

Compton, California



Compton is a city of just under 100,000 people southeast of Los Angeles, California. Its population is predominantly African-American and Latino. Compton was hit particularly hard by the crime wave that followed the influx of crack cocaine in the 1980s. Gang-related violence became a serious problem, although crime rates have dropped somewhat in recent years. In the 80s and 90s, Compton became closely associated with Hip Hop and Gangsta Rap, particularly after the release of NWA's "Straight Outta Compton" in 1989. Many Hip Hop stars have come from Compton, including Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, and Eazy-E.

