

Lincoln Heights, located just northeast of Downtown Los Angeles, is considered to be the oldest neighborhood in Los Angeles, dating to the 1830s. Perched above the Los Angeles River, it was originally home to some of the city's wealthiest residents, who built a large number of Victorian mansions in the district (many of which have been preserved under the city's historic preservation program.) North Broadway, considered the heart of the district, has remained a busy commercial street for over a hundred years.

Throughout the 20th century, Lincoln Heights has been home to an ethnically diverse population, including immigrants from all corners of the globe. Early on, it was home to a large Italian American population, as well as an increasingly large Mexican American population. The neighborhood and its cross-river neighbor "Little Italy," now Chinatown, formed the heart of southern California's Italian-American community. One of the major landmarks from this period, the [San Antonio Winery](#), continues to operate today.

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