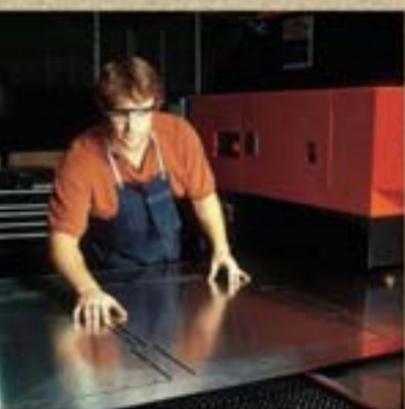


## A LOOK AT OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

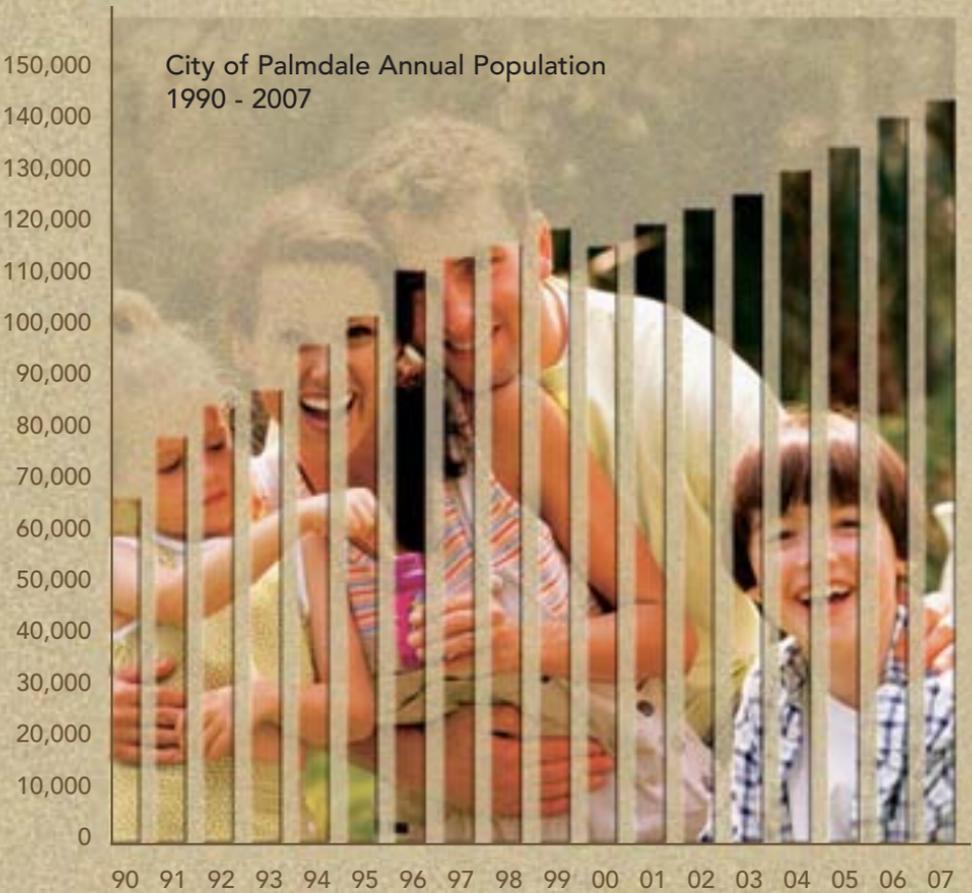


*Incorporated in 1962, Palmdale has grown from a small rural town to a thriving community encompassing over 104 square miles.*





**IN 1990, THE POPULATION OF PALMDALE WAS 68,842.** Today, the City has over 145,000 residents – a 111 percent increase in the last 18 years.

