

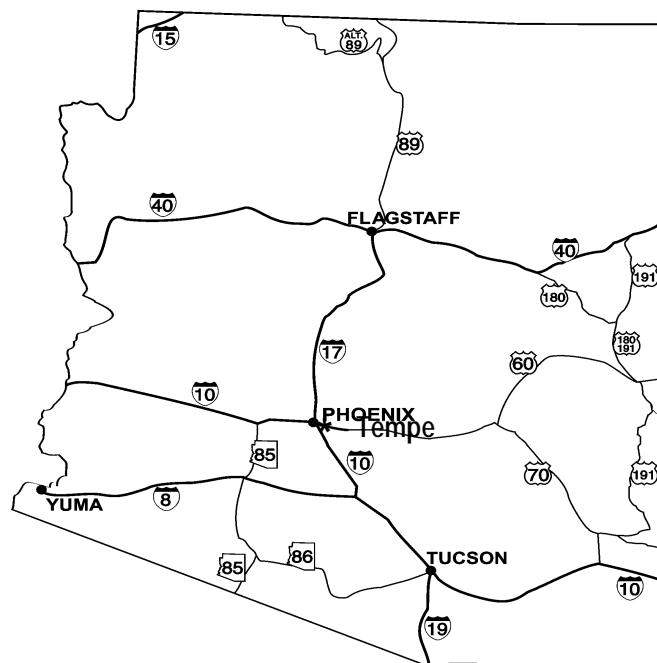
TEMPE

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Tempe is an urban community located in the center of the Phoenix metropolitan region, bordered by Phoenix on the west, Scottsdale on the north, Mesa on the east, & Chandler on the south. Tempe's central location is enhanced by an extensive freeway network that provides access to & from these surrounding communities. Arizona State University, with a main campus of over 44,000 students located in Tempe, is the fourth largest Research I public university in the nation. ASU is a research institution, well-known for its engineering & business colleges. ASU professors, staff, & researchers have played an important role in contributing to Tempe's considerable educational & cultural resources.

HIGHWAYS: I-10, US 60, Loop 101, Loop 202. INCORPORATED: Yes - 1894
 COUNTY: Maricopa County ELEVATION: 1,159 feet
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 9 miles DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 112 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2004
Tempe	141,993*	158,625	160,820
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,524,175
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 141,865).

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Tempe has a strong, diversified economy featuring: manufacturing base of more than 750 firms; home of the "Tech Oasis," a cluster of over 200 high tech companies; and other growing industries including bio-technology, financial and business services. Real estate is booming in the office, industrial and retail markets. The city, in partnership with private industry has developed a town lake and the Rio Salado Project. The lake provides recreational, cultural and office opportunities.

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

America West Airlines	Chase Bankcard Services
Motorola	Salt River Project

Major Public Employers

Arizona State University	City of Tempe
Kyrene School District	Tempe Elementary School District
Tempe Union High School District	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2004
Civilian Labor Force	90,667	125,272	140,497
Unemployed	3,296	2,887	4,794
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	2.3%	3.4%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2004
New Bldg. Permit	1,574	1,494	1,166
Taxable Sales (\$)	2,242,774,800	5,269,802,104	5,321,355,000
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	932,770,000	1,356,429,397	1,768,877,385

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

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Downtown Tempe is a regional entertainment center with live music, restaurants, boutiques, cafes, theater & film. It combines historic buildings with modern architecture. Annual spring & fall Festival of the Arts draws tens of thousands to Downtown Tempe. ASU's Gammage Auditorium, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, seats 3,000 & hosts first-class productions. The Nelson Fine Arts Center has excellent collections of early American, Mexican & ceramic arts, Rio Salado Town Lake & Tempe Beach Park adjacent to boat tours/rentals. In 1997, the 1.2 million sq.ft. Arizona Mills Mall opened, featuring value-oriented stores & a wide variety of entertainment venues. Tempe is home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals & ASU's Sun Devils & host to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl & Anaheim Angels for Spring Training.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	6.94	7.73	7.02
City/Fire District	1.25	1.82	1.35
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.09
Total	\$11.70	\$12.90	\$11.46

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	1.80%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Tempe has two libraries, three museums, 48 parks, six indoor theaters, five golf courses, four swimming pools, and numerous basketball, racquetball, baseball, soccer, volleyball and tennis courts. The Escalante Multigenerational Community Center opened in 1997, and the Warner-Hardy Athletic Complex will open by 1999.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 18

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport,

5-minutes west of Tempe, with domestic and international flights.

Medical

Tempe has one hospital.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 4,730

Meeting Rooms: 40

Capacity of Largest Facility: 2,000

Industrial Properties

There are 71 industrial parks for light or heavy industry, office, warehouse, commercial or storage in various size parcels with monthly or annual leases. Additionally, ASU operates a 323-acre research park, which has several corporate headquarters and high technology operations.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Tempe)	480.350.8361

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	38.5	67.5	0.90
February	40.7	71.8	0.87
March	44.9	77.1	1.02
April	50.2	85.6	0.26
May	58.1	94.0	0.18
June	66.1	103.2	0.11
July	75.2	105.4	0.91
August	74.1	103.6	1.17
September	67.4	99.7	0.85
October	55.7	89.4	0.75
November	44.0	76.0	0.65
December	38.1	67.9	1.02
Yearly Avg	54.4	86.8	8.69

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1953-2004. Average Total Snowfall 0.0". Data from Tempe ASU, AZ.

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