

Know Your City: Tucson Fast Facts

Did you know...

The name Tucson derives from the O'odham name Cuk Son, meaning "at the base of the black hill", a reference to the adjacent volcanic Sentinel Peak ("A" Mountain).

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Tohono O'odham's Man in the Maze The figure represents an individual's path through life with its twists and turns in which he/she gains wisdom and knowledge.

Tucson Fast Facts

Founded: 1776 **Incorporated: 1877**

Elevation: 2,389 feet above sea level

Area: 227.28 sq. miles

Tucson averages 350 sunny days a year. Average precipitation: 11.3 inches (2010) Average yearly temp: 70.0 degrees Average yearly high: 83.5 degrees Average yearly low: 56.6 degrees Arizona Climate Summary.

Tucson is the second-largest city in Arizona. Population estimate: 543,910 (2009)

Pima Association of Governments.

Estimated median family income: \$47,147 American Community Survey (2005-09).

Estimated % of families living in poverty: 22.3% American Community Survey (2005-09).

Unemployment Rate: 8.8% (Feb. 2011) Arizona Workforce Employment Report.

Average home list price: \$199,197 (2010) Tucson Assocation of Realtors 2010 Year End Report.

Cost of living index: 99.1 (U.S. average is 100) ACCRA Cost of Living Index (2009 Composite).



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Tucson is located in the Sonoran Desert. The city is located 118 miles southeast of Phoenix, the State capital, and 60 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border.