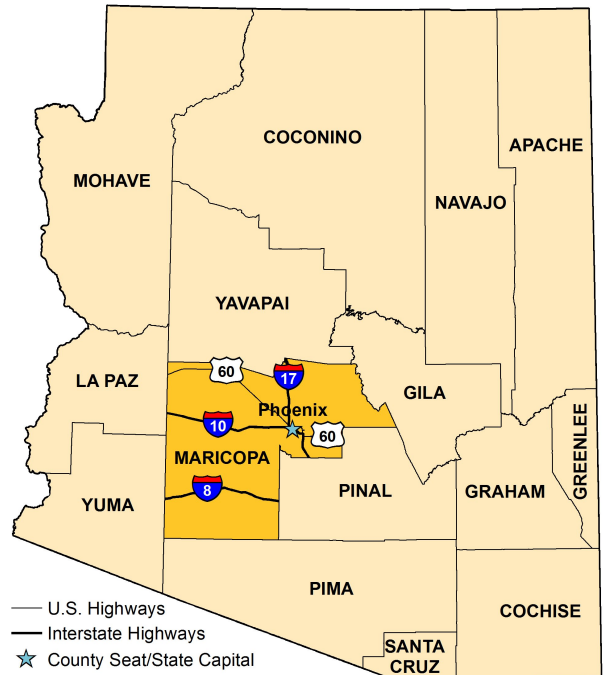


Maricopa County, named after the Maricopa Tribe, was created from portions of Pima and Yavapai counties in 1871. It was the fifth county formed in Arizona, and eventually portions were used to create Gila and Pinal counties.

In the late 19th century, citizens living far south of Prescott, the territorial capital and site of the Territorial Legislature, petitioned for a more local seat of government. Residents of the Salt River Valley and the Gila River area wanted a new county in their respective locations. After weighing both proposals, the legislature agreed with the Salt River Valley group and created Maricopa County. In 1889, Phoenix became the final site of the territorial capital and retains its status as Arizona's capital city.

More than half of the state's population resides in Maricopa County, which includes the cities of Phoenix, Mesa, Glendale, Scottsdale, Tempe, Chandler, Peoria and the town of Gilbert. This metropolitan area is the state's major center of political and economic activity. In addition to housing the state capital, the county is home to a growing high-tech industry; manufacturing and agricultural industries; 15 institutions of higher learning, including Arizona State University and the Thunderbird Garvin School of International Management; various cultural attractions; major league professional basketball (Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury), football (Arizona Cardinals), hockey (Phoenix Coyotes) and baseball's 2001 World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks; and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, fifth busiest in the world with over 1,300 daily flights.

Today Maricopa County measures 9,222 square miles, 98 square miles of which is water. Twenty-nine percent of this area is owned individually or by corporation, and 28 percent is owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The U.S. Forest Service and the State of Arizona each control 11 percent of the county; an additional 16 percent is owned by other public entities. Almost 5 percent is Indian reservation land.



POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017
Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,965,897
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,221,684
<i>Incorporated Cities & Towns</i>			
Phoenix	1,321,045	1,449,242	1,579,253
Mesa	396,375	439,929	481,275
Glendale	218,812	227,217	239,858
Chandler	176,581	236,687	257,948
Scottsdale	202,705	217,365	242,540
Gilbert	109,697	209,048	246,423
Peoria	108,364	154,171	171,587
Tempe	158,625	161,974	179,794
Surprise	30,848	117,688	130,129
Goodyear	18,911	65,404	81,447
Avondale	35,883	76,468	81,621
Buckeye	6,537	51,019	69,947
El Mirage	7,609	31,911	34,174
Queen Creek	4,316	26,448	40,208
Apache Junction	31,814	35,828	40,030
Fountain Hills	20,235	22,444	23,862
Paradise Valley	13,664	12,810	13,913
Youngtown	3,010	6,154	6,575
Wickenburg	5,082	6,353	7,253
Tolleson	4,974	6,573	6,992
Cave Creek	3,955	5,005	5,676
Guadalupe	5,228	5,540	6,332
Litchfield Park	3,810	5,467	6,452
Carefree	2,790	3,358	3,669
Gila Bend	1,980	1,932	2,010

