

# TUCSON

# Community Profile

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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.

FOUNDED: 1775  
 COUNTY: Pima County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 111 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-19.

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1877  
 ELEVATION: 2,410 feet

## POPULATION

	1990	1998	1999
Tucson	405,390	468,520	475,450
Pima County	666,880	823,900	845,775
Arizona	3,665,228	4,764,025	4,924,350

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

## 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	1990	1999
Agricultural Services, Forestry & Fishing	2,089	
Construction	15,155	21,900
FIRE	11,519	13,500
Manufacturing	27,564	30,400
Mining	2,122	2,000
Services	78,654	111,000
TCPU	9,115	13,700
Trade	54,277	71,700
Wholesale Trade	9,150	

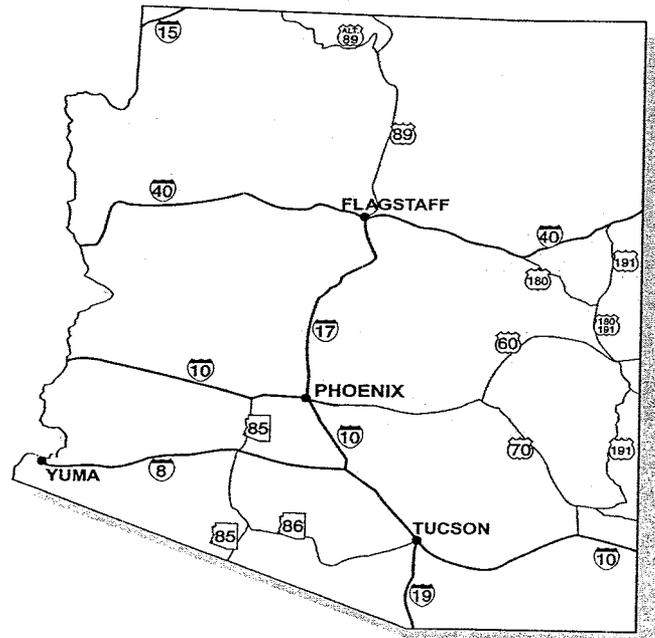
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### Major Private Employers

1. ASARCO Inc.
2. TMC Healthcare
3. Phelps Dodge Corp.
4. Carondelet Health Network
5. Raytheon Missile Systems

### Major Public Employers

1. Tucson Unified School District
2. Pima County
3. Pima Community College
4. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base



## LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	201,915	368,897	384,579
Unemployed	9,968	10,082	12,066
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	2.7%	3.1%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators	1990	1998	1999
New Building Permits	2,728	5,782	5,555
Taxable Sales (\$)	425,300,000	644,300,000	6,838,765
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	1,555,000	1,875,875,421	1,945,160,492

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Department of Revenue  
 1998/1999 Civilian Labor Force figures courtesy of Greater Tucson Economic Council.

## 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.

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## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	1998	1999
Elem/High School	6.26	8.83	8.77
City/Fire District	1.04	0.96	1.02
County	7.06	7.11	7.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.36</b>	<b>\$16.90</b>	<b>\$17.39</b>

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Property tax in Arizona is based on assessed valuation which is 10 percent of market value for residential property. Average tax rate on homes in Arizona before exemptions and rebates is 1.3% of market value.

## Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.00%
State	5.00%

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

## 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
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
Technical	N	Y
Vocational/Technical College	N	Y

### Financial

Number of Banks: 35

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

### Airports: Tucson International Airport

3 runways: 11,000-ft. lighted/paved; 9,100-ft. paved; 7,000-ft. paved.

### Medical

3 Medical Facilities

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

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. Current information available from the Greater Tucson Economic Development Council.

## Utilities

Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
	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	Tucson Water	520.791.3242

Cable Providers: Yes  
 Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes  
 Digital Switching Station: Yes  
 Fiber Optics: Yes  
 Internet Service Provider: Yes

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	38.6	63.9	0.87
February	41.0	67.8	0.70
March	44.6	72.8	0.72
April	50.4	81.2	0.30
May	58.0	89.9	0.18
June	67.9	99.6	0.20
July	73.6	99.4	2.37
August	72.1	96.8	2.19
September	67.5	93.3	1.67
October	56.6	84.3	1.06
November	45.6	72.7	0.67
December	39.8	64.3	1.07
Yearly Avg	54.6	82.7	12.00

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