



City of Bellflower Demographics

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LOCATION & SIZE

The City of Bellflower, located in Southeast Los Angeles County, encompasses 6.1 square miles (15.7 square kilometers) at an elevation of 34 feet. Based on the California Department of Finance population estimate, there are approximately 12,641 persons per square mile.

GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

The California Department of Finance estimates that there has been a 5.8% increase in population between 2000 and 2008.

TOTAL POPULATION		<i>*Source: California Department of Finance</i>			
Year	1980	1990	2000	2008	
Population	53,441	61,815	72,878	77,110	
% Change		15.7%	17.9%	5.8%	

RATE OF GROWTH IN COMPARISON WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES		<i>*Source: California Department of Finance (2000 & 2008 population estimates)</i>	
City	% Growth		
Artesia	7.2%		
Bellflower	5.8%		
Cerritos	6.6%		
Downey	5.6%		
Gardena	7%		
Hawthorne	7%		
La Mirada	7%		
Lakewood	5.2%		
Lawndale	5.8%		
Lynwood	4.8%		
Norwalk	5.1%		
Paramount	4.4%		

GENDER PROFILE

Gender distributions throughout the City have remained fairly constant from 1980 to 2000. In 1980 there were about 2.8% more women than men, in 1990 about 1.08% more women than men, and in 2000 2.6% more women than men.

GENDER PROFILE		<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>					
Gender	1980		1990		2000		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Male	25,967	48.6%	30,572	49.5%	35,520	48.7%	
Female	27,474	51.4%	31,243	50.5%	37,358	51.3%	
TOTAL	53,441		61,815		72,878		

RACE & ETHNIC ORIGIN

The White population currently makes up the largest portion, 46.1%, of the Bellflower population. The Hispanic population follows closely behind, making up 43.2% of the population. The Hispanic population is calculated by origin and persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. For example, persons identifying themselves as Hispanic may also identify themselves as white. In the following two tables this results in the various percentages adding up to more than 100%.

RACE & ETHNIC ORIGIN								
<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>								
Ethnicity	1970		1980		1990		2000	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
White	50,671	98.5%	38,001	71.1%	28,968	46.7%	33,593	46.1%
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	7,934	14.9%	14,381	23.3%	31,503	43.2%
Black	18	0.0%	906	1.7%	3,865	6.3%	9,540	13.1%
Asian	359	0.7%	2,134	4.0%	6,214	10.1%	7,062	9.7%
Native American	181	0.4%	391	0.7%	560	0.9%	667	0.9%
Other	225	0.4%	4,075	7.6%	7,827	12.7%	18,277	25.1%
TOTAL	51,454		53,441		61,815		73,353	

RACE & ETHNIC ORIGIN BY LOCAL CITY							
<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>							
City	White	Black	Asian	Native American	Pacific Islander	Other	Hispanic
Artesia	44.2%	3.6%	27.4%	0.8%	0.5%	18.5%	38.3%
Bellflower	46.1%	13.1%	9.7%	0.9%	0.7%	24.4%	43.2%
Cerritos	26.9%	6.7%	58.4%	0.3%	0.2%	3.7%	10.4%
Downey	53.5%	3.8%	7.7%	0.9%	0.2%	29.1%	57.9%
Lakewood	62.7%	7.3%	13.5%	0.6%	0.6%	10.1%	22.8%
Long Beach	45.2%	14.9%	12%	0.8%	1.2%	20.6%	35.8%
Norwalk	44.8%	4.6%	11.5%	1.2%	0.4%	32.7%	62.9%
Paramount	34.7%	13.6%	3.3%	1.1%	0.8%	41.7%	72.3%
Santa Fe Springs	51.2%	3.9%	3.9%	1.4%	0.2%	35%	71.4%
LA City	46.9%	11.2%	10%	0.8%	0.2%	25.7%	46.5%
LA County	48.7%	9.8%	11.9%	0.8%	0.3%	23.5%	44.6%
California	59.5%	6.7%	10.9%	1%	0.3%	16.8%	32.4%

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

The following table shows the language distribution throughout the City in 2000. About half of Bellflower residents speak only English. Of those who speak a language other than English, 8.9% of Spanish speakers and 1.5% of Asian or Pacific Island language speakers identified themselves as speaking English "not well" or "not at all."