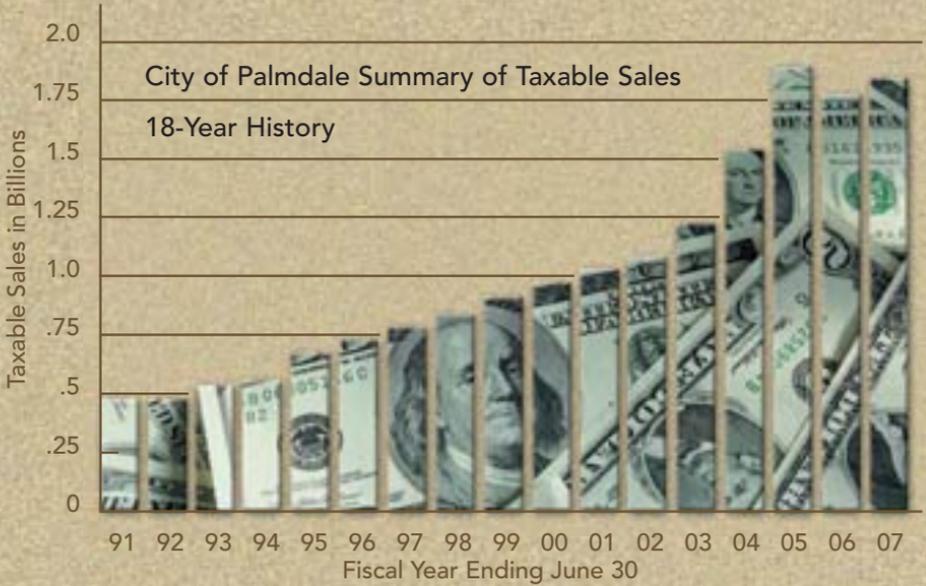


Source: California Department of Finance



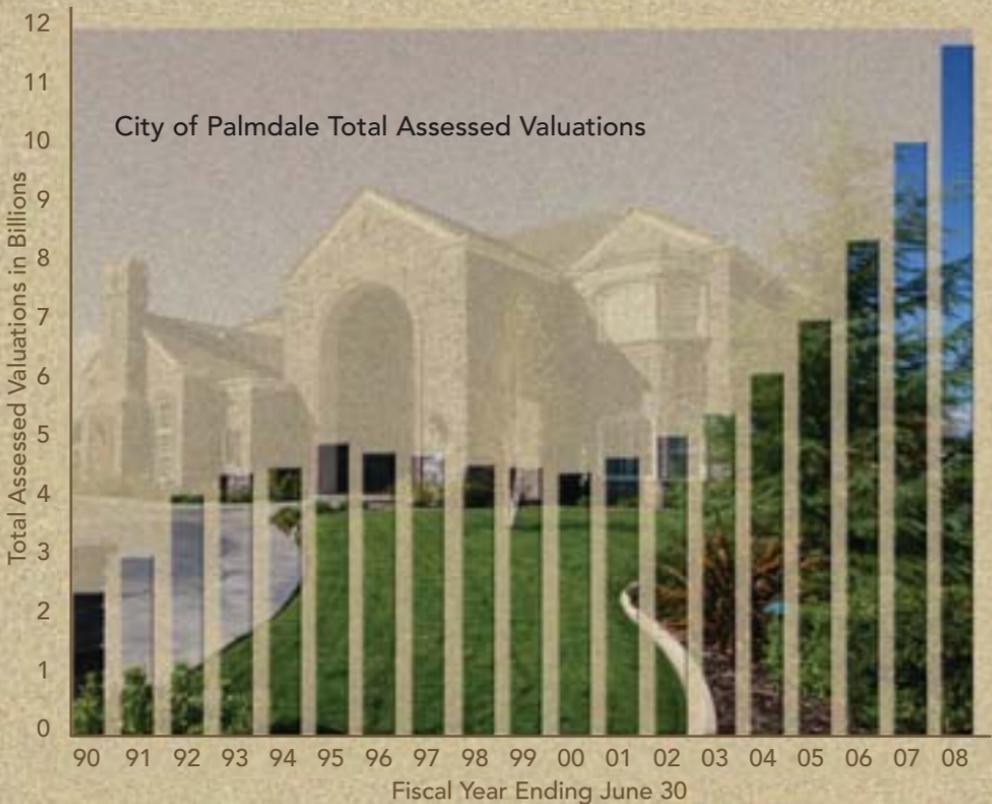
## PALMDALE'S HEALTHY ECONOMY IS REFLECTED IN THE REMARKABLE GROWTH OF SALES TAX REVENUE.

In 1990, taxable sales in Palmdale were \$452,073,300. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, taxable sales in the City were \$1,823,998,100 – a 303 percent increase.



Source: City of Palmdale, Finance Department

**AN ENORMOUS INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES HAS OCCURRED IN PALMDALE** over the last 18 years. Assessed valuation in 1990-1991 was \$3,336,194,959. In 2007-2008, the valuation was \$11,961,448,787 – an increase of 258 percent.



Source: City of Palmdale, Finance Department



## JOBS

Since 1990, 20,344 new jobs have been created in the City of Palmdale.

## INDUSTRY

Over two million square feet of new industrial space has been constructed in Palmdale since 1990.

Major companies locating in the City include U.S. Pole Company, Delta Scientific Corporation,

Senior Systems Technology, Davis Wholesale Electric and FedEx Ground Distribution Center.



## RETAIL

In the last 18 years, approximately seven million square feet of new retail, restaurant and commercial space has been constructed in the City. Included in this total is the beautiful one-million-square-foot Antelope Valley Regional Mall, anchored by Dillard's, Gottschalks, JCPenney, Mervyns and Sears.

Palmdale's eastside has experienced much of this growth and has welcomed major retailers such as Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, Super Wal-Mart, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Radio Shack, Chili's, Albertson's and many others.

New restaurants welcomed to the City include BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que, Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant, El Torito, Outback Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Chili's, Panera Bread and many more.



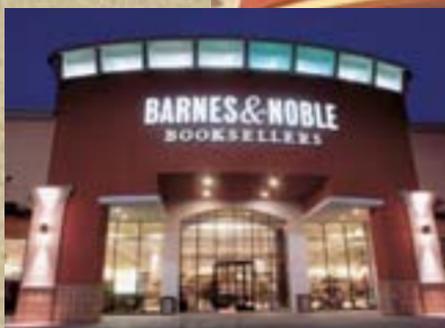
## MOST REQUESTED RETAILERS

Palmdale has worked hard to bring popular retailers and restaurants to its residents. Since 1990, citizens have been treated with dozens of new retailers, including Trader Joe's, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Sport Chalet and many others locating in the City.



