Community Profile

The City of Citrus Heights incorporated on January 1, 1997. Although it may seem as if the City of Citrus Heights is relatively young, the Citrus Heights area has a deep-rooted history dating back to the late 1800's and the Gold Rush days.

Citrus Heights, with a population of 84,544 (Department of Finance) is a unique established community in Sacramento County. Conveniently located between downtown Sacramento and Roseville, Citrus Heights is an easy commute to nearly all greater Sacramento neighborhoods and other employment zones including Rancho Cordova, Folsom, Natomas, and South Placer County.

The City of Citrus Heights has established itself as an important suburb in the Sacramento region with its solid base of small businesses, retail chains, and food service establishments. With an ongoing commitment to providing high-quality, economical, responsive services to the local community, the City of Citrus Heights is well-positioned for future commercial redevelopment, neighborhood enhancements, and positive changes.

The Citrus Heights community is family friendly with great schools, beautiful parks, a wide offering of youth programs and many community events, in addition to lots of nearby shops and restaurants. Citrus Heights is definitely a great place to live, work and play!

Transportation/Access

Citrus Heights is centrally located between the region's major freeways and highways. Interstate 80, Interstate 5, U.S. Highway 50, and U.S. Highway 99 are all located from three to 11 miles from the city. The Sacramento International Airport is located approximately 20 miles from the city, while rail transportation (Amtrak) is accessible in Roseville (about 10 miles from the city). Public transportation is readily available throughout the city.

Education

Citrus Heights is primarily served by the San Juan Unified School District. San Juan is the ninth largest school district in California and serves a 75-square mile area in northeast Sacramento County, including Citrus Heights. Within the City of Citrus Heights there are ten elementary schools, one middle school, and two high schools. These schools serve over 12,000 students from the City of Citrus Heights. San Juan Unified School District also offers other educational schools and programs such as a special education centers, adult schools, adult handicapped schools, preschool, and before and after-school programs. Universities and colleges that serve the area

include: University of California, Davis; California State University, Sacramento; American River College; Sierra College; McGeorge School of Law; Lincoln Law School; Golden Gate University; University of Phoenix; and National University.

Police Department

The City of Citrus Heights employs its own Police Department led by Chief Christopher Boyd. The Department is dedicated to making a difference in Citrus Heights by reducing crime and increasing customer service.

Fire Department

All fire protection services for Citrus Heights residents and businesses are provided by the Sacramento Metro Fire District.

Income

Citrus Heights is characterized as a middle-income suburban community. In 2013, the estimated average household income was $59,478. (Claritas).

Proximity to Markets

Within five miles of Citrus Heights, is a population of 358,897 people including 136,172 households (Claritas). Citrus Heights is part of the overall Sacramento Metropolitan area.

Housing Units

Within the city limits, there are 35,431 housing units – 57% of the city's housing units are primarily single-family units (Claritas 2013). In 2013, 884 homes sold in Citrus Heights and the city's median price was $192,750 (HdL). Citrus Heights provides an affordable living environment with quality services and centrally-located in the Sacramento region.

Climate

Citrus Heights has a climate that is characterized by mild winters and warm, dry summers. The area usually has low humidity. Light rain tends to occur between December and February. Average daily high temperatures range from 53° in December and January to 95° in July. Average daily low temperatures range from 38° in the winter to 58° during the summer months. The average year has 73 days with a high over 90°, with the highest temperature on record being 114° on July 17, 1925, and 18 days when the low drops below 32°, with the coldest one

day record being December 11, 1932, at 17°. Typically, Citrus Heights enjoys 268 sunny days throughout the year.

Average yearly precipitation is 22.7 inches, with almost no rain during the summer months, to an average rainfall of 3.7 inches in January. On average, 96 days in the year have fog, mostly in the morning, primarily in December and January.

Getting Away

Citrus Heights offers residents close proximity to the legendary recreation and leisure centers of Lake Tahoe, the Napa Valley wine country, national parks and seashores. Additionally, Citrus Heights is located near the major metropolitan area of Sacramento and within a two-hour drive of San Francisco. Many residents enjoy basking in the sun while rafting down the Sacramento River, or perhaps lounging on the shores of Folsom Lake – two of the many venues located within a 15-minute drive from Citrus Heights.

Businesses & Shopping

Citrus Heights is home to a bustling retail and service industry. The Sunrise MarketPlace, a business improvement district, is the center of the city's business activity, offering a wide variety of retail, dining and service establishments. With over 600 businesses, including the Sunrise Mall, Citrus Heights offers major department stores, specialty stores and service businesses, such as Macy's, Sears, JC Penney's, Kohl's, Target, Best Buy, and Lowe's Home Improvement, to name a few. Citrus Heights also features major discount retail stores such as Costco, Sam's Club and Wal-Mart.

Parks and Recreation Programs

Citrus Heights features numerous parks and playgrounds which make it an ideal place to spend time with your family. Many recreational activities and programs are offered through the Sunrise Recreation and Park District. In addition, the City of Citrus Heights sponsors many free public events throughout the year, such as Sunday Funday, the Red, White and Blue Parade, and Community Campout.

Demographics

In-depth census and demographic information on Citrus Heights can be found by visiting the US Census Bureau's American Factfinder Web site. Information provided includes census definitions and thematic maps. Below is helpful information on navigating the US Census American Factfinder Web site.

Go to US Census Bureau American Fact Finder at www.factfinder2.census.gov.

Go to “Community Facts” in the top-left hand corner of the page. Enter “Citrus Heights” in the “geography” box.

Click “GO.”

In the search results select any of the titles that pertain to the information you wish to find. For example, “2010 Census: Population, Age, Sex, Race, Households and Housing…” will provide you with demographics on the population, such as age, gender, number of housing units occupied and other information. For more information, use “Advanced Search.”

Demographic estimates and projections can be found on the Projections and estimates from Sacramento Area Council of Governments SACOG Web site in the SACOG Information Center. This includes census maps that can be downloaded.

The California Finance Department also produces estimates and projections on population. Refer to the “Reports and Research Papers”.