

## **Furniture & Home Furnishings Design / Manufacturing / Distribution**

*Employment (4/'01): 43,726*

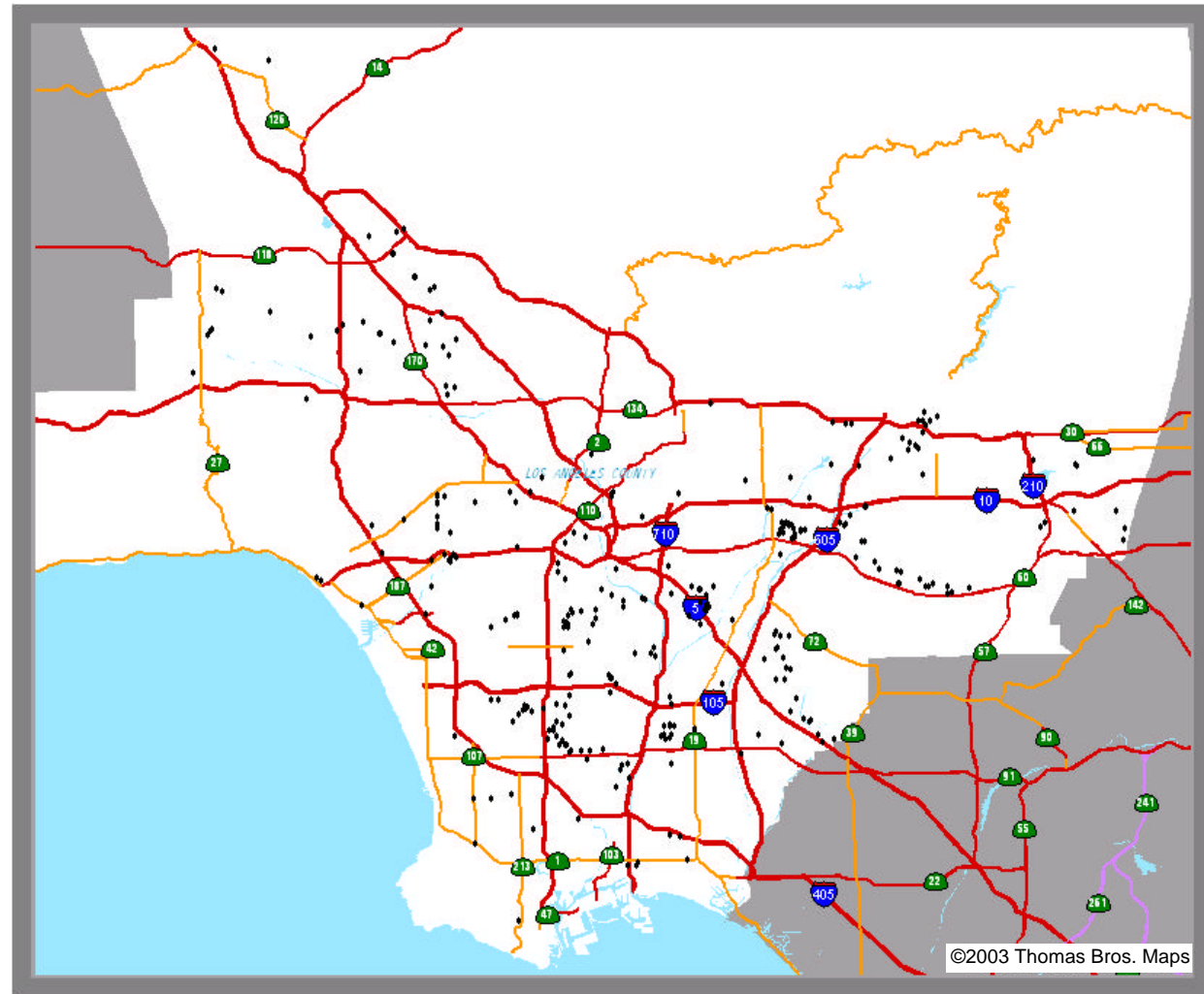
*Number of Establishments (3/'00): 1,927*

*Shipments/Receipts (1997): \$7.6 Billion*

*NAICS Codes: 3371, 3372, 3379, 42121, 42122*

Los Angeles County has a wide range of furniture designers and manufacturers supplying a worldwide market of residential developers, hospitality, and healthcare industries. The Furniture and Home Furnishings industry employ more than 39,000 workers in the County.

