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1	<b>Anaheim</b> 200 S. Anaheim Blvd. Anaheim 92805-3820 Website: anaheim.net		341,773 0.5%	1876	3,393	\$456.8 million -8.9%	Disneyland Resort, Kaiser Permanente, Northgate González Market, Anaheim Regional Medical Center, OC Sports & Entertainment, Hilton Anaheim, L-3 Harris Technologies, West Anaheim Medical Center, Angels baseball, Anaheim Marriott	Ashleigh Aitken James Vanderpool (714) 765-5162	
2	<b>Irvine</b> 1 Civic Center Plaza Irvine 92623-9575 Website: cityofirvine.org		318,629 2.7%	1971	2,193	\$263.4 million 3.9%	UCI, Irvine Unified School District, Edwards Lifesciences, Blizzard Entertainment Inc., Broadcom, Glidewell Laboratories, Parker Hannifin Corp., Nationstar Mortgage LLC, B. Braun Medical Inc., Western Digital Corp.	Larry Agran Sean Crumby (949) 724-6020	
3	<b>Santa Ana</b> 20 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana 92701-4058 Website: santa-ana.org		315,325 1.5%	1886	1,207	\$413.8 million 4%	County of Orange, Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana College, First American Title Company, Allied Universal, City of Santa Ana, KPC Healthcare, United States Postal Service, Rancho Santiago Community College District, Behr Paint	Valerie Amezcua Alvaro Nuñez (714) 647-5400	
4	<b>Huntington Beach</b> 2000 Main St. Huntington Beach 92648-2702 Website: huntingtonbeachca.gov		193,134 0.3%	1909	1,734	\$301.7 million 6.3%	The Boeing Company, Quiksilver, Cambro Manufacturing, Verizon, Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa, C & D Aerospace, Huntington Beach Hospital, Fisher & Paykel, Rainbow Environmental Services, Home Depot USA, Huntington Valley Healthcare, Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, Cleveland Golf, Walmart	Casey McKeon Travis Hopkins (714) 536-5202	
5	<b>Garden Grove</b> 11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove 92840-5208 Website: ggcity.org		171,492 0.3%	1956	770	\$174.3 million 4.2%	Air Industries Company, Costco, Prime Healthcare Services Inc., GKN Aerospace Transparency Systems Inc., Great Lakes Services LLC, Great Wolf Lodge, Hyatt Regency Orange County, Safran Cabin Inc.	Stephanie Klopfenstein Lisa Kim (714) 741-5100	
6	<b>Fullerton</b> 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton 92832-1710 Website: cityoffullerton.com		141,469 0.8%	1904	742	\$127.6 million 5.7%	CSUF, Fullerton School District, Raytheon Systems Co., Fullerton College, St. Jude Medical Center, Albertson's SoCal division	Fred Jung Eddie Manfro <sup>(1)</sup> (714) 738-6300	
7	<b>Orange</b> 300 E. Chapman Ave. Orange 92866-1408 Website: cityoforange.org		139,724 0.8%	1888	917	\$146.6 million 5.2%	UC Irvine Medical Center, CHOC Children's Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital Orange, Chapman University, Santiago Canyon College, CalOptima, American Advisors Group, Western Dental Services Inc., Orange County Transportation Authority, California Choice, AECOM	Dan Slater Jarad Hildenbrand (714) 744-2222	
8	<b>Costa Mesa</b> 77 Fair Drive Costa Mesa 92628-1200 Website: costamesaca.gov		110,321 0.8%	1953	885	\$163.2 million 4.5%	Auto Club of Southern California, Experian Information Solutions, Coast College Community College, EPL Intermediate	John Stephens Cecilia Gallardo-Daly (714) 754-5000	
9	<b>Mission Viejo</b> 200 Civic Center Mission Viejo 92691-5519 Website: cityofmissionviejo.org		91,740 0.5%	1988	365	\$39.7 million 3.7%	Mission Hospital, Saddleback College, Saddleback Valley Unified School District	Bob Ruesch Elaine Lister (949) 470-3000	
10	<b>Westminster</b> 8200 Westminster Blvd. Westminster 92663-3366 Website: westminster-ca.gov		90,295 0.9%	1957	437	\$86.6 million 14.1%	Westminster School District, Kindred Hospital, Walmart, Target, City of Westminster, Costco	Chi Charlie Nguyen Christine Cordon (714) 898-3311	
11	<b>Lake Forest</b> 100 Lake Forest Drive Lake Forest 92630-8893 Website: lakeforestca.gov		87,639 0.8%	1991	152	\$74.3 million 7%	Oakley, Schneider Electric, Bal Seal Engineering, Home Depot, Alcon Laboratories, Walmart, Kawasaki, Herbalife, Dynacast, Applied Medical	Scott Voigts Debra D. Rose (949) 461-3400	

