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Community Overview

Irwindale was initially settled during the 1850s when it welcomed the families of Gregorio Fraijo and Fecundo Ayon from Mexico. The rocky foundation of this new settlement proved valuable as more and more people came to the region and demanded improved roads. The first quarry opened in 1909, establishing the sand and gravel mining industry as a major player in the local economy. Today, nearly every highway in California, as well as many highways winding west of the Mississippi River, feature Irwindale rock as part of their foundation.

The fledgling little town chose to incorporate as a city on August 5, 1957, becoming the 56th city in Los Angeles County. This family-centered city is a magnet for commerce, currently housing more than 700 diverse businesses. Even with its transition as a first-class suburban city, Irwindale remains a close-knit community of 1,727 residents.

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Location & Transportation

The city of Irwindale's enviable location places it in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley, along the eastern border of Los Angeles County in Southern California. It is a mere 20 miles east of the vibrant downtown Los Angeles and is ideally situated in the midst of several major thoroughfares, including the Foothill Freeway (I-210), San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) and San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605).

Area freeways provide convenient access to all of Southern California, as does the Metrolink rail system, which offers stations in neighboring Baldwin Park and Covina. Fixed bus route service through Foothill Transit is also available in the area, as is exceptional air travel options. The Metro Gold Line Foothill line is on track for the 2A extension from Pasadena to Glendora. Stations are planned for Irwindale, City of Hope and Citrus College.

Within 45 miles of Irwindale, commercial travelers utilize Los Angeles International, Ontario International and Burbank Regional airports. Additionally, the city is located near the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, both situated approximately 35 miles from Irwindale.



The mining industry laid the foundation for current-day Irwindale's economy, and while it still plays a significant role in the community, more and more manufacturing and high-tech-based companies are locating here. The modern, 2.1 million-square-foot Irwindale Business Center harbors many of these newer businesses. Located in the center of the city, this master-planned business development features first-class industrial spaces, retail and dining establishments along Arrow Highway.

A diverse mix of more than 700 businesses and industries have made a home in Irwindale. The city continues to attract and retain businesses of all types and sizes, with major employers, such as Ready Pac Produce, MillerCoors, Southern California Edison, the Toyota Speedway at Irwindale and Breeders Choice Pet Food, employing many of the area's more than 40,000 employees.



Education

Education is a cornerstone in the Irwindale community. Residents have access to public schools, private schools and a number of colleges and universities closely surrounding the city. Four exceptional public school districts serve K-12 students in the Irwindale area: Covina Valley Unified, Azusa Unified, Duarte Unified and Baldwin Park Unified. Private education is available through local parishes, as well as St. Lucy's Priory School, Damien High School and Bishop Amat Memorial High School. As for higher learning, Irwindale's centralized location within Los Angeles County places it within reach of numerous colleges and universities, affording outstanding educational opportunities to graduating high school seniors, adults and businesses.



Recreation & Attractions

The city of Irwindale and Los Angeles County each maintain parks and recreation departments, which provide exceptional recreational spaces, facilities and programs. The county operates the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area in Irwindale. Situated at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, this 835-acre site is home to a 70-acre lake, ideal for fishing and boating, miles of multi-use trails, a nature center, large picnic areas, a five-acre swim beach and the Water Play Area. In addition, the original Renaissance Pleasure Faire operates at the Santa Fe Dam weekends during April and May.

The Toyota Speedway at Irwindale is an exciting motorsports and entertainment facility complete with twin paved oval race tracks and a 1/8-mile drag strip. The speedway's schedule is filled with live stock car, sprint car, supermodified, truck and other race events, along with a concert series.

History buffs will revel in the beautiful architecture of the Divine Savior Presbyterian Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, a city-owned historical landmark. The city is also highlighted by the Veterans Monument, dedicated on Veterans Day of 2007. The monument honors those who have served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Staying healthy is important to Irwindale residents, who are supplied with a wide range of medical options, ranging from general practitioners to various specialists. The community is also well-served by several hospital campuses, medical groups and senior living communities.

Citrus Valley Health Partners manages three hospital campuses and a hospice in the San Gabriel Valley. Just outside of Irwindale, in Covina, is the 222-bed Citrus Valley Medical Center – Inter-Community Campus, a facility equipped with the Citrus Valley Heart Center and the only open heart surgery program in the area. West Covina is home to the Queen of the Valley Campus and Citrus Valley Hospice, while Glendora hosts the 105-bed Foothill Presbyterian Hospital. FHP offers a range of high-quality services and facilities, including the only FAA-approved heliport between San Bernardino and Arcadia.

Nearby is Kaiser Permanente’s Baldwin Park Medical Center, where patients have access to a long list of departments and specialties, health education and 24/7 emergency and urgent care.



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