

THE BEST CITIES TO WORK, LIVE + PLAY

PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER REGION IN THE WORLD, the greater Los Angeles area offers a wide-ranging and unique assortment of cities that each boast unique offerings and places to live and work. Inside The Valley has compiled data and prepared Q&A-style conversations with officials from some standout cities inside and outside of the Valley.

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PALMDALE
a place to call home

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POPULATION

166,055

COUNTY

Los Angeles

KEY BUSINESSES WITH HEADQUARTERS IN PALMDALE

- Northrop Grumman
- Lockheed Martin
- Palmdale Regional Medical Center
- World Class Distribution, Inc. (Trader Joe's Distribution Facility)
- Delta Scientific Corporation



AS Aerospace, the inaugural recipient of the Palmdale Aerospace Incentive Program, opening Winter 2026.



Film crews take advantage of Palmdale's Film Incentive and stunning desert landscapes, showcasing why Palmdale is a film-friendly destination.

How is your city creating an environment where residents and businesses can successfully live, work and thrive?

Maintaining a high quality of life is a top priority for the City of Palmdale. With affordable paths to homeownership and a variety of housing options for all stages of life, residents can plan for a financially secure future.

A diverse business community provides an array of places to eat, shop, and enjoy, along with year-round community events such as concerts at the Palmdale Amphitheater and seasonal parkland activations throughout the City. Open space is plentiful, and many take advantage of Palmdale's broad vistas and beautiful desert landscapes to hike, ride a bike, or enjoy equestrian activities.

Any business looking to establish operations in Palmdale will be well-supported by the City and its partners. The City manages several support programs, including financial support through tenant improvement grants and digital gift card programs, promotion through social media and physical advertisements, and technical assistance through workshops and consultations that help Palmdale's businesses thrive, connect, and grow.

Palmdale's efforts don't just speak for themselves: for the second year in a row, Palmdale has been named a finalist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation's Most Business-Friendly City in the Large City Category.

What opportunities currently exist for businesses looking to relocate, expand or invest in your city?

Approximately 57% of Palmdale is undeveloped, making it an ideal destination for relocation and expansion projects.

While many cities are struggling to provide high-quality development options, Palmdale offers numerous market-ready industrial developments, such as the 8.2 million-square-foot Antelope Valley Commerce Center East and the 1.2 million-square-foot Antelope Valley Commerce Center West.

Palmdale also looks forward to new commercial developments anchored by committed major entertainment tenants, which the City foresees will spur a spike in regional spending and economic opportunity.

What financial, tax or other incentive programs are available to attract and support businesses?

The Palmdale Aerospace Incentive Program provides eligible businesses in the aerospace and defense supply chain up to $500,000 for new construction projects or $125,000 for new leases within the City. This program empowers companies that support Palmdale's world-class aerospace ecosystem while creating local jobs and expanding the region's industrial footprint.

The Palmdale Film Incentive Program reduces filming costs by offering permit fee reimbursement or discounted hotel stays to productions filming in or near Palmdale. Applications can be processed in as little as two hours to align with the industry's fast-paced nature. Palmdale is also located within the TMZ Secondary Film Zone, providing additional benefits.









Palmdale, CA

One of the fastest-growing regions in Los Angeles County

40 Miles
from Los Angeles

Affordable
without compromising quality

Two-Time Winner
of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation Most Business-Friendly City Award

Skilled Workforce

A Place for Businesses to Call Home

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POPULATION

126,356

COUNTY

Ventura

KEY BUSINESSES IN SIMI VALLEY

- AeroVironment
- Parker Meggitt
- Regal Rexnord Aerospace Solutions
- ATC Automation
- Howmet Aerospace
- Space Vector
- Allied Studios & 76 Ranch
- Entertainment Earth
- American Vision Windows

What makes your city an attractive destination for businesses looking to invest, expand or relocate?

