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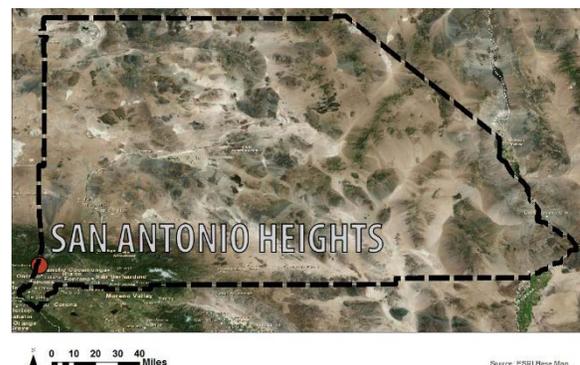
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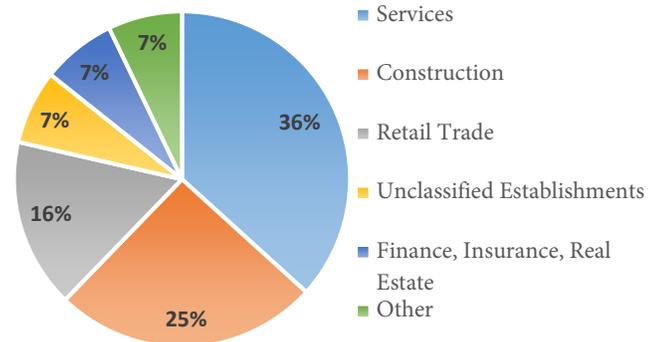


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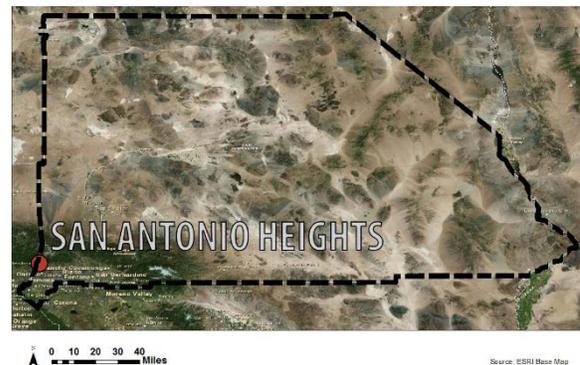
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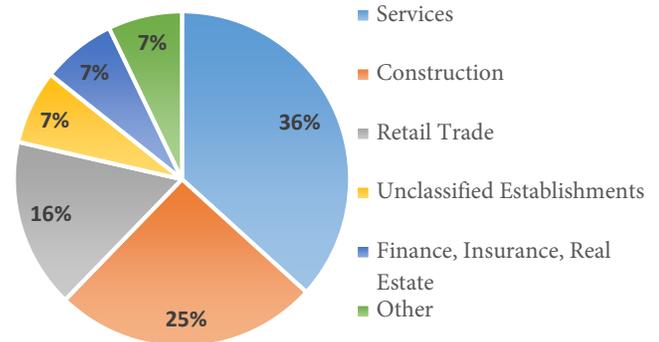


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## Community Events

The community of San Antonio Heights is mostly made up of residential uses and is directly adjacent to the cities of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga. As it is fairly small, there are only a few publicized events put on by the San Antonio Heights Association, though residents have plenty of other events in neighboring cities. Examples of the types of events put on by the San Antonio Heights Association include:

- Community Pancake Breakfast (May)
- Steakfest (September)
- Holiday Sing-a-long (Christmas Eve)
- Produce Exchange
- SAHA Board Meeting

Source: *sanantonioheights.tripod.com, Wikipedia*

## Public Health

**Chronic Disease:** Due to the size of the San Antonio Heights community, there is insufficient data available to determine the rate of chronic disease hospitalization and rate of emergency room visits. The leading causes of death in 2012 was heart disease and cancer.

Source(s): *Healthy San Bernardino County*

**Air Quality:** Table 2 below shows the air quality near San Antonio Heights, measured at the Upland monitoring site, in terms of the number of days that area exceeded the federal standards for pollutants (exceedance days). The table shows that the monitoring site near San Antonio Heights had fewer exceedance days for each pollutant than that of the overall South Coast Air Basin, in which San Antonio Heights is located.

Air pollution is one of the contributing factors linked to the development of chronic diseases such as stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, and respiratory diseases. By reducing levels of ambient pollution (outdoor air pollution), communities can lessen the impact that it has on resident's health.

Source(s): *California Air Resources Board*

	Upland Monitoring Site			South Coast Air Basin		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Ozone Federal 8-hour standard	45	27	42	111	88	92
Course Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> ) Federal 24-hour standard	0	*	1.0	0	2	1
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Table 2: *Air Quality Exceedance Days*

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\* Indicates insufficient data

**Modified Food Index:** The Modified Food Index maps the availability of healthy food in a census tract. The lower the score, the less available healthy options are in the area.

