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## A GUIDE TO IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

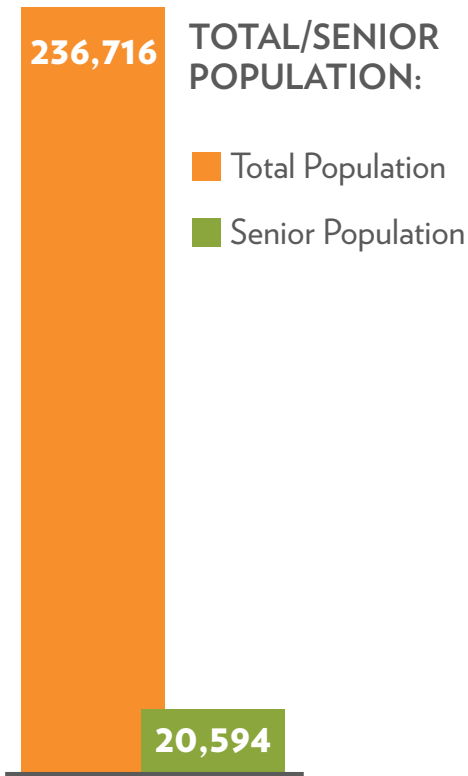
Learn about life and things to do in Irvine, home to Regents Point, a be.group senior living community.

**IN THE HEART OF ORANGE COUNTY**, Irvine is close to so many enjoyable things, from the beautiful coastline of its next-door neighbors, Laguna Beach and Newport Beach, to big-city entertainment in Los Angeles. Family-friendly attractions like Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm are less than 25 miles away.

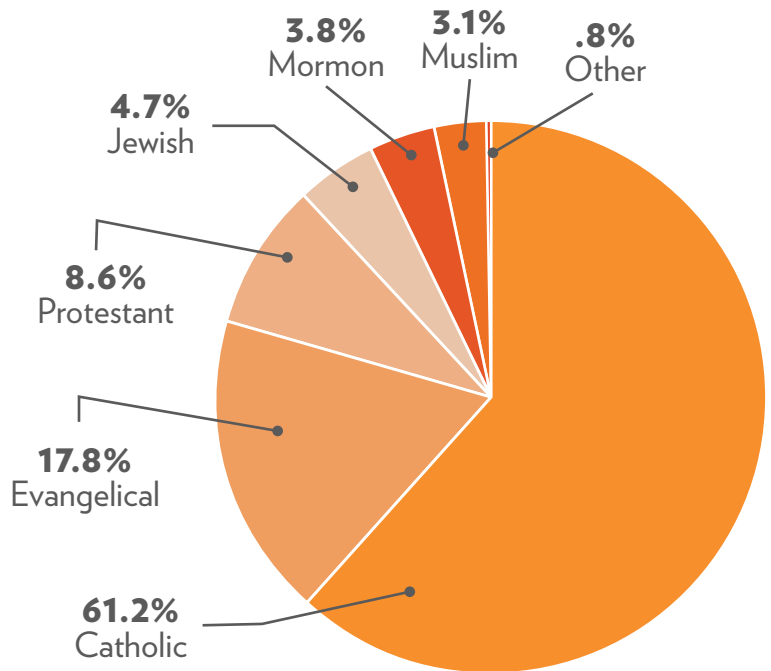
Irvine started as a ranching community, but the arrival of the University of California, Irvine in the 1960s quickly turned it into one of the country's largest master-planned communities. Today, Irvine offers a world-class mix of education, business, outdoor recreation and family-friendly neighborhoods—all in a sunny, Mediterranean climate. The quality of life here is so high that it's often ranked as one of the "Best Places to Live" by Money magazine, and the FBI has named Irvine as "America's Safest City" every year for a decade.

Regents Point, a be.group senior living community in Irvine, sits right next to the vast William R. Mason Regional Park, perfect for leisurely strolls and family picnics. A few blocks away is the University of California, Irvine, with plenty of opportunities for continuing education. Fine dining, shopping, arts and entertainment, and those famous golden beaches are just a few minutes' drive away.

## THE BASICS



### RELIGION (Orange County):



### LOCAL MEDIA:



Orange County Register  
 Los Angeles Times—O.C. Edition  
 OC Weekly

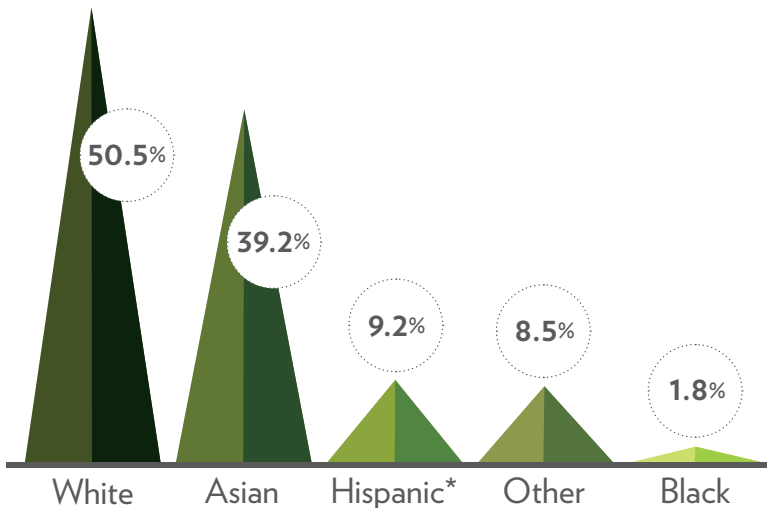
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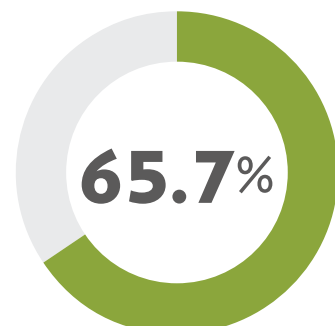
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### RACE & ETHNICITY:



