

Sahuarita

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Sahuarita (saw wah ree ta) was incorporated in September 1994. The town encompasses a 30-square-mile area. Sharing a southern border with the retirement community of Green Valley, the area offers direct access to Tucson and Mexico via Interstate 19. Surrounded by majestic mountain ranges, Sahuarita has a growing number of family residential areas in a semi-rural setting as well as three master-planned communities (Rancho Sahuarita, Quail Creek and Madera Highlands).

Basic Information

Founded: 1911
 Distance to Major Cities:
 Incorporated: 1994
 Phoenix: 130 miles
 Elevation: 2,844
 Tucson: 15 miles
 Located in Pima County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-19 Tucson/Nogales Hwy.

Population

	1990	2000	2006
Sahuarita	1,629	3,242	18,035
Pima County	666,957	843,746	981,280
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau

Principal Economic Activities

The Town of Sahuarita is poised for growth. Several new businesses have located to the Quorum Business Park, including a 60-unit Holiday Inn Express, Coach's Bar & Grill, Burger King, Dairy Queen, the Quorum Shops, a convenience store and a gas station. The majority of full-time employees travel to Tucson or are employed by one of the service facilities in nearby Green Valley.

County Employment

	2006
Government	78,200
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	61,200
Educational and Health Services	52,800
Professional and Business Services	49,100
Leisure and Hospitality	43,000
Construction	28,300
Financial Activities	17,800
Other Services	14,900
Information	7,100
Manufacturing	2,900
Other	1,700

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

ASARCO
 Bashes'
 Farmer's Investment Company
 Phelps-Dodge Bagdad Copper
 Safeway
 Wal-Mart

Major Public Employers

Sahuarita School District
 Town of Sahuarita



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	0	1,597	1,758
Unemployed	0	55	67
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	3.4%	3.8%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	0	164	2,115
Taxable Sales (\$)	0	83.4 million	494.5 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	0	17.2 million	120 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 1990 Data unavailable. 2006 New building data incomplete: One or more months not available

Scenic Attractions

Sahuarita is located in the historic Santa Cruz Valley, surrounded by early Spanish missions, frontier outposts and old mines. Tubac, to the south, the oldest Spanish settlement in the southwest, is now an active artists' colony. The San Xavier del Bac Mission and the Tumacacori National Monument are Spanish missions built by the jesuits in the early 1700s. San Xavier del Bac Mission is located 14 miles north of Sahuarita. Recreational opportunities are plentiful: Pena Blanca Lake, Arivaca Lake, Madera Canyon, Kitt Peak Observatory, the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation, the Mexican border at Nogales, and Tucson are all within an hour's drive. Sahuarita is home to the Titan II Missile Museum, the only one of its kind in the world, with more than 50,000 visitors annually.

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Community Facilities

The town of Sahuarita offers a range of community facilities, including swimming pool, baseball fields at Anamax Park and a meeting hall at the local American Legion.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 2

Government

Fire Department: Rural Metro (private)/Green Valley Fire District
Law Enforcement: Town of Sahuarita Police Department

Airports

Tucson International Airport is 20 miles north of Sahuarita.

Medical

St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson is 20 miles north of Sahuarita.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 60
Meeting Rooms: 1
Capacity of Largest Facility: 40

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Town of Sahuarita, (520) 648-1972.

Utilities

Cable	Cox Communications	520.648.0005
Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
Electricity	Tucson Electric Power	520.623.7711
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Sanitation District	520.792.6500
Sewer	Town of Sahuarita	520.648.1972
Telephone	Cox Communications	520.648.0005
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Community Water of Green Valley	520.625.8409
Water	Farmers Water Co.	520.625.2345
Water	Las Quinitas Serenas Water Co.	520.625.8040
Water	Rancho Sahuarita Water Co.	520.399.1105

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: Y
Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	1.69	8.70	7.73
City/Fire District	1.71	0.00	0.00
Countywide	7.06	7.76	6.71
Totals	10.46	16.46	14.44

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

Sources: Arizona League of Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	31.0	67.0	0.5
February	35.4	70.8	0.5
March	37.9	75.2	0.5
April	43.3	84.0	0.2
May	50.7	93.0	0.1
June	60.9	101.0	0.3
July	68.4	101.3	2.6
August	66.9	98.2	2.1
September	60.2	96.1	1.4
October	47.4	88.2	0.7
November	40.7	74.5	0.6
December	34.0	67.1	1.2
Yearly Avg.	48.1	84.7	10.6

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1956-1972.
Average Total Snowfall 1.0".

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