

# Community Profile for

## Gilbert

Arizona Commerce Authority Logo

Map of Gilbert

Located in the Phoenix Southeast Valley, Gilbert covers more than 72 square miles and has a population of nearly 240,000 residents, many of whom are in the prolific years of their careers. Gilbert's median age is 32.9 and 41.3 percent of residents hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Gilbert is a pro-business environment that attracts innovative companies from around the world, particularly in the science and technology industries. Gilbert is focused on attracting, growing and retaining jobs within the science and technology sectors while concurrently ensuring a workforce is in place to support this growth. From 2010 to 2015, Gilbert has seen a 14 percent growth in STEM workforce. As part of its long-term planning for capacity development, Gilbert has alleviated uncertainty for developers by means of a \$5 million economic development reserve fund for deal closing. Additionally, employers in Gilbert have access to a workforce of nearly 2 million people within a 30-minute commute. Frequently ranked among the best and safest cities in the U.S., Gilbert features an unbeatable quality of life and is served by three "A"-rated public school districts that graduated over 7,200 students in 2016. This fact, combined with a flourishing downtown, top-rated entertainment facilities and trending entertainment attractions, has positioned Gilbert as a top Arizona destination to live, work and play.

### Principal Economic Activities

Gilbert is capitalizing on the community's existing research and development activity, skilled workforce and collaboration efforts to be a regional and national leader within science and technology. Gilbert is supported by key industry sectors including life science, biotech and health services, aerospace and defense, renewable energy, manufacturing and advanced business services. Some of Gilbert's most notable employers include GoDaddy, Inc., Banner M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Isagenix World Headquarters, Heliae Development, Lockheed Martin, Orbital ATK Space Systems Group, Celebration Stem Cell Center and Silent-Aire.

### Scenic Attractions

Gilbert's friendly atmosphere and unique amenities are a draw for local and national visitors. The Heritage District is the community's entertainment-district home to a cluster of modern dining spots and is ranked as one of the "Top Food Neighborhoods in Greater Phoenix." The Riparian Preserve, known for premier bird watching, fishing, hiking and stargazing attracts visitors yearly. The Agritopia is a 166-acre mixed-use planned community designed to encourage agrarianism combined with a sense of community. Other notable amenities include the Gilbert museum and approximately 135 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.

### Community Facilities

Gilbert offers 10.5 million square feet of retail and more than 700 acres of designated open space for recreation and entertainment. Gilbert is home to seven golf courses, six major parks, four community pools, four community recreation centers, a performing arts center, a privately-owned theater, an indoor ice arena, TopGolf, The Main Event and the Riparian Preserve. Each year, Gilbert is host to various festivals, youth and amateur sporting events, academic conferences, sports tournaments, weekly farmer's markets and a bi-weekly art walk.

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## BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1891

Incorporated: 1920

Elevation: 1,240 ft.

Location: Maricopa

### Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 15 miles

Tucson: 104 miles

Las Vegas: 315 miles

San Diego: 361 miles

Los Angeles: 394 miles

## POPULATION

**2000 2010 2023 (est.)**

Gilbert 109,697 209,048 273,796

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## SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Gilbert 1.50%

Maricopa 0.70%

State 5.60%

*Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation*

## LABOR FORCE

**2000 2010 2022**

Civilian Labor Force 66,358 112,925 142,725

Unemployed 1,225 7,323 4,797

Unemployment Rate 1.8% 6.5% 3.4%

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## WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

### Count Share

Less than high school 5,416 3.5%

High school or equivalent, no college 25,272 16.5%

Some college or Associate degree 52,981 34.6%

Bachelor's degree or advanced degree 69,269 45.3%

*American Community Survey*

## INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	29,875	23.7%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	14,879	11.8%
Finance, insurance & real estate	14,031	11.1%
Retail trade	13,573	10.8%
Manufacturing	12,528	9.9%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	11,326	9.0%
Construction	6,706	5.3%
Other services, except public administration	5,784	4.6%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	5,748	4.6%
Public administration	4,868	3.9%
Wholesale trade	3,463	2.7%
Information	2,751	2.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	418	0.3%

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