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Urban Core Neighborhood in Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles County 90002, 90059

\$576,999

Average
Value

\$500

Average Price per Sq
Ft

14 Homes For
Sale

Though its 20th-century reputation may precede it, Watts is like most South Los Angeles neighborhoods you'd consider moving to — densely residential and even a bargain buy. "It's worth a second look," says Matias Masucci, a Realtor with the Sanborn Team at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. "Pop culture and the media almost never present Watts in a positive light, and I really think that's unfair. A lot has changed since the 1965 riots."

Today in Watts, you'll find significant resources close to home. Parks, recreation centers, schools and small businesses are peppered throughout, cultivating a neighborly experience. "Personally, I've encountered mostly kindness and met families with deep roots in the community," Masucci says.

Builds here date to various decades — some homes are over 100 years old, and some are new, including town houses and apartments. "Despite being home to some very large public housing developments from the '50s and '60s, Watts also has a diverse supply of single-family residences," Masucci says. Two- to five-bedroom models range from about \$325,000 to \$750,000. Small yards display suburban looks with decorative fencing and personalized landscaping. Some properties include a short driveway and garage, and there's street parking.

The non-profit Watts Labor Community Action Committee is dedicated to improving the quality of life of area residents, with goals such as increasing home ownership — a path to generational wealth. WLCAC's headquarters is the site of MudTown Farms, an urban agriculture center.

According to Masucci, about one hundred years ago, Watts was outside the city limits and thus was exempt from a midnight curfew on dance clubs. "This helped evolve a vibrant music scene that is alive to this day," he says. The Day of the Drum and Jazz Festival, held annually for over 40 years, highlight that legacy.

You can pick up goods at a small market just down the street from your doorstep or head to retail areas like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Shopping Center or Freedom Plaza. A site for well-known brands like Nike, the plaza hosts assorted events, including a harvest festival, winter tree lighting and summertime block party. Masucci recommends some neighborhood eateries: Watts Burgers and Avalos, known for their birria tacos. "Don't forget to stop by Lee's Market," he says. "It has some of the best fried chicken in town."

Living in Watts, you'll have multiple transportation options, with buses and light rail easily accessible. The Rosa Parks Metro Station is just to the south, along with Interstate 105. And it's not far to hook up with Interstate 110 to the west. Downtown LA is about 10 miles away and multiple beaches are within 15 miles. Keep Watts in mind when you're ready for a South LA home.



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