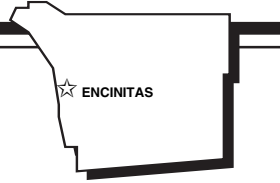


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# ENCINITAS



**(CARDIFF-BY-SEA, LEUCADIA, OLIVENHAIN)**

## CITY

COASTAL-INLAND CITY THAT MIXES OLD with new and is moving upscale. Situated between Solana Beach and Carlsbad. Population 60,000.

Encinitas incorporated in 1986, drawing together the towns of Cardiff-By-The-Sea, Leucadia, Olivenhain and old and new Encinitas. To soothe feelings, the old towns were encouraged to keep their identities and frequently you'll run across brochures or news articles that talk about Cardiff-by-the-Sea or Leucadia as if each stood alone. To be accurate, these are now neighborhoods of Encinitas.

School rankings generally in 80th and 90th percentiles, indicating strong support for education. Children attend Cardiff Elementary District, about 1,000 students and two schools, and Encinitas Elementary District, about 5,200 students and ten schools.

Encinitas Elementary district passed bond to renovate schools and wire them for high-tech. Cardiff Elementary District, which serves one of the coastal neighborhoods, won approval of a \$5 million measure. The money was used to rebuild Harris Intermediate (completed 2002) and renovate Cardiff Elementary (job started 2002).

Teens attend schools in San Dieguito Union High District, which has rankings hitting the 98th percentile, tops in state, and serves several towns. La Costa Canyon High School opened in 1996 in Carlsbad but it draws many Encinitas students. It includes library, performing arts center, two-story gym. Cost \$43 million. San Dieguito High School, popular because of its high scores, is open to Encinitas students but uses a lottery to determine admissions.

Mira Costa Community College runs a satellite campus in Encinitas, a nice boost for the town. Community colleges offer many classes and activities.

Crime rate low. Zero homicides in 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998, one in 1997. The counts for the previous years are two, zero, zero, one, three, three, zero, three, four and zero. Patrolled by sheriff's deputies. Sheriff's substation in town.

In California, cities, as legal entities, rarely spring out of the blue. Usually they start as hamlets or villages governed from the county seat by the board of supervisors — politicians representing the whole county. By and by, the locals start disagreeing with supervisors over the quality of municipal services or,