Five trade associations and special support, and fourteen local training programs, including Pasadena' Art Center, have placed L.A. at the forefront of design development for this industry. One of the region's most famous fixtures is the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, a leading source for fine and contemporary contract and residential architectural products. The Design Center annually sponsors WESTWEEK, a furniture and interior design trade show that attracts visitors from across the globe.



**Education**

**ART CENTER COLLEGE OF DESIGN**

**Environmental Design**

1700 Lida St. Dept. Chair: Patricia Oliver  
Pasadena, CA 91103-1999  
Tel: 626-396-2373  
Fax: 626-795-0578  
Web site: <http://www.artcenter.edu>

*The Art Center College of Design offers an eight-semester degree program in environmental design where students may specialize in furniture design. The Art Center College of Design also offers part-time courses to help individuals assemble a portfolio. The programs seek to provide a solid grounding in professional disciplines while nurturing the creativity and leadership of students through collaborations with working professionals and major companies*

**BROOKS COLLEGE**

**Interior Design**

4825 E. Pacific Coast Hwy. Dept. Chair: Profull Gupta  
Long Beach, CA 90804  
Tel: 800-421-3775  
Web site: <http://www.brookscollege.edu>

*The mission of the Interior Design Department is to provide academic and specialized practical instruction to prepare students for entry-level positions in the interior design industry. The curriculum is accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER). Graduates of the A.S. degree program are qualified to assist clients with the selection and arrangement of interior furnishings, materials, and space planning.*

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH (CSULB)**

**Department of Design**

1250 Bellflower Blvd. Interim Chair: Patricia Clark  
Long Beach, CA 90840  
Tel: 562-985-5089  
Fax: 562-985-2284

Web site: <http://www.csulb.edu>

*Cal State Long Beach offers a variety of furniture design and manufacturing programs including industrial design, interior architecture, and graphic design. Students are awarded a bachelor's degree upon the completion of the program.*

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES (CSULA)**

**Interior Design**

Department of Art Dept. Chair: Joseph E. Soldate  
5151 State University Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90032  
Tel: 323-343-4010  
Fax: 323-343-4045  
Web site: <http://www.calstatela.edu/dept/art>

*The Department of Art offers a credit certificate program in Interior Design, intended to prepare individuals for careers in all phases of interior design. Course work includes theoretical, technical, and conceptual experiences leading to portfolio development and career placement.*

**CERRITOS COLLEGE**

**Furniture Manufacturing Technology**

11110 Alondra Blvd. Dept. Chair: Robert Colgan  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
Tel: 562-860-2451 x2986  
Web site: <http://www.cerritos.edu/wood>

*The Furniture Manufacturing Technology Department comprises courses on state-of-the-art 32MM system cabinetmaking equipment as well as traditional woodworking machinery and hand tools. Certificate programs are designed to give students a complete background as well as the most current understanding of technology as it is applied to their area of choice. Classroom theory is combined with hands-on woodworking experience. The Department is the recipient of the Woodworking Machine Industry Association's (WMIA) Educator of the Year Award 2000.*

**COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS**

**Interior Design**

26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd. Program Coord: Dorothy Minarsch

Santa Clarita, CA 91355  
Tel: 661-259-7800 x3989

Web site: <http://www.coc.cc.ca.us>

*The Interior Design department offers a certificate and Associate degree program. Some of the classes offered are visualization & illustration, interior materials and products, architectural drafting, space planning, and fundamentals of interior design.*

**FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING (FIDM)**

**Interior Design**

919 S. Grand Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
Tel: 213-624-1201  
Fax: 213-624-4799  
Web site: <http://www.fidm.com>

