

Avondale

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Nestled at the base of the scenic Estrella Mountains where the Agua Fria and Gila Rivers meet, Avondale is on the Interstate 10 (I-10) and the Loop 101 corridors just a 15-minute commute from the heart of Phoenix. Avondale's freeway development sites are premium locations in the metro area for new stores, restaurants, hotels, offices and business parks. Since 1995, population growth has been over 120%, making the city one of the fastest-growing areas in Maricopa County.

Basic Information

Founded: 1900
 Incorporated: 1946
 Elevation: 968
 Located in Maricopa County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, Loop 101

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 15 miles
 Tucson: 125 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Avondale	16,169	35,883	76,648
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,987,942
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

Avondale's active Economic Development Department focuses on growing local demand for employment, with an emerging medical corridor, attraction of offices, business parks, light manufacturing and power retail centers. Over 400 acres designated as employment in the General Plan is currently in various stages of design approval, and under construction.

County Employment

	2008
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	372,500
Professional and Business Services	313,800
Government	220,800
Educational and Health Services	210,800
Leisure and Hospitality	183,100
Financial Activities	147,600
Mining and Construction	141,400
Manufacturing	131,100
Other Services	69,000
Information	29,900

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

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

Private Employers

Avondale Dodge Chrysler/Plymouth
 Jeep/Eagle
 Costco
 Fry's Food & Drug Store
 Home Depot
 Universal Technical Institute
 Wal-Mart

Public Employers

Agua Fria School District
 Avondale Elementary School District
 City of Avondale
 Estrella Mountain Community College



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	6,800	17,558	38,724
Unemployed	580	560	1,801
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	3.2%	4.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	288	1,818	211
Taxable Sales (\$)	112.7 million	404.8 million	1.5 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	38.4 million	104.3 million	704.2 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

Scenic Attractions

Avondale offers numerous annual events such as Fiesta de Avondale and Billy Moore Heritage Days, regional soccer tournaments at Friendship Park and Festival Fields Park, and plenty of tee times at Coldwater Golf Club. For nature lovers, Avondale offers wildlife viewing, hiking, biking and trail running opportunities on the developing Tres Rios Recreation Corridor and Maricopa County's Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Avondale is home to Phoenix International Raceway (PIR), which hosts two NASCAR races annually. Avondale is also less than 5 miles away from the University of Phoenix Stadium and the Jobing.com Arena. Four baseball spring training facilities are located within 10 miles of Avondale.

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Community Facilities

The City of Avondale offers a broad range of community facilities including nine parks, two community/senior centers, two libraries, tournament ready soccer fields and ball fields, Ramada rentals, tennis courts, a dog park, walking trails, and Phoenix International Raceway, a professional auto race track.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	N
Vocational/Technical College	Y	Y
Community College	Y	N
University 4 year	Y	N
Post Graduate	N	Y

Financial

Number of banks: 4

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Residents of Avondale use Phoenix-Goodyear Municipal Airport's lighted 8,500-ft. runway in Goodyear adjacent to Avondale & nearby Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. (18 miles east)

Medical

Extensive area care.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 246

Meeting Rooms: 15

Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

Industrial Properties:

Information available upon request to the City of Avondale.

Utilities

Electricity	APS	602.371.7171
Electricity	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	602.861.1999
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal	623.932.5610

Cable Providers: Y
 Digital Switching Station: Y
 Internet Service Provider: Y
 Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
 Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	7.89	9.69	6.75
City/Fire District	0.53	1.28	0.37
Countywide	3.51	3.35	2.33
Totals	11.93	14.32	9.45

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

School district participates in the Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC)

Sales Tax

	2008
City/Town	2.50%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
	53.6	87.3	0.7
January	36.2	66.9	0.9
February	39.8	71.8	1.0
March	43.8	77.3	0.8
April	49.8	86.2	0.3
May	57.8	95.1	0.1
June	66.4	104.1	0.1
July	75.4	106.9	0.7
August	74.0	104.6	1.2
September	66.8	100.4	0.9
October	53.8	89.6	0.5
November	42.2	76.5	0.6
December	36.8	67.8	1.1

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1917-2005.

Nearest data available from Litchfield Park, AZ. Average Total Snowfall .0".

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