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Quality of Life

Placer County's climate, geography and historical richness contribute to its high quality of life. The geography of the county encompasses the grasslands of the Gold Country, the snow-capped Sierra Nevada mountain range, and numerous rivers, lakes, state, national parks, and ski resorts. The solitude of country living and the magnificent mountains provides a perfect retreat from urban life. For those who desire a respite from urban life, Placer County offers hiking, biking, camping, snow skiing, snow boarding, horseback riding, fishing, water sports, ice-skating, and hunting. For the more cosmopolitan resident, Placer County also offers superb shopping, education, and cultural opportunities.

This section discusses climate, ground stability, sports and recreation, community activities, local services, culture and entertainment, and health services.

Climate

Moderate, dry days and cool nights characterize the summer months in Placer County. The temperature during the summer varies between the Valley and High Country areas. Typically, the Valley reaches higher temperatures, while mountain temperatures are lower. The rainy season in Placer County occurs between November and April, but excessive rainfall and damaging windstorms are rare. The Sierra Nevada snowfields are a major source of water during the dry summer months. Figure 14 shows average temperatures and precipitation for the selected areas in Placer County.

FIGURE 14 TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION IN PLACER COUNTY PERIOD OF RECORD 1914-2004

	Temperature (Degrees Fahrenheit)							
Area	Average	Maximum	Minimum	– Annual Precipitation				
Auburn	60.3	72.3	48.2	34.4				
Colfax	58.8	71.1	46.4	47.7				
Tahoe City	43.4	56.1	30.6	31.7				
Blue Canyon	50.7	58.5	42.8	66.9				

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Data Source: Western Region Climate Center

Note: The period of record covers 1914 through June 2004.

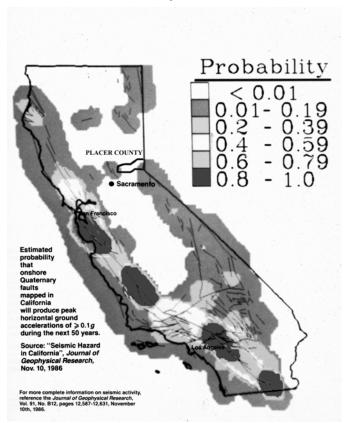
Ground Stability

The Greater Sacramento Area is noted for its ground stability. Unlike high level seismic activity areas such as the San Francisco Bay and the Los Angeles Areas, the Greater Sacramento Area ranks among the lowest in the state for the probability of a major earthquake.

Placer County and the Greater Sacramento Area are expected to experience minimal earthquake effects. For example, the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake devastated parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, but left the Greater Sacramento Area unaffected. Ground stability is an important factor in the relocation of firms such as Hewlett-Packard, NEC and Oracle Corporation, because a high degree of precision is necessary for computer development and manufacturing. These companies considered Placer County highly desirable because of its lower potential for earthquake damage.

Figure 15 shows the probability of an earthquake in all areas of the state. As illustrated, Placer County is within one of the lowest earthquake probability areas of the state. Additionally, the County suffered no significant earthquake damage between 1800 and 1984. Furthermore, there are no recently-active volcanoes in the region.

FIGURE 15 CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE PROBABILITY



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Leisure, Sports and Recreation Activities

Placer County offers a wide variety of sports, recreational and leisure activities to satisfy the diverse tastes and interests of its numerous residents and visitors. The expansive range of the County's elevation and landscape characteristics provides ample opportunity for sports, recreational and leisure activities for every season and every region within the county. This explains the continuing and growing popularity of Placer County among residents and tourists seeking active leisure. While outdoors enthusiasts have a great opportunity to experience the abundance of year-round recreational activities, others can enjoy entertainment at numerous musical and festival events as well as local galleries and theatres. At the same time, shoppers are offered a large selection of boutiques, specialty shops and farmer's markets as well as extensive wine tasting venues. The variety of restaurant choices caters to diverse tastes and preferences ranging from fine cuisine to family style dining, while the multitude of lodging and accommodations options varies from luxurious to quaint and romantic. The California Welcome Center, Auburn offers visitors a wealth of information about the history, culture, and recreation, National Forests, State parks, visitor attractions and amenities that define the diversity of Placer The following sections describe the broad variety of leisure, sports and recreational choices offered in Placer County.

