

Lake Havasu City, home of the historic London Bridge, lies on the east shore of Lake Havasu on the Colorado River border between California and Arizona. The city was established in 1963 by Robert P. McCulloch as a self-sufficient, planned community and incorporated in 1978. The opening of the London Bridge in October 1971 brought a unique attraction to the city. Lake Havasu is in Mohave County and encompasses 42 square miles. It is situated off Arizona Highway 95, an 18-mile drive north to Interstate 40 and a 65-mile drive south to Interstate 10.

Principal Economic Activities

As a \$2 million Grand-Prize Winner in the Frontier Communication's America's Best Communities Competition, Lake Havasu City is in the implementation phase of Vision 2020, an economic development plan led by the Partnership for Economic Development (PED). The focus of the plan includes the development of a downtown catalyst project in the heart of Lake Havasu City's "main street." The project will connect the Health Corridor, the Central Business District and the Arizona State University campus at Lake Havasu City.



Lake Havasu City, a community of entrepreneurs, offers multiple avenues for business startups including the Entrepreneur Outreach Network (EON) for new business creation and EON Mentoring for emerging business. The Profit Mastery and Economic Gardening are economic development models offered for established businesses ready to scale.

Scenic Attractions

Lake Havasu City is positioned on one of four major lakes on the Colorado River. This makes for world-class boating, fishing, swimming, scuba diving, paddle boating, wakeboarding and water skiing. Diverse activities beyond the lake include archery, birding, hiking, rock climbing and even off-roading. All types of cycling are popular including road cycling, BMX biking and mountain biking. Many bike rental facilities are available as well. The city hosts major competitions throughout the year including bass fishing, sailing, the International Jet Ski Championships and the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Races. Lake Havasu City also hosts the Havasu Hot Air Balloon Festival, drawing more than 80 balloonists and thousands of spectators. Lake Havasu State Park and Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge provide areas of rugged terrain where birds and small game flourish. For amateur geologists, the surrounding area features volcanic rock, geodes, jaspers, obsidian, turquoise and agate.

Community Facilities

Lake Havasu City offers a broad range of community facilities including several parks, two movie theater complexes, a library, 16 tennis courts, three major beaches, numerous baseball and soccer fields, a bowling alley and four golf courses. Lake Havasu City includes state and commercially operated recreational facilities, a marina, campsites, picnic grounds, trailer parks, boat slips, dry storage, boat repair, boat rentals, boat tours, swimming beaches and fishing areas. A municipally-owned-and-operated aquatics complex offers leisure/competitive swimming, therapeutic pools, a water lagoon for youngsters, wave action and a 257-foot enclosed water slide. Adjacent to this center is a 24-acre public park with beach access and a state-of-the-art skateboard facility.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1964	Incorporated:	1978
Elevation:	500 ft.	Location:	Mohave County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	206 miles	San Diego:	303 miles
Tucson:	317 miles	Los Angeles:	299 miles
Las Vegas:	155 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Lake Havasu City	41,938	52,469	53,796
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	4.97	3.69	4.04
City / Fire District	0.84	0.58	0.70
Mohave County	4.19	3.62	4.64
Totals (Mohave County)	10.00	7.89	9.38

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Lake Havasu City	2.00%
Mohave County	5.85%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	18,549	23,043	23,135
Unemployed	621	2,104	1,408
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	9.1%	6.1%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	4,669	11.5%
High school or equivalent, no college	14,738	36.2%
Some college or Associate degree	15,726	38.6%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	5,622	13.8%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	3,784	19.9%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	3,528	18.6%
Retail trade	2,646	13.9%
Construction	1,511	7.9%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,449	7.6%
Other services, except public administration	1,251	6.6%
Manufacturing	1,057	5.6%
Public administration	1,007	5.3%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	998	5.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	960	5.1%
Wholesale trade	368	1.9%
Information	332	1.7%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	116	0.6%

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