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East LA

Boyle Heights and **East Los Angeles** have remained an important center of Chicano culture in Los Angeles. This is a great place for anyone passionate about history, food, and looking for a short commute to your East LA or Montebello school.

Cultural Heritage: From the Breed Street Shul to Mariachi Plaza, the history of Boyle Heights is still there to experience. Hollenbeck Park, the Sears Building, and the old Santa Fe Railroad hospital are just some of the iconic locations in the neighborhood.

Food: Besides the original Guisados, Boyle Heights is home to some of the city's best Mexican restaurants, including El Tepeyac, Ciro's and Al & Bea's.

Location: With easy access to four freeways, a light-rail line and plenty of bridge connections to downtown, Boyle Heights is very centrally located to all of our East LA schools with an average commute time of only 10 minutes.

Housing: Boyle Heights is the home to many beautiful and historic homes, with some of the oldest dating all the way back to the 1880s.

Average Cost of Rent: Average rent costs in Boyle Heights is about \$1850.

Entertainment: With close proximity to the ever changing Arts District, check out Angel City Brewery for a drink with friends or head to the Citadel Outlets for some major discounts.

Downey

Downey is a fun and family friendly community just slightly removed from the noise of the city. This is a great place for anyone looking for a little more space, a little less traffic, and an equally short commute to both East and South LA.

Cultural Heritage: While it is now a quieter suburb of Los Angeles, Downey was once the birthplace of the Apollo Space Program. It is also home to the oldest continually operating McDonald's restaurant in the world!

Food: In addition to the rise in modern eateries throughout the city, Downey is home to the iconic Porto's Bakery. Those potato balls and guava pastries might change your life.

Location: About 13 miles southeast of Downtown LA, Downey can conveniently be reached by four different freeways and the Metro rail line passes through the southern part of the city. Also, Downey is centrally located to all of our schools with an average commute time of about 30-40 minutes to any of our campuses.

Housing: Downey is a great option for families or those looking for a bit more space. In addition to many apartment options, Downey is a great neighborhood from this list to rent larger, affordable homes. Also, looking to be a homeowner? Downey might be the place for you.

Average Cost of Rent: Average rent costs in Downey is about \$1800 for 815 sq. ft.

Entertainment: Pack a picnic and take your kids to Heritage Park in nearby Cerritos, or enjoy a beach day in Long Beach. For more SoCal fun, drive 20 minutes to Disneyland to feast on turkey legs and Dole Whip.

South LA

West Adams, Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw

South LA is a community steeped in history and culture. Known as an epicenter of excellence in African American Culture, this is a great place for soul food and sports enthusiasts looking for a short commute to any of our South LA schools.

Cultural Heritage: Leimert Park has become the center of historical and contemporary African-American art, music, and culture in Los Angeles. Check out Vision Theater, a designated historic-cultural monument, formerly known as Leimert Park Theater.

Food: Get a taste of modern soul food at Post & Beam in nearby Baldwin Hills, or for a more authentic soul food experience check out Dulan's. If you're looking for a place with a lot of options, go to Mercado La Paloma, a vibrant community gathering space with multiple restaurants (Chichen Itza & Holbox are definitely favorites).

Location: The South LA neighborhoods are conveniently located near the 10 and 110 freeway and is in close proximity to USC. Construction is under way on the Leimert Park Station for the Metro line. The Metro Expo line runs through the USC and Crenshaw neighborhoods taking you to downtown LA or downtown Santa Monica. This community is a great option for anyone teaching in our South LA schools with an average commute between 10-25 minutes.

Housing: South LA neighborhoods have a mix of older and newer apartment buildings as a result of the influx of young professionals and college students moving into the area.

Average Cost of Rent: Average rent costs in South LA is about \$1300. You can expect to pay about \$1250 for a studio or \$1400 for a 2 bedroom.

Entertainment: Join in on the festivities for the annual Taste of Soul, which happens every September/October. Spend a relaxing day perusing the shops of Leimert Plaza Park or get some friends together for a day at the Natural History Museum or California Science

Museum. For you sports enthusiasts, take advantage of your close proximity to USC, the Los Angeles Rams, and LAFC who will all play in the area.

