

Chandler

Community Profile

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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	2005
Chandler	89,862	176,581	231,785
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,648,545
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,044,985

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security 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

	2005
Retail Trade	211,245
Administrative and Waste Services	183,626
Construction	162,492
Health Care and Social Assistance	157,626
Accommodation and Food Services	144,756
Manufacturing	132,720
Educational Services	118,279
Finance and Insurance	107,922
Professional and Technical Services	87,803
Wholesale Trade	79,699
Other	328,249

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

Major Private Employers

Intel Corporation
 Motorola
 Robson Communities
 Ryobi Outdoor Products
 Speedfam International

Major Public Employers

Chandler Regional Hospital
 Chandler School District
 City of Chandler



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2005
Civilian Labor Force	52,380	102,998	118,100
Unemployed	1,767	2,597	3,673
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.5%	3.1%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2005
New Bldg. Permits	1,822	3,665	4,468
Taxable Sales (\$)	805.6 million	2.6 billion	4.6 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	492.1 million	1.1 billion	2 billion

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

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, three 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.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
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

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2005
Elementary/High Schools	7.92	7.96	6.33
City/Fire District	1.25	1.30	1.28
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.18
Totals	12.68	12.61	10.79

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

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

Sales Tax

	2005
City/Town	1.50%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	36.3	63.5	0.8
February	38.6	69.3	0.7
March	41.5	72.2	0.8
April	48.6	82.9	0.2
May	56.6	91.2	0.1
June	65.1	103.2	0.1
July	73.5	104.5	0.7
August	70.2	103.3	0.9
September	64.1	97.5	0.6
October	53.0	88.5	0.6
November	39.6	75.3	0.5
December	33.6	67.0	0.7
Yearly Avg.	51.7	84.9	6.8

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

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