

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH PROFILES

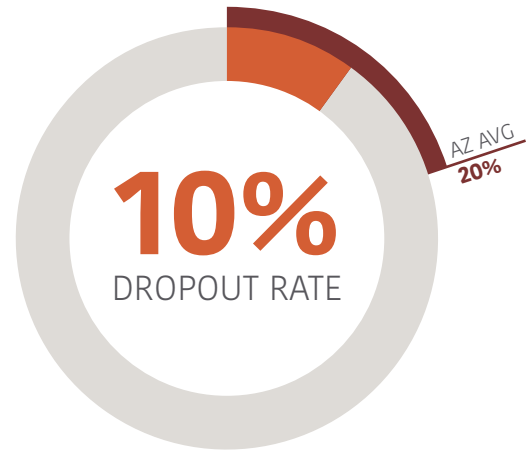
Tempe

Tempe, Arizona’s eighth largest city, has a population of over 160,000 residents and is home to Arizona State University, the nation’s largest university system with over 70,000 students. There are three school districts within Tempe, comprising two elementary school districts and one high school district. Tempe Union High School District has six comprehensive high schools and one non-traditional high school and serves over 14,000 students. An additional 15,400 students are served in the Tempe Elementary School District and Kyrene Elementary School District. Tempe Union High School District has a 90 percent graduation rate and 87 percent of those graduates go on to attend college.

The city of Tempe strongly supports education and its educational partners and created an education coordinator position to serve as the liaison between the city government and the local educational institutions. Mayor Mark Mitchell, in his State of the City address, stated, “The link between education and economic development success in Tempe is not solely about higher education...I know that a love of learning starts during the formative elementary, middle school and high school years.”

The city’s College Connect program works with Tempe’s students to provide assistance in completing college and trade school applications, finding scholarships, and navigating financial aid. A committed group of partners work together to present workshops and to provide support so that all program participants can achieve post-secondary success.

AARP Experience Corps Tempe engages adult volunteers age 50+ to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring to kindergarten through 3rd grade students reading below grade level. In addition to strengthening academic skills, the tutors work on motivating and encouraging students through the positive relationship they build together. Through this generational exchange, children succeed, 50+ adults thrive and communities are made stronger.



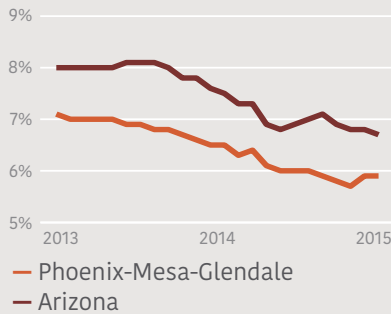
340 dropouts per year
\$160 million lifetime economic loss



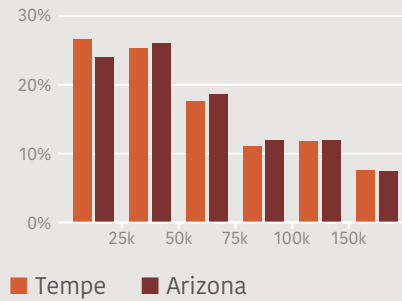
3,992 disconnected youth
\$3.1 billion lifetime economic loss

ECONOMIC LOSS BY RACE/ETHNICITY	White		Black		Hispanic	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Lifetime loss per dropout	\$469,900	\$387,600	\$317,100	\$166,100	\$504,000	\$352,900
Lifetime loss per disconnected youth	\$878,500	\$705,800	\$976,500	\$829,500	\$759,100	\$681,500

Unemployment Rate



Household Income

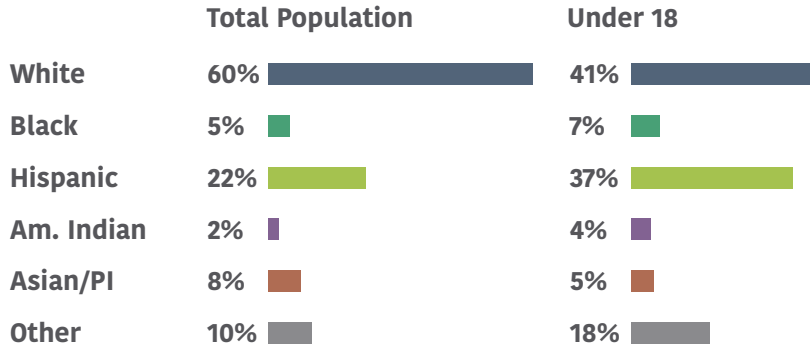


ECONOMIC INDICATORS

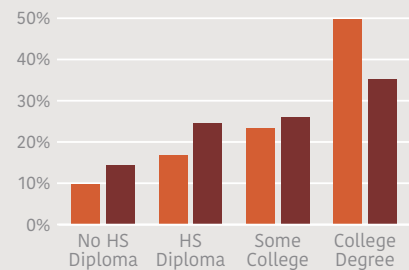
Education and the economy are closely intertwined subjects. In order to address educational challenges it is necessary to understand the economic context within which students, families and schools operate, while a well-educated population enjoys higher employment and incomes.

DEMOGRAPHICS

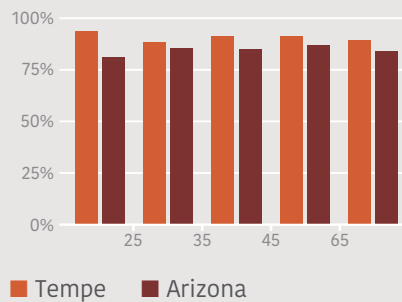
All across Arizona the demographic picture is changing rapidly. Comparing the racial/ethnic composition of the youth population with that of the city as a whole illustrates the pattern of these demographic shifts and the growth of the Hispanic population in particular.



Education Attainment



HS Completion by Age



EDUCATION RATES

Cities included in the profiles have a large amount of variation in the rates of education for their adult population. Educational outcomes for students are strongly associated with the education levels of their families and, to an extent, their communities.

AIMS READING PROFICIENCY BY RACE/ETHNICITY

All		White		Black		Hispanic	
3 rd grade	8 th grade	3 rd grade	8 th grade	3 rd grade	8 th grade	3 rd grade	8 th grade
78%	65%	89%	78%	73%	55%	73%	62%

The Arizona Mayors Education Roundtable brings together mayors across the state to share data, promising practices and strategies to boost students' educational and career success. azmayors.org



Sources: Arizona Department of Administration Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Seasonally Adjusted Tables, Updated January 22, 2015; US Census Bureau 2009-13 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; Arizona Department of Education Report Cards, azreportcards.com