



*Special Census 2005
Executive Summary*

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Overview

The City of Maricopa is experiencing hypergrowth. In the fall of 2005, City Leaders chose to contract with the U.S. Census Department to conduct a Special Census for the City of Maricopa. The goal of the Census was to properly document population growth and secure the City's fair share of state shared revenues. Between January and February 2006, over 80 U.S. Census workers conducted door to door interviews of households within the city limits. The primary question of each respondent was, as of December 31, 2005, how many people were living within this household?

Results

Our "Official Census Statistics" have been certified as follows:

- **Population** of the City of Maricopa as of December 31, 2005: **15,934**.
- **Housing Count** of the City of Maricopa as of December 31, 2005: **7597**.

Population

Based on our March 2004 Special Census population of 4,996, the City of Maricopa has grown at an average rate of 83.2% a year or 5.4% a month over the past 22 months.

In other words, the population of the City of Maricopa has tripled in less than 2 years!

While the population of 15,934 is very substantial, it is lower than what City of Maricopa staff was predicting based on building permits issued. Four primary factors may have contributed to the variance between projected population and the actual Special Census population count:

- **Vacancy Rate:** Our 2005 Special Census shows the City of Maricopa with a neighborhood vacancy rate of 11.5%. Our permit based projections did not include a vacancy rate as a factor.
- **Permit to Occupancy Lag Time:** Permit based projections included the assumption of a 9 month lag between permit and occupancy date. Anecdotal evidence leads to the conclusion that a 12 month lag might have been a more realistic assumption in the summer and fall of 2005.
- **Human Factors:** while every effort was made to see that all homes in the City of Maricopa were included, you will always have oversights and residents who, by chance or by choice, were not included.
- **Seasonal Housing Units:** 126 homes were deemed, based on interview results, to be seasonal residents and were not included. Based on our average household size that would eliminate 360 people.

Housing Count

The Special Census official Housing Count is **7,597** with a Vacancy Rate of **26.7%**. This number deserves a more in-depth explanation. The U.S. Census definition of a vacant housing unit is a housing structure sealed from the elements -- doors, windows, and an enclosed roof -- that is not occupied. Unfortunately this description fits any new home construction project that is more than 80% completed in Maricopa. If you total up the types of vacancies in Maricopa:

Homeowner Vacancies	614
Rental Vacancies	136
Seasonal Vacancies	<u>126</u>
Total	876
Total Census Vacancies	2032
-	<u>876</u>
“Other” Vacancies	1156

This “other” vacancy rate primarily indicates homes that are under construction. If you factor out the construction vacancies you arrive at a true vacancy rate of **11.5%**. This factor represents vacancies within completed neighborhoods and is much more useful for City planning purposes.

Demographic Highlights

Maricopa remains a young community with 25.5% of the residents between the ages of 25 to 34 with another 16% between the ages of 35 to 44. 14.2% of the homes are occupied by adults living alone, mostly young professionals, with only 1.3% of them over 65 years of age. 12% of the households are renter occupied. In Maricopa 77% of the households are considered family households with 42.4% having children living in the home. Significantly, 31.7% of all residents are 19 years old or younger. Amazingly, 12% of Maricopa’s total population is under 5!

The average Maricopa household holds 2.7 people, while the average family in Maricopa contains 3.2 family members.

Advantage

State Shared Revenue: Arizona distributes a portion of state-collected tax dollars back to local municipalities based on population.

Shared Revenue Sources

- 25% of all **State Sales Tax** is shared based on population.
- 15% of all **State Income Tax** is shared based on population.
- 27% of **Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF)** is shared based on population.
- **Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF)** is distributed based on population.

State Shared Revenue Amount:

Finance Director Roger Kolman estimates the City of Maricopa receives a total of about \$300 a person in State Shared Revenue each year. Based on our Special Census results, we should receive an additional 14 million dollars in additional revenues over 5 years.

