

Peoria, a suburb in northwest metropolitan Phoenix, is a city on the rise. In 2017, Peoria was ranked number seven on "America's 50 Best Cities to Live" list from Yahoo Finance. The city's outstanding recreation opportunities and great quality of life have attracted a highly-skilled and educated workforce. As a result, Peoria is an emerging center for innovation, digital media arts and technology development.

Principal Economic Activities

Peoria offers premier vacant sites of various sizes along major arterials, as well as two campus sites that are prime locations for corporate and industrial projects. Peoria has attracted significant companies to the community within the past two years: Aviage Systems, a joint venture focusing on software development between GE Aerospace and The Commercial Aircraft Corporations of China (COMAC); Maxwell Technologies, a San Diego-based manufacturer of energy storage products; and SerialTek, a Silicon Valley-based technology company locating a software-development office in Peoria to support its data storage testing tools and solutions product line. In addition, Huntington University operates a campus focusing on digital media arts, attracting producers and content creators from Los Angeles and other major production locations. Peoria is partnering with a major office developer to build the Peoria Innovation Campus, a Class A, mixed-use commercial space designed to attract high-level innovation and technology companies to the city. Peoria has also identified key investment zones, such as the P83 Entertainment District and Old Town redevelopment opportunities, in addition to targeted initiatives that focus on advanced manufacturing, advanced business services, health care and bioscience entrepreneurship.



Scenic Attractions

Peoria is surrounded by the rugged beauty and breathtaking terrain of the Sonoran desert. Its stunning sunsets and statuesque saguaros serve as a spectacular backdrop for a city that beckons just about anyone to venture outdoors. Peoria is a great destination in the "Valley of the Sun" with more than 300 days of sunshine and 25 miles of hiking trails throughout the city. The 25,000-acre Lake Pleasant Regional Park offers water-oriented recreation, a full-service marina at Pleasant Harbor and numerous other amenities. Peoria also prides itself on its hometown signature events like the Dolly Sanchez Memorial Easter Egg Hunt, All-American Festival, Halloween Monster Bash and Old Town Holiday Festival.

Community Facilities

The city of Peoria offers a broad range of community facilities including a community center, three swimming pools, two libraries, 35 parks, six golf courses, nine lighted multi-purpose ball fields and 15 tennis courts. The Peoria Sports Complex is the spring training and player-development home of the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres. It also hosts athletic and special events year-round with 11 lighted major league baseball fields. The Peoria Center for the Performing Arts consists of a 280-seat main stage auditorium and an 80-seat black box theater designed to bring award-winning theater to downtown Peoria. The Greater Phoenix region offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities and entertainment. In addition to annual professional golf and tennis events, professional sports teams include the Arizona Cardinals, Phoenix Suns, Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Coyotes. Cultural pursuits range from world-renowned symphony to theater, numerous art galleries, shows and museums.

BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1880	Incorporated:	1954
Elevation:	1,140 ft.	Location:	Maricopa County Yavapai County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	13 miles	San Diego:	352 miles
Tucson:	130 miles	Los Angeles:	370 miles
Las Vegas:	273 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Peoria	108,364	154,171	166,340
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,137,076
Yavapai County	167,517	210,899	220,189
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	9.49	5.38	8.13
City / Fire District	1.63	1.44	1.44
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Yavapai County	4.18	3.47	4.95
Totals (Maricopa County)	14.47	9.61	13.63
Totals (Yavapai County)	15.30	10.29	14.52

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Peoria	1.80%
Maricopa County	6.30%
Yavapai County	6.35%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	56,064	79,048	87,948
Unemployed	1,301	6,554	3,719
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	8.3%	4.2%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	8,324	7.6%
High school or equivalent, no college	27,558	25.3%
Some college or Associate degree	41,525	38.1%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	31,467	28.9%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	17,353	22.9%
Retail trade	11,013	14.5%
Finance, insurance & real estate	8,032	10.6%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	7,469	9.8%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	5,911	7.8%
Manufacturing	5,333	7.0%
Construction	5,060	6.7%
Public administration	4,262	5.6%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	4,114	5.4%
Other services, except public administration	3,896	5.1%
Wholesale trade	1,749	2.3%
Information	1,494	2.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	248	0.3%

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