

The City of Glendale

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Glendale is a city that is found in Los Angeles, California, USA. From the population census carried out in 2010, the population of this city was 191,720 which makes it the third largest city in Los Angeles and the 22nd in the entire of California. The city, which lies at the Eastern side of the valley of San Fernando, is divided by the Verdugo Mountains. It is considered a suburb within the Los Angeles area. To the Northwest, Tujunga and San Valley border the city while the La Crescenta and the La Cañada Flintridge borders the city to the northeast. In accordance to US census bureau, Glendale city is approximately 80.212 km²: 0.34 km² of this area consists of water, while 79 km² is land (Beck and Haase, 2008, 115). This paper evaluates the city's functions as well as its economic contribution to California and America as a whole.

Functions of the city of Glendale

The following are some of the functions of Glendale city. The city serves the purpose of businesses and trading, is an industrial center and offers entertainment facilities. Other functions include law enforcement, education, transportation, among other functions (Levine, 2011, 2). This part will briefly evaluate some of these functions.

Law enforcement

Security and law enforcement is one of the functions of this city. There is a police department within the city, which is located within the downtown side. The police substation is located in the city's main galleria as well as in Verdugo area. There is also a police subdivision of California's highway patrol also located in the city's downtown. There is also a fire department in Glendale as well as ambulance services. The police department in this city is mandated to offer law enforcement services to the residents and ensure the security of the city and its environment. In general, the police are purposed to ensure high quality life among the residents of California. The police department in this city consists of full time personnel, clerks, and volunteers who assists the police in their day-to-day work.

Education

Education is another function of Glendale city. There are numerous public schools in this city, which are operated by the Glendale Unified School District. There are GUSD secondary schools, which includes Hoover Hebert High School, Glendale high school, Magnet Clark high school, Crescenta high school and Daily Allan high school. Private schools are also in existence in this city. Among the major ones includes: Holy Family High School, Chamlian Armenia

School, Glendale Academy and Salem Lutheran School. The city also harbors the Glendale community college.

Transportation

There are many transport facilities and options for Glendale. Metro Rapid, Metro Local, and LADOT are all companies with buses that operate within the city. The transport center for Glendale offers connections to Greyhound buses as well as other three lines of trains. The city is served by approximately four Freeways which include: the Ventura Freeway, which is the state route 134, the Glendale Freeway, which is the state route 2 and the Golden State Freeway which is the Interstate 5. Glendale also consist of the major surface streets that include Broadway, Brand Boulevard, Chevy Chase Drive, Central Avenue, Foothill Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard, Grandview Avenue, Glenoaks Boulevard, Honolulu Avenue, La Crescenta Avenue, Riverside Drive, Pennsylvania Avenue, Mountain Street, Verdugo Boulevard and Ocean View Boulevard.

Shopping and Trading

There are broad options for shoppers in Glendale, among these options include Glendale Galleria, the Americana brand, Bloomingdales, and Target, J. C. Penney. Other stores include H&M, Tiffany and Co, True Religion, Forever 21, Armani Exchange, and Urban Outfitters. The Americana brand is particularly located at the center of Glendale Galleria. Apparently, the Glendale Fashion center is another shopping area in this city. It is anchored by Petco, Staples, Norstrom Rack and Ross, TJ Max. Another place where shoppers frequent is at the Montrose Shopping Park found in the Northern Glendale. This park runs down the street of Honolulu and consists of many restaurants and stores.

Economic Contribution

Glendale's annual financial report of 2012 indicates that the city employs many people in California. Among the top employers in this city include Glendale city council, which employs 2,125 people, Glendale's Adventist medical center also employing 2,234 individuals, Glendale Unified School District with approximately 1,890 people, Glendale Community College, 1500 employees and Glendale Memorial Medical Center. Other employers in this city includes Walt Disney engineering with 1,100 workers, the Nestle, 1250 workers, Carney Educational Services, 750 employees, Diagnostic Laboratories, 940 as well as Verdugo Hill Hospital with 720 workers. Other firms that are based in this city include PS business Parks, public storage facilities and DineEquity (Beck, and Haase, 2008, 34).

The establishment of the Grand central airport in 1923 was a major boost of the region's economic standing. The airport is currently the largest employer in California. It has a greatly contributed to the development of the aviation industry to not only the development of the aviation industry in California but also the whole of America.

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