

A SNEAK PREVIEW

The City of Los Angeles in 1984 had 24 competition sites and a population base of around 3 million people; in 2020 was 3.89 million. And, in 1984, held 221 events in 21 Olympic sports.

The City of Los Angeles in 2024 is about 3.79 million. Yes, it went down.

However, in the scheme of things, one should take into consideration everybody who lives in Los Angeles County, which contains 88 cities, and that base pop. is 18.4 million people, today. Do you think only the 3.79 will see the Olympics? On top of that, you will have the world coming into the Olympics, as they did in 1984 and the recent Paris Olympics. For 2028, according to LA28 org., moreover, there will be 80 venues (stadiums and sports arenas) as opposed to 24 in '84. In order of capacity, we list below what information is available now. If it held an Olympic event in 1984, that is in black parenthesis, before the event shown between red parenthesis for 2028 as follows [forthcoming 2028.]

1. **Memorial Coliseum**, 77,500, built 1923, (opening/closing ceremonies, track and field) [closing ceremony, track and field but in 2028, they will occur in the first week, as it occurred in 1968, with swimming doing the reverse, for the 2nd week]
2. **Rose Bowl**, Pasadena, 96,000 built in 1922 (soccer) [soccer 2028, about 5 days after *Euro 2028* and many European legs will be tired and sore, which is good for the

Americas and Asia]

3. **So Fi Stadium**, 70,240, built 2020, modified to hold 38,000 for swimming, yet still double the size of most aquatic venues [opening ceremonies, but somehow will coverup the pools so that nobody falls in, swimming 2028]
4. **Dignity Health Sports Park**, Carson, 27,000, built 2003, home of LA Galaxy, [rugby sevens]
5. **Intuit Dome***, 18,000, built 2024, [basketball 2028]
6. **L.A. Convention Center** West Hall 15,000, East Hall 22,800, built 1971, last expansion 1997, {Main Press HQ in 1984} [Judo, Fencing, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Wrestling 2028]
7. **Long Beach Convention Center**, 14,500, built 1978 (volleyball), [water polo and artistic swimming 2028, known as synchronized swimming in 1984]
8. **Crypto.com Arena**, 14,000, home to LA Lakers, formerly Staples Center, listed in LA 2028 as Arena Downtown Los Angeles, built 1999, [all 3 gymnastics: artistic, rhythmic, trampoline 2028]
9. **Long Beach Arena**, 14,000 (held volleyball & fencing in 1984) [handball 2028]
10. **Long Beach Waterfront**, [marathon swimming, triathlon]
11. **Galen Center USC Sports Center**, 10,258, built 2006, [badminton 2028]
12. **Tennis Stadium Center** (Dignity Health Sports Park), Carson, 8,000, built 2006, home to the U.S. Tennis Association's High-Performance Training Center [tennis 2028]

13. **Marine Stadium Long Beach** [rowing and canoe sprint, created in 1932 for the 1932 LA Summer Olympics]
14. **Equestrian Center** Temecula pending LA City approval, multi-use equestrian
15. **L.A. Live Theater center** opened 2007 adjacent Convention Center and Crypto.com Arena downtown LA, [weightlifting 2028]
16. **The Fields Carson**, unk capacity still in building stage, was a training ground for LA Galaxy [field hockey 2028]
17. **Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area**, really in the San Fernando Valley which in 1932 was nothing but full of farmland and fruit groves, many homeless call this area their home in 2024, [archery, BMX freestyle, BMX racing, skateboarding 2028]
18. **Riviera Country Club** built 1926, ranks among the top 25 golf course in the nation, [golf 2028]
19. **Belmont Shore** Long Beach Shoreline Marina, waterways, [sailing 2028]
20. Olympic Swim Stadium USC, now called 1932 Pool in Exposition Park by LA28 org, (diving, swimming, synchronized swimming) [diving 2028]
21. Velodrome built over the old 7-Eleven velodrome of 1984 at Cal State Univ, Domingues Hills, home to USA Cycling's national track cycling program [cycling track 2028]
22. **Marathon**, numerous city streets of Los Angeles
Some venues still open: UCLA Drake Stadium (11,000), Weingart Stadium East Los Angeles College (22,355, held field hockey in 84), Albert Gersten Pavilion LMU (3,900, held weightlifting in 84), Angel Stadium (45,517),

Dodger Stadium (56,000 held baseball in 84), Lake Casitas Ventura held canoeing and rowing in 84, Pauley Pavilion (13,000 held gymnastics in 84), Anaheim Convention Center (about 7,000 held wrestling in 84), Santa Monica College held marathon start in 84, Eagles Nest Arena Cal State LA, held Judo in 84. My one suggestion, East Los Angeles, Alhambra, Monterey Park love football, and the Weingart Stadium, which can accommodate 20,000 plus, would be grand for the new Olympic event of flag football, if they would not destroy the fabulous track—and it is in close proximity to the old Gold Line.

From there it would be a snap to also see basketball, swimming or track via the subway system which is part of Metro's renovated regional connector. And, if you are coming from Pasadena or anywhere near Citrus, you got it made. Beats Park-n-Ride of 1984, easy. Anybody from outside the LA Country lines, would also be able to take Metroink or Amtrak and disembark at Los Angeles Union Station, the connector hub to all subway lines of Metro, which in 1984 was not even a twinkle in the eye of planners, except maybe someone like Kenneth Hahn.

Then, don't forget our El Monte Busway station with their exclusive lanes or, riding on the Harbor Freeway with their exclusive lanes, too. When our Mayor Karen Bass speaks about carless features, heck people in '84 responded and left their cars in droves (for a while) and took the RTD, forerunner to the today's world of Metro, she is not far off. But, a lot still needs to be done.

Carson is 13 miles from downtown LA, Long Beach 20 miles, Pasadena 10 miles.

1,178 miles away:

23. Softball Park Oklahoma City, built 2016, [softball new sport 2028]

24. Whitewater Center Oklahoma City, built 2006, [canoe slalom 2028]

Venues UNK (Aug 2024) 3x3 basketball, beach volleyball, boxing (undecided if it will even be included due to the boxing federation being led by some Russian), coastal rowing, decathlon, lacrosse sixes, cricket, cycling road, modern pentathlon, mountain bike, flag football, shooting, surfing, sport climbing, squash

* This arena is something else. 18,000 seats w/ parking space of 4,000, several restaurants, w/1,160 toilets. Inglewood w/a huge LED video halo board hanging from the ceiling, with an astounding 200 million LEDs, which is supposed to theoretically let a seated fan get a better look at the game because it is double sided. It theoretically can stretch an acre. Older people may have to watch out for the seating is at a steep incline. Each seat has a charging port for you Smartphone. I am told the lower seats have horizontal bars in front of your seat that for short people messes up your view. The Intuit Dome has exterior panels in the form of a basketball net, or diamonds, took 7,000 construction workers to construct entire complex. INTUIT paid \$500 million to have their name and logo for the next 23 years. The roof's foundation houses nearly 300 solar panels, and it has a special plumbing system which is claimed to save 7.5 million gallons of water annually. For team members it has a small exterior basketball court plus xtra interior full-sized courts, with state-of-the-art workout machines. A large social-retail plaza surrounds the basketball structure.