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## TEMPE AND THE 2005 CENSUS

Results from the 2005 Census were recently released. Some of the major items in Tempe, compared with the 2000 Census, are:



- ✓ Tempe's 2005 Poverty Rate is down from 2000;
- ✓ Tempe's Hispanic population increased to 22%;
- ✓ Tempe's higher income groups increased significantly;
- ✓ Tempe Non-family households increased to about 50% versus Family households;
- ✓ Numbers of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren increased to 927;
- ✓ Tempe's People with Disabilities population decreased.



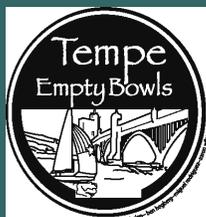
### Event Spotlight:

Friday, February 23, 2007

6th Street Park  
11am - 2pm and

Saturday, February 24

Tempe Beach Park  
11am - 2pm



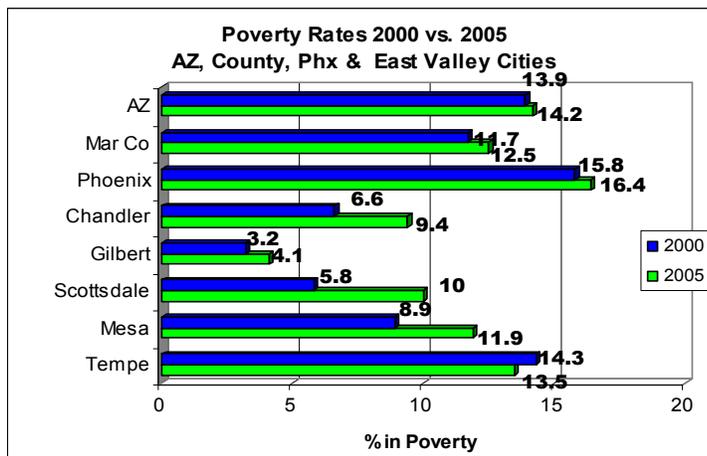
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Prom Dress Drive  
February 10th -24th, 2007



Cinderella Affair Boutique  
March 30-31 2007

**Poverty** - The chart below compares poverty percents from 2005 with 2000 for East Valley cities, Phoenix and the State and County as a whole.



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The good news appears to be, Tempe's poverty rate was the *only one that went down* among those areas shown from 2000 to 2005. The not-so-good news is that it didn't go down much (13.5% from 14.3%) and it is still the highest in the East Valley and higher than the County as a whole. Also, the *number* of people living in poverty in Tempe increased by 529 to a total of 22,433 (estimated).

Percentages of people in poverty at either end of the age continuum are also compared in the Census. The table below shows Tempe compared with the same geographic area by percent of *youth* and of *seniors* living in poverty.

	PERCENT INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN POVERTY			
	Youth <18		Senior >65	
	2000	2005	2000	2005
<b>Tempe</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
AZ	20.3	21	8.2	8.2
Mar. Co.	15.4	18.3	7.4	6.9
Phoenix	21	24	10.3	9.1
Mesa	10.7	18.3	7.1	6.7
Scottsdale	5.4	10	5.9	4.1
Chandler	7.7	9.4	8	5.9
Gilbert	3	4.8	5.9	3.8

- In all areas shown, a higher proportion of youth are living in poverty than are seniors.
- Tempe has the *lowest* proportion of seniors in poverty but the *third highest* of youth in 2005 among the areas listed.

As a final note on poverty in Tempe, the middle age group (18-64) in Tempe had the highest poverty rate of the three age groups in 2005 at *14.9%*.

**Age Groups** - The chart below compares Tempe age groups for the 2000 and 2005 Census.

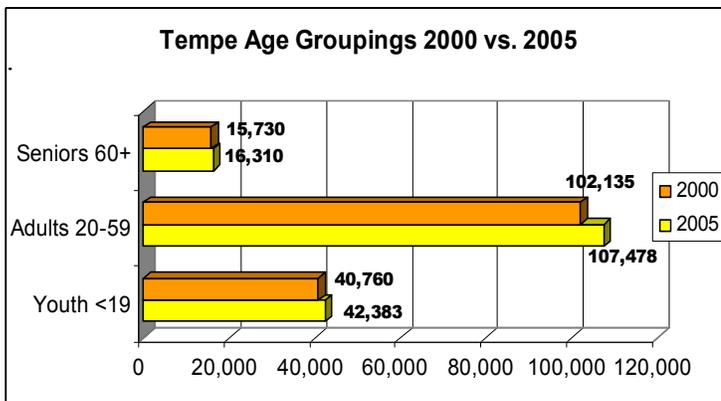
*Youth* - Increased 4% from 2000;

