



The City of Santa Paula is located approximately 65 miles northwest of Los Angeles and 14 miles east of Ventura, and is 14 miles from the coastline of the Pacific Ocean. Santa Paula is the geographic center of Ventura County, situated in the rich agricultural Santa Clara River Valley. The City is surrounded by rolling hills and rugged mountain peaks in addition to orange, lemon and avocado groves. In fact, Santa Paula is often referred to as the “Citrus Capital of the World.”

The Chumash Indians established the original community as the villages of Mupu and Srswa. The land was later given away as part of a Spanish land grant to Rancho Santa Paula and Saticoy in 1840. In the 1860s, it was subdivided into small farms. In 1880, oil was discovered leading to the formation of the Union Oil Company in 1890.

The City was incorporated April 22, 1902 as a general law city. The City Council is made up of five members, elected at large, serving four year terms. The Mayor is elected for a one-year term from among the members of the City Council. City Council, in separate session, also serves as the governing board of the Santa Paula Public Financing Authority. The City operates under a council-Manager form of government. The City Council appoints the City Manager and City Attorney. The City Clerk and City Treasurer are elected and serve four year terms.

Santa Paula covers an area of 5.4 square miles and has a population of 31,138 as of January 1, 2018, based on estimates from the State of California. The square miles will change slightly with the recent annexation of property to the East of Santa Paula. The City of Santa Paula delivers municipal services through six departments: City Manager’s (City Council, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, Personnel, Risk Management, Information Technology, and Mobile Home Rent Review), Community Services (Community Center, Recreation, Senior Services, Cable Television, Buildings & Grounds Maintenance), Finance (City Treasurer, Utility Billing and Payments, Accounting and Payroll), Community Development (Planning, Building-Code Enforcement), Police, Public Works (Streets, Water, Wastewater and Engineering), Wastewater treatment plant operations and solid waste services are provided under contract. Library services in Santa Paula are provided by the Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District and public transit services are provided by the Ventura County Transportation Commission.



MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Date of Incorporation	April 22, 1902
Population	31,138
Form of Government	Council-City Manager
Type of Government	General Law
Area	5.4 Square Miles
Elevation	274 Feet
Miles of Streets	58 Miles
Number of Street Lights	1,457
Building Permits Issued	750/Year
Employees	124.24 Full Time Equivalents
Parks	11 (35.9 Acres)
Fire Stations	2
Libraries	1
Museums	4
Schools	11
Hospital/Urgent Care Facility	2
Airport	1
Transit Service Provider	Vista