ORANGE COUNTY PROFILE

6th largest county in the U.S. by total population
799 land area (square miles)
42 miles of coastline
3,967 persons per square mile
34 cities and several large unincorporated areas
3,162,245 population (about 7,000 decrease from previous year)

EDUCATION
41.2% of Orange County residents over the age of 25 have a Bachelor’s degree or higher
14.9% have a Graduate or Professional Degree

ECONOMY & INCOME TRENDS
$94,441 Median Household Income (2020)
2.9% Unemployment Rate (2022)
10.1% Poverty Level (2020)
$275B Gross Regional Product (larger than 27 states including Oregon and Louisiana)

COMMUNITY INDICATORS

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES FOR 2022-2060

DIVERSITY
All percentages have been rounded to nearest whole number.

HIGHEST POPULATIONS OF FOREIGN ORIGINS

COUNTRY | POPULATION IN ORANGE COUNTY
---|---
Mexico | 308,008
Vietnam | 150,880
China | 69,897
Korea | 65,332
Philippines | 54,347

ECONOMY & INCOME TRENDS

TOP 3 MAJOR EMPLOYERS
University of California, Irvine
The Walt Disney Co.
County of Orange

TOP 3 MOST IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS
Registered Nurses
Software Developers
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing

ORANGE COUNTY’S TOP JOB CENTERS
Irvine
Anaheim
Santa Ana

June 2021-June 2022
**EDUCATION TRENDS**

OC high school graduation rate increased from 91.1% to 91.4%

OC high school drop out rate declined from 5% to 4%

**HOUSING**

Median existing single-family home price, Orange County

$1,265,000 June 2022

v.s.

$863,790 in California

Only 29% of first-time home buyers can afford an entry-level home (priced at $1,071,000 requiring qualifying income of $157,500) in Q1 2022

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41% in Q1 2020

$36.63 Hourly wage needed for 1 bedroom (2022) an increase of 1% compared to 2021

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**TRANSPORTATION**

While Orange County traffic congestion increased between 2020 and 2021, it remains well below pre-pandemic levels.

**WATER USE**

Orange County water consumption saw a large increase in 2021 (in gallons per capita per day — GPCD), jumping from 108 in 2020 to 114 in 2021 consuming, however, less water per capita than it did a decade ago.

**INTERNET ACCESS**

92% Orange County households had internet access in 2020 more than in San Francisco (90%), San Bernadino (88%) and Los Angeles (87%) counties.

**SPECIAL FEATURE: REMOTE WORK TRENDS**

58% of American workers had the option of working from home at least once per week

87% took that option

Average remote workers worked remotely 3.3 days a week

Green Street Advisors indicates demand for office space may contract up to 15% due to remote working.

**REMOTE WORK ADOPTION RATES BY FIELD**

- Chemical Engineering: 2.2%
- Industrial Engineering: 2.3%
- Medicine: 2.9%
- Registered Nurses: 3.3%
- Retail Salespersons: 15.9%
- Software Developers: 33.4%
- Brand Marketing & Management: 34.7%
- Account Management: 36.8%

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