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<sup>(1)</sup> Serving as Interim City Manager as of August 2025

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12	<b>Buena Park</b> 6650 Beach Blvd. Buena Park 90622-5009 Website: buenapark.com		82,667 -0.03%	1953	480	\$111 million 10.6%	Knott's Berry Farm, Esterline Technologies Corp., Nutrilite, Leach International, Ultra Wheel, Pepsi-Cola West, Yamaha, Servicecraft Distribution, City of Buena Park	Connor Traut Aaron France (714) 562-3500	
13	<b>Newport Beach</b> 100 Civic Center Drive Newport Beach 92660-3267 Website: newportbeachca.gov		82,654 0.3%	1906	1,307	\$315.8 million 3.9%	Hoag Hospital, Pacific Life Insurance Co., PIMCO Advisors, Glidewell Laboratories, Newport-Mesa Unified School District	Lauren Kleiman Grace K. Leung <sup>(3)</sup> (949) 644-3001	
14	<b>Tustin</b> 300 Centennial Way Tustin 92780-3715 Website: tustinca.org		79,326 0.6%	1927	516	\$97.5 million 7.7%	Tustin Unified School District, New American Funding, SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union	Austin Lumbar Aldo Schindler (714) 573-3000	
15	<b>Yorba Linda</b> 4845 Casa Loma Ave. Yorba Linda 92886-3364 Website: yorbalindaca.gov		66,267 0.3%	1967	340	\$48.2 million 1.9%	Nobel Biocare USA LLC, Costco, Vyaire Medical Payroll LLC, Emeritus at Yorba Linda, Office Solutions Business, White House Catering, Coldwell Banker, Robert Moreno Insurance Services, Vons Grocery Co., Kohl's	Carlos Rodriguez Peter Grant (714) 961-7100	
16	<b>Laguna Niguel</b> 30111 Crown Valley Parkway Laguna Niguel 92677-2001 Website: cityoflagunaniguel.org		65,257 1.5%	1989	151	\$56.7 million 1.6%	Costco, Capistrano Unified School District, Life Time Fitness, YMCA	Gene Johns Tamara S. Letourneau (949) 362-4300	
17	<b>San Clemente</b> 910 Calle Negocio San Clemente 92673-6268 Website: san-clemente.org		62,865 0.9%	1928	519	\$83.4 million 4.1%	Capistrano Unified School District, Fisherman's Restaurant, Ralphs, City of San Clemente, Walmart, Target	Rick Loeffler Andy Hall (949) 361-8200	
18	<b>La Habra</b> 110 E. La Habra Blvd. La Habra 90631-2314 Website: lahabraca.gov		61,202 0.5%	1925	552	\$54.1 million <sup>(2)</sup> 0%	CVS Pharmacy, Walmart/Sam's Stores Inc., City of La Habra, Costco, Target, Home Depot	Rose Espinoza Jim Sadro (562) 383-4000	
19	<b>Fountain Valley</b> 10200 Slater Ave. Fountain Valley 92708-4736 Website: fountainvalley.org		56,560 0.4%	1957	283	\$87.9 million 6.7%	Hyundai Motor America, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, Kingston Technologies, D-Link Systems Inc., Costco, Fountain Valley Elementary School District, City of Fountain Valley, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, SureFire	Jim Cunneen Maggie Le (714) 593-4400	
20	<b>Placentia</b> 401 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia 92870-6101 Website: placentia.org		53,982 3.4%	1926	316	\$53.3 million -6.5%	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, Placentia-Linda Hospital	Kevin Kirwin Jennifer Lampman (714) 993-8117	
21	<b>Aliso Viejo</b> 12 Journey, Ste. 100 Aliso Viejo 92656-5335 Website: cityofaliso Viejo.com		50,213 0.3%	2001	65	\$43.5 million 4.8%	United Parcel Service, Pacific Life Insurance Co., Capistrano Unified School District, Fluor, Quest Software Inc., QLogic Corp., Renaissance ClubSport, PepsiCo, Smith Micro Software Inc.	Tiffany Ackley Mitzi Ortiz (949) 425-2500	
22	<b>Cypress</b> 5275 Orange Ave. Cypress 90630-2957 Website: cypressca.org		49,499 0.3%	1956	552	\$43.5 million 4.8%	United Health Group, Cypress College, Siemens, Hybrid Apparel, Yamaha Motor Corp., Los Alamitos Race Course, Costco, Mitsubishi Motors, Christie Digital	Leo Medrano Sean Joyce <sup>(1)</sup> (714) 229-6680	

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<sup>(2)</sup> Business Journal estimate

