

Tolleson, measuring about six square miles, is a self-contained community west of downtown Phoenix. Once dependent on agriculture, Tolleson today has a strong commercial and industrial base. The city has a stable population and a friendly reputation. W.G. Tolleson of South Carolina founded the town in 1912 on the site of an old stage station known as Ten Mile Store. One day he chartered a railroad train to bring potential buyers from Phoenix. Town lots sold for \$50, and Tolleson gave a \$5 gold piece rebate to all buyers who signed contracts. About 80 lots were sold during the one-day promotion.

Principal Economic Activities

Tolleson sits along a major transportation corridor and is served by the Papago Freeway, a segment of Interstate 10. The Outer Loop Freeway, Arizona 101, connects to I-10 in Tolleson at 97th Avenue. The mainline Southern Pacific Railroad and State Highway 85 also serve Tolleson. Tolleson's diversified economic base includes retail, manufacturing and several warehousing and distribution facilities. The City of Tolleson recently completed an ambitious \$10.5 million redevelopment of its downtown core, branded "Paseo de Luces."

Scenic Attractions

Phoenix International Raceway (PIR) to the southwest features major auto races including the Copperworld Classic, Indy cars and NASCAR. Nearby sits the 19,000-acre Estrella Mountain Regional Park with an 18-hole golf course, camping, hiking, horseback riding and picnicking. The 18,000-seat Ak-Chin Pavilion features about 50 major shows annually. Phoenix metropolitan area attractions include professional sports, symphony and theater, many museums and a zoo. South Mountain Park, one of the largest city parks in the world, is nearby in south Phoenix. The Gila River Indian Reservation, to the south at the confluence of the Gila and Salt Rivers, is where Pima Native Americans have lived for at least 2,000 years.

Community Facilities

The city of Tolleson offers a broad range of community facilities. Tolleson holds a community center, a library, five lighted ball parks, three local parks, Estrella Park, the Community Action and Senior Citizen Programs and numerous lighted basketball, tennis and racquetball courts. In 2005, the city opened its youth park and recreation center and the following year opened the Tolleson Veterans Park. In 2010, Tolleson unveiled its two newest facilities: the LEED Gold fire station and LEED Silver police and courts building. Additionally, the Tolleson Boys and Girls Club serves Tolleson and its surrounding communities.



BASIC INFORMATION	
Founded:	1912
Incorporated:	1929
Elevation:	976 ft.
Location:	Maricopa
Distance to major cities:	
Phoenix:	14 miles
Tucson:	121 miles
Las Vegas:	283 miles
San Diego:	344 miles
Los Angeles:	362 miles

POPULATION			
	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Tolleson	4,974	6,573	7,309

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX	
Tolleson	2.50%
Maricopa	0.70%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE			
	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	2,422	2,787	3,513
Unemployed	79	475	128
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	17.0%	3.6%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT		
	Count	Share
Less than high school	1,190	27.2%
High school or equivalent, no college	1,339	30.6%
Some college or Associate degree	1,378	31.5%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	466	10.7%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)		
	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	564	17.3%
Construction	503	15.4%
Finance, insurance & real estate	371	11.4%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	366	11.2%
Manufacturing	306	9.4%
Retail trade	278	8.5%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	243	7.4%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	183	5.6%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	141	4.3%
Wholesale trade	132	4.0%
Public administration	115	3.5%
Other services, except public administration	53	1.6%
Information	7	0.2%

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