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COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Where Values Make The Difference

CHANDLER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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WELCOME

UNLOCK CHANDLER'S MANY BUSINESS ADVANTAGES

Front Row (Left to Right): Vice Mayor Jack Sellers, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny and Councilmember Rick Heumann.
Back Row (Left to Right): Councilmembers Nora Ellen, Kevin Hartke, Terry Roe and René Lopez.

A Message from Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

"Welcome to the City of Chandler, Arizona! We are a progressive city known as the 'Innovation and Technology Hub of the Southwest.'

We invite you to experience firsthand the business environment and lifestyle that have made Chandler a destination of choice for global industry leaders, exciting startups, talented workers and their families.

Whether you are launching a new business, expanding or considering future location options, the City of Chandler stands ready to assist in welcoming you to our community."

- Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

OUR STORY

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS

Since its founding in 1912, the City of Chandler has been a forward-thinking community built on entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and hometown traditions.

A long-held vision of thoughtful, constructive and consistent planning has helped transform Chandler into one of the strongest economic centers in the region, state and nation. Chandler's proactive leadership, corporate-friendly environment, world-class labor force and market reach have made it an attractive base for internationally recognized companies and new startups spanning a wide range of industries.

Away from work, our community is passionately committed to developing a sense of place that draws new visitors and enriches the lives of our residents. An enviable, award-winning quality of life is provided through friendly neighborhoods, great schools, and one-of-a-kind shopping, dining, recreation and entertainment experiences.

Year after year, large and small companies along with thousands of talented residents make the decision to call Chandler home. We encourage you to read on, experience Chandler for yourself, and discover why you, too, should become part of this vibrant community.

Downtown Chandler, West Boston Street, circa 1930

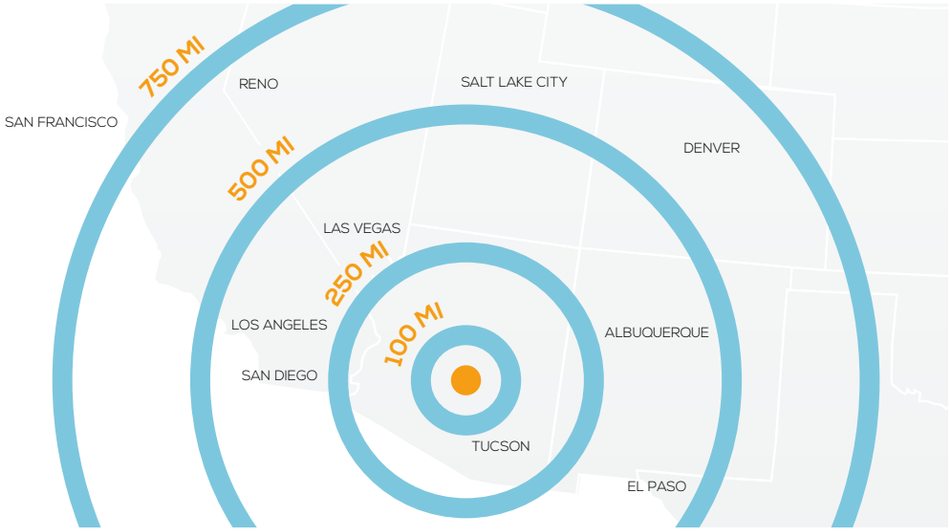
Downtown Chandler, West Boston Street in 2016

