

# QUEEN CREEK

# Community Profile

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Queen Creek, in Maricopa County's southeast corner, is only a 45-minute drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, but a world apart from city life. Families on irrigated acre lots and in friendly subdivisions live among farmers and ranches, enjoying a rural lifestyle. Centuries ago, the Hohokar found the fertile areas along creeks and washes at the foot of the San Tan Mountains ideal for farming, as did turn-of-the-century settlers. The town is comprised of 26 square miles. The Town General Plan contains 31,282 acres, with 19.7 percent set aside for commercial or industrial uses.

FOUNDED: 1989  
 COUNTY: Maricopa County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 45 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: U.S. 60

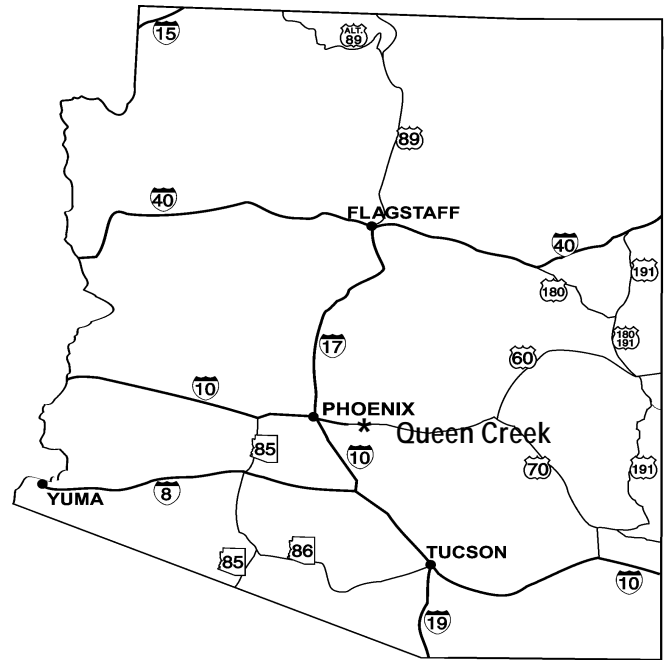
INCORPORATED: Yes - 1989  
 ELEVATION: 1,400 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 100 miles

\* Portions of this community are also located within Pinal County.

## POPULATION

	1990	2000	2004
Queen Creek	2,667	4,316	11,360
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,524,175
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,832,150

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.



## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Queen Creek is a partner in the Joint Powers Authority operating Williams Gateway Airport, adjacent to ASU East. Rural scenes fill most of the town's 65-square-mile planning area. A citizen-created General Plan guides development and emphasizes quality homes and lifestyle preservation. The award-winning General Plan includes over fifty housing subdivisions, several parks and substantial open space.

County Employment	2004
Educational & Health Svcs	168,600
Financial Activities	136,600
Government	204,700
Information	35,500
Leisure & Hospitality	157,200
Manufacturing	127,700
Mining & Construction	139,400
Other Services	6,300
Professional & Business Svcs	268,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	332,200

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

## Major Private Employers

Alliance Lumber	Magma Engineering
Bashas'	Queen Creek Water Co.
Canyon State Academy	Safeway
Home Depot	

## Major Public Employers

Queen Creek Unified School District	Town of Queen Creek
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## LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2004
Civilian Labor Force	1,009	1,510	1,688
Unemployed	38	25	41
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	1.7%	2.4%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2004
New Bldg. Permit	16*	507	4,765
Taxable Sales (\$)	N/A	56,465,300	278,401,550
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	N/A	22,428,459	78,930,908

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

\* Incomplete data: One or more months not available. + Source: Town of Queen Creek  
 NOTE: In 1990, this community did not participate in the Arizona Department of Revenue Municipal Privilege Tax Collection Program. N/A: Not available.

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Queen Creek attracts thousands of visitors each year for its u-pick fruit and vegetable crops and seasonal festivals. Scenic views include the San Tan Mountains to the south and Superstition Mountains to the northeast. San Tan Mountain Regional Park offers open space and recreational opportunities. As development occurs and funding allows, Queen Creek is acquiring and developing two major washes crossing the community as the foundation of a parks and trail system. Historical sites include the Old Main school building and the ruins of a Butterfield Stage stop.

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## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	9.76	9.28	9.11
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13.27</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	<b>\$12.20</b>

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation  
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

NOTE: School districts participate in East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

## Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00 %
County	0.70 %
State	5.60 %

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

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Queen Creek facilities include a branch library, Rural Metro fire station and meeting rooms. The Youth Center offers recreational programs, a computer lab, after-school activities and homework assistance. Founders' Park provides sports fields, basketball and volleyball courts, and a skate park. Desert Mountain Park offers baseball and soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, an equestrian staging area, an arboretum walk, playground areas and a group picnic ramada. Queen Creek High School, Middle School and four elementary schools provide additional sport facilities. The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center seats 800 and schedules plays and concerts. Plans have been developed to convert the Queen Creek Landfill to a major equestrian park.

## Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
University 4 year	Y	N

## Financial

Number of Banks: 4

## Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Rural Metro (By private, subscription basis)

Law Enforcement: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

**Airports** Queen Creek is a Joint Power Authority partner operating Williams

Gateway Airport ( a designated foreign trade zone) northwest of town.

## Medical

Medical and dental facilities in town; hospital/urgent care facilities in close proximity to town.

## Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Town of Queen Creek.

## Utilities

Electricity	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Town of Queen Creek Wastewater	480.358.3000
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Queen Creek Water Co.	480.987.3240

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	38.6	65.0	0.91
February	41.4	69.7	0.95
March	45.1	75.1	1.05
April	51.3	84.1	0.34
May	59.8	93.4	0.14
June	68.9	102.1	0.07
July	76.0	104.0	0.85
August	74.3	101.6	1.32
September	68.7	97.7	0.79
October	57.2	87.4	0.67
November	45.2	74.0	0.74
December	38.7	65.2	1.06
Yearly Avg	55.4	84.9	8.89

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004. Average Total Snowfall 0.0". Nearest data available from Chandler Heights, AZ.

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