

**Chapter 1 : Ask Chris from Los Angeles Magazine Answers Your Questions About L.A.**

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The Santa Ana River extends from Mt. While temperatures are generally cool to cold in the mountains, it can get hot in the valleys. Political geography[ edit ] Unlike most metropolitan areas that have grown up around a central city, the Inland Empire has no one main focus city. Further development is steadily, if not heavily, encroaching past the mountains into the outlying desert areas. Freeways in Southern California are heavily used, but this comprehensive freeway system has made travel between the Inland Empire and these two counties generally easy; especially to and from Los Angeles County. This area is sometimes considered a sub-region of the Inland Empire or its own separate region. This is to help differentiate them from the urbanized area of San Bernardino-Riverside. Boundaries and definitions[ edit ] There is no universally accepted definition for the boundaries of the Inland Empire region. Some residents of certain areas within the three counties, such as Twentynine Palms , the Coachella and Temecula valleys, consider themselves separate from the IE. In San Bernardino and Redlands, vacancies are as high as 22 percent. The unemployment rate in the Inland Empire has been consistently over the national average since Due to the high unemployment and housing foreclosure rates, a higher percentage of Inland residents rely on public assistance. According to the Press-Enterprise, "twelve percent of Riverside County and 17 percent of San Bernardino County residents used food stamps in January ," as compared with "11 percent of those living in Los Angeles County, 8 percent of San Diego County residents and 7 percent of Orange County residents. Since the s, the area has changed from a rural to a suburban environment. The region now comprises numerous cities known as bedroom communities that are suburban cities to Los Angeles. Affordable home ownership is the primary motivation behind the growth in these Inland Empire cities as homes in the region are generally less expensive than comparable homes in Los Angeles and Orange counties. The steady rise in population and the demand for housing has led to a dramatic increase in the building of single-family homes on parcels of 0. This low-density development has caused sprawl in the Inland Empire; a commute between Beaumont and Ontario is approximately 43 miles. Much of the vacant land is being developed. Land that was used for agriculture is now being sold by owners for conversion to shopping centers, industrial warehouses , etc. Due to the lack of the Inland Empire having just one central city, and the smaller geographical footprint that suburban cities tend to have, this continuous development has become seemingly unplanned suburban sprawl as local interest and zoning laws may quickly change from one city to the next city. In fiscal year , retail sales in San Bernardino County grew by The Inland Empire is also subject to Santa Ana Winds that lead to generally clear days, free of smog or the marine layer. The result of this ongoing development has resulted in greater homeownership for the region. Although the region saw an uptick in jobs over the past decade, it is not a heavy employment center, and many residents commute to Los Angeles and Orange counties for their work. With a lack of substantial public transportation in the Greater Los Angeles Area, this has led to traffic congestion and degradation in air quality for the Inland Empire. Having no regional-wide governmental planning organization may undermine any solution that could be proposed. Lastly, the pace at which development occurs fast versus the ability of government to respond to changes slow means that it could easily take years, if not decades, for a viable solution such as new roads, pollution controls, etc. In , the EPA rated the San Bernardino - Riverside area as having the worst particulate air pollution in the United States [47] although the San Joaquin Valley in central California had the worst overall air pollution. But the problem is exacerbated in the Inland Empire, which is surrounded by mountains on the north and the east. Prevailing winds move bad air eastward from Los Angeles, but once the pollution reaches the Inland Empire it cannot be carried further east as it becomes trapped by the mountains surrounding the region[ citation needed ].

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