

City of Compton California

Highlights:

- Date of Incorporation: May 11, 1888, First City Council meeting May 14, 1888.
- Compton was the 8th City to be incorporated in Los Angeles County. The original town was comprised of 2,250 acres.
- City of Compton is a City Manager form of CA Charter city (eight electorates – four district elected council members, Mayor, Attorney, Clerk, and Treasurer.)
- Elevation: 60-75 Feet Above Sea Level
- Geographic Area: 10.12 square miles (6,514 acres)
- The City of Compton (“City”) is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural community of nearly 100,000 residents. [Population density per square mile is 9,755 people]
- The City’s unique location in the exact geographical center of Los Angeles County (aka, the Hub City)

Roughly, one-third of the Compton populace is under the age of 18 years, and over half of the total residents are female. According to the U.S. Census taken in 2010 the City’s race or ethnic breakdown is 65% Hispanic or Latino, 33% Black or African American, 1.7%, Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 0.7% Native American or Alaskan Native, and the balance Asian, White or other race.

Compton is 10.12 square miles and is fondly known as the “Hub City” because of its unique geographical proximity being in the center of the Los Angeles County boundaries. As the ‘Hub City’ it makes Compton strategically located along the Alameda Corridor, a rail passageway of 25% of all U.S. waterborne international trade, in addition to being a large industrial center for transit and distribution, business services, high technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing.

The Hub City is part of the Gateway region and has a 77-acre Compton / Woodley Airport that is home to 275 based aircraft and experiences over 66,000 flight operations each year. The Hub City’s four major freeways adjacent to the City’s boundaries compliment this air transportation asset. Interstate 710 runs from the seaports through the eastern boundary; the State Route 91 freeway extends through the southern boundary; Interstate 105 runs slightly along the north of the City; and Interstate 110 along to the west. Additionally, the Interstates 405 and 605 freeways are within two miles of Compton’s southern and eastern edges, respectively.

The City of Compton’s Parks & Recreation Department operates and maintains sixteen (16) playgrounds for a combined 118 acres of active park space. Facilities include six community centers, seven neighborhood parks, two walking parks, two community competition size swimming pools, three regulation size gymnasiums, a skate park, Jackie Robinson Baseball Stadium, Nine-Hole Par 3 Golf Course, and the world class two-story 29,641 square foot Douglas F. Dollarhide Community Center.

Education is vital to Compton’s growth and part of this includes the sixty-year history of the community college, where the Compton Community College utilizes the latest techniques for preparing the workforce and provides clear pathways for transfer to university completion and lifelong learning. Building up to the community college, the Compton Unified School District facilitates learning programs in the City for all residents through eight (8) Middle Schools, 24 Elementary Schools, three (3) High Schools, and One (1) Adult School.

The CA Employment Development Department reports Compton’s unemployment rate at 5.9% as of the end of November 2019 (U.S. average is 3.5%). Compton has seen the job market increase by 0.7% over the last year. Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 29.9%, which is lower than the US average of 33.5%.

Tax Rates for Compton - The Sales Tax Rate for Compton is 10.3%. The US average is 7.3%.
- The Income Tax Rate for Compton is 9.3%. The US average is 4.6%.
- Tax Rates can have a big impact when Comparing Cost of Living.

Income & Poverty

Median household income 2014-2018 was \$50,507 (in 2018 dollars). The per capita income in past 12 months 2014-2018 was \$16,348 (in 2018 dollars). The persons in poverty was 29.4%. (<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/compton-ca/>). The National average median household income was \$63,179 in 2018.

EDD indicates that as of November 2019 the Compton business and industry employed 52,411 people. The area's median household income was \$48,117. The income inequality in Compton, CA (measured using the Gini index) is 0.5, which is higher than the national average.

Compton has emerged with one of the region's most dynamic shopping environments with 26 of the nation's top 100 retailers delivering quality products and services, as well as local hiring opportunities for the many residents and visitors. The Compton Town Center hosts 30 businesses that has a Burlington's Coat Factory, Smart and Final, IHOP, CVS, Superior Grocers, Major Banks, plus much more. The Rosecrans Shopping Plaza has over 15 great stores, and the Gateway Towne Center is an unparalleled shopping experience in one easy to reach location that hosts, but is not limited to, Home Depot, Target, ALDI, Best Buy, Ross, PetSmart, 24 Hour Fitness, plus over a dozen major fast and casual dining establishments.

January 2017 Compton proudly welcomed a WalMart Super Center, which is the largest U.S. based Retail Company of the world's largest retailers. Best Buy Enterprise Services and United Parcel Services (UPS) will become the two tenants in a ten-year lease at the newly built Brickyard Industrial Park. Each company will utilize the 1 million square feet complex for their respective product fulfillment package distribution. Compton also has the Walnut Industrial Park that is 1,500 acres of many quality corporations like Kroger's, Carbon Activated, Alloy Processing, and Nissan.

