

Download The Dream Endures California Enters The 1940s

In the late nineteenth century, California became "the cutting edge of the American dream, " the final frontier both geographically and in the minds of the many men and women who went there to pursue their destinies. Kevin Starr is the foremost chronicler of the California dream and indeed one of the finest narrative historians writing today on any subject. This article continues the history of California in the years 1900 and later; for events through 1899, see History of California before 1900. After 1900, California continued to grow rapidly and soon became an agricultural and industrial power. Within southern California are two major cities, Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as three of the country's largest metropolitan areas. With a population of 4,042,000, Los Angeles is the most populous city in California and the second most populous in the United States.