LOCATION

ACCESS TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL MARKETS

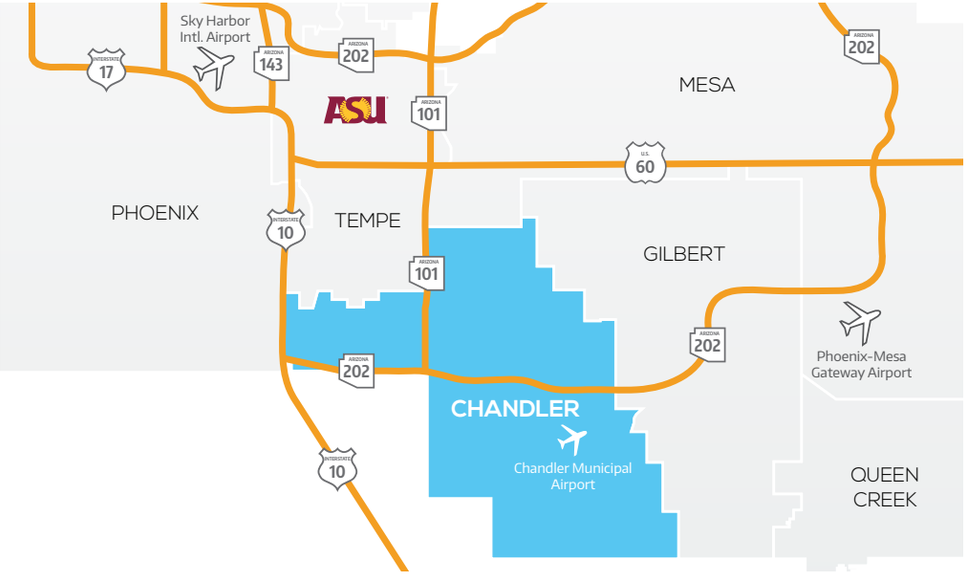
Situated in the southeast portion of Greater Phoenix, Chandler is easily accessible by several major freeways including Interstate 10, the southernmost coast-to-coast interstate highway in the United States, as well as the US 60 Superstition Freeway, Loop 202 San Tan Freeway and Loop 101 Price Freeway.

A number of major regional markets are located within a day's drive including Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, Denver and El Paso.



Rail service is provided through two single-track freight spur lines. Owned and operated by the Union Pacific Railroad, these lines offer connections to markets throughout North America.

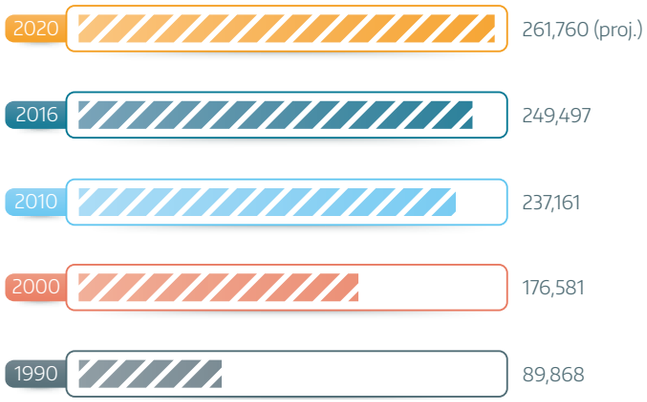
With Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport a short 20 minutes away, no location is truly out of reach. Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport is nearby and offers an alternative for cargo shipments and limited passenger service.



MARKET STATS

AN ATTRACTIVE, DIVERSE, EDUCATED AND GROWING COMMUNITY

Population Growth (1990-2020)



Data Source: City of Chandler Long Range Planning Department (2016)

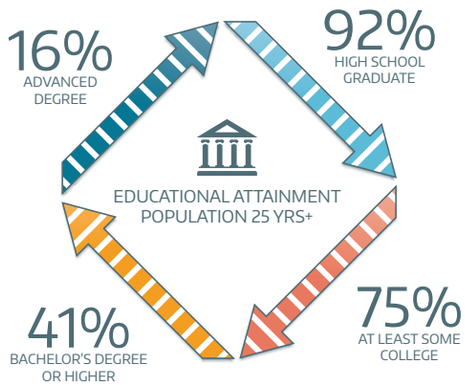
Income Levels

Data Source: ESRI Business Analyst (2016)

National Community Rankings (2016)

Data Source: Livability, Economic Innovation Group, SmartAsset, Law Street Media, WalletHub