The Valley

Rich agricultural lands, recreational amenities, and cultural activities characterize the Valley area of Placer County. Folsom Lake and recreation area, one of the largest in California, offers opportunities for activities such as boating, water skiing, fishing, swimming, horseback riding, and camping.

The Gold Country

Well-stocked lakes with tree-lined shores characterize the world-famous Gold Country. The search for gold brought many young men and women to the hills of Placer County. Hiking along old wagon trails through the Tahoe National Forest is a hike through the area's history. Off the beaten path, adventure seekers can experience gold panning, nature photography, or river rafting.

Fans of water activities will find a large number of opportunities for fun and adventure. Numerous commercial companies offer canoeing, kayaking, and rafting trips for different skill levels along the picturesque routes on the American River.

The High Country

Those seeking adventure or rest and relaxation can enjoy the splendor of the High Country. Abundant opportunities for hiking, camping, mountain bicycling, and

horseback riding are available during the summer and fall seasons. Snowmobiling, iceskating, downhill and cross-country skiing, and sledding are popular in the winter and spring.

Figures 16, 17, and 18 contain a listing of the recreational opportunities, including the amenities of ski resorts located in Placer County. The figure contains information on summer and winter activities, as well as enhancements such as childcare, ski schools, shops, and accommodations.

The Squaw Valley Ski Corporation and Intrawest, a Canadian real estate development company, began the construction of a pedestrian village at the base of Squaw Valley USA in June 2000. The four phase master plan initially scheduled to be completed between 2006 and 2007 includes approximately 600 mountain homes and more than 80 boutique shops, restaurants and galleries. Completed in 2001, the first phase called First Ascent features 139 luxury one-, two-, and three- bedroom resort condominiums. Phase II, 22 Station, completed in 2003, comprises 147 resort condominiums as well as five new restaurants and 17 new shops. The 2004-2005 season will feature a new conference center able to host events with over 200 people. Sugar Bowl recently completed a \$24 million overhaul, including a new lift, day lodge, and a parking lot that reopened in 2001. In 2004 the Northstar ski resort started the construction of a new Tahoe-style village aimed at revitalizing the resort through adding numerous new shops, restaurants, fitness facilities, a skating rink, and new parking facilities.

FIGURE 16 SKI RESORTS IN PLACER COUNTY FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

	Facilities and Amenities									
Resort	Year Founded	Accommodations for Visitors (Condos/Suites or Rooms)	Number of Visitors Serviced per Season	Ski Rental/ Repair	Number of Restaurants	Number of Shops	Child Care			
Squaw Valley USA	1949	970	800,000	Yes	40	27	Yes			
The Resort at Squaw Creek	1990	405	n/a	Yes	4	7	Yes			
The Village at Squaw Valley (1)	2000	197	n/a	Yes	7	16	Yes			
Alpine Meadows	1961	None	330,000	Yes	7	1	No			
Northstar-at-Tahoe	1972	267	500,000	Yes	6	7	Yes			
Sugar Bowl	1939	100	300,000	Yes	4	2	Yes			
Ski Homewood	1960	None	100,000	Yes	4	1	No			
Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Area	1971	32	n/a	Yes/ No	3	1	No			

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Data Source: Listed Resorts

⁽¹⁾ The Village at Squaw Valley is an expansion of accommodation facilities and shopping area for the Squaw Valley USA resort.