*Adults* - Increased 5.23%;

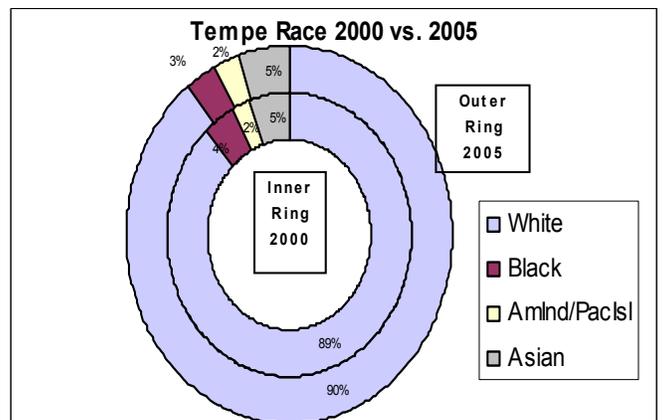
*Seniors* - Increased 3.7%

Thus, the Adult group was the only one that matched or exceeded the overall 4.75% population growth in Tempe.

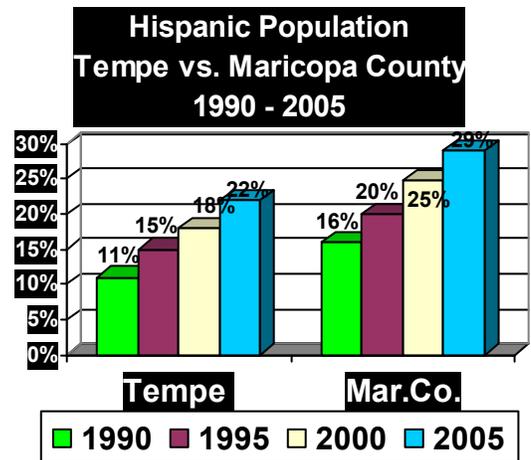
The Tempe Median Age decreased slightly, from 28.8 to 28.4.



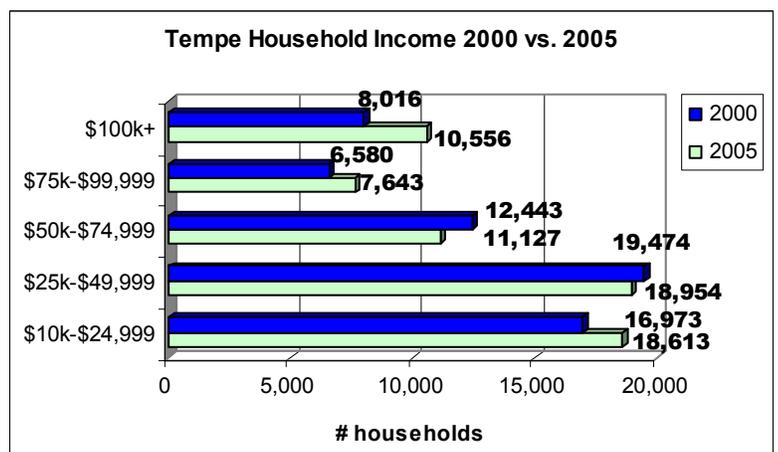
**Race** - As the chart below shows, racial proportions in Tempe changed little between 2000 and 2005 except for Black/African American, which decreased from 4% to 3% of the overall Tempe population. The Black population decreased by 891 persons from the 2000 Black population



**Hispanic** - The Hispanic population in Tempe increased from 28,473 to 36,500 over the 5-year period. As the chart indicates, the Hispanic population in Tempe (who may be of any race) is now 22% of the total population, compared to 29% in both Maricopa County and in Arizona as a whole.

