

III. The District Official Service Area

The General Neighborhood

The North Orange County CCD is not the only opportunity for a community college postsecondary education experience open to California residents of this region. There is no geography that creates natural access barriers but there are freeway systems that facilitate the free flow of students.

To the east and south, the campuses for Santa Ana, Golden West and Coastline offer comprehensive curricula. Coastline has an extensive set of online course offerings and several extension center sites in Orange County. Santa Ana has a major noncredit center operation and an extensive Criminal Justice Training Center operated in conjunction with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. To the southeast of the District students will find Santiago Canyon College, which also operates a major noncredit center and an array of apprenticeship training programs.

Long Beach CCD and Cerritos CCD are located to the west, Rio Hondo College is to the northwest, and Citrus College is further north of the NOCCCD institutions. All of these colleges offer a comprehensive curriculum, but none have substantially-sized extension centers. Some of the Los Angeles CCD institutions are located further to the west and northwest of the NOCCCD.

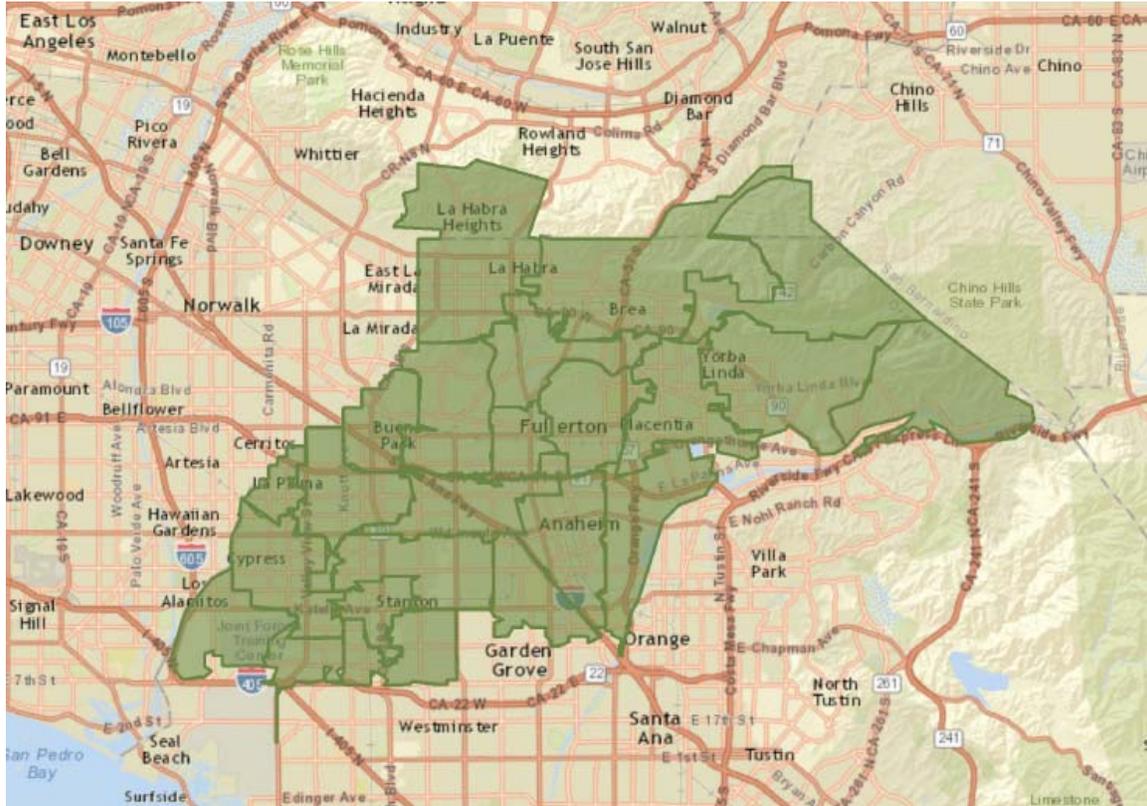
Although they are a little more distant, Mt. San Antonio College and the main campus of Chaffey College are to the northeast of the NOCCCD. These surrounding institutions offer a full range of programs and course offerings.

Appendix A lists the community colleges that are in "close proximity" to the NOCCCD institutions and the approximate miles and travel times.

Population Served: NOCCCD Official Service Area

Within Orange County, the *official* boundaries of the NOCCCD include the zip code areas described in the following chart.

Chart 1: NOCCCD Official District Boundaries



Source: Environmental Systems Research Institute; analysis by Cambridge West Partnership, LLC

Geographically, the official District service area includes 155 square miles lying within an eastern boundary at the Riverside County line and western and northern boundary is at the Los Angeles County. In 2010 the official District service area population numbered approximately 900,000 people. The estimate for 2015 was roughly 937,300. The official District service area population is projected to become approximately 976,500 by 2020. The annual population growth rate for the District's official service area is 0.82%. The median household income in 2015 was \$66,976, median home values were \$499,093, and the median age was 35.3.

The District can be considered as a high cost living area. The 2015 median household income was \$66,976 and that is projected to increase to \$77,974 by 2020. The median home value was \$499,093 but is expected to become \$618,824 by 2020. In 2015 53% of the housing units were owner occupied and 43% were renter occupied. The average monthly rent in Orange County was \$1,848, and 63% of the jobs in the county do not provide sufficient wages to afford a one-bedroom rental unit.

Of the twenty-six zip codes potentially associated with the NOCCCD official service area, two zip codes largely overlap into the services areas of adjacent community college districts (Coast and Rancho Santiago). Those two zip codes were *excluded* from the definition of the official service area. Four additional zip codes are largely within the

NOCCCD official area but share small portions with Golden West College. Those four zip codes were *included* in the geographic definition.

In the fall terms 2013 and 2014, 75% of the enrolled students came from the zip codes identified as within the District's official service area while 25% reported zip code addresses that fell outside of the official service area.

The three NOCCCD institutions, Cypress College, Fullerton College, and the School of Continuing Education, serve 90,000 students annually. NOCCCD students are able to shape their futures in programs of study leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses.

Each college has its own distinctive effective service area from which most of the attending students are drawn. Those distinctive areas are discussed in the narrative that follows.



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