Educational Attainment



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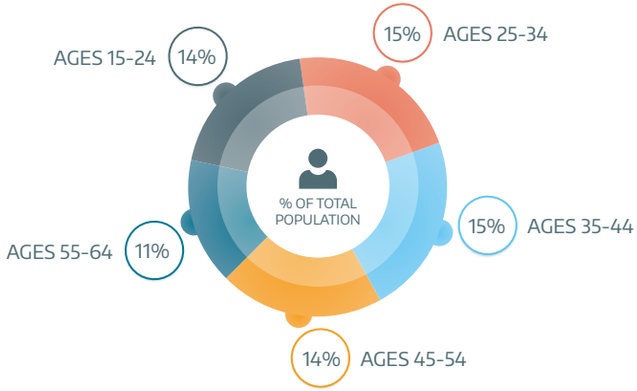
Working Age Population



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WORKFORCE

OUR PROVEN WORKFORCE POWERS INDUSTRY LEADERS

Large
Employers have access to a workforce of nearly 2 million people within a 30-minute commute.

Educated
40 percent of Chandler's adult residents possess a bachelor's or advanced degree, and nearly 75 percent have attended college.

Diverse
Chandler's leading employers have a truly global footprint and culture that draws talent of all nationalities and backgrounds.

Capable
Internationally recognized companies from all industries have found they can depend on Chandler's skilled workforce.

HIGHER EDUCATION

NEARBY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SUPPLY YOUNG, TALENTED GRADUATES

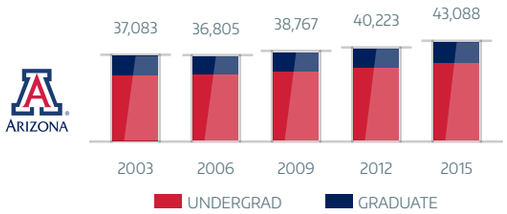
Greater Phoenix is home to a myriad of top-notch colleges, universities and specialized institutions committed to providing a trained workforce to support 21st century jobs, including:

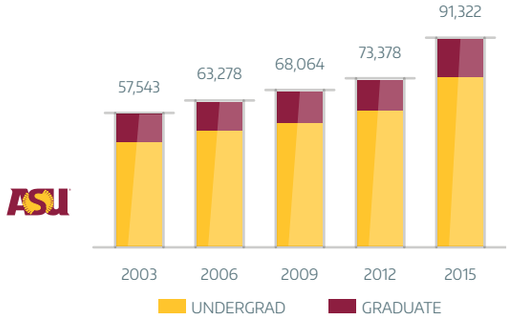
- Arizona State University, the largest public university by enrollment in the United States. ASU has more than 91,000 students across five Greater Phoenix campuses, four regional learning centers throughout Arizona and its ASU Online programs. In Downtown Chandler, ASU has established its Chandler Innovation Center where it hosts workshops, events, and provides engineering and technology-based education.

- The University of Arizona, which has a total enrollment of more than 43,000 students. UA's main campus is in Tucson but the university has an expanding presence in Greater Phoenix, which includes its UA College of Medicine-Phoenix campus and Eller MBA programs in downtown Phoenix, and its Master of Education Program in Downtown Chandler.

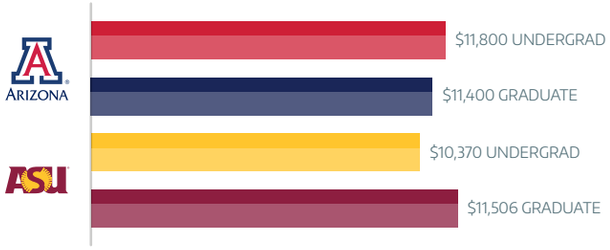
- Maricopa Community Colleges, one of the nation's largest community college districts, serving more than 265,000 students annually. The countywide district has 10 colleges including Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Chandler.

Enrollment

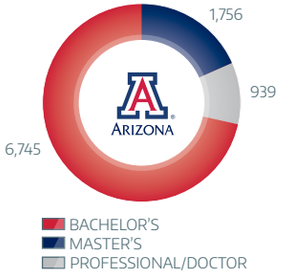




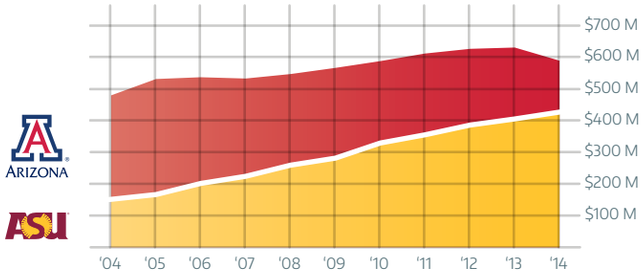
Instate Tuition (2016-17)

