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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The AV Edge Roundtable Report is more than a recap—it's a strategic guide for our region. It captures the priorities and commitments shaped by dialogue among employers, educators, and civic leaders. This report exists to turn insight into action, align resources, and accelerate progress toward a stronger Antelope Valley economy.

As we enter 2026, AV Edge has adopted a new mission statement:

"AV EDGE drives economic growth and retention across the Antelope Valley region through collaboration, advocacy, and business engagement."

This mission reflects our commitment to building pathways for local talent, supporting businesses of all sizes, and fostering partnerships that strengthen the economic fabric of our region. It's about creating opportunity that is broad, equitable, and sustainable.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of AV EDGE, I am proud to welcome you to our annual Economic Roundtable Report. This report reflects both where we are today and, more importantly, where we are headed as a region filled with opportunity, momentum, and collaboration.

The Antelope Valley stands at a pivotal moment. With millions of square feet of new industrial development either under construction or moving through the entitlement process, our region continues to attract investment, create jobs, and strengthen its role as a critical economic engine for Southern California. This growth is not happening by chance—it is the result of thoughtful planning, strategic vision, and strong public-private partnerships.

We are especially grateful for the collaborative leadership of the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, Kern County, and Los Angeles County. Together, these partnerships ensure that growth is aligned with community values, infrastructure readiness, and long-term economic resilience.

Our economic foundation remains diverse and future-focused.

Economic development remains at the heart of everything we do. Through the Roundtable, we convene voices, share data, and launch initiatives that matter—from workforce development and small business resilience to infrastructure and investment strategies. Our goal is simple: make the Antelope Valley a place where businesses thrive and residents prosper.

Thank you to our partners and stakeholders for your dedication. Together, we will continue to shape a vibrant, competitive economy for the Antelope Valley.

AV EDGE President

Suzy Ghazarossian



The Antelope Valley is a global leader in aerospace innovation, a hub for renewable energy production, and home to a dynamic and resilient small business community that fuels local employment and entrepreneurship.

As you explore this report, we invite you to share in our optimism. The opportunities before us are significant, and by continuing to work together, we can ensure prosperity that benefits businesses, workers, and families across our region.

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

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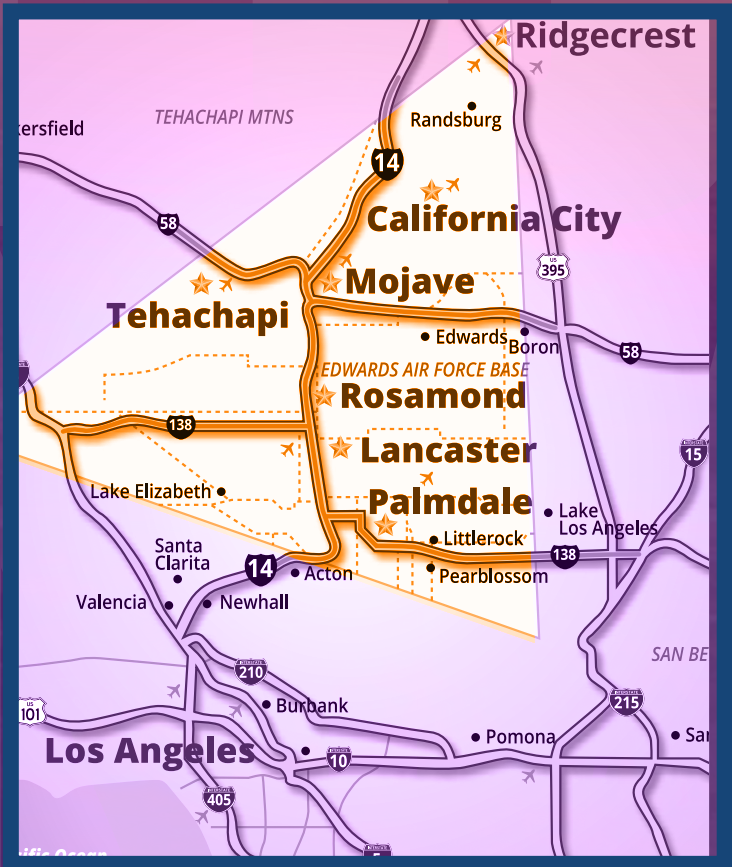
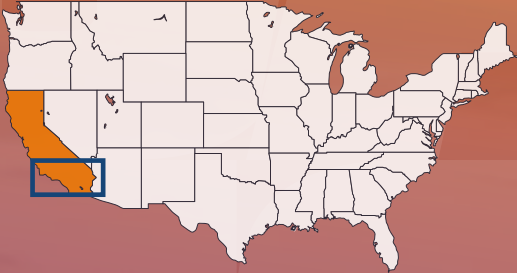
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TOP 2 2025 MILESTONES

- 1** Los Angeles County dedicated in December 2025 a \$43 million project that will improve mental health services in the Antelope Valley. The High Desert Adult Crisis Residential Treatment Program, the Children’s & Youth Crisis Stabilization Unit and the Mental Health Hub for children establish the region’s first full continuum of accessible, community-based mental-health treatment.
- 2** Danny’s Home for Heroes was dedicated in May 2025 to house 35 formerly homeless veterans. Danny’s Home’s 35 apartments are among more than 440 supportive-housing apartments, plus more than 200 shelter beds, that have opened in the preceding five years in the Antelope Valley.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROFILE

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	Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Sheriff	Robert Luna
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“Antelope Valley businesses are essential drivers of job creation and economic stability for our region. At a time when employers are navigating rising costs and workforce challenges, Los Angeles County must be a reliable partner. I remain focused on expanding workforce training, strengthening transportation infrastructure, and supporting housing development so businesses can grow and workers can thrive close to home. I will keep investing in the success of local businesses. The result is stronger communities and a more resilient Antelope Valley economy.”

— Supervisor Kathryn Barger



MISSION / VISION

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



MOVING FORWARD

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Department of Public Works, Regional Planning, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's office and other agencies are cooperating to combat an upswing of commercial scale illegal waste disposal in the rural Antelope Valley. The main targets are mulch, organic waste and construction debris trucked to the Antelope Valley by companies and individuals aiming to circumvent state recycling and diversion rules. The campaign has been aided by 2025 changes in state regulations, and efforts are under way to make further changes in state law.



TOP 10 2025 MILESTONES

1 Launching Lancaster's Economic Strategy: Lancaster has officially launched its first-ever Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a five-year roadmap that will guide the City's approach to industry recruitment, infrastructure investment, workforce development, housing, and more. Once released, the CEDS will serve as a blueprint for economic development, unlocking new opportunities and positioning Lancaster to be more resilient, competitive, and prepared for long-term, sustainable growth.

2 Revitalizing Restaurants with Grants: Lancaster launched the Lancaster Eats Restaurant Grant Program, which was designed to offer meaningful grants to new full-service, sit-down restaurants to upgrade kitchen equipment and improve spaces. This program helped to activate empty storefronts, generate local investment and support entrepreneurship within the City and has supported the growth of three new restaurants.

3 Hosting Statewide Film Leaders: For the first time ever, Lancaster welcomed film commissioners from across California for the statewide FLICS meeting hosted at MOAH. It created an opportunity to show off our iconic film locations while highlighting the momentum of our growing film industry. This opportunity deepens industry connections and elevates Lancaster's reputation as a film-friendly and exciting destination in the state.

4 Expanding Lancaster City Limits: The City spearheaded a large-scale annexation, increasing the official city limits by about 11 square miles. This expansion positions Lancaster to better accommodate large-scale industrial investments. Within the annexation area, the North Lancaster Industrial Specific Plan, comprised of 1,860 acres, was approved to allow for up to 38.5 million square feet of industrial uses.

5 Breaking Ground on Industry: In June 2025, NorthPoint Development broke ground on its second large-scale industrial facility in the Fox Field Corridor. The facility will be home to Wally's Distribution, a company that will bring high-volume distribution and e-commerce operations to the area.

Mobilizing "Love Your City": The new "Love Your City"

initiative is bringing neighbors together to strengthen community pride and keep Lancaster looking its best. Led by local churches and faith-based organizations, with support from the City and community partners, the program blends volunteer energy with hands-on resources like trash bins and cleanup equipment. Its goal is simple: to create a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming Lancaster, one neighborhood at a time.

6 Advancing Regional Mental Health: The City of Lancaster, in partnership with Palmdale Regional Medical Center and other regional stakeholders, secured a state Prop 1 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program grant of approximately \$83 million to develop a new 96-bed behavioral health facility in Lancaster that will expand access to mental health and substance use treatment services.

8 Developing Community Aquatics Center: The Marvin E. Crist Aquatics Center is a planned state-of-the-art regional aquatics facility designed to serve Lancaster residents and support sport tourism initiatives. The facility will feature a variety of pools from Olympic-size and dive pools to exercise and therapy pools, a splash pad, and supporting community spaces integrated with outdoor gathering areas and existing park connections. The project is currently in design and should be under construction in summer of 2027.

9 Strengthening Proactive Public Safety: The Lancaster Police Department continues to implement a proactive, citywide public safety strategy focused on traffic enforcement, retail theft prevention, and targeted enforcement of illegal activity, while expanding homeless outreach and deepening community engagement. The Department has prioritized recruitment and hiring to maintain strong staffing levels and consistent, high-quality service, working in close coordination with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. These combined efforts are producing measurable results, with Lancaster experiencing a 15% reduction in crime in 2025.

10 Celebrating AV ALTA Success: AV ALTA FC's inaugural season was a tremendous success, drawing an average of 4,168 fans per match at the award-winning Lancaster Municipal Stadium and selling over 90,000 tickets across 22 home games, including sell-outs in both the first and final home matches. The club also ranked second in key performance indicators among all teams in the league, showcasing strong community support and on-field promise in its first year.

LANCASTER CITY PROFILE

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

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- Vice Mayor** Marvin Crist
- Councilmembers** Ken Mann
Raj Malhi
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“Lancaster is not waiting for opportunity, we are creating it. From launching our first comprehensive economic strategy to expanding our city limits and breaking ground on major industrial projects, we are laying the foundation for sustained growth, job creation, and regional leadership. Every milestone we reach is intentional and focused on strengthening Lancaster’s economy for the long term.”

— Mayor R. Rex Parris

MOVING FORWARD

Lancaster is doubling down on innovation to ensure it remains competitive in a rapidly evolving economy. Through the creation of an Innovation and Technology Committee, Lancaster is embracing emerging technologies to improve municipal operations, enhance customer service, and identify new opportunities for economic growth. At the same time, the City continues its partnership with First Public Hydrogen (FPH2) and other clean-energy leaders to advance green energy solutions that support sustainability, resiliency, and next-generation industries.

These efforts are matched by Lancaster’s long-standing, business-friendly mindset, one that actively supports projects of all sizes. From small local entrepreneurs to mid-scale manufacturers, large industrial campuses, data centers, and retail and residential developments, Lancaster remains focused on cutting red tape, streamlining approvals, and being a true partner in development. Together, this approach ensures Lancaster is not only keeping pace with change but helping shape the future of economic development.



