Community Profile for

Glendale

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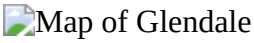
Map of Glendale

Glendale is a dynamic city located in the rapidly growing northwest part of the Phoenix metropolitan area. With a population of more than 250,000 people, Glendale is Arizona's sixth largest city. It is home to a diverse population covering a vast cross-section of economic and cultural communities. Glendale was established in 1892 and has transformed into a vibrant city on the move. Built on farming and irrigation, Glendale's forefathers laid the foundation for a city described as one with "small town character and ambiance." This allowed Glendale to grow and transform into a tourist attraction in the western U.S. Glendale's charm stems from a treasured heritage, strong community spirit and superior planning, making it one of Arizona's most distinctive and diverse communities.

Principal Economic Activities

Glendale's diverse economic base includes advanced business services, aerospace and defense, education, health care, manufacturing and signature entertainment. Major employers including Honeywell, Bechtel, Delta Dental, AAA, Coca-Cola, Conair and Humana call Glendale home. Redflex, Progressive Leasing and Lockheed Martin also have recently joined the ranks of notable employers. Loop 101, Loop 303 and U.S. 60 all cross through Glendale with Interstate 17 and Interstate 10 in proximity. Northern Parkway, when complete, will further enhance transportation access through the city. Glendale is served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad and has its own municipal airport. The city is close to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, connecting it to major national and international markets.

Scenic Attractions

Glendale boasts a budding downtown spanning 10 blocks with many shops and award-winning restaurants. Over the past 20 years, the city has invested more than $400 million in infrastructure improvements to create a world-class sports and entertainment district. The NFL's Arizona Cardinals play at the 63,000-seat University of Phoenix Stadium. The 18,000-seat Desert Diamond Arena hosts major headlining events and most recently welcomed Arizona's first professional bull riding team, the Ridge Riders. During Spring Training, the city hosts two Major League Baseball teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox, at Camelback Ranch Glendale. Glendale has become a regional employment center with multiple Class A office buildings and outstanding amenities including Westgate Entertainment District, Tanger Outlets, Cabela's and VAI Resort, Arizona's largest resort property. Glendale is known for Sahuaro Ranch Park, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thunderbird Park features more than 1,000 acres of prime desert preserve and is a favorite spot for hiking, horseback riding and picnicking.

Community Facilities

Glendale has a range of community and cultural facilities including an award-winning civic center, aquatics center, adult center, parks, libraries, fishing lakes and several museums within a half-hour drive.

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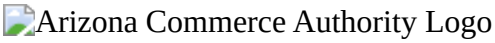

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1892
Incorporated:	1910
Elevation:	1,154 ft.
Location:	Maricopa

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix:	13 miles
Tucson:	124 miles
Las Vegas:	277 miles
San Diego:	355 miles
Los Angeles:	373 miles

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Glendale	218,812	227,217	250,585

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Glendale	2.90%
Maricopa	0.70%
State	5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	116,646	114,360	126,539
Unemployed	3,973	13,992	6,276
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	12.2%	5.0%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	25,726	16.2%
High school or equivalent, no college	45,883	28.9%
Some college or Associate degree	52,582	33.1%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	34,737	21.9%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	24,783	21.3%
Retail trade	16,490	14.2%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	13,083	11.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	11,197	9.6%
Construction	10,085	8.7%
Finance, insurance & real estate	9,855	8.5%
Manufacturing	7,477	6.4%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	7,440	6.4%
Other services, except public administration	5,477	4.7%
Public administration	4,795	4.1%
Wholesale trade	2,722	2.3%
Information	2,387	2.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	663	0.6%

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