



CITY OF Lake Forest

2017 PROFILE

The City of Lake Forest takes a proactive role in growing its existing businesses, attracting new businesses, and encouraging entrepreneurialism. At just over 16 square miles, the City of Lake Forest, located at the heart of Southern Orange County, remains one of California's most desirable locations, and the *Natural Choice for Business*.

"The vast majority of businesses (87%) are satisfied with the City's efforts to provide municipal services."

-True North Research, 2014

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KEY PHONE NUMBERS

City Clerk	(949) 461-3420
City Manager	(949) 461-3410
Economic Development	(949) 461-3567
Development Services	(949) 461-3460
Building Division	(949) 461-3470
Planning & Zoning Division	(949) 461-3472
Parks & Recreation Information	(949) 461-3450
Public Works	(949) 461-3480
Police Services	(949) 461-3530
Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce	(949) 583-9639
Transportation Corridor (Toll Road)	(949) 754-3400

DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION

Population*	83,910
Median Age***	38.9
Unemployment Rate**	2.6%

DISTRIBUTION BY ETHNICITY AND RACE***

White	65.9%
Asian	15.3%
Black	1.8%
Other	17%

27.6% of the population identifies as Hispanic

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE

Management, Business and Financial Operations:	18.7%
Professional and Related Occupations:	24.7%
Service:	13.4%
Sales, Office and Admin Support:	26.9%
Farming, Fishing and Forestry:	0.4%
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance:	8.2%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving:	7.7%

HOUSING***

Median Household Income	\$92,475
Households	27,607

DEVELOPMENT*

Residential	3,664 acres
Commercial & Professional Office	820 acres
Business Park & Light Industrial	1,080 acres
Open Space, Parks	3,311 acres

*BASED ON CITY GENERAL PLAN ESTIMATES

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Oakley	2,353
Panasonic Avionics	2,122
loanDepot	1,628
Spectrum Brands HHI	541
Schneider Electric	500
Bal Seal Engineering	427
Home Depot USA Inc.	339
Alcon Research	315
Walmart	286
Apria Healthcare Group	281
Kawasaki	261
Dynacast	207
Del Taco	163
Applied Medical	156

*Department of Finance November 2016

**Employment Development Department February 2017

***Nielsen Claritas, February 2017



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TRANSPORTATION

Irvine Spectrum	3 Miles
Beaches	7 Miles
Inland Empire	28 Miles
Los Angeles	45 Miles
San Diego	77 Miles

CORRIDORS

Interstate 5, 405 and 241 Toll Road

DISTANCE TO AIRPORTS

John Wayne Orange County	11 Miles
Long Beach Airport	25 Miles
LA/Ontario International Airport	45 Miles
Los Angeles International Airport	50 Miles

PORTS

Long Beach:	25 Miles
Los Angeles:	45 Miles

LAKE FOREST PARKS AND AMENITIES

- 30 Neighborhood/Community Parks
- Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park
- Heritage Hill Historic Park
- Lake Forest Golf & Practice Center
- Serrano Creek and Aliso Creek Trails
- Ethies Skatepark of Lake Forest
- The Arbor on El Toro
- Foothill Ranch Towne Center

EDUCATION PROFILE

Access to Saddleback Valley Unified School District, consisting of 26 Elementary Schools, 4 Intermediate Schools, 4 High Schools, a Continuation High School, an Independent Study High School, and one Special Edition School.

Total Public Schools located within Lake Forest	11
Total Private Schools located within Lake Forest	4

NEARBY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

University of California, Irvine
 California State University, Fullerton
 Chapman University
 Concordia University
 Soka University
 Saddleback Community College
 Irvine Valley Community College

“An overwhelming majority of residents (92%) rate the quality of life in Lake Forest as excellent or good.”

-True North Research 2014

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Population 25+)***

Some College:	23.1%
Associates Degree:	8.7%
Bachelor's Degree:	30.2%
Professional Degree or Higher:	14.3%

***Nielsen Claritas, January 2017