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LABOR FORCE

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	3,312,720	4.9 %
Maricopa County	2,134,987	4.2 %
<i>Incorporated Cities & Towns</i>		
Phoenix	811,570	4.3 %
Mesa	239,712	4.2 %
Glendale	121,277	4.5 %
Chandler	142,010	3.8 %
Scottsdale	139,861	3.5 %
Gilbert	131,473	3.5 %
Peoria	85,252	4.0 %
Tempe	109,401	3.9 %
Surprise	55,570	4.5 %
Goodyear	36,972	4.3 %
Avondale	42,780	4.4 %
Buckeye	26,288	5.2 %
El Mirage	16,275	4.6 %
Queen Creek	17,775	3.5 %
Apache Junction	14,711	6.2 %
Fountain Hills	12,597	3.8 %
Paradise Valley	6,514	1.5 %
Youngtown	2,885	10.7 %
Wickenburg	2,768	0.3 %
Tolleson	3,235	4.3 %
Cave Creek	2,591	5.4 %
Guadalupe	2,658	9.8 %
Litchfield Park	2,578	3.0 %
Carefree	1,193	1.8 %
Gila Bend	815	2.1 %

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AGE DISTRIBUTION

0-14	20.9 %
15-24	13.8 %
25-44	27.5 %
45-64	24.0 %
65+	13.8 %

American Community Survey

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES (FROM PHOENIX)

Tucson	111 miles
Los Angeles	372 miles
San Diego	355 miles
Las Vegas	287 miles

EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR (IN THOUSANDS)

Education, health care & social assistance	394.7	21.1 %
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	245.3	13.1 %
Retail trade	230.4	12.3 %
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	187.3	10.0 %
Finance, insurance & real estate	183.3	9.8 %
Manufacturing	142.9	7.6 %
Construction	126.8	6.8 %
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	96.4	5.2 %
Other services, except public administration	92.1	4.9 %
Public administration	74.5	4.0 %
Wholesale trade	48.6	2.6 %
Information	36.6	2.0 %
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	12.2	0.6 %

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PROPERTY TAX

	Schools	City/Fire	County	Total
Apache Junction (Maricopa County)	0.00	0.00	4.06	4.06
Avondale	9.96	1.70	4.06	15.71
Buckeye	9.23	1.80	4.06	15.09
Carefree	2.41	0.00	4.06	6.47
Cave Creek	2.41	2.17	4.06	8.64
Chandler	6.57	1.16	4.06	11.79
El Mirage	7.21	3.78	4.06	15.05
Fountain Hills	3.25	0.45	4.06	7.75
Gila Bend	2.98	0.38	4.06	7.42
Gilbert	6.99	1.06	4.06	12.11
Glendale	10.82	2.15	4.06	17.03
Goodyear	7.10	1.86	4.06	13.02
Guadalupe	8.23	0.00	4.06	12.29
Litchfield Park	7.37	0.00	4.06	11.43
Mesa	7.61	1.16	4.06	12.82
Paradise Valley	7.05	2.17	4.06	13.28
Peoria (Maricopa County)	8.13	1.44	4.06	13.63
Phoenix	12.29	2.17	4.06	18.52
Queen Creek (Maricopa County)	8.10	1.95	4.06	14.10
Scottsdale	3.91	1.13	4.06	9.10
Surprise	5.49	0.76	4.06	10.31
Tempe	8.23	2.53	4.06	14.82
Tolleson	8.45	3.97	4.06	16.48
Wickenburg (Maricopa County)	5.45	1.54	4.06	11.05
Youngtown	7.21	0.00	4.06	11.27

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

	City	County	State	Total
Apache Junction (Maricopa County)	2.40%	0.70%	5.60%	8.70%
Avondale	2.50%	0.70%	5.60%	8.80%
Buckeye	3.00%	0.70%	5.60%	9.30%
Carefree	3.00%	0.70%	5.60%	9.30%
Cave Creek	3.00%	0.70%	5.60%	9.30%
Chandler	1.50%	0.70%	5.60%	7.80%
El Mirage	3.00%	0.70%	5.60%	9.30%
Fountain Hills	2.60%	0.70%	5.60%	8.90%
Gila Bend	3.50%	0.70%	5.60%	9.80%
Gilbert	1.50%	0.70%	5.60%	7.80%
Glendale	2.90%	0.70%	5.60%	9.20%
Goodyear	2.50%	0.70%	5.60%	8.80%
Guadalupe	4.00%	0.70%	5.60%	10.30%
Litchfield Park	2.80%	0.70%	5.60%	9.10%
Mesa	1.75%	0.70%	5.60%	8.05%
Paradise Valley	2.50%	0.70%	5.60%	8.80%
Peoria (Maricopa County)	1.80%	0.70%	5.60%	8.10%
Phoenix	2.30%	0.70%	5.60%	8.60%
Queen Creek (Maricopa County)	2.25%	0.70%	5.60%	8.55%
Scottsdale	1.65%	0.70%	5.60%	7.95%
Surprise	2.20%	0.70%	5.60%	8.50%
Tempe	1.80%	0.70%	5.60%	8.10%
Tolleson	2.50%	0.70%	5.60%	8.80%
Wickenburg (Maricopa County)	2.20%	0.70%	5.60%	8.50%
Youngtown	3.00%	0.70%	5.60%	9.30%

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