate park, precast restroom at Rosamond Park. A RENEWBIZ grant will bring facilities improvements to the Rosamond Community Building.
- County funding was approved for rehabilitation of Rosamond Boulevard.
- A \$1,089,610 Building Forward Grant Program will bring improvements and upgrade to the Rosamond Public Library.

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Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Supervisor Kathryn Barger supported the development of a waste disposal voucher program. Vouchers are issued to homeowners and residents in the Antelope Valley's unincorporated communities, allowing them to dump up to a half-ton of trash at no cost at the Antelope Valley and Lancaster landfills. Community blight can be caused by unsightly and illegal dumping, which has become prevalent in some parts of the Antelope Valley. Through a new series of community disposal days coming in spring of 2024, there are ample opportunities for the community at large to keep their neighborhoods clean and vibrant.



CITY OF LANCASTER

Lancaster has over 4,000 acres of Opportunity Zones, with unique redevelopment or new development options. Within Lancaster's OZs, all zoning types are represented, so there is ample room for various developments. Lancaster's OZs include:

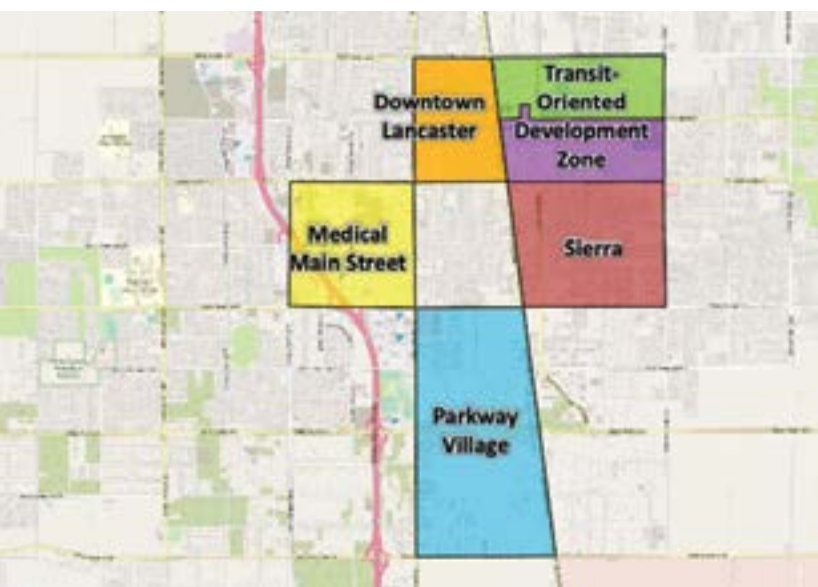
Downtown: The epicenter of arts, culture, entertainment and dining in Lancaster, the downtown district offers commercial and residential uses in a main street setting.

Transit-Oriented District: Located adjacent to the Metrolink, this area is prime for walkable, mixed-use, transit-oriented developments near the heart of downtown Lancaster.

Medical Main Street: Anchored by a new, state-of-the-art Antelope Valley Medical Center facility, the district offers 100 vacant acres. Medical offices, residential, hospitality and commercial retailers will come together in this integrated, mixed-use, healthy lifestyle hub.

Parkway Village: Envisioned for the young professional, this area is ripe for high-density, mixed-use developments, encompassing a variety of housing stock and quality-of-life amenities.

Sierra: Located along Sierra Highway, there are residential, commercial, and industrial development opportunities.



CITY OF PALMDALE

Palmdale has six designated Opportunity Zones that encompass approximately 17% of the total city population. These designated zones incentivize businesses to invest for a valuable tax benefit. Investments made by individuals through special funds in these Opportunity Zones defer or eliminate federal taxes on capital gains.

Palmdale also enjoys its own Foreign Trade Zone #191 that offers key advantages to businesses involved in international trade. Palmdale's FTZ allows for expansion to neighboring areas of the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita region and San Fernando Valley and currently includes nearly 1,500 acres of industrial property. Thanks to the FTZ, tariffs and duties paid on imported goods may be deferred or eliminated, allowing for improved cash flow and better management of inventories while adding value to goods.



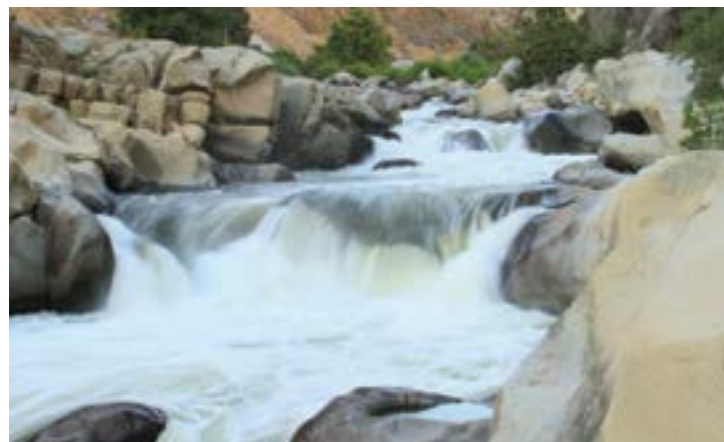
GREATER TEHACHAPI VALLEY

Nearly the entire city of Tehachapi, with the exception of the East Tehachapi Boulevard, travel centers and Capital Hills are an Opportunity Zone



KERN COUNTY

Kern County has 35 designated Opportunity Zones. In total these Opportunity Zones have a population of approximately 210,000.



CITY OF RIDGECREST

The City of Ridgecrest has a qualified opportunity zone in census tract 53 which allows zoning for redevelopment or new development options including: residential; general/service commercial; professional office; light industrial; civic/institutional; and recreation/school/public uses.

HIGH TECH IN THE HIGH DESERT

FROM DEFENSE TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TO A GREEN REVOLUTION IN TRANSPORTATION

You probably know that there's cutting-edge technology behind the gates of military installations and aerospace facilities in the Antelope Valley. But technological advances are everywhere else, too, improving the quality of life of residents and visitors.

From defense to renewable energy to a green revolution in transportation — High Tech in the High Desert is a reality today!

PALMDALE IS THE 'AEROSPACE CAPITAL OF AMERICA'

Welcome to Palmdale, the Aerospace Capital of America! Home to the acclaimed U.S. Air Force Plant 42, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman. Palmdale's roots are full of decades of innovation, producing revolutionary aircraft and space shuttles for the government, military, and NASA within state-of-the-art aircraft assembly and electronic research facilities. Palmdale's role in this high-tech industry is nothing short of legendary with its contribution to some of the most iconic aircraft, national defense projects, and space exploration vessels history has ever seen.

Last year brought even more groundbreaking technology produced in Palmdale to the forefront.

Northrop Grumman produces B-21 'Raider' Digital Bomber for U.S. Air Force

The acclaimed B-21 "Raider" digital bomber — produced by Northrop Grumman — took its inaugural flight from Plant 42. Known as the "world's first sixth-generation aircraft," the B-21 is equipped with high-performance stealth technology and optimized for high-end threat environments acting as a special asset for the U.S. Air Force's complex missions.

As the world's most advanced strike aircraft, this bomber plays a significant part in supporting the U.S. strategic deterrence strategy providing security to our country and allies. The B-21 is named after the Doolittle Raid of World War II when 16 B-25 Mitchell medium bombers completed a mission that changed the course of history and the war. The Air Force has requested the production of 100 B-21s at \$750 million each, providing well-paying long-term jobs to the Palmdale community and surrounding economy.



Lockheed Martin produces X-59 Supersonic Jet for Nasa

Lockheed Martin's Skunk Works facility in Palmdale delivered the X-59 supersonic jet for NASA, which is capable of traveling 1.5 times the speed of sound. The most noteworthy feature of this vessel is





the ability to travel in supersonic flight without producing the deafening sound of a sonic boom. Development of this one-of-a-kind technology reduces the extreme volume of a sonic boom to a quiet thump. The superior design of the X-59 marks a milestone of development in aviation, transforming travel and offering passengers the ability to travel globally in half the time it takes today.

After ground tests, the jet is set to have its first flight in 2024 to provide data that's needed to approve new regulations for allowing commercial supersonic flight.

Boeing and NASA partner for Net Zero Aviation Emissions

With the goal of net zero aviation emissions by 2050, Boeing partnered with NASA to design a new sustainable single-aisle aircraft called the X-66. "With the learnings gained from design, construction, and flight-testing, we'll have an opportunity to shape the future of flight and contribute to the decarbonization of aerospace," said Todd Citron, Boeing's chief technology officer. Boeing is modifying the MD-90's wings, engines, and fuselage with a new design known as a Transonic Truss-Braced Wing. The vision

of the wing is long and thin with engines underneath it and aerodynamic trusses built for security.

"The X-66A will help shape the future of aviation, a new era where aircraft are greener, cleaner, and quieter, and create new possibilities for the flying public and American industry alike," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.





CITY OF LANCASTER PIONEERED THE CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION

A Clean Energy Future and Booming Industry

The City of Lancaster is a pioneer in the clean energy revolution, dedicated to creating a sustainable and prosperous future. The city's commitment to clean energy solutions goes beyond just embracing solar and hydrogen technology — it's about saving money, creating jobs, and building a brighter tomorrow.

Leading the Way to Net Zero

In 2019, the city achieved a historic milestone by becoming the nation's first net zero city. This achievement showcases our unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability. By effectively balancing energy consumption with renewable energy generation, the city is setting the standard for clean energy excellence.

Clean Energy for a Thriving City

Lancaster's clean energy initiatives have attracted federal grants and private companies, both domestic and international. These investments are driving the growth of clean energy in the city and providing job opportunities for residents. The city's dedication to clean energy is a catalyst for economic development and a testament to a continuing commitment to the community's well-being.





Empowering Lancaster with Lancaster Energy

At the heart of the city's clean energy success story is "Lancaster Energy," a city-owned solar and clean energy utility company. Established as a not-for-profit power program, Lancaster Energy is a beacon of local innovation, exclusively available to those who live and work within the city. Programs include Clear Choice — where customers save on average 3% of their monthly energy bills — and Smart Choice — which allows customers to opt for 100% renewable energy. Lancaster Energy customers benefit economically and help pave the way for a greener, more sustainable future.

Power Choice with Tesla

The city's partnership with Tesla through Power Choice is a collaboration that brings the cutting-edge technology of Tesla's solar solutions to Lancaster. By choosing Power Choice, residents and businesses can harness the power of the sun to generate clean energy and reduce their environmental footprint. Together with Tesla, the city is making sustainable energy choices more accessible than ever before.

A Sustainable Future

Clean energy is not just about today — it's about securing a sustainable future for generations to come. By embracing clean energy technologies, the city is reducing harmful emissions, combatting climate change, safeguarding the planet and — most importantly — trying to save money for customers.





AVTA'S 100% ZERO EMISSION FLEET WAS 18 YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The Antelope Valley is a unique area of Southern California. Located in northern Los Angeles County, it constitutes the western tip of the Mojave Desert.