Inglewood

For those looking to be in a city with entertainment and sports venues, close proximity to the beach and LAX, as well as family friendly residential living, **Inglewood** may be the place for you! This city is located not too far from our South LA schools, as well as KIPP Compton.

Cultural Heritage: Known as the City of Champions, Inglewood has a history of housing a variety of Sports events and arenas. Beginning with the marathon race of the 1932 Olympics to the Forum being home to the LA Lakers and Kings in the late 60s to late 90s and now being the home to the new NFL Stadium and future Clippers arena.

Food: There are a variety of places to eat here in Inglewood ranging from large restaurant chains to smaller mom-and-pop stores. In addition to restaurants, if you enjoy coffee and tea there are a variety of cafes that are great to gather with friends or get some work done.

Housing: Inglewood offers a range of housing options from apartments and duplexes to house rentals. The construction of the new Rams stadium has brought new rental development in the city. The average cost of rent varies slightly by area. South Inglewood's average rent is \$1896 and for North Inglewood the average is \$1950.

Entertainment: Home to The Forum and the Sofi Stadium, this is the place to be if you enjoy live music and sports. Also, due to its central location, you are not too far from neighborhoods which hold other entertainment venues like Downtown LA and Hollywood.

Koreatown

Koreatown is a vibrant and diverse community whose central location is a huge plus. This is a great place for foodies, city dwellers, and those looking for a short commute to both East and South LA.

Cultural Heritage: As the name suggests, the atmosphere in Koreatown is heavily influenced by Korean culture. The community has a much more diverse character than that though. The broad range of cultural influences is exemplified in landmarks like the synagogue/contemporary art gallery of the Wilshire Boulevard Temple, the many Art Deco

buildings, and the close proximity to other vibrant communities like Filipinotown, Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and El Salvador Corridor.

Food: Koreatown is a favorite destination among food lovers for its enormous selection of authentic Korean restaurants. Also, the Latin fusion cuisine of Roy Choi's restaurants and the popular German/Korean/Hawaiian tinged gastropub, Biergarten, remains a popular and delicious destination.

Location: Centrally located in Los Angeles, Koreatown is a short drive from Downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood. The most densely populated district in Los Angeles, it is a cultural hub of diversity. This is a great option for teachers working in either East or South LA with average commutes of around 25-40 minutes.

Housing: Koreatown has a lot of housing options and is also where many young singles, urban professionals, and artists live. This is a great option if you're set on living alone or looking to find a new roommate in the city. Word of caution, parking can be difficult so find a place that includes a parking spot!

Average Cost of Rent: Average rent costs in Koreatown is about \$1300. You can expect to pay about \$2300 for a 2 bedroom.

Entertainment: Wilshire Boulevard has a vast assortment of bars, clubs, and restaurants. Also located on the corner of Wilshire and Western is the Wiltern Theater, a historic and popular music venue. For a fun night out, grab an \$5 Uber and head to Downtown LA for a Laker game at the Staples Center or a drink at the Ace Hotel.

West LA

The **Westside** is one name for many neighborhoods that make up this part of LA. Access to beaches, hikes, shopping, and the airport make this area ideal. This is a great place for frequent travelers, beach goers, and those who don't mind a longer commute to East and South LA.

Cultural Heritage: The Westside encompasses a huge part of LA from **Malibu** to **Marina Del Rey** and **Beverly Hills** to **Palms**. Many label **Venice** as the cultural hub known for its eccentricities, while **Culver City** has been a center for motion picture and television production.

Food: Food options on the Westside are vast. Seafood restaurants such as Sugarfish and Sweetfin Poké offer an array of new takes on classic dishes. Take in some neighborhood favorites like Gloria's Cafe, 26 Beach Restaurant, or Tito's Tacos.

Location: The Westside encompasses quite a few neighborhoods like Culver City, Palms, Del Rey, Venice, and Santa Monica. The Westside offers easy access to the beach, a lively social scene, and proximity to a lot of great shopping. Centered around the 405 and the 10 freeways, you can expect traffic and a fairly equal commute to any of our East or South LA Schools, even though South LA is closer in distance.

Housing: The Westside has a large array of older, more affordable apartments and brand new luxury buildings with every amenity. While this area is home to some of the highest rents in Los Angeles, people see that as a small price to pay for its proximity to the beach, the mountains, vibrant city life, and of course the airport.

