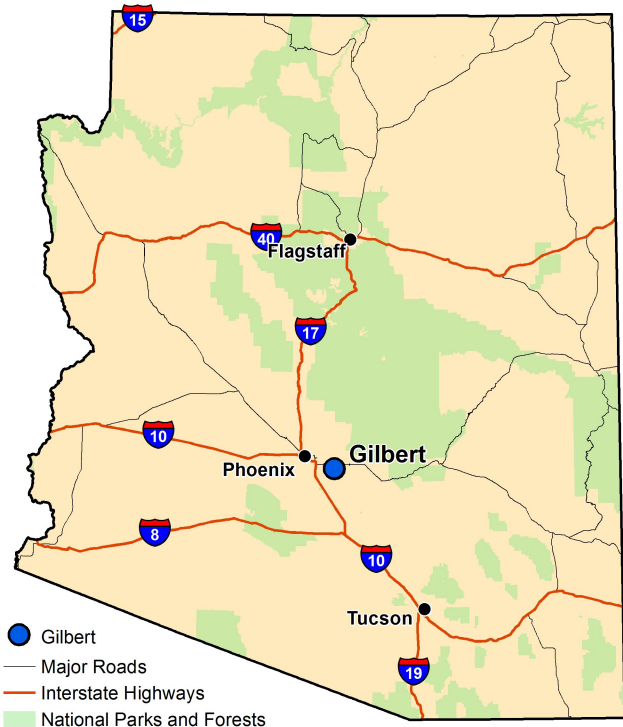


Located in the Phoenix Southeast Valley, Gilbert covers more than 72 square miles and has a population of nearly 240,000 residents, many of whom are in the prolific years of their careers. Gilbert's median age is 32.9 and 41.3 percent of residents hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

Gilbert is a pro-business environment that attracts innovative companies from around the world, particularly in the science and technology industries. Gilbert is focused on attracting, growing and retaining jobs within the science and technology sectors while concurrently ensuring a workforce is in place to support this growth. From 2010 to 2015, Gilbert has seen a 14 percent growth in STEM workforce. As part of its long-term planning for capacity development, Gilbert has alleviated uncertainty for developers by means of a \$5 million economic development reserve fund for deal closing. Additionally, employers in Gilbert have access to a workforce of nearly 2 million people within a 30-minute commute. Frequently ranked among the best and safest cities in the U.S., Gilbert features an unbeatable quality of life and is served by three "A"-rated public school districts that graduated over 7,200 students in 2016. This fact, combined with a flourishing downtown, top-rated entertainment facilities and trending entertainment attractions, has positioned Gilbert as a top Arizona destination to live, work and play.



Principal Economic Activities

Gilbert is capitalizing on the community's existing research and development activity, skilled workforce and collaboration efforts to be a regional and national leader within science and technology. Gilbert is supported by key industry sectors including life science, biotech and health services, aerospace and defense, renewable energy, manufacturing and advanced business services. Some of Gilbert's most notable employers include GoDaddy, Inc., Banner M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Isagenix World Headquarters, Heliae Development, Lockheed Martin, Orbital ATK Space Systems Group, Celebration Stem Cell Center and Silent-Aire.

Scenic Attractions

Gilbert's friendly atmosphere and unique amenities are a draw for local and national visitors. The Heritage District is the community's entertainment-district home to a cluster of modern dining spots and is ranked as one of the "Top Food Neighborhoods in Greater Phoenix." The Riparian Preserve, known for premier bird watching, fishing, hiking and stargazing attracts visitors yearly. The Agritopia is a 166-acre mixed-use planned community designed to encourage agrarianism combined with a sense of community. Other notable amenities include the Gilbert museum and approximately 135 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails.

Community Facilities

Gilbert offers 10.5 million square feet of retail and more than 700 acres of designated open space for recreation and entertainment. Gilbert is home to seven golf courses, six major parks, four community pools, four community recreation centers, a performing arts center, a privately-owned theater, an indoor ice arena, TopGolf, The Main Event and the Riparian Preserve. Each year, Gilbert is host to various festivals, youth and amateur sporting events, academic conferences, sports tournaments, weekly farmer's markets and a bi-weekly art walk.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1891	Incorporated:	1920
Elevation:	1,240 ft.	Location:	Maricopa County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	15 miles	San Diego:	361 miles
Tucson:	104 miles	Los Angeles:	394 miles
Las Vegas:	315 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Gilbert	109,697	209,048	239,931
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,137,076
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	8.97	5.31	6.99
City / Fire District	1.25	1.15	1.06
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Maricopa County)	13.57	9.25	12.11

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Gilbert	1.50%
Maricopa County	6.30%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	66,358	112,925	135,702
Unemployed	1,225	7,323	4,994
Unemployment Rate	1.8%	6.5%	3.7%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	6,165	4.4%
High school or equivalent, no college	23,197	16.6%
Some college or Associate degree	52,879	37.7%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	57,849	41.3%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	25,694	22.8%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	13,275	11.8%
Retail trade	12,785	11.4%
Manufacturing	12,301	10.9%
Finance, insurance & real estate	12,092	10.7%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	9,545	8.5%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	5,649	5.0%
Construction	5,224	4.6%
Public administration	4,738	4.2%
Other services, except public administration	4,707	4.2%
Wholesale trade	3,420	3.0%
Information	2,446	2.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	683	0.6%

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