FIGURE 17 SKI RESORTS IN PLACER COUNTY WINTER SPORTS

	Winter Sports and Activities									
Resort	Number of Ski Lifts	Number of Ski School Staff	Miles of Cross Country Trails	Miles of Snowmobile Trails	Ice Skating Rink	Snow Boarding	Other			
Squaw Valley USA	34	200	11	None	Yes	Yes	(1)			
The Resort at Squaw Creek	1	None	Same	None	Yes	Yes	(2)			
The Village at Squaw Valley	33	200	Same	Yes	Yes	No	(3)			
Alpine Meadows	14	100	None	None	No	Yes	(4)			
Northstar-at-Tahoe	17	180	31	Yes	Yes ⁽⁵⁾	Yes	(5)			
Sugar Bowl	9	105	None	None	No	Yes	(6)			
Ski Homewood	8	80	None	None	No	Yes				
Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Area	4	50	220	None	No	No				

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Data Source: Listed Resorts

- (1) Snow tubing, snowshoeing, scenic cable car rides, also see (2) and (3)
- (2) Snowshoeing, dog sled tours, sledding, horse-drawn sleigh rides, year-around: swimming pools, luxury spa, fitness center
- (3) Snowshoeing, snowblading, cross-country skiing, dogsled tours, sleigh rides
- (4) Snow tubing, snowshoeing, superpipe, kid's terrain park, dog sledding, snow toys, snow skates
- (5) Skating rink is under constriction, terrain parks, competitive skiing, swimming pool, outdoor spas, arcade, fitness center
- (6) Snowshoeing

FIGURE 18 SKI RESORTS IN PLACER COUNTY SUMMER SPORTS

	Summer Sports and Activities						
Resort	Lifts Operating	Miles of Mountain Bike Trails	Number of Swimming Pools	Other			
Squaw Valley USA	1	Closed	1				
The Resort at Squaw Creek	0	Closed	3	(1)			
The Village at Squaw Valley	1	Closed	1	(2)			
Alpine Meadows	None	None	None	(3)			
Northstar-at-Tahoe	2	100	3	(4)			
Sugar Bowl	None	None	None	(5)			
Ski Homewood	None	None	None	(6)			
Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Area	None	None	None				

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Data Source: Listed Resorts

- (1) Indoor and outdoor pool, jacuzzi
- (2) Golf, horseback riding, boating, kayaking, fishing, hiking, parasailing, hot air balloon rides
- (3) Wedding ceremonies, concerts
- (4) Wedding ceremonies, concerts, Adventure Park with climbing wall, ropes course; Action Zone with bungee trampoline and basketball shootout; ATV tours, horseback riding, racquet club, golf
- (5) Wedding ceremonies, corporate retreats
- (6) Wedding ceremonies, paintball, farmers' markets, arts and crafts fairs

Golf Courses

Placer County is a perfect place for golfers. The number of newly founded golf courses reflects the popularity of the sport among Placer natives and visitors. There are over twenty beautiful golf courses ranging from short, par-three to world-class courses. The major public and private golf courses in Placer County's Valley Area include:

- Auburn Valley Country Club, Auburn
- Black Oak Golf Course, Auburn
- Catta Verdera Country Club, Lincoln
- Diamond Oaks Golf Course, Roseville
- Granite Bay Golf Club, Granite Bay
- Indian Creek Country Club, Loomis
- Lahontan Golf Club, Truckee
- Mc Ginty's Golf West, Roseville
- Morgan Creek Golf and Country Club, Roseville
- Northstar Golf and Country Club, Truckee
- Old Brockway Golf Course, Kings Beach
- Raspberry Hill Public Golf Course, Auburn
- Resort at Squaw Creek, Olympic Valley
- Rolling Greens Golf Course, Granite Bay
- Sierra Pines Golf Course, Roseville
- Sierra View County Club, Roseville
- Sun City Lincoln Hills Golf Course, Lincoln
- Sun City Roseville Golf Course, Roseville
- Sunset Whitney Golf and Country Club, Rocklin
- Tahoe City Golf Course, Tahoe City
- The Ridge Golf Course, Auburn
- Turkey Creek Golf Club, Lincoln
- Whitney Oaks Golf Club, Rocklin
- Winchester Country Club, Auburn
- Wood Creek Golf Club, Roseville

Camping

Placer County provides many opportunities for activities outdoors, including hiking, nature photography and camping. Approximately half of Placer County's territory belongs to the California State Department of Parks and Recreation and the United States Forest Service, which explains a large number of campgrounds available to tourists throughout the county. Placer is known for providing many picturesque camping locations with access to numerous other recreational activities like fishing, boating, hiking, horse back riding and other opportunities to discover and enjoy the county's beautiful nature.

