

BULLHEAD CITY

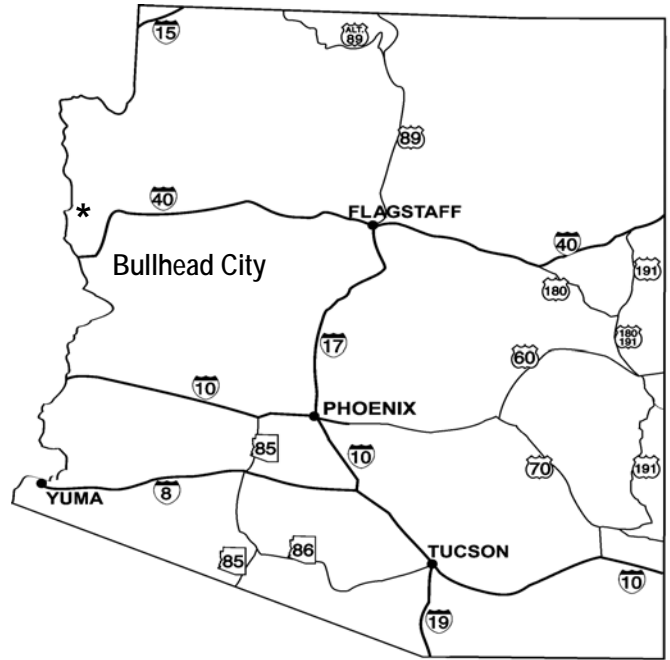
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bullhead City is in west-central Mohave County, located on the east side of the Colorado River near the juncture of Arizona, California, and Nevada. Among Arizona's fastest growing communities, it is the sister city to Laughlin, Nevada, and 90 minutes from Las Vegas. Bullhead City began as the headquarters for the Davis Dam and Lake Mohave construction in the 1940s. Today, the city serves a trade area population exceeding 144,000. In 2006, Bullhead City/Laughlin attracted more than 151,000 visitors. With 11 major casino/resort hotels, Laughlin employs 14,000 people, most of whom make their home in Bullhead City. On the Arizona side, more than 2,000 businesses employ approximately 6,800.

FOUNDED: 1945
 COUNTY: Mohave County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 221 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-40; US 93; SR 95; SR 68
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE
 A REDI accredited community

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1984
 ELEVATION: 504 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 335 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2008
Bullhead City	21,951	33,769	41,187
Mohave County	93,497	155,032	205,862
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and U.S. Census Bureau.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Tourism is a primary economic activity, centering on the Laughlin resort/gaming industry. Laughlin resort hotels have 11,975 rooms; Bullhead City motels, 1,780 rooms; and a new resort/casino on Mohave Indian tribal lands, 350 rooms. Visitors enjoy area water sports, golf and trophy fishing. Bullhead City has shopping malls, supermarkets and other retailers to serve the Bullhead City-Laughlin market. Two bridges connect the communities. Bullhead City has formed an Economic Development Authority.

County Employment

	2008
Educational and Health Services	6,100
Financial Activities	2,600
Government	8,700
Information	900
Leisure and Hospitality	6,100
Manufacturing	3,300
Mining and Construction	5,100
Other Services	2,600
Professional and Business Services	3,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,500

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Home Depot	Valley View Medical Center
Wal-Mart Supercenter	

Major Public Employers

Mohave Community College	US Postal Service
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LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	11,917	16,182	22,012
Unemployed	669	671	1,457
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.1%	6.6%

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce.

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permit	180	1,258	396
Taxable Sales (\$)	204,852,050	361,662,850	632,868,600
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	146,862,548	173,298,389	553,076,308

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Colorado River and Lake Mead National Recreation Area (including Lake Mohave) offer area visitors year-round, water-related recreation. The 67-mile long Lake Mohave is the gateway to the Lake Mead Recreation Area. Visitors camp, fish, houseboat, sail, water ski, jet ski, sailboard, sunbathe, swim and picnic. Along Lake Mohave are waterfront resorts, expansive beaches and excellent swimming conditions. The Black Mountain Range east of Bullhead City provides for a variety of recreational opportunities, including off-road vehicle use, hiking, photography, rock hounding and exploring ghost towns. Big horn sheep, mule deer, quail and dove attract hunters to the mountains. South of Bullhead City is the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge with water fowl, other bird varieties, and fishing.

1990 and 2008 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elem/High School	5.13	7.39	3.87
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	1.79
Countywide	4.82	4.19	3.06
Total	\$9.95	\$11.58	\$8.72

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

Note: Bullhead City residents also pay Bullhead City Fire District rate.

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Bullhead City offers a wide range of community facilities including a public library, public parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, boat launch facilities, a municipal swimming pool, senior center, Boys & Girls Club, Little League and other organized sports facilities. Commercial facilities include two nine-hole and three 18-hole golf courses, health/fitness centers and water craft rentals.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 10

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Airports: See Mohave County profile for detailed information on airports.

Medical

There is a 147-bed hospital & a 120-bed extended care center. Another 66-bed hospital.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 898

Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 235

Industrial Properties

A 53-acre park with all infrastructure in place including fiber optics. Park is in an Enterprise Zone. Transportation access to state Highway 95 and airport is available. Contact: Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority, Inc. at 928-704-6374. Other industrial and commercial properties are available.

Utilities

Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Bullhead City)	928.763.6481
Sewer	Bullhead Sanitation District	928.754.2828
	City of Bullhead City	928.763.9400
Telephone	Frontier	928.763.1122
Water	American Water Co.	928.758.1146
	Bermuda Water Company	928.763.6676
	Bullhead City	928.763.9400
	North Mohave Valley Water Company	928.758.1146

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	43.5	65.7	1.02
February	46.1	71.4	1.04
March	50.0	78.8	0.88
April	56.5	88.0	0.15
May	65.3	97.8	0.08
June	73.1	108.0	0.01
July	79.7	112.0	0.30
August	79.6	110.0	0.72
September	71.7	103.4	0.34
October	59.7	90.5	0.43
November	49.7	75.3	0.45
December	42.8	65.5	0.52

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1977-2005. Average Total Snowfall 0.0."

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