The City of San Diego is the largest and most-populous city in San Diego County. The City of San Diego includes approximately 372.40 square miles of incorporated territory, including approximately 47.21 square miles of submerged territory within Mission Bay, San Diego Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. San Diego is bordered by the Cities of Del Mar, Solana Beach, Escondido and the unincorporated community of Rancho Santa Fe to the north; the Cities of Poway, Santee, El Cajon, La Mesa, and Lemon Grove to the east; the Cities of Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, and the US/Mexico International Border to the south; and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

As of 2014, the City of San Diego is the 8th most-populous city in the United States and the 2nd most-populous city in California, with an estimated population of 1,345,895. The City of San Diego population is projected to increase to 1,945,569 by 2050 (SANDAG Regional Growth Forecast, 2010).

The City of San Diego is governed by a nine-member City Council elected by district and a directly-elected Mayor.

The adopted Sphere of Influence for the City of San Diego is generally coterminous with the City’s incorporated boundary; two special study areas are located along the City’s northeast and southeast border.

The City of San Diego provides fire protection, police, water, and wastewater services city-wide. The Otay Water District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District; San Dieguito Water District, and the Santa Fe Irrigation District provide water service to portions of the City. The Otay Water District and Olivenhain Municipal Water District also provide wastewater service to limited City areas.