



"History of Transportation" - Mural by Helen Lundeberg

**NEWS**

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## Fact Sheet The City of Inglewood

Inglewood's rich history begins with the Centinela Adobe, built in 1834 by Ygnacio Machado, one of the soldiers protecting the first settlers of Los Angeles on their way from Mexico. (The adobe complex is still maintained at 7643 Midfield). After several owners, the Adobe was sold to Daniel Freeman from Canada, who settled in Inglewood because he felt the cool sea breeze would benefit his wife's poor health. A major hospital is named after the successful farmer and shipman.

The Centinela-Inglewood Land Company laid out the community in 1887. For five years after the 1920 earthquake, Inglewood was the fastest growing city in the United States. In 1927, the Andrew Bennett Ranch was leased by Los Angeles and converted into what is now Los Angeles International Airport. Charles Lindbergh flew the first passenger plane to land there.

Today, Inglewood is a gateway to major commercial centers of the United States. The Los Angeles International Airport is directly accessible by Inglewood's Century Boulevard -- one of the City's busiest commercial corridors. Proximity to the airport and four major freeways facilitate both domestic and international trade.

### **Inglewood Statistics & Facts:**

- City incorporation – February 14, 1908
- Land area – 23.745 square kilometers (approx. 9 square miles)
- Population – 121,000 (2001)
- Distance to Washington, D.C. – 2,435 miles
- Distance to Sacramento, California – 363 miles
- Distance to downtown Los Angeles – 13 miles
- Home to 21 public and four private schools ranging from pre-school to adult education, including the University of West Los Angeles Law School.



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**Inglewood attractions:**

- Great Western Forum sports and entertainment arena
- Hollywood Park Racetrack
- Hollywood Park Casino
- Inglewood Park Cemetery