

## Community

Beverly Hills isn't a homogeneous community, like the mass media made most people believe the city is "populated by whites" or "WASPs". Beverly Hills is portrayed with a large percentage of Democrats, a common trait among urban areas, the traditional rich (i.e., Liberal elite) and celebrities hold more liberal opinions. The city has a small Republican minority.

Some estimates put the Persian community in Beverly Hills as high as 20%, while some claim it to be even higher, close to half or more. The large majority of the Persians living in Beverly Hills adhere to Judaism [1], making them Persian Jews. A 2007 article stated that: "...about 8,000 of Beverly Hill's approximately 35,000 residents are of Iranian descent" [2].

Beverly Hills has one of California's largest American Jewish populations and there are four synagogues within the city (although there are many others adjacent). Nessah Synagogue on Rexford Dr., a Persian congregation, may be the largest of them and also has its own preschool. During the Jewish high holy days, an additional number of "temporary" synagogues host services in locations like the El Rodeo School or the Beverly Hilton hotel. Other religious groups are represented, such as the LDS (Mormon) community which has several chapels for Sunday worship as well as a nearby temple for special rites (on Santa Monica Blvd. in Century City.)

Beverly Hills has multiple ethnic communities: Russian American, Polish American, Arab American, and Armenians are well known (same goes for nearby West Hollywood, a large percentage are second or third-generation whose families are immigrants or refugees arrived after world war II, another wave came after the fall of the Soviet Union (1990s) like Russia and the Ukraine are well documented.

In the 1980s and 1990s, Western Europeans, Australians, Canadians and Asians purchased properties for investment or to move in as permanent residences. Thousands of political refugees happen to live in Beverly Hills, usually are wealthy, or upper-classes fleeing from economic turmoil to the US, for example: from Iran, Serbia, Hungary, India, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Chile, and Argentina.

Beverly Hills and the nearby Fairfax District of Los Angeles has become an enclave of African immigrants who are socioeconomically successful, Asian Americans often of Chinese, Korean and Japanese American descent, Latino millionaires (like Cuban Americans via Florida and wealthy Mexicans live part-time in rich sections of Mexico City), and Native Americans, some have legal residence in Oklahoma from the oil industry that gave foundation to both that state and Beverly Hills.

Of the 15,035 households, 24.4% had children under the age of 18, 43.8% were married couples, 8.1% had a female householder with no husband present, and 45.0% were non-families. 38.2% of all households were made up of individuals and 11.3% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.24 and the average family size was 3.02.

In the city of Beverly Hills, the population was spread out with 20.0% under the age of 18, 6.3% from 18 to 24, 29.3% from 25 to 44, 26.8% from 45 to 64, and 17.6% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 41 years. For every 100 females there were 83.5 males. For every 100 adult females, there were 79.4 adult males. Beverly Hills has two large age groupings: senior citizens with large retirement incomes, and single young adults (some live together), including the city's large gay and lesbian community.

Renters, not homeowners, are the majority. Renter-occupied housing units comprise 56.6 percent of the city's housing stock. The median household income for renter-occupied housing units in the city is \$48,179, which is just slightly above average for the entire United States. The overall median household income is \$70,945, while the median income for a family is \$102,611. About 7.9% of families and 9.1% of the population were below the poverty line, including 9.5% of those under age 18 and 7.9% of those age 65 or over.

Despite its reputation, 90210 is not the wealthiest ZIP code in the United States or even California. The wealthiest ZIP code in California is 94027, generally in Atherton, California, while the wealthiest ZIP code in the United States is 33139, in Miami Beach, Florida). However, it's been said if Beverly Hills was a country, it would be as wealthy as Monaco or Liechtenstein.

In fact, Beverly Hills has the lowest median household income of cities with a population of over 10,000 where the average home value is above \$1 million. The highest concentration of millionaires goes to Indian Wells, a desert community of 4,300 residents, but couldn't match up with Beverly Hills' larger population of millionaires and billionaires alike.

A good amount of information is provided by Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia . For more information on Beverly Hills please visit the website link. This link will provide further details such as demographics, economy, culture, etc.

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