

Avondale

Community Profile

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Avondale, a bustling residential community in the West Valley region of Maricopa County, is situated along the Agua Fria River just north of its junction with the Gila River. It is undergoing a transition from an agricultural economy to one based on light industry and commercial enterprises. There are more than 12,000 housing units in the planning and construction phases in Avondale.

Basic Information

Founded: 1900	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: 1946	Phoenix: 15 miles
Elevation: 968	Tucson: 125 miles
Located in Maricopa County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10.	

Population

	1990	2000	2006
Avondale	16,169	35,883	72,210
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,792,675
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

Avondale's active Economic Development Department searches for new industrial and commercial enterprises that fit the city planning program. Development opportunities are available on both sides of the freeway. When the 101 Loop Freeway is complete, it will connect the North Valley to the Southwest Valley at 99th Avenue and I-10, in Avondale. Luke Air Force Base, to the north, trains F-16 fighter pilots.

County Employment

	2006
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	373,800
Professional and Business Services	321,200
Government	212,400
Educational and Health Services	187,000
Mining and Construction	184,600
Leisure and Hospitality	174,900
Financial Activities	151,100
Manufacturing	132,900
Other Services	68,500
Information	32,100

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

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

Major Private Employers

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

Major Public Employers

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



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	6,800	17,558	20,996
Unemployed	580	560	722
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	3.2%	3.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	288	1,818	1,259
Taxable Sales (\$)	112.7 million	404.8 million	1.6 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	38.4 million	104.3 million	386.8 million

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

Scenic Attractions

Phoenix International Raceway, on the southern edge of Avondale away from residential areas, hosts many important auto races each year, including Copperworld Classic, Indy car and NASCAR, as well as other entertainment activities. Billy Moore Days, named for a colorful character who lived in Avondale during Arizona's early years, is held in October. Events include a parade, carnival, sports tournaments and burro races. Estrella Mountain Regional Park, on the city's southern boundary, has 19,000 acres with an 18-hole golf course as well as camping, horseback riding and picnicking.

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Community Facilities

The City of Avondale offers a broad range of community facilities including nine parks, community and senior centers, a library, golf course, four volleyball courts, eight basketball courts, ten ball parks, and a professional auto race track.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	N
Vocational/Technical College	Y	N
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:lighted 8,500-ft. runway & nearby Phx. Sky Harbor Internatl. (18 miles east)

Medical

Extensive area care.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: n/a
Meeting Rooms: 8
Capacity of Largest Facility: 150

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	2006
Elementary/High Schools	7.89	9.69	7.86
City/Fire District	0.53	1.28	1.17
Countywide	3.51	3.35	2.74
Totals	11.93	14.32	11.77

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

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

Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	2.50%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	36.0	66.9	0.9
February	39.7	71.8	1.0
March	43.7	77.4	0.8
April	49.7	86.2	0.3
May	57.7	95.2	0.1
June	66.3	104.2	0.1
July	75.4	106.9	0.7
August	74.0	104.7	1.2
September	66.7	100.4	0.9
October	53.7	89.7	0.5
November	42.1	76.5	0.7
December	36.7	67.9	1.1
Yearly Avg.	53.5	87.3	8.2

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1917-2004.

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

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