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME (Persons 5 years & older)		
<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>		
	#	%
Speak only English	35,511	53.7%
Speak a language other than English	30,601	46.3%
Spanish	22,622	34.2%
Spanish speakers who speak English "not well"/"not at all"	5,904	8.9%
Asian or Pacific Island languages	5,629	8.5%
Asian or Pacific Island language speaker who speaks English "not well"/"not at all"	1,022	1.5%
Indo-European languages	1,578	2.3%
Indo-European language speaker who speaks English "not well"/"not at all"	150	0.2%
Other Languages	772	1.2%

AGE STRUCTURE

From 1980 to 2000, the population of the 5-9, 10-14 and 35-44 age groups showed steady growth rates, while the population of the 20-24 and 65+ age groups declined. The groups not mentioned above have exhibited random increases and decreases in the population throughout the years.

AGE STRUCTURE		<i>*Source: US Census</i>						
Age Category	1980		1990			2000		
	#	%	#	%	% Change	#	%	% Change
Under 5	4,141	7.75%	5,749	9.30%	38.83%	6,943	9.5%	20.8%
5-9	3,234	6.05%	4,550	7.36%	40.69%	7,131	9.8%	56.7%
10-14	3,207	6.00%	3,718	6.01%	15.93%	5,976	8.2%	60.7%
15-19	4,241	7.94%	3,696	5.98%	-12.85%	5,251	7.2%	42%
20-24	6,754	12.64%	5,470	8.85%	-19.01%	5,432	7.5%	-0.7%
25-34	9,388	17.57%	13,038	21.09%	38.88%	12,267	16.8%	-5.9%
35-44	5,357	10.02%	8,709	14.09%	62.57%	11,057	15.2%	27%
45-54	5,564	10.41%	5,683	9.19%	2.14%	7,995	11.0%	40.7%
55-64	5,710	10.68%	4,585	7.42%	-19.70%	4,681	6.4%	2.1%
65+	5,845	10.94%	6,617	10.70%	13.21%	6,145	8.4%	-7%
TOTAL	53,441		61,815		15.67%	72,878		17.9%

HOUSING STOCK

About 40% of all owner occupied housing units in the city were built between the year 1950 and 1959. The majority of renter occupied housing units were built over the span of three decades, from 1950 through 1979.

NET INCREASE OF HOUSING UNITS 1980 – 1990		<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>			
Year Built	Housing Units Produced				
	Owner Occupied	%	Renter Occupied	%	
1999- March 2000	34	0.4%	53	0.4%	
1995-1998	90	1%	209	1.5%	
1990-1994	303	3.2%	438	3.1%	
1980-1989	973	10.3%	1,935	13.9%	
1970-1979	1,045	11.1%	3,178	22.8%	
1960-1969	1,224	13%	3,340	24%	
1950-1959	3,747	39.8%	3,028	21.7%	
1940-1949	1,490	15.8%	1,201	8.6%	
1939 or earlier	504	5.4%	544	3.9%	
Median	1,957		1,967		

HOUSING UNIT VALUES

The median value for housing costs for the city of Bellflower in 2000 was reported at \$179,800.00

HOUSING VALUE		<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>	
Value	#	%	
Less than \$50,000	78	1%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	175	2.3%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,410	18.25%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,822	49.5%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,927	25%	
\$300,000 +	310	4%	
Median	\$179,800		

OWNER/ RENTER CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS

From 1990 to 2000 the total number of housing units occupied decreased by 1.2% or 135 units. Owner occupied housing increased by 348 units. Renter occupied housing experienced an increase of .5% or 83 occupied units.

OWNER/ RENTER CHARACTERISTICS OF OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS												<i>* Source: US Census</i>
Dwelling Unit Type	1990					2000					% Change in Total Occupied	
	Owner		Renter		Total Occupied	Owner		Renter		Total Occupied		
	#	%	#	%	Units	#	%	#	%	Units		
1, Detached	7,093	64.4	3,920	35.6	11,013	7,271	77.3	3,607	25.9	10,878	-1.2%	
1, Attached	537	36.2	946	63.8	1,483	777	8.3	1,228	8.8	2,005	35%	
2	13	2.8	450	97.2	463	24	0.3	421	3	445	-3.8%	
3 or 4	78	7.9	908	92.1	986	53	0.6	887	6.4	940	-4.6%	
5 or more	174	2.4	7,114	97.6	7,288	233	2.5	7,366	53	7,599	-4.2%	
Mobile Homes/ Trailers	1,129	77	337	23	1,466	975	10.4	393	2.8	1,368	-6.6%	
Other	38	18.4	168	81.6	206	77	0.8	24	0.2	101	-50%	
TOTAL	9,062		13,843		22,905	9,410		13,926		23,336		

