

South Tucson

Community Profile

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South Tucson is a mile-square community just south of downtown Tucson, completely surrounded by the city of Tucson. Of the population of about 5,500, 83 percent are Mexican-American and 10 percent are Native American. South Tucson's ethnic character is evident in its widely known Mexican restaurants and its architectural styles, including colorful outdoor murals celebrating its ethnic heritage. Located at the junction of Interstates 10 and 19 and on the Southern Pacific Railroad line from Tucson to Nogales, South Tucson is favorably situated for transport serving industry and commerce. I-19 is the main highway in the U.S. from Nogales.

Basic Information

Incorporated: 1940
 Elevation: 2,389
 Located in Pima County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10; I-19
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 117 miles
 Tucson: 1 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2005
South Tucson	5,171	5,490	5,630
Pima County	666,957	843,746	957,635
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,044,985

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 5,093).

Principal Economic Activities

South Tucson is home to Tucson Greyhound Park and is known for some of the finest Mexican restaurants in Southern Arizona. Additional commercial development is being attracted by infrastructure improvements, modern city services, and a central urban location with small town friendly service. More than 300 businesses call South Tucson home.

County Employment

	2005
Health Care and Social Assistance	47,397
Retail Trade	41,955
Educational Services	38,296
Accommodation and Food Services	34,019
Manufacturing	28,258
Administrative and Waste Services	27,666
Construction	26,529
Public Administration	24,744
Professional and Technical Services	15,812
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	12,117
Other	56,491

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2005
Civilian Labor Force	1,715	2,019	2,187
Unemployed	204	220	288
Unemployment Rate	11.9%	10.9%	13.2%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2005
New Bldg. Permits	57	24	0
Taxable Sales (\$)	52.3 million	66.9 million	86.7 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	12 million	14.3 million	18.7 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
 2000 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available; No report issued in 2005

Scenic Attractions

South Tucson is a vital, if small part of the thriving Tucson metropolitan area (33rd largest in the nation). The University of Arizona is a short distance away. Davis Monthan Air Force Base and Hughes Missile Company are also nearby. The internationally known Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, just west of town, is one of the top 10 zoos in the country. Tucson also boasts a symphony, an opera, a major theater and several thriving small theaters. The Milwaukee Brewers' top farm team is the AAA Tucson Toros. South Tucson co-sponsors the annual Nortefio Music Festival and street fair which celebrates the music and culture of northern Mexico and United States border areas every Labor Day weekend.

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Community Facilities

The City of South Tucson has a library with the largest Spanish language collection in the Tucson library system, a soccer field, two neighborhood centers and a South Tucson Youth Center.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 2

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Tucson International Airport is a 15-minute drive from South Tucson.

Medical

Pima County Neighborhood Service Center (Centro del Sur) includes a health clinic.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 100
Meeting Rooms: n/a
Capacity of Largest Facility: n/a

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the City of South Tucson.

Utilities

Electricity	Tucson Electric Power	520.623.7711
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Wastewater Mgmt.	520.740.6609
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	City of Tucson Water Services	520.791.3242

Cable Providers: Y

Digital Switching Station: N

Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: N

Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2005
Elementary/High Schools	6.25	9.05	7.88
City/Fire District	0.14	0.29	0.24
Countywide	7.06	7.76	7.33
Totals	13.45	17.10	15.45

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

Sales Tax

	2005
City/Town	2.50%
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	38.7	64.8	0.9
February	40.8	68.2	0.7
March	44.8	73.2	0.7
April	50.7	81.4	0.3
May	58.6	90.3	0.2
June	68.0	99.6	0.2
July	73.8	99.2	2.3
August	72.4	97.0	2.2
September	67.8	94.2	1.4
October	57.0	84.7	0.9
November	45.3	72.8	0.6
December	39.0	65.2	1.0
Yearly Avg.	54.7	82.6	11.4

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004.

Average Total Snowfall 1.2". Data from Tucson WSO AP, AZ.

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