Fiscal Year	Using Current Population	Using 2005 Special Census	Additional Revenues
2006-2007	\$1,498,200	\$2,390,100	\$891,900
2007-2008	\$1,498,200	\$4,780,200	\$3,282,000
2008-2009	\$1,498,200	\$4,780,200	\$3,282,000
2009-2010	\$1,498,200	\$4,780,200	\$3,282,000
2010-2011	\$1,498,200	\$4,780,200	\$3,282,000
5 Year Total	\$7,491,000	\$21,510,900	\$14,019,900

Conclusion

It is to the advantage of the citizens of Maricopa to have the most current population figures available. Accurate population data aids in planning for schools, transportation and city resources. The additional revenues will be used to fund the everyday services required by citizens of a community experiencing a growth rate of 5.4% a month. Requesting a Special Census for Maricopa in 2005 was a wise decision by City Leaders which will benefit all citizens for years to come.

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics for Maricopa city, Arizona
Special Census of Maricopa city, Arizona: December 31, 2005**

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf1.pdf>]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	15,934	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	15,934	100.0
Male.....	8,037	50.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	3,394	21.3
Female.....	7,897	49.6	Mexican.....	***	***
Under 5 years.....	1,917	12.0	Puerto Rican.....	***	***
5 to 9 years.....	1,418	8.9	Cuban.....	***	***
10 to 14 years.....	1,077	6.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	***	***
15 to 19 years.....	639	4.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	12,540	78.7
20 to 24 years.....	1,072	6.7	White alone.....	10,316	64.7
25 to 34 years.....	4,063	25.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,554	16.0	Total population.....	15,934	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,584	9.9	In households.....	15,934	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	587	3.7	Householder.....	5,565	34.9
60 to 64 years.....	466	2.9	Spouse.....	3,615	22.7
65 to 74 years.....	393	2.5	Child.....	5,097	32.0
75 to 84 years.....	128	0.8	Own child under 18 years.....	4,528	28.4
85 years and over.....	36	0.2	Other relatives.....	789	5.0
Median age (years).....	29.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	235	1.5
18 years and over.....	11,108	69.7	Nonrelatives.....	868	5.4
Male.....	5,553	34.9	Unmarried partner.....	485	3.0
Female.....	5,555	34.9	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	10,744	67.4	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	823	5.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	557	3.5	HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Male.....	286	1.8	Total households.....	5,565	100.0
Female.....	271	1.7	Family households (families).....	4,330	77.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,362	42.4
One race.....	15,461	97.0	Married-couple family.....	3,615	65.0
White.....	12,878	80.8	With own children under 18 years.....	1,904	34.2
Black or African American.....	973	6.1	Female householder, no husband present.....	406	7.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	219	1.4	With own children under 18 years.....	279	5.0
Asian.....	704	4.4	Nonfamily households.....	1,235	22.2
Asian Indian.....	***	***	Householder living alone.....	789	14.2
Chinese.....	***	***	Householder 65 years and over.....	71	1.3
Filipino.....	***	***	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,492	44.8
Japanese.....	***	***	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	432	7.8
Korean.....	***	***	Average household size.....	2.86	(X)
Vietnamese.....	***	***	Average family size.....	3.19	(X)
Other Asian ¹	***	***	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	63	0.4	Total housing units.....	7,597	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	***	***	Occupied housing units.....	5,565	73.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	***	***	Vacant housing units.....	2,032	26.7
Samoan.....	***	***	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.....	126	1.7
Other Pacific Islander ²	***	***	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	11.2	(X)
Some other race.....	624	3.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	16.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	473	3.0	HOUSING TENURE		
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	5,565	100.0
White.....	13,275	83.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,868	87.5
Black or African American.....	1,134	7.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	697	12.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	331	2.1	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.79	(X)
Asian.....	860	5.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	3.35	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	100	0.6			
Some other race.....	741	4.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable. *** Data suppressed for confidentiality.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The following six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