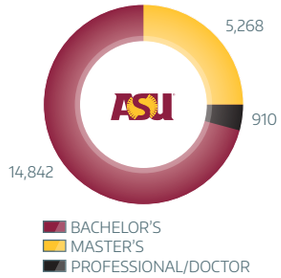


Degrees (2014-15)



Research Expenditures





Data Sources: University of Arizona, Arizona State University

K-12 EDUCATION

HOME TO SOME OF THE HIGHEST RATED SCHOOLS IN ARIZONA

Parents trust Chandler schools to provide students with the knowledge and skills to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. Five public school districts provide service to our residents, with Chandler Unified School District and Kyrene School District serving the majority of the City. These schools, along with a number of private and charter schools, are among Arizona's highest rated with standardized test scores well above state and national averages.

Excellence in Chandler K-12 programs can be seen in:

- Championship academic, fine arts and athletics programs
- Self-contained gifted programs, beginning in kindergarten
- College preparatory advanced placement instruction
- Accelerated International Baccalaureate Study
- Career and technical education
- Medical professions field of study
- Science and biotech classes promoting emerging tech fields

Chandler Unified School District

Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) serves more than 41,000 students in grades K-12 and consists of 29 elementary schools, seven junior highs, five high schools and three alternative schools. Academic success is a high priority in the district as evidenced by students consistently scoring among the top in the state on college-entrance exams. Because of the outstanding educational programs offered, almost all of the district schools have been cited for excellence by outside organizations, such as the Arizona Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

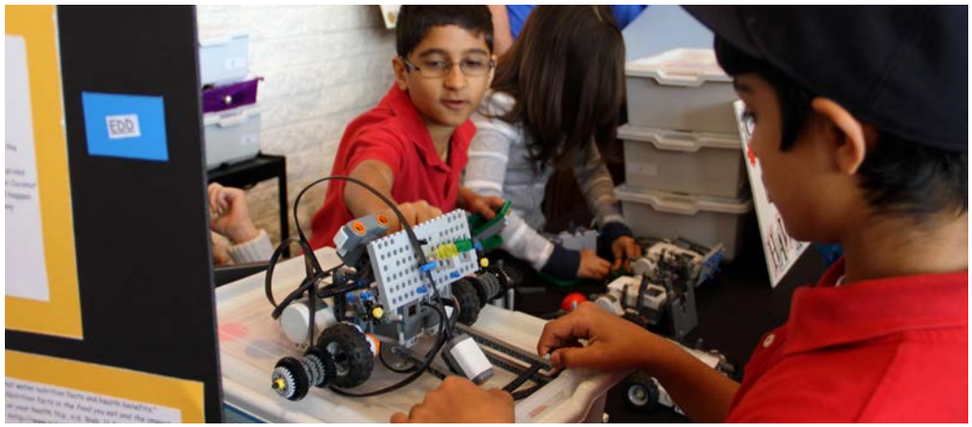
Additional CUSD accolades and achievements include:

- Being named the number one public K-12 district in Arizona two years in a row by Niche.com
- The 2016 graduating class earning more than $118 million in scholarship offers
- Chandler Unified schools being named Arizona A+ Schools of Excellence or U.S. Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence 73 times since 1983, the most of any district in Arizona
- Continued domination of the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair (AzSEF). In 2016, Chandler Unified schools won Best of Fair for both Elementary and Senior High divisions. Ten out of the 15 Grand Award-winning students from Arizona to proceed to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) hailed from CUSD. Of the 10 projects sent, CUSD students brought home more than a dozen awards from ISEF including two Grand Awards.

Kyrene School District

Kyrene Elementary School District is an "A" rated district comprised of 25 schools serving students in grades K-8. The District's boundaries encompass all of Ahwatukee and parts of Chandler, Guadalupe, Tempe and the Gila River Indian Community. In Chandler, Kyrene operates five elementary schools and two junior highs. Three of the elementary schools and both junior highs have been named Arizona A+ Schools of Excellence by the Arizona Educational Foundation.

