



# 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. Among Arizona's fastest growing communities, 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. Today, the city serves a trade area population exceeding 144,000. With 11 major casino/resort hotels, the arts & entertainment industry employs 14,000 in the area.

*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: HWYS I-40; US 93; SR 66; SR 68	

## Population

	1990	2000	2010
Bullhead City	21,951	33,769	39,540
Mohave County	93,497	155,032	200,186
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,392,017

Sources: US Census Bureau

## Principal Economic Activities

Healthcare services and arts & entertainment are the primary economic activities, with two Major Medical Facilities and resort/gaming. Resort hotels in the area have 11,975 rooms; Bullhead City motels, 1,780 rooms; and a resort/casino on Fort Mojave Indian tribal land, 350 rooms. Visitors enjoy area water sports, golf, trophy fishing, and hiking. Bullhead City has several shopping malls, numerous supermarkets and other retailers to serve the region. Two bridges connect Bullhead City and Laughlin. The Bullhead Regional Economic Development Authority is the economic development organization in Bullhead City.

## County Employment

	2010
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	10,300
Government	8,200
Educational and Health Services	8,100
Leisure and Hospitality	5,900
Mining and Construction	2,500
Professional and Business Services	3,400
Manufacturing	2,700
Financial Activities	1,700
Other Services	2,000
Information	800

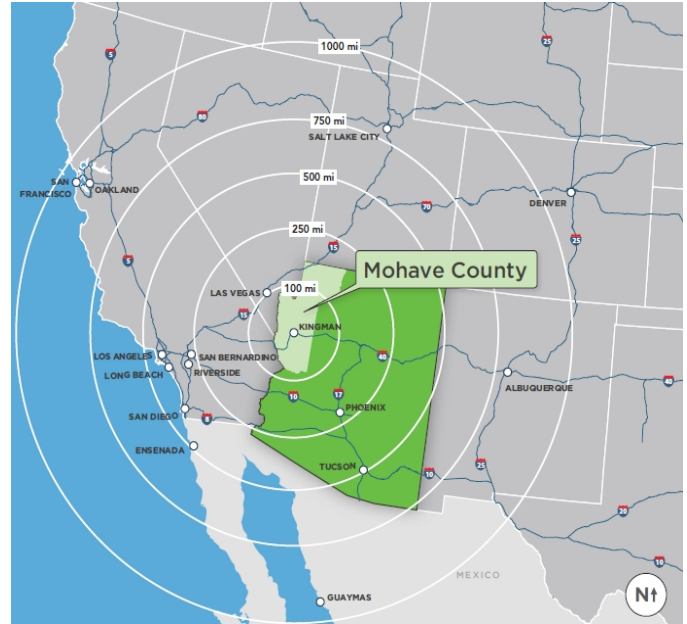
Source: Mohave County Economic Development; Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

## Private Employers

Valley View Medical Center  
Home Depot  
Lewes  
Sam's Club  
Target

## Public Employers

City of Bullhead City  
Mohave Community College  
Bullhead Unified School District



## Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	11,917	16,182	22,012
Unemployed	669	671	1,457
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.1%	6.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

## Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	180	1,258	396
Taxable Sales (\$)	204.8 million	361.6 million	632.8 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	146.8 million	173.2 million	573 million

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Commerce Authority

## Scenic Attractions

The Colorado River and Lake Mohave (part of 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. Along Lake Mohave are water front resorts, 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 public library, parks, playgrounds, senior center, Boys & Girls Club, and sport facilities. Commercial facilities include two 9-hole and three 18-hole golf courses, health/fitness centers, and water craft rentals.

<u>Educational Institutions</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y
Post Graduate	Y	N

### Financial

Number of banks: 10

### Government

Fire Department: City of Bullhead City Fire

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: 1,632

Meeting Rooms: 6

Capacity of Largest Facility: 300

### Industrial Properties:

A 53-acre park with all infrastructure including fiber optic. Transportation access to State Route 95 and the airport is excellent. Other industrial/commercial properties are available as well. Contact Bullhead EDA at 928-704-6374.

### Utilities

Electricity	Mohave Electric Cooperative	928.763.4968
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	928.763.6481
Telephone	Frontier Communications	928.763.1122
Telephone	Suddenlink	877.603.8448
Water	Bullhead City	928.763.9400
Water	North Mohave Valley Water Company	928.758.0000
	Bullhead Sanitation District	928.754.2828
Sewer	City of Bullhead City	928.763.9400

Cable Providers: Y      Cable Internet Service Provider: Y  
 Digital Switching Station: Y      Fiber Optics: Y  
 Internet Service Provider: Y

## Taxes

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Elementary/High Schools	5.29	5.40	3.87
City/Fire District	0.80	0.36	1.79
Countywide	4.82	4.19	3.06
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10.91</b>	<b>9.95</b>	<b>8.72</b>

Source: City of Bullhead City; BREDA

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

### Sales Tax

	<u>2010</u>
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.25%
State	6.60%

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Association

## Weather

	<u>Avg. Low (°F)</u>	<u>Avg. High (°F)</u>	<u>Precip. (in.)</u>
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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