### COLLEGE DEGREES:



\*According to the U.S. Census, "Hispanic" or "Latino" refer to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

## EVERYDAY NEEDS

What about runnings errands? What conveniences are near Regents Point? Below, find a list of some of the closest businesses, along with their short distances from Regents Point.



### Supermarkets:

**Albertsons**  
4541 Campus Drive (0.3 miles)

**Trader Joe's**  
4225 Campus Drive (0.6 miles)



### Banks:

**Chase Bank ATM**  
4543 Campus Drive (0.3 miles)

**Wells Fargo ATM**  
4511 Campus Drive (0.3 miles)

**Wells Fargo (full branch)**  
1 W. Peltason Drive (0.8 miles)



### Airport:

**John Wayne Airport** (4.5 miles)



### Hair Salons/Barbers:

**Sherry Luxury**  
4199 Campus Drive (0.6 miles)

**University Park Barber Stylists**  
18048 Culver Drive (1.1 miles)



### Post Office:

4255 Campus Drive (0.6 miles)



### Hotels:

**Hotel Irvine Jamboree Center**  
17900 Jamboree Road (2.8 miles)

**Newport Beach Marriott Bayview**  
500 Bayview Circle (3.7 miles)

**Courtyard Irvine John Wayne Airport/  
Orange County** 2701 Main St. (3.6 miles)

**Embassy Suites Irvine – Orange County  
Airport** 2120 Main St. (3.4 miles)



### Pharmacies:

**Sav-On Pharmacy**  
4541 Campus Drive (0.3 miles)

**Rite Aid Pharmacy**  
18112 Culver Drive (1.4 miles)



### Religious Institutions:

**Mariners Church (non-denominational  
evangelical)**  
5001 Newport Coast Drive (2.4 miles)

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church**  
9 Hillgate (0.8 miles)

**Shir Ha-Ma'alot (Reform)**  
3652 Michelson Drive (1.6 miles)

**Temple Beth Jacob (modern Orthodox)**  
3900 Michelson Drive (1.2 mile)

**University United Methodist Church**  
18422 Culver Drive (0.5 miles)

## SHOPPING

Fashionistas, casual shoppers and people-watchers can easily spend a whole day at any of Irvine's four major shopping destinations.

Fashion Island (401 Newport Center Drive, 5.2 miles), in Newport Beach, features upscale shopping less than a mile from the Pacific Ocean. The Italianate outdoor shopping center has 150 boutiques, as well as a number of department stores and al fresco dining.

South Coast Plaza (3333 Bristol St. 6.4 miles), past John Wayne Airport, is a world-famous luxury shopping mecca. Its 250-plus shops include fashion's most prestigious names, like Valentino and Versace.

The District at Tustin Legacy (2437 Park Ave., 4 miles), is enormous—its 1 million-square-foot outdoor center boasts retailers from Costco to Whole Foods. After shopping, visit the Promenade—which, besides a 14-screen movie theater and a 30-lane bowling alley, has live music, art festivals and other events year-round.

You'll see the Irvine Spectrum Center (71 Fortune Drive, 7 miles) minutes before you arrive—its 108-foot-high Giant Wheel towers above the 100 boutiques, and everything is lit at night. Entertainment options include the Improv Comedy Center, a 21-screen movie/IMAX theater, a spa and more than 40 dining choices.



## DINING

Southern California practically invented “casual upscale” restaurants, and Bistango (19100 Von Karmen Ave., 3.2 miles), with its New American cuisine, is a prime example. Besides gluten-free pastas and aged steaks, Bistango has an extensive bar, 400-plus wines on its list and live music nightly.

One farm-to-table gem is Andrei's Conscious Cuisine & Cocktails (2607 Main St., 2.9 miles), showcasing local, organic produce in meals like lamb osso buco tagine and the cheese/charcuterie plate. Plus, all the restaurant's profits go to its Andrei Foundation, which supports global causes like building rural school libraries.

Irvine's large Asian population means plenty of Pacific Rim cuisine. Korean tourists flock to the BCD Tofu House (2700 Alton Parkway, 3.5 miles) for its famous tofu stew and secret-recipe BBQ plates. For great Vietnamese food, Phans55 Bistro (6000 Scholarship Drive, 2 miles) is a hidden gem, using fresh, organic ingredients in meals like vegetarian crepes and salmon in plum sauce.

