

Glendale is a dynamic city located in the rapidly growing northwest part of the Phoenix metropolitan area. With a population of 237,723 people, Glendale is Arizona's sixth largest city. It is home to a diverse population covering a vast cross-section of economic and cultural communities.

Glendale was established in 1892 and has transformed into a vibrant city on the move. Built on farming and irrigation, Glendale's forefathers laid the foundation for a city described as one with "small town character and ambiance." This allowed Glendale to grow and transform into a tourist attraction in the valley. Glendale's charm stems from a treasured heritage, strong community spirit and superior planning, making it one of Arizona's most distinctive and diverse communities.

Principal Economic Activities

Glendale's diverse economic base includes advanced business services, aerospace and defense, education, health care, manufacturing and signature entertainment. Major employers including Honeywell, Bechtel, Delta Dental, AAA, Coca-Cola, Conair and Humana call Glendale home. Redflex, Progressive Leasing and Lockheed Martin also have recently joined the ranks of notable employers.

Loop 101, Loop 303 and U.S. 60 all cross through Glendale with Interstate 17 and Interstate 10 in proximity. Northern Parkway, when complete, will further enhance transportation access through the city. Glendale is served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad and has its own municipal airport. The city is close to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, connecting it to major national and international markets.

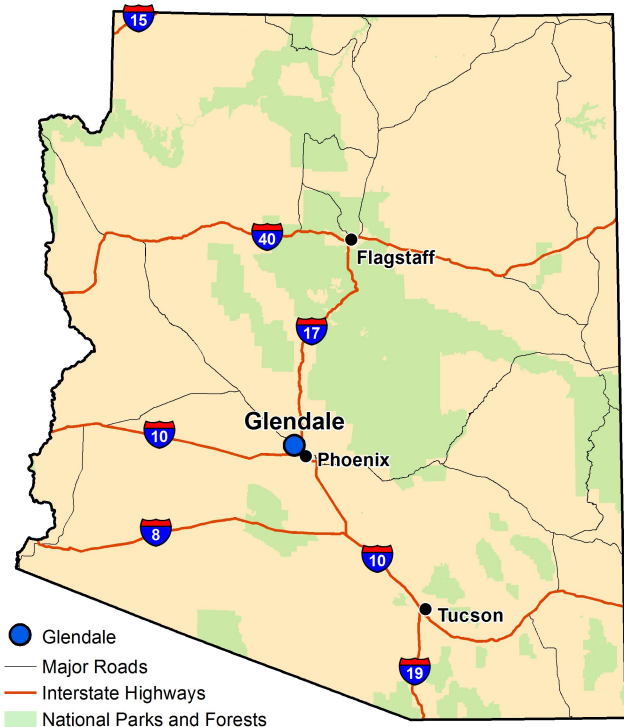
Scenic Attractions

Glendale boasts a historic downtown spanning 10 blocks with many specialty shops located throughout the area. Glendale's signature festivals like Glendale Glitters, Glitter & Glow Block Party, the Glendale Chocolate Affaire and the Summer Band Concert Series attract, on average, 350,000 visitors to the area annually. Over the past 15 years, the city has also invested more than \$400 million in infrastructure improvements to create a world-class sports and entertainment district. The NFL's Arizona Cardinals play at the 63,000-seat University of Phoenix Stadium. The NHL's Arizona Coyotes also call Glendale home, playing in the 17,000-seat Gila River Arena. The city hosts two Major League Baseball teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox, at Camelback Ranch Glendale during spring training. The district has become a regional employment center with multiple Class A office buildings and outstanding amenities including Westgate Entertainment District, Tanger Outlets and Cabela's.

Glendale is known for Sahuaro Ranch Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thunderbird Park features more than 1,000 acres of prime desert preserve and is a favorite spot for hiking, horseback riding and picnicking.

Community Facilities

Glendale has a range of community and cultural facilities including an award-winning civic center, aquatics center, adult center, parks, libraries, golf courses and a number of museums within a half-hour drive.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1892	Incorporated:	1910
Elevation:	1,154 ft.	Location:	Maricopa County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	13 miles	San Diego:	355 miles
Tucson:	124 miles	Los Angeles:	373 miles
Las Vegas:	277 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017 (est.)
Glendale	218,812	227,217	239,858
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	10.75	7.51	10.82
City / Fire District	1.72	1.60	2.15
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Maricopa County)	15.82	11.89	17.03

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Glendale	2.90%
Maricopa County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2017
Civilian Labor Force	116,646	114,360	121,277
Unemployed	3,973	13,992	5,495
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	12.2%	4.5%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	25,174	16.6%
High school or equivalent, no college	42,102	27.8%
Some college or Associate degree	52,185	34.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	32,243	21.3%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	22,726	21.2%
Retail trade	15,438	14.4%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	12,416	11.6%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	10,262	9.6%
Finance, insurance & real estate	9,153	8.6%
Construction	8,791	8.2%
Manufacturing	6,586	6.2%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	6,363	5.9%
Other services, except public administration	5,953	5.6%
Public administration	4,312	4.0%
Wholesale trade	2,879	2.7%
Information	1,606	1.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	507	0.5%

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