

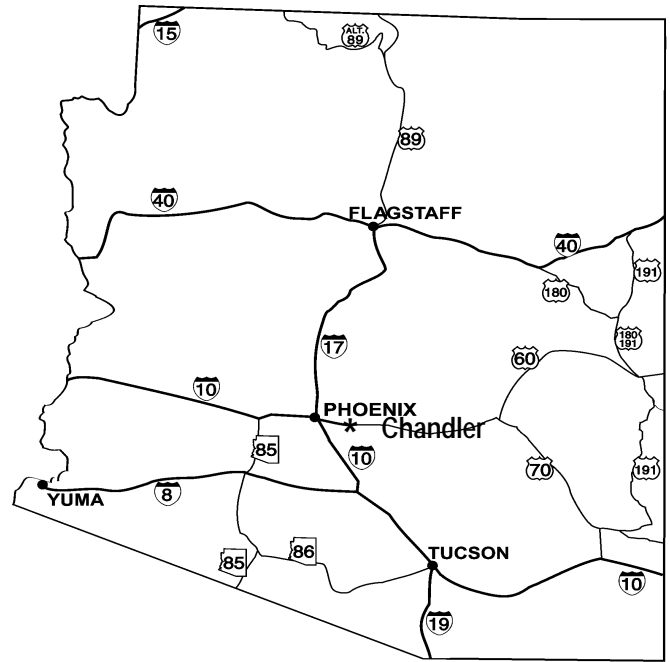
CHANDLER

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Chandler is named for Dr. A.J. Chandler, the first veterinary surgeon appointed to serve the Arizona Territory. In the 1890s, he acquired some 18,000 acres of irrigated farmland. The San Marcos Hotel, now managed by Sheraton, was built in 1913 by Dr. Chandler and was one of the first resort hotels in Arizona. It has been fully restored and updated to maintain its world class reputation and is currently undergoing additional upgrades. Once a quiet farm town centered around a tree-lined plaza, Chandler has become one of the third fastest growing cities in the nation. In the 1990s, it doubled in size and today its planning area encompasses 71 square miles.

HIGHWAYS: Interstate 10, Price-Loop 101 INCORPORATED: Yes - 1920
 COUNTY: Maricopa County ELEVATION: 1,213 feet
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 19 miles DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 98 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Chandler	89,862*	176,581	208,450
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.
 * Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 90,533).

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Chandler has successfully diversified its economy. Agriculture is still important, but the city is now a high-tech industry center. Motorola and Intel combined have five plants, including Motorola's Iridium and Intel's Pentium III chip facilities. Other high-tech industries are Rogers, Avnet, AMKOR, SpeedFam, Orbital Sciences and Microchip Technology. Over 75 percent of Chandler's 30,000 manufacturing employees are in high-tech fields; the national average is 15 percent.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2003</u>
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

Intel Corporation	Motorola
Robson Communities	Ryobi Outdoor Products
Speedfam International	

Major Public Employers

Chandler Regional Hospital	Chandler School District
City of Chandler	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	49,551	73,823	109,001
Unemployed	2,269	1,492	4,056
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	2.0%	3.7%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	1,822	3,665	6,291
Taxable Sales (\$)	805,554,539	2,573,262,277	3,391,289,232
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	492,079,217	1,099,452,357	1,638,375,932

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Chandler annually celebrates the best it has to offer through unique festivals. In March, the annual Chandler Ostrich Festival attracts over 200,000 people with a parade, carnival, live entertainment and ostrich races. Each December, Chandler hosts the annual Tumbleweed Christmas Tree Celebration. Additionally, Chandler hosts an annual Cotton Festival, Greek Fest and Jazz Fest. The Chandler Museum offers exhibits on local farming, Indian artifacts and life in early Arizona. The Arizona Railway Museum features a steam locomotive, tank car, caboose and train station. The Chandler Center for the Arts features live musical performances, plays and dance interpretations.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	7.92	7.96	7.04
City/Fire District	1.25	1.30	1.28
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.22
Total	\$12.68	\$12.61	\$11.54

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

NOTE: School district participates in East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

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

Chandler has two museums, three libraries, a Center of the Arts, five swimming pools, four golf courses, Tumbleweed Tennis Complex, several racquetball courts, and numerous parks with facilities for baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, and picnics. The City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Dept., Maricopa Parks & Recreation Dept. and other organizations schedule many recreational programs throughout the year. The City Parks & Recreation Dept. received an award for best facility from the Arizona Parks & Recreation Assoc. for the Desert Oasis Facility in Chandler.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	N
Post Graduate	N	Y
Technical	N	Y
University 4 year	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 13

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Chandler Municipal has two lighted/paved runways (4,850-ft./4,395-ft.) and Stellar Airpark has a 4,000-ft. runway.

Medical

Chandler Regional Hospital serves the area.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 1,700

Meeting Rooms: 50

Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,500

Industrial Properties

Parks: 15 with 1,337 acres. All utilities available with rail, air and interstate access. For additional information contact the City of Chandler Economic Development Division.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	City of Chandler Municipal	480.782.2280

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 Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	36.3	63.5	0.84
February	38.6	69.3	0.65
March	41.5	72.2	0.82
April	48.6	82.9	0.22
May	56.6	91.2	0.12
June	65.1	103.2	0.13
July	73.5	104.5	0.72
August	70.2	103.3	0.85
September	64.1	97.5	0.56
October	53.0	88.5	0.64
November	39.6	75.3	0.46
December	33.6	67.0	0.74
Yearly Avg	51.7	84.9	6.77

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1980. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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