Simi Valley attracts investment through a business-friendly climate, competitive operating costs, and personalized City support. Unlike many communities in the Los Angeles region, Simi Valley has no utility tax, maintains relatively low business tax rates, and streamlines approvals. Its strategic Southern California location provides access to major freeways, rail lines, and ports, while its skilled, educated workforce supports business growth and long-term success.

What types of businesses or industries is your city most interested in attracting over the next several years?

Simi Valley prioritizes high-value industries that create skilled jobs, foster innovation, and drive sustainable economic growth. Target sectors include aerospace and defense, bioscience, advanced manufacturing, and film and video production.

Bioscience offers significant growth potential, with more than 50 bioscience companies within a 10-mile radius. The region's expanding biotechnology ecosystem, bolstered by Amgen's new $600 million science and innovation center, creates opportunities in research, development, medical technology, and specialized supply chains.

Simi Valley is also home to more than a dozen aerospace companies and suppliers that manufacture drones, precision fasteners, actuators, avionics, and more. These businesses serve industry leaders such as Airbus, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin, as well as government and military organizations, including the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, and NASA.

What are the most important factors businesses consider when choosing a location today, and how does your city address them?

Businesses prioritize safety, operating costs, workforce access, and quality of life. Simi Valley offers proximity to Los Angeles and major Southern California markets while maintaining a welcoming community and competitive business environment.

Continuously recognized as one of California's safest cities, Simi Valley prioritizes public safety through a proactive Police Department that partners with businesses to maintain secure industrial and commercial areas. Companies also benefit from streamlined approvals, responsive City staff, access to an educated workforce, and competitive operating costs.

Award-winning public schools, abundant parks, and extensive open space further enhance quality of life, helping businesses attract and retain talent.

Film is one of your city's targeted industries. What is your city doing to attract more film activity?

The City is expanding Simi Valley's role as a film and media destination through its recently launched Simi Valley Film Office. Beyond streamlining film permits, the initiative aims to attract productions, expand filming locations, and encourage film-related businesses to establish and grow locally.

SIMI Valley | WHERE BUSINESS MOVES FORWARD



Committed to helping businesses navigate processes, support innovation, create opportunities and move projects forward.

SAFE CITY

Nationally recognized as one of the safest cities

PRO-BUSINESS

We cultivate an environment that supports innovation & growth

LOWER COST

Lower business tax & competitive lease rates mean lower cost of business

IDEAL LOCATION

Close to LA market and major transportation hubs

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POPULATION

220,000 (daytime)

COUNTY

Los Angeles

KEY BUSINESSES WITH HEADQUARTERS IN TORRANCE

American Honda Motor Co. Inc.; Antares; Any Signal; Arc Boat Company; Avanti; Bachem Americas Inc.; Celestron; Castelion; Epirus, Inc.; Eravant; FlightWave Aerospace; Hadrian; Health-Ade; Heart Aerospace; Honeywell Aerospace; Intellisense Systems; King's Hawaiian; LISI AEROSPACE; Mishima Foods USA Inc.; Mitsuwa Corporation; Moog, Inc.; Navitas Semiconductor; Northwood Space; Oriental Motors; Partner Engineering; Pelican Products; PolyPeptide; Phenomenex; Robinson Helicopter Co.; Sakura Finetek; Stellant Systems; Sanrio, Inc.; Sanyo Denki America, Inc.; Sun Chlorella; Torrance Refining Co.; Virco; Wash Laundry

What makes your city an attractive destination for businesses looking to invest, expand or relocate?

Torrance offers strategic access to global markets, skilled talent, and a strong business ecosystem Located nine miles from LAX and 11 miles from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the City is home to approximately 13,000 licensed businesses.

How does your city differentiate itself from other communities across the Los Angeles region?

Torrance combines the economic resources of a major employment center with the accessibility and responsiveness of local government. In FY2025-26, the Permit Center served 25,026 visitors, averaging a seven-minute wait and achieving 93% customer satisfaction. Direct access to City decision-makers and a solutions-oriented Economic Development team help businesses navigate challenges and move projects forward.

