

The city of Litchfield Park, 16 miles west of downtown Phoenix in Maricopa County, is a planned residential community boasting a small town atmosphere and casual lifestyle. It started in 1916 when Goodyear Tire and Rubber bought farm land to grow Egyptian long staple cotton used in tire cords. This project was developed by Paul Litchfield, a junior executive with Goodyear, for whom the company town was named in 1926. Litchfield Park was the headquarters for Goodyear Farms, which had thousands of acres under cultivation. From 1931 to 1944, the city was the test site for Goodyear tires. In the 1960s, Litchfield Park designed a master plan for development, including several self-sufficient villages, which had a positive impact on the city's development.

Principal Economic Activities

The Wigwam, a prestigious AAA Four Diamond resort, recently went through a \$15 million renovation and sits in the heart of this 3.3-square mile community. The resort was originally built for Goodyear executives visiting the farming operations. In 1929, the Wigwam opened to the public and soon became a fashionable and exclusive resort. Today, the resort offers fine dining, three golf courses, two swimming pools, the luxurious Red Door Spa and comfortable resort accommodations. The quaint downtown area next to the resort features a collection of locally owned and operated shops and restaurants. Litchfield Park has approved plans to expand the Wigwam Resort adding single- and multi-family housing and commercial space as well as reconfiguring three golf courses with a portion of one course reserved for residential use. In 2014, the city finished rezoning a 28-acre parcel on the northwest corner of Litchfield Road and Village Parkway to high-density residential. This project will include 167 units, including single-family, condominiums and patio homes.

Scenic Attractions

White Tanks Regional Park, west of Litchfield Park, is named for natural rock water tanks once used by local Native Americans. Many unusual petroglyphs are found in the 26,000-acre park. Estrella Mountain Regional Park has 19,000 acres with an 18-hole golf course, camping, horseback riding, hiking and picnic facilities. The Wildlife World Zoo, four miles northwest, provides a natural habitat for many endangered species. The Arizona Cardinals, Phoenix Coyotes, Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Phoenix International Raceway and four Major League ballparks are all only a short drive away.

Community Facilities

The city of Litchfield Park offers a range of community facilities including a library, swimming pool, three golf courses and five parks with baseball and soccer fields. The library, parks and pools are open to the public. An active community calendar features many award winning art festivals, concerts and cultural events throughout the year including a Fourth of July celebration, spring and fall arts festivals, a Native American Arts Festival and the annual Christmas in the Park. A newly completed pedestrian underpass incorporates elements of public art that celebrates the community and creates a safe connection to the existing pedestrian pathway system throughout the park.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1916	Incorporated:	1987
Elevation:	1,027 ft.	Location:	Maricopa County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	16 miles	San Diego:	340 miles
Tucson:	129 miles	Los Angeles:	358 miles
Las Vegas:	275 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017 (est.)
Litchfield Park	3,810	5,467	6,452
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	10.32	5.42	7.37
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Maricopa County)	13.67	8.20	11.43

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Litchfield Park	2.80%
Maricopa County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2017
Civilian Labor Force	1,823	2,548	2,578
Unemployed	55	95	77
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.7%	3.0%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	227	5.6%
High school or equivalent, no college	656	16.1%
Some college or Associate degree	1,411	34.7%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,768	43.5%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	697	30.5%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	218	9.5%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	210	9.2%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	192	8.4%
Finance, insurance & real estate	183	8.0%
Manufacturing	175	7.7%
Public administration	169	7.4%
Retail trade	163	7.1%
Other services, except public administration	112	4.9%
Construction	57	2.5%
Information	56	2.4%
Wholesale trade	28	1.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	27	1.2%

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