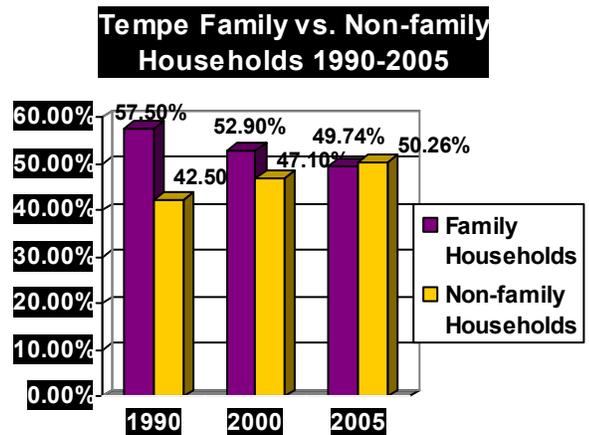


**Household Income** - The chart to the right compares Tempe household income of 2000 to 2005. Upper income levels increased the most in percentage.:  
 \$100,000+ up by 32%;  
 \$75 - 99,999 up by 16%;  
 Conversely, some of the middle income groups (\$25k-49,999 and \$50k-74,999) *decreased* somewhat.



Median Tempe household income increased from \$42,361 to \$45,644, a 7.75% increase.

**Family/Non-family household** - The trend in Tempe toward more non-family households (people living together who are not related) continued with the 2005 Census. As the chart to the right shows, the proportion of family to non-family households is close to 50-50 in 2005. By comparison, for both Maricopa and Arizona, the 2005 proportion is 66% Family and 34% Non-family.



Average household size (all types) increased somewhat, from 2.41 persons to 2.48 in 2005.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** There was an increase in number and proportion of Grandparents responsible for raising their grandchildren in 2005: 927, up from 873 in 2000. There was a comparable increase in Maricopa County of such grandparents to 28,749. (See the next [Network](#) for results of a recent Tempe study.)

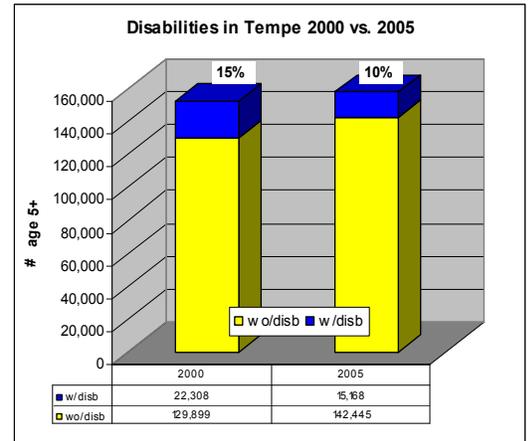


**Commuting Time** - Tempe's Mean Commuting Time stayed about the same in 2005 at 20.3 minutes. That compares with 24.8 for Arizona as a whole and 26.4 minutes for Maricopa County. (Life is good in Tempe!)

## TEMPE AND THE 2005 CENSUS (Continued)

**Disabilities** - The proportion and actual numbers of people with disabilities in Tempe apparently decreased significantly from 2000 to 2005. As the chart shows, the number of people with disabilities (age 5+) lessened from 22,308 in 2000 to 15,168 in 2005, coming down from 15% to just 10% of the total Tempe population. Reasons this decrease are unknown, although this might be a good point to note that the 2005 Census is sampled and has a margin of error of 10%. That means the 15,168 figure might be 1,516 more (16,684) or 1,516 less (13,652).

Of comparable interest, the Maricopa County proportion of people with disabilities *rose* from 8% in 2000 to 12% in 2005.



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### BOTTOM LINE

The 2005 Census was different this time, marking a very significant change for how often new Census figures will be available for our community. The Census Bureau established the American Community Survey in recent years and added Tempe to the survey for the first time for 2005. The American Community Survey is updated in part every year, meaning Tempe will now be part of an *ongoing* Census effort. The data is available online at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

## 2007 EITC



**The 2007 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program** will have one VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) **super site** at Tempe Schools Credit Union, 2800 South Mill Avenue in Tempe. At our super site, we will provide **free tax preparation and electronic filing for individuals making \$33,000 or less and couples making \$55,000 or less beginning Saturday January 27, 2007 from 9 AM - 12 PM**. A large group of trained IRS certified volunteer tax preparers, will provide services each Saturday through April 14th, except for March 17th when the site will be closed for spring break. **With electronic filing, tax payers can expect their refund within 10-14 working days.** The Tempe Schools Credit Union VITA site is handicapped accessible and will have Spanish translators most times.

