

GLENDALE

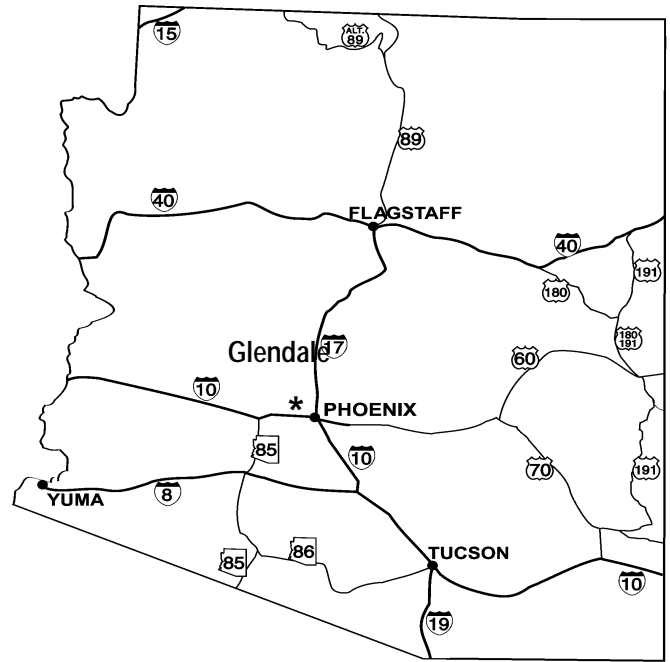
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Glendale, Arizona's fourth largest city, is the commercial, industrial and educational hub of the northwest portion of the Phoenix metropolitan area. As a result of a 47.7 percent growth rate between 1990 and 2000, Glendale was listed as the 19th fastest growing city in the U.S. for that period. Affordable quality homes, excellent educational institutions, and enjoyable recreational amenities have contributed to Glendale's emergence as an especially attractive place to live and to establish a business. Glendale was established in 1892 by the New England Land Company for the Church of the Brethren of Illinois.

HIGHWAYS: I-10 and I-17
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 13 miles

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1910
 ELEVATION: 1,154 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 124 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Glendale	147,864*	218,812	230,610
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: 148,134).

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Glendale's diversified economic base includes manufacturing, services, aerospace, communications, precision metal working and casting, chemicals, electronics and warehousing industries. A dynamic market with fast, cost-efficient travel make Glendale a prime business location. Located west of Phoenix, it is one hour closer to important West Coast markets and within the Interstate 17 corridor where many of the region's largest high technology firms and telecommunication centers are found.

<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

Gilbert Engineering	Glendale Truss Industries
Honeywell Avionics	Honeywell Satellite Systems
Schuck Component Systems	Thunderbird Medical Center

Major Public Employers

City of Glendale	Glendale Community College
Luke Air Force Base	U.S. Postal Service

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	78,370	115,737	126,634
Unemployed	4,760	3,130	6,268
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	2.7%	4.9%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	1,590	3,766	2,681
Taxable Sales (\$)	1,132,229,300	3,184,592,413	3,304,235,912
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	557,351,950	876,902,521	1,080,016,547

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

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Historic downtown Glendale was voted "Arizona's Antique Capital" by readers of both Valley and statewide newspapers. Visitors can enjoy a free ride on Glendale's own town trolley, or stroll through more than 70 antique and specialty shops, including the Catlin Court Historic District, where residential bungalows have been converted to unique shops. Glendale's 50 parks include , Sahuaro Ranch Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and Thunderbird Park, featuring over 1,000 acres of prime desert preserve, is a favorite for hiking, horseback riding and picnicking. The Cerreta Candy Factory features self-guided and specially arranged tours that delight thousands of school children and visitors annually.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	8.02	10.75	9.84
City/Fire District	1.98	1.72	1.72
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.22
Total	\$13.51	\$15.82	\$14.78

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	1.30%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Glendale offers a broad range of community and cultural facilities, an adult center, 61 parks, three libraries, five golf courses, a tennis center, several indoor and outdoor theaters, seven swimming pools, three bowling centers, a roller skating rink, and numerous museums within a half-hour drive. Also within a short drive from Glendale, spectator sports are available throughout the year. They include: Arizona Diamondbacks baseball, Arizona Cardinals football, Phoenix Suns basketball, auto racing, Phoenix Coyotes hockey, horseracing, greyhound dog racing, college football, tennis, soccer, major league baseball spring training and school sports.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 33

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Glendale Airport with a lighted/paved 5,350-ft. runway. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is a 30-minute drive southeast of the city.

Medical

Six hospitals serve the area

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 333

Meeting Rooms: 2

Capacity of Largest Facility: 50

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the City of Glendale Dept. of Economic Development or the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	AT&T (statewide)	800.222.0400
	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Glendale)	623-930-3190

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	41.7	65.9	0.80
February	45.0	70.4	0.71
March	49.3	75.6	0.90
April	56.0	84.3	0.27
May	64.5	93.5	0.13
June	73.3	103.0	0.11
July	80.8	105.4	0.87
August	79.4	103.4	0.97
September	73.2	98.9	0.68
October	61.2	88.2	0.64
November	48.8	74.9	0.60
December	41.9	66.4	0.85
Yearly Avg	59.6	85.8	7.53

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

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