



LAKE HAVASU CITY

Mohave County, Arizona



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

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 200 miles
 Los Angeles: 298 miles

Population

	2000	2010	2013 est.
Lake Havasu City	41,938	52,527	52,908
Mohave County	155,032	200,186	203,592
Arizona	5,130,632	6,392,017	6,581,054

Sources: 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.

Industry (Ranked by Employment)	Count	Share
Retail Trade	3,899	19.8%
Education, Health care, & social assistance	3,101	15.8%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	2,860	14.5%
Construction	1,648	8.4%
Professional, scientific, & administration services	1,543	7.8%
Public administration	1,241	6.3%
Finance, insurance & real-estate	1,232	6.3%
Other services, except public administration	1,169	5.9%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	1,134	5.8%
Manufacturing	899	4.6%

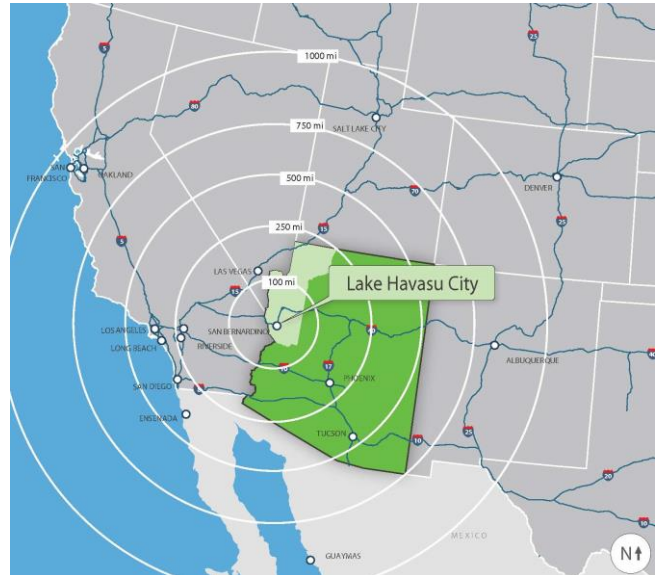
Source: Census Bureau – Fact Finder

Private Employers

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

Public Employers

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



Labor Force Data

	2000	2010	2013
Civilian Labor Force	18,531	15,068	22,145
Unemployed	603	1,310	2,236
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	5.2%	10.1%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	2,172	1,692	545
Taxable Sales (\$)	301.1 million	591.2 million	911.1 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	155 million	303.6 million	1 billion

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

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.

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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.

<u>Educational Institutions</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
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: Lake Havasu City Fire

Law Enforcement: Lake Havasu City Police

Airports

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

Medical

Lake Havasu City has several medical facilities.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 1,600

Meeting Rooms: 15

Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,000

Industrial Properties:

The city's Agave Business Park has approximately 200 acres of city-owned property adjoining the airport available.

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



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Taxes

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2013</u>
Elementary/High Schools	4.97	3.54	4.03
City/Fire District	0.84	0.60	0.74
Countywide	4.19	3.6	4.49
Totals	10.00	7.20	9.26

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
& AZ Tax Research Foundation

Sales Tax

City	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	5.60%

Sources: AZ Dept. of Revenue & AZ Tax Research Foundation.

Weather

	<u>Avg. Low (°F)</u>	<u>Avg. High (°F)</u>	<u>Precip. (in.)</u>
January	62.9	89.0	0.3
February	44.1	66.8	0.6
March	47.7	71.5	0.4
April	52.8	79.5	0.4
May	59.7	87.7	0.1
June	69.3	97.6	0.0
July	77.1	107.0	0.0
August	84.9	111.4	0.2
September	84.8	110.4	0.3
October	76.7	103.9	0.3
November	62.8	91.3	0.3
December	51.3	75.8	0.3
December	43.4	64.8	0.4

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
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This profile was prepared by the Mohave County Economic Development Department in cooperation with local sources.

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