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23	<b>Brea</b> 1 Civic Center Circle Brea 92821-5792 Website: cityofbrea.gov		47,900 0.4%	1917	491	\$69 million 2%	Albertsons, Beckman Coulter, Brea Olinda Unified School District	Cecilia Hupp Kristin Griffith (714) 990-7600	
24	<b>Rancho Santa Margarita</b> 22112 El Paseo Rancho Santa Margarita 92688-2824 Website: cityofrsm.org		46,341 0.1%	2000	38	\$24.3 million -5.8%	Applied Medical Resources Co., O'Connell Landscape, Saddleback Valley School District, Lucas & Mercier Construction, Control Components Inc. (CCI), Target, Capistrano Unified School District, PADI, Santa Margarita Catholic High School	L. Anthony Beall Jennifer Cervantez (949) 635-1800	
25	<b>Stanton</b> 7800 Katella Ave. Stanton 90680-3162 Website: ci.stanton.ca.us		40,552 0.6%	1956	99	\$35.3 million 15.4%	Rowntree Gardens, USS Cal Builders, CR&R Environmental Services, Home Depot, All Metals Processing of Orange County LLC, Custom Pipe and Coupling Inc., Adventure City, Walmart Neighborhood Market, Food 4 Less, City of Stanton, Primus Inc., Orco Block, Cameron Welding Supply	David J. Shawver Hannah Shin-Heydorn (714) 379-9222	
26	<b>San Juan Capistrano</b> 32400 Paseo Adelanto San Juan Capistrano 92675-3603 Website: sanjuancapistrano.org		35,329 1%	1961	63	\$45.2 million 3.7%	Capistrano Unified School District, St. Margaret's Episcopal School, Costco, Ensign Services, JSerra Catholic High School, Fluidmaster Inc.	Troy Bourne Ben Siegel (949) 493-1171	
27	<b>Dana Point</b> 33282 Golden Lantern Dana Point 92629-1805 Website: danapoint.org		32,730 0.4%	1989	122	\$47.9 million 2.7%	Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel, Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach, Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa	John Gabbard Mike Killebrew (949) 248-3500	
28	<b>Laguna Hills</b> 24035 El Toro Road Laguna Hills 92653-3103 Website: lagunahillsca.gov		30,309 -0.02%	1991	58	\$26.9 million -4.1%	Saddleback Memorial Medical Center, Laguna Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, Saddleback Valley USD	Joshua Sweeney Bob Wingenroth (949) 707-2600	
29	<b>Seal Beach</b> 211 Eighth St. Seal Beach 90740-6305 Website: sealbeachca.gov		24,400 0.2%	1915	245	\$44 million -5.2%	Boeing, US Health Care, Accurate Metal Fabricators, MAG TEK, Target, Country Villa, First Team Real Estate, Kohl's, Old Ranch Country Club, Olson Co.	Lisa Landau Patrick Gallegos (562) 431-2527	
30	<b>Laguna Beach</b> 505 Forest Ave. Laguna Beach 92651-2332 Website: lagunabeachcity.net		22,763 1.4%	1927	755	\$93.8 million 0%	Mission Hospital, Montage, Laguna Beach School District, City of Laguna Beach, Laguna College of Art and Design, Surf & Sand Resort, Pacific Edge Hotel, Las Brisas, Hotel Laguna, Mozambique	Mark Orgill Dave Kiff (949) 497-0704	
31	<b>Laguna Woods</b> 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods 92637-3488 Website: cityoflagunawoods.org		17,183 0.2%	1999	19	\$10.6 million -8.2%	Laguna Woods Village, Professional Community Management of California Inc., Stater Bros., Rainbow Realty Corp.	Shari L. Horne Christopher Macon (949) 639-0500	
32	<b>La Palma</b> 7822 Walker St. La Palma 90623-1721 Website: cityoflapalma.org		15,110 0.3%	1955	317	\$14.9 million 4.3%	Marathon Petroleum, ADP Inc., La Palma Intercommunity Hospital, Anaheim Union High School District, AppleCare Medical Management, Arcadia Chair Company, CJ Foods Inc., Walmart	Mark Waldman Peter L. Kim (714) 690-3300	
33	<b>Los Alamitos</b> 3191 Katella Ave. Los Alamitos 90720-2335 Website: cityoflosalamitos.org		12,006 0.5%	1960	184	\$23.1 million 10%	Los Alamitos Medical Center, Los Alamitos Unified School District, Arrowhead Products	Shelley Hasselbrink Chet Simmons (562) 431-3538	
34	<b>Villa Park</b> 17855 Santiago Blvd. Villa Park 92861-4105 Website: villapark.org		5,738 0.6%	1962	7	\$4.7 million -5.1%	Tropical Plaza Nursery	Nicol Jones Steve Franks (714) 998-1500	

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