

Livability

Distinct Living

WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF AMENITIES

What determines a good quality of life? Most people want to live in a safe city with excellent schools, clean air, places to shop and dine out, entertainment and venues that encourage a healthy lifestyle. Palmdale has all these features and more.

ACTIVITY

Palmdale is a family-oriented community with a young demographic. The City's median age is just 32.1 years, giving our workforce great vitality. Amenities are varied and plentiful with particular attention to growing families. Entertainment, dining and outdoor activities abound. Frequent **special events** draw talent from around the globe to the Palmdale Amphitheater and Palmdale Playhouse. **Open space** is plentiful and many take advantage of Palmdale's broad vistas and fresh air to take a hike, ride a bike, or enjoy equestrian activities. Both individual and team **sports** are popular and City facilities include Palmdale's Best of the West Softball Complex, Pelona Vista Park soccer complex, a National Fitness Court, Hammack Center Roller Hockey Rink, and walking and jogging paths throughout the City. Rancho Vista Golf Course featuring a Ted Robinson-designed 18-hole course and Antelope Valley Country Club featuring a Bill Bell, Sr. design give golf enthusiasts great options. **Aquatics** have a strong presence with four public pools, including two competition-sized and one with a 1,000 sq-ft splash pad. A favorite with kids is DryTown Water Park where many spend endless hours splashing and sliding the summer away.

HOUSING

The City has a high percentage (68.23%) of resident homeowners, leading to a more stable workforce, stronger sense of community and a less transient-oriented population base. Palmdale continues to offer some of the most affordable housing in California, with thousands of acres of housing developments with stunning mountain and valley views. Many workers can still afford to live, as well as work, in Palmdale. Palmdale offers a variety of home choices for all stages of life including great starter homes, beautiful master-planned communities and thoughtfully designed senior housing. The City is developing multifamily and mixed-use standards and guidelines to work with developers to provide a wide range of housing opportunities for all.



HEALTHCARE

Palmdale Regional Medical Center (PRMC) is providing state-of-the-art diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation for residents and surrounding communities. PRMC continues to expand with the recent completion of The Birth Place, a 33,000 sq-ft maternity labor and delivery unit. Several modern medical offices and labs have been built around the Medical Center to serve physicians and their patients. Kaiser Permanente, Heritage Health Care, part of the High Desert Medical Group, and Sierra Medical Group all offer multispecialty facilities providing primary care, urgent care, lab, radiology and pharmacy services in Palmdale. Several long-term care facilities are also located in Palmdale as is a regional dialysis center.

EDUCATION

Quality education is a high priority in Palmdale. Education pathways along with City and state supported training facilities assist residents in finding employment close to home and provide the region's skilled workforce.

K-12 Education

The City is served by two elementary school districts and a unified high school district providing world-class education to students and continuing a tradition of high academic achievement. Many of these local schools exceed the (formally) coveted 800 score on the Academic Performance Index administered by the California Department of Education. Additionally, students have access to six charter schools including Palmdale Aerospace Academy (TK-12) a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) school which is a joint effort by Palmdale School District, City of Palmdale and NASA.

Higher Education

Palmdale offers something for everyone, from certified technical programs to two-year college and four-year university degrees.



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