



# Santa Clara



Population  
Size

- 1.27 lakhs

9<sup>th</sup> most populous city in the  
San Francisco Bay Area

Weather

- Tropical wet and dry climate

Language

- English, Spanish

Specialty Food

- BBQ





Santa Clara is located in the center of Silicon Valley and is home to the headquarters of several high-tech companies such as Intel. It is also home to Santa Clara University, the oldest institution of higher learning in the state of California, which was built around Mission Santa Clara de Asís.

The original settlement grew around the Mission Santa Clara de Asís, which was founded in 1777 and was the eighth in the California chain of 21 missions. The Spanish historical influence is evident in the city's place-names, architecture, and restored mission.

The city developed as a processing centre for the prunes, apricots, and other fruits and vegetables grown in the rich Santa Clara Valley. By the 1940s, however, manufacturing had surpassed agriculture in importance, and since then Santa Clara's growth has reflected a mixed economy with a growing service sector.



## Places of Interest

**Great America Amusement Park** – It is 100-acre amusement park is just minutes away and features over 40 rides and attractions, such as Goliath, the tallest wooden roller coaster in North America standing at 165 feet.

**Levi's Stadium** - Levi's Stadium is the current home of the San Francisco 49ers and host of Super Bowl 50. This beautiful stadium not only features top-notch football and fun events such as the bacon and beer classic but also provides guests with tours of the stadium.

**Santa Clara University** – It is a private Jesuit university as well as the oldest higher education college in the Bay Area. The university is built around the Santa Clara Mission de Asis from which it developed, making SCU a great place to get a sense for the history of the area.