

LITCHFIELD PARK

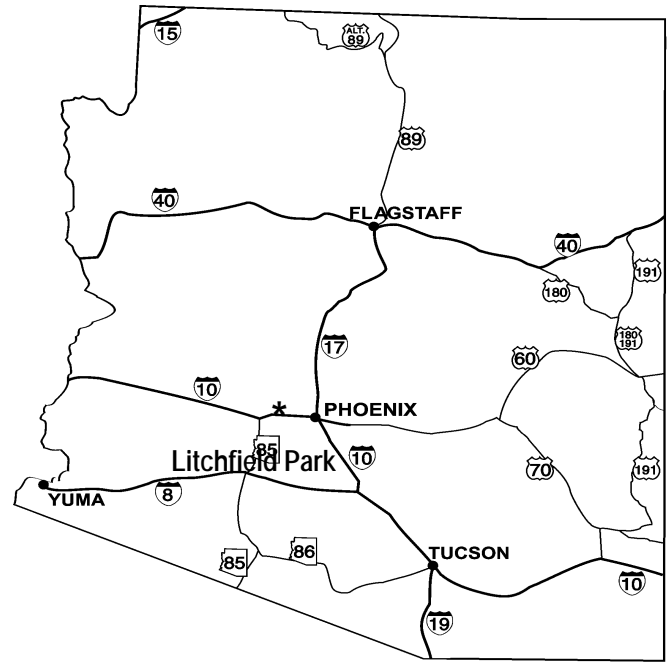
Community Profile

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Litchfield Park is a planned residential community boasting a small town atmosphere and casual lifestyle. It started in 1916 when Goodyear Tire and Rubber bought farm land to grow Egyptian long-staple cotton to use in tire cords. This project was developed by Paul Litchfield, a junior executive with Goodyear, for whom the company town was named in 1926. Litchfield Park was headquarters for Goodyear Farms, which had thousands of acres under cultivation. From 1931 to 1944, it was also the test site for Goodyear tires. In the 1960s, Litchfield Park designed a master-plan for development including several self-sufficient villages, positive aspects of which concept are still evident.

FOUNDED: 1916
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 16 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-10

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1987
 ELEVATION: 1,027 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 129 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Litchfield Park	3,303	3,810	3,920
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,524,175
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

The Wigwam resort hotel, a four-star establishment, is a highlight of Litchfield Park. It was originally built for Goodyear executives visiting the farming operations. In 1929, the Wigwam opened to the public and soon became a fashionable and exclusive resort. The Tierra Verde business district makes Litchfield Park a self-sufficient community and is the center of town. Several housing subdivisions are either under construction or in the planning stages.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2004</u>
Educational & Health Svcs	168,600
Financial Activities	136,600
Government	204,700
Information	35,500
Leisure & Hospitality	157,200
Manufacturing	127,700
Mining & Construction	139,400
Other Services	6,300
Professional & Business Svcs	268,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	332,200

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Calmart Companies Litchfield Landfill Conklin Rose Company
 Hickman Farms Wigwam Resort

Major Public Employers

City of Litchfield Park Litchfield School District

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,602	2,261	2,537
Unemployed	63	55	91
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	2.4%	3.6%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
New Bldg. Permit	35*	73	236
Taxable Sales (\$)	35,273,067	66,252,000	126,501,450
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	63,455,935	35,572,376	50,874,294

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

* Incomplete data: One or more months not available

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

White Tanks Regional Park, west of Litchfield Park, is named for natural rock water tanks once used by local Indians. Many unusual petroglyphs are found in the 26,000-acre park. South, Estrella Mtn. Reg. Park has 19,000 acres with an 18-hole golf course, & camping, horseback riding, hiking & picnic facilities. The Wildlife World Zoo, 4 miles northwest, provides a natural habitat for many endangered species. Nearby Desert Sky Pavilion has seating for 18,000 with about 50 major shows each year. Phoenix International Raceway hosts major auto races. Phoenix also has a symphony, many theater groups, a host of museums, professional football, basketball and baseball, and a wide range of popular entertainment. The Wigwam Resort offers golf and facilities for business & private accommodations.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	7.90	10.32	8.86
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.09
Total	\$11.41	\$13.67	\$11.95

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

NOTE: School district participates in Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC).

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of Litchfield Park offers a range of community facilities including a library, swimming pool, three golf courses, and six parks with baseball and soccer fields. The library, parks and pools are open to the public. Litchfield Park has an active community calendar including a 4th of July celebration, a Country Fair, a Native American Arts Festival, and the annual Christmas in the Park.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 1

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Rural/Metro

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Residents use nearby Phoenix-Goodyear Municipal Airport with a lighted 8,500-ft. runway & nearby Phx. Sky Harbor Internatl. (18 miles east)

Medical

Sun Health and extensive facilities in surrounding cities.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 331

Meeting Rooms: 25

Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,100

Industrial Properties

Commercially zoned land is included in the Western Maricopa Enterprise Zone. For information, contact the City of Litchfield Park.

Utilities

Electricity	APS	602.371.7171
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	602.861.1999
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Litchfield Park Service Co.	623.935.9367

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	36.0	66.9	0.89
February	39.7	71.8	0.96
March	43.7	77.4	0.84
April	49.7	86.2	0.33
May	57.7	95.2	0.13
June	66.3	104.2	0.08
July	75.4	106.9	0.73
August	74.0	104.7	1.21
September	66.7	100.4	0.87
October	53.7	89.7	0.48
November	42.1	76.5	0.65
December	36.7	67.9	1.07
Yearly Avg	53.5	87.3	8.24

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1917-2004. Average Total Snowfall .0".

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