Kyrene schools offer an innovative learning environment with technology enhanced curriculum. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects are an integral part of daily lesson plans and also are incorporated into after school programs. One of Kyrene's Chandler elementary schools is even home to a "DISCOVERoom," an interactive STEM activity room offered as an alternative to recess on the playground and as a resource for teaching science. Excellence in STEM education also can be seen at the junior high level. In 2015, a team from one of Kyrene's Chandler junior highs won Best in Nation in the Verizon Innovative Learning app challenge, a nationwide contest to develop concepts for mobile apps that solve real world problems.



BUSINESS PLATFORM

ALL OF THE ELEMENTS TO SUPPORT A ROBUST AND THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

Pro-business Local Government

The actions of our pro-business local government have cultivated a place for progress. An authentic dedication to serving the needs of businesses and residents alike has helped Chandler maintain a high quality of life and strategic economic growth. City leadership's aggressive pursuit of timely capital improvement projects has helped Chandler become one of the best-equipped cities for business.

Infrastructure

Chandler's experience with nationally recognized companies has enhanced our capacity to support the needs of many industries, particularly the high-tech, manufacturing and financial services sectors. This includes ensuring the City has the necessary infrastructure for future growth in these areas. Chandler's infrastructure includes:

- An extensive, ultra-pure nitrogen pipeline
- Robust high-speed and wireless telecom network
- Advanced water-recycling methods
- Redundant water system to deliver under any conditions
- High-capacity utilities
- Municipal airport with parallel runways and heliport

Progressive Water Management

Chandler has long been a pioneer in advanced water management. The City has planned and managed water supplies to meet projected demands for build-out. Robust water resources and advanced underground water storage infrastructure ensure that all commercial and industrial water needs are met.

Utility Rates

The City of Chandler provides high quality water and sewer service at some of the lowest rates in the region. Rates are based on a monthly base charge and monthly volume charge.

Salt River Project (SRP) and Arizona Public Service (APS) provide electricity service to Chandler with price plans for large and small users, including time-of-use plans to maximize savings.

Incentives

Arizona's Competitiveness Package offers many features and incentives for businesses including:

- Quality Jobs Tax Credit
- Renewable Energy Tax Credit
- Research and Development Tax Credit
- Qualified Facility Tax Credit for Manufacturers
- Accelerated Depreciation Schedules for Personal Property

Phased-in State Tax Reductions (2014-17)

- 100 percent electable sales factor for multi-state corporations
- 30 percent reduction in Arizona's corporate income tax rate
- Reduced commercial property assessment ratio

STARTUP SUPPORT

VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR EACH STEP OF THE ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY

Business Incubation

Chandler supports early stage companies by maintaining a City-funded business incubator called "Innovations" that offers access to state-of-the-art facilities along with incubation programming and services delivered by NACET. Designed to create a culture of startup support throughout the community, these offerings are available to resident clients as well as affiliate clients based outside of the incubator facility.

No matter where a startup is in its development, Innovations offers resources to help accelerate it to the next phase. Services include one-on-one business coaching, hands-on workshops, and a support network of mentors and technical advisors that can help guide startups throughout the entrepreneurial journey, from business idea to scaling for growth.

Coworking

The City also sponsors Gangplank, a collaborative coworking and event space in Downtown Chandler, to provide free coworking space and opportunities for networking, professional development and mentoring. People who frequent the space include engineers, software developers, photographers, videographers, painters, illustrators and artists of all kinds.

Makerspace

Chandler is home to TechShop, a community-based workshop and prototyping studio that provides access to the tools, equipment, education and other resources entrepreneurs need to develop their ideas and turn them into reality. TechShop is housed in the ASU Chandler Innovation Center, an engineering and technology-based education and research hub located in Downtown Chandler.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

OPERATING ONE OF THE BUSIEST GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY

Overview

Chandler Municipal Airport is located just 20 minutes southeast of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, making it a convenient alternative for business and recreational aircraft.

