

# Queen Creek

## Community Profile

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Queen Creek, in Maricopa County's southeast corner, is only a 45-minute drive from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, but a world apart from city life. Families on irrigated acre lots and in friendly subdivisions live among farmers and ranches, enjoying a rural lifestyle. Centuries ago, the Hohokam found the fertile areas along creeks and washes at the foot of the San Tan Mountains ideal for farming, as did turn-of-the-century settlers. The town is comprised of 26 square miles. The Town General Plan contains 31,282 acres, with 19.7 percent set aside for commercial or industrial uses.

\* Portions of this community are also located within Pinal County.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1989	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: 1989	Phoenix: 45 miles
Elevation: 1,400	Tucson: 100 miles
Located in Maricopa County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS U.S. 60	

### Population

	1990	2000	2008
Queen Creek	2,667	4,316	23,827
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,987,942
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

### Principal Economic Activities

Queen Creek is a partner in the Joint Powers Authority operating Williams Gateway Airport, adjacent to ASU East. Rural scenes fill most of the town's 65-square-mile planning area. A citizen-created General Plan guides development and emphasizes quality homes and lifestyle preservation. The award-winning General Plan includes over fifty housing subdivisions, several parks and substantial open space.

### County Employment

	2008
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	372,500
Professional and Business Services	313,800
Government	220,800
Educational and Health Services	210,800
Leisure and Hospitality	183,100
Financial Activities	147,600
Mining and Construction	141,400
Manufacturing	131,100
Other Services	69,000
Information	29,900

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



### Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	1,069	2,305	2,913
Unemployed	30	77	141
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.3%	4.8%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	16	507	282
Taxable Sales (\$)	0	56.5 million	800.7 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	0	22.4 million	347.9 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

1990 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available.

Source: Town of Queen Creek NOTE: In 1990, Queen Creek didn't participate in AZ Dept. of Revenue Municipal Privilege Tax Collection Program. N/A: Not available.

### Scenic Attractions

Queen Creek attracts thousands of visitors each year for its u-pick fruit and vegetable crops and seasonal festivals. Scenic views include the San Tan Mountains to the south and Superstition Mountains to the northeast. San Tan Mountain Regional Park offers open space and recreational opportunities. As development occurs and funding allows, Queen Creek is acquiring and developing two major washes crossing the community as the foundation of a parks and trail system. Historical sites include the Old Main school building and the ruins of a Butterfield Stage stop.

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### Community Facilities

Queen Creek facilities include a branch library, Rural Metro fire station and meeting rooms. The Youth Center offers recreational programs, a computer lab, after-school activities and homework assistance. Founders' Park provides sports fields, basketball and volleyball courts, and a skate park. Desert Mountain Park offers baseball and soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, an equestrian staging area, an arboretum walk, playground areas and a group picnic ramada. Queen Creek High School, Middle School and four elementary schools provide additional sport facilities. The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center seats 800 and schedules plays and concerts. Plans have been developed to convert the Queen Creek Landfill to a major equestrian park.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Community College	Y	N
University 4 year	Y	N

### Financial

Number of banks: 4

### Government

Fire Department: Rural Metro (By private, subscription basis)  
Law Enforcement: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

### Airports

Queen Creek is a Joint Power Authority partner operating Williams Gateway Airport ( a designated foreign trade zone) northwest of town.

### Medical

Medical and dental facilities in town; hospital/urgent care facilities in close proximity to town.

### Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms:  
Meeting Rooms:  
Capacity of Largest Facility: 200

### Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Town of Queen Creek.

### Utilities

Electricity	Salt River Project	602.236.8888
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Town of Queen Creek Wastewater	480.358.3000
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Queen Creek Water Co.	480.987.3240

Cable Providers: Y  
Digital Switching Station: Y  
Internet Service Provider: Y  
Cable Internet Service Provider: Y  
Fiber Optics: Y

### Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	9.76	9.28	5.82
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	1.95
Countywide	3.51	3.35	2.33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13.27</b>	<b>12.63</b>	<b>10.10</b>

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School districts participate in East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

### Sales Tax

	2008
City/Town	2.25%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

### Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
	55.5	84.9	0.8
January	38.6	65.1	1.0
February	41.5	69.6	1.0
March	45.1	75.1	1.0
April	51.3	84.2	0.3
May	59.9	93.4	0.1
June	68.9	102.1	0.1
July	76.1	104.0	0.8
August	74.3	101.6	1.3
September	68.7	97.7	0.8
October	57.2	87.4	0.7
November	45.2	74.0	0.7
December	38.7	65.2	1.1

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2005.  
Average Total Snowfall 0.0". Nearest data available from Chandler Heights, AZ.

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