

Orange County Red Zones

As in previous iterations of the Orange County CEDS, Red Zones are census tracts in the region with unemployment rates 2.0 percentage points above the national average and average per capita incomes which are less than 80 percent of the national average. Therefore, current Red Zones are census tracts with unemployment rates of 7.3 percent or higher and per capita incomes of \$33,009 or lower. There are currently 48 Red Zones in Orange County.

Despite significant recent economic disruptions, the number of Orange County Red Zones have declined from 71 in the 2013-2018 CEDS to 55 in the 2019-2023 CEDS to 48 in this report, another illustration of the county's strong economic foundations. The map in **Appendix B** illustrates the locations of these communities in Orange County.

Overall, 289,752 Orange County residents or 9 percent of the county population reside in Red Zones. The number of Red Zones in Santa Ana increased from 10 in the 2019-2023 CEDS to 11 in this iteration, representing an increase of 1,542 residents while the number of Red Zones in Anaheim declined from 12 to 8, representing a decline of 22,011 residents. The city of Garden Grove saw the largest increase in Red Zones, jumping from 6 to 9, an increase of 18,134 residents while the largest decline in Red Zones occurred in Fullerton which dropped from 7 Red Zones to 2.

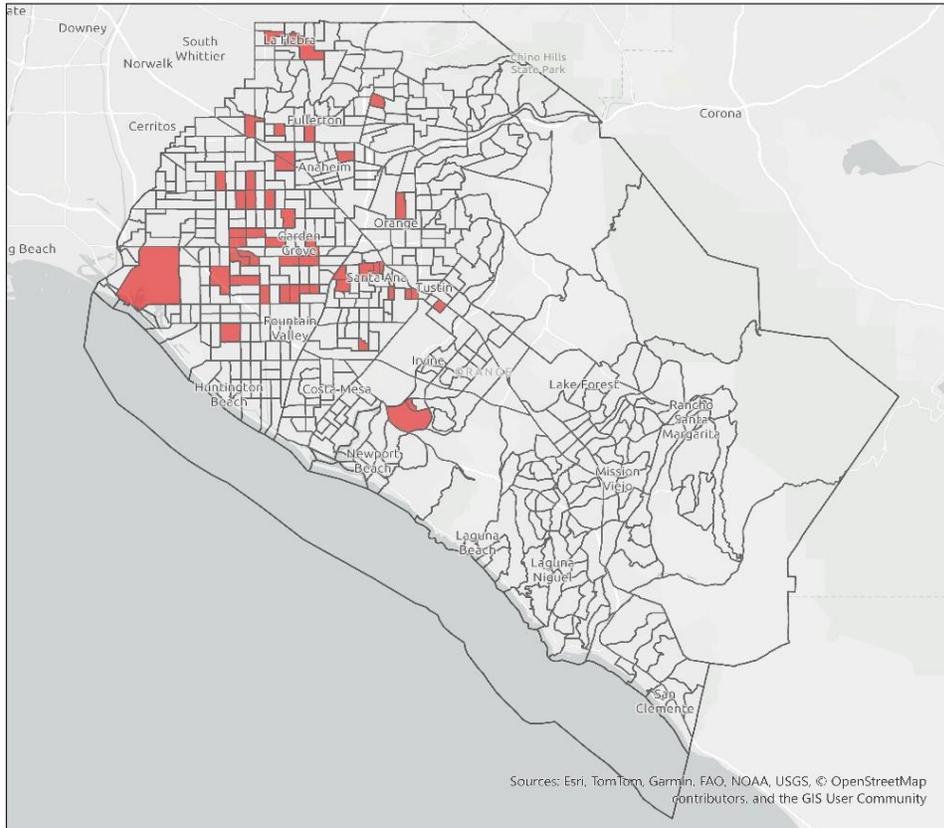
Orange County Red Zones by City

	Total Population	Population Living in Red Zones	Percent of Population living in Red Zones	Number of Red Zone Census Tracts
Anaheim	335,946	54,303	16%	8
Buena Park	83,359	5,627	7%	1
Fullerton	143,013	11,097	8%	2
Garden Grove	171,195	49,485	29%	9
Huntington Beach	196,469	7,808	4%	1
Irvine	305,688	23,065	8%	2
La Habra	62,037	12,245	20%	3
Orange	138,155	7,020	5%	1
Placentia	51,327	7,023	14%	1
Santa Ana	304,258	64,282	21%	11
Seal Beach	24,871	701	3%	1
Tustin	79,696	16,884	21%	3
Westminster	90,660	30,212	33%	5
Orange County	3,151,946	289,752	9.2%	48

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey; California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

Appendix B: Orange County Red Zone Map

Orange County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Red Zones, 2024-2029

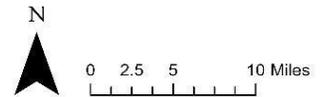


Orange County CEDS Red Zone 2024-2029 Thresholds:

Unemployment Rate:
Above 7.3%

Per Capita Income:
Below \$33,009

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



Data provided by US Census Bureau's 2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates; Mapping and GIS data sourced through ArcGIS Pro