Take advantage of quick, easy access to anywhere in Greater Phoenix, including some of Arizona's largest employers, spas, golf courses, shopping centers, hotels, resorts and casinos. If your destination is Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Scottsdale or Tempe, add Chandler Municipal to your flight plan.

Outstanding year-round flying conditions and an average of more than 350 Visual Flight Rules days draw students and aviation enthusiasts from around the world. Chandler Municipal is ideal for business flights, charter, sightseeing, public safety, air support and humanitarian missions.

Last year, Chandler Municipal Airport experienced more than 220,000 take offs and landings, making it the 12th busiest general aviation airport in the United States.

Facility Features

- 24 hours/day access
- Air traffic control tower 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily
- Two parallel runways
  - Runway 4R/22L
    4,870' x 75', asphalt, S-30, REILS, PAPI (P4L), MIRL
  - Runway 4L/22R
    4,401' x 75', asphalt, S-30, PAPI (P4L), MIRL
- World class heliport with 34 dedicated rotor wing spaces
- Fixed base operator
- Jet A and 100LL fuel
- No landing fees

Airport Development Opportunities

Prime parcels are available for fixed base operators, maintenance and repair operations, flight schools or corporate aircraft support facilities. Key advantages of locating at Chandler Municipal Airport include:

- Shovel ready sites
- Competitive and negotiable lease rates
- Flexible terms up to 30 years (with possible extensions)
- Power, water and telecommunication services
- Direct airfield access
- Fast, flexible and cost-effective access to destinations across North America

PUBLIC SAFETY

DEDICATED TO ENSURING A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR OUR CITIZENS

Chandler Police Department

The Chandler Police Department (CPD) is committed to being a world-class leader in law enforcement. CPD employs more than 320 sworn officers and 150 civilians. There are three precincts to meet the needs of the community: Main Station, Desert Breeze and Chandler Heights.

Since 1996, the Chandler Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) with re-accreditation occurring every three years. In 2014, CALEA awarded CPD the prestigious Gold Standard Assessment with Excellence, becoming the first police agency in the state to receive such an honor.

The City of Chandler has experienced historically low crime rates over the years. In 2015, Part I Crimes (those considered to be most serious) were recorded at their lowest level since 1988 when the City's population was only 83,000 people.

The Chandler Police Department offers several free programs to the local business community to help combat crime including Business Security Checks, Robbery Prevention and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CAPABLE OF RESPONDING QUICKLY TO ANY EMERGENCY CALL

Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department
Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department (CFHM) is an all-hazards agency that maintains 10 fire stations with more than 200 sworn firefighters. All station personnel are certified emergency medical technicians and most are paramedics.

Since 1998, the Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department has been accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Only 10 other departments in the nation had been accredited when CFHM first achieved this designation and only a handful have been re-accredited four times.

CFHM responded to 23,440 emergency calls during 2015 at an average response time of 3:57. The department has been awarded an ISO Class 3 rating, signifying it has an excellent fire-suppression program. Only about 10 percent of departments nationwide have a Class 3 or lower rating. The insurance industry uses these ISO classifications when setting insurance rates in communities.

Several inspection programs help local businesses maintain a safe work environment including annual inspection, HazMat inspection, new business inspection and self-inspection for qualified small businesses.

TOURISM

THE PERFECT VACATION DESTINATION

A Tradition of Hospitality

In 1913, Arizona's original golf resort opened in Chandler, and visitors have continued to enjoy the community's warmth and hospitality ever since. Chandler boasts world-class golf facilities, award-winning hotels, fabulous restaurants featuring a diverse array of cuisines, outdoor recreation, premier shopping and one-of-a-kind events. Graced with near-perfect weather, more than 330 sunny days a year and an average temperature of 85 degrees, Chandler is a great place to visit. For more information about visiting Chandler, check out VisitChandler.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BUZZING WITH LOCAL CULTURE, FOOD, DRINKS, ART AND MUSIC

Discover Monthly Events in Downtown Chandler

- Downtown Chandler Art Walk, third Friday of each month
- Farmers Market each Thursday, October through May

