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Maricopa is 16 miles south of Interstate 10 in western Pinal County. Over the last 150 years, its location has changed three times. Its first site was Maricopa Wells, about 10 miles northwest, a trading center for stagecoaches passing through the Southwest. The Civil War ended the mail lines and a new railroad a few miles south was the death knell for Maricopa Wells. Maricopaville, 3.5 miles west, was born when a junction was needed to connect the Southern Pacific Railroad linking Yuma and Tucson with a branch line to Phoenix. When Tempe wanted to be on the railroad line in 1887, Maricopaville was moved to Maricopa's current location.

Basic Information

Founded: 1887
 Incorporated: 2003
 Elevation: 1,176
 Located in Pinal County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 15 miles
 Tucson: 68 miles

Population

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Maricopa | N/A | 1,482 | 15,934 |
| Pinal County | 116,397 | 179,727 | 246,660 |
| Arizona | 3,665,228 | 5,130,632 | 6,044,985 |

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau
 Data unavailable for 1990. Official Census 2000 count after Maricopa incorporation date of 10/15/03. (orig: 1,040 for Maricopa CDP). 2005 population from 2005 Special Census. Local sources estimate 2005 population at 30,000 residents.

Principal Economic Activities

Maricopa is quickly growing as South Mountain residential developments brim over into its rich agricultural valley. Although Maricopa's businesses and industries have traditionally been geared toward farming and ranching, its economic base has been diversifying through companies such as Volkswagen and Nissan, both of which have proving grounds in the area. Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino also contributes to the economy. The largest industries are agriculture, retail and manufacturing.

County Employment

| | 2005 |
|--|-------|
| Public Administration | 8,533 |
| Retail Trade | 6,001 |
| Educational Services | 5,175 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 4,354 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 3,528 |
| Manufacturing | 3,317 |
| Administrative and Waste Services | 2,784 |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting | 2,438 |
| Construction | 2,214 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 1,396 |
| Other | 6,250 |

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Fry's Marketplace
 Global Water
 Pinal Energy

Major Public Employers

City of Maricopa



Labor Force Data

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 0 | 515 | 619 |
| Unemployed | 0 | 27 | 38 |
| Unemployment Rate | 0.0% | 5.2% | 6.1% |

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 U.S. Census data unavailable for 1990.

Growth Indicators

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Taxable Sales (\$) | 0 | 0 | 326.8 million |
| Net Assessed Value (\$) | 5.3 million | 7.7 million | 46.3 million |

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 NOTE: Data unavailable for 1990 and 2000

Scenic Attractions

The Estrella Mountains offer desert picnic and rock-hounding areas and petroglyphs. The Estrella Sailport offers introductory and aerobatic flights and barnstorming rides. North is Firebird International Raceway, featuring three road racing courses, a drag strip, and a 120-acre private water-sport lake where major spectator motor sports are held. The Him-Dak Museum, located in the Ak-Chin Indian Community, features Native American artifacts. Nearby Francisco Grande Resort has an 18-hole golf course. Other activities include horseback riding, quail/dove hunting, clogging and cotton gin tours. Annual events include an antique car show, Stanfield Friendship Days Parade, Maricopa Stagecoach Days & Parade, fireworks and watermelon bust, and Maricopa Agricultural Center Bar-B-Que and Air Show.

Community Facilities

Interstate 8 (18 miles south) and I-10 (16 miles north) are accessible via State Route 347 which runs through downtown Maricopa. Southern Pacific Railroad, a stop along the route of the Sunset Limited, is currently pending approval by AMTRAK. Greyhound Bus Service is available out of Casa Grande.

Educational Institutions

| | Public | Private |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| Elementary | Y | N |
| Middle School | Y | N |
| High School | Y | N |

Financial

Government

Fire Department: Fire Department Maricopa
Law Enforcement: Pinal County Sheriff-City of Maricopa Police

Airports

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, 28 miles north, or Casa Grande Municipal Airport, 17 miles south

Medical

Sun Life Family Health Center, Maricopa Urgent Care Ctr. & nearby Casa Grande Regional Medical Ctr.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: n/a
Meeting Rooms: n/a
Capacity of Largest Facility: n/a

Industrial Properties:

Approximately 9 miles southeast of Maricopa lies 640 acres of land zoned for heavy industrial use. All utilities are available to the area (except sewer), and lot prices start at about 50 cents per square foot. This combination has attracted a variety of industrial companies, including fiberglass mold making, architectural Styrofoam cutting, and fiberglass race and car trailer manufacturing businesses.

Utilities

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Electricity | Arizona Public Service (Maricopa) | 520.421.8400 |
| Electricity | Electrical District No. 3 | 520.424.9021 |
| Natural Gas | Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide) | 800.766.9722 |
| Telephone | Maricopa Broadband | 520.568.0778 |
| Telephone | Orbitel | 800.247.1566 |
| Telephone | Qwest (statewide) | 800.244.1111 |
| Water | Global Water Company | 520.568.4452 |
| Water | Maricopa Domestic Water Dist. | 520.568.2239 |

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

| Property Tax Rate | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Elementary/High Schools | 5.38 | 9.74 | 7.95 |
| City/Fire District | 0.49 | 1.33 | 0.00 |
| Countywide | 7.46 | 7.63 | 7.47 |
| Totals | 13.33 | 18.70 | 15.42 |

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

Sales Tax

| | 2005 |
|-----------|-------|
| City/Town | 2.00% |
| County | 1.00% |
| State | 5.60% |

Sources: Arizona League of Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

| | Avg. Low (°F) | Avg. High (°F) | Precip. (in.) |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| January | 34.5 | 66.4 | 0.7 |
| February | 38.1 | 71.1 | 0.8 |
| March | 42.7 | 77.1 | 0.9 |
| April | 48.6 | 85.9 | 0.3 |
| May | 57.4 | 95.3 | 0.1 |
| June | 66.6 | 105.0 | 0.2 |
| July | 76.0 | 107.3 | 0.8 |
| August | 74.5 | 104.9 | 1.0 |
| September | 66.5 | 99.9 | 0.7 |
| October | 52.9 | 88.7 | 0.6 |
| November | 40.7 | 75.1 | 0.6 |
| December | 34.1 | 65.9 | 1.0 |
| Yearly Avg. | 52.7 | 86.9 | 7.6 |

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1960-2004.
Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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