

Type	City	Population	Median Age	Sales Tax	Housing Units	Median Income
Charter	Anaheim	345,000	36.2	7.75%	111,000	\$39,200
Charter	Irvine	319,000	34.0	7.75%	120,000	\$65,600
Charter	Santa Ana	316,000	34.7	9.25%	83,700	\$34,800
Charter	Huntington Beach	193,000	44.0	7.75%	82,600	\$56,900
Charter	Newport Beach	82,900	45.9	7.75%	45,200	\$82,100
Charter	Buena Park	82,600	37.3	8.75%	24,900	\$43,900
Charter	Placentia	53,400	39.1	8.75%	17,900	\$47,500
Charter	Cypress	49,300	41.4	7.75%	16,900	\$51,400
Charter	Seal Beach	24,421	61.5	9.25%	14,600	\$51,500
Charter	Los Alamitos	11,800	37.2	9.25%	4,620	\$49,600
General Law	Fullerton	140,000	36.9	7.75%	50,300	\$46,200
General Law	Brea	47,800	39.7	7.75%	17,400	\$59,700
General Law	La Habra	61,400	38.3	8.75%	21,200	\$43,900
General Law	Yorba Linda	66,500	44.9	7.75%	23,900	\$65,500
General Law	Garden Grove	172,000	40.2	8.75%	51,000	\$34,900

General Law	Orange	138,000	37.2	7.75%	47,000	\$48,300
General Law	Westminster	115,000	37.4	9.25%	50,500	\$53,200
General Law	Costa Mesa	109,000	36.7	7.75%	44,400	\$50,800
General Law	Mission Viejo	91,600	45.5	7.75%	34,300	\$58,700
General Law	Lake Forest	87,200	40.2	7.75%	31,800	\$59,300
General Law	Tustin	78,900	37.5	7.75%	28,500	\$50,300
General Law	Laguna Niguel	64,200	47.6	7.75%	27,600	\$62,300
General Law	San Clemente	62,600	45.6	7.75%	27,100	\$61,500
General Law	Fountain Valley	56,000	44.4	8.75%	19,200	\$47,200
General Law	Aliso Viejo	50,500	39.2	7.75%	20,500	\$71,700
General Law	Rancho Santa Marina	46,400	40.9	7.75%	17,500	\$68,000
General Law	Stanton	41,200	39.8	8.75%	13,300	\$35,100
General Law	San Juan Capistrano	35,500	46.2	7.75%	13,100	\$48,500
General Law	Dana Point	32,600	47.4	7.75%	16,500	\$68,600
General Law	Laguna Hills	30,400	41.7	7.75%	12,100	\$59,700
General Law	Laguna Beach	22,600	53.9	7.75%	13,600	\$76,300
General Law	Laguna Woods	17,100	74.9	7.75%	13,300	\$39,100
General Law	La Palma	15,100	45.1	8.75%	5,210	\$55,000
General Law	Villa Park	5,700	53.6	7.75%	1,970	\$63,100

Persons in Poverty	Budget Status (FY2025-26 / latest)	Detail
42,400	Deficit / gap	Projected ~\$50.5M deficit FY24-25 and ~\$63.9M FY25-26; balanced with one-time funds (2021 bond proceeds, parking-structure sale).
32,200	Deficit / gap	Worst-case ~\$9M shortfall projected for next year with larger gaps ahead; city leadership frames these as conservative projections, not adopted deficits.
33,300	Balanced (structural pressure)	~\$30M deficit projected when Measure X (1.5% sales tax, approved 2018) begins to sunset in 2029. FY25-26 ~\$778M budget balanced with ~\$10.5M one-time funds.
15,200	Balanced (structural pressure)	FY25-26 adopted ~\$1M surplus after ~\$3M program cuts and ~\$9M from reserves/one-time; would have been ~\$4M in the red otherwise. Original '\$15.6M' figure appears dated.
5,530	No deficit	No deficit reported.
7,230	No deficit	Used 1% sales-tax measure to address a ~\$3M deficit.
4,160	Deficit / gap	~\$1.4M gap led to 2 staff layoffs; hotel TOT to 15% placed on ballot; further deficits projected as a prior sales-tax increase sunsets in 2026.
3,270	No deficit	No deficit reported. (City rate 7.75%; some ZIP tools show 10.5% due to overlap with the Hawaiian Gardens district.)
1,640	No deficit	Structural deficit eliminated with Measure GG (0.5% sales tax). [Population corrected from '24,421k' typo in source.]
1,040	No deficit	No deficit due to Measure Y (1.5% sales tax) for infrastructure.
17,100	Deficit / gap	Original '\$9.4M' was the planned FY24-25 structural deficit. Now ~\$13.7M projected for FY26-27; reserves could fall to ~2% without action; two 0.5% tax measures under discussion.
3,130	No deficit	No deficit reported.
6,710	No deficit	No deficit reported.
3,880	No deficit	No deficit reported.
20,900	Surplus	~\$5.4M surplus reported.

12,600	Balanced (structural pressure)	Original '\$20M projected' reflects a structural gap; city adopted a balanced FY25-26 budget by cutting ~\$30M+, leaving a ~\$2.6M gap filled with one-time funds.
8,400	Balanced (structural pressure)	~\$2M deficit held off by privatizing city festivals and increasing the TOT hotel tax.
10,000	Deficit / gap	Original '\$8-9M'; city reported spending ~\$7M more than projected in FY25-26, with budget pressure continuing into FY26-27.
5,160	No deficit	No deficit reported.
7,310	No deficit	No deficit reported.
7,800	No deficit	No deficit reported.
4,090	No deficit	No deficit reported.
3,660	No deficit	No deficit, but a sales-tax measure is on an upcoming ballot.
4,160	No deficit	No deficit due to Measure HH (1% sales tax).
2,590	No deficit	No deficit reported.
2,700	No deficit	No deficit reported.
5,220	No deficit	No deficit since Measure GG (1-cent sales tax); increased TOT; cannabis tax.
2,900	No deficit	No deficit reported.
2,350	No deficit	No deficit reported.
2,370	No deficit	No deficit reported.
1,390	No deficit	No deficit; TOT increase and graduated business tax on ballot. [Sales tax corrected to 7.75%; source header showed 8.75%, contradicting its own detail line.]
2,440	No deficit	No deficit reported.
761	No deficit	No deficit reported. (City rate 8.75%, incl. 1% city tax; a 9.75% ZIP figure reflects overlap with the Cerritos district.)
449	No deficit	No deficit reported.

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