Chandler's Signature Special Events

- Multicultural Festival (January)
- Chandler SciTech Festival (February)
- Classic Car & Hot Rod Show (February)
- Ostrich Festival and Mayor's Fun Run (March)
- Family Easter Celebration (March)
- The Great American BBQ & Beer Festival (March)
- Chandler Jazz Festival (April)
- July 4th Fireworks Spectacular (July)
- Rockin' Taco Street Fest (September)
- Chandler Indian Art Market (October)
- Mayor's Day of Play (October)
- SanTan Oktoberfest (October)
- Halloween Spooktacular (October)
- Chandler Chuck Wagon Cook-Off (November)
- Rock the Block Party (November)
- Woofstock (November)
- Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights (December)

HOUSING

OPTIONS FOR ALL LIFESTYLES AND BUDGETS

Friendly Neighborhoods
Chandler offers friendly neighborhoods with a wide range of home size and pricing choices. Many also have their own green belts, parks and elementary schools.

Executive Luxury
Find some of the finest communities with generously sized homes and lots created for entertaining and relaxing. Many have gated neighborhood entries combined with impeccable views of lakes and golf courses.

Downtown Living
Eclectic Shops. Culinary variety. Historic surroundings. For those who desire a lifestyle set at the City's core, Chandler offers apartment and townhome options ranging in price and size. Enjoy live jazz, wine tasting and art walks just steps from your private balcony or patio.

Carefree Convenience
Those who are on-the-go will find that Chandler offers a number of alternatives in amenity-rich condos and apartments. Rent or own, resort-style residences can be found throughout the City.

Semi-Rural Horse Properties
Neighborhoods with mature trees, lush pastures, acreage and horse privileges can still be found. Staying true to the City's rural past, parks in south Chandler feature equestrian trails in their design.

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SHOP AND DINE

AN ABUNDANCE OF QUALITY SHOPPING AND DINING EXPERIENCES

Shopping

From urban mixed-use concepts and intimate boutique settings to a regional mall and large power centers, Chandler offers excellent opportunities for retail establishments. Availability of space, quality development, accessible freeway systems and strong demographics continue to attract sought-after, high-end stores and around-the-corner retailers.

Dining

A combination of appealing patio or indoor dining options that feature local or international cuisine to appease any palate. From a local brewery to fine dining selections, the choices are endless.

Supporting Local

Unique gathering places are often at the heart of a community. The City of Chandler sponsors a "Shop Chandler" initiative designed to support Chandler's one-of-a-kind experiences, whether they are independently owned or extraordinarily unique in this market.

RECREATION

FUN AND RELAXING ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

City of Chandler Parks & Recreation Facilities

Libraries:	4
Parks:	65 (5 more planned)
Sports Fields:	23 baseball & softball, 42 soccer
Off-street Trails:	10+ miles
Paved Bike Paths:	32+ miles
Pools/Aquatic Centers:	6
Spray/Splash Pads:	3
Lighted Tennis Courts:	27
Skate & BMX Parks:	2
Dog Parks:	4

Additional Attractions

- Arizona Railway Museum
- Chandler Bike Park (Espee Park)
- Chandler BMX
- Chandler Community Center
- Chandler Museum
- Chandler Senior Center
- Chandler Tennis Center
- Desert Breeze Park and Railroad
- Environmental Education Center
- Hummingbird Habitat
- ImprovMANIA
- Paseo Trail System
- Paseo Vista Recreation Area
- Playtopia
- Snedigar Recreation Center
- The Downtown Stage
- Tumbleweed Park
- Tumbleweed Recreation Center
- Veterans Oasis Park
- Vision Gallery
- Western Canal Trail System
- Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

FUN IN ARIZONA

BREATHTAKING NATURAL BEAUTY, ATTRACTIONS AND EXCITEMENT

Chandler is an excellent setting for both recreation and culture. Horseback riding, running paths, biking trails, aquatic centers, golf courses, museums, sports fields and concert venues are all located within the City's borders.

However, Greater Phoenix residents live a truly regional lifestyle and Chandler's central location makes it possible to enjoy all the culture, sports and lifestyle amenities a large metro area offers.