Which industries are currently driving the most growth and investment in your city?

Aerospace, advanced manufacturing and emerging technologies are driving investment. Northwood Space is opening a 185,000-square-foot headquarters and factory and plans to add 400 jobs over three years. Hadrian, Antares, Castelion, Critical Loop, FlightWave Aerospace, AnySignal and Robinson Helicopter contribute to an advanced-industry ecosystem supported by healthcare, retail and hospitality.

What major development, infrastructure or real estate projects are underway or planned for the coming years?

Torrance continues to attract significant private investments across advanced manufacturing, commercial, industrial and residential development. Investments by developers such as Prologis and Rexford further demonstrate confidence in Torrance's economic future. Complementing this growth, new housing developments, including Fashion Square and Del Amo Circle Apartments, help meet the demand for housing. The City's Major Development Project Dashboard tracks 33 projects currently reflecting diverse pipeline of investment that supports continued economic growth.

How are technology and innovation shaping the needs of businesses operating or moving into your city?

Technology companies need specialized facilities, reliable power, high speed connectivity, and tailored regulatory solutions. Torrance works proactively with businesses and utility partners, including Southern California Edison, to address infrastructure and power needs. The City also played a key role in establishing the South Bay Fiber Network, expanding high speed broadband access and service options for businesses throughout the region. Online permitting, digital plan review, permit tracking, and development dashboards further streamline processes, support informed investment decisions and foster a business friendly environment.

How is your city creating an environment where residents and businesses can successfully live, work and thrive?

As a full-service city, Torrance prioritizes a safe, clean, and well-maintained community. With award-winning Police and Fire Departments, City-operated water and transit systems, a municipal airport, quality schools, parks and reliable infrastructure, Torrance offers a strong foundation for economic growth.

What types of businesses or industries is your city most interested in attracting over the next several years?

Torrance will continue to focus on attracting businesses in aerospace, advanced manufacturing, emerging technologies, alternative energy, healthcare and bioscience, while building on the City's established industry strengths. Equally important is attracting new retail, dining, hospitality and entertainment options that serve residents, support local spending and enhance the quality of life. Our goal is to maintain a diverse and balanced economy that creates quality jobs, encourages private investment and supports long term economic growth.

City of TORRANCE

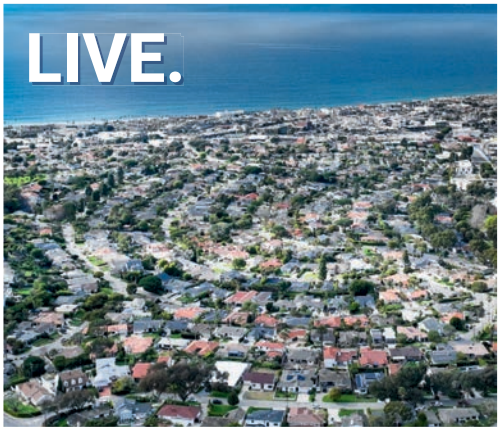
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ONE CITY. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES. #WHYTORRANCE

Torrance is where opportunity meets lifestyle.

Home to global innovators, thriving businesses, and vibrant neighborhoods, Torrance offers strategic access to global markets, a skilled workforce, and a business-friendly environment designed for growth.







143,000+
Residents

21 Square Miles
In the heart of the South Bay

Safety
Class 1 Fire Dept Rating
Top Ranked Police Dept

TUSD
31 Schools
97% Graduation Rate

3rd Highest
Sales Tax Revenue in LA County

8 MILE RADIUS OF TORRANCE

$52 Billion
Aggregate Income

47,124
Active Business

1,185,053
Daytime Population

1.5 Miles
of Beautiful Beach

33
Parks & Recreation Facilities

Del Amo Fashion Center
Top 3 Most Visited in CA
Top 9 Nationwide
17.5 M Visits per Year

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