Average Cost of Rents: If you're lucky, you can find studio apartments for around \$1600 and two bedrooms for around \$2,600. However, average rents are around \$2,500 for a studio and \$4,000 for a two bedroom apartment. Palms and Mar Vista are areas where you can find more affordable housing on the Westside. As a rule of thumb, the closer you get to the beach the more you will pay.

Entertainment: The Westside is home to the world-class Getty Center and nearby Getty Villa, which offers breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Grab some friends and take advantage of the free admission and inexpensive parking rates. Looking for more outdoor activities? Try parasailing in the Marina, riding the ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier, looking for art on the Venice boardwalk, or climbing the steps at Culver City Stairs.

Northeast LA

["Silverlandia"](#) - **Silver Lake, Echo Park, Los Feliz, and Atwater Village**

The Silverlandia area is a community with a ton of character and its proximity to both Downtown LA and Griffith Park is a plus. This is a great place for anyone looking for a great art, coffee, and health food scene. Embrace your inner hipster and enjoy a short commute to any of our East LA schools.

Cultural Heritage: This area is what is considered the “hipster” neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Home to numerous music venues, art galleries, and creative spaces, Silverlandia is an artistic hub in Los Angeles.

Food: These neighborhoods are centers of healthy eating and brunch. Options like Night + Song Market that offers a healthy and unique Thai menu, or Sage, with a completely meatless menu, are local favorites. For our brunch lovers, Home Restaurant is a great option that offers a huge selection. Additionally, coffee shops like Tierra Mia roast their coffee beans in-house. The Horchata Frappe is a must have!

Location: Silverlandia is located just northeast of Downtown LA and surrounds the southern side of Griffith Park and Hollywood Hills. This area is ideal if you are commuting to East LA with an average commute of 20-30 minutes.

Housing: Echo Park and Silver Lake have a mix of cozy houses and apartments. Due to recent improvements to Echo Park Lake and Silver Lake Reservoir values of properties have increased considerably.

Average Cost of Rents: Rent for a studio apartment averages around \$1,600 while 2 bedrooms apartments average around \$3,000.

Entertainment: Take a \$10 Uber ride to Downtown LA to check out some great modern art at the Broad Museum and then grab a cocktail at Perch, one of LA’s most popular rooftop bars. If you’re looking to spend a day in the sun, catch a baseball game at Dodger Stadium, hike at Griffith Park for a great view of the Hollywood Sign, or rent paddle boats at Echo Park Lake.

Highland Park

Highland Park is a tree-lined residential community mixed with walkable urban culture. This is a great place for artists and hikers looking for a short commute to East LA.

Cultural Heritage: Highland Park, one of Los Angeles County’s first subdivisions, is a historic neighborhood in Northeast Los Angeles. Known for its history of family-owned businesses, Highland Park is home to Galco’s Soda Pop Shop, in operation for over 100 years! Highland Park also borders Eagle Rock, which is the home to Occidental College. Highland Park is a popular area for college students.

Food: Highland Park has a diverse array of food options. York boulevard is teeming with new and timeless food establishments. Delia's is a family-owned restaurant known for their breakfast burritos. Also check out Metro Banderas, a local taco and burrito hole in-the-wall, where on the weekends they have their authentic Mexico City style Carnitas, with eight different kinds!

Location: Highland Park is a hilly neighborhood situated in the San Rafael Hills located 10 miles northeast of Downtown Los Angeles and about 5 miles from Pasadena. Highland Park is ideal for any teachers working in East Los Angeles with an average commute of about 20 minutes.

Housing: Highland Park has an eclectic mix of apartments, lofts, and Craftsman homes. This is a great option for single dwellers and families alike.

Average Cost of Rent: Average rent in Highland Park for a studio apartment is about \$1,400 and about \$2,300 for a two-bedroom apartment.

Entertainment: There are a plethora of exciting things to do near Highland Park! Catch a concert or see the mighty Bruins dominate at The Rose Bowl. If sports aren't your thing, take a stroll through The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. When you're ready for a cocktail, head to Figueroa Street to check out one of the many hip bars like The Greyhound, La Cueva, and Block Party.