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2009

CITY OF PASADENA FACTS AND FIGURES

The following figures reflect 2000 and 1990 Census statistics. Additional information may be obtained from the U. S. Census Bureau.

Population

In 1880, the population of Pasadena was 391. In 1980, a hundred years later, the population was 118,072. By 1990, 131,591 people lived in Pasadena. According to Census 2000, Pasadena's population increased 1.8% to 133,936. Revised Census 2000 figures, which include estimates of the number of people who were not counted in the 2000 Census, indicate that Pasadena's population was 136,237. Today it is estimated that 148,126 people make Pasadena their home.

Age

In 2000 the median age was 34.5 years. The population by age was: under 5 years, 9,202; 5-9 years, 9,321; 10-14 years, 8,102; 15-19 years, 7,467; 20-24 years, 9,334; 25-34 years, 24,744; 35-44 years, 22,004; 45-54 years, 16,779; 55-59 years, 6,158; 60-64 years, 4,603; 65-74 years, 7,776; 75-84 years, 5,885; 85 years and over, 2,561.

Ethnicity

Pasadena is an ethnically diverse community. The 2000 Census found 53.4% of Pasadenans are white, 33.4% are Latino, 14.4% are African-American, 10% are Asian, 0.7% are American Indian and Alaska Native, 0.1% are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 16% are some other race. Also, 27.5% of the population is foreign born.

Language

English only is spoken by 55% of the population over age five. The Spanish language is spoken by 29.3% of the population over age five. The proportion of those speaking a language other than English at home is 45%; 22.2% do not speak English well.

Education

The citizens of Pasadena are relatively well educated: 79.5% are high school graduates and 41.3% over 25 years of age have at

least a bachelor degree or higher. In 2000, 38,627 people were enrolled in school. Of those, 20,457 were enrolled in elementary or high school; 77.1% in public schools (Pasadena Unified School District) and 22.9% in private elementary and high schools. College enrollment was 13,562 persons.

Pasadena Public libraries holdings numbered 840,000 items including books, spoken cassettes, music, videos, DVDs as well as databases for public use.

Employment

There are over 110,000 jobs in a wide variety of industries in the City of Pasadena. In 2006, persons 16 years and older were employed as follows: 32% professional related occupations; 28% education, social services and government occupations; 12% hotel, food and accommodations; 11% wholesale/resale trades; 8% business services occupations; and 9% construction, manufacturing an other occupations.

Location

Pasadena is located 10 miles (16 kilometers) northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The city is bordered by the San Gabriel Mountains to the north and seven cities-La Cañada Flintridge, South Pasadena, Arcadia, Sierra Madre, San Marino, Glendale, Los Angeles and unincorporated Altadena. The latitude is N. 34 9' and longitude is W. 118 10'. The elevation is 864 feet (263 meters) above sea level.

Climate

The climate is sub-tropical and semi-arid. The average daytime temperature is 78 Fahrenheit (26 Celsius) annually. The average nighttime temperature is 53 (11 C.). The overall average temperature is 65 (18 C.). The highest recorded temperature was 113 F. (45 C.) on June 17, 1917, while the lowest was 21 F. (-6 C.) on January 7, 1913. The average yearly rainfall is 20 inches (51 centimeters). During the winter months of December through March, it is sunny or partly sunny 75% of the time. It has snowed twice in the City's history: January 13, 1932 and January 11, 1949.

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Size

Pasadena is 23 square miles (5,957 hectares), with an average of nine residents per acre (23 per hectare). Pasadena has 320 miles (515 kilometers) of streets.

Housing

There were 51,844 occupied housing units in Pasadena in 2000, consisting of 45.76% homeowners and 54.24% renters. The median year that homes were built is 1954, although 29.6% were constructed before 1939. In 2000, housing density was 2,343.6 units per square mile.

The average median home value was \$413,980 in March of 2008 according to the California Association of Realtors. The 2000 Census reported Pasadena's median home value to be \$286,400.

The average rent for a two bedroom apartment in March, 2005, was \$1,209 per month. In 2000, 14.9% of households were below poverty level.

Parks

Pasadena has 23 parks covering more than 1,000 acres of land. The city's urban forest is an estimated 205,000 trees.

About 60,000 trees line the streets of Pasadena and there are about 25,000 park and wildland trees. The trees' value is placed at more than \$100 million.

Private trees are estimated to be over 60% of the total urban forest.

Hotels

Pasadena has five major hotels: The Westin Hotel Pasadena, The Pasadena Hilton Hotel, The Sheraton Pasadena Hotel, The Ritz-Carlton/Huntington Hotel and Old Pasadena Courtyard by Marriot. For more information about these hotels and others, visit the Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau website: www.pasadenacal.com/accomoda.htm

Business

Major employers are Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Bank of America, Kaiser Permanente, Pasadena Unified School District, Pasadena City College, City of Pasadena, SBC, and the Ralph M. Parsons Company. The city has over 7 million square feet of office space.