

The town of Youngtown was founded as the nation's first retirement community in 1954 and incorporated as a municipality in 1960. From 2000 to 2010, Youngtown increased in population by 100 percent with the addition of the Agua Fria Ranch planned community. The town has evolved from a community of 80 percent 55 and older residents to one of 80 percent younger people. Families abound, and Youngtown is changing with the times.

### Principal Economic Activities

Youngtown is home to more than 175 businesses, many of which have been active for 30 to 40 years. An additional 250 businesses located outside of the town add to the local economy. The town's main industries are health-based and include two pharmaceutical compound pharmacies, Women's International Pharmacy and Pet Health Pharmacy, in addition to LifeStream Complete Senior Living. A broad range of retail and service companies are located in the town's Grand Avenue, town center and Olive Avenue business districts. One of the primary features of the retail sector is the many golf cart companies located in the town center business district.

### Scenic Attractions

Westgate City Center encompasses the iconic Arizona Cardinals University of Phoenix football stadium and Gila River hockey arena with vibrant, trendy retail and entertainment venues less than 10 minutes away. Baseball fans can enjoy Spring Training games with a 20 minute drive to Surprise Stadium - home of the Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers or the Peoria Sports Complex, home of the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres.

### Community Facilities

Originally designed to be a retirement community, the town boasts a lovely lake, seven parks and a distinctively designed town center named Clubhouse Square. The modern library is frequented by residents from throughout the northwest valley because of its friendly atmosphere and its lovely setting in Greer Park. At the core of the town's identity is the idea of being a community that honors its history, small town values, safety and community pride.



**BASIC INFORMATION**

**Founded:** 1954      **Incorporated:** 1960  
**Elevation:** 1,150 ft.      **Location:** Maricopa County

**Distance to major cities:**

**Phoenix:** 15 miles      **San Diego:** 355 miles  
**Tucson:** 141 miles      **Los Angeles:** 373 miles  
**Las Vegas:** 270 miles

**POPULATION**

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Youngtown	3,010	6,154	6,535
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	6.14	5.31	7.21
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Maricopa County)	9.49	8.10	11.27

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Youngtown	3.00%
Maricopa County	6.30%
State	5.60%

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**LABOR FORCE**

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	966	2,755	2,798
Unemployed	55	394	266
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	14.3%	9.5%

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

	Count	Share
Less than high school	724	17.3%
High school or equivalent, no college	1,416	33.8%
Some college or Associate degree	1,487	35.5%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	557	13.3%

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**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	497	21.4%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	307	13.2%
Retail trade	281	12.1%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	261	11.2%
Finance, insurance & real estate	251	10.8%
Manufacturing	132	5.7%
Construction	126	5.4%
Wholesale trade	123	5.3%
Other services, except public administration	108	4.6%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	105	4.5%
Public administration	74	3.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	40	1.7%
Information	20	0.9%

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