

## Maricopa County Update

**Maricopa County: Here we grow again**, from the *Arizona Republic*, reports that Maricopa County will soon be the nation's third largest county behind Los Angeles and Chicago's Cook counties. Census estimates to be released today rank Maricopa County No. 1 nationally in population gains for both the year ending July, 2005, and since the 2000 census. The estimated population of Maricopa County as of July, 2005 was 3,635,528. That is equivalent to the entire state's population in 1990! Maricopa county added 563,193 new residents since the 2000 census. 136,941 people are moving to Maricopa County each year, about 375 every day!

Maricopa soon to be 3rd largest county in U.S.  
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How goes Maricopa County's growth? There are 375 answers a day, or one for every person arriving throughout the year.

Maricopa County will soon be the nation's third-largest county - behind Los Angeles and Chicago's Cook. 61.2% of the state's population lives there.

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Here's the story in numbers:

**3,635,528.** That was the estimated population in July 2005.

Think that's a lot? Let's put it this way - it's equivalent to the entire state's population in 1990.

**563,193.** That's the largest increase of any county in the U.S. since 2000 census - more than the combined populations of Scottsdale, Tempe and Gilbert.

**136,941.** The number of people who have been arriving annually - enough to fill Sun Devil Stadium twice in a year.

**375.** The number of people who arrive in the Valley daily. Enough to fill about six busloads.