



Welcome to Peoria, Arizona

County:	Maricopa
Population:	164,173
Founded:	1954
Square Miles:	179
Distance from Sky Harbor Airport:	20 Miles
Approx. Drive Time:	52 Minutes
City Sales Tax:	2.3%
State Sales Tax:	5.6%
Average Sales Price:	\$268,600



Peoria, Stadium Park

Peoria is a rapidly growing suburban community. Formerly an agricultural town, today it is a business and medical hub for the Northwest Valley area. It is bordered on the west by Sun City, on the east by Phoenix and Glendale, and on the north by Yavapai County. Peoria was settled in the 1880s when families from Peoria, Illinois, took up residence and began farming. The first post office in Peoria opened in 1888. Over the years, the number of farms increased and the town settled into a quiet rural lifestyle. Peoria began to change in the 1960s when the retirement community of Sun City opened. From 1980 to 1990, the city experienced phenomenal growth, with population increasing 300 percent.

Peoria Sports Complex is the spring training and player development home of the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres. It also hosts athletic and special events year-round. Downtown Peoria comes alive with Pioneer Days and Fall Fest. Activities include parades, cowboy poetry, car shows, and live entertainment. Peoria's annual "Holidaze" is a winter festival with fireworks, arts and crafts, and a winter wonderland. Mexican Independence is honored with a Fiestas Patrias celebration in September. The 25,000-acre Lake Pleasant Regional Park offers water-oriented recreation. A new full-service marina is open at Pleasant Harbor. White Tanks Regional Park, in Maricopa County, features petroglyphs and natural rock water tanks.

Peoria, AZ History

Located about 30 minutes northwest of downtown Phoenix, Peoria was established in 1886 as a humble agricultural community. Since incorporating on June 7, 1954, Peoria has blossomed as a rapidly-growing, modern city that offers a high quality of living in the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert.