

Location DPSS Movie Narration

Riverside County, the third largest county in area in California, is a great place to live and raise a family.

One of the things that drew me to Riverside County was that the cost of living was incredibly affordable; it was very comparable to what I was coming from in St. Louis. The housing that I've looked at has been very affordable, the schools that I've had interactions with have been high quality, the teachers that I have encountered have been good teachers who truly care about the kids that their teaching, who are involved with the parents and the families of the kids that their working with.

Residents like to brag that they can snow ski, dune buggy, and surf, all in the same day, and it's true. Riverside County is close to some of the greatest recreation spots in the country, all within easy driving distance from the urban areas in the county.

Besides enjoying a wide range of outdoor recreation options, residents of Riverside County live within a short drive from major tourist attractions, including Disneyland, Los Angeles, San Diego, and the border towns of Mexico.

Well, I live here in Riverside, in fact I live in this very region that DPSS serves, and this is a perfect place to raise a family, it's a small town feeling in a big city atmosphere. We have a wealth of cultural [sic] here, downtown Riverside has the Mission Inn, there is [sic] plays and theater, there's [sic] yoga and dance classes, and all kinds of things for children here.

The rainfall in sunny Riverside County ranges from a little over three to nine inches per year, depending on the location, and the average temperature varies from 77 to 89 degrees throughout the region.

The great bulk of the families in the region are middle-class, with incomes ranging from \$30,000 to \$75,000 per year. The median income puts the region above the median income of the United States in general, as well as such states as Arizona and Oregon.

Everything that I need is here, you know, we've got a major mall and all that kind of stuff. L.A. is just, you know, an hour away. The beaches is [sic] actually forty minutes from my driveway. I can get down to Laguna on the new toll road that goes over the mountain, and I ski, so again, it's

another, you know, less than an hour for me to get up to Big Bear so I can ski in the winter.

Educational opportunities abound in the region, with twenty-three public and private colleges and universities to choose from, including the University of California at Riverside, and the prestigious Loma Linda University.

Another attraction for me was the availability of university schooling. There were, I had three universities nearby to choose from for my master's in social work program.

We have La Sierra University is right here, we have the University of California Riverside, we have Riverside Community College, and all of those offer just a variety of bachelor's level, associate's, certificate programs.