Fueled by diverse industries, business growth, and a robust economy over the past decade, the Antelope Valley has transformed into a hub of innovation. Led by forward-thinking elected officials, the Antelope Valley has harnessed cutting-edge technologies to pioneer a green energy revolution.

At the forefront of this trend is Antelope Valley Transit Authority with a remarkable transition to a 100% zero emission battery electric fleet completed in March of 2022. Led by a visionary board of directors — with a jurisdictional partnership between the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and the county of Los Angeles — AVTA accomplished a California state mandate to transition to zero-emission vehicles 18 years ahead of schedule.

As AVTA Chairman of the Board Marvin Crist put it, “Long before we saw an electric bus rolling down the streets of the Antelope Valley, the AVTA board envisioned a future with a greener and technologically superior transit system

servicing the citizens of Lancaster, Palmdale, and the rural northern Los Angeles County communities. Our board cast a vision and the AVTA staff, working together with BYD and many other electric vehicle and system providers, brought that vision to life.”

Today, AVTA serves a population of over 500,000 residents of the Antelope Valley, utilizing a fleet of 125 battery electric buses. AVTA's local fleet is comprised of 82 BYD zero-emission buses built locally at BYD's Lancaster California facility. In January 2024, AVTA's combined fleet in service exceeded 14 million electric miles since their first electric bus entered service in 2014.





WHAT DOES 14 MILLION ELECTRIC MILES LOOK LIKE?

Impact of Going Electric

- 14 million electric miles
- 3,500,000 gallons of diesel fuel avoided
- \$4,725,000 net savings
- 83.16 million pounds of CO2 reduced
- 261,800 pounds of particulate matter reduced

The Antelope Valley is poised for continued growth and innovation, making it an attractive destination for businesses and residents alike. AVTA's board of directors envision a similar path of innovation and growth as AVTA pursues solar "off-the-grid" charging solutions and increased services to the high desert communities.



ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Antelope Valley Union High School District serves nearly 23,000 students in Lancaster, Palmdale and the surrounding area. The district offers eight traditional and three alternative high schools, SOAR — an early college high school on the Antelope Valley College campus (locations in Palmdale and Lancaster) — the no-cost, charter Academy Prep Junior High, an online education program and adult education.

Schools offer a variety of programs to prepare students with career academies and pathways, including industries such as agriculture, digital design, engineering, environmental science, health care, law and government, the arts and multimedia. Dual credit programs allow students to get a jump start on college.

Some specialized programs within the district include:

Eastside Biomedical Academy is a nationally recognized program providing a real-world, hands-on education designed to prepare students for college and careers. The academy offers a healthcare simulation summer internship program hosted in collaboration with Antelope Valley College and Kaiser Permanente. Through a partnership with the American Job Center of California, the simulation served as a paid internship opportunity for our students with several going on to work at Antelope Valley Hospital after the internship.

Eastside Education and Social Services Academy prepares students to pursue a career as a teacher, counselor, psychologist, or social worker. Students learn the importance of social-emotional learning, interact with experts in their desired fields, go on field trips, and gain first-hand experience through internships.

Green Enterprise Academy at Antelope Valley High School focuses on helping students see and reach their potential to achieve their academic, social, and personal goals while assisting them to develop skills aligned with the district's graduate student profile. Six talented students from the

MISSION & VISION

To provide a safe and secure learning environment that promotes a rigorous curriculum and enables our students to develop the necessary academic, technical, and work-related skills of the 21st century and prepare all graduates to pursue college and any career to which they aspire.

Green Enterprise Academy were accepted into the University of Southern California, demonstrating the academy's dedication to nurturing bright young minds. Six more students were accepted into engineering programs at California Polytechnic State University (SLO) and the University of California, San Diego. Students have been awarded valuable scholarships and secured paid internships.

Health Careers Academy at Palmdale High School was established in 2006 and serves about 500 students. The comprehensive four-year program combines academic courses with clinical instruction. It integrates medicine and technology into common core subjects such as English, science, and social studies while involving students in service learning projects, job shadowing, and internships in the community.

Highland High Schools Public Service Academy is a four-year program that aims to provide experiences and educational opportunities for our students so they may realize their potential as they pursue careers in the public service sector. Industry professionals are guest speakers and mentors and field trips, including to the healthcare immersion laboratory at Cedar-Sinai Medical Center, help prepare students for medical and public service careers.

- PSA students compete to prove their competency with a range of subject material. The academy spearheads a project to ensure all 9th graders at HHS can perform hands-on CPR. Students participated in a holiday project to assist foster children.
- Auto X students receive "operations level" training at Los Angeles County Fire Station 129. Training includes proper extrication techniques to remove a trapped victim from a vehicle in various situations.
- PSA students complete an internship in their senior year, working alongside our local doctors, nurses, respiratory

TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 The district expanded its commitment to the arts, recognizing the vital role of creative education by enhancing student access to artistic experiences fostering creativity and innovation.

No. 2 Demonstrated the district's dedication to meeting the diverse needs of all students and promoting their success through the implementation of a multi-tiered system of support. Tier 1 practices address aspects of behavior, academics, and social-emotional learning. Expanding Tier 2 training aims to ensure effective intervention and support systems.



Palmdale High School EMTs treating a patient in our Mobile Ambulance Simulator.

therapists, paramedics, EMTs, firefighters and police officers while completing shifts in the emergency room in a Level II trauma center and on an ambulance.

Palmdale High School Engineering Academy has expanded partnerships with local engineering companies Lockheed and Northrop Grumman to offer more



(Getting ready for the Auto Extrication Training at Fire Station -129 - 11/4/23)



Palmdale Health Careers Level 1 Students Teaching/ Demonstrating CPR



A trip the QHTV Academy took to USC

students multi-year internships that can lead to future careers with both. Along with the new internships, students participate in the national Solar Car Challenge and plan to compete in Texas this summer. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle class is growing and continues to compete worldwide, pushing students to take what they have mastered at PHS and show the rest of the world that it is one of the premier teams in this field. UAV students have worked with Lockheed Martin engineers who have mentored them and helped them win the aerospace robotics competition three years in a row. Students visit many colleges with engineering programs, such as California State University, Northridge, CalTech, Cal Poly Pomona and

California State University, Los Angeles. The advanced composites manufacturing class acquaints students with manufacturing and design using carbon fiber, fiberglass, and Kevlar.

Quartz Hill Television and Video Academy allows students to learn all aspects of video production, broadcasting and communications. The academy integrates STEM components throughout its curriculum and instruction while engaging our diverse community of learners with higher learning through a heavy project-based learning environment. Students work toward an on-site internship opportunity their senior year in partnership with Odyssey TV and NTXD-TV in Victorville and Dallas, Texas, respectively. Industry partners providing student enrichment include Disney, ABC, USC and Columbia College Hollywood.

Lancaster High School's Multimedia & Engineering Academy is a gold-certified linked learning academy. It offers a unique opportunity for students to engage and learn through integrated lessons, apply knowledge through project-based learning, and develop career skills while still in high school. Students select a pathway that interests

them (multimedia or engineering) and then follow a curriculum that develops their critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical skills. Academy teachers work together to support the lessons in each classroom so students expand their learning across all classes and apply their skills in the community. Field trips to universities, museums and workplaces — and attendance at the Society of Experimental Test Pilots 67th Annual Symposium Technical Session — provide students with exceptional opportunities.



(Give and Grow Project- Meeting with Reps from DCFS to turn in donations- 12/22/23)



PHS HCA Medical Assisting students working on their injection certification, to be eligible for the CCBMA exam



LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Lancaster School District participates in the Elementary Literacy Support Block Grant, a grant-supported reading program focused on foundational skills such as phonics, vocabulary and comprehension. A new Stanford study reports positive results from the program. At Joshua Elementary School, teachers have embraced new, evidence-based methods and have seen growth in student learning. The program fits perfectly into Lancaster School District's commitment that all children will read by the third grade.

MISSION

Lancaster School District is committed to providing safe inclusive learning spaces where the whole child is educated, nurtured, and inspired. Lancaster School District where life's journey takes flight. The 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 2023 MILESTONES

- No. 1** Continued to build connectedness with our school community through our Community Schools Grant with strategies that mitigate the academic and social impacts of emergencies that affect our community, improve school responsiveness to student and family needs, and organize school and community resources to address barriers to learning.
- No. 2** Implemented the first year of a three-year strategic plan committed to continuous growth.

WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Westside.K12.ca.us

Celebrating our 77th anniversary as a school district, we proudly serve the educational needs of our 9,100 TK-8th grade students residing on the west side of the Antelope Valley. Continuing a long tradition of outstanding academic and extracurricular learning opportunities for our students, all schools in the district are accredited by the Western Association of Colleges and Universities. Middle school students participate in variety of sports and extracurricular events such as VEX Robotics, Model United Nations and Mathletes, while elementary students have access to rich after school programs as well. Serving our students are 1,500 outstanding employees.

MISSION

Recognizing the exceptionalism of every child, the mission of Westside Union School District is to educate all students to the universally high levels of academic competence. We are committed to comprehensive systems of instructional delivery that include research-based practices to assure this outcome by "pointing the way, providing the path" to success. Our vision is to graduate students who have acquired the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to achieve significant career, educational, civic and personal goals, which will enrich our society as positive role models and responsible citizens.



TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Joe Walker Middle School Jets VEX team sent all three teams to both the state and then world competition for the first time in their history. At World's in Texas, they achieved the "Energy Award" and won the Onshape challenge for their CAD design.

No. 2 The Annual EmpoweringYOUth Festival brought together over 500 students and their families to learn about healthy eating, positive mindset, gardening, engaging conversations with community partners and about general wellness for all. They also enjoyed a special BMX demonstration that piqued everyone's interest.



VEX Robotics teams and their parents at an event in Texas last spring



Westside Union School District Main Office.



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

3041 W. Avenue K, Lancaster, CA 93536, (661) 722-6300

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.



Administration at Achieving the Dream kickoff event.



New Student Services Building

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.

TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Celebrated the grand opening of the new student services building. The two-story, 61,882 square-foot building houses many important programs and services. The building was funded by the \$350-million 2016 Measure AV Bond, which also financed other key construction and renovation projects at the college.

No. 2 Signed an agreement with California State University, Bakersfield to expand the number of STEM baccalaureate degrees available at CSUB's Antelope Valley campus. This will build a pipeline for scientists and engineers in a region that leads the nation in aerospace innovation and discovery.

CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Part of the Kern Community College District and headquartered in Ridgecrest, Cerro Coso has expanded its service to seven instructional sites that include the East Kern region of California City, Mojave, Boron, Edwards Air Force Base, Lake Isabella and Tehachapi. With a spirit of innovation and creativity, the college engages in activities designed to enhance the learning environment and provide for the ever-changing needs of the students and communities it serves. With a large range of online and in-person courses, the college also offers a dual enrollment program throughout its service area, allowing high school students an opportunity to earn college and high school credit simultaneously. Students can also earn an associate degree for transfer by participating in the college's dual and concurrent enrollment programs. www.cerrocoso.edu



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD ANTELOPE VALLEY CAMPUS

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. www.csub.edu/av



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

The Antelope Valley Engineering Program offered by California State University, Long Beach, consists of two degrees accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, (abet.org) — the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering - Antelope Valley and the B.S. in Electrical Engineering - Antelope Valley. Degrees are awarded by the CSULB College of Engineering.

csulb.edu/college-of-engineering/av-engineering-program-accreditation





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Palmdale Regional Medical Center launched a regional rebranding campaign to be officially recognized as Southwest Healthcare Palmdale Regional Medical Center, a network of care that includes four Southern California sister hospitals in Corona, Temecula and Murrieta. Together as a network of care, we will build upon our impressive roster of point-of-care team members, providers, locations and resources to offer patients improved access and choice for quality health care.

“This unification positions us as a robust care delivery network in our communities while establishing a strong brand that people will soon come to know and trust as a significant healthcare leader here in Southern California,” said Nana Deeb, CEO, Palmdale Regional Medical Center. “We want to enable the communities we serve to associate the services offered at our various locations and see us today – and with further growth in the future – as an esteemed, affiliated network of care.”



TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Welcomed to our facility family our first Family Medicine Residency Program that included eight physicians-in-training. This program will continue to grow in 2024 with eight more residents and 12 new Internal Medicine residents.

No. 2 Earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for The Rehabilitation Institute, our inpatient rehabilitation program and were recognized by U.S. News & World Report as “high performing” for heart attack care in addition to an “A” rating from the Leapfrog Group for quality patient care and safety.

With about 1,300 employees, in 2023 the medical center we launched a “Limb Preservation” program, earned reaccreditation in bariatrics through the MBSAQIP program, earned the Aetna Institute of Quality award for bariatric surgery and attained National Accreditation from the American College of Surgeons as an ACS Surgical Quality Partner in bariatrics. It also earned reaccreditation of our Advanced Primary Stroke Center status and were awarded the AHA Stroke Silver Plus recognition.

QUOTE

“I am confident that the 2024 year will allow us to bring even more high-quality healthcare to the Antelope Valley community. In fact, in 2024, our partnership with City of Hope will be implemented at full throttle bringing vital care to our oncology patients.”

— Nana Deeb, Chief Executive Officer



Three years later, like most hospitals across the United States, Antelope Valley Medical Center is still feeling the effects and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospital and community are adjusting to a new normal, while balancing the fluctuations of our economy. With inflation and the cost of living rising over the last three years, in addition to the reimbursement rates not changing since pre-COVID, are in turn greatly affecting hospitals.

With approximately 2,600 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 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 AVMC’s cardiology department worked on introducing a minimally invasive procedure that involves a small device called the MitraClip. This procedure stops leakage in the heart’s mitral value, in order to repair the value versus having open-heart surgery.

No. 2 Providing advanced healthcare options for patients, our team continue to grow the Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) program, and the Thrombectomy procedure. AVMC is also preparing to introduce a new kidney and pancreas transplant program in the coming year.

QUOTE

“We’re preparing for the future today, and as our community continues to grow, AVMC is expanding its space and services to meet the increased demand for comprehensive, quality and specialized medical care.”

— Edward Mirzabegian, Chief Executive Officer, Antelope Valley Medical Center





Kaiser Permanente cares for Antelope Valley residents and works continuously to improve health outcomes for members and the community as a whole. Through its integrated health model, Kaiser Permanente provides acute and preventative medicine to members at facilities and through virtual appointments. The commitment to the community is seen through the volunteer efforts of its employees, grants to nonprofits and youth education programs.

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 Antelope Valley Medical Offices, 615 W. Avenue L, Lancaster 93534
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TOP 2023 MILESTONES

- Partnership with Antelope Valley Union High School District and Antelope Valley College for a Healthcare Simulation Lab Summer Program where students are mentored by Kaiser Permanente employees and physicians and taken through a healthcare simulation over multiple meetings so they can shadow the different professions.
- Provided \$139,314 in grants to local organizations addressing mental health, human trafficking, and homelessness, access to care, obesity/diabetes and economic security.

QUOTE

Kaiser Permanente — one of America’s leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans — has been helping people in the Antelope Valley get and stay healthy in the high desert since 1968 — more than 50 years. With more than 170 physicians and 1,200 employees, Kaiser Permanente provides high quality care to more than 150,000 patients at five convenient locations in Lancaster and Palmdale.



High Desert Medical Group serves tens of thousands of patients across the Antelope Valley with a governing philosophy summed up in three words: Treatment, Prevention and education.

As an affiliate of Heritage Provider Network — a California leader in healthcare delivery networks — HDMG was formed by Dr. Richard Merkin, founder and CEO, as a multi-specialty medical group to provide the Antelope Valley with the highest quality healthcare experience. HDMG takes pride in providing care as the largest group of independent medical service providers in the Antelope Valley region of Southern California. Working daily with Dr. Charles Lim, M.D., Medical Director, HDMG’s Administrator Rafael Gonzalez says the group’s goal is to operate the way many would recognize as Dr. Marcus Welby, M.D., did — taking care of all the medical needs of the entire family.

In partnership with UCLA, HDMG developed a Respiratory Rehabilitation program – the first of its kind in the Antelope Valley. Additionally, HDMG contracts with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a VA Care in Community provider. HDMG coordinates community engagement with the

TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Our physicians established or sustained an array of innovative programs and services to meet our patients’ evolving needs. For example, Medicare Advantage members have access to the free Empowered for Life program for seniors, incorporating fitness classes, daily activities and social events, bolstered by health education to improve senior health outcomes. Our programs work in support of medical visits, annual screenings and medication therapies.

No. 2 HDMG implemented a healthcare concierge program where each patient is assigned a dedicated assistant to help navigate appointments and referrals to ensure timely, quality care.

highest rated veteran non-profits. HDMG establishes vital community partnerships. In the Antelope Valley, the annual Senior Expo is one of the best attended events. HDMG also teams with government and private organizations and healthcare associations. Our CEO, Dr. Richard Merkin, Medical Director, Dr. Charles Lim and Administrator Rafael Gonzalez have placed High Desert Medical Group in the forefront of leadership in regional healthcare, achieving national recognition.

HDMG has two main locations – one major clinic in Lancaster, and another in Palmdale -where patients have access to complete medical care including: clinical

providers specializing in internal, family, and geriatric medicine; an on-site Urgent Care Center, laboratory, x-ray, ultrasound, community pharmacy, infusion center, multi-specialty departments; and medical programs. Additionally, High Desert Medical Group partners with independent primary care physicians (IPAs) located throughout the Antelope Valley, and these IPAs practice from their own private offices. All IPA members have access to the full range of services and programs offered by HDMG, including a full-service gym in Lancaster, and our Senior Wellness Center, which is in a planned expansion in 2024.

QUOTE

“Because of the health improvement programs that we instituted at HDMG, we were invited to go to Washington D.C. and speak to the National Institute of Health and multiple congressional leaders. The programs that we instituted were copied by medical groups and hospital systems all over the United States. We feel both blessed and grateful we had the opportunity to make this kind of impact.”

— Dr. Richard Merkin, founder and CEO, HDMG



City of Hope®

Founded in 1913, City of Hope is one of only 48 comprehensive cancer centers in the nation. One hundred years after its founding in Duarte, The City of Hope extended its outreach to the Antelope Valley to better serve area patients who require the world-class level of care for which this famed cancer research,

diagnostic, and treatment center has long been known. Within this light and bright 25,000-square-foot facility, patients experience a positive healing environment with advance chemo and infusion therapy, rendered in an atmosphere of care and compassion. CityofHope.org/AntelopeValley.



Serving the Indian Wells Valley and Southern Sierra communities, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital provides a 24-hour emergency room, ICU, maternity and pediatric care, cardiac and pulmonary rehab services, as well as community clinics and urgent care services. The Hospital also puts significant emphasis on prevention to ensure better health outcomes. rrh.org

Antelope Valley Partners for Health is celebrating ITS 25th anniversary of serving the Antelope Valley (AV) community. AVPH's mission is to educate, strengthen and advocate for the community through services and partnerships to achieve optimal health and quality of life for all people living in the AV. AVPH will have a year of events and activities to celebrate serving the AV for the past 25 years and looks forward to continuing to serve the

community and striving to achieve the organization's vision that all children, families, and individuals in the AV will have optimal psychosocial, physical and environmental health.

With approximately 130 employees, AVPH has many programs and services providing education and outreach in the Antelope Valley that attempt to fulfill our mission and vision.



TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Services were expanded to include mental health services, prevention of community and interpersonal violence and workforce development. These additions to our existing services will allow AVPH to increase our reach to more community members in need.

No. 2 Continued efforts to expand existing programming and develop strong collaborative relationships to fill identified gaps in the community.



QUOTE

"We've been coming to this place for about a year and they're doing a great, great job. I'm retired, I'm 78 years old. Whatever they give us over here is a very good help. So every time you go to the supermarket, you see prices going up and up and you thinking, 'What am I going to do next month?' Thank God there is people that care for the community"

— AVPH Food Pantry recipient



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[AdventistHealth.org/
TehachapiValley](https://www.adventisthealth.org/TehachapiValley)

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.

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 and in and love their town.

Together, we are inspired to build a healthier community in Tehachapi for generations



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ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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 corporative 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.

To learn more about AVAQMD and its programs, visit AVAQMD.ca.gov or call (661) 723-8070.
AVAQMD.ca.gov



KERN COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors acts as the governing body of the East Kern Air Pollution Control District a special district in east Kern County. The Board consists of five members; three city council members and two county supervisors. Board meetings are open to the public.
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WATER CONSERVATION

Mojave Public Utility District
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SANITATION

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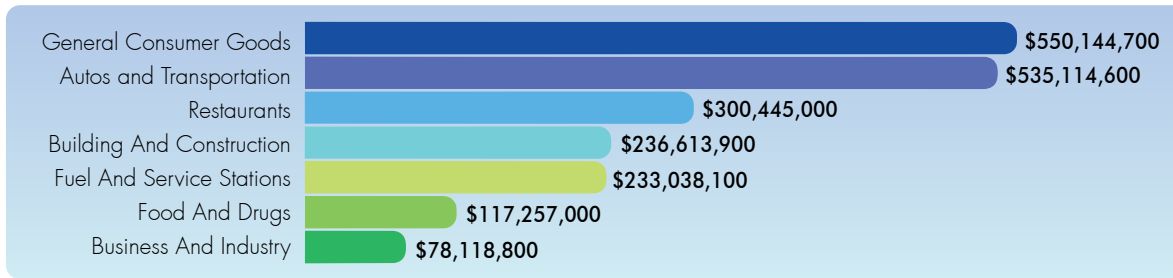
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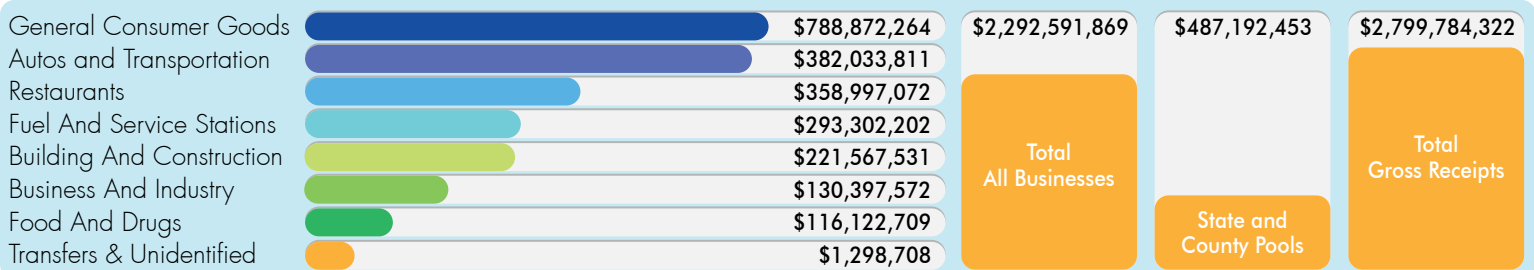
2023 Retail Sales Revenue