TOP 10 2025 MILESTONES

1 Historic Aircraft Innovation: Voted the “Coolest Thing Made in California” by the California Manufacturers & Technology Association, the X-59 is a supersonic aircraft designed to reduce the sound of a sonic boom to a gentle “thump.” The result of years of collaboration and technological advancement between NASA and Lockheed Martin, the X-59 completed its first flight in October in Palmdale, CA.

2 Accelerated Aerospace Growth: The City of Palmdale celebrated the groundbreaking of the first recipient of the Palmdale Aerospace Incentive Program, AS Aerospace. This new facility will bring approximately 90,000 square feet of new development and create 150 new jobs for the City.

3 Filming Ramps Up: Film Palmdale launched its Film Incentive Program in May, which offers subsidized hotel stays or film permit reimbursements to productions that shoot in Palmdale. This incentive was rolled out alongside the City’s first-ever familiarization tour and has already led to increased filming in Palmdale, including a project produced by Steven Spielberg!

4 Local Restaurant Support: The City held its first-ever restaurant week, Palmdale Eats, which highlighted 15 local restaurants through an extensive marketing effort and included discounts on both new and classic dishes. The event encouraged residents to support their long-time favorites and discover new ones, reinvigorating the City’s dining scene.

5 Entertainment in the Antelope Valley: The City is excited to welcome two major entertainment destinations to Palmdale, Round1 Bowling & Arcade and Urban Air Adventure Park. Slated to open in 2026, these centers will bring much-needed entertainment options directly to residents, revitalizing recreation in the Antelope Valley.

Investing in Parks: The City celebrated the grand

opening of Phase II of Sam Yellen Park, which unveiled seven premier futsal courts, outdoor workout stations, and a new community room and plaza. As the host to the AV ALTA FC Youth Academy, Sam Yellen Park is set to become a prime destination for leagues and tournaments of all ages.

6 Keeping Businesses Safe: The City unveiled its redesigned Business Watch program, which offers businesses personalized attention through dedicated Los Angeles County Sheriff and Palmdale Public Safety teams. This program also offers free Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design consultations and Ring spotlight cameras, improving public safety at no cost to local businesses.

7 Staying Business-Friendly: The City’s Building and Safety Division has modified the plan review and permitting process to help prevent unnecessary reapplications and resubmittals, allowing applicants who have already completed all City-required reviews to obtain two no-cost 12-month extensions while completing requirements from other governing agencies.

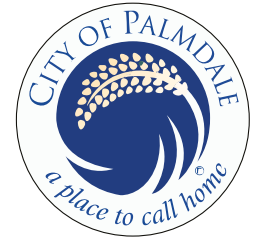
8 Centralizing Resources: The City introduced “Mapping Palmdale,” a geospatial hub designed to make information more accessible for residents and interested parties. The new GIS platform offers information on tax parcels, zoning, neighborhood services, public art and parks, and more.

9 Community Preservation: Named a 2025 American Public Works Association Best Project of the Year, the City’s Community Preservation Program has taken a compassionate and community-centered approach to tackling illegal dumping, graffiti, and homelessness across more than 106 square miles. The program includes 48-hour graffiti removal, environmental restoration, supportive outreach, and more.

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PALMDALE CITY PROFILE

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

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- Mayor Pro-Tem** Austin Bishop
- Councilmembers** Richard J. Loa
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“The City of Palmdale has been a very valuable partner to Transwestern Development Group, which has over 60 million square feet in development valued at over \$9.7 billion in development costs. With the City’s help, we entitled, constructed, and leased a 99,853 square-foot building to a tenant who was drawn to the best-in-class building and the skilled and abundant local workforce. The City also supported us through the entitlement of a complicated 3 million-square-foot project on Columbia Way. The City of Palmdale is responsive, fair, and efficient. We look forward to our continued partnership on future projects.”

— John Privett
Partner, Transwestern Development Company

MOVING FORWARD

Palmdale continues to invest in its community through infrastructure improvements, workforce development, and active public-private partnerships. One of the fastest-growing and most affordable regions in the country, Palmdale is bursting with housing, commercial, and industrial developments that will create jobs, increase opportunities, and enhance quality of life.

As a longstanding hub of aerospace innovation and a unique location for film projects, Palmdale is fortifying its existing industries and expanding into new ones. The City will continue to pursue and secure transformative projects that benefit residents, visitors, and businesses of all sizes, creating new gathering places, commercial hubs, and recreational experiences.

As Palmdale moves toward its shared vision of growth and economic prosperity, the City remains committed to its standards of service and integrity. With increasing amounts of community-oriented programming that highlight and support Palmdale’s diverse business fabric, Palmdale’s future is one informed by collaboration, strategic planning, and expertise.

MISSION

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

VISION

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



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“The best place in the State of California to start and grow a business.”

MOVING FORWARD

Kern County's geology, geography, and innovative approach to economic development have led it to become the second largest economy in the San Joaquin Valley. The county is the largest agriculture-producing county in the nation, home to over 50 distribution centers, and the 14th largest oil producer. In the state of California, Kern County is the undisputed leading producer of energy. Building on these foundations, Kern County is actively diversifying into advanced manufacturing, clean energy, logistics, and aerospace.

The Mojave Air & Space Port, alongside nearby military installations, continues to anchor global aerospace innovation. Kern County is advancing this leadership through participation in the American Air Advantage Consortium, supporting electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) research, development, testing, and future manufacturing. Complemented by aggressive enhancements to workforce development, infrastructure investment, and permitting modernization efforts, these initiatives position Kern County for sustained, innovation-led economic growth.

TOP 2 2025 MILESTONES

1 Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon Opens:

The opening of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tejon in November 2025 represents a major private investment in Kern County, generating more than 1,100 new jobs and significantly expanding the County's entertainment economy. The project has strengthened employment, increased visitor activity, and established a premier entertainment destination serving both Kern County residents and the broader Southern California market.

2

Pacific Steel Group Groundbreaking:

Pacific Steel Group's groundbreaking on California's first new steel mill in over 50 years marks a milestone for Kern's industrial and manufacturing base. The project will create approximately 450 permanent, high-quality manufacturing jobs in the Mojave area and establishes a national model for next-generation manufacturing as the first zero-carbon-emissions steel mill in the state. This investment reflects the effective alignment of state and county incentives to attract advanced, sustainable manufacturing to the region.





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“Greater California City remains a focal point for growth within Southeast Kern County. With a growing population fueling demand for infrastructure and services, the city has transitioned from a period of rapid recovery into one of sustained development. Recent years have seen a reliable stream of new housing completions and a flourishing retail sector, signaling a bright and stable economic outlook for the years ahead.”

COMMUNITY INFO

As a planned community, California City remains the third-largest incorporated city in land area in California and the 43rd largest in the United States. Spanning over 200 square miles, its vast geography and strategic location near major transportation routes provides a unique “blank canvas” for industrial and commercial expansion in Southeast Kern County. The city continues to leverage its proximity to **Edwards Air Force Base** and the **Mojave Air and Space Port**, serving as a residential hub for military personnel and aerospace contractors. With direct access to major trucking routes and railroads, the city is increasingly positioned as a gateway for the logistics and renewable energy sectors expanding across the Mojave Desert.







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“Tehachapi’s downtown core remains a vibrant engine for the local economy, where legacy businesses thrive alongside new ventures. This 60-year tradition of local commerce, paired with our scenic location and expanding amenities, reinforces Tehachapi as a premier destination for sustainable business growth in Kern County.”

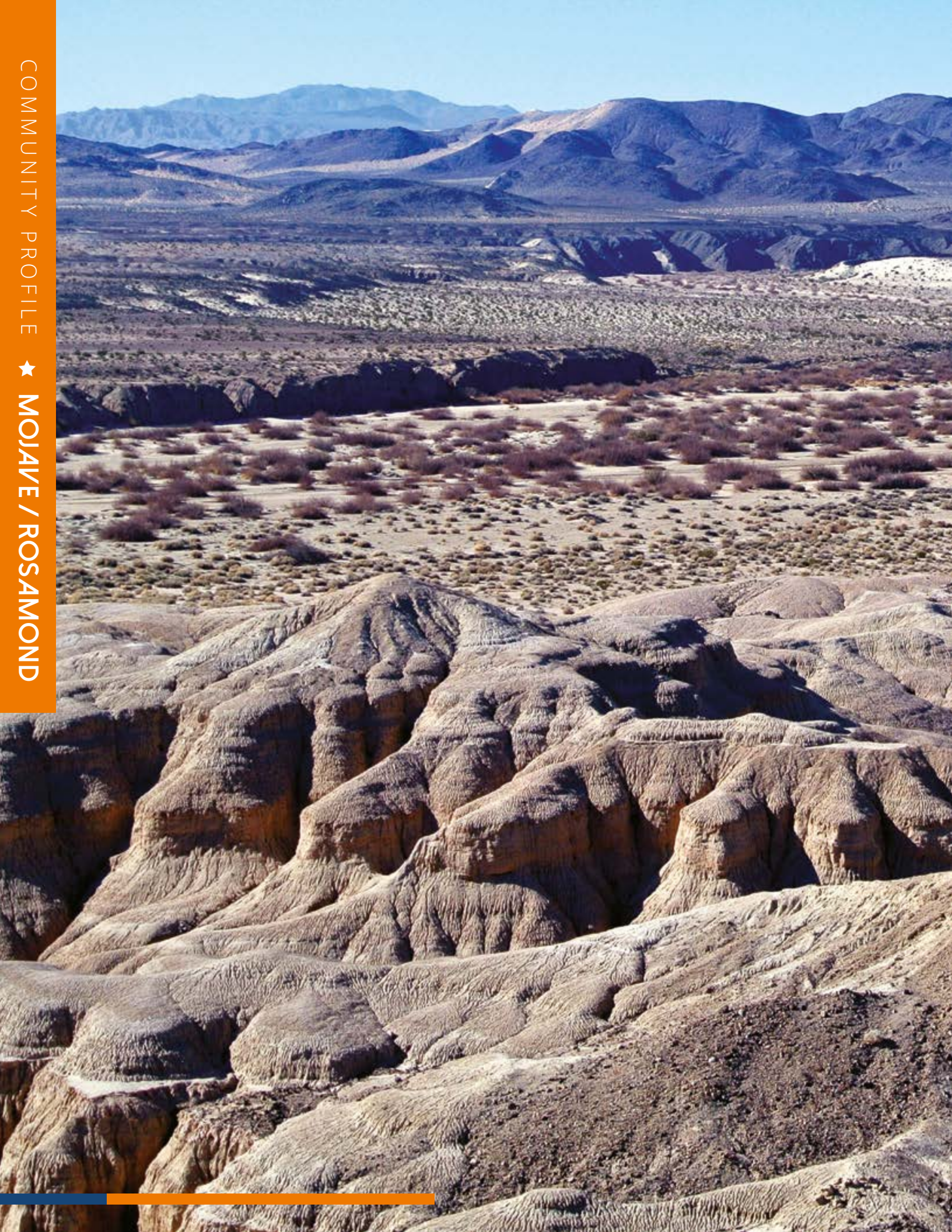


MOVING FORWARD

Tehachapi continues to distinguish itself as a premier residential choice for young families and professionals within the aerospace, defense, and renewable energy sectors. Known as a “hub for innovation,” the city capitalizes on its unique topography and high-altitude climate to support specialized industries while maintaining a high standard for quality of life. Tehachapi’s dedication to quality of life, aesthetics, code enforcement and police protection has made this city a sought-after destination for new and expanding businesses.