**New this year...** taxpayers can split their refund and deposit into more than one bank account. This is a great opportunity for taxpayers to begin saving for their education, a business or a home of their own. To split a refund, taxpayers need to bring their *account numbers and bank routing numbers*. Other items that taxpayers need to bring include: *Forms W-2 from every place you worked in 2006; Forms 1099, if applicable; Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents; Picture Identification; A copy of last year's tax return; Information for all deductions and credits.*

**Results from last year (2004)** just released by IRS are shown below for Tempe and Guadalupe. Over **\$14 million** was claimed on almost 9,000 returns of EITC and over **\$23 million** was received in tax refunds.

TAX YEAR	EITC \$	Returns w/ EITC	Sum of Refunds
TY 2004	\$14,337,372	8,855	\$23,303,882

*For additional information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tcc.eitc.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc.eitc.htm)*

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



While the winter season has brought brisk days and chilly nights, we continue to be warmed by the steady progress on **Tempe Community Foundation (TCF)**.

One very nice surprise came recently with the news that our former colleague, Martha Cronin, has asked that instead of gifts for her February wedding, she would like those resources directed toward TCF! We think this will be just the beginning of a new stream of philanthropic resources to benefit all of Tempe.

The City of Tempe initially established the TCF in 1992 and TCC is requesting the transfer of TCF operations to TCC. The assets of the TCF will stay with the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) as a permanent endowment.

Planning continues for the *TCF Signature Event*. We are excited with the developing partnership with Vestar. Our event is currently targeted for Fall of 2007 at our newest mall, the *Tempe Marketplace*.

And last but not least, we received the pleasant news before Christmas from ACF that the assets of the TCF have grown to some \$132,000. That will produce about \$6,000 to add to this coming year's Agency Review resources. I believe the time will soon arrive when that amount will be many times greater!

Sincerely,

## CINDERELLA AFFAIR

**The Cinderella Affair** is again asking for donations of gently used formals, purses, shoes, jewelry, and wraps to help make attending prom affordable for all high school junior and senior girls.

The 5th Annual Prom Dress Drive will be held from February 10<sup>th</sup> –24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at more than a dozen drop-off locations, including these Tempe locations:

- **Tempe Community Council** (34 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe)
- **Pyle Adult Recreation Center** (655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe)
- **All Tempe Fire Stations** (call 480-858-2300 for locations).

Additional drop off locations and other information can be found by visiting [www.CinderellaAffair.com](http://www.CinderellaAffair.com).

The 5th Annual *Cinderella Affair* Boutique will

Center for Tempe Union high schools and on March 31, 2006 for other Valley-area high school junior and senior girls. Female students may attend this event and select one dress and accessories free of charge. Thanks to *Mr. Formal*, a number of male students will be assisted as well (call 480-858-2310).



**Barriers to affordable housing** are ranked as 1) high land cost and availability, 2) impact and development fees, 3) zoning 4) design guidelines 5) lack of infrastructure 6) limited government funding and 6) “not in my back yard”.

Top ranked strategies **to overcome barriers to affordable housing** are ranked as 1) educate public, 2) reduce development fees 3) infill incentives 4) small lot/multifamily housing 5) public private partnership.

*The Workforce and Affordable Housing*, Elliot Pollack and Associates, 2004.

## 22ND ANNUAL DON CARLOS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

The 22nd annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Award was presented on November 1, 2006 to **Mel Kessler** and **Gail Fisher**. This dynamic Tempe couple have given of their time and talent in many ways in past years. Mel's service included PTOs, band booster organizations, Board of Trustees for Temple Emanuel, Tempe Library Advisory Board and Parks and Recreation Board. In 1996 he received Tempe Leadership's Outstanding Tempe Community Leadership Award and currently serves as the past president of their Board of Directors and on the Tempe Cares planning committee. Gail also serves on the Library board, has had a long relationship with Childsplay, serves on the New School for the Arts Board of Directors and the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission. She serves on the Tempe Historical Museum Board and the Tempe Center for the Arts Steering and Executive Committees.



