

AVONDALE

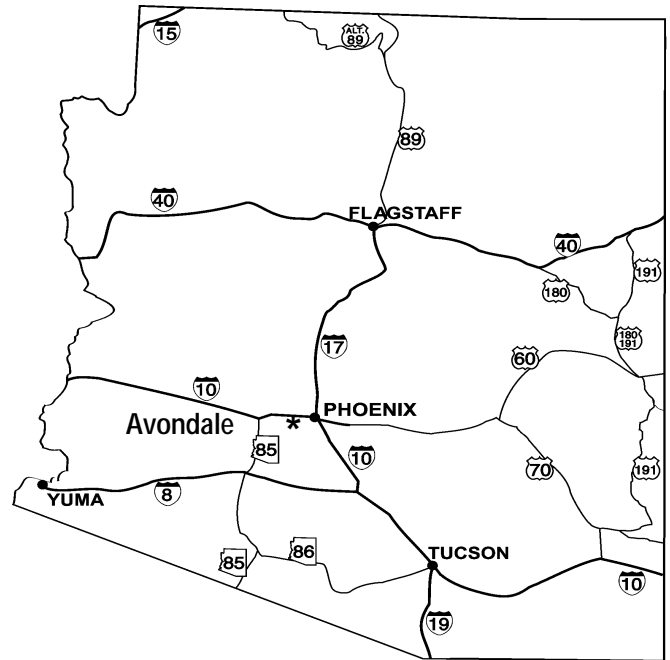
Community Profile

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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.

FOUNDED: 1900
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 15 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-10.

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1946
 ELEVATION: 968 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 125 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
Avondale	16,169	35,883	53,925
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,396,875
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. 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

	2003
Construction	128,600
Educational & Health Svcs	159,300
Financial Activities	133,500
Government	200,800
Information	37,100
Leisure & Hospitality	152,800
Manufacturing	126,900
Professional & Business Svcs	255,100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	321,200

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

Major Private Employers

Avondale Dodge Chrysler/Plymouth	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 Coll.

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2003
Civilian Labor Force	6,764	9,379	16,078
Unemployed	563	490	1,504
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	5.2%	9.4%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2003
New Bldg. Permit	288	1,818	2,122
Taxable Sales (\$)	112,704,600	404,831,000	798,246,050
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	38,397,607	104,336,139	212,252,060

Sources: Arizona State University; 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.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	7.89	9.69	8.04
City/Fire District	0.53	1.28	1.16
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.22
Total	\$11.93	\$14.32	\$12.42

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	1.50%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

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
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	N
Post Graduate	N	Y
University 4 year	Y	N
Vocational/Technical College	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 4

Governmental Agencies

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 and Lodging Facilities

Capacity of Largest Facility: 150

Meeting Rooms: 8

Industrial Properties

Information available upon request to the City of Avondale.

Utilities

Electricity	APS	602.371.7171
	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: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	36.0	66.9	0.89
February	39.7	71.8	0.96
March	43.7	77.4	0.84
April	49.7	86.2	0.33
May	57.7	95.2	0.13
June	66.3	104.2	0.08
July	75.4	106.9	0.73
August	74.0	104.7	1.21
September	66.7	100.4	0.87
October	53.7	89.7	0.48
November	42.0	76.6	0.64
December	36.7	67.9	1.06
Yearly Avg	53.5	87.3	8.21

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1917-2000. Nearest data available from Litchfield Park, AZ. Average Total Snowfall .0".

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