

The vibrant and rapidly growing community of Avondale is proud to be recognized as a “2017 All-American City.” The city is conveniently located along the I-10 and State Route 101 in southwest Phoenix, and nestled at the base of the scenic Estrella Mountains where the Agua Fria, Salt and Gila Rivers meet. On the designated midpoint of the state, Avondale truly is in the heart of Arizona where the baseline and meridian points conjoin.

Lifelong residents and newcomers realize Avondale living stands apart with its friendly community spirit, affordable quality of life and closely engaged local government. Avondale boasts a proud, diverse and tight-knit community. The city welcomes everyone to renowned businesses, scenic nature, striking neighborhoods and a charming historic downtown district.

Principal Economic Activities

Committed to further accelerating the community, Avondale’s leadership is strategically targeting industries in the following sectors: financial business services, manufacturing, amateur sports, tourism and hospitality, health care and medical services, emerging technology and corporate regional headquarters.

Avondale’s attractive talent pool is composed of over 83,000 residents with a median age of 30. With its multiple employment corridors, abundant land for development and lucrative incentive offers, Avondale is poised for additional success. Avondale most recently welcomed The Vitamin Shoppe headquarters, SanMar, Copper Springs Hospital, Welbrook Rehabilitation, Legacy Senior Living and Copper State Rubber to its robust economic base.

Scenic Attractions

From the soccer fields of Friendship Park to the high-velocity excitement of Phoenix International Raceway (PIR), Avondale has something for everyone. For the sports lover, PIR, undergoing a \$178 million makeover, hosts multiple NASCAR events annually and drives hundreds of millions of dollars into the state and local economies. The Randall McDaniel Sports Complex offers 83,000 square feet of indoor arena sports, while Friendship Park, with its 10 multipurpose fields, hosts soccer tournaments and special events year-round. Almost 200 acres of parks and 7.5 miles of lakeside trails invite activities for every outdoor enthusiast. As the only valley city where three rivers converge, Avondale celebrates its lush natural resources with the Tres Rios Nature Festival each spring.

Community Facilities

Avondale has a range of community and cultural facilities featuring nine local parks, a civic center campus and amphitheater, the Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library, the Avondale Community Center/Senior Center, the Tri-City West Thornwood Boys and Girls Club and a family resource center. In addition, the city’s diverse array of educational institutions including charter schools, Estrella Mountain Community College, Universal Technical Institute, West-MEC and St. John Catholic High School cultivate a community that focuses on families.



BASIC INFORMATION

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Founded: | 1900 | Incorporated: | 1946 |
| Elevation: | 968 ft. | Location: | Maricopa County |
| Distance to major cities: | | | |
| Phoenix: | 15 miles | San Diego: | 339 miles |
| Tucson: | 125 miles | Los Angeles: | 357 miles |
| Las Vegas: | 287 miles | | |

POPULATION

| | 2000 | 2010 | 2017 (est.) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Avondale | 35,883 | 76,468 | 81,621 |
| Maricopa County | 3,072,149 | 3,824,058 | 4,221,684 |
| State of Arizona | 5,130,632 | 6,401,569 | 6,965,897 |

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PROPERTY TAX

| | 2000 | 2010 | 2016 |
|--------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Elementary / High School | 9.69 | 5.44 | 9.96 |
| City / Fire District | 1.28 | 1.11 | 1.70 |
| Maricopa County | 3.35 | 2.79 | 4.06 |
| Totals (Maricopa County) | 14.32 | 9.34 | 15.71 |

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Avondale | 2.50% |
| Maricopa County | 0.70% |
| State | 5.60% |

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LABOR FORCE

| | 2000 | 2010 | 2017 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 18,080 | 39,809 | 42,780 |
| Unemployed | 575 | 4,341 | 1,878 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.2% | 10.9% | 4.4% |

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

| | Count | Share |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Less than high school | 8,891 | 18.7% |
| High school or equivalent, no college | 12,367 | 26.0% |
| Some college or Associate degree | 17,114 | 36.0% |
| Bachelor's degree or advanced degree | 9,143 | 19.2% |

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

| | Count | Share |
|---|-------|-------|
| Education, health care & social assistance | 7,817 | 20.8% |
| Retail trade | 5,681 | 15.1% |
| Professional, scientific, & administrative services | 3,837 | 10.2% |
| Manufacturing | 3,225 | 8.6% |
| Finance, insurance & real estate | 2,946 | 7.8% |
| Transportation, warehousing, & utilities | 2,883 | 7.7% |
| Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services | 2,828 | 7.5% |
| Public administration | 2,308 | 6.1% |
| Construction | 2,042 | 5.4% |
| Other services, except public administration | 1,547 | 4.1% |
| Wholesale trade | 1,405 | 3.7% |
| Information | 712 | 1.9% |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining | 313 | 0.8% |

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