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ELECTED OFFICIAL

Second District Supervisor Chris Parlier



COMMUNITY INFO

Mojave remains the undisputed epicenter of transportation and heavy industry in Eastern Kern County. Located 90 miles north of the Los Angeles/ Orange County region, it is strategically positioned at the intersection of Highway 58 and Highway 14, and bolstered by dual-provider railroad links to major trade areas. Mojave is connected to the earth through mining operations — pulling gold, silver, and aggregates for business, construction and other industries — and the wind and solar power production of clean, renewable energy for homes and businesses in California. Mojave is a critical node in California's logistics and manufacturing network.

Mojave is a community in unincorporated Kern County.

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ELECTED OFFICIAL

Second District Supervisor Chris Parlier



COMMUNITY INFO

Rosamond stands as a vital and expanding unincorporated community in Southeastern Kern County, serving as the primary residential anchor for the Antelope Valley's aerospace and defense workforce. Much of the population is employed at Edwards Air Force Base. Which remains the region's largest employer and a global leader in flight research and testing. 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.

Rosamond is a community in unincorporated Kern County.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Aerospace High Road Training Partnership is developing career pathways in the aerospace industry in the Antelope Valley in partnership with Training Fund Partners and the nonprofit Lost Angels vocational and technical school in Lancaster. Focused on young people ages 18-24, the program provides vocational training for skilled technical occupations such as CNC Operators and Structures Mechanics. This program provides training, education, technical assistance, networking and mentorship programs. Graduates find jobs in aviation, space, defense and other jobs.





OPPORTUNITY ZONES

CITY OF LANCASTER

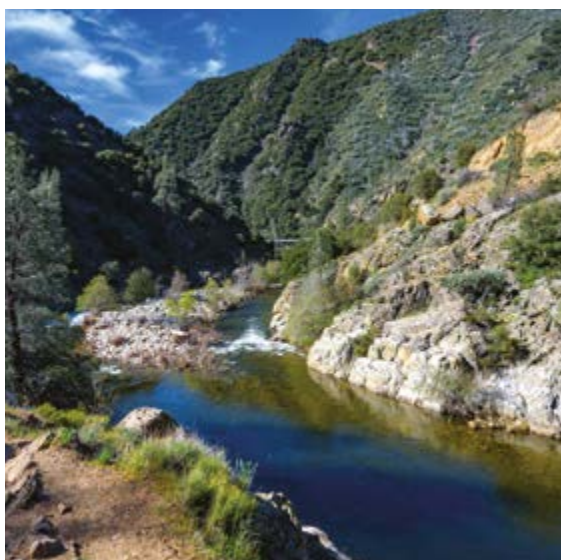
Opportunity Zones provide a powerful incentive for businesses and developers by delivering meaningful tax benefits that attract private investment into underserved areas. Lancaster is home to six designated Opportunity Zones spanning more than 4,000 acres, each presenting distinct opportunities for redevelopment or new construction across a wide range of zoning categories. Together, these areas create a diverse and compelling landscape for investors seeking impactful, long-term projects.



CITY OF PALMDALE

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

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



KERN COUNTY

Kern County Economic Opportunity Areas ("EOAs")

Kern County designated five EOAs across all districts. EOAs are intended to capture a portion of property tax increment growth and place those funds into reserves dedicated to reinvestment in the originating communities, supporting long-term local economic development.

Federal Opportunity Zones

Kern County has a total of 35 federal Opportunity Zones, rural and urban, comprised of economically distressed census tracts. Established under the Internal Revenue Service tax code in 2017 and reauthorized under HR1 2025-26, these zones allow qualifying investments to receive preferential federal tax treatment. The County will submit redesignation requests in June 2026, with final adoption anticipated by December. This next phase ("OZ 2.0") is expected to introduce additional incentives to attract investment into distressed areas.

EDUCATION



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE

(661) 722-6300 | avc.edu

MISSION

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

Building on its framework of AVC SERVES (Service, Equity, Resources, Vision, Education and Success), AVC offers innovative programs and career-focused coursework in modern, state-of-the-art facilities in Lancaster, Palmdale, and at Fox Field. AVC provides students with high-quality postsecondary credentials, including in-demand career certificates, associate degrees, and two baccalaureate degrees, creating pathways to rewarding careers that provide competitive wages, long-term stability, and opportunities for upward mobility.

AVC achieved many milestones during the 2024-25 academic year, but none more impactful than the historic number of graduates who walked the stage during last year's Commencement. More than 1,000 students participated, marking a new record. AVC awarded 1,702 certificates and 2,311 degrees, including 13 baccalaureate degrees



CALIFORNIA STATE BAKERSFIELD ANTELOPE VALLEY CAMPUS

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

VISION

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



TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 Antelope Valley College marked a major academic milestone with the launch of its **Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care**. The program expands access to affordable baccalaureate education for licensed respiratory care professionals and supports career advancement in a high demand health care field. The BSRC program strengthens regional healthcare and expands opportunities for students.

2 AVC also celebrated the grand opening of **Cedar Hall**, the largest project completed under Measure AV. The new 65,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility supports instruction, governance, and student engagement, representing a major investment in campus infrastructure and the future of the Antelope Valley community



Operating primarily as a satellite campus hosted by Antelope Valley College, CSUB Antelope Valley provides a critical pipeline for local students to transition from associate degrees to advanced professional roles in a number of areas including business administration, criminal justice, interdisciplinary studies, liberal studies, natural sciences, and more. In 2026, the campus continues to expand its "local-access" mission, allowing residents to earn degrees from a major CSU institution without commuting to Bakersfield.



ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 948-7655 | AVDistrict.org

MISSION

Our mission is to provide equitable learning opportunities for all students. We envision all AVUHSD graduates will possess the skills and attributes to make an affirmative contribution to their community and world.

The Antelope Valley Union High School District (AVUHSD) is actively future-proofing our workforce, ensuring our students are prepared for the evolving economy. We are expanding high-demand Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways in fields critical to local industry, including the arts, welding, engineering, and allied health. We are deepening our dual enrollment partnerships to allow students to earn valuable college credits for free while still in high school. This approach equips graduates with essential skilled trade expertise and academic credentials, giving them a competitive edge and providing the Antelope Valley business community with a pipeline of highly skilled, career-ready talent.



TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 AVUHSD is significantly deepening its partnership with AVC to expand dual enrollment access. We are collaborating with the California Coalition dedicated to Dual Enrollment by having both teams participate in the Dual Enrollment Leadership Academy (DELA). This strategic partnership will build a successful dual enrollment program to close achievement gaps and support first-generation college students. The DELA will equip high school and college personnel with the expertise and unified vision needed to overcome structural barriers. This expansion allows more students to earn free college credit and certificates while attending their home schools, effectively improving college readiness in our community.

2 We are launching a modernized Transportation Pathway designed to meet the immediate needs of our business community, particularly in the growing electric vehicle (EV) sector. This sequence of courses will go beyond traditional auto repair integrating Electrical Vehicle (EV) Technology and advanced systems analysis. Our goal is to grow the next generation of skilled technicians who can troubleshoot complex, computer-driven vehicles.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Some specialized programs within the district include:

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



KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
 (661) 827-3100 | KernHigh.org

MISSION

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



The Kern High School District (KHSD) is the largest grade 9-12 high school district in California, serving a diverse student population of over 43,000. Headquartered in Bakersfield, the district's reach extends across Kern County, making it a cornerstone of the regional workforce pipeline for the Southern San Joaquin Valley and the Eastern Kern/Antelope Valley regions. The District has 19 comprehensive high schools, five continuation schools, Bakersfield Adult School, two career technical education facilities, and several Special Education sites.



LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
 (661) 948-4661 | lancsd.org

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!



Lancaster School District celebrated its significant improvement on the California Dashboard results for the 2024-2025 school year. Since the CA Dashboard went live in 2017, Lancaster School District has remained committed to supporting the child as a whole ensuring each student can succeed academically. Nearly serving 14,000 students at the 22 sites, Lancaster SD has continually expanded in community partnerships, academic programs, and tools to strengthen student achievement both inside and outside the classroom. In all subjects, LANCS D increased its points moving their performance level up.

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 The immunization clinic was a key factor in reducing student exclusions this year, achieving a remarkable zero exclusions. LANCS D staff worked tirelessly to promote free resources at various community events, ensuring that families were aware of the services available. To make access as convenient as possible, the clinic held walk-in hours during July and August, allowing students to receive the immunizations ahead of the school year. This accomplishment was a collaborative team effort between Early Learning and Student and Family Services, ensuring that all students were ready to start the year on time and in good health.

2 Through Measure LS funding, more than 70 projects were successfully completed during Summer and Fall 2025, resulting in significant improvements to facilities, safety, and educational infrastructure across the district. These restorations reflect the community's support for modernized learning environments, with additional projects scheduled for completion in Spring 2026.



PALMDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

(661) 947-7191 | palmdalesd.org

MISSION

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

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

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

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



WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

MISSION

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

Serving over 9,100 students across a vast 346-square-mile territory, Westside Union School District (WUSD) maintains its reputation as "The District of Choice." WUSD offers the most diverse array of choice-based programs in the Antelope Valley, allowing families to tailor their children's education to specific interests in science, technology, and the arts.

The District proudly serves the communities of Antelope Acres, Anaverde, Leona Valley, Quartz Hill, West Lancaster and West Palmdale. Importantly, all WUSD schools are also accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). By utilizing standards-based grading and personalized assessment, WUSD ensures that students from all backgrounds are prepared for the transition to the high school level with both the academic skills and the social-emotional resilience needed for success.

HEALTH CARE



SOUTHWEST HEALTHCARE / PALMDALE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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

SWH Palmdale Regional joined AV ALTA FC, the AV's first professional soccer club, as a Founding Partner. The hospital provides medical services to the soccer club team members and coaches and is present at the soccer games throughout the season! SWH Palmdale Regional also earned its 5th 'A' in a row from The Leapfrog Group showing a consistent level of top-quality patient care and safety. Palmdale Regional's cardiology services also expanded by adding a Structural Heart program with the Watchman procedure, a minimally invasive, one-time implant to reduce stroke risk in people with atrial fibrillation (Afib) by closing off the heart's left atrial appendage (LAA), where clots form, offering an alternative to long-term blood thinners.

