
Tolleson Community Profile

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Tolleson is a self-contained community, 10 miles west of downtown Phoenix. W.G. Tolleson of South Carolina founded the town in 1912. Tolleson measures about six square miles and was incorporated in 1929. Once dependent on agriculture, Tolleson today has a strong commercial and industrial base.

Principal Industries

The City of Tolleson has become a strong distribution hub for companies wishing to deliver products to southwestern markets. This is primarily due to its excellent location just south of the I-10 and the interchange with the new loop 101, to be completed by the end of 2000. The city of Tolleson hosts several large employers, including Sunland Beef, Kroger's, Albertson's, Salt River Project, and Sysco Food Systems. In addition to distribution and food, fiber and natural products, the community has a strong manufacturing structure.

Top Private Sector Employers

<i>Company Name</i>	<i>Tolleson Employment</i>
Sunland Beef	1250
Kroger's	738
Albertson's	420
Salt River Project	395
Sysco Food Systems	384

Source: City of Tolleson Economic Development, October 1999.

Population

The city of Tolleson has added a modest amount of new housing in the past several years, with about 113 new units built from 1995 to 1998. The total housing inventory now includes nearly 1,500 units, which represents a 8 percent increase since 1995.

City of Tolleson - Population

	<i>1980</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>2000</i>
	4,433	4,434	4,974

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, March 2001.

Transportation

Tolleson has a prime location along a major transportation corridor. Tolleson is served by the Papago Freeway, which is a segment of Interstate 10. The Union Pacific rail line runs through Tolleson, providing a number of industrial sites with rail access. Air transit is accomplished through the nearby [Phoenix-Goodyear Municipal Airport](#) and Phoenix's [Sky Harbor International Airport](#), located approximately 20 - 25 minutes away.

Education

The Tolleson Elementary District and the [Tolleson Union High School District](#) serve the City of Tolleson. [Estrella Mountain Community College](#) also serves Tolleson, and nearby [ASU West in Glendale](#) provides Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral programs in a variety of disciplines. [Glendale Community College](#) and the [Thunderbird American Graduate School of International Management](#) are also located in nearby Glendale.

Additional Resources

[Arizona Department of Education](#)

Utilities

The City of Tolleson is served by the following utilities:

Private Utilities

[Salt River Project](#)

Communications

[Qwest](#)

[Cox Communications](#)

Natural Gas

[Southwest Gas Corporation](#)

Water & Sewer

Municipal

Quality of Life

Tolleson has three city parks, a community center, five lighted ball parks, and numerous lighted basketball, tennis and racquetball courts.

The West Valley Fine Arts Council also provides a variety of scheduled cultural events in Tolleson and the surrounding area.

The nearby 19,000-acre Estrella Mountain Regional Park and 26,000-acre White Tank Regional Park offer numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation. Also just southwest of Tolleson is the [Phoenix International Raceway](#) (PIR), offering auto races including the Copperworld Classic, Phoenix 200 Indy, and NASCAR Winston Cup Phoenix 500.

Many other sports, recreational, arts and cultural activities are available just a short drive away in [Phoenix](#) as well.