*FIDM offers a comprehensive education in Interior Design that goes way beyond surface decoration and focuses on solving both functional and design problems. The program is accredited by FIDER (Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research) and has an annual scholarship sponsored by the ASID (American Society of Interior Designers). An Associate of Arts degree is awarded upon completion of the program and students can look for a possible career as interior designer, space planner, project manager, architectural renderer, or freelance designer.*

**LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE**

**Interior Design**

4901 E. Carson St. Dept. Chair: Debra Schaefer  
Long Beach, CA 90808  
Tel: 562-938-4336  
Dschaef@lbcc.edu  
Web site: <http://www.lbcc.cc.ca.us>

*The interior design program prepares students for employment in Interior Design, the Home Furnishings Industry, and related fields. An Associate in Arts degree or certificate is awarded upon completion of the program.*

**LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE**

**Interior Design**

13356 Eldridge Ave. Dept. Chair: Alex Yguado  
Sylmar, CA 91342  
Tel: 818-364-7893  
Fax: 818-364-7755  
Web site: <http://www.lamission.cc.ca.us>

*The Interior Design certificate program will help students qualify for state certification. The college offers a certificate or A.A. degree program. Some of the classes offered are textiles, space planning, lighting, Interiors management, and 2-D & 3-D CADD.*

**LOS ANGELES TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**Digital Design Certificate**

400 West Washington Blvd.  
Building "D" 330 Program Coord.: Marcela Oliva  
Los Angeles, CA 90015 No. of Students: 20  
Tel: 213-763-7000  
TDD: 213 763-5375  
Fax: 213-763-5393  
Web Site: <http://www.lattc.cc.ca.us>

*The Digital Design Certificate program is currently new at the L.A. Trade-Technical College. It is for students who are interested in the fields of Architecture, Industrial Design, Toy Design, Furniture Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Interface Design, Virtual Reality Environment, and Set Design. The basic skills students developed are 3D Prototype, Visualization, Conceptualization, Lighting, Sketching, and Modeling. The technology skills are Spatial Modeling, Web-Browser, Computer-Aided Design. Applications used in the program are 3D Studio, Microstation Modeler, Access, and Triforma.*

**MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE**

**Interior Design**

1100 N. Grand Ave. Program Coord: Karlene Morris  
Walnut, CA 91789  
Tel: 909-594-5611 x3912 Web site: <http://www.mtsac.edu>

*The program is available as a certificate (Interiors Merchandising), as an A.S. Degree (Interior Design Assistant) and/or when combined with a Bachelor's Degree qualifies student for Professional Designation in Interior Design. Classes include interior materials and products, space planning, internship programs and seminars.*

**OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN**

**Environmental Design**

9045 Lincoln Blvd. Dept. Chair: Linda Pollari  
 Los Angeles, CA 90045  
 Tel: 310-665-6800  
 Fax: 310-665-6821  
 Web site: <http://www.otisart.edu>

*The Environmental Design curriculum offers courses in four areas: Studio, Technologies & Ecologies, Digital Media, and History & Theory. The Department seeks to contribute to the emergence of imaginative practices informed by the complexities of contemporary, metropolitan culture. A B.F.A. degree is awarded upon completion of the program.*

**SANTA MONICA COLLEGE**

**Interior Architectural Design**

1900 Pico Blvd. Dept. Chair: Bill Lancaster  
 Santa Monica, CA 90405 No. of Students: 300  
 Tel: 310-434-3733  
 Web site: <http://www.smc.edu>

*Santa Monica College has a three-level, three-year program that is part of a six-college regional consortium with advanced studio class. A bachelor's degree in interior design is offered through partnership with California State University, Dominguez Hills. Students can receive certificates in Interior Merchandise, Interior Design Pre-Professional, and Interior Design Professional from Santa Monica College. The school also offers professional certificates in Furniture Design, Set Design and Art Direction for Television.*

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (UCLA)**

**EXTENSION**

**Interior & Environmental Design Program**

10995 Le Conte Ave., Rm. 414

Westwood, CA 90024 Program Coordinator: Alexis Slafer  
 Tel: 310-825-9061 No. of Students: 435  
 Fax: 310-206-7382  
 Web site: <http://www.une.x.ucla.edu>