It's no secret that Arizona's abundance of protected open space makes it a perfect place for outdoor adventures of all types. From hiking to mountain climbing, snow skiing to jet skiing, a short drive puts it all within reach.

The following is a partial listing of cultural, entertainment, sports and recreation amenities to explore in Greater Phoenix and Arizona.

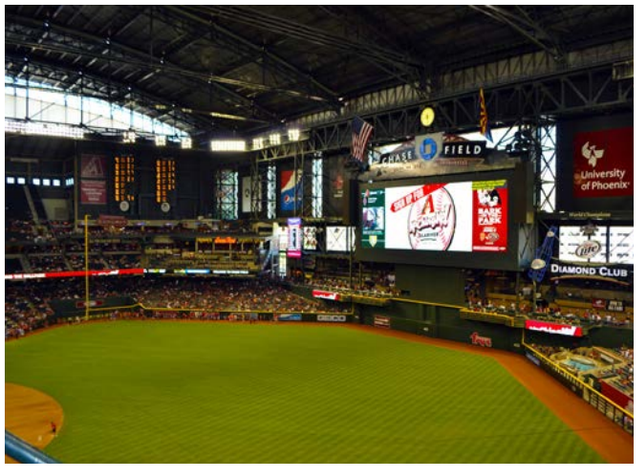
For complete listings of attractions, check out VisitChandler.com

Sports

- Arizona Cardinals (NFL)
- Arizona Coyotes (NHL)
- Arizona Diamondbacks (MLB)
- Arizona Rattlers (AFL)
- Arizona State University (NCAA)
- Cactus League Spring Training (MLB)
- IRONMAN Triathlon
- Northern Arizona University (NCAA)
- P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon
- Pat's Run
- Phoenix International Raceway (NASCAR)
- Phoenix Mercury (WNBA)
- Phoenix Suns (NBA)
- University of Arizona (NCAA)
- Waste Management Open (PGA)
- Wild Horse Motorsports Park

Museums & Cultural Centers

- Arizona Museum for Youth
- Arizona Museum of Natural History
- Arizona Railway Museum
- Arizona State University Art Museum
- Chandler Center for the Arts
- Chandler Museum
- Chinese Cultural Center
- Commemorative Air Force Museum
- Heard Museum
- i.d.e.a. Museum
- Musical Instrument Museum
- Phoenix Art Museum
- Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
- Southwest Shakespeare Company
- Teatro Bravo
- Tempe Center for the Arts
- Vision Gallery
- Zelma Basha Salmeri Gallery of Western American and American Indian Art



Outdoor Fun & Adventures

- Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving
- Casa Grande Ruins National Monument
- Desert Botanical Garden
- Fighter Combat International
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Kartcher Caverns State Park
- Papago Park
- Phoenix Zoo
- Rawhide Western Town
- Salt River Tubing & Recreation
- Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument
- Wildlife World Zoo

Performing Arts Groups & Venues

- Arizona Opera
- ASU Gammage
- Ballet Arizona
- Ballet Etudes
- Chandler Center for the Arts
- Chandler Symphony Orchestra
- Childsplay
- Herberger Theater
- Mesa Arts Center
- Orpheum Theater
- Phoenix Symphony
- Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts
- Tempe Center for the Arts

Science, Technology & Design

- Arcosanti
- Arizona Science Center
- ASU Chandler Innovation Center
- Challenger Space Center
- Columbia University's Biosphere 2
- Dorrance Planetarium
- Kitt Peak National Observatory
- Taliesin West

ABOUT US

CHANDLER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The City's Economic Development Division promotes Chandler as a preferred business location and tourism destination. Our mission is to foster growth in targeted industries that create quality jobs, enhance the City's tax base and add to Chandler's award-winning quality of life.

We provide trusted data, site and building information, and customized research that offers a clear picture of Chandler's business environment for companies and consultants around the world.

Partnering with the Arizona Commerce Authority, Greater Phoenix Economic Council and Arizona Office of Tourism, we market Chandler domestically and internationally to promote the advantages of doing business in our city and build our tourism brand.

Our responsive team of professionals also offers an array of programs and services tailored to support the needs of the commercial real estate industry and businesses of all sizes.

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