

Chandler

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Chandler is named for Dr. A.J. Chandler, the first veterinary surgeon appointed to serve the Arizona Territory. In the 1890s, he acquired some 18,000 acres of irrigated farmland. The San Marcos Hotel, now managed by Sheraton, was built in 1913 by Dr. Chandler and was one of the first resort hotels in Arizona. It has been fully restored and updated to maintain its world class reputation and is currently undergoing additional upgrades. Once a quiet farm town centered around a tree-lined plaza, Chandler has become one of the third fastest growing cities in the nation. In the 1990s, it doubled in size and today its planning area encompasses 71 square miles.

Basic Information

Founded: 1892
 Incorporated: 1920
 Elevation: 1,213
 Located in Maricopa County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS Interstate 10, Price-loop101

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 19 miles
 Tucson: 98 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Chandler	89,862	176,581	244,376
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,987,942
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 90,533).

Principal Economic Activities

Chandler has successfully diversified its economy. Agriculture is still important, but the city is now a high-tech industry center. Motorola and Intel combined have five plants, including Motorola's Iridium and Intel's Pentium III chip facilities. Other high-tech industries are Rogers, Avnet, AMKOR, SpeedFam, Orbital Sciences and Microchip Technology. Over 75 percent of Chandler's 30,000 manufacturing employees are in high-tech fields; the national average is 15 percent.

County Employment

	2008
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	372,500
Professional and Business Services	313,800
Government	220,800
Educational and Health Services	210,800
Leisure and Hospitality	183,100
Financial Activities	147,600
Mining and Construction	141,400
Manufacturing	131,100
Other Services	69,000
Information	29,900

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Private Employers

Costco
 Countrywide Home Mortgage
 Dillard's Department Stores
 Intel Corporation
 Microchip Technology
 Target
 Verizon
 Wal-Mart
 Wells Fargo Ocotillo Corp. Campus

Public Employers

Chandler Regional Hospital
 Chandler School District
 City of Chandler



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	52,380	102,998	128,608
Unemployed	1,767	2,597	4,741
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.5%	3.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	1,822	3,665	881
Taxable Sales (\$)	805.6 million	2.6 billion	6.3 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	492.1 million	1.1 billion	3.5 billion

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

Scenic Attractions

Chandler annually celebrates the best it has to offer through unique festivals. In March, the annual Chandler Ostrich Festival attracts over 200,000 people with a parade, carnival, live entertainment and ostrich races. Each December, Chandler hosts the annual Tumbleweed Christmas Tree Celebration. Additionally, Chandler hosts an annual Cotton Festival, Greek Fest and Jazz Fest. The Chandler Museum offers exhibits on local farming, Indian artifacts and life in early Arizona. The Arizona Railway Museum features a steam locomotive, tank car, caboose and train station. The Chandler Center for the Arts features live musical performances, plays and dance interpretations.

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Community Facilities

Chandler has two museums, four libraries, a Center of the Arts, five swimming pools, four golf courses, Tumbleweed Tennis Complex, several racquetball courts, and numerous parks with facilities for baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, and picnics. The City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Dept., Maricopa Parks & Recreation Dept. and other organizations schedule many recreational programs throughout the year. The City Parks & Recreation Dept. received an award for best facility from the Arizona Parks & Recreation Assoc. for the Desert Oasis Facility in Chandler.

<u>Educational Institutions</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	Y
Technical	N	Y
Community College	Y	N
University 4 year	Y	N
Post Graduate	N	Y

Financial

Number of banks: 13

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Chandler Municipal has two lighted/paved runways (4,850-ft./4,395-ft.) and Stellar Airpark has a 4,000-ft. runway.

Medical

Chandler Regional Hospital serves the area.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 1,700
Meeting Rooms: 50
Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,500

Industrial Properties:

Parks: 15 with 1,337 acres. All utilities available with rail, air and interstate access. For additional information contact the City of Chandler Economic Development Division.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Electricity	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	City of Chandler Municipal	480.782.2280

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: Y
Internet Service Provider: Y
Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Elementary/High Schools	7.92	7.96	5.15
City/Fire District	1.25	1.30	1.18
Countywide	3.51	3.35	2.33
Totals	12.68	12.61	8.66

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

Sales Tax

	<u>2008</u>
City/Town	1.50%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

	<u>Avg. Low (°F)</u>	<u>Avg. High (°F)</u>	<u>Precip. (in.)</u>
	55.3	85.0	0.8
January	38.5	65.1	0.9
February	41.4	69.6	1.0
March	44.9	75.0	1.0
April	51.4	84.1	0.4
May	59.8	93.4	0.2
June	68.6	102.0	0.1
July	76.1	104.2	0.8
August	74.3	101.6	1.4
September	68.6	97.8	0.9
October	57.0	87.3	0.7
November	44.9	74.2	0.7
December	44.9	65.4	1.0

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1980. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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