MESA: QUICK FACTS

With a population of nearly 500,000, Mesa is the 36th 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 4.4 million, projected to be 6 million by 2030.

**Year Incorporated**  1883
**Elevation**  1,255’
**Cost of Living Index**  96.8
**Average High/Low Temperature**  86 / 57
**Median Age**  35.7
**Average Household Income**  $65,418
**Number of Mesa Households**  177,960

**Rainfall and Sunshine**
- Average yearly rainfall (inches)  9.29
- Average yearly days of sunshine  301
  more than San Diego or Miami Beach.

**POPULATION**

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**Pop. Growth**

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**Mesa Population by Age**

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<td>75-85+</td>
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**Educational Attainment**

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

530,000+ professionals, 42.8% (age 25+) with an associate’s degree or higher.

**Associate’s Degree**  8.5%
**Bachelor’s Degree**  21.6%
**Graduate’s Degree**  12.7%

Source: ESRI Community Analyst, 2016

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ENROLLMENT**

- Mesa Community College  21,491
- East Valley Institute of Technology  4,745*
- Arizona State University – Polytechnic  3,300
- Chandler-Gilbert Community College  1,046
- A.T. Still University  1,230
- Northern Arizona University – Mesa  789
- Benedictine University  508
- Upper Iowa University  200
- Wilkes University  81

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

*Includes high school students and high school graduates

**AVAILABLE LABOR FORCE**

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<td>Labor Force</td>
<td>233,793</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
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**Within a 30-Minute Drive of Downtown Mesa**

Population  1,890,732
Households  733,131
Labor Force (16+)  893,426


**MESA’S LARGE EMPLOYERS**

- Banner Health System  9,573
- The Boeing Company  4,200
- Mesa Community College  1,951
- Empire Southwest  782
- American Traffic Solutions  600
- Salt River Project  592
- ASU Polytechnic  560
- Santander  503
- Able Aerospace  500
- Mountain Vista Medical Center  500
- National General Lender Services  470

Source: MAG Employer Database, Dunn & Bradstreet, 2016

**RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Niagara Bottling will be investing $76 million in a new 450,000 sq. ft. facility in Mesa creating 45 to 55 new jobs.
- DuPont Fabros Technology purchased an undeveloped 56.5 acre site in Mesa’s Elliot Road Technology Corridor with plans to develop a data center campus with capacity for up to 1 million square feet.
- Dexcom opened a 216,000 sq. ft. medical technology manufacturing facility bringing 500 new jobs to Mesa in 2017.
- Apple invested $2 billion in its new global command center in Mesa employing 150 people.

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Learn more at [www.mesaaz.gov/economic](http://www.mesaaz.gov/economic)
AIRPORTS

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport
- Allegiant Air flies to 46 destinations nationally
- International service to Canada
- Private aircraft and air cargo service
- Served over 8 million passengers
- Three runways
- 250+ acres of developable land available on airport
- One of the fastest growing airport in the U.S.

Falcon Field
- 5th busiest general aviation airport in the U.S. and second busiest in Phoenix-Mesa 700+ aircraft based at Falcon Field with 260,000+ 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.

INDUSTRIES OF OPPORTUNITY

Mesa has a diverse business community with strong competitive advantage and opportunity in the following industry clusters.
- Healthcare
- Technology
- Education
- Tourism
- Aviation/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 2018.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Golf Courses
Mesa hosts more than 40 golf courses, most within a half-hour drive of downtown; 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
57 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

Economic Development Team of the Year – Global Data Center Alliance, 2016

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

Arizona ranked #5 for workforce. – CNBC, 2016

Arizona ranked 6th best for business. – Chief Executive magazine, 2016