City Stats

Permits Issued	5,518
State and County Pools	\$478,863,800
Transfers and Unidentified	\$1,028,600
Total Gross Receipts	\$2,751,703,500

PALMDALE



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AV RURAL MUSEUM

AVMuseum.org

BIG 8 SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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LANCASTER NATIONAL SOCCER CENTER

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THE BLVD

TheBlvdLancaster.com



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PALMDALE MARKETPLACE
More than 209,000 square feet of shopping and dining

DESTINATION 0-8

Popular shopping center which is home to one of Palmdale's two Super Walmarts



47TH STREET PAVILION



PALMDALE PROMENADE
Commercial center with more than 96,000 square feet of retail space. Amargosa Commons

AMARGOSA COMMONS

Prominent shopping Center with nearly 173,000 square feet of shopping in the heart of the AV's retail corridor



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DRYTOWN WATER PARK
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BORAX VISITOR CENTER
Borax.com/about/community/Borax-Visitor-Center

BORON AEROSPACE MUSEUM
SaxonAerospaceMuseum.com

MOJAVE

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PARKS & RECREATION

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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 Recreation, 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.



Future Primmer Park in Littlerock

CITY OF LANCASTER



DESTINATION LANCASTER CA

The vision of Destination Lancaster, is to position the city as a premier destination that offers a diverse range of experiences for tourists and visitors.

Lodging: Our hotels know how to maximize the guest experience, from sports teams coming for a tournament, to travelers seeking the perfect poppy picture to the corporate guest wanting to be fully rested and ready to get down to work.

Arts and Culture: We celebrate Lancaster's rich cultural and historic heritage with its vibrant arts scene. The city's cultural attractions include various art collections, museums, theaters, and cultural festivals. Known as aerospace valley, city pride is evident in our rich aerospace displays.

Wining and Dining: Destination Lancaster continues to highlight the culinary scene in Lancaster with diverse and dynamic culinary experiences, while educating the outside traveler about our seven boutique wineries sourcing locally grown grapes.

Outdoor Recreation: Lancaster's natural beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities are central to its appeal as a tourist destination. From hiking and

biking trails to parks and nature reserves, opportunities abound for outdoor enthusiasts to explore and enjoy the great outdoors.

By focusing on these key pillars—Destination Lancaster creates a compelling tourism experience that showcases the best of what the city has to offer, ensuring that visitors leave with fond memories and a desire to return.



In Lancaster, the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Community Services (PARCS) Department plays a pivotal role in fostering community engagement and enhancing the quality of life for residents. With a commitment to enriching the lives of its citizens, the city has recently made significant investments in park improvements and youth programming.



The city has contributed \$2.7 million towards park enhancements, aimed at creating modern and inclusive spaces for residents to enjoy. This investment will fund projects such as playground improvements and upgrades to facilities at Rawley Duntley and Mariposa Park, totaling \$1.1 million. Additionally, \$1.4 million has been allocated towards expanding youth programming, providing opportunities for children and adolescents to participate in educational and recreational activities.



Throughout the year, Lancaster hosts a diverse array of events catering to the interests of all residents. From the Bunny Hop festival in spring to the California Poppy Festival, these events celebrate the community's cultural diversity and natural beauty. Autumn brings events like Monday Night Bites and Bark at the Park, fostering community engagement and supporting local initiatives.

During the holiday season, Lancaster transforms into a winter wonderland with the Magical BLVD Christmas, offering festive decorations, seasonal markets, and opportunities to engage with Santa Claus. These events serve as platforms for residents to connect, and create lasting memories.

Additionally, the city is committed to meeting the evolving needs of its

residents, as demonstrated by initiatives like PoppyFi: Free WiFi Powered by Poppy. Spearheaded by Mayor R. Rex Parris, this initiative aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable access to essential resources for all residents.

Overall, the PARCS Department serves as catalysts for community cohesion, offering opportunities for residents to connect, explore their interests, and build a stronger, more vibrant community.

CITY OF PALMDALE

Palmdale orchestrated an array of more than 125 community events aimed to enhance the quality of life for residents. Ranging from concerts, to family movie nights, fireworks with the first-ever drone show in the Antelope Valley and the Kaleidoscope Art and Music Festival, these events provided something for everyone. In addition, with nearly 3,000 acres of open space and 375 acres of park space, the city is committed to supporting and growing a vibrant, active community.

With a diverse array of unique attractions like DryTown Water Park and Palmdale Amphitheater, the city continues to invest in the well-being of its residents and guests. Community events, concerts, festivals and family-friendly programs enrich the quality of life for residents of all ages.

Melville J. Courson Park, the city's oldest park, is undergoing a comprehensive makeover funded by a \$4.15 million grant, featuring new and exciting amenities such as a splash pad, bandstand/stage, challenge course, fitness zone, playground and therapeutic/meditation garden that will cater to all ages and lifestyles.



Desert Sands Park is ready to unveil a \$780,000 playground and outdoor fitness area. The playground features vibrant colors and exciting amenities and is set to transform the park experience into an unforgettable journey for the whole family. But that's not all! Embrace the thrill of outdoor fitness with our cutting-edge fitness area, perfect for individuals of all abilities.



Visit Palmdale is making strides in promoting tourism and boosting hotel stays in our region. In May 2023, Visit Palmdale successfully launched the inaugural High Desert Beer and Wine Festival and garnered significant success. Plans are in the process to bring back the festival in May 2024, along with the addition of new and exciting events in Palmdale.

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. Neighborhood parks in East Kern managed by the county include Boron Park, Inyokern Park, Mojave East and Mojave West parks, North Edwards Park, Randsburg Park, Rosamond Park and two parks in Ridgecrest — Leroy Jackson and Petroglyph Park.

CITY OF RIDGECREST

In 2022, the city was awarded \$1.8 million from the Caltrans Clean California grant program to make substantial improvements to the Leroy Jackson Sports Complex. The city has used federal and state programs including the American Rescue Plan Act and the Community Development Block Grant, to fund additional improvement projects on site. Once completed, the revitalized Leroy Jackson Sports Complex will serve as a prime location for sporting and recreation events.



CITY OF TEHACHAPI

The City of Tehachapi is the entertainment destination for the entire Tehachapi region and serves as a special event hub for much of East Kern. Visitors flock to Tehachapi by the thousands each year for festivals including the Tehachapi Mountain Festival, Tehachapi Apple Festival, All-American 4th of July Festival and Hometown Christmas. Not only are festivals popular, but special events such as the En Plein Air paint-out and art show hosted by the Tehachapi Arts Commission bring world-renowned artists to Tehachapi each summer to paint the natural surroundings. The paintings are then sold at a show each summer to benefit local parks and recreation programming.



Tehachapi Apple Festival

CALIFORNIA CITY

Located in the middle of two state parks, Red Rock Canyon and Tomo-Kahni, the closest park is just 17 miles to the north via Neuralia Road, Red Rock Canyon. Red Rock has something to offer everyone. Drive up to or take a serious hike to the amazing cliffs and rock formations that have been shaped by time. No matter what time of year you visit, there is desert life to discover.

California City is the home of the Desert Tortoise Natural Area. Desert Tortoises find refuge in this reserve and emerge from their burrows in spring and fall. While visiting, follow interpretive trails to learn about the plants and animals that make the desert home.



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Entrepreneurship is evident with the continuing development of vineyards, wineries and breweries in the Antelope Valley region. Many venues also offer food, entertainment and special events.

Check out this selection:

LANCASTER

ANTELOPE VALLEY WINERY

The Antelope Valley Winery/Donato Family Vineyard is located between the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and uses sustainable grape-growing practices. The winery is celebrating its 32nd year in business. Special events including seasonal Farmers Markets are also offered. AVWinery.com



BARRETT CELLARS

A unique destination with a private club atmosphere offering exceptional wines and a relaxed social experience. BarrettCellars.com

BRAVERY BREWING COMPANY

Founded in 2011, Bravery Brewing is a microbrewery that crafts adventurous, memorable and delicious beers for its community. BraveryBrewing.com



COMPLEXITY WINE LOUNGE

A fine wine and cheese lounge featuring a full food menu, extensive wine list and selection of beers from local breweries. ComplexityWine.com

CORUCE VINEYARDS AND WINERY

Proprietors Corren Savikko and Bruce Burch began growing wine grapes in the Antelope Valley in 2000 and harvested for the first time in 2012. A wine club and tasting room is offered, along with entertainment and special events. CoruceVineyardsandWinery.com

LOCAL CRAFT BEER



PALMDALE

LUCKY LUKE BREW/PUB

The Lancaster location offers a full-service restaurant with gourmet burgers and beers (breweries and tasting rooms are also in Palmdale and Santa Clarita). TransplantsBrewing.com



STEPHEN HEMMERT WINES

Stephen Hemmert, together with his partner and fiancée Nicole St. Julian, created what is now the Stephen Hemmert Wines brand in 2014. Each vintage is produced in small batches, making it unique and rare. StephenHemmertwines.com

TRANSPLANTS BREWING COMPANY

Our specialty beer recipes draw from diverse, worldly and ethnic influences which often blur the lines between culinary and brewing sensibilities. In both senses, Transplants Brewing Company truly is "Ales for the Unrooted."



GREATER TEHACHAPI VALLEY

DORNER FAMILY VINEYARD

Mike and Michelle Dorner began Dorner Family Vineyard on the southern side of the Cummings Valley in 2011 as a hobby, inspired by a trip to Europe. They expanded their plantings in 2012 then went on to develop a wedding venue, tasting room and a 3,000-square-foot winery.. DornerFamilyVineyard.com



TRIASSIC LEGACY VINEYARDS

In the last four years the wines of Triassic have earned 14 awards at the San Francisco Chronicle International Wine Competitions alone and even more from other competitions. In 2018 Triassic bottled 500 cases of their 2015 wines which includes their estate grown Zinfandel and Syrah, Triassic Rocks (a blend of Zinfandel and Syrah), Cabernet Sauvignon from Stray Leaves grapes and Tempranillo (from Paso Robles). TriassicVineyards.com



STRAY LEAVES VINEYARD

Stray Leaves Vineyard exclusively brings you the Tehachapi-grown wines from Stray Leaves Vineyard. Our tasting room is located at 123 S. Green St in downtown Tehachapi. Come and enjoy monthly rotation of our tasting flights of wines accompanied with great food and deserts paired accordingly! [Facebook.com/StrayLeavesVineyard](https://www.facebook.com/StrayLeavesVineyard)



RANCHO DE LOS VIAJEROS VINEYARD

Tehachapi's newest vineyard is Rancho de Los Viajeros. The Ranch's first crush was in 2014 and that wine brought home a bronze medal. RanchoDeLosViajeros.com

TEHACHAPI WINE & CATTLE CO.

They bottled their Zinfandel under the name Tehachapi Wine and Cattle Company and since then Souza Primitivo has accumulated 10 medals. Their 2011 Primitivo took a silver and their 2010 a bronze award. In 2018 12 great red and white wines were bottled under the TWCC label. TehachapiWineAndCattleCompany.com



TEHACHAPI WINERY

Located in Cummings Valley, nestled in the Tehachapi Mountain range, their grapes slowly ripen on the vine with concentrated sunlight, gentle breezes and 278 days of clear days and nights. The well-drained Triassic soils of granite lend to a rich and complex terroir. They focus their passion on four red varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Syrah. TehachapiWinery.com

HOCHLAND WINES

A Saar Family vineyard in the heart of Tehachapi, the highest elevation AVA-American Viticultural Area. SaarFamilyVineyard.com



TEHACHAPI BEER MILE

Three local breweries all within walking distance: Local Craft Beer, Westlane Brewing and Old West Brewing. [#northofthetrackstehachapi](https://twitter.com/northofthetrackstehachapi)

LOCAL CRAFT BEER

With an 8 bbl manual brewhouse and 120 bbls of fermentation space, everything at Tehachapi's Local Craft Beer is done by hand. Special events, too. LocalCraftBeer.net

OLD WEST BREWING CO.

Delicious craft beers and friendly atmosphere just off Highway 58 in an industrial area. Features beers brewed with artesian Tehachapi Mountain well water. OldWestBrews.com

WESTLANE BREWING

Cold, fresh beer, food, entertainment and hospitality. [Facebook.com/WestlaneBrewing](https://www.facebook.com/WestlaneBrewing)



TEHACHAPI MOUNTAIN BREWING CO.

P-Dubs bar now offers a wide variety of craft beers on tap!

P-DUBS BREW PUB

Old Town Tehachapi location offers a full-service bar, indoor and outdoor dining, arcade, dart boards, pool and more. PDubs.Pub



MOJAVE

HIGH DESERT CELLARS

In June 2011 Efren's ambition of opening a tasting room for his wines became a reality and High Desert Cellars Tasting Room held its grand opening. The beautiful tasting room offers fine wines for tasting, as well as draft beer from Kinetic Brewing Company and Indian Wells Brewing, bottled beer, soda, water, snacks and unique gifts. Their wines can also be enjoyed in the outdoor garden area along with a picnic lunch if desired. HighDesertCellars.com

INYOKERN

INDIAN WELLS VALLEY BREWING COMPANY

"The Biggest, Little Brewery in the World", produces over 20 styles of beer each year and over 100 flavors of soda. They have partnered with Arrowhead Mt. Spring Water, Rocket Fizz Candy & Sodas and other national beverages to produce, distribute, and create the finest beverages in the world. New items are produced every month. Stop by and visit the brewery, or check in with the website to find out what's new. MojaveRed.com

REGIONAL BUSINESS PARKS

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LANCASTER

CENTERPOINT BUSINESS PARK

Location: Avenue J & Lowtree Avenue
Total Acreage: 9.5
Zoning: Office Professional

ENTERPRISE BUSINESS PARK

Location: Sierra Highway & Avenue L-4
Total Acreage: 75
Zoning: Office/Light Industrial

FOX FIELD INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR

Location: Avenue H West of Hwy-14
Total Acreage: 8,236
Zoning: Specific Plan



LANCASTER BUSINESS PARK

Location: Business Center Parkway & Avenue K-8
Total Acreage: 240
Zoning: Specific Plan

LANCASTER HEALTH DISTRICT

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

NORTH VALLEY INDUSTRIAL CENTER

Location: Avenue H & Division Street
Total Acreage: 270
Zoning: Heavy Industrial

SOUTHERN AMARGOSA INDUSTRIAL

Location: Avenues L & M East of SR-14
Total Acreage: 1,400
Zoning: Light Industrial

THE BLVD

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



PALMDALE

In the pipeline:

ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMERCE CENTER

Location: Ave M & Sierra Hwy
Total Acreage: 339
Zoning: Specific Plan (industrial, Employment Flex and Film Studio)

CHALLENGER BUSINESS PARK

Location: Palmdale Blvd and 5th St West
Total Acreage: 10
Zoning: Commercial



Partially constructed:

FAIRWAY BUSINESS PARK

Location: Avenue O and Division St.
Total Acreage: 115
Zoning: Business Park/Mixed

FREEWAY BUSINESS CENTER

Location: State Highway 14 & Avenue N
Total Acreage: 115
Zoning: Commercial

SIERRA BUSINESS PARK

Location: 10th St West and Avenue M-4
Total Acreage: 30
Zoning: Commercial

Fully Constructed:

SIERRA GATEWAY PARK

Location: Avenue O-8 and Sierra Hwy
Total Acreage: 133
Zoning: Industrial and Commercial

TEHACHAPI

BAILEYCOURT INDUSTRIAL PARK

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

TEHACHAPI MUNICIPAL AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

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

ENTERPRISE WAY/INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY

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

GOODRICK BUSINESS PARK (COUNTY)

Location: Dennison Road/Goodrick Road
Total Acreage: 110
Zoning: Light Industrial/Mixed

CALIFORNIA CITY

CALIFORNIA CITY AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK

Location: California City Municipal Park
Total Acreage: 40
Zoning: Industrial and M-1

RIDGECREST

RIDGECREST BUSINESS PARK

Location: China Lake Blvd & Ward Avenue
Total Acreage: 63
Zoning: Professional/Light Industrial

RIDGECREST INDUSTRIAL PARK

Location: West Ridgecrest
Total Acreage: 81
Zoning: Light Industrial/Mixed

INYOKERN

INYOKERN AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Location: Inyokern Blvd
Total Acreage: 40
Zoning: Light Industrial/Mixed



ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (AVTA)

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 people. We also contract with MV Transportation and AVTS. Together these companies employ more than 300 professional operators, paratransit drivers, mechanics and supervisory staff to provide AVTA's transportation services to the residents of the Antelope Valley.

QUOTE

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



TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 In 2023, AVTA launched the LA Metro GoPass program to students and signed up both Antelope Valley Union High School District and Antelope Valley College. Students enrolled in these participating schools can use the AVTA GoPass program to ride any local AVTA buses free of charge, seven days a week.

No. 2 By the end of 2023, AVTA's fleet achieved more than 13 million electric miles driven, avoiding use of 3.25 million gallons of diesel fuel and reducing more than 77 million pounds of CO2 pollution.



KERN REGIONAL TRANSIT (KRT)

KRT provides scheduled bus service throughout the Antelope Valley from California City to Lancaster and Metrolink plus various other destinations throughout Kern County. A new transit center will begin service in Mojave to serve five bus lines in East Kern, Eastern California, Mojave and the Antelope Valley with connections to Metrolink and Amtrak.

[KernTransit.org/routes-and-schedules/100-bakersfield-lancaster](https://www.kerntransit.org/routes-and-schedules/100-bakersfield-lancaster)



TOP 2023 MILESTONES

Lockheed Martin Skunk Works® celebrated its 80th Anniversary. From humble beginnings in a circus tent in Burbank, California, Lockheed Martin Skunk Works has pushed the innovation envelope, embracing risk and failing fast to prove out novel technologies and deliver integrated solutions to push the boundaries of technology.

Lockheed Martin is a worldwide global security, aerospace and information technology company that is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology solutions. The company solves complex challenges, advances scientific discovery and delivers innovative solutions to help its customers keep people safe.

With more than 12,000 employees in the state — and over 4,000 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.



“Celebrating legacies, historic missions and incredible new technology is what we are made of. We strive to be a valued partner to our neighbors, our nation, and our ally countries. With a strong focus in supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and military and veteran causes, we are inspiring tomorrow’s scientists and help give back to those who have given so much. We are a company that keeps us acquainted with legends.”

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

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.

For more information on careers at Northrop Grumman, visit ngc.com/careers.

“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 and Palmdale Site Leader.

TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 The world’s first sixth-generation aircraft, the B-21 Raider, entered flight test with a production-ready test aircraft and received a low-rate initial production award. The B-21 program ushers in a new era in technology with the Northrop Grumman team setting new standards in digital transformation, weapon systems integration and advanced manufacturing.

No. 2 On Oct. 26, 2023, the company celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program — a platform developed to support the needs of the U.S. Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. As a major industry partner on the Lockheed Martin-led team, Northrop Grumman has delivered more than 1,000 Center Fuselages for the F-35 Lightning II program.



B21 Raider

STRATOLAUNCH

Headquartered in Mojave, Stratolaunch is a technology accelerator that engineers operationally realistic testing at Mach 5+. The company operates the world's largest aircraft and a modified 747 to air-launch Talon testbeds, which are reusable, cost-effective platforms that enable routine access to the hypersonic environment. The company delivers flight data critical to validating system performance and achieving rapid technology deployment. Together with its customers, Stratolaunch drives innovations that are imperative to advancing national security. The company employs 370 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 test. 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 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Acquisition of a modified 747 — newly named The Spirit of Mojave — in May 2023. The additional launch platform will supplement Roc's launch capability and enable the company to expand its global reach for its hypersonic flight test service. It is expected to be fully operational in mid-2024.

No. 2 On May 13, the company completed a separation test with the Talon-A0 (TA-0) vehicle, verifying Roc's release system functionality and accomplishing a controlled glided flight within Vandenberg Space Force Base's Western Range. This milestone test is part of the company's buildup approach to providing reusable commercial hypersonic flight test services beginning in 2024.



MOJAVE

AIR & SPACE PORT

Mojave Air & Space Port is a renowned aerospace facility located in Mojave. It serves as a center for aerospace research, development, testing and commercial space operations. Its primary focus is on advancing aerospace technologies, supporting private space companies and conducting flight tests for experimental aircraft and spacecraft. It is home to numerous cutting-edge aerospace organizations, including space tourism companies, aerospace manufacturers and research institutions. With its extensive capabilities and infrastructure, Mojave Air & Space Port plays a vital role in shaping the future of space exploration and innovation. It is staffed with 37 employees.

"Man must rise above the Earth — to the top of the atmosphere and beyond — for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives."

— Socrates.



Aerial- Photo Credit: Steve Ericson
Caption: Completed 12/30 Rehabilitation from the Skies of Mojave.



UH Lightning McClean : Photo Credit: Universal Hydrogen Photo
Caption: "Lightning McClean," Universal Hydrogen's zero-emission Dash 8-300, cruising the skies of Mojave.

TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Completed the Runway 12/30 rehabilitation project.

No. 2 Universal Hydrogen's successful completion of its first flight to Mojave to begin flight test campaign of Lightning McClean.

ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY (AVEK)

The Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) has made substantial investments in water banking and storage which have prepared us for periods of sustained drought while improving public health and enhancing the local economy. Following an unprecedented period of critically dry water years, 2023 offered much relief when AVEK's State Water Project allocation was 100%. The allocation of water carried by the California Aqueduct water supply was 144,844 acre-feet of water.* With extreme storms, record-breaking snowpack, and full reservoirs throughout the state, AVEK was able to take advantage of the additional surplus of imported water supplies for meeting all customer demands, replenishing local water banks, and selling excess water supplies to offset costs. AVEK has approximately 50 employees.

**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.*



avek.org

TOP 2023 MILESTONES

No. 1 Over 67,000 acre-feet of imported water was delivered to AVEK Water Agency's existing water banks, providing the region with almost 100,000 acre-feet of stored water for the future.

No. 2 After three years of construction, the first stage of the High Desert Water Bank was completed and water was able to flow into storage in 2023. A partnership between AVEK Water Agency and the 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 the State Water Project.

QUOTE

"Extreme weather patterns are expected to continue with potentially prolonged periods of drought and unpredictable rain and snowfall. AVEK Water Agency seeks to mitigate these threats to water supply reliability by increasing their capacity to move and store water by recharging local groundwater basins. Long-term infrastructure and operational planning supports economic development in the greater Antelope Valley and ensures safe, reliable, sustainable water supplies for generations to come.." — AVEK



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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

Palmdale Water District advanced the Pure Water Antelope Valley project to increase potable groundwater supplies for current and future customers using highly treated recycled water. Groundbreaking will occur this year on the project's approximately 8,000-square-foot Demonstration Facility.

The Demonstration Facility, estimated to cost \$15 million, is a miniature version of the full-sized facility that will treat tertiary recycled water with micro-filtration filters, reverse osmosis membranes, and ultraviolet light with advanced oxidation. Capture6, a carbon capture and industrial decarbonization company, will install direct air capture technology using the brine from reverse osmosis to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

PWD has 85 full-time employees and three temporary employees.



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PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
A CENTURY OF SERVICE

TOP 2022 MILESTONES

No. 1 Received full funding of \$22.58 million from state and federal agencies for the conversion of the century-old Palmdale Ditch into a closed 8.5-mile pipeline. Covering the ditch, which carries water from the Littlerock Reservoir to Lake Palmdale, will prevent water loss through seepage, evapotranspiration, and overspill.

No. 2 100% water allocation from the State Water Project is the other milestone. It was the first time in 17 years that a full allocation was received, prompting PWD to rescind emergency drought regulations, bank water for future use and meet water transfer agreements.

QUOTE

"Providing high-quality water to our current and future customers at a reasonable cost.." — Palmdale Water District



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RIO TINTO U.S. BORAX California Operations

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, 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 including mobile cell phones, laptop computers and flat screen TVs. Without borates the screens would be too hot to touch.

Borates are also found in plant fertilizers, laundry additives and fire suppressants. Home insulation, wind turbine blades and solar panels are also improved with borates.

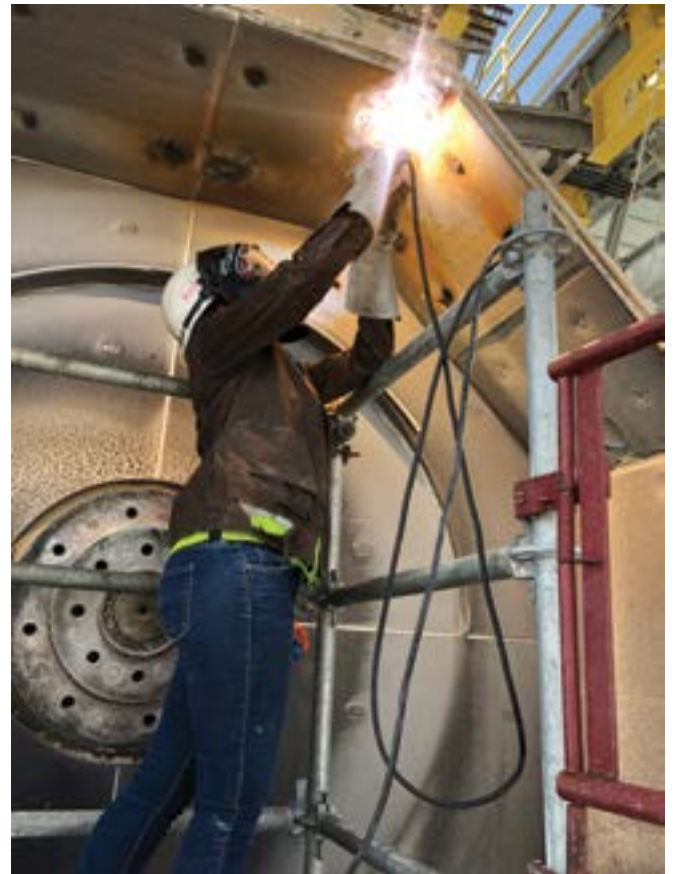
Rio Tinto U.S. Borax is proud to lead the world in the development of refined borates and works hard to find better ways to provide the materials the world needs.

That mindset led the company to explore low carbon opportunities in the cement industry, using decades-old mine waste to produce pozzolan, a substitute ingredient for the cement industry.

In 2023, the company also successfully completed the full transition of its heavy machinery from fossil diesel to renewable diesel. The anticipated CO2 equivalent reduction is comparable to eliminating the annual emissions of approximately 9,600 cars.

Additionally, a carbon neutrality team is looking into renewable energy projects that can keep a seven-day a week, 24-hour a day mine, operational.

Rio Tinto U.S. Borax – finding better ways to provide the materials the world needs.



OTHER MINING ASSETS IN THE REGION

CalPortland Cement – Mojave
Calportland.com/locations/california/mojave-plant

Unicem Tehachapi Cement- Tehachapi
tehacem.us

Granite Construction – Littlerock, Palmdale, Arvin & Inyokern
GraniteConstruction.com

Searles Valley Minerals – Trona
SVMinerals.com



RENEWABLE ENERGY

In 2019, Lancaster became a net-zero energy city, but the City's green energy efforts did not stop there. Today, the City of Lancaster is a leader in renewable hydrogen deployment and remains steadfast in their commitment to being the nation's first hydrogen city. Lancaster has partnered with both public and private entities to develop renewable hydrogen energy.

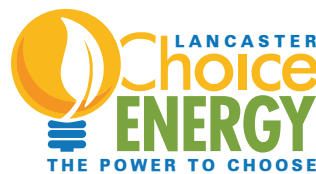
These partnerships include the Pacific Hydrogen Alliance, the ARCHES regional H2Hub, SGH2's green hydrogen production facility, Heliogen's solar-thermal hydrogen production facility, ReCarbon's renewable natural gas to hydrogen, Hydroplane's corporate headquarters and testing facility, and Element Resources' solar-powered electrolysis plant.



"Lancaster is not just harnessing the power of today; we are sculpting the energy of tomorrow. Through pioneering partnerships and innovative technologies, we're transforming into the nation's first hydrogen city — a beacon of sustainable progress and a testament to the power of unity in forging a greener future."

— Mayor R. Rex Parris

CITY OF LANCASTER - HYDROGEN CITY



POWER CHOICE - A PROGRAM BY LANCASTER ENERGY

The Power Choice program is a partnership between Lancaster Energy and Tesla Inc. that expands access to rooftop solar and Tesla Powerwall batteries at no upfront cost and with no credit underwriting. Participants can also be reassured that with their batteries they will have access to their solar power even in the face of a power shutdown.

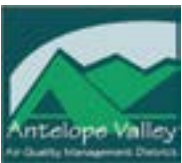
Tesla will design, install, and service the system with the initial costs being paid for by the Power Choice Program. Lancaster Energy will continue to be the power provider and the customer will get one monthly bill — the exact same way they do now. Lancaster residents have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of on-site solar and battery backup without taking on the costs of installing and owning the solar system.

"With Power Choice, Lancaster is redefining energy independence. This groundbreaking partnership with Tesla is more than a program; it's a promise. A promise of resilience in every home, of power that's as sustainable as it is reliable, and of a community united under the banner of clean, accessible energy for all."

— Mayor R. Rex Parris



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REGIONAL POPULATION

TOTAL

2010 Census	496,676
2020 Census	534,632
2024 Estimate	526,116
2029 Projection	530,645

POPULATION BY RACE

NUMBER

White	189,034
Black/African American	75,162
American Indian/Alaska Native	9,908
Asian	20,521
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1,082
Other	143,027
Two or More Races	87,299
Hispanic/Latino	266,866
Not Hispanic/Latino	259,250

MEDIAN AGE

36.07

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

TOTAL %

Primarily Speak Spanish	150,958	30.60
Speak Other Language	2,892	0.59

REGIONAL HOUSING

2024 Est. Average Household Income	\$96,216.38
Housing Units	166,274
Owner-Occupied	60.34%
2023 Est. Average Household Size	3.1
Average Length of Residence	
Owners Occupied	16.16 yrs

POPULATION BY AGE

TOTAL %

Age 0-17	131,444	24.99
Age 18-54	253,420	48.17
Age 55-64	65,423	12.44
Age 65 and Over	75,829	14.41

EDUCATION

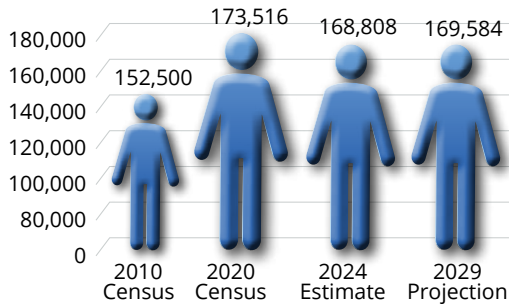
TOTAL %

High School Graduate (or GED)	100,222	29.35
Some College, No Degree	82,409	24.14
Associate's Degree	30,150	8.83
Bachelor's Degree	42,100	12.33
Master's Degree	18,129	5.31
Professional Degree	2,510	0.73
Doctorate Degree	2,052	0.60

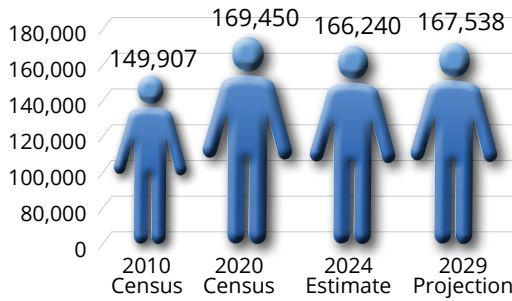
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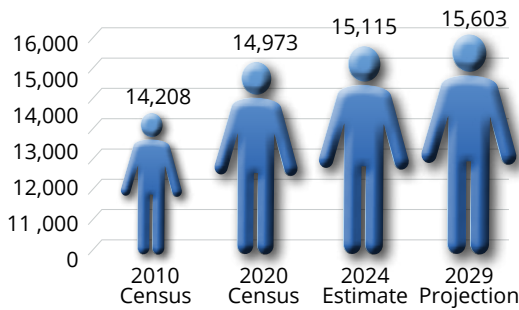
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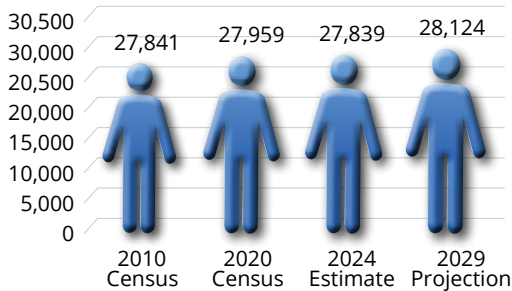
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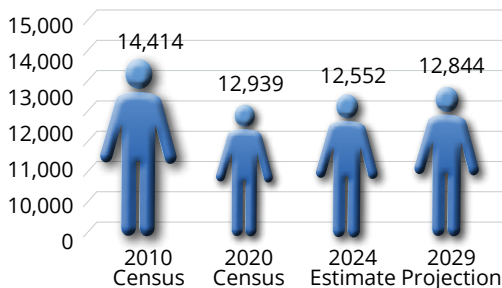
CALIFORNIA CITY



CITY OF RIDGECREST



CITY OF TEHACHAPI



5-YEAR POPULATION FORECAST

	2024 Est.	2029 Est.
City of Lancaster 93534, 93535, 93536	196,960	196,457
City of Palmdale 93550, 93551, 93552	177,459	178,604
*Unincorporated- Los Angeles County 93510, 93532, 93543, 93544 93553, 93563, 93591	33,235	32,804
City of California City 93505	14,661	15,157
Greater Tehachapi 93531, 93561	34,818	35,662
City of Ridgecrest 93555	32,900	33,260
*Unincorporated- Kern County 93501, 93516, 93519, 93523, 93524, 93527, 93554, 93560	36,608	38,206
Greater Antelope Valley Region	526,116	530,645

* Areas Defined by Zip Codes
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POPULATION BY ZIP CODE

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93501	Mojave	6,032	5,919	5,928	93510	Acton	7,365	7,067	6,972
93505	California City	14,667	14,972	15,414	93532	Lake Hughes	2,401	2,271	2,220
93516	Boron	2,162	2,249	2,374	93534	Lancaster	44,131	43,790	42,492
93519	Cantil	63	54	54	93535	Lancaster	81,885	80,404	80,914
93523	Edwards	3,404	3,671	3,996	93536	Lancaster	74,346	72,766	73,051
93524	Edwards	105	118	133	93543	Littlerock	14,196	13,743	13,635
93527	Inyokern	2,359	2,284	2,252	93544	Llano	1,195	1,093	1,046
93531	Keene	462	475	495	93550	Palmdale	82,384	80,287	80,396
93554	Randsburg	5	4	4	93551	Palmdale	56,155	55,290	55,897
93555	Ridgecrest	32,962	32,900	33,260	93552	Palmdale	42,554	41,882	42,311
93560	Rosamond	21,527	22,309	23,465	93553	Pearblossom	1,751	1,682	1,611
93561	Greater Tehachapi <i>(includes 95331)</i>	34,881	34,818	36,662	93563	Valyermo	226	207	198
					93591	Lake L.A. (Palmdale)	7,474	7,202	7,122
					Overall Total		534,692	527,427	530,902

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REAL ESTATE BY AREA

D E M O G R A P H I C S

Area	Total Households	Housing Units, Owner-Occupied	Housing Units, Renter-Occupied	2024 Median Owner-Occupied Housing Value
LA County	3,348,176	1,518,576	1,829,600	\$855,219.96
Antelope Valley	166,274	107,797	58,477	\$381,289.75
Lancaster	51,937	30,313	21,624	\$377,462.91
Palmdale	47,357	31,445	15,912	\$414,493.86
Kern County	288,051	171,207	116,844	\$331,170.80
California City	4,936	2,870	2,066	\$228,015.26
Mojave	1,656	643	1,013	\$164,320.63
Ridgecrest	11,368	7,023	4,345	\$263,884.80
Rosamond	7,279	4,930	2,349	\$333,928.34
Tehachapi	3,607	2,109	1,498	\$346,829.29

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 2024; ©Claritas, LLC 2024



LANCASTER CITY STATS

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City of Lancaster: 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534, (661) 723-6128
CityofLancasterCA.org

2024 Population 168,808
 2020 Census Population 173,516
 2029 Projection..... 169,584

Population Characteristics
 Median Age 34.77
 Spanish Speaking 26.00%

Population By Origin
 Not Hispanic or Latino 51.50%
 Hispanic or Latino 48.50%

Population By Origin
 White Alone 29.29%
 Black or African American 22.31%
 American Indian/ Alaska Native . . 1.70%
 Asian Alone 4.64%
 Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander 0.18%
 Other 25.42%
 Two or More Races..... 16.45%

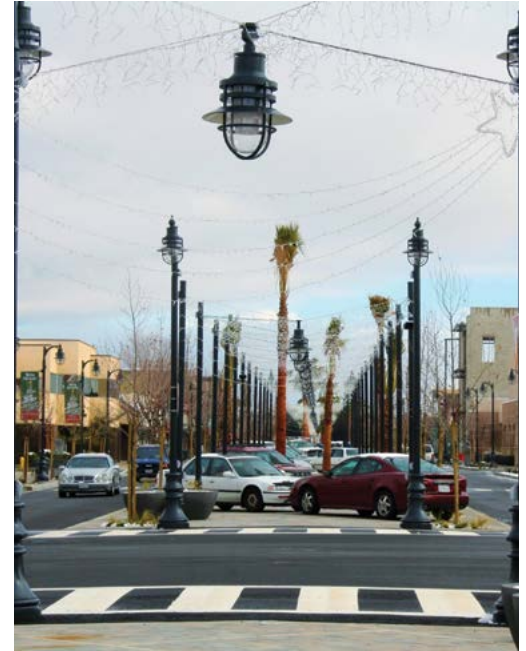
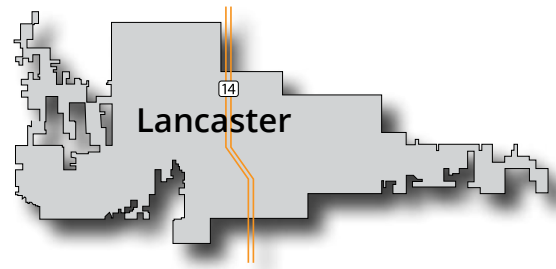
Average Household Income.. \$88,255
 93534 \$69,554
 93535 \$71,508
 93536 \$122,284

Median Housing..... \$377,463
 Housing Units (Estimate)..... 51,937
 Persons Per Household (avg.)..... 3
 Homeowners (avg.) 55.43%

Education (Age 25+)
 No High School Diploma 9.36%
 High School Graduate 30.32%
 Some College, No Degree 23.24%
 Associate's Degree 9.28%
 Bachelor's Degree 12.09%
 Master's Degree 6.03%
 Professional School Degree 0.74%
 Doctoral Degree 0.38%

Building Permits
 Permits Issued 5,518
 Approved Projects 330
 Inspections Completed 19,136

Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024. ** Included zip codes are: 93534, 93535, 93536



PALMDALE CITY STATS

City of Palmdale: 38300 Sierra Hwy., Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93550, (661) 267-5100
CityofPalmdale.org

2024 Population (Combined Zip Codes)** 166,240
 2020 Census Population 169,450
 2029 Projection 167,538

Population Characteristics
 Median Age 34.62
 Spanish Speaking 43.71%

Population By Origin
 Not Hispanic or Latino 34.83%
 Hispanic or Latino 65.17%

Population By Origin
 White Alone 23.77%
 Black or African American 13.54%
 American Indian/Alaska Native . . 2.20%
 Asian Alone 4.32%
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander . 0.21%
 Other 38.07%
 Two or More Races..... 17.88%

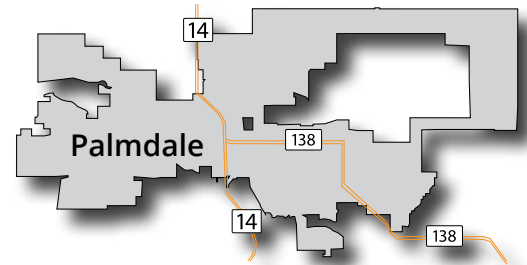
Average Household Income... \$98,516
 93550 77,280
 93551 \$132,615
 93552 \$95,576

Median Housing..... \$414,494
 Housing Units (estimate)..... 47,357
 Persons Per Household (avg.)..... 4
 Homeowners (avg.) 63.50%

Education (Age 25+)
 No High School Diploma 11.46%
 High School Graduate 30.17%
 Some College, No Degree 22.75%
 Associate's Degree 7.40%
 Bachelor's Degree 10.95%
 Master's Degree 4.16%
 Professional School Degree 0.57%
 Doctoral Degree 0.43%

Building Permits
 Permits Issued 6,502

SOURCE: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024. **Included zip codes are: 93550,93551,93552





CALIFORNIA CITY CITY STATS

California City: 2100 Hacienda Blvd, California City, CA 93505, (760) 373-96610
CaliforniaCity-CA.gov/CC

2024 Population 15,115
 2020 Census Population 14,973
 2029 Projection 15,603

Population Characteristics

Median Age 34.5
 Spanish Speaking 25.50%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino 60.80%
 Hispanic or Latino 39.20%

Population By Origin

White Alone 34.55%
 Black or African American 25.46%
 American Indian/Alaska Native .. 1.34%
 Asian Alone 2.77%
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander .. 0.31%
 Other 22.04%
 Two or More Races 13.52%

SOURCE: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024 .

