

# Mesa Quick Facts

With a population of over 500,000, Mesa is the 35th largest city in the U.S., 3rd largest in Arizona, and 2nd largest in the Phoenix-Mesa metro area. Larger than Miami, Minneapolis, Atlanta and St. Louis, Mesa covers 138 square miles inside a 21-city region with a population of 4.8 million, projected to be 6 million by 2030.

<b>Year Incorporated</b>	1883
<b>Elevation (feet)</b>	1,255
<b>Cost of Living Index</b>	96.8
<b>Average High / Low Temperature</b>	86 / 58
<b>Median Age</b>	36.2
<b>Average Household Income</b>	\$71,448
<b>Number of Mesa Households</b>	187,089
<b>Average Yearly Rainfall (inches)</b>	9.29
<b>Average Yearly Days of Sunshine</b>	301

More sunshine than San Diego or Miami Beach

## POPULATION

	2018	(Projected) 2023	
<b>Population</b>			
Mesa	501,137	538,232	
Arizona	7,132,147	7,634,872	
			(Projected)
<b>Pop. Growth</b>	<b>1990-2000</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>
Mesa	35.5%	9.8%	11.7%
Arizona	40.0%	31.4%	11.1%

## Mesa Population by Age

<b>Age</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>15-34</b>	28.4%
<b>35-54</b>	25.2%
<b>55-74</b>	17.6%
<b>75-85+</b>	6.8%

Source: ESRI Community Analyst, 2018

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

### Within a 30-Minute Drive of Downtown Mesa

596,000+ professionals, 45% (age 25+) with an associate's degree or higher.

<b>Associate's Degree</b>	8.2%
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	23.2%
<b>Graduate's Degree</b>	13.6%

Source: ESRI Community Analyst, 2018

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ENROLLMENT

<b>Mesa Community College</b>	30,000
<b>East Valley Institute of Technology*</b>	5,000
<b>Arizona State University – Polytechnic</b>	4,380
<b>Chandler-Gilbert Community College</b>	20,000
<b>A.T. Still University</b>	1,920
<b>Northern Arizona University – Mesa</b>	451
<b>Benedictine University</b>	508
<b>Upper Iowa University</b>	350

Other institutions Include: Arizona College, Carrington College, DeVry University, and Pima Medical Institute.

\*Includes high school students and high school graduates

## AVAILABLE LABOR FORCE

	<b>Mesa</b>	<b>Phx. Metro</b>
<b>Labor Force</b>	332,991	3,174,794
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	5.4%	5.4%

### Within a 30-Minute Drive of Downtown Mesa

<b>Population</b>	1,987,285
<b>Households</b>	767,952
<b>Labor Force (16+)</b>	979,636

Source: ESRI Community Analyst, 2018

## MESA'S LARGE EMPLOYERS

Banner Health System	8,275
The Boeing Company	3,642
Drivetime Automotive	1,276
24-7 Intouch	1,200
Mountain Vista Medical Center	820
Empire Southwest	733
Salt River Project	614
Dexcom	580
AT&T	576
On Source Virtual HR	557
Santander Consumer USA	515

Source: MAG Employer Database, 2018

## RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Piper Plastics announced it will build its \$10 million, 90,000-square-foot, North American Research and Development Tech Center in Mesa's Falcon District*

*AQST Space Systems moves its headquarters from Puerto Rico to Mesa, hiring 125 employees.*

*CMC Steel has broken ground on a 63,000-square-foot expansion to create spooled rebar in southeast Mesa.*

*Apple recently held the opening ceremony for its \$2 billion global command center in Mesa, employing 150 people.*

## AIRPORTS

### Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

- Allegiant Air flies to 46 destinations nationally
- International service to Canada
- Private aircraft and air cargo service
- Serves over 1.3 million passengers annually
- Three runways
- 250+ acres of developable land available on airport
- One of the fastest growing airports in the U.S.

### Falcon Field

- Among the busiest general aviation airports in the U.S.
  - 700+ aircraft based at Falcon Field with 270,000+ flight operations annually
  - On-airport facilities for aviation businesses
  - 120+ acres available for development
  - FAA air traffic control tower
- ### Sky Harbor International Airport
- 15 minutes from Mesa
  - 1,200+ daily flights serving 90 domestic and 20 international cities.

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# QUICK FACTS

## INDUSTRIES OF OPPORTUNITY

Mesa has a diverse business community with strong competitive advantage and opportunity in the following industry clusters.

Healthcare & Med Tech	Technology
Education	Tourism
Aerospace & Defense	

## TRANSPORTATION

Mesa is easily accessed via a robust freeway system including Interstate 10, State Highway 60, Loops 101 and 202, and State Route 24. Mesa is also part of the Phoenix-Mesa metro area light rail system with stops going into Downtown Mesa extending to Gilbert Road in 2019.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### Golf Courses

Mesa hosts more than 40 golf courses, most within a half-hour drive of Downtown Mesa; more than 200 in the surrounding Phoenix-Mesa metro area.

### Arts and Culture

Home to Mesa Arts Center, the Southwest's largest urban art and entertainment campus featuring 14 artist studios, five galleries, and four theaters on seven acres; i.d.e.a Museum, the first museum dedicated to youth and art in the U.S.; and Arizona Museum of Natural History, the state's largest repository for fossils found in the Southwest.

### Performing Arts Groups

Mesa is home to Symphony of the Southwest, the Millennial Choir, and many other performing arts groups. The Phoenix-Mesa metro area is also home to the Phoenix Symphony, Arizona Opera, and many ballet, dance, and theatre troupes.

### Major League Baseball Spring Training

Since 1952, Mesa has hosted the Chicago Cubs for Spring Training baseball. In 2014, the Cubs moved into the newly constructed Sloan Park where they continue to lead Major League Baseball in Spring Training attendance, averaging nearly 14,000 fans per game. The Oakland A's also call Mesa home for Spring Training, playing at the recently renovated Hohokam Stadium. The Phoenix-Mesa metro area is home to a large number of teams playing in the Cactus League providing fans with some of the best Spring Training baseball in the nation.

### Professional and College Sports

The Greater Phoenix area hosts the Arizona Cardinals, Phoenix Suns, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Coyotes, Arizona Rattlers, and many other major and minor league teams. The area is also home to Arizona State University's Sun Devils and Grand Canyon University's Antelopes, both NCAA Division I schools.

### Outdoor Recreation

66 Parks; 9 public pools; miles and miles of hiking and biking trails; quick access to major lakes and rivers for boating and water sports; close proximity to

mountain areas for hunting, fishing and camping; vast numbers of organized recreational sports leagues.

### Restaurants and Nightlife

More than 3,000 restaurants, eateries, nightclubs, microbreweries, and pubs of all types, styles and price points call Mesa home.

### Resorts and Hotels

65 hotels and resorts, combined total of 5,000+ rooms, and on-property meeting space ranging from 200 to 12,480 square feet.

### Mesa Convention Center

Located on 22 acres of mature parkland, features include 19,000 square feet of exhibit space along with an additional 19,000 square feet of flexible meeting space; 15 meeting rooms offer a wide variety of sizes and configurations.

## RANKINGS

**Accredited Economic Development Organization** – International Economic Development Council, 2017

**Mesa ranked Best Big City in the Southwest** – *Money magazine*, 2016

**Arizona ranked 6<sup>th</sup> best for business.** – *Chief Executive magazine*, 2016



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