*The program concentrates mostly on interior design and architecture; however, there are classes in furniture design. The Interior and Environmental design program is accredited by the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research while the Landscape Architecture program is certified by the California State Board of Landscape Architects as providing the requirements for professional licensure.*

**WOODBURY UNIVERSITY**

**Interior Architecture**

7500 Glenoaks Blvd. Dept. Chair: Linda Pollari  
 Burbank, CA 91510  
 Tel: 818-767-0888 x344  
 Web site: [http://www.woodbury.edu/programs/interior\\_architecture](http://www.woodbury.edu/programs/interior_architecture)

*The Interior Architecture Department is committed to engaging contemporary culture and technology and to exploring new ways of generating and actualizing design propositions through varied digital and physical media. This goal is pursued through a studio-intensive curriculum with a focus on contemporary spatial environments. The program is accredited by FIDER (The Foundation for Interior Design Education Research) and a B.S. degree is obtained upon completion of the program.*

**Associations & Support**

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS (ASID)**

California Los Angeles Chapter  
 8687 Melrose Ave.  
 Blue Mezzanine 52 B  
 West Hollywood, CA 90069  
 Tel: 310-659-8998  
 E-mail: [asidla@aol.com](mailto:asidla@aol.com)  
 Web site: <http://www.asidla.org>

*ASID is the definitive resource for professional education and knowledge sharing, advocacy of interior designer's right to practice, and expansion of interior design markets. The Los Angeles Chapter mission is to create business and educational opportunities for its members and to demonstrate the value of ASID Designers to the public.*

**CALIFORNIA FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (CFMA)**

1240 N. Jefferson St., Suite G  
Anaheim, CA 92807  
Tel: 714-632-6800  
Fax: 714-632-5405  
Web site: <http://www.cfma.com>

*CFMA has served the furniture industry throughout California since 1911. Its purpose is to educate, promote, and protect the interests of furniture manufacturers of California. Services include: newsletter, free listing on the internet, group insurance plans, law labels, unemployment compensation cost management, political advocate, and seminars.*

**INTERNATIONAL INTERIOR DESIGN ASSOCIATION**

Southern California Chapter  
1933 S. Broadway Blvd., Suite 1130  
Los Angeles, CA 90007-1130  
Tel: 213-747-2391  
Fax: 213-747-2394  
Web site: <http://www.iida-socal.org>

*The International Interior Design Association, a nonprofit networking association, supports its members through continuing education and legislative advocacy. The IIDA's mission is to enhance the quality of life through excellence in interior design and to advance interior design through knowledge. It also has created an annual awards banquet to honor companies that have made significant contributions to the interior design industry, an annual product design award program, and an annual student scholarship program.*

**PACIFIC DESIGN CENTER**

8687 Melrose Ave.  
West Hollywood, CA 90069  
Tel: 310-657-0800  
Fax: 310-652-8576  
Web site: <http://www.pacificdesigncenter.com>

*At 1.4 million square feet, Pacific Design Center is the largest resource on the West Coast for traditional and contemporary furnishings for the home and office. Over 150 showrooms feature an exclusive selection of furniture, fabrics, floor coverings, lighting, wall coverings, art, kitchen and bath products, decorative accessories and European and Asian antiques. The Center also sponsors the annual West Week Show.*

**THE CALIFORNIA MARKET CENTER**

110 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90079  
Tel: 213-630-3600  
Fax: 213-630-3708      Web site:  
<http://www.californiamarketcenter.com>

*The California Market Center, formerly the California Mart, is the newest marketplace for fashion, gift & home. This premier wholesale facility on the west coast has a 35 year history of leadership as the center of the industry for fashion and textiles. As retailing has evolved into a more lifestyle oriented approach-featuring products across multiple categories-this wholesale marketplace is the first in the country to reflect the change by offering a wider array of goods (1,000 showrooms with nearly 10,000 product lines) to the retailers who shop here from all 50 states and 30 countries. Open year-round, the CMC hosts five major fashion weeks, four gift & home markets, two textile markets, and 20+ specialty markets throughout the year.*