Average Household Income. . \$75,738

93505 \$75,767

Median Housing \$228,015

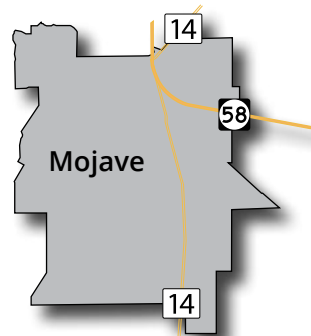
Housing Units (estimate) 4,936
 Persons Per Household (avg.) 3
 Homeowners (avg.) 50.82

Education (Age 25+)

No High School Diploma 13.67%
 High School Graduate 34.16%
 Some College, No Degree 26.31%
 Associate's Degree 6.81%
 Bachelor's Degree 6.51%
 Master's Degree 3.76%
 Professional School Degree 0.70%
 Doctoral Degree 0.49%

Workforce (Age 16+ by Occupation)

Architect/Engineer 2.17%
 Arts/Entertain/Sports 1.02%
 Building Grounds Maint. 6.38%
 Business Financial Ops 0.84%
 Community Social Services 1.55%
 Computer/Mathematical 4.57%
 Construction/Extraction 6.85%
 Edu/Training/Library 2.90%
 Farm/Fish/Forestry 2.93%
 Food Prep/Serving 3.50%
 Health Practitioner/Tech 3.17%
 Healthcare Support 5.25%
 Maintenance Repair 4.03%
 Legal 0.80%
 Life/Phys/Soc Sociology 0.09%
 Management 11.22%
 Office/Admin Support 13.48%
 Production 5.70%
 Protective Services 5.92%
 Sales/Related 7.45%
 Personal Care/Service 5.95%
 Transportation/Moving 8.07%



MOJAVE COMMUNITY STATS

2024 Population 5,919
 2020 Census Population 6,032
 2029 Projection 5,928

Population Characteristics

Median Age 33.12
 Spanish Speaking 24.11%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino 53.22%
 Hispanic or Latino 46.78%

Population By Origin

White Alone 37.68%
 Black or African American 22.59%
 American Indian/Alaska Native .. 1.82%
 Asian Alone 1.40%
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander . 0.11%
 Other 21.70%
 Two or More Races 14.68%

SOURCE: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024 .

Average Household Income. . \$57,928

93501 59,563

Median Housing \$164,321

Housing Units (estimate) 1,656
 Persons Per Household (avg.) 3
 Homeowners (avg.) 34.29%

Education (Age 25+)

No High School Diploma 6.37%
 High School Graduate 39.56%
 Some College, No Degree 36.01%
 Associate's Degree 4.50%
 Bachelor's Degree 3.03%
 Master's Degree 1.34%
 Professional School Degree 0.00%
 Doctoral Degree 0.77%

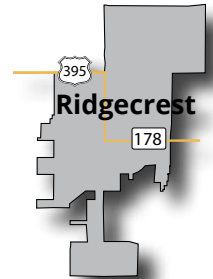
Workforce (Age 16+ by Occupation)

Architect/Engineer 0.37%
 Arts/Entertain/Sports 0.18%
 Building Grounds Maint. 5.15%
 Business Financial Ops 2.88%
 Community Social Services 0.37%
 Computer/Mathematical 0.37%
 Construction/Extraction 8.40%
 Edu/Training/Library 3.99%
 Farm/Fish/Forestry 0.12%
 Food Prep/Serving 4.78%
 Health Practitioner/Tech 0.74%
 Healthcare Support 5.15%
 Maintenance Repair 7.79%
 Legal 0.06%
 Life/Phys/Soc Sociology 0.49%
 Management 1.16%
 Office/Admin Support 13.24%
 Production 5.21%
 Protective Services 1.84%
 Sales/Related 6.62%
 Personal Care/Service 5.82%
 Transportation/Moving 25.26%

RIDGECREST CITY STATS

DEMOGRAPHICS

City of Ridgecrest: 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555, (760) 499-5000
Ridgecrest-CA.gov



2024 Population** 32,900
 2000 Census Population 32,962
 2029 Projection 33,260

Population Characteristics

Median Age 35.95
 Spanish Speaking 12.19%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino 74.53%
 Hispanic or Latino 25.47%

Population By Origin

White Alone 63.33%
 Black or African American 5.28%
 American Indian/Alaska Native . . . 1.26%
 Asian Alone 5.20%
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander . . 0.59%
 Other 9.77%
 Two or More Races 14.56%

Average Household Income. \$104,400
 93555 \$106,044

Median Housing \$263,885
 Housing Units (estimate) 11,368
 Persons Per Household (avg.) 2
 Homeowners (avg.) 55.80%

Education (Age 25+)

No High School Diploma 6.01%
 High School Graduate 21.90%
 Some College, No Degree 22.96%
 Associate's Degree 13.12%
 Bachelor's Degree 21.32%
 Master's Degree 8.87%
 Professional School Degree 0.45%
 Doctoral Degree 1.64%

Workforce (Age 16+ by Occupation)

Architect/Engineer 11.93%
 Arts/Entertain/Sports 1.65%
 Building Grounds Maint. 1.77%
 Business Financial Ops 5.76%
 Community Social Services 3.14%
 Computer/Mathematical 7.51%
 Construction/Extraction 3.24%
 Edu/Training/Library 4.36%
 Farm/Fish/Forestry 0.31%
 Food Prep/Serving 3.76%
 Health Practitioner/Tech 3.77%
 Healthcare Support 2.88%
 Maintenance Repair 5.01%
 Legal 0.38%
 Life/Phys/Soc Sociology 1.72%
 Management 8.65%
 Office/Admin Support 10.34%
 Production 4.50%
 Protective Services 3.66%
 Sales/Related 5.92%
 Personal Care/Service 2.69%
 Transportation/Moving 7.04%

Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024. ** Zip Code of Ridgecrest is: 93555, 93556

ROSAMOND COMMUNITY STATS



2024 Population 21,590
 2020 Census Population 20,961
 2029 Projection 22,750

Population Characteristics

Median Age 34.39
 Spanish Speaking 28.80%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino 51.66%
 Hispanic or Latino 48.34%

Population By Origin

White Alone 45.13%
 Black or African American 11.66%
 American Indian/Alaska Native . . . 2.02%
 Asian Alone 3.13%
 Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander . . 0.24%
 Other 20.98%
 Two or More Races 16.85%

Average Household Income. . . \$96,995
 93560 98,318

Median Housing \$333,928
 Housing Units (estimate) 7,279
 Persons Per Household (avg.) 3
 Homeowners (avg.) 63.20%

Education (Age 25+)

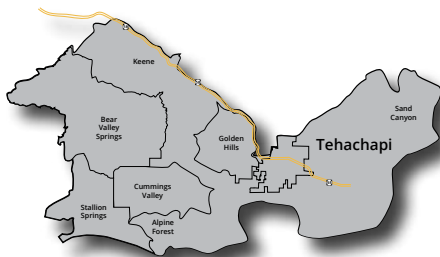
No High School Diploma 8.70%
 High School Graduate 29.60%
 Some College, No Degree 24.68%
 Associate's Degree 9.05%
 Bachelor's Degree 12.48%
 Master's Degree 5.54%
 Professional School Degree 0.72%
 Doctoral Degree 0.14%

Workforce (Age 16+ by Occupation)

Architect/Engineer 2.43%
 Arts/Entertain/Sports 1.38%
 Building Grounds Maint. 4.43%
 Business Financial Ops 7.57%
 Community Social Services 2.44%
 Computer/Mathematical 4.63%
 Construction/Extraction 5.07%
 Edu/Training/Library 5.44%
 Farm/Fish/Forestry 0.07%
 Food Prep/Serving 6.14%
 Health Practitioner/Tech 5.10%
 Healthcare Support 3.14%
 Maintenance Repair 4.32%
 Legal 1.17%
 Life/Phys/Soc Sociology 0.78%
 Management 6.77%
 Office/Admin Support 16.59%
 Production 2.69%
 Protective Services 1.70%
 Sales/Related 8.72%
 Personal Care/Service 3.37%
 Transportation/Moving 6.06%

Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024. ** Zip Code of Ridgecrest is: 93560

TEHACHAPI REGIONAL STATS



Tehachapi: City of Tehachapi, 115 S. Robinson St., Tehachapi, CA 93561 (661) 822-2200
LiveUpTehachapi.com

2024 Population

(Combined Zip Codes)**	34,818
2020 Census Population	34,890
2029 Projection	35,662

Population Characteristics

Median Age	38.01
Spanish Speaking	20.70%

Population By Origin

Not Hispanic or Latino	60.48%
Hispanic or Latino	39.52%

Population By Origin

White Alone	51.57%
Black or African American	7.74%
American Indian / Alaska Native	1.24%
Asian Alone	2.20%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pac. Islander	.017%
Other	23.61%
Two or More Races	13.47%

Average Household Income. . \$82,366

93561	\$109,139
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Median Housing \$346,829

Housing Units (estimate)	3,607
Person Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	54.33%

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	.066%
Doctoral Degree	2.10%

Workforce (Age 16+ by Occupation)

Architect/Engineer	6.47%
Arts/Entertain/Sports	1.31%
Building Gronds Maint.	3.30%
Business Financial Ops	3.97%
Community Social Services	0.42%
Computer/Mathematical	1.60%
Construction/Extaction	7.87%
Edu/Training/Library	8.39%
Farm/Fish/Forestry	0.38%
Food Prep/Serving	8.64%
Health Practitioner/Tech	4.64%
Healthcare Support	2.88%
Maintenance Repair	7.11%
Legal	0.48%
Life/Phys/Soc Sociology	1.76%
Management	6.56%
Office/Admin Support	8.00%
Production	5.22%
Protective Services	10.15%
Sales/Related	3.10%
Personal Care/Service	2.78%
Transportation/Moving	4.96%

Source: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024, Claritas, ©Claritas, LLC 2024. **Included zip codes are: 93531, 93561



EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

	Count	Employees for this location	Employees per Establishment
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,046	7,036	.7
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	314	2,624	.8
Utilities	332	13,923	42
Construction	24,773	164,294	.7
Manufacturing	4,474	66,425	15
Wholesale Trade	17,203	194,689	11
Transportation and Warehousing	9,062	146,072	16
Information	12,806	188,180	15
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	25,915	167,915	.6
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	60,582	461,167	.8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,183	17,708	.8
Administrative, Support, Waste Mgmt Remediation Services	17,934	150,030	.8
Educational Services	10,561	398,415	38
Healthcare and Social Assistance	143,804	795,257	.6
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,951	151,373	14
Retail Trade	37,193	278,752	.7
Finance and Insurance	33,718	208,160	.6
Accommodation and Food Services	33,439	407,627	12
Other Services (except Public Administration)	57,803	330,194	.6
Public Administration	4,349	210,344	48
Grand Total	633,817	4,934,965	8

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 2024; ©Claritas, LLC 2024

KERN COUNTY

	Count	Employees for this location	Employees per Establishment
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	489	8,567	18
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	120	3,878	32
Utilities	99	1,040	11
Construction	2,068	18,338	.9
Manufacturing	208	2,706	13
Wholesale Trade	991	17,736	18
Transportation and Warehousing	1,133	8,682	.8
Information	538	5,100	.9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,567	8,317	.5
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,553	17,711	.7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	56	208	.4
Administrative, Support, Waste Mgmt Remediation Services	1,084	8,640	.8
Educational Services	717	26,423	37
Healthcare and Social Assistance	8,132	52,318	.6
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	533	5,331	10
Retail Trade	1,775	19,594	11
Finance and Insurance	2,019	7,153	.4
Accommodation and Food Services	2,383	28,229	12
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3,873	17,127	.4
Public Administration	666	34,923	52
Grand Total	36,608	323,651	9

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 (Ridgecrest, CA); 93560 (Rosamond, CA) DataSource: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2024; ©Claritas, LLC 2024



FEATURED COMMUNITIES