The City of Compton has a vibrant economy that includes jobs, reasonable living costs, and plenty of fun things to do, making it a positive destination City with all the ingredients for greater success.

[U.S. Census Data \(click here\)](#)

Year	Population Size
2016	97,550
2000	93,493
1990	90,454
1980	81,286
1970	78,611
1960	71,816
1950	47,991
1940	16,198
1930	12,516
1920	1,478
1910	992

- The City collaborated with the Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) to construct a new state-of-the-art Transit Center known as Martin Luther King Jr. Transit Center with a multi-level 480 vehicle parking structure; a 30,000 square feet community center, a 75-unit senior housing residential development known as Metro@Compton, and a 128-unit townhome community.
- Safety: City Fire Department (Rescue, Medical Services, Fire Prevention, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Preparedness and Public Education); Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Highlighted within 2,000 linear feet of the Compton METRO Light Rail Platform includes:

Compton City Hall	Douglas Dollarhide Community Center
Compton High School	L. A. County Library
Compton Superior Courthouse	L. A. County Sheriff Station
Compton Town Center & Renaissance Plaza:	L. A. County Superior Court

- Three (3) Major Banks
- One (1) Major Department Store
- Four (4) Clothing Outlets
- Two (2) Major Super Markets
- Ten (10) Fast Foods & (1) Restaurant
- Mother's Nutrition
- Women with Infant Children (WIC)
- Compton/Woodley Airport

L.A. County Mental Health
 Martin Luther King Transit Center
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
 METRO@Compton Senior Apartments
 U.S. 44th Congressional District Office
 U.S. Postal Service
 U.S. Social Security Administration
 Office
 Youth Build School.

A. Government Business Incentive Programs – The City of Compton works closely with major businesses on economic development incentive plans/agreements. For example, a recent business incentive involved how the City completed an agreement with a global package logistics corporation that provides an equivalent rebate of sales/use and transaction/use taxes over the ten (10) year period, including local labor, investment of taxable capital expenditures (e.g., heavy equipment purchases), and more.

B. Business Labor Availability and Support – The city works with the Community Career Development Corporation, which contracts with the County and City of Los Angeles to operate the Compton America's Job Centers of California. It is co-located with the State of California Employment Development Department, which provides free employment services to adults, youth, veterans, and mature workers to succeed in the labor market and to match City employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. The unemployment rate in the city of Compton for October 2019 is 6.3%.

In addition, the City operates a full-time human resources center (CareerLink) that provides local businesses with free recruitment, interview and placement of job applicants. An abbreviated list of businesses that this department has assisted with quality comprehensive hiring services in retail incorporates the Burlington Coat Factory, ALDI, Target, Best Buy, Marshall's, Dollar Tree, Ross Dress for Less, Home Depot, and Wal-Mart; for consumer foods and beverages it serves McDonald's, IHOP, Smart and Final, Interstate Foods, Starbucks, TGI Fridays, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Everytable, Pizza Studio, Steak 'n Shake, Jersey Mikes, Grocery Outlet, Fatburger; and a few of the industrial and transportation firms including Parsec, Trammel Crow, Best Buy Distribution and UPS.

C. Telecommunications Capacity – AT&T is the local area network provider for the City of Compton.

D. Transportation Access – With 'Overweight Corridor' facilities in and around the City, Compton is well suited for a wide variety of operational needs. Compton is known as the "Hub City" because of its unique position in almost the exact geographical center of Los Angeles County. Compton is strategically located along the Alameda Corridor, a passageway of 25% of all U.S. waterborne international trade, in addition to being a large industrial center for transit and distribution, business services, high technology, home and lifestyle products, metals, financial services, and textile manufacturing.

E. Utility Cost (Gas and Electric) – All gas service is provided by Southern California Gas Company (Sempra Energy) and the electric utility is Southern California Edison (SCE).

F. Water Availability and Cost – A major portion of the City's water services are provided by Golden State Water Company.

