

Orange County Population

Background

Large numbers of servicemen from every corner of the U.S., were stationed in Orange County during World War II. The Santa Ana Army Air Base alone had trained over 125,000 airmen, processed 72,000 men as a reprocessing center, and later discharged an additional 38,000 Army Air Force veterans. When World War II ended in September, 1945, most of the men and women of the armed services soon returned to their home towns and started their adult lives by going to college and getting married. After an initial period of adjustment, many ex-servicemen and their new families decided to move to the warmer and more economically promising places where they had been stationed while in the military.

Orange County Population by Decade

Year	Population	Percent Increase
1940	130,000	NA
1950	216,224	65.36%
1960	703,925	225.55%
1970	1,431,900	103.42%
1980	1,944,800	35.82%
1990	2,424,100	24.65%

Data Compiled from World Almanac and Book of Facts