MISSION

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

“The leadership at Southwest Healthcare Palmdale Regional Medical Center is committed and dedicated to providing the highest in quality care to the community. Our patients are the very first in our minds and at the heart of every decision that is made to improve services, quality and safety. Without the trust of our patients, we won't succeed as a healthcare provider. Our commitment is to provide and expand high quality healthcare services through a robust and aggressive concentration of constant monitoring of what we can improve through expansion and thereby provide to the Antelope Valley.”

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

- 1 The hospital's Emergency Department made great advancements in timely patient treatment and dramatically improved patient satisfaction scores through honing departmental efficiencies and throughout.
- 2 The hospital has added a robotic bronchoscopy lung cancer biopsy program that will service the community's lung cancer care.





As the premiere healthcare provider for the Tehachapi Mountains and the surrounding High Desert, Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley continues to set the standard for rural medical excellence. 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. A designated 25-bed Critical Access Hospital, Adventist Health provides a sophisticated medical safety net that allows residents to receive world-class treatment without the need to travel far. 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.

ADVENTIST HEALTH

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

ANTELOPE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER

1600 W AVE J, LANCASTER, CA 93534
(661) 949-5000 | [avmc.org](https://www.avmc.org)

Antelope Valley Medical Center honored its 70th anniversary, by celebrating its growth as the leading full-service acute care provider in the Antelope Valley region. The year began with a refreshed vision for the future with new Mission & Vision statements and ended with a Presidential Gala celebration.

Over the years, AVMC has reached key milestones such as developing specialized maternal and infant health programs, becoming a trusted choice for families. Our surgical capabilities have expanded with pioneering minimally invasive procedures and life-saving advancements, while continually investing in the latest medical technologies to ensure our patients receive the best in treatment.

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



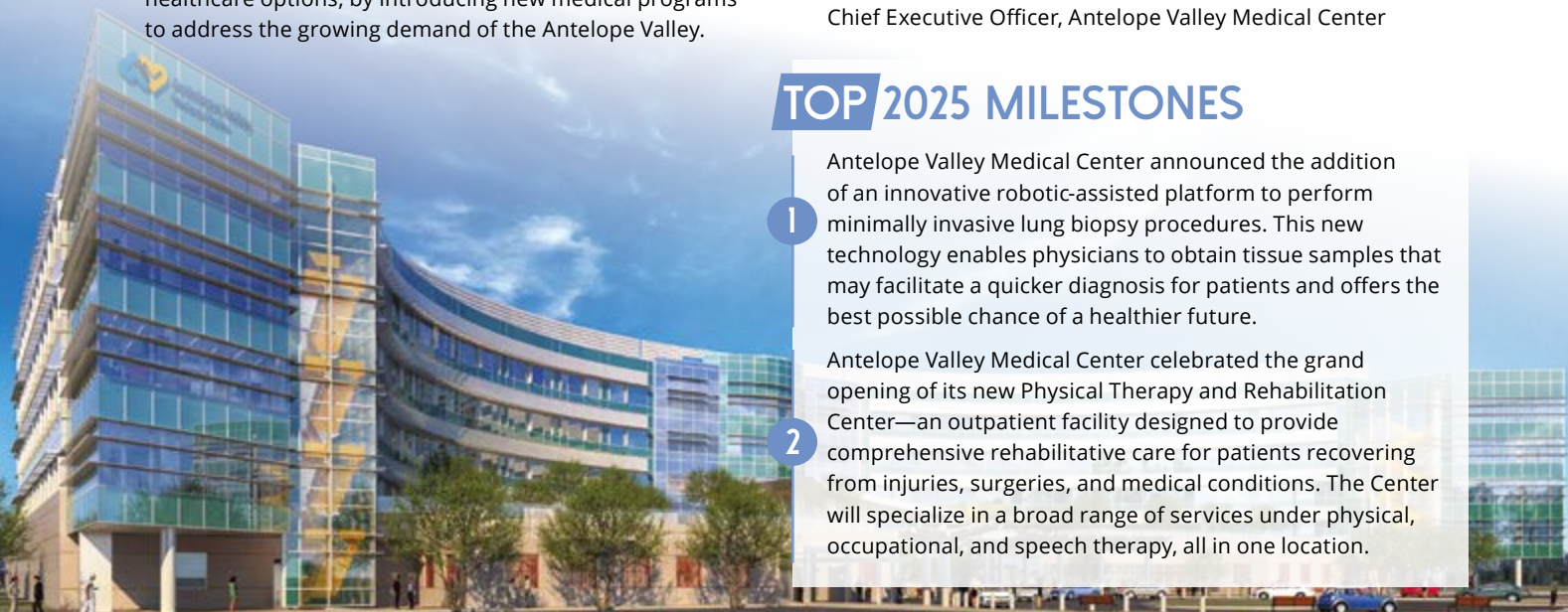
“Serving this community isn’t just something we do—it’s a responsibility we take to heart. For generations, families across the Antelope Valley have relied on us, and we’re committed to ensuring they never have to travel far to receive revolutionary care. As the largest local hospital, it’s our obligation to not only meet the basic needs of our community, but to exceed expectations by bringing advanced technology, innovative medicine, and high-quality services right here at home. Everything we invest in, and every improvement we make, is for the people who trust us with their care.”

— Edward Mirzabegian
Chief Executive Officer, Antelope Valley Medical Center

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 Antelope Valley Medical Center announced the addition of an innovative robotic-assisted platform to perform minimally invasive lung biopsy procedures. This new technology enables physicians to obtain tissue samples that may facilitate a quicker diagnosis for patients and offers the best possible chance of a healthier future.

2 Antelope Valley Medical Center celebrated the grand opening of its new Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center—an outpatient facility designed to provide comprehensive rehabilitative care for patients recovering from injuries, surgeries, and medical conditions. The Center will specialize in a broad range of services under physical, occupational, and speech therapy, all in one location.



ANTELOPE VALLEY PARTNERS FOR HEALTH

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



For Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH), the past year has been defined by a journey toward reclaiming our most vital asset: presence. This year, we successfully purchased a 34,000-square-foot building centrally located in Lancaster to restore vital walk-in access. The transformation of this space is moving through three strategic phases: reuniting our staff, creating a community event center, and establishing a state-of-the-art youth facility. We are on track to complete the build by mid-2026, transitioning from a hidden, temporary site to a unified home dedicated to long-term empowerment, prevention, and healing across the Antelope Valley.

With approximately 134 employees, AVPH has many programs and services providing education and outreach in the Antelope Valley that attempt to fulfill our mission and vision.



CITY OF HOPE

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

MISSION

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



“ Seeing the smiles on the children’s faces as they received their gifts was truly the most rewarding part of the season. It’s a reminder that we are more than just a service provider; we are a community that cares deeply for one another.”

— Staff Member after AVPH’s Annual Toy Shop

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 The Antelope Valley Community Public Health Team stands at the heart of community well-being, delivering compassionate, hands-on support to families where it matters most. With outreach to more than 11,000 households and over 300 vital linkages to life-enhancing resources, the team has become a trusted bridge between community members and the services they need to thrive. Their dedicated efforts not only address immediate concerns but also strengthen long-term health, resilience, and connection across the Antelope Valley. Through unwavering commitment and genuine care, the team continues to shape a healthier, more supported future for all.

2 For over a decade, the Welcome Baby Program has nurtured new families through relationship-based care. With 40,000 home visits completed and 14,000 families served, the program provides the guidance and resources necessary to strengthen maternal and infant health for a brighter future.



City of Hope’s mission is to make hope a reality for all touched by cancer and diabetes. Founded in 1913, City of Hope has evolved into one of the largest and most advanced cancer research and treatment organizations in the United States. Its pioneering research has served as the foundation for numerous breakthrough cancer medicines, as well as the development of human synthetic insulin and monoclonal antibodies. The City of Hope Antelope Valley clinical site provides world-class, National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer care directly to the High Desert. This eliminates the need for patients to travel to the main Duarte campus for most screenings and treatments. City of Hope’s uniquely integrated model spans cancer care, research and development, academics and training, and a broad philanthropy program that powers its work.

HIGH DESERT MEDICAL GROUP

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 38209 47TH ST E., STE C. PALMDALE (661) 951-3100
hdmg.net



High Desert Medical Group serves tens of thousands of patients in the Antelope Valley with a philosophy defined by three words: Treatment, Prevention, Education. An affiliate of Heritage Provider Network — a leader in California healthcare networks, HDMG was formed by Dr. Richard Merkin, founder and CEO, as a multi-specialty medical group to provide the highest quality healthcare experience. HDMG operates the largest independent medical service provider group in this vital Southern California region.

“Overall, our objective each year at High Desert Medical Group is to improve the health, access, and experience of those we have the privilege of serving in the communities of the Antelope Valley—to help our patients maintain health, independence, and live happier, more complete lives.”

— Rafael Gonzalez
 M.Ed, M.S., Administrator, High Desert Medical Group

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 In 2025, HDMG operated a greatly expanded Senior Wellness Center to foster social engagement and combat the national epidemic of loneliness. Medicare Advantage members access free “Empowered for Life” programs, with fitness classes, activities and events, supported by health education for improved outcomes. In 2025, HDMG hosted its 35th annual Senior Expo, bringing thousands of Antelope Valley elders in for free health services.

2 HDMG has two main locations where patients have access to complete medical care; an on-site Urgent Care, laboratory, x-ray, ultrasound, community pharmacy, and infusion center. Additionally, HDMG partners with independent primary care physicians (IPAs) located throughout the AV, 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.



KAISER PERMANENTE

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

Kaiser Permanente cares for over 160,000 Antelope Valley residents and is continuously working on improving health outcomes for all of our members and the community as a whole. Through our integrated health model, we are able to provide acute and preventative medicine to our members both at our facilities and through virtual appointments. Our commitment to the community is seen through our employee volunteering, non-profit grant dollars and support of youth education programs.



“For over 55 years in the Antelope Valley, Kaiser Permanente—one of America’s leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans—has been helping people get and stay healthy in the high desert since 1968. With more than 200 physicians and 1,200 employees, Kaiser Permanente provides high quality care to more than 160,000 patients at five convenient locations in Lancaster and Palmdale.”

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 In 2025 Kaiser Permanente Antelope Valley employees gave back to the community more than ever before. Local employees more than doubled their volunteer hours in the community over 2024 and are poised to beat that in 2026!

2 Provided \$129,000 in grants to local organizations addressing mental health, human trafficking, & homelessness, access to care, obesity/diabetes, and economic security.



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SWHpalmdaleregional.com



AIR QUALITY & UTILITIES



ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

AIR QUALITY

Located at the northern edge of Los Angeles County, the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) is a dedicated community partner that prides itself in its ability to work with industry to find practical air quality solutions, and is one of the primary reasons large corporations and unique businesses continue to establish operations in the Antelope Valley.

