



BULLHEAD CITY

Mohave County, Arizona



Bullhead City is located in west-central Mohave County along the eastside of the Colorado River near the juncture of Arizona, California, and Nevada. It is the sister city to Laughlin, Nevada, and 90 miles from Las Vegas. Bullhead City began as the headquarters for the Davis Dam and Lake Mohave construction in the 1940s. The city of Bullhead City incorporated on August 28, 1984 and became Arizona's 77th municipality. Today, the city serves as the economic hub and retail shopping center for Western Mohave County & southern Clark County, Nevada. The city serves a trade area population exceeding 144,000 & 9 major casino/resort hotels welcome 3.2 million visitors per year.
A REDI accredited community

Basic Information

Founded: 1942	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: 1984	Phoenix: 217 miles
Elevation: 500	Los Angeles: 277 miles
Located in Mohave County	
Nearby Highways: I-40; US 93; SR 66; SR 68	

Population

	2000	2010	2013 ext.
Bullhead City	33,769	39,540	39,495
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

Healthcare services and arts & entertainment are the primary economic activities, with two major medical facilities a community college and resort/gaming. Resort hotels in the area have 10,333 rooms; Bullhead City motels, 1,780 rooms; and a resort/casino on Fort Mojave Indian tribal land has 450 rooms. Visitors enjoy area water sports, golf, trophy fishing, & adult/senior/youth sporting events & hiking. Bullhead City is the regional shopping hub with several shopping malls, numerous supermarkets and other retailers. The bridge connects Bullhead City and Laughlin.

Industry (Ranked By Employment)

Industry	Count	Share
Arts, Entertainment, Food & Recreation	5,488	38.0%
Education, health care & social assistance	2,450	17.0%
Retail Trade	1,669	11.6%
Construction	940	6.5%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	867	6.0%
Finance, Insurance & real estate	563	3.9%
Other services, except public administration	561	3.9%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	557	3.9%
Public administration	518	3.6%
Manufacturing	479	3.3%

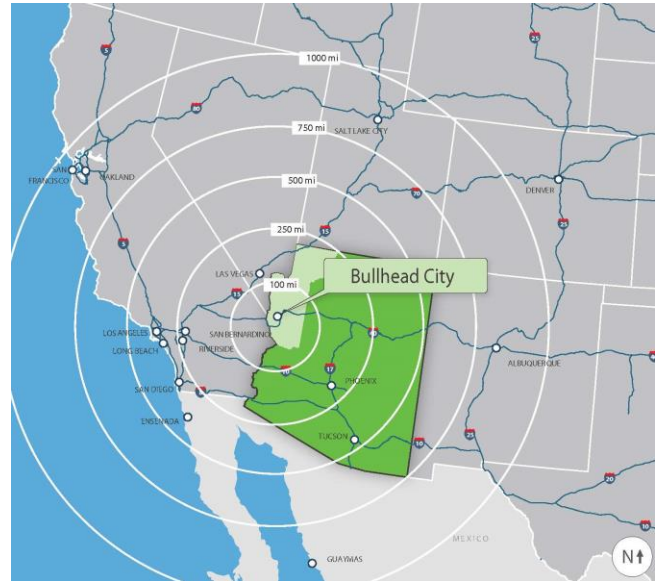
Source: Census Bureau – fact finder

Private Employers

Western Arizona Reg. Medical Center
 Valley View Medical Center
 Home Depot & Lowe's
 Target & Wal-Mart
 Sam's Club

Public Employers

City of Bullhead City
 Mohave Community College
 Bullhead Unified School Dist.
 Colorado River Unified School Dist.



Labor Force Data

	2000	2010	2013
Civilian Labor Force	16,168	17,833	17,637
Unemployed	671	1,961	1,521
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	11.2%	8.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Administration

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2010
New Bldg. Permits	180	1,258	1196
Taxable Sales (\$)	204.8 million	361.6 million	500.1 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	146.8 million	173.2 million	334.7 million

Sources: City of Bullhead City; Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority.

Scenic Attractions

The Colorado River and Lake Mohave (part of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area) offer area visitors year-round, water-related recreation. The 67-mile long Lake Mohave is the gateway to the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Visitors can camp, fish, boat, sail, water ski, Jet Ski, sunbathe, swim, and picnic. The lake offers beautiful expansive beaches and excellent swimming. The Black Mountain Range east of Bullhead City provides for a variety of outdoor activities, including off-roading, hiking, photography, rock climbing, and rock hounding. Bighorn sheep, mule deer, and quail attract hunters.



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Community Facilities

Bullhead City offers a wide range of community facilities including a community center, public library, parks, playgrounds, skate park, senior center, senior nutrition center, municipal pool and splash pad, adult & youth sports facilities, launch ramps to the Colorado River and a Boys & Girls Club. Commercial facilities include two 9-hole and three 18-hole golf courses, health/fitness centers, family fun center and water craft rentals.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y
Post Graduate	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 10

Government

Fire Department: Bullhead City Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City of Bullhead City Police

Airports

Laughlin/Bullhead City International Airport

Medical

Western Arizona Regional Medical Center / Valley View Medical Center

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 1,780

Meeting Rooms: 6

Capacity of Largest Facility: 300

Industrial Properties:

A 133 acre park with all infrastructure in place, including fiber optic. Transportation access to State Route 95 and the Bullhead/Laughlin International Airport is excellent. Other industrial/commercial properties are available as well. Contact Bullhead Administration at 928-763-0122.

Utilities

Electricity	Mohave Electric Cooperative	928.763.1100
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	928.748.5539
Telephone	Frontier Communications	928.763.1122
Cable	Suddenlink	928.758.4844
Water	Epcor Water	928.758.1146
Sewer	City of Bullhead	928.763.9400

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	2013
Elementary/High Schools	5.13	7.39	5.07
City/Fire District	1.29	2.44	2.84
Countywide	4.82	4.19	4.49
Totals	11.25	14.02	12.4

Source: AZ Dept. of Revenue

Sales Tax

	2010
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	43.5	65.7	1.02
February	46.1	71.4	1.04
March	50.0	78.8	0.88
April	56.5	88.0	0.15
May	65.3	97.8	0.08
June	73.1	108.0	0.01
July	79.7	112.0	0.30
August	79.6	110.0	0.72
September	71.7	103.4	0.34
October	59.7	90.5	0.43
November	49.7	75.3	0.45
December	42.8	65.5	0.52

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1967-2004. Average Total Snowfall 1.5".

This profile was prepared by the Mohave County Economic Development Department in cooperation with local sources.

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