

GILBERT

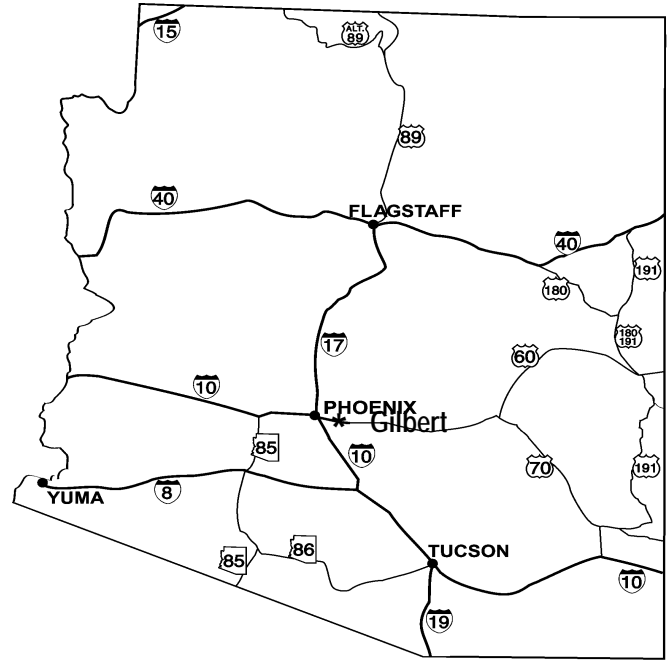
Community Profile

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Gilbert, in the southeast corner of Maricopa County, is within a half-hour drive from downtown Phoenix. Incorporated in 1920, the town, at an elevation of 1,273 feet, is named for William M. Gilbert, an early Valley homesteader. Gilbert is the fastest growing community in the nation. Between 1980 and 1991, Gilbert experienced a 410 percent population increase. The rapid growth is largely due to the quality of life Gilbert residents enjoy. A superior school system, quality housing in a variety of price ranges, recreational amenities and employment opportunities are some of the reasons that Gilbert has attracted new residents and businesses.

FOUNDED: 1891
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 15 miles
 HIGHWAYS: US 70, US 60, I-10

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1920
 ELEVATION: 1,240 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 104 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Gilbert	29,122*	109,697	151,290
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: 29,188).

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Gilbert has a progressive government with a pro-business attitude and an emphasis on quality development. Its structure accommodates demand for municipal infrastructure and services from new and expanding businesses, offers research to assist clients with site location decisions and facilitates the development approval process. Commercial and industrial development has increased significantly; in three years, Gilbert has added over 2 million square feet of industrial and commercial space.

<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

Casa Blanca Clinic	Dilliard's Department Stores
Earnhardt's Gilbert Dodge	Fry's Food and Drug
InteSys Technologies	

Major Public Employers

Gilbert Unified School District	Town of Gilbert
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LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	16,108	22,812	64,499
Unemployed	495	431	2,248
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	1.9%	3.5%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	906	5,820	6,666
Taxable Sales (\$)	332,560,629	1,576,076,700	1,957,934,667
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	161,420,873	593,732,571	906,389,287

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

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Gilbert is central to many of Arizona's scenic attractions. Northeast lies the fabled Superstition Mtns., location of the legendary Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine. Also northeast, Tonto Natl. Forest contains scenery ranging from rugged desert to cool pines. Also unique is the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch, 110 acres of riparian landscape which includes many amenities to observe, study & ineract with nature. Ruins of long-disappeared Indian civilizations are also common in the Valley area. Gilbert's proximity to the Phoenix metropolitan area yields many recreational opportunities including professional sports and cultural activities. The IPRA-sanctioned "Gilbert Days" Rodeo, held annually at the end of November, is accompanied by a parade & celebration in the Gilbert Heritage District.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	7.73	8.97	8.45
City/Fire District	1.25	1.25	1.15
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.22
Total	\$12.49	\$13.57	\$12.82

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

NOTE: School districts 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

The town of Gilbert offers a broad range of community facilities including 14 parks, a new skate park, recreation center, several baseball and softball fields, two swimming pool complexes, five golf courses and numerous tennis and raquetball courts.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 6

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Nearby Chandler Municipal (4 miles south) and Falcon Field in Mesa.

Medical

Six hospitals in the Gilbert area.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 140

Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

Industrial Properties

There are many industrial parks will all utilities available, ready access to rail, local arterials and the Superstition Freeway. For more information, contact the Town of Gilbert, Economic Development Department (480) 503-6865.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Gilbert)	480.503.6000

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	38.5	65.0	0.91
February	41.5	69.8	0.95
March	45.1	75.1	1.07
April	51.3	84.1	0.33
May	59.8	93.4	0.15
June	68.9	102.0	0.07
July	76.0	104.0	0.86
August	74.3	101.6	1.31
September	68.6	97.7	0.79
October	57.1	87.4	0.67
November	45.1	74.1	0.75
December	38.7	65.3	1.05
Yearly Avg	55.4	85.0	8.91

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2003. Average Total Snowfall 0.0". Nearest data available from Chandler Heights, AZ.

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