With nearly 500,000 residents, the AVAQMD has managed to attract new industry and commerce while maintaining air quality standards through a cooperative program of planning, regulatory development, permitting, ambient air monitoring, compliance assistance and public education. By fostering a cooperative environment for planning and compliance, the District ensures the Antelope Valley remains a premier destination for industrial expansion while maintaining the high air quality standards the High Desert is known for.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

(661) 427-2000 | SoCalGas.com

NATURAL GAS

For more than 150 years, SoCalGas has served Central and Southern California as a responsible and engaged leader, employer and neighbor. As the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, we deliver increasingly clean, safe and reliable energy to more than 20 million Californians.

We strive to improve the quality of life in our communities by maintaining a diverse workforce, working with suppliers that represent and reflect the communities we serve and giving back through our charitable contributions and employee volunteer activities. Our service territory encompasses approximately 24,000 square miles in diverse terrain from Visalia to the Mexican border.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

(800) 655-4555 | SCE.com

ELECTRICITY

As one of the nation's largest electric utilities, Southern California Edison delivers power to approximately 15 million people across a 50,000-square-mile service area. SCE's mission is to safely deliver reliable, affordable, and 100% clean electricity as it leads California's transition toward a net-zero energy future by 2045.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

(661) 947-7197 | WM.com

SANITATION

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

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a better
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Together.

businessinlancasterca.org

YOUR DESERT GETAWAY AWAITS IN LANCASTER

Just an hour north of Los Angeles' bustling streets lies Lancaster, a captivating city where urban sophistication meets untamed desert beauty. This high desert gem offers visitors a refreshing retreat where they can reconnect with nature, experience breathtaking sunsets, and immerse themselves in a vibrant community deeply rooted in arts and culture.

Sky-High Sights

Dubbed the Aerospace Valley of California, Lancaster is frequently the site for test flights of the latest and greatest aircraft. In addition to our airpark museums, our skies provide near-daily sightings of innovative jets and stealth airplanes.

One-of-a-Kind Culture

When it's time to live like the locals do, head to The BLVD, one of only 14 state-designated California Cultural Districts. Chockful of

incredible eateries, boutiques, museums, entertainment venues, and public art installations, there is so much to experience at this cultural hotspot.

Hops, Grapes, and Good Times

For some 21-and-over fun, Lancaster is home to several craft breweries and wineries. Our superb wines, made with desert-grown grapes, offer a unique flavor that is sure to please. Beer lovers will relish the variety of brews, from seltzers and ciders to IPAs and stouts.

Natural Wonders

Thousands of acres of nature reserves, from massive, rugged deserts to lush poppy fields, unveil a different side of California. Whether you like to hike, bike, camp, horseback ride, or off-road, Lancaster's gorgeous mountains and parks welcome you.



In Lancaster, every visit promises a unique blend of adventure, culture, and natural wonder, creating memories that linger long after the desert sun sets.



Get your guide to the desert at destinationlancasterca.org.

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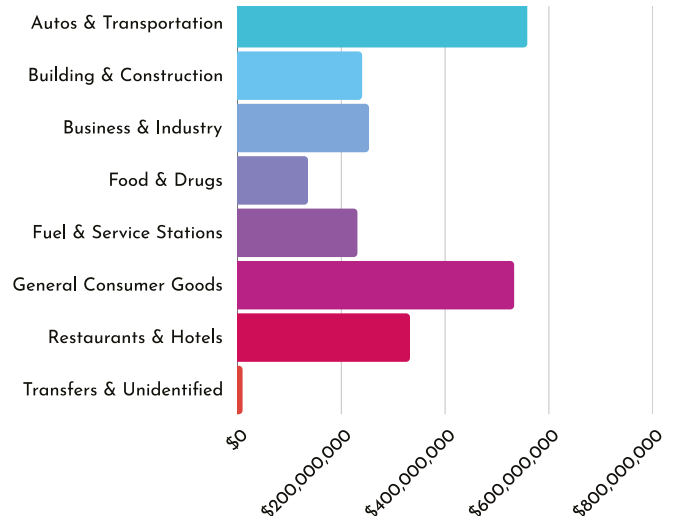
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CITY OF LANCASTER

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS

Autos and Transportation	\$558,333,000
Building and Construction	\$240,081,700
Business and Industry	\$253,384,300
Food and Drugs	\$135,798,600
Fuel and Service Stations	\$231,060,600
General Consumer Goods	\$533,004,000
Restaurants and Hotels	\$332,345,400
Transfers & Unidentified	\$9,738,600
Sales, all businesses	\$2,293,746,200

4Q24 - 3Q25

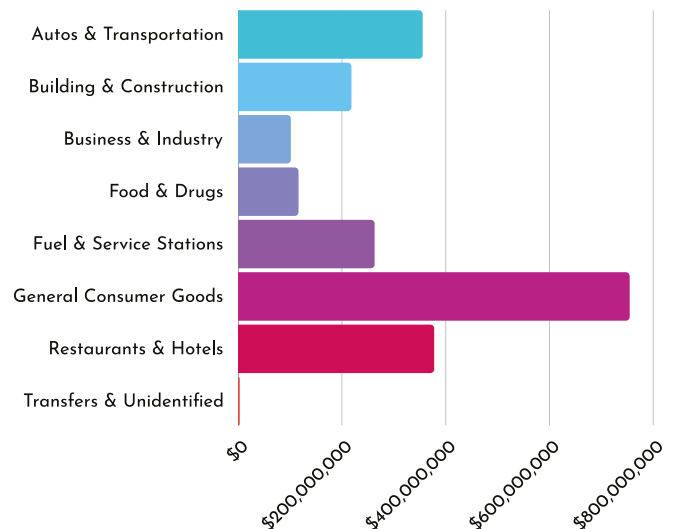


CITY OF PALMDALE

MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUPS

Autos and Transportation	\$355,634,200
Building and Construction	\$218,410,000
Business and Industry	\$101,676,100
Food and Drugs	\$116,450,200
Fuel and Service Stations	\$263,067,900
General Consumer Goods	\$754,554,000
Restaurants and Hotels	\$377,832,000
Transfers & Unidentified	\$3,055,300
Sales, all businesses	\$2,190,679,700

4Q24 - 3Q25



PARKS & RECREATION



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Stephen Sorensen Park in Lake Los Angeles and Jackie Robinson Park in Sun Village will get two new teen center projects to be constructed by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Costing about \$1 million each, the “Our SPOT and Well-Being” teen centers will serve as important community assets that give young people a place to safely socialize and feel supported. Each will incorporate features such as accessible paths of travel, seating, shade structures, lighting, landscaping, and recreational elements designed to encourage healthy social interaction. Construction is anticipated to be completed by August 2026.

LANCASTER

Lancaster’s Parks, Arts, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department is building the future through collaboration and a renewed commitment to community-driven spaces. In partnership with the Antelope Valley Fair and several other agencies, Lancaster will welcome the Parris Center in summer 2026. The Center is a multi-agency resilience hub and premier venue for tournaments and large-scale sporting events that will attract new visitors. Working closely with Destination Lancaster, the City is advancing a focused sports tourism strategy that activates both new and existing facilities to drive travel, overnight stays, and local spending.

This vision also includes the Mid-Town Education Center, the former Desert Christian High School campus, now reimagined as a community hub for a variety of educational and recreational activities. Together with these investments, Lancaster remains committed to expanding access to public art, ensuring our parks and public spaces continue to inspire creativity, pride, and connection citywide.



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DESTINATION LANCASTER

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

Destination Lancaster is the City of Lancaster’s official tourism bureau, working hand-in-hand with the City to drive visitation, overnight stays, and measurable economic impact. A cornerstone of this strategy is sports tourism, with Lancaster emerging as a premier host for tournaments, competitions, and large-scale sporting events that draw athletes, teams, and spectators from across the region and beyond. Beyond the field, visitors are encouraged to extend their stay and explore Lancaster’s expanding mix of dining, entertainment, arts, and outdoor recreation. Lancaster offers a dynamic, welcoming destination for all.



PALMDALE

Palmdale’s Parks & Recreation Department continues to elevate community spaces through year-round programming, strategic park investments, and vibrant cultural activations. In 2025, the Department hosted its highest-attended Summer Concert Series yet, drawing regional crowds to the Palmdale Amphitheater for performances by Dustin Lynch, TLC, Kool & the Gang, and The Beach Boys. The Palmdale Playhouse also continued to provide live entertainment for all ages.

New public art installations, including Harmony, the City’s first abstract sculpture located at East Avenue S-8 and 40th Street East, and pieces at the newly renovated Sam Yellen




VISIT PALMDALE
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 (661) 267 - 5100 | VisitPalmdale.org

Visit Palmdale is making strides in establishing key partnerships to advance tourism and boost hotel stays in our region. In June 2025, Visit Palmdale successfully held its third annual High Desert Beer and Wine Festival. The festival will return in 2026, along with the rest of the City’s yearly festivities and other new and exciting events at the Palmdale Amphitheater, the Palmdale Playhouse, and beyond.

Park, also enhanced Palmdale’s cultural identity and sense of place.

To close out the year, the City celebrated DryTown Water Park’s 20th anniversary, completed several park improvements, and broke ground on a major new slide attraction slated to open in Summer 2026. These investments enrich resident experience, strengthen community pride, and build momentum for continued growth across the community.



KERN COUNTY

In Fiscal Year 2025–26, the County of Kern allocated \$734,000 in Measure K sales tax revenue for improvements to Jim Williford Park. This investment builds on prior and concurrent park funding, including a \$1.6 million grant for park improvements countywide, \$513,000 for renovations at LeRoy Jackson Park, and \$367,000 for improvements to the Rosamond Baseball Field.

Additionally, the Measure K allocation complements a \$3 million grant investment for Mojave East Park renovations, as well as \$2.97 million budgeted from the general fund for countywide park improvements during the same fiscal year. Together, these investments reflect a sustained commitment to enhancing recreational infrastructure and community quality of life across Kern County.



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FTZ #191 Grantee

Businesses in the greater Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley can benefit from enrolling in the City of Palmdale-managed Foreign Trade Zone, which offers duty deferral and elimination, tax exemptions and inverted tariff relief for businesses involved in international trade, imports and exports. The City of Palmdale offers **free cost-benefit analyses** to businesses interested in learning how the program can benefit their operations.

Aerospace Incentive Program

The City of Palmdale updated its Aerospace Incentive Program to offer aerospace and defense supply chain companies **up to \$500,000 for new construction and \$125,000 for new leases in the City**. Businesses must create at least 50 new jobs, utilize 70,000 square feet of new space and support the existing aerospace and defense industry in Palmdale. The City is currently accepting applications.