## NATURE

Regents Point's backyard is William R. Mason Regional Park. Its 339 acres are covered in shade trees and bike trails, and a nine-acre lake attracts both migrating birds and model-boat sailors. Hikers seeking lovely views should go to Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, nine miles south in Laguna Beach. Forty miles of trails lead through canyon woodlands and up to rocky bluffs with breathtaking ocean vistas.

Irvine is also home to Orange County Great Park. Its most famous attraction is the hot air balloon ride that rises 400 feet, offering views of up to 40 miles. The park also has recreational fields, a carousel, reflecting ponds, an arts complex with an outdoor performance area and a walkable historical timeline.



Bicyclists will love Irvine's top-notch bike-path system, with 54 miles of off-road bike trails and 301 miles of on-road bike lanes throughout the city.

Golfers are close to Irvine's main public courses, all with beautiful views. Oak Creek Golf Club caters to all levels (1 Gold Club Drive, 5.4 miles), while Rancho San Joaquin's challenging greens lie along three beautiful lakes (1 Ethel Coplen Way, 1.2 miles). Strawberry Farms Gold Club offers views across a 35-acre reservoir (11 Strawberry Farm Road, 2.9 miles).

Of course, Southern California's shining stars are its beaches. Regents Point is less than 30 minutes from 15 miles of Orange County's best beaches: Laguna Beach to the south, Huntington Beach to the north, and everything in between.

## TOP ATTRACTIONS

UC Irvine is an easy walk from Regents' Point and many residents go to campus to hear lectures, audit

classes and use the open-to-the-public libraries. Its Beall Center for Art + Technology (712 Arts Plaza, 0.9 miles) offers a high-tech art experience with video and interactive exhibits.

Get your musical fix at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts (600 Town Center Drive, 6.2 miles), next door in Costa Mesa, which regularly hosts world-class dance companies, Broadway shows, various musical artists and its own two resident symphonies. On a smaller scale, Irvine's Musical Theatre Village (36 Mauchly, 7.9 miles) shows five family-friendly but highly polished musicals annually, with community volunteers running the show.

Find your creative outlet at the Irvine Fine Arts Center (14321 Yale Ave., 6 miles), which offers single-session to multi-week classes in everything from cooking to ceramics. Or look at work created by the pros at The Irvine Museum (18881 Von Karman Ave., 2.5 miles), which focuses on American Impressionist art.

And there's a plethora of sporting activities within a 25-mile radius, from watching Angels baseball and



**FUN FACT** When James Irvine, after whose family the city is named, shifted from ranching to agriculture, his main crop was lima beans. He founded the Irvine Company, which in 1960 sold 1,000 acres to the University of California for a new campus—for \$1.



Ducks hockey in Anaheim to taking charter boats out of the harbors at Newport Beach and Dana Point.

## ENTERTAINING GRANDCHILDREN

Anywhere you are in Irvine, there's a park or playground just minutes away. With Mason Park just outside your front door, it's a great place to go for a picnic, hike or sailing model boats on the large lake. The city's shopping malls sport bowling alleys, open-air ice skating rinks and carousels around every corner.

Orange County Zoo, located seven miles from Kirkwood Orange within the 477-acre Irvine Regional Park (1 Irvine Park Road), features primarily animals and plants that are native to the Southwest. This includes black bears, island foxes, ocelots, mountain lions, porcupines and coyotes. For children, there is also a barnyard and designated story times under the oak trees.

Get their hands dirty by taking the kids to the family-run Tanaka Farms (5380 University Drive), just a 2.9-mile drive east, where you can go on strawberry tours (spring), watermelon tours (summer) or pumpkin tours (fall), then pick the fruit to take home. Or let them play grown-ups at the Pretend City Children's Museum (29 Hubble, 7.2 miles), an interactive "city" where kids can try out jobs like farmer, firefighter or doctor, then buy their groceries and collect their pay from an ATM.

With Irvine's great location near the coast, it's easy to take the family to Huntington Beach (12.7 miles) for

bodysurfing and sand castle-making, or to Laguna Beach (11.5 miles) for a charter cruise with the dolphins or whale-watching tour.

And what child's trip to Southern California isn't complete without a visit to one of its giant amusement parks? You can head north to Disneyland (1313 Disneyland Drive, 17 miles) and Knott's Berry Farm (8039 Beach Blvd., 23.1 miles) and reach them in 20 to 30 minutes.



### About be.group

As one of California's largest nonprofit providers of senior living communities, be.group is dedicated to helping residents and clients discover new ways to embrace life's possibilities and new options for exploring their potential. Our name, be.group, sums up everything we've been, everything we are today and everything we aspire to be in the future. Our vision, like the vision of our founders, begins and ends with the people we serve. We're here to help seniors be who they want to be: themselves.

be.group has seven licensed senior living communities and 26 affordable housing communities throughout California. Licensed communities include Kirkwood Orange, Redwood Terrace, Regents Point, Royal Oaks, Westminster Gardens, White Sands La Jolla and Windsor.

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