

Community Profile

The City of Citrus Heights celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2017! Following a lengthy battle with Sacramento County, Citrus Heights officially incorporated on January 1, 1997. Although Citrus Heights is a relatively new city, the community has a rich history dating back to the 1800s.

Located in the heart of California's capital region, Citrus Heights is an established community with an estimated population of 86,291 (Sacramento Area Council of Governments, 2016). Citrus Heights is situated in northern Sacramento County and shares borders with Roseville (north), Orangevale (east), Fair Oaks (south) and Antelope/Foothill Farms (west).

Citrus Heights offers business-friendly environment with a 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, Citrus Heights is well-positioned for future economic development and redevelopment opportunities.

Despite its urban proximity, Citrus Heights maintains a small-town feel, providing a strong sense of community and belonging for residents. Residents demonstrate great pride in Citrus Heights and the community regularly gathers for celebrations and events.

Transportation/Access

Citrus Heights is essentially the geographic center of the Sacramento capital region with easy access to the region's major freeways and highways; Interstate 80, Interstate 5, U.S. Highway 50, and U.S. Highway 99 are all accessible within three to eleven miles of the city. The Sacramento International Airport is located approximately 20 miles from Citrus Heights, while rail transportation (Amtrak) is accessible in Roseville (about ten miles from the city). The Sacramento Regional Transit District provides public transportation services throughout Citrus Heights.

Education

The City of Citrus Heights is primarily served by the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD). Created in 1960 with the merger of six school districts, SJUSD has a rich tradition of helping students find academic success and achievement. The district serves a 75-square mile area covering the communities of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Gold River and Orangevale. Today, San Juan Unified is the 11th largest school district in California with an expenditure budget of more than \$387 million used to employ more

than 5,000 individuals and to educate more than 46,000 students in early learning, K-12 and adult programs.

There are nine elementary schools, one middle school and two high schools located within the city of Citrus Heights. San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) 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.

There are 21 colleges within 50 miles of Citrus Heights, such as: University of California, Davis; California State University, Sacramento; William Jessup University; 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 launched its own Police Department in June 2006. Since 2006, our award-winning Police Department has built a strong relationship with the business community and implements a problem-oriented policing approach to focus on specific community issues. Since 2006, crime in Citrus Heights has decreased by 22 percent, injury collisions have decreased by 13 percent and there has been an overall decrease of 32 percent in traffic collisions.

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. The median annual household income is estimated at \$75,500 (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2017).

Proximity to Markets

Citrus Heights is part of the Sacramento metropolitan area. According to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the estimated population within the Sacramento region is 2,439,051 (2016).

Housing Units

Within the Citrus Heights city limits, there are 35,105 housing units (SACOG, 2016). In 2016, a total of 1,010 homes sold in Citrus Heights with a median sale price of approximately \$285,000 (Metrolist, 2017).

Climate

Citrus Heights has a climate 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 winter to 95° in the summer months. 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. 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; Red, White and Blue Parade; Hot August Bites; and Community Campout.

In celebration of Citrus Heights' 20th anniversary, the City hosted a community-wide Bock Party in 2017!

Demographics

In-depth census and demographic information about Citrus Heights is available from the following resources:

United States Census Bureau American Fact Finder:
www.factfinder.census.gov

Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG):
<http://www.sacog.org/demographics-other-data>

California Finance Department:
<http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/>