

Community Profile for

Lake Havasu City



Lake Havasu City is situated in the western part of Arizona in the third most-expansive county in the United States, Mohave County. The shores of the sparkling Colorado River serve as the western border of the City, while the Mohave Mountains lie to the east. Lake Havasu City is two hours south of the world famous Hoover Dam and three-and-a-half hours southwest of the Grand Canyon, Arizona's own World Wonder. Lake Havasu City, the largest city in Mohave County, covers 46 square miles. The area attracts one million visitors each year with its historic London Bridge, pristine lake, friendly community, abundant sunshine and annual events, ideal weather, and wide range of restaurants and lodging. The City was founded as a self-sufficient, master-planned community with an emphasis on outdoor recreation. Robert P. McCulloch, the City's founder, captivated the world's attention in 1967 when he purchased the London Bridge and relocated it from England to the stunning shores of the Colorado River. The bridge structure was dismantled brick by brick in London, transported to Lake Havasu City, and authentically reconstructed over a three-year period. This impressive achievement forever changed Lake Havasu City's Bridgewater Channel and became a major driving force for tourism and industry in the region.

Principal Economic Activities

Historically a community based on tourism, Lake Havasu City is emerging as a regional hotbed for economic growth and broadband connectivity. Lake Havasu City is home to a thriving cluster of local businesses and research facilities, including Arizona State University. Our close proximity to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix makes Lake Havasu City an attractive location for industries such as retail, manufacturing and distribution.

Scenic Attractions

Lake Havasu City's friendly atmosphere and abundance of amenities are a draw for both local and international visitors. From yoga at vortices to high-performance boating events, Lake Havasu City is everyone's playground. In addition to being home of the London Bridge, this shoreline community is also home to 450 miles of river coastline, 1,100 acres of hiking and mountain biking trails and 1,800 miles of off-road trails. Lake Havasu City attracts thousands of visitors each year by hosting the top lake and desert racing events in the world; one of the largest hot air balloon festivals in the nation; the largest fireworks display in the Western U.S.; and several of the largest classic car, hot rod and boat shows in the Southwest. The City boasts the largest infinity pool in Arizona; one of the top five largest sports complexes for skateboards, BMX and scooters in the nation; and the most functional replica lighthouses of any other city in America.

Community Facilities

Lake Havasu City is home to more than 1,000 acres of park space, which includes Rotary Community Park, London Bridge Beach, Cypress Park and SARA Park, among numerous others. Amenities include but are not limited to lighted ball fields, pickleball courts, swimming beaches, playgrounds, dog parks and hiking trails. The Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center offers leisure/competitive swimming, therapeutic pools, a water lagoon and a 257-foot enclosed water slide. Year round, Lake Havasu City is host to various festivals, youth and amateur sporting events, academic conferences, sports tournaments, weekly farmer's markets and art festivals.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1964

Incorporated: 1978

Elevation: 500 ft.

Location: Mohave

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 206 miles

Tucson: 317 miles

Las Vegas: 155 miles

San Diego: 303 miles

Los Angeles: 299 miles

POPULATION

2000 2010 2023 (est.)

Lake Havasu City 41,938 52,469 57,974

Office of Economic Opportunity

SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Lake Havasu City 2.00%

Mohave 0.25%

State 5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

2000 2010 2022

Civilian Labor Force 18,549 23,043 25,175

Unemployed 621 2,104 1,173

Unemployment Rate 3.3% 9.1% 4.7%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
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Less than high school	4,521	10.3%
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High school or equivalent, no college 14,214 32.5%

Some college or Associate degree 17,954 41.1%

Bachelor's degree or advanced degree 7,032 16.1%

American Community Survey

INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	4,108	19.4%
Retail trade	3,033	14.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	2,750	13.0%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,945	9.2%
Construction	1,756	8.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,650	7.8%
Other services, except public administration	1,629	7.7%
Manufacturing	1,541	7.3%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	1,196	5.7%
Public administration	680	3.2%
Information	449	2.1%
Wholesale trade	354	1.7%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	75	0.4%

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