**Mel Kessler and Gail Fisher**

## 4TH ANNUAL HAYDEN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT AWARD

**Lindsay Samuell** was the recipient of the 2006 Carl Hayden Youth & Young Adult Award on November 1 as part of the Don Carlos ceremonies. This very active young lady is currently an ASU student who began her career of service as a Junior Page at the Tempe Public Library. She next became an Exhibit Hall Aide at the Tempe Historical Museum, where she continues to volunteer. Lindsay has served as the Secretary to the Historical Museum Youth Advisory Committee for two years. Her service to the museum included a lead role in the high school exhibit project at the museum, preparing the display board for Marcos de Niza, where she attended high school.



**Lindsay Samuell**

*Additional Don Carlos award detail at [www.tempe.gov/tcc/Don\\_Carlos](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc/Don_Carlos)*

Don Carlos event sponsors were **Heidi's Events & Catering, Table Tops Etc. and SRP.**



Special thanks for the contributions of **Alliance Beverage Distributing Co., Arizona Historical Society Museum, Don Carlos Screening & Selection Committees, Hensley and Company, Lisa Marmur, Tempe Schools Credit Union and Uno's Pizzeria.**



Happy Don Carlos reception attendees (l. to r.) Councilmember **Barb Carter**, TCC Director **Kate Hanley**, Tempe Judge **Louraine Arkfeld**, ASU outreach staffer **Stephanie Salazar** and TCC board member **Maryanne Corder**.



GOOD NEWS



**ACE Hardware** benefit for **Open Horizons** was a success on December 5. TCC staff **Cheryl Hornyan** tells Santa her wish list.



**Mesa CAN Men's Shelter** evening meal was prepared at Pizzeria Uno's and served by TCC Board and Staff volunteers on November 30, including (above, l. to r.) **Lynette Stonefeld** and **Catherine MacDonald**. The evening was dedicated to shelter founder **Margie Frost** who passed away in the spring of 2006.



**MOUNTAIN PARK HEALTH CENTER**

Cutting the ribbon for the grand opening co-hosted by TCC on November 14 are (l.r.) **Brian Steines**, Tempe St. Luke's CEO, **Mayor Hugh Hallman** and **Dr. John Swagert**, Mt. Park CEO. The Center is located next to St. Luke's and provides well and sick child care, immunizations, women's care, prenatal care, and behavioral health services to all including under and un-insured individuals on a sliding fee scale.



**GIVE IT UP!** Hundreds of T-shirts were donated on November 12 to the Tempe Salvation Army through the New Times 10K Race "Give It Up!" program. Shown above are (l. to r.): **Captain Keith Bottjen**, TCC staff **Cheryl Hornyan**, New Times 10K race director **Harvey Beller**, TCC Executive Director **Kate Hanley** and **George Eastlick**.

## WINTER 2007 CALENDAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day (TCC Closed)</p> <p><b>15</b> MLK Day (TCC Closed) <b>MLK Diversity Brunch</b></p> <p><b>22-26</b> Agency Review Agency Interviews</p> <p><b>23</b> CIS Board Meeting</p> <p><b>25</b> TCC Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>24</b> East Valley Resource Coali- tion (EVRC) Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b> East Valley Regional Unity Walk and Diversity Festival</p> <p><b>7</b> TCC Board Meeting <b>Youth Showcase Auditions</b></p> <p><b>10</b> Youth Showcase Auditions</p> <p><b>15</b> Agency Review, Final Meeting</p> <p><b>19</b> Presidents Day (TCC Closed)</p> <p><b>23</b> Tempe Empty Bowls (6th Street Park)</p> <p><b>24</b> Tempe Empty Bowls (Tempe Town Lake)</p> <p><b>27</b> CIS Board Meeting</p> <p><b>28</b> East Valley Resource Coalition (EVRC) Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> TCC Board Meeting</p> <p><b>27</b> TCC Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>30</b> Caesar Chavez Day (TCC Closed)</p> <p><b>30-31</b> Cinderella Affair Boutique</p>

*For confirmation and further details of meetings and events listed above, please call (480) 858-2300*



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