

Maricopa

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Maricopa is 16 miles south of Interstate 10 in western Pinal County. Over the last 150 years, its location has changed three times. Its first site was Maricopa Wells, about 10 miles northwest, a trading center for stagecoaches passing through the Southwest. The Civil War ended the mail lines and a new railroad a few miles south was the death knell for Maricopa Wells. Maricopaville, 3.5 miles west, was born when a junction was needed to connect the Southern Pacific Railroad linking Yuma and Tucson with a branch line to Phoenix. When Tempe wanted to be on the railroad line in 1887, Maricopaville was moved to Maricopa's current location.

Basic Information

Founded: 1887	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: 2003	Phoenix: 15 miles
Elevation: 1,176	Tucson: 68 miles
Located in Pinal County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10	
Enterprise Zone available	

Population

	1990	2000	2006
Maricopa	N/A	1,482	25,830
Pinal County	116,397	179,727	299,875
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau
Data unavailable for 1990. Official Census 2000 count after Maricopa incorporation date of 10/15/03. (orig: 1,040 for Maricopa CDP). 2005 population from 2005 Special Census. Local sources estimate 2005 population at 30,000 residents.

Principal Economic Activities

Maricopa is quickly growing as South Mountain residential developments brim over into its rich agricultural valley. Although Maricopa's businesses and industries have traditionally been geared toward farming and ranching, its economic base has been diversifying through companies such as Volkswagen and Nissan, both of which have proving grounds in the area. Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino also contributes to the economy. The largest industries are agriculture, retail and manufacturing.

County Employment

	2006
Government	16,950
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,900
Educational and Health Services	4,125
Leisure and Hospitality	4,000
Professional and Business Services	3,775
Mining and Construction	3,375
Manufacturing	3,350
Other Services	1,450
Financial Activities	1,025
Information	300

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Fry's Marketplace
Global Water
Pinal Energy

Major Public Employers

City of Maricopa



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	0	515	644
Unemployed	0	27	36
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	5.2%	5.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
U.S. Census data unavailable for 1990.

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	0	0	3,272
Taxable Sales (\$)	0	0	1.2 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	5.3 million	7.7 million	83.8 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
NOTE: Data unavailable for 1990 and 2000; 2006 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available.

Scenic Attractions

The Estrella Mountains offer desert picnic and rock-hounding areas and petroglyphs. The Estrella Sailport offers introductory and aerobatic flights and barnstorming rides. North is Firebird International Raceway, featuring three road racing courses, a drag strip, and a 120-acre private water-sport lake where major spectator motor sports are held. The Him-Dak Museum, located in the Ak-Chin Indian Community, features Native American artifacts. Nearby Francisco Grande Resort has an 18-hole golf course. Other activities include horseback riding, quail/dove hunting, clogging and cotton gin tours. Annual events include an antique car show, Stanfield Friendship Days Parade, Maricopa Stagecoach Days & Parade, fireworks and watermelon bust, and Maricopa Agricultural Center Bar-B-Que and Air Show.

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Community Facilities

Interstate 8 (18 miles south) and I-10 (16 miles north) are accessible via State Route 347 which runs through downtown Maricopa. Southern Pacific Railroad, a stop along the route of the Sunset Limited, is currently pending approval by AMTRAK. Greyhound Bus Service is available out of Casa Grande.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N

Financial

Government

Fire Department: Fire Department Maricopa

Law Enforcement: Pinal County Sheriff-City of Maricopa Police

Airports

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 28 miles north, or Casa Grande Municipal Airport, 17 miles south

Medical

Sun Life Family Health Center, Maricopa Urgent Care Ctr. & nearby Casa Grande Regional Medical Ctr.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: n/a

Meeting Rooms: n/a

Capacity of Largest Facility: n/a

Industrial Properties:

Approximately 9 miles southeast of Maricopa lies 640 acres of land zoned for heavy industrial use. All utilities are available to the area (except sewer), and lot prices start at about 50 cents per square foot. This combination has attracted a variety of industrial companies, including fiberglass mold making, architectural Styrofoam cutting, and fiberglass race and car trailer manufacturing businesses.

Utilities

Electricity	Arizona Public Service (Maricopa)	520.421.8400
Electricity	Electrical District No. 3	520.424.9021
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Maricopa Broadband	520.568.0778
Telephone	Orbitel	800.247.1566
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Global Water Company	520.568.4452
Water	Maricopa Domestic Water Dist.	520.568.2239

Cable Providers: Y

Digital Switching Station: N

Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: Y

Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	5.38	9.74	7.98
City/Fire District	0.49	1.33	0.00
Countywide	7.46	7.63	6.86
Totals	13.33	18.70	14.84

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	34.5	66.4	0.7
February	38.1	71.1	0.8
March	42.7	77.1	0.9
April	48.6	85.9	0.3
May	57.4	95.3	0.1
June	66.6	105.0	0.2
July	76.0	107.3	0.8
August	74.5	104.9	1.0
September	66.5	99.9	0.7
October	52.9	88.7	0.6
November	40.7	75.1	0.6
December	34.1	65.9	1.0
Yearly Avg.	52.7	86.9	7.6

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1960-2004. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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