The entire community area of San Antonio Heights ranks within the lowest category for food access, meaning that there is access to less than 5 healthy food outlets within that area. Lower scores indicate that these areas contain many convenience stores and fast food restaurants compared to the number of healthy food markets.

*Source(s): Modified Retail Food Environment Index Score Map*

## Community Engagement Summary

As a part of the Community Plans Continuum process, community members from San Antonio Heights were invited to participate in two community workshops. The first workshop, titled “What We Value”, took place on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Life Bible Fellowship Church. This workshop was attended by 14 community members. Workshop participants performed a SWOT analysis to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within the community. Following that exercise, participants used that information to share what they valued about the community (Values) and what they want to see the community become in the future (Aspirations). Lastly, workshop participants worked on forming the draft focus and action statements that form the backbone of the community plan.

The second workshop, titled “Our Roadmap to Making it Happen”, took place on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Life Bible Fellowship Church. This workshop was attended by 27 community members. The purpose of this workshop was to continue to develop the draft focus and action statements created in workshop #1. The project team provided word for word summaries of the SWOT and Values and Aspirations exercises to use during the goal setting process. The workshop was primarily used to help prioritize the focus statements developed in the previous workshop while also identifying possible champions for each effort.

Information was also made available on project websites made specifically for each community. This information included:

- Background materials on the project
- Materials developed for each workshop
- Summaries of the information collected from past workshops
- Surveys developed to follow the process of each meeting and allow for further input

## Community Identified Issues

### SWOT Analysis

This section contains the results of the SWOT analysis conducted during the first workshop. A SWOT exercise stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and is used to help gain insight into the community through local knowledge. In the first part, participants identify their communities’ biggest strengths, such as community assets like a library or community center, along with their biggest weaknesses, which could be a lack of open space or high rates of internal crime. Next, workshop participants looked at opportunities that the community could take advantage of as part of the community plans process. This builds off of what was identified in the strengths and weaknesses portion. Lastly, participants identify external threats to the community. These are generally concerns that are outside of the control of community members, such as natural disasters or changes in economic conditions. This information was then compiled and used throughout the rest of the community plans process to inform the values and aspirations exercises conducted at workshop #1, as well as the focus and actions statements.



*Strengths*

- Community association for governance
- Close knit community
- Good support, Sheriff and Fire
- Rural Environment
- No sidewalks
- Eclectic individual character
- The People
- Not lots of cars or traffic – more causal lifestyle
- Sense of community
- Remote feel
- Feel of community
- Quiet
- Close to rural area
- Lack of development
- Self-governing
- Produce exchange
- The people
- Privacy
- Produce exchange
- Caring community
- Large lots
- Walkable
- Fire Department and EMT's in Heights
- Trees
- Wildlife
- Feeling of country
- Community is maintained by residence
- Unique homes
- Citizens on patrol
- Own water company
- Quiet on the streets
- Natural beauty of San Antonio Heights
- More of an opportunity to associate with neighbors
- Smaller – non incorporated community
- Excellent social activities for multiple generations
- More 'rural' than the areas around the Heights
- Privacy
- Most people love to live here – take pride in our community

- Large lots
- Safe
- Strong community
- It's quiet here
- We communicate with our residents involved

*Weaknesses*

- Transient population
- graffiti
- In emergencies have our fires personnel / No assistance during last fire
- Traffic control
- Water
- I am again(st) San Bern vision
- Indirect/remove representation [sic]
- Lack of police and fire protection
- San Bern needs to become fiscal responsible
- Streets
- Robberies – mail theft
- No more grant \$
- Number of children
- Older community
- Lack of sidewalks
- Police response
- We need more law enforcement
- Fire ever present danger
- Lack of participation/involvement in community events
- Crime has been up

*Opportunities*

- Walking
- Hiking
- Animals are ok horses, etc.
- Minimum lot sizes
- Grocery store
- Hiking or walking group
- Children's play area
- Community park
- Community garden
- To enlarge our law enforcement coverage well needed substation to cover Mt. Baldy and Heights. 24 hour coverage
- Do nothing, no plan needed



*Opportunities (continued)*

- Open canyon to trails access
- Remain single-family housing

*Threats*

- Flood/fire
- City control
- City changes and rules in County
- Water company control by others
- Water control
- External threat = County
- Conservation
- Changing character of San Antonio Heights
- Bikes/walkable communities
- Transit oriented development
- Smart growth
- Sustainability
- Upland wanting to annexation
- Flooding
- Wildfires
- Increased costs
- External control

- Development
- Fire
- Lot splits
- Higher density
- County CEO
- Break ins
- Mail theft
- Youth using some of the streets as lover's lane
- Not becoming part of Upland
- Annexation so that Upland can accrue our property taxes
- Large, noisy parties unpermitted
- Federal, State, County, Regional Plans for San Antonio Heights
- Over development
- People up here trying to make money from the land instead of appreciating it
- Reduced water allotment
- Freeway bring more crime