Below is a list of Placer County's major camping sites:

- Ahart Campground
- Auburn State Recreation Area (Mineral Bar, Lake Clementine Boat-in Camp, Ruck-a-Chucky Bar, and Cherokee Bar)
- Baxter RV Campground
- Bear River Park
- Big Meadows Campground
- Big Reservoir Campground/Morning Star Resort
- Camp Far West
- Coyote Group Campground
- Folsom Lake Recreation Area
- French Meadows Campground
- Gates Group Camp
- Greenhorn Park Campground
- KOA Campgrounds of America
- Lewis Campground
- Long Ravine Campground
- Orchard Springs Campground
- Peninsula Campground
- Poppy Campground
- Robinson Flat Campground
- Secret House Campground
- Sugar Pine Reservoir Recreation Complex (Forbes Creek Group, Giant Gap, and Shirttail Creek Campgrounds)
- Talbot Campground
- Upper Hell Hole Campground

Casinos

The United Auburn Indian Community opened Thunder Valley Casino in June 2003. The Las Vegas style casino has 2,700 slot machines and 100 gaming tables, and offers activities such as blackjack, video poker, and bingo as well as a choice of restaurants including Austin's Steakhouse, Thunder Café, Shanghai Fat's, Gordito Burrito, Fatburger, Panda Express, Villa Pizza, and Feast Around the World.

Placer County is also in close proximity to a multitude of casinos located on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe. Some of the largest casinos have operations in the area offering gaming, accommodations, and food services.

Community Activities

Community activities and events in Placer County are scheduled year-round. In January, the County begins the year's activities with the Gem Faire in Roseville, the Snowboard Races at Northstar-at-Tahoe, and the Sled Dog Races to Foresthill. February brings the Model Train Show to Roseville and Auburn hosts the Chinese New Year Parade and the Foothill Quilters Guild Show. Snowfest, one of the biggest events of the year, is held at North Lake Tahoe in February and March. Also in March, a St. Patrick's Day Celebration is held in Auburn, and the Tahoe International Film Festival in Squaw Valley USA.

Spring ushers in a variety of events. In the past, Lincoln has hosted the LPGA Golf Classic and the Longs Drugs Challenge at the former Twelve Bridges Golf Club (Catta Verdera Country Club presently) as well as Sun City Lincoln Hills Golf and Country Club. In 2004, the 10th annual Longs Drugs Challenge was held in October at The Ridge Golf Club. Also in April, Auburn is the site of a Wild West Stampede and a Kids Fishing Derby. The month of April is also the time for the American River Equestrian Endurance Ride, held at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and the Rocklin Preview and Business Fair, held at the Rocklin Community Center. Placer County's Earth Day celebration is held at Maidu Park in the City of Roseville, and the Placer County Strawberry Festival is held at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville.

During May, Auburn hosts Gold Rush Days, the Antiques and Collectibles Street Fair and the Home and Garden Show. Colfax hosts the Spring Festival and Record Run. Also during this month, the popular national Feats of Clay exhibition is held at the Gladding McBean Pottery Company in Lincoln.

June brings about a continuing series of events, beginning with Pioneer Days, held in Meadow Vista. The Bass Fishing Tournament is held at Folsom Lake and Recreation Area. Auburn hosts the Auburn Art Walk; and Roseville hosts the Summerfest, Microbrew Tasting event. The All American Speedway at the Placer County Fairgrounds is open for racing all summer.

Additionally, during the month of June, the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run is routed through Squaw Valley, Foresthill, and Auburn. Other summer activities include Fourth of July Celebrations held throughout Placer County. Locations for these celebrations include the Placer County Fair Grounds in Roseville, Foresthill, McBean Park, and downtown Lincoln and Colfax. Rocklin hosts the Jubilee, and the Placer County Fairgrounds is also the site of the Placer County Fair.

The Truckee Air Show is held at the Truckee-Tahoe Airport during July. The Tevis Cup 100 Mile Horse Race, a grueling course that stretches between Tahoe and Auburn is run during this month. August showcases many events, including the Lake Tahoe Music Festival and the Concours d' Elegance Boat Show at North Lake Tahoe, the Pinecone Festival in Meadow Vista, the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, and summer music series in Auburn, Roseville, and Lincoln.

Harvest festivals are the major events of the fall. During September, Auburn hosts two events, the Gold Country Fair and the Black and White Ball. Colfax hosts the Founders Day Celebration, Loomis is home of the Eggplant Festival, and Penryn is host to the Placer Buddhist Festival and Food Bazaar and the largest bonsai show in northern California the third weekend in September. During October, North Lake Tahoe and Lincoln host Oktoberfests and Rocklin hosts the Placer Farm and Barn Festival featuring Agro Art Events. An Air Faire Fly In and an Antiques and Collectibles Street Fair are held in Auburn during this month, as is the Del Oro Band Spectacular in Loomis. Rocklin ends the month with a Haunted Theatre.

November is the time of year when some of the most festive celebrations are held in Placer County. North Lake Tahoe hosts the Autumn Food and Wine Jubilee. Other events include an Autumn Art Studio Tours, an International Rail Fair in Roseville, a Mountain Mandarin Festival in Auburn, and a Santa's Sing-A-Long in Rocklin. The month's activities conclude with a Christmas Craft Fair in Auburn. Holiday tree lighting events and parades are held in Lincoln, Roseville, and Auburn.

December rounds out the year's activities and celebrations associated with the holiday season. North Lake Tahoe hosts the Alpenlight Festival, the Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade, and the New Year's Eve Fireworks Festivities. During this month, Auburn hosts the Festival of Lights Parade and the Old Town Country Christmas. A Christmas Craft Fair is held in Loomis while Colfax hosts the Colfax Hometown Holiday and Light Parade.

Culture and Entertainment

The history and culture of Placer County comes alive in its many museums and theaters. The Placer County Museum, located inside the historic Placer County Courthouse, gives an overview of the history of Placer County life. Native American habitat, a holographic image of an early miner and a video presentation of the history of the transcontinental railroad are a few of the highlights of the museum.

One of the oldest wooden structures in Placer County is the Bernhard Residence, built in 1851 as the Traveler's Rest Hotel. The Bernhard Museum Complex depicts the typical life of a 19th century farm family.

The Griffith Quarry Museum, originally the Office of the Penryn Granite Works, houses exhibits on the Griffith family, the granite industry, and the Penryn-Loomis Basin region. Exhibits on geology, prehistory, the Gold Rush, transportation, early business, recreation, and early firefighting are on display at the Foresthill Divide Museum. Exhibits exploring Placer County's rich heritage include the boom days of hydraulic mining, the rise of the county's timber industry, and the birth of the transcontinental railroad. The growth of the region can be experienced at the Golden Drift Museum in Dutch Flat.

The region's other numerous historical sites and museums include:

- Pioneer Express Trail, Folsom
- First Transcontinental Railroad, Roseville, Rocklin, Newcastle, Auburn, and Colfax
- Roseville Telephone Company Museum, Roseville
- Maidu Interpretive Center, Roseville
- Carnegie Library and Museum, Roseville
- Town of Dutch Flat
- Town of Foresthill
- Virginia Town
- Iowa Hill
- Town of Michigan Bluff
- Town of Gold Run
- Overland Emigrant Trail, Wolf Creek Bridge
- Gold Country Museum, Auburn
- Joss House Museum and Chinese History Center, Auburn
- Gatekeepers Cabin Museum, Tahoe City
- Watson Cabin Museum, Tahoe City

Placer County's major theatres and art galleries include:

- The Art Council of Placer County
- The Roseville Art Center
- The Magic Circle Repertory Theater
- Dewitt Theater—Music and More
- Old Coloma Theater
- Community Asian Theater of the Sierra
- The Arts Building Gallery
- Colfax Fine Art
- Rainbow Gallery
- Gold Rush Gallery Number 1

Local Services

Placer County offers abundant lodging, conference and banquet facilities as well as accommodations for smaller groups. The number of hotels and lodging facilities in Placer has been rapidly growing to meet the growing demand stimulated by the increase of business activity in the county. Figure 19 lists the fifteen largest facilities.

