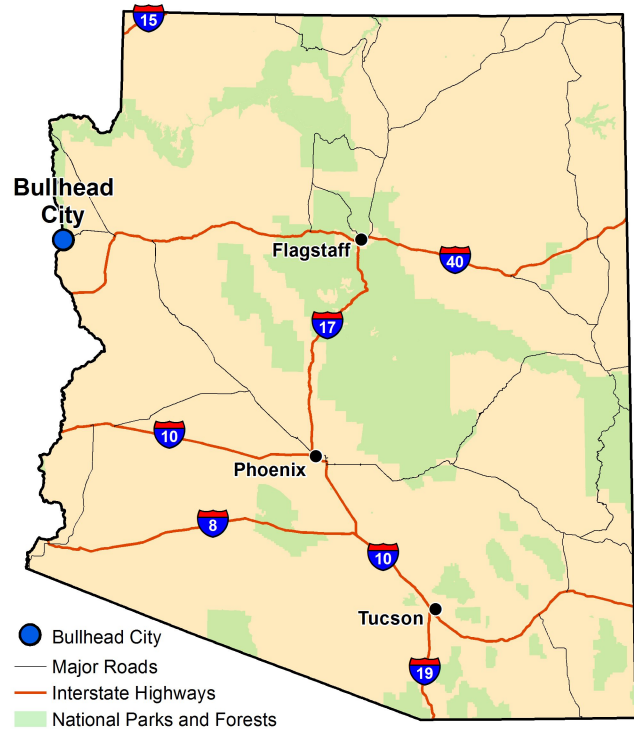


Bullhead City began as the headquarters for construction of the Davis Dam in the late 1940s. The Davis Dam was completed in 1951 creating Lake Mohave, a recreational paradise with more than 33 miles of shoreline located in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. In the mid-1800s, the area was home to several gold mines that operated well into the 1930s. Today, at least two of the original mine sites have been reactivated and are producing gold, employing more than 250 people. In 1984, Bullhead City was incorporated and has grown in population to nearly 40,000 residents.

The city's boundaries encompass approximately 73.9 square miles, and the elevation ranges from 500 to 1,400 feet. Bullhead City is located directly across the Colorado River from Laughlin, Nevada. Many people are attracted to Bullhead City because of its affordability. The city is best known for year-round sunshine and blue skies, the Black Mountain Range, the Colorado River and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. After the winter visitors head back home, Bullhead City is a recreational playground for boating and water enthusiasts.



Principal Economic Activities

Bullhead City is the retail hub of Mohave County. The city serves a 40-mile radius trade area with a combined population of approximately 206,000 residents. Bullhead City's economic focus is tourism, as 2 million vacationers visit the casino resorts across the river in Laughlin, Nevada each year. Bullhead City is host to year-round special events and both adult and youth sport tournaments. The area also offers state-of-the-art health care with two major hospitals and almost 300 general and specialty practitioners. The city remains a popular location for tourism, retail trades, construction and growth along the Colorado River.

Scenic Attractions

Bullhead City offers area visitors and residents year-round water-related recreation with its proximity to the Colorado River and Lake Mohave. Off-road enthusiasts have endless miles to explore in the surrounding Black Mountain range. The mountains offer horseback riding, ghost towns, rockhounding and various wild animals in their natural habitats. Bullhead City has a 500-acre nature center providing several trails, beach access to the river, fishing and an observatory for bird watching. The spectacular and challenging golf courses, featuring the award-winning Laughlin Ranch Golf Club, are a must visit for travelers.

Community Facilities

Bullhead City has nine public parks with several playgrounds, picnic areas, sandy beaches, boat launches, sports fields, walking trails and dog parks. The city has a municipal pool and splash pad. Seniors are welcome to come to the nutrition center and senior center for meals and daily activities. The community center offers several meeting rooms open to non-profit agencies and social clubs as well as areas for basketball, pickleball and community events. Bullhead City brandishes a newly renovated public library, historical museum, endless water activities and a new seven-mile trail for the Heritage Greenway Trail that connects to the Laughlin Bridge.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1942	Incorporated:	1984
Elevation:	504 ft.	Location:	Mohave County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	221 miles	San Diego:	341 miles
Tucson:	335 miles	Los Angeles:	279 miles
Las Vegas:	99 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Bullhead City	33,769	39,518	39,948
Mohave County	155,032	200,099	205,764
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.39	2.95	4.59
City / Fire District	2.44	2.33	3.03
Mohave County	4.19	3.62	4.64
Totals (Mohave County)	14.02	8.89	12.26

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Bullhead City	2.00%
Mohave County	5.85%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	16,202	16,994	15,951
Unemployed	691	2,392	1,102
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	14.1%	6.9%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	5,041	17.3%
High school or equivalent, no college	10,110	34.7%
Some college or Associate degree	10,304	35.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	3,644	12.5%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	4,735	32.9%
Education, health care & social assistance	2,435	16.9%
Retail trade	2,004	13.9%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	992	6.9%
Construction	795	5.5%
Other services, except public administration	781	5.4%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	661	4.6%
Finance, insurance & real estate	551	3.8%
Public administration	501	3.5%
Manufacturing	441	3.1%
Wholesale trade	221	1.5%
Information	130	0.9%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	125	0.9%

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