Strategic Location
in the heart of
Aerospace Valley



Opportunity Zones
encompass 17%
of population



Commuting Workforce:
62,000
Travel 45+ minutes from
Palmdale, eager to work locally



Population:
162,536



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REGIONAL BUSINESS PARKS

LANCASTER

CENTERPOINT BUSINESS PARK

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

ENTERPRISE BUSINESS PARK

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

FOX FIELD INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR

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

LANCASTER BUSINESS PARK

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

MID-VALLEY INDUSTRIAL CENTER

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

NORTH LANCASTER INDUSTRIAL

Location: Avenue E & 10th Street West
Acreage: 1,860 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan (Industrial)

SOUTHERN AMARGOSA INDUSTRIAL

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

THE BLVD

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

TEHACHAPI

BAILEY COURT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Location: Tehachapi Blvd/Bailey Court
Acreage: 25 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

TEHACHAPI MUNICIPAL AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Location: 411 N. Green Street
Acreage: 2 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

ENTERPRISE WAY/INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY

Location: Mill Street / Industrial Way
Acreage: 3 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

GOODRICK BUSINESS PARK (COUNTY)

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



PALMDALE

In the Pipeline:

ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMERCE CENTER

Location: W Ave M & Sierra Hwy
Acreage: 188 acres
Zoning: Specific Plan (Industrial, Employment Flex & Film Studio)

PALMDALE LOGISTICS CENTER

Location: E Ave M & 35th Street E
Acreage: 158 acres
Zoning: Heavy Industrial

THE HUB

Location: W Ave M & Division St
Acreage: 78 acres
Zoning: Aerospace Industrial

PACIFIC PALMDALE

Location: Rancho Vista Blvd & Sierra Hwy
Acreage: 61 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

8TH STREET EAST

Location: Rancho Vista Blvd & 8th St E
Acreage: 18 acres
Zoning: Heavy Industrial

Under Construction:

AS AEROSPACE (Aerospace Incentive Recipient)

Location: Delta Lane & Grand Cypress Ave
Acreage: 5.09 acres
Zoning: Light Industrial

Constructed & Operational:

LEGACY AT PALMDALE

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

MOJAVE

PPG AEROSPACE

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

Trical Inc.

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

FILM



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

More helpful Contact Info:

Film LA

To help obtain permits for any location in the Antelope Valley visit: FilmLA.com

LANCASTER

Lancaster offers diverse locations, a film-friendly community, and access to California’s lucrative film tax incentives making it an ideal choice for productions of all sizes. From rugged desert landscapes and quiet suburban neighborhoods to modern sports venues, Lancaster delivers visually dynamic backdrops that can double for a wide range of settings.

Popular filming locations include Historic Downtown Lancaster (The BLVD), which blends modern design with classic Americana for urban scenes; Fox Field, a prime aviation location with expansive runways and hangars perfect for high-intensity aerial sequences; and Lancaster’s long, open highways ideal for car commercials and chase scenes. The city’s brand-new soccer stadium adds a sleek, contemporary venue well-suited for sports-centric productions.

Lancaster has played a key role in major productions, including TV shows like *S.W.A.T.*, *9-1-1*, and *Lincoln Lawyer*; blockbuster films such as *Captain Marvel*, and *One Battle After Another*; and commercials for major brands including USPS, Jeep, and Toyota as well as music videos for artists like *Sabrina Carpenter*.

Beyond its striking locations, Lancaster continues to grow as a film hub, with plans for future sound stages and expanded local crew training opportunities reinforcing the city’s commitment to supporting productions from prep through wrap.



FILM LANCASTER

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



FILM PALMDALE

38250 SIERRA HIGHWAY, PALMDALE, CA 93550
(661) 267-5100 | FilmPalmdale.com

PALMDALE

The City of Palmdale has a long, rich history of providing filmmakers with unique, scenic locations since the early days of Hollywood, dating back to the silent film era. It has portrayed Biblical Epics, the Wild West in countless Westerns, and even landscapes in some cult-favorite Science Fiction classics. Several blockbuster movies and TV series have been filmed in many of our locations.

We’re proud to announce that Film Palmdale’s new **Film Incentive Program** is off to a great start, with **Steven Spielberg’s** recent Sci-Fi thriller **Disclosure Day** taking advantage of the program’s benefits. The program offers two options: the reimbursement of Film LA permit fees for productions that film within our City limits, and a hotel room rebate program for crews who stay in a Palmdale hotel (regardless of where filming takes place).

We also offer Palmdale’s Film Stage, which features a 6,000 sq. ft. studio with a 2,500 sq. ft. green screen, a furnished “Video Village” area with a kitchen, wardrobe dressing room, make-up room with two lighted MUAH (make-up and hair) stations, two loading docks, and two restrooms. Through all of our programs and amenities, the City is fully dedicated to supporting the film industry and maintaining our “film-friendly” reputation.

TRANSPORTATION



ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY — AVTA

(661) 945-9445 | avta.com

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

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

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

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

- 1 In November of 2025, AVTA's fleet reached more than 20 million electric miles driven, avoiding 5 million gallons of diesel fuel, and reducing more than 118.8 million pounds of CO2 pollution.
- 2 Also in November of 2025, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District's Governing Board presented AVTA with the 2025 Achievement in Reducing Emissions, or AIRE Award.



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TOP 2025 MILESTONE

On October 28, 2025, Lockheed Martin Skunk Works®, in partnership with NASA, achieved the first flight of the X-59—a quiet-supersonic aircraft engineered and built in Palmdale, California. Launching from U.S. Air Force Plant 42 and landing near NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, the X-59 performed exactly as planned, verifying initial flying qualities and air data performance.

This milestone showcases Lockheed Martin's world-class innovation and aerospace capabilities, paving the way for a new generation of supersonic aircraft that can efficiently and sustainably transport passengers and cargo twice as fast as aircraft today.

“Lockheed Martin is committed to pushing the boundaries of aerospace innovation and dedicated to creating cutting-edge solutions for the future of flight. Our purpose is to ensure those we serve always stay ahead of ready. It's our identity, our culture, and our promise.”

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With more than 5,000 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.



NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman continues to serve as a cornerstone of the Antelope Valley's aerospace corridor, leveraging its world-class facilities at U.S. Air Force Plant 42. As a leader in both manned and autonomous air systems, the Palmdale site remains a premier hub for the development, prototyping, and high-rate production of the nation's most

advanced military aircraft. With a local workforce of over 7,000 employees, the company remains committed to fostering a diverse talent pipeline and continues to be a vital engine for regional economic stability and technological advancement. Those interested in joining their mission-driven team can explore opportunities at ngc.com/careers.



Mojave Air & Space Port serves as a cornerstone of the nation's aerospace innovation economy. As the leading civilian flight-test and development center, we provide the infrastructure, expertise, and regulatory flexibility that enable companies to move from early-stage concepts to fully realized aircraft and space systems.

Our role is to sustain and strengthen a world-class ecosystem where experimental aviation, advanced manufacturing, and next-generation technologies can be designed, built, and tested with uncompromising safety. From emerging startups to established industry leaders, organizations choose Mojave because it offers a proven environment for accelerating progress and expanding the boundaries of aerospace capability.

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

Mojave Air & Space Port is a remarkably lean and efficient operation, with internally roughly 50 employees reporting directly to the airport. It is important to note that our collaboration with mission partners creates roughly 3000 living wage employment opportunities in East Kern, and Mojave Air & Space Port is proud to be the number one employer of employment in East Kern.

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

- 1 XB-1 “Boom Supersonic” goes supersonic in January 2025
- 2 Upgraded our AWOS to better report the weather conditions critical to testing at the facility.



STRATOLAUNCH

Headquartered in the heart of the Aerospace Valley, Stratolaunch is a premier provider of hypersonic flight-test services. Stratolaunch is advancing the frontiers of hypersonic flight through its innovative air-launch platforms and Talon-A testbeds. Capable of reaching speeds beyond Mach 5, the company's systems offer a unique, repeatable environment for high-speed

technology development. Stratolaunch is accelerating national security priorities and aerospace innovation. With a dedicated team of over 360 employees and contractors across the region, Stratolaunch is a key player in enhancing national security and accelerating the next generation of aerospace breakthroughs.

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1

Construction of the Pure Water Antelope Valley (PWAV) Demonstration Facility is scheduled for completion in the late fall of 2026. Much of the exterior of the 8,000-square-foot building, including the roof, is finished. PWAV is PWD's advanced water augmentation project that will increase potable groundwater supplies using purified recycled water.

2

Another milestone is the decommissioning and removal of the wind turbine that has been a landmark in Palmdale for 21 years. The 237-foot-tall turbine, which was no longer functional due to unavailable parts and costly maintenance fees, provided power and saved energy costs for many years. PWD is moving to solar power for its main office, treatment plant, boosters and wells.



WATER

PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT

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

Palmdale Water District (PWD) broke ground and started construction on the Palmdale Ditch Conversion Project, which will turn an 1880s earthen ditch into a covered pipeline. Enclosing the open ditch will decrease water loss resulting from seepage, evaporation and overspill. When the entire 8.5-mile ditch is covered, it will save an average of 1,500 acre-feet of water per year. In addition, it will allow for increased flow when water is transferred from Littlerock Dam to Lake Palmdale where it is stored before being moved to the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant for treatment and distribution. The first phase of the conversion is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.



PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT
A CENTURY OF SERVICE

“ PWD provides high-quality water to our customers at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency.”

ANTELOPE VALLEY – EAST KERN WATER AGENCY

6500 W AVE N, PALMDALE, CA 93551
(661) 943-3201 | AveK.org

In 2025, Antelope Valley–East Kern Water Agency continued to focus on turning improved water supply conditions into lasting reliability for the region. After years of drought-driven uncertainty, consecutive wet seasons have allowed AVEK to store surplus water in High Desert, Westside and Eastside Water Banks from imported water supplies delivered through the State Water Project. The goal is not just having water in wet years, but ensuring dependable supplies if conditions turn dry again. By prioritizing storage, system readiness, and regional stability, AVEK is positioning the Antelope Valley community for a more resilient water future.



“ A reliable water supply is the foundation for economic stability in the Antelope Valley. AVEK’s focus on long-term water supply and system readiness gives local businesses and residents the confidence to plan, invest, and grow.”



TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 Maximizing State Water Project Supplies Through Storage and Banking: AVEK successfully leveraged improved State Water Project allocations by moving and storing over 50,000 acre-feet of water for future use- strengthening regional water reliability. Currently, AVEK has over 150,000 acre-feet of water stored in the groundwater basin. This is enough water to meet our customers’ supplemental water needs for 4 years.

2 Stabilization of Operations and Financial Planning Post-Drought: AVEK continues to plan with a focus on stable, long-range operational and financial planning, reinforcing infrastructure readiness, transparent cost recovery, and preparedness for future dry cycles.



THE AV'S CREDIT UNION.

**There's a difference between
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At Edwards, our members aren't just account numbers — they're business owners, entrepreneurs, families, and leaders driving the future of the Antelope Valley. Every loan, every line of credit, and every financial decision is made locally, with a deep understanding of the businesses and people who power this region.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

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

LANCASTER ENERGY

(844) 288-4523 | [LancasterEnergy.com](https://www.LancasterEnergy.com)

Since 2015, Lancaster Energy (LE) has powered the City of Lancaster as a homegrown, community-driven electric provider, now serving over 88% of local residents. As California's first Community Choice Aggregator, LE empowers the city's homes and businesses with a fresh, reliable alternative to traditional investor-owned utilities.