FIGURE 19 LARGEST ACCOMMODATIONS IN PLACER COUNTY

Rank by		No. of Rooms	No state di	Maximum
No. of	Name and City	(including	•	Banquet/Meeting
Rooms	Name and City	Suites)	Rooms	Capacity
1	Resort at Squaw Creek, Squaw Valley	405 (186)	24	600
2	Northstar-at-Tahoe (1)	267 (15)	13	250
3	Oxford Suites, Roseville	175 (175)	3	65
4	Hilton Garden Inn, Roseville	131	2	100
5	Best Western Roseville Inn, Roseville	128	2	30
6	Howard Johnson, Rocklin	124 (5)	4	125
7	Extended Stay America	122	0	0
8	Courtyard Marriott	121(4)	2	94
9	Homewood Suites, Roseville	111 (111)	1	50
10	Ramada Inn, Rocklin	100 (20)	0	0
11	Heritage Inn, Roseville	96	2	120
12	Holiday Inn, Auburn	96 (6)	3	144
13	Marriott Residence Inn-Mall, Roseville	90 (90)	1	45
14	Larkspur Landing, Roseville	90 (90)	1	35
15	Comfort Inn Central, Auburn	80	0	0

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Data Source: Listed Hotels

(1) Northstar-at-Tahoe number of rooms includes individually owned lodging units available

within a 2,500 acre village. Includes lodge rooms, condos, and homes.

Health Services

Placer County is served by three area hospitals. High-quality, comprehensive medical services are another aspect of the quality of life enjoyed by Placer County residents and visitors.

Kaiser Permanente opened a 116-bed hospital in October of 1998, located on Eureka Road, adjacent to the medical offices. The hospital increased the number of beds to 166. In addition to the hospital, comprehensive outpatient, primary and specialty care services are offered, as well as education, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, optical, EKG, and physical therapy services at three sites in Roseville. Over 130 physicians and 640 employees provide care to over 142,600 Kaiser Permanente members in the area. According to the Sacramento Business Journal, Kaiser is in the progress of construction of a new \$16.6 million, 15,000-square-foot center in Roseville that is due for completion in the end of 2004.

Sutter Roseville Medical Center is a 315,000 square-foot, \$108 million hospital set on a 57-acre campus that provides the residents of southern Placer and northeastern Sacramento counties with comprehensive community health care. In addition to providing complete inpatient, outpatient, medical and surgical services on its new campus, Sutter Roseville operates the only trauma center between Sacramento and Reno and a 24-hour emergency department. It also provides critical care services, cancer treatment, cardiology services, a modern Family Birth Center, and a 15-bed skilled nursing facility. The hospital has 172 licensed beds and more than 400 staff physicians. It is located at East Roseville Parkway adjacent to Interstate 80.

While Sutter Roseville Medical Center is relatively new, the facility is in the process of expanding services in Roseville and to the surrounding communities. In 2002, Sutter Medical Plaza in Lincoln was built in addition to a new medical office building in Roseville. New construction projects include expanding the Center's Intensive Care Unit and the Emergency Department and Trauma Center. After its completion in spring of 2004, the capacity of the emergency department was increased from 19 treatment bays to 30 including expanded critical care and trauma treatment stations. Additionally, Sutter Roseville Medical Center recently opened a new out-patient surgery center, the Sutter Roseville Surgery Center, to provide more operating time and space for patients needing surgery. Over the next 10 years, Sutter the Medical Center will continue to expand its medical facilities at a projected \$100 million.

Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital is located off Highway 49 in Auburn. The services offered at this facility include obstetrics, hospice, acute rehabilitation, outpatient cardiac rehabilitation, occupational therapy, and a home health services operated by the Sutter Visiting Nurses Association. There is also a 24-hour Emergency Department, complete inpatient/outpatient medical and surgical services and critical care services. Sutter Auburn Faith provides comprehensive health care to residents in the Gold and High Country areas. The hospital has 102 licensed beds and 136 active staff physicians.