## HOTEL/ HOSPITALITY

Since 1990, several new hotels have come to Palmdale including Marriott Residence Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, Best Western John Jay Inn and Suites and Hampton Inn, with many more under construction.



## BUSINESS RESOURCES

In the last 18 years, the City has worked to bring additional resources to the business community. Programs that are available include:

- Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone
- Palmdale Foreign-Trade Zone
- South Valley WorkSource Center

## COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Since 1990, Palmdale's Community Redevelopment Agency has assisted in the development of several significant projects including the Antelope Valley Regional Mall, the 70-acre Antelope Valley Auto Center and the 117-acre Fairway Business Park.

The Agency, through its Housing Division, has provided assistance with the rehabilitation of over 1,000 homes in the last 18 years.

## TRANSPORTATION

Opened in 2005, the beautiful \$14.85 million Palmdale Transportation Center is the premier transportation hub in the Antelope Valley.

The LA/Palmdale Regional Airport opened in 2007, with twice daily flights offered by United Airlines to San Francisco, with connections to the world.



## EDUCATION

Since 1990, several advanced educational resources have become available in Palmdale including the AERO Institute, located at the Palmdale Institute of Technology. The Institute offers college-credit courses in business and multiple engineering disciplines from public and private colleges and universities from around the country, including:

- Purdue University College of Engineering
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering
- San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering
- California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Pepperdine University
- Cal Tech  
(California Institute of Technology)
- UCLA
- DeVry University
- California State University, Los Angeles



Antelope Valley College opened a Palmdale campus in 2004 – their first step toward a permanent campus planned for the City.



## PUBLIC HEALTH – PUBLIC SAFETY

A new 250,000-square-foot Universal Health Services Hospital began construction in Palmdale in 2006. The new hospital, scheduled to open in 2009, will have up to 250 beds

and the largest emergency room in the Antelope Valley.

A new \$23.9 million Palmdale Sheriff's Station opened in 2006 and two new fire stations are under construction in the City.

## HOUSING

Palmdale's residential communities have grown dramatically since 1990, with several new master-planned communities coming to the City. Rancho Vista, Anaverde and Ritter Ranch are three of these communities offering a combined total of over 17,000 homes. Palmdale offers some of Southern California's most attractive housing from entry level to elegant custom homes.

## SENIOR HOUSING

Seniors are an important part of Palmdale's population. Several new affordable senior housing developments have opened and several are under construction including the new 75-unit Whispering Palms, 81-unit Cielo Azul and the 80-unit Summer Terrace Apartments. Construction is also well under way for a new 103,000-square-foot assisted living center at Rancho Vista Boulevard and Fairway Drive.

## RECREATION

In the last 18 years, dynamic recreational opportunities have come to Palmdale including the 33-acre Palmdale Oasis Park, the DryTown Water Park, Best of the West Softball Complex, Barrel Springs Equestrian Arena at Tejon Park, the Palmdale Amphitheater and the beautiful 348-seat Palmdale Playhouse.

Residents also enjoy a new 16-screen, stadium-style Cinemark Theater, Mulligan Family Fun Center and the beautiful 18-hole Rancho Vista Public Golf Course.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

Palmdale residents and visitors have enjoyed many special events in the last 18 years, including the annual Palmdale Fall Festival, Thursday Night on the Square, Starlight Concert Series, Children's Springfest, Palmdale Jazz & Wine Festival and many more.

## NOTEWORTHY SPECIAL PROJECTS

The NASA Dryden Aircraft Operations Facility opened in 2007 at Site 9 at U.S. Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale. The facility will house five specialized science platform aircraft, including the DC-8 Airborne Laboratory, the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), two ER-2 high-altitude aircraft and a Gulfstream-III multi-role cooperative research platform. An estimated 150 Dryden civil service and contractor staff will be transferred to the facility. In addition, visiting scientists from around the world will be based at the site while their experiments or missions are in progress.





## COMING SOON...OUR AMAZING FUTURE!

- A proposed new Conference Center
- Claim Jumper Restaurant – opening in 2008
- Yard House Restaurant – opening in 2009
- Romi's Fine Dining Restaurant – opening in 2008
- Ginza Steakhouse – opening in 2008
- Souplantation – opening in 2008
- Hilton Garden Inn – opening in 2008
- Staybridge Suites – opening in 2008
- Embassy Suites – opening in 2009
- Over 137,000 square feet of new industrial space to be complete in 2008
- Over 1.1 million square feet of professional office, commercial and light industrial buildings to be complete in 2008
- Super Target store (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2008
- Home Depot (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2008
- Vallarta Market (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2008
- Rite Aid (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2008
- CVS Pharmacy (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2008
- 24 Hr. Fitness (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2009
- Longs Drugs (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2009
- Fresh and Easy Neighborhood Market (Palmdale's eastside) – opening in 2009



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