TUCSON

Community Profile

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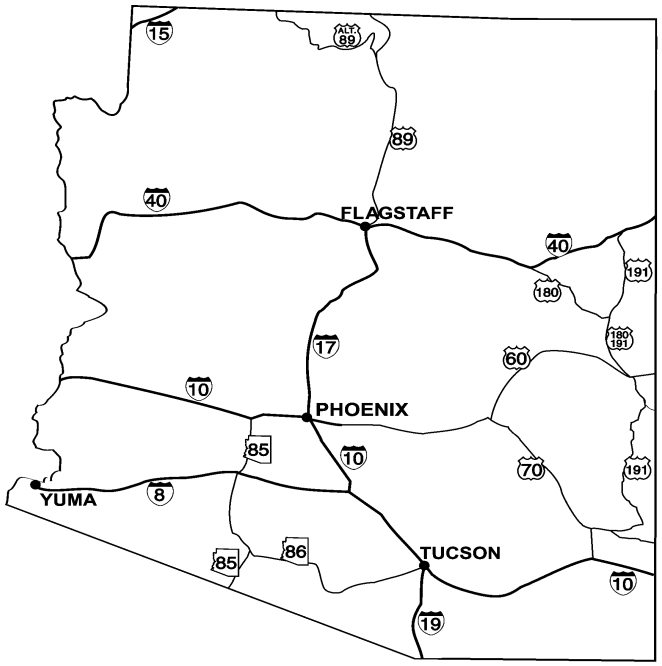
Tucson, nicknamed the Old Pueblo, is Arizona's second-largest and oldest city blending Indian, Spanish, Mexican and Anglo heritages. With modern high-tech industries and world-class cultural events, it retains the charm of its frontier roots. Located beside the Santa Cruz River, it has been home to Indian 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.

FOUNDED: 1775
INCORPORATED: Yes - 1877
COUNTY: Pima County
ELEVATION: 2,410 feet
DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 111 miles
ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE
HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-19.



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2004
Tucson	405,371	486,699	521,605
Pima County	666,957	843,746	931,210
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. 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	2004
Construction	24,000
Educational & Health Srvs	47,800
Financial Activities	16,700
Government	79,600
Information	7,500
Leisure & Hospitality	38,800
Manufacturing	28,400
Professional & Business Srvs	42,300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	58,100

Sources: 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	2004
Civilian Labor Force	201,915	252,444	270,748
Unemployed	9,968	8,098	11,135
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	3.2%	4.1%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2004
New Bldg. Permit	2,728	6,086	8,516
Taxable Sales ($)	4,899,729,070	9,491,018,801	10,674,069,922
Net Assessed Valuation ($)	1,555,216,471	2,048,620,866	2,558,231,181

Sources: Arizona State University; 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.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	6.26	9.05	8.33
City/Fire District	1.04	1.13	1.18
Countywide	7.06	7.76	7.42
Total	$14.36	$17.94	$16.93

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.00%
State	5.60%

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

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
	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

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 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 and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 14,600

Capacity of Largest Facility: 9,275

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (ºF) Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
January	38.7	64.8	0.88
February	40.8	68.2	0.74
March	44.8	73.2	0.72
April	50.7	81.4	0.32
May	58.6	90.3	0.17
June	68.0	99.6	0.24
July	73.8	99.2	2.26
August	72.4	97.0	2.23
September	67.8	94.2	1.37
October	57.0	84.7	0.93
November	45.3	72.8	0.61
December	39.0	65.2	0.96
Yearly Avg	54.7	82.6	11.42

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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