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Huntington Beach, California Fact Sheet

Geography & Population

The dynamic coastal City of Huntington Beach, with its sunny Mediterranean climate and idyllic setting, is located along the Southern California coast in Orange County, 35 miles south of Los Angeles and 90 miles north of San Diego. Huntington Beach covers 27.7 square miles of land and 26 square miles of water. It is the third largest city in Orange County and the 16th largest city in California. With a 2006 population nearing 200,000 residents, Huntington Beach has been ranked among the Top Ten Safest Cities by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's City Crime Rankings for many years.

Weather

According to the National Oceanographic Data Center, average temperatures for the fall months in Huntington Beach are 73 degrees in September, 71 degrees in October and 68 degrees in November. Even December is short sleeve and shorts weather at an average 65 degrees. In fact, the city has near perfect outdoor weather, since the air temperature rarely gets above 90 degrees (less than 5 days a year) or drops below freezing, and average annual rainfall is less than 12 inches per year.

For today's weather and a 10-day forecast, visit our Web site at
<http://surfcityusa.com/visitorinfo/weather.html>

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<http://www.surfline.com/surfline/livecams/getsurfmappsurfbreakreport.cfm?alias=huntingtonbeachcam>

Visitor Destination

With 8.5 miles of uninterrupted golden sand along the Pacific Ocean, *Surf City USA*TM beaches play host to more than 11 million visitors each year, with the greatest attendance during summer, special events and weekends. The crown jewel of the city's recreation system is the wide expanse of beautiful and spacious beaches, where large crowds gather to watch professional sporting events such as the US Open of Surfing, AVP Pro Beach Volleyball and The Core Tour featuring extreme sports. The city also has dozens of recreational spots and activities for those who love the outdoors:

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- Huntington Beach Pier, one of the longest recreational piers in the world
- Huntington Beach Ocean Strand, more than eight miles of paved trail along the beach for biking, inline skating, jogging or walking
- Huntington Central Park, at 354 acres the largest city-owned park in Orange County
- Huntington Equestrian Center, stables and a 25-acre outdoor venue for competitions, wedding or special events surrounded by miles of public trails
- Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, a wildlife sanctuary with 200+ species of birds
- Huntington Harbour, a network of channels navigable by power boat, canoe or kayak
- Huntington Beach Sports Complex, a 45-acre sports park with softball and soccer fields

Economics

The city's average family household income exceeds \$100,000, the highest nationwide among the top 100 largest cities in the country. The median age of city residents is 37. The average price for a home in Huntington Beach exceeds \$600,000. Huntington Beach was recently named as having the Eighth-Lowest Socio-Economic Stress among U.S. Cities with populations over 100,000 by the American City Business Journals (February 2005). ACBJ based its ratings on U.S. Census figures for factors that can affect a city's stability, such as poverty, unemployment, insufficient education and vacant housing.

Art & Culture

The quality of life in Huntington Beach is enhanced by the quality of the community services offered to its citizens. The Huntington Beach Art Center and the Huntington Beach Playhouse cater to those who appreciate the arts. The excellent library system and numerous museums provide a strong cultural foundation. Huntington Beach also is home to Golden West College, which offers additional cultural and artistic events and exhibits.

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