

Barstow, California

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Barstow is a city in [San Bernardino County, California, United States](#). The population was 21,119 at the 2000 census.

Barstow is a major regional transportation center. Several major highways including [Interstate 15](#) and [Interstate 40](#) converge in the city. It is the site of a large rail [classification yard](#), belonging to the [BNSF Railway](#). The [Union Pacific Railroad](#) also runs through town on [trackage rights](#) on BNSF's main line to [Daggett](#) 10 miles east, where it heads to [Salt Lake City](#), and the BNSF heads to [Chicago](#).

Barstow is home to [Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow](#) and is the closest city to [Fort Irwin Military Reservation](#).

[Route 66](#) ran through Barstow and the town's name is mentioned in the lyrics to the song, "[Route 66](#)" and in the [Black Eyed Peas](#) song "[Like That](#)" as [Will.I.Am](#) raps that he "(has) a style that's way out like Barstow" commenting on Barstow's distance from the BEP's home city of [Los Angeles](#). Barstow is also mentioned in [Hunter S. Thompson](#)'s novel *[Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas](#)*, in [Quentin Tarantino](#)'s film *[Kill Bill Vol. II](#)*, and in numerous other films and television shows.

[Johnny Carson](#) of the [Tonight Show](#) mentioned Barstow, CA calling it Barstool.

[Sheryl Crow](#) also makes reference to Barstow, CA in her song [Leaving Las Vegas](#)...
"Used to be I could drive up to Barstow for the night
Find some crossroad trucker To demonstrate his might
But these days it seems Nowhere is far enough away
So Im leaving las vegas today"