The Tahoe Forest Hospital in Nevada County is a 72-bed hospital providing the North Lake Tahoe region with 24-hour emergency, inpatient, outpatient, and in-home care services. Tahoe Forest was established as a hospital district in 1949. The district is over 500 square miles and serves 30,000 people in the area, and receives over one million visitors annually. The hospital's main campus is located in Truckee. Tahoe Forest Hospital operates a 24-hour acute care hospital and emergency room at the Incline Village Health Center in Incline Village, Nevada.

Figure 20 provides a listing of the acute care hospitals in Placer County and the Greater Sacramento Area along with the total beds in each hospital.

FIGURE 20 ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS

Name	City	Total Beds
Placer		
Sutter Roseville Medical Center	Roseville	180
Kaiser Foundation Hospital - Valley Medical Center	Roseville	166
Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital	Auburn	99
Greater Sacramento Area		
UC Davis Medical Center	Sacramento	576
Sutter General Hospital	Sacramento	406
Mercy General Hospital	Sacramento	399
Kaiser Foundation Hospital	Sacramento	361
Sutter Memorial Hospital	Sacramento	348
Methodist Hospital of Sacramento	Sacramento	333
Mercy San Juan Hospital	Carmichael	260
Kaiser Foundation Hospital - South Sacramento	Sacramento	162
Rideout Memorial Hospital	Marysville	149
Fremont Medical Center	Yuba City	132
Barton Memorial Hospital	South Lake Tahoe	121
Woodland Memorial Hospital Marshall	Woodland	115
Marshall Medical Center	Placerville	105
Mercy Hospital - Folsom	Folsom	85
Shriners Hospital for Children - Northern California	Sacramento	80
Sutter Davis Hospital	Davis	48
Kindred Hospital - Sacramento	Folsom	39

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Data Source: California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

Personal Safety

Figure 21 shows the number of crimes per 100,000 population in California, the Greater Sacramento Area, Placer County, and selected cities in Placer County. The data reflects the FBI Crime Index which encompasses a group of crimes including homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. All of the areas experienced large decreases in the crime rate between 1992 and 2002. While smaller than the state, Placer County saw a decrease in the crime rate of 33 percent. The City of Lincoln had the largest decrease (53.7 percent) in the crime rate between 1992 and 2002.

FIGURE 21 FBI CRIME INDEX

			Crimes per	100,000			Percent
							Change
Area	1992	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1992-2002
California	6,753	4,310	3,780	3,742	3,915	3,982	-41.0%
Greater Sacramento Area*	5,845	4,166	3,683	3,704	3,788	3,988	-31.8%
Placer County	4,702	3,233	2,907	2,923	2,955	3,142	-33.2%
Cities in Placer County							
Auburn	4,534	3,270	3,692	3,024	2,984	3,065	-32.4%
Lincoln	6,059	4,205	4,034	3,467	3,232	2,806	-53.7%
Rocklin	3,272	2,638	2,031	1,981	1,924	2,579	-21.2%
Roseville	6,152	4,027	3,756	3,861	4,252	4,469	-27.4%

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Data Source: RAND California *Note: Average of six counties.

Population Density

Figure 22 displays population density per square mile for California, the Greater Sacramento Area, Placer County, and selected cities in Placer County. The population density for Placer County increased approximately 45 percent between 1993 and 2003 due to the influx of population into the area. This is more than double the increase in population density in the Greater Sacramento Area and the state as a whole. Rocklin and Roseville had major increases in population density with increases of 87.5 and 72.7 percents, respectively.