In less than ten years, our collaboration with Participate Energy brought the Power Choice program to life, giving residents access to clean solar energy and reliable battery backup without the hassle or expense of ownership. This program delivers long-term savings, peace of mind during outages, eco-friendly power, and free repairs and replacements. We also launched the Power Choice Battery Retrofit program, empowering current solar users to add battery storage with ease. In 2025, the Power Choice+ Program opened the door for commercial customers to enjoy solar and battery backup with zero upfront costs. With these programs, you can secure stable energy rates for over 25 years and count on backup power when you need it most. For many businesses, that means real savings and greater resilience, all without upfront payments or credit checks.



LANCASTER
ENERGY

“ Programs like Power Choice and Power Choice+ are about giving our residents and businesses real options—lower costs, stable rates, and locally controlled energy. Lancaster Energy has shown that when cities take the lead, we can deliver reliable power that works for people and strengthens our local economy.”

— Mayor R. Rex Parris

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 Launch of 1st Power Choice+ Commercial Solar Customer:

In September 2025, Lancaster Energy proudly celebrated a milestone by welcoming Bravery Brewing Company as its very first Power Choice+ commercial solar customer. This partnership highlights how collaboration can make solar power and battery backup accessible to more small businesses in our community.

2 Power Choice EV Giveaway Contest:

Limited-time opportunity is open to current Power Choice customers, as well as new customers who enroll and complete installation by August 31, 2026. Eligible participants may enter for a chance to win a new electric vehicle or \$35,000 cash.

PALMDALE EPIC ENERGY

(661) 267-5419 | PalmdaleEPICenergy.com

Palmdale EPIC Energy has empowered our community with locally controlled, competitively priced electricity since 2022. As Palmdale's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, EPIC delivers reliable power with a greater share of renewable energy, serving residents and businesses with transparency, stability, and local oversight.

By prioritizing renewable energy procurement and rate stability, EPIC Energy ensures that power decisions are made with Palmdale's economic and environmental goals at the forefront. Through forward-thinking programs, EPIC is helping customers transition to cleaner technologies, reduce long-term energy costs, and strengthen community resilience.

YOUR RIDE IS EPIC

The Your Ride is EPIC program makes transitioning to electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles more affordable and accessible by offering free or discounted electric vehicle chargers while supplies last.

Eligible participants can be reimbursed up to \$250 for a plug-in charger or up to \$550 for a wall-mounted Level 2 charger, including eligible installation and permit costs. By lowering the cost of home charging infrastructure, the program supports reduced emissions, long-term transportation savings, and Palmdale's broader clean-energy goals.

POWER CHOICE PROGRAM

EPIC's Power Choice Program provides access to rooftop solar and battery storage without the typical upfront costs. Through partnerships with community choice energy programs, Tesla, and Participate.Energy, eligible customers can have solar panels and a home battery system installed at no out-of-pocket cost. This innovative model expands access to renewable energy, delivers long-term energy savings, and strengthens resilience with emergency backup power. Power Choice also helps customers lock in predictable energy rates over the life of the system, providing financial stability while advancing local clean energy adoption.



TOP 2025 MILESTONES

1 In 2025, EPIC Energy increased its renewable energy mix by securing additional clean power resources to provide more sustainable electricity options for residents and businesses. This milestone reinforces Palmdale's leadership in environmental stewardship and long-term climate goals.

EPIC's traditional Power Choice Program has expanded to include the following:

- Power Choice CARE (additional cost savings for low-income residents)
- Power Choice Battery Retrofit (for existing solar customers)
- Power Choice Commercial (for businesses of all sizes)

2 **EPIC's Electric Vehicle Giveaway** is giving Residential Power Choice customers an opportunity to win a new Electric Vehicle (or \$35,000 cash!) just for making the smart switch to solar and battery. Current and future Power Choice customers can enter by submitting a short blurb about the program's impact on their lives and a photo of their new home battery.

3





FIRST PUBLIC HYDROGEN AUTHORITY (FPH2)

(833) 722-3742 | [FirstPublicH2.com](https://www.FirstPublicH2.com)

FPH2 is a new public hydrogen utility created by the City of Lancaster and the City of Industry. Formed in January 2025 and now fully operational, FPH2 is building hydrogen supply, fueling, and delivery infrastructure that supports local fleets, industry, and community resilience. From our home in the Antelope Valley, we are attracting partners, driving new investment, reducing energy costs, and helping California meet its clean-air and climate goals. FPH2's work positions the region as a leading hub in the state's growing clean hydrogen economy.



“ FPH2 is committed to building the clean-energy economy from right here in the Antelope Valley. By increasing access to affordable hydrogen and supporting local users, we are creating new opportunities for investment, workforce development, and long-term economic growth. Our goal is to help communities and businesses succeed while advancing California's clean-air future.”

— R. Rex Parris
Chairman, FPH2 and Mayor of Lancaster

TOP 2025 MILESTONES

- 1 **Completed the formal launch of FPH2** following our January 2025 JPA meeting, including establishing governance, membership pathways, and initial procurement frameworks for hydrogen supply and infrastructure.
- 2 **Advanced early hydrogen infrastructure** in the Antelope Valley by securing anchor offtakers and beginning site planning for production, fueling, and delivery assets that support local fleets and businesses.



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REGIONAL PROFILE

**MEDIAN
AGE**
34.52
YEARS OLD

POPULATION BY AGE

	Total	%
Age 0-19	169,987	28.52
Age 20-49	187,469	39.56
Age 50-64	87,945	18.56
Age 65 and Over	63,321	13.36

Regional Population



Total

2010 Census	496,633
2020 Census	534,612
2026 Estimate	530,053
2031 Projection	528,813

REGIONAL HOUSING

2026 Est. Average Household Income	\$112,190
Housing Units	165,995
Owner-Occupied	64.90%
2026 Est. Average Household Size	3.11

POPULATION BY RACE

	Number
White	187,100
Black/African American	75,581
American Indian/Alaska Native	9,937
Asian	21,221
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1,198
Other	145,303
Two or More Races	89,713
Hispanic/Latino	270,783
Not Hispanic/Latino	259,270

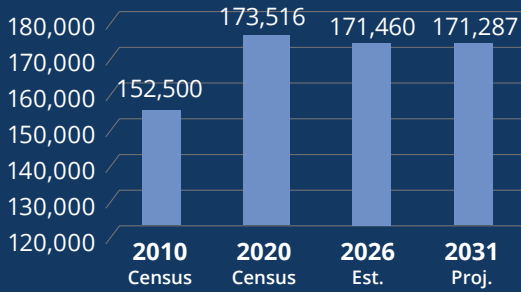
EDUCATION

	Total	%
High School Graduate (or GED)	89,029	28.85
Some College, No Degree	72,291	23.42
Associate's Degree	27,037	8.76
Bachelor's Degree	41,889	13.57
Graduate Degree	22,025	7.14

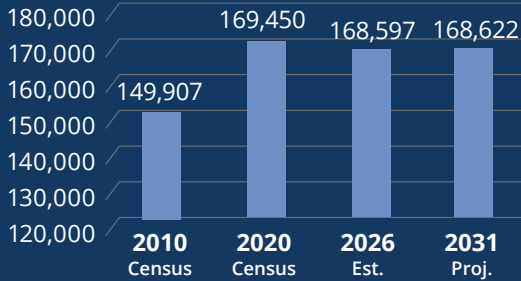
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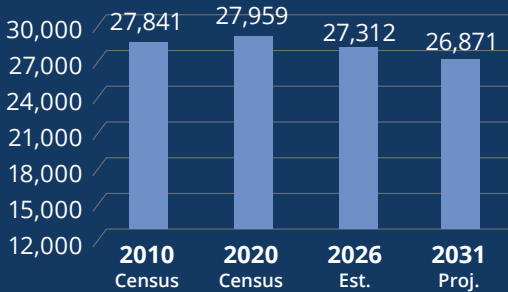
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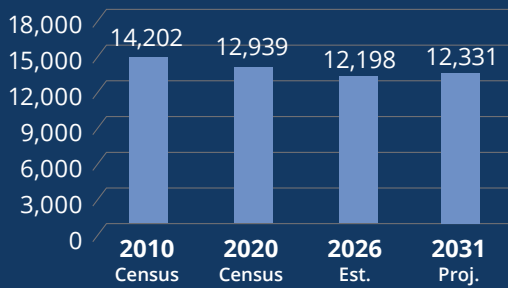
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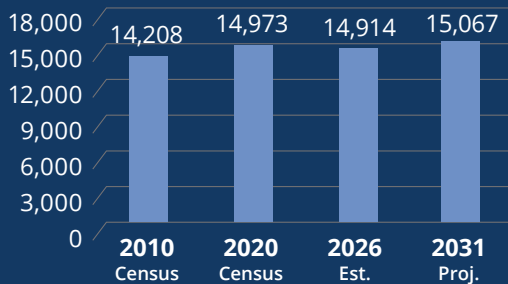
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CITY OF TEHACHAPI



CALIFORNIA CITY



POPULATION DETAIL



5-YEAR POPULATION FORECAST

	2026 Est.	2031 Est.
City of Lancaster (93534,93535,93536)	199,286	197,828
City of Palmdale (93550, 93551, 93552)	179,907	179,710
*Unincorporated - Los Angeles County (93510, 93532, 93543, 93544, 93553, 93563, 93591)	33,380	32,705
City of California City (93505)	14,473	14,635
Greater Tehachapi (93531, 93561)	34,884	35,013
City of Ridgecrest (93555)	32,261	31,758
*Unincorporated - Kern County (93501, 93516, 93519, 93523, 93524, 93527, 93554, 93560)	36,581	37,164
Greater Antelope Valley Region	530,772	528,813

* Areas defined by Zip Codes
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POPULATION BY ZIP CODE

Zip	City	2020 Census	2026 Est.	2031 Proj.
93501	Mojave	6,065	5,878	5,790
93505	California City	14,555	14,473	14,635
93516	Boron	2,150	2,134	2,116
93523	Edwards	3,434	3,770	3,979
93524	Edwards	77	90	98
93527	Inyokern	2,351	2,264	2,207
93531	Keene	456	460	460
93555	Ridgecrest	32,958	32,261	31,758
93560	Rosamond	21,491	22,384	22,913
93561	Greater Tehachapi (includes 95331)	34,920	34,424	34,553
93510	Acton	7,352	7,105	6,970
93532	Lake Hughes	2,402	2,276	2,212