G. Fiber Optic Availability – AT& T is the local area network provider for the City of Compton.

- H. Housing Cost – The estimated median house or condominium value is \$398,600 (3rd Q. 2019), compared to the State of California average of \$310,900.
- I. Proximity to Suppliers and Customers – The Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach combine are the largest in the Western Hemisphere, handling over 40% of all inbound containers for the entire United States, making this region complete with an enormous range of quality suppliers. This is a mature logistics economy; including high-capacity rail networks, endless warehousing and distribution options, and over 160,000 workers support this international trade sector.
- J. Proximity to Engineering Talent – With greater than 8,000 graduates per year, three of the top 14 engineering colleges in the country are within a twenty-mile radius of the city of Compton, including the California Institute of Technology, University of Southern California, and the University of California, Los Angeles. [Note: The City is next to California State University Dominguez Hills, and within four miles of California State University Long Beach.]
- K. Proximity to Scheduled Air and other Transportation Services – Overall, there is a variety of extreme speed and competitive express package delivery services in this business region. The Los Angeles International Airport is fifteen miles southwest and Long Beach Airport is five miles east of the City. Compton/Woodley Airport is a small general aviation airport located in the city.
- L. There are four major freeways adjacent to the city's boundaries. Interstate 710 is establish from the seaports through the eastern boundary; State Route 91 runs through the southern boundary; Interstate 105 runs slightly along the north of the city; and Interstate 110 along to the west. Additionally, the Interstates 405 and 605 freeways are within two miles of the city boundaries.
- M. The METRO light rail “A Line” runs north south through the city that quickly and efficiently connects Compton to downtown Los Angeles and downtown Long Beach. The Torrance and Gardena Bus lines have stops directly in front of the proposed 18-acre site. In addition, a Compton Renaissance Transit System serves the local community.
- N. Basic Demographics of the City – Total Area: 10.12 square miles; 2016 Population 97,550; Median Household Income \$43,230; Median Housing Value \$233,400; Total Housing Units 25,236; 56% Citywide Home Ownership; Number of Companies 8,106 (includes unincorporated area); and the Zip Codes are 90220, 90221, 90222, 90223, 90224.
- Youth Sports Leagues
 - 20 Grocery Markets
 - 50 Quick & Casual Dining Outlets
 - Par-3 Golf Corse
 - Compton Town Center (30 businesses)
 - Gateway Towne Center (20+ major retailers)
 - Rosecrans Shopping Plaza (15 stores)
- O. Bordering Cities:
- Willowbrook (north)
 - West Compton (west)
 - Carson (southwest)
 - Rancho Dominguez (south)
 - Downey (southeast)
 - Long Beach (southeast)
 - Paramount (southeast)
 - East Compton (east)
 - Gardena (west)
 - Lynwood (northeast)
- P. Major Roads:
- Alameda Street
 - Wilmington Avenue
 - Compton Boulevard
 - Long Beach Boulevard
 - Rosecrans Avenue
 - Central Avenue
 - Alondra Boulevard
 - Willowbrook Avenue

Q. Education:

- 8 Middle Schools (Compton Unified School District - CUSD)
- 24 Elementary Schools (CUSD)
- Compton Community College
- 3 High Schools (CUSD)
- 1 Adult School (CUSD)

R. State/County Governmental Agencies:

- CA Employment Development Department (EDD)
- US Social Security Administration Office
- California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
- Los Angeles County Department Mental Health
- California Superior Judicial Court Services

S. US Census

PEOPLE	
Population	
Population estimates, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	97,550
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2016)	96,418
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2016, (V2016)	1.2%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	96,455
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010	9.2%
Persons under 18 years, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010	33.1%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010	7.5%
Female persons, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010	51.3%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Black or African American alone, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Asian alone, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Two or More Races, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Population Characteristics	

Veterans, 2011-2015	1,793
Foreign born persons, percent, 2011-2015	30.4%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2016, (V2016)	X
Housing units, April 1, 2010	24,523
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2011-2015	53.7%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2011-2015	\$243,500
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2011-2015	\$1,628
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2011-2015	\$373
Median gross rent, 2011-2015	\$1,096
Building permits, 2016	X
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2011-2015	23,551
Persons per household, 2011-2015	4.13
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2011-2015	89.0%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2011-2015	62.2%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2011-2015	60.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2011-2015	7.3%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2011-2015	9.6%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 23.5%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2011-2015	60.9%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2011-2015	54.9%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	77,642
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000)	63,984
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000)	1,184,226
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	1,584,852
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000)	368,756
Total retail sales per capita, 2012	\$3,780
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2011-2015	28.9
Income & Poverty	
Median household income (in 2015 dollars), 2011-2015	\$43,507
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2015 dollars), 2011-2015	\$13,877
Persons in poverty, percent	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 26.6%

BUSINESSES

Businesses	
Total employer establishments, 2015	X
Total employment, 2015	X
Total annual payroll, 2015 (\$1,000)	X
Total employment, percent change, 2014-2015	X
Total nonemployer establishments, 2015	X
All firms, 2012	8,106
Men-owned firms, 2012	3,617
Women-owned firms, 2012	3,919
Minority-owned firms, 2012	7,441
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	466

Veteran-owned firms, 2012	554
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	7,331

GEOGRAPHY

Geography

Population per square mile, 2010	9,633.9
Land area in square miles, 2010	10.01
FIPS Code	0615044

T. City Sales Tax Revenue Breakdown:



Land-use

Residential	Acres	Percent
Low Density (0-8 du/acre)	2,417	37%
Medium Density (8.1-17 du/acre)	155	2%
High Density (17.1-34 du/acre)	61	0.1%
Subtotal	2,633	39%
Commercial	Acres	Percent
General	362	6%

Office	11	0.1%
Subtotal	373	7%
Other	Acres	Percent
Industrial	1,165	18%
Public/Quasi Public	707	18%
Open Space	95	1%
Vacant	195	3%
Transportation	1,346	21%
Subtotal	3,508	54%
Total	6,514	100%