FIGURE 22 POPULATION DENSITY

	Population Density per Square Mile							
						Change		
Area	1993	2000	2001	2002	2003	1993-2003		
California	201	219	220	224	228	13.4%		
Greater Sacramento Area*	286	323	328	336	344	20.6%		
Placer County	135	177	182	189	196	45.2%		
Cities in Placer County								
Auburn	1,820	2,066	2,033	2,016	2,008	10.3%		
Colfax	1,054	1,162	1,177	1,269	1,315	24.8%		
Lincoln	1,181	1,646	2,123	2,731	3,162	167.7%		
Loomis	801	866	853	846	846	5.6%		
Rocklin	1,845	2,857	3,032	3,274	3,460	87.5%		
Roseville	1,756	2,679	2,746	2,870	3,033	72.7%		

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Data Source: RAND California *Note: Average of six counties.

Commute Time to Work

Placer County residents benefit from convenient and relatively short commutes from home to work. Figure 23 compares the commute time for Placer County residents and residents of the Greater Sacramento Area and California. On average, the majority of Placer residents spend between 5 and 25 minutes commuting to work, while in the Greater Sacramento Area and California commute times are typically 10 to 15 minutes longer.

FIGURE 23 COMMUTE TIME TO WORK

					Percent
		Percent of		Percent of	Change
Travel Time to Work	1990	Total	2000	Total	1990-2000
Placer County					
Less than 5 minutes	3,076	3.8%	3,761	3.2%	22.3%
5 to 9	10,067	12.3%	12,476	10.7%	23.9%
10 to 14	11,354	13.9%	15,873	13.6%	39.8%
15 to 19	10,815	13.3%	15,389	13.0%	42.3%
20 to 24	10,813	12.5%	13,294	11.4%	30.2%
25 to 29	4,989	6.1%	5,958	5.1%	19.4%
30 to 34	10,586	13.0%	14,768	12.7%	39.5%
35 to 39	2,609	3.2%	4,205	3.6%	61.2%
40 to 44	3,352	4.1%	5,028	4.3%	50.0%
45 to 59	6,552	8.0%	10,448	9.0%	59.5%
60 to 89	· ·	4.1%		9.0% 4.2%	49.6%
	3,305		4,945		
90 or more	1,175	1.4%	3,373	2.9%	187.1%
Worked at home	3,429	4.2%	6,891	5.9%	101.0%
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Less than 5 minutes	22,400	3.1%	21,214	2.5%	-5.3%
5 to 9	81,491	11.1%	82,272	9.7%	1.0%
10 to 14	114,619	15.6%	121,234	14.2%	5.8%
15 to 19	127,143	17.4%	130,321	15.3%	2.5%
20 to 24	117,562	16.0%	128,693	15.1%	9.5%
25 to 29	47,443	6.5%	53,843	6.3%	13.5%
30 to 34	93,328	12.7%	118,845	13.9%	27.3%
35 to 39	16,489	2.3%	22,869	2.7%	38.7%
40 to 44	19,195	2.6%	27,149	3.2%	41.4%
45 to 59	38,204	5.2%	55,683	6.5%	45.8%
60 to 89	21,252	2.9%	32,562	3.8%	53.2%
90 or more	10,465	1.4%	23,594	2.8%	125.5%
Worked at home	23,180	3.2%	34,083	4.0%	47.0%
California					
Less than 5 minutes	369,388	2.6%	324,703	2.2%	-12.1%
5 to 9	1,401,052	10.1%	1,280,443	8.8%	-8.6%
10 to 14	2,003,503	14.4%	1,930,263	13.3%	-3.7%
15 to 19	2,218,038	15.9%	2,157,970	14.9%	-2.7%
20 to 24	1,949,409	14.0%	2,004,060	13.8%	2.8%
25 to 29	745,319	5.3%	782,241	5.4%	5.0%
30 to 34	1,928,534	13.8%	2,025,657	13.9%	5.0%
35 to 39	341,649	2.5%	366,487	2.5%	7.3%
40 to 44	460,952	3.3%	528,043	3.6%	14.6%
45 to 59	1,010,271	7.2%	1,151,598	7.9%	14.0%
60 to 89	769,029	5.5%	933,123	6.4%	21.3%
90 or more	290,239	2.1%	483,698	3.3%	66.7%
Worked at home	452,867	3.2%	557,036	3.8%	23.0%

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