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In 2000, 12.6% of Bellflower residents had obtained a bachelor's degree and 2.8% of those also obtained a graduate or professional degree. 29.1% of Bellflower residents that are 18 years and older have not received a high school diploma.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT PERSONS 18 YEARS OLD & OVER					<i>*Source: US Census</i>	
	1990		2000		#	%
	#	%	#	%		
Less Than 9 th Grade	3,925	8.6%	5,180	12.2%		
9 th To 12 th Grade. No Diploma	8,864	19.4%	7,143	16.9%		
High School Graduate	13,527	29.6%	11,260	26.6%		
Some College, No Degree	11,041	24.2%	10,391	24.6%		
Associate Degree	3,431	7.5%	2,853	6.7%		
Bachelor's Degree	3,761	8.2%	4,140	9.8%		
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,145	2.5%	681	2.8%		
TOTAL	45,694		41,648			

LABOR FORCE

The population 16 years old and over is eligible to be part of the labor force. There are 31,897 people in Bellflower who are in the labor force. Of these people, 29,322 are employed, 2,541 are unemployed and 34 are in the Armed Forces.

LABOR FORCE			<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>	
	#	%		
Persons 16 years & over	51,688	100.0%		
In Labor Force	31,897	61.7%		
Employed	29,322	56.7%		
Unemployed	2,541	4.9%		
Armed Forces	34	0.1%		

CLASS OF WORKER

The following table indicates the number of individuals who work for various types of employers.

CLASS OF WORKER	<i>*Source: US Census</i>			
	1990		2000	
	#	%	#	%
Private, for Profit	23,845	78.5%	21,937	75.8%
Private, Not for Profit	1,363	4.5%	1,352	4.6%
Local Government	1,969	6.5%	2,315	8%
State Government	671	2.2%	794	2.7%
Federal Government	733	2.4%	736	2.5%
Self-Employed	1,664	5.5%	1,757	5%
Unpaid Family	112	0.4%	33	0.1%

OCCUPATION

The following table lists the categories of occupations and the number of persons that are employed within them.

OCCUPATION	<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>	
	#	%
Employed civilian population 16 years & over	29,322	
Management, professional & related occupations	7,160	24.4%
Management, business & financial operations occupations	3,017	
Professional & related occupations	4,143	
Service Occupations	4,605	15.7%
Healthcare support occupations	715	
Protective service occupations	630	
Food preparation & serving related occupations	1,237	
Building & grounds cleaning & maintenance occupations	1,060	
Personal care & service occupations	963	
Sales & office occupations	9,174	31.3%
Sales & related occupations	3,393	
Office & administrative support occupations	5,781	
Farming, fishing & forestry occupations	21	.07%
Construction, extraction & maintenance occupations	3,024	10.3%
Construction & extraction occupations	1,535	
Installation, maintenance & repair occupations.	1,489	
Production, transportation & material moving occupations	5,338	18.2%
Production occupations	3,049	
Transportation & material moving occupations	2,289	

INDUSTRY

The following table lists the kinds of industries and the number of persons who are employed within them.

Industry	<i>*Source: 2000 US Census</i>	#	%
Civilian Population 16 years & over		35,557	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, & mining		167	.46%
Construction		3,593	10%
Manufacturing		5,135	14.4%
Wholesale Trade		1,377	3.8%
Retail Trade		3,861	10.8%
Transportation & warehousing, & utilities		2,971	8.3%
Information		624	1.75%
Finance & Insurance, real estate & rental & leasing		1,948	5.4%
Professional, scientific, & management, & administrative & waste management services		3,217	9%
Educational services, & health care & social assistance		6,305	17.7%
Arts, entertainment, & recreation, & accommodation & food services		3,333	9.3%
Other services, except public administration		1,548	4.3%
Public Administration		1,478	4.1%