

Lake Havasu City

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lake Havasu City, home of the historic London Bridge, is on the east shore of Lake Havasu on the Colorado River border of California and Arizona. The opening of the London Bridge in October 1971 by McCulloch Properties, Inc. brought a unique attraction to Lake Havasu City. The Bridge has been reconstructed over a channel off Lake Havasu and an English village replica built next to it. McCulloch Properties, Inc. established the town in 1963 as a self-sufficient, planned community. It is the major population center of southern Mohave County, one of the fastest growing counties in the United States.

A Main Street and REDI accredited community

Basic Information

Founded: 1964
 Incorporated: 1978
 Elevation: 575
 Located in Mohave County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10; I-40; SR 95
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 206 miles
 Tucson: 317 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2007
Lake Havasu City	24,363	41,938	55,263
Mohave County	93,497	155,032	204,122
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

Lake Havasu City attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to its calm waters and beautiful beaches. The London Bridge and its adjacent English village are the focal point of a multi-million dollar resort complex of shops, restaurants and lodging facilities. A million visitors bring \$100 million annually to the economy. A wide range of manufacturing industries also contribute significantly to the economy.

County Employment

	2007
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,800
Government	8,500
Educational and Health Services	7,400
Leisure and Hospitality	6,800
Mining and Construction	6,000
Professional and Business Services	3,900
Manufacturing	3,600
Financial Activities	2,600
Other Services	2,600
Information	1,000

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

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

Major Private Employers

London Bridge Resort
 Mission Industries
 Nautical Inn
 Sterilite Corporation
 Wal-Mart

Major Public Employers

Havasu Regional Medical Center
 Lake Havasu City
 Lake Havasu School District
 Mohave Community College



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	12,484	18,531	24,810
Unemployed	335	603	866
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.3%	3.5%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
New Bldg. Permits	2,172	1,692	1,881
Taxable Sales (\$)	301.1 million	591.2 million	1 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	155 million	303.6 million	929.7 million

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

Scenic Attractions

Lake Havasu, formed by Parker Dam on the Colorado River, offers abundant attractions. The deep blue water, with its coves and inlets, makes the lake a good fishing spot. The city hosts a number of major bass competitions throughout the year. Open stretches of water are the scene of annual national outboard championships, sailing competitions, water skiing and international jet ski championships. Early mines and mining towns are scattered in the desert to the north and east. Lake Havasu State Park and Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge provide areas of rugged terrain where birds and small game flourish. For amateur geologists, the area surrounding Lake Havasu City features volcanic rock, geodes, jaspers, obsidian, turquoise, and agate.

Community Facilities

Lake Havasu City offers a broad range of community facilities including four parks, one movie theater complex, a library, 16 tennis courts, three beaches, a bowling alley and four golf courses. Also, there are state and commercially operated recreational facilities that include a marina, campsites, picnic grounds, trailer parks, boat slips, dry storage, boat repair, boat rentals, boat tours, swimming beaches, and fishing areas. A municipally owned and operated aquatics complex combines leisure/competitive swimming, therapeutic pools, a water lagoon for youngsters, wave action and a 257-foot enclosed water slide.

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: 11

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Lake Havasu Municipal Airport is served by America West Express Airline (direct flights to Phoenix and Bullhead City).

Medical

Lake Havasu Regional Medical Center, (928) 764-3330.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 1,600
Meeting Rooms: 15
Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,000

Industrial Properties:

The city's Central Business Park has approximately 20 acres remaining available for light manufacturing. Approximately 200 acres of city-owned property, adjoining the newly completed airport, is undergoing master planning.

Utilities

Electricity	Citizens Utilities Co. (Lake Havasu City)	928.855.2138
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities-NG (Lake Hav)	928.453.0595
Refuse	River City Waste Services	928.855.9441
Sewer	Lake Havasu City Sewer	928.453.6660
Telephone	Citizens Communications (Bus)	928.680.1111
Telephone	Citizens Communications (Res)	928.453.1122
Water	Lake Havasu City Water	928.453.4146

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	2007
Elementary/High Schools	6.07	4.97	3.87
City/Fire District	0.10	0.84	0.67
Countywide	4.82	4.19	3.36
Totals	10.99	10.00	7.90

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

Sales Tax

	2007
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	44.7	67.5	0.5
February	48.1	71.6	0.4
March	52.8	79.3	0.5
April	59.8	88.1	0.1
May	69.5	98.0	0.0
June	77.4	107.0	0.0
July	84.8	111.8	0.2
August	85.1	111.0	0.2
September	77.1	104.3	0.4
October	63.3	92.2	0.3
November	50.7	75.2	0.3
December	43.5	65.4	0.3
Yearly Avg.	63.1	89.3	3.2

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1991-2005.
Average Total Snowfall 0.0."

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