Zip	City	2020 Census	2026 Est.	2031 Proj.
93534	Lancaster	44,186	43,083	42,401
93535	Lancaster	81,907	81,642	81,627
93536	Lancaster	74,296	73,842	73,800
93543	Littlerock	14,188	13,816	13,584
93544	Llano	1,208	1,116	1,073
93550	Palmdale	82,399	80,996	80,319
93551	Palmdale	56,214	56,511	56,936
93552	Palmdale	42,493	42,400	42,455
93553	Pearblossom	1,736	1,643	1,596
93563	Valyermo	238	223	216
93591	Lake L.A. (Palmdale)	7,455	7,201	7,054

LANCASTER CITY STATS

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(661) 723-6128 | CityofLancasterca.org



POPULATION Includes zip codes: 93534, 93535, 93536

2020 Census Population	173,516
2026 Population	171,460
2031 Projection	171,287

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	35.5
Spanish Speaking	28.60%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	51.60%
Hispanic or Latino	48.40%
White Alone	28.84%
Black or African American	22.42%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.69%
Asian Alone	4.69%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.18%
Other	25.44%
Two or More Races	16.75%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$105,362

93534	\$85,361
93535	\$91,438
93536	\$137,144

MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE \$465,208

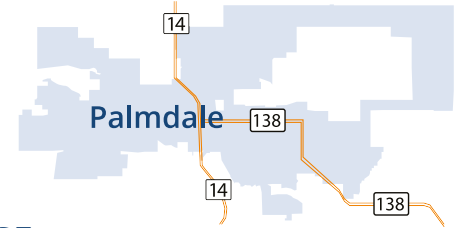
Housing Units (estimate)	52,296
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	58.49%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	17.84%
High School Graduate	29.43%
Some College, No Degree	23.89%
Associate's Degree	8.65%
Bachelor's Degree	12.50%
Graduate Degree	7.69%

BUILDING PERMITS

Permits Issued	4,843
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PALMDALE CITY STATS

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

POPULATION Includes zip codes: 93550, 93551, 93552

2020 Census Population	169,450
2026 Population	168,597
2031 Projection	168,622

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	35.3
Spanish Speaking	47.77%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	34.80%
Hispanic or Latino	65.20%
White Alone	23.50%
Black or African American	13.46%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.20%
Asian Alone	4.44%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.21%
Other	38.19%
Two or More Races	18.01%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$116,943

93550	\$91,098
93551	\$157,426
93552	\$118,541

MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE \$502,088

Housing Units (estimate)	47,601
Persons Per Household (avg.)	4
Homeowners (avg.)	66.42%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	22.59%
High School Graduate	30.98%
Some College, No Degree	21.99%
Associate's Degree	7.66%
Bachelor's Degree	11.79%
Graduate Degree	5.59%

BUILDING PERMITS

Permits Issued	4,071
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CALIFORNIA CITY CITY STATS

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



POPULATION Includes zip code: 93505

2020 Census Population	14,973
2026 Population	14,914
2031 Projection	15,067

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	35.10
Spanish Speaking	27.93%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	59.22%
Hispanic or Latino	40.78%
White Alone	33.65%
Black or African American	25.08%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.38%
Asian Alone	2.73%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.30%
Other	22.45%
Two or More Races	22.45%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$74,831

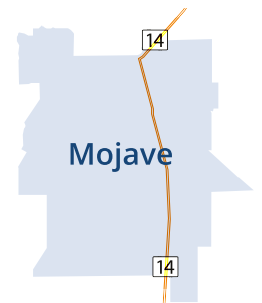
93505	\$74,676
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MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE \$294,274

Housing Units (estimate)	4,974
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	58.20%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	20.38%
High School Graduate	34.83%
Some College, No Degree	24.93%
Associate's Degree	8.71%
Bachelor's Degree	7.44%
Graduate Degree	3.71%



MOJAVE COMMUNITY STATS

POPULATION Includes zip code: 93501

2020 Census Population	6,103
2026 Population	4,580
2031 Projection	4,529

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	33.10
Spanish Speaking	28.24%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	51.24%
Hispanic or Latino	48.76%
White Alone	37.05%
Black or African American	22.10%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.86%
Asian Alone	1.40%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.07%
Other	22.42%
Two or More Races	15.11%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$74,047

93501	\$77,326
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MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE \$239,205

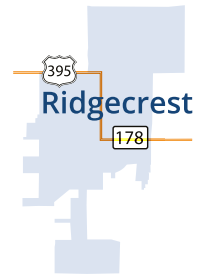
Housing Units (estimate)	1,646
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	39.06%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	29.13%
High School Graduate	39.47%
Some College, No Degree	22.94%
Associate's Degree	3.84%
Bachelor's Degree	2.42%
Graduate Degree	2.20%

RIDGECREST CITY STATS

100 W. CALIFORNIA AVE., RIDGECREST, CA 93555
(760) 499-5000 | Ridgecrest-CA.gov



POPULATION Includes zip code: 93555

2020 Census Population	32,963
2026 Population	27,312
2031 Projection	26,871

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	35.80
Spanish Speaking	12.10%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	73.70%
Hispanic or Latino	26.30%
White Alone	62.25%
Black or African American	5.11%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.22%
Asian Alone	5.44%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.63%
Other	10.24%
Two or More Races	15.11%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

93555	\$121,149
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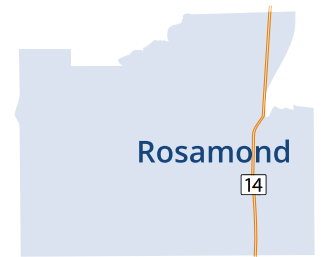
MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE

Housing Units (estimate)	11,300
Persons Per Household (avg.)	2
Homeowners (avg.)	62.00%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	8.95%
High School Graduate	19.28%
Some College, No Degree	26.60%
Associate's Degree	14.45%
Bachelor's Degree	21.30%
Graduate Degree	9.42%

ROSAMOND COMMUNITY STATS



POPULATION Includes zip code: 93560

2020 Census Population	21,466
2026 Population	21,754
2031 Projection	22,305

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	34.40
Spanish Speaking	28.94%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	49.60%
Hispanic or Latino	50.40%
White Alone	44.30%
Black or African American	11.12%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	2.05%
Asian Alone	3.16%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.25%
Other	21.74%
Two or More Races	17.39%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME

93560	\$103,588
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MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE

Housing Units (estimate)	7,249
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	67.86%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	15.19%
High School Graduate	32.26%
Some College, No Degree	25.44%
Associate's Degree	9.54%
Bachelor's Degree	12.27%
Graduate Degree	5.29%



TEHACHAPI REGIONAL STATS

115 S. ROBINSON ST., TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
(661) 822-2200 | LiveUpTehachapi.comgov/CC

POPULATION Includes zip codes: 93531, 93561

2020 Census Population	34,920
2026 Population	34,424
2031 Projection	34,553

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Median Age	37.50
Spanish Speaking	22.78%

POPULATION BY ORIGIN

Not Hispanic or Latino	60.36%
Hispanic or Latino	39.64%
White Alone	52.35%
Black or African American	6.82%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	1.21%
Asian Alone	2.28%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pac. Islander	0.20%
Other	22.73%
Two or More Races	14.40%

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$86,808

93561	\$ 121,198
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MEDIAN HOUSING VALUE \$399,440

Housing Units (estimate)	3,820
Persons Per Household (avg.)	3
Homeowners (avg.)	58.40%

EDUCATION (AGE 25+)

No High School Diploma	19.89%
High School Graduate	26.94%
Some College, No Degree	28.49%
Associate's Degree	9.23%
Bachelor's Degree	9.28%
Graduate Degree	6.17%



REAL ESTATE BY AREA

Area	Total Households	Housing Units, Owner-Occupied	Housing Units, Renter-Occupied	2026 Median Owner-Occupied Housing Value
LA County	3,708,374	1,559,070	1,875,090	\$867,000
Antelope Valley	166,995	108,386	58,609	\$455,609
Lancaster	56,372	30,691	21,990	\$465,208
Palmdale	50,662	31,572	15,969	\$502,088
Kern County	313,137	169,042	122,179	\$364,043
California City	5,642	2,929	2,142	\$292,274
Mojave	1,909	696	1,024	\$239,205
Ridgecrest	12,713	6,960	4,676	\$272,435
Rosamond	8,137	4,972	2,600	\$383,305
Tehachapi	3,900	2,062	1,559	\$399,440

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 2026; ©Claritas, LLC 2026



EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

	Count	Total Employees	Establishments with 100+ Employees
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	963	5,399	3
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	306	2,710	3
Utilities	341	13,415	17
Construction	22,949	134,127	98
Manufacturing	17,960	295,586	497
Wholesale Trade	15,777	163,979	234
Transportation and Warehousing	9,375	149,142	175
Retail Trade	58,691	471,688	794
Information	11,839	166,288	170
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	23,605	133,684	134
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	58,155	377,953	373
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,926	15,285	11
Administrative, Support, Waste Mgmt Remediation Services	16,395	135,526	161
Educational Services	10,486	369,435	711
Healthcare and Social Assistance	155,149	633,135	518
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10,340	128,233	124
Finance and Insurance	31,792	159,411	161
Accommodation and Food Services	32,712	394,864	323
Other Services (except Public Administration)	54,112	283,382	211
Public Administration	4,106	205,090	318
Grand Total	536,979	4,238,332	5,036

Geographies: 93510 (Acton, CA); 93532 (Lake Hughes, CA); 93534 (Lancaster, CA); 93535 (Lancaster, CA); 93536 (Lancaster, CA); 93543 (Littlerock, CA); 93544 (Llano, CA); 93550 (Palmdale, CA); 93551 (Palmdale, CA); 93552 (Palmdale, CA); 93553 (Pearblossom, CA); 93563 (Valyermo, CA); 93591 (Palmdale, CA). DataSource: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2025; ©Claritas, LLC 2026

KERN COUNTY

	Count	Total Employees	Establishments with 100+ Employees
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	431	6,964	16
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	120	3,564	7
Utilities	88	746	0
Construction	1,966	17,544	26
Manufacturing	848	10,762	19
Wholesale Trade	904	15,943	22
Transportation and Warehousing	1,173	7,889	12
Retail Trade	4,032	37,612	68
Information	472	4,487	5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,361	6,900	5
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2,436	12,780	12
Management of Companies and Enterprises	52	193	0
Administrative, Support, Waste Mgmt Remediation Services	1,030	11,716	10
Educational Services	717	29,482	57
Healthcare and Social Assistance	8,754	51,999	61
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	497	5,186	6
Finance and Insurance	1,859	5,469	2
Accommodation and Food Services	2,384	28,382	12
Other Services (except Public Administration)	3,572	14,854	10
Public Administration	626	40,475	24
Grand Total	33,322	312,947	374

Geographies: 93501 (Mojave, CA); 93505 (California City, CA); 93516 (Boron, CA); 93519 (Cantil, CA); 93523 (Edwards, CA); 93524 (Edwards, CA); 93527 (Inyokern, CA); 93554 (Randsburg, CA); 93555 (Ridgcrest, CA); 93560 (Rosamond, CA) DataSource: Claritas Pop-Facts® Premier 2025; ©Claritas, LLC 2026

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