

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

Miscellaneous Statistics

June 30, 2005

The Santa Clarita Valley is surrounded by the Santa Susana and San Gabriel mountain ranges forming a triangle that separates Santa Clarita from the San Joaquin Valley, Mojave Desert, and Angeles National Forest to the north and the Los Angeles Basin and San Fernando Valley on the south. The Santa Clarita River flows westerly through the mountains and canyons that form the valley, a watershed area totaling approximately 490,000 acres of drainage.

The Santa Clarita climate has warm, dry, and sunny summers with mild and moist winters. Rainfall averages between 15 to 18 inches annually and falls mostly between the months of November and March.

Elevation of the valley floor ranges from 1,200 to 1,400 feet with the Santa Clarita Valley defined by Whitaker Peak to the north (4,148 feet), Mt. Gleason to the east (6,502 feet), and Oat Mountain to the south (3,747 feet).

Type of City	General Law
Form of Government	Council/Manager
Population	167,954**
Land Area	51.18 square miles
Number of Local Parks	20*
Water Utilities	Newhall County Water Co. Santa Clarita Water Co. Valencia Water Co. Castaic Lake Water Agency
Electric Utility	Southern California Edison Co.
Gas Utility	Southern California Gas Co.

* The City of Santa Clarita has 17 completed parks, 1 currently under construction and 2 sites reserved for future parks.

Source: City Finance Division

** Source: Department of Finance, Population Estimates, dated January 1, 2005