

Tucson

Community Profile

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Tucson, nicknamed the Old Pueblo, is Arizona's second-largest and oldest city blending Indian, Spanish, Mexican and Anglo heritages. With modern high-tech industries and world-class cultural events, it retains the charm of its frontier roots. Located beside the Santa Cruz River, it has been home to Indian villages and farms for 2,000 years. In 1700, Father Kino established the first Spanish mission, San Xavier, at the Indian village of Bac, 10 miles south. Tucson was founded as a Spanish military garrison to protect settlers from Apache raids. Governed by Mexico from 1821 until 1854, it became part of the United States with the Gadsden Purchase. It was once territorial capital of Arizona.

Basic Information

Founded: 1775
 Incorporated: 1877
 Elevation: 2,410
 Located in Pima County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, I-19.
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 111 miles



Population

	1990	2000	2006
Tucson	405,371	486,699	534,685
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
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 405,390).

Principal Economic Activities

Federal, state and local government employ more than 60,000 people. Manufacturing employment in metropolitan Tucson has more than doubled in the past 10 years. This growth is due to the increase of high-technology manufacturers locating and expanding in Pima County. Tourism contributed over \$2.3 billion to the Pima County economy in the past year and continues to be a major part of the economic base. Many new hotels have been constructed.

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
 Carondelet Health Network
 Phelps Dodge Corp.
 Raytheon Missile Systems
 TMC Healthcare

Major Public Employers

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
 Pima County
 Tucson Unified School District

Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	197,838	237,870	261,982
Unemployed	10,332	9,797	11,919
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.1%	4.5%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	2,728	6,086	9,549
Taxable Sales (\$)	4.9 billion	9.5 billion	22.7 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	1.6 billion	2 billion	3 billion

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation

Scenic Attractions

Area attractions include San Xavier mission, Saguaro Natl. Park, Sabino Canyon, Mt. Lemmon, Colossal Cave, Old Tucson Studio (movie set & theme park), Biosphere 2, & Kitt Peak Natl. Observatory. The vast Tohono O'odham (Papago) Indian reservation is a few miles west. Mexico's an hour away via I-19. Classical cultural events include symphony, opera, ballet, dance & theater. Popular arts include country/western, rock, folk/jazz clubs. Sports range from professional baseball, golf & tennis to college programs including UA football, baseball, & basketball games. The city features a host of museums including Tucson Museum of Art, Internatl. Wildlife Museum, Arizona Historical Society Museum & the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum, & specialized museums at the University of Arizona.

Community Facilities

The City of Tucson offers community and cultural facilities including 18 museums and art galleries, 17 libraries and two bookmobiles, 11 recreation centers, four lakes, 23 municipal swimming pools, 96 parks, 28 golf courses, 306 tennis facilities, and 11 bowling alleys. Sports include the University of Arizona's PAC-10 and NCAA; professional baseball-Tucson Sidewinders AAA farm team and Arizona Diamondbacks, Colorado Rockies, and Chicago White Sox Spring Training Camp; Greyhound Racing, Pima County Polo Club, tennis clubs, rodeo, Tournament Players Association, Ladies Professional Golf Association tournaments, and horse racing.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Technical	N	Y
Vocational/Technical College	N	Y
Community College	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 35

Government

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

Airports

Tucson International Airport with passenger terminal, three runways: 11,000-ft. lighted/paved; 9,100-ft./7,000-ft. paved

Medical

St. Joseph's, St. Mary's and Veteran's Hospitals; Tucson and University Medical Centers.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 14,600

Meeting Rooms:

Capacity of Largest Facility: 9,275

Industrial Properties:

Many are available with space for light or heavy industry, office, warehouse, commercial and storage. Parcels vary in size, with monthly or annual leases.

Utilities

Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
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Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Wastewater Mgmt.	520.740.6609
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Tucson Water	520.791.3242

Cable Providers: Y

Digital Switching Station: Y

Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: Y

Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	6.26	9.05	7.39
City/Fire District	1.04	1.13	1.23
Countywide	7.06	7.76	6.71
Totals	14.36	17.94	15.33

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	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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