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The City of Irvine, one of the nation's largest master-planned communities, is a culturally diverse city of more than 267,000 residents encompassing 66 square miles in the heart of Orange County, California. In 2017, Irvine was ranked as the #1 major city for fiscal strength by The Fiscal Times. Sunset Magazine also ranked Irvine as one of the Best Places to Live 2017 in highlighting its 20 Western Dream Towns.

Irvine, the 15th largest city in the state, was the third-fastest growing in 2017, according to the California Department of Finance.

Incorporated in 1971, Irvine has strategically grown into one of the safest cities in the country, promoting environmental stewardship, state-of-the-art transportation programs and systems, an enterprising business environment, stellar educational institutions and a high quality of life. Irvine has set aside more than 16,000 acres of parks, sports fields and dedicated open space, and is home to the Orange County Great Park.

Community Profile

	<u>Irvine</u>	<u>National</u>
Median Household Income	\$93,781	\$53,046
Median age of residents	34.6	37
College Graduates	66 percent	28 percent

The Irvine City Council is committed to promoting a sustainable and civically-engaged community through the implementation of socially responsible, forward-thinking policies and programs. Special attention is focused on ensuring that Irvine's high quality of life is not only enjoyed by today's residents, but is guaranteed for future generations to come. Priority programs of the City include public safety, environmental sustainability and green building, open space preservation, energy conservation and recycling, multimodal transportation, voter registration and participation, educational partnerships, infrastructure rehabilitation, affordable housing, a healthy community, geographic policing, and youth, family and senior services.

Irvine's pursuit of excellence is reflected in the City's mission to create and maintain a community where people can live, work and play in an environment that is safe, vibrant and aesthetically pleasing. In pursuit of these goals, Irvine has received recognition as one of the smartest, safest and greenest cities in America.

Among the Smartest

Irvine schools K-12 consistently rank among the finest in the country. Student performance is well above state and national comparisons, and among residents, 66 percent of those ages 25 and older hold at least a bachelor's degree.

Irvine's high schools rank among the best in the country. The Irvine City Council supports that excellence: In 2017-18, the City Council approved \$9.7 million in direct

and indirect support of Irvine schools supported by the Irvine Unified School District and Tustin Unified School District. In addition, UC Irvine is one of the nation's top public research universities.

Job opportunities for recent graduates are a short drive away. Irvine is home to Fortune 500 companies Allergan and Broadcom, and to heavyweight firms such as Blizzard Entertainment and Edwards Lifesciences. Kia Motors America opened its U.S. corporate headquarters in Irvine in 2007; Western Digital also has a major jobs presence in Irvine. More than 26,000 businesses have a license in Irvine to complement more than 200,000 jobs. Two major business centers – the Irvine Business Complex and the Irvine Spectrum – account for about 170,000 jobs and draw industries that include gaming companies, automotive design, broadband, computer hardware and software, biotech, and medical devices.

Among the Safest

As one of the largest 100 cities in America, Irvine is one of the safest cities in America. The city has the lowest rate of violent crime per capita of any City in the nation with population of 250,000 or more persons. Sustaining a safe and secure environment is one of the City's top priorities. Through the City Council's leadership, Irvine continually focuses resources on sustaining a safe environment for residents, businesses and visitors. The City's strategies are based on the assumption that prevention is one of the most important and, in the long run, most cost-effective means of sustaining a safe and secure community.

Changing Demographics

Irvine is now an Asian-majority city. The ethnic profile is 45.31 percent, followed by Caucasian (45.3 percent), according to the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Demographics are reflected in Irvine Unified School District, with breakdowns including 29.9 percent Caucasian; 18.7 percent Chinese; 10. percent Latino; 10.2 percent Korean; and 9.9 percent Asian/Indian.

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