

TUBAC

Community Profile

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Tubac, in south central Arizona, is 23 miles north of the international border at Nogales & 50 miles south of Tucson. It lies in the Santa Cruz River Valley & is bordered by Santa Rita, Tumacacori & San Cayetano mountains. Tubac has been home to at least five distinct cultures: Hohokam (300-1400 AD); O'odham (Pima and Papago) in the 1500s; Spanish (1752-1821); Mexican (1821-1853); & American (1853-present). Tubac's fortunes rose & fell with the establishment & withdrawal of military forces from 1752 through the surrender of Geronimo in 1866. Today, it is a thriving artist center. Its motto, "Where Art & History Meet," can be found throughout the community.

FOUNDED: 1752
 COUNTY: Santa Cruz County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 250 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-19

INCORPORATED: No
 ELEVATION: 3,200 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 50 miles

POPULATION

	1990	1998	1999
Tubac	902	1,148	1,188
Santa Cruz County	29,676	37,800	39,100
Arizona	3,665,228	4,764,025	4,924,350

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
 1998-1999 estimate projected from county population growth rates.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Art, tourism & retirees are important to Tubac's economy. This internationally known artists colony & historic site hosts a variety of special events annually including: Festival of the Arts (Feb.); Art Walk (March); Anza Days (Oct.); Tubac-An Art Experience (Nov.); Las Fiesta de Tumacacori & Luminaria/Fiesta Navidad (Dec.). The Tubac Festival of the Arts is the oldest art fair in the state & hosts artists & craftspeople from all over the country during the 9-day event.

County Employment	1990	1999
Agricultural Services, Forestry & Fishing	14	
Construction	292	375
FIRE	342	250
Manufacturing	944	1,000
Mining		
Retail Trade	3,906	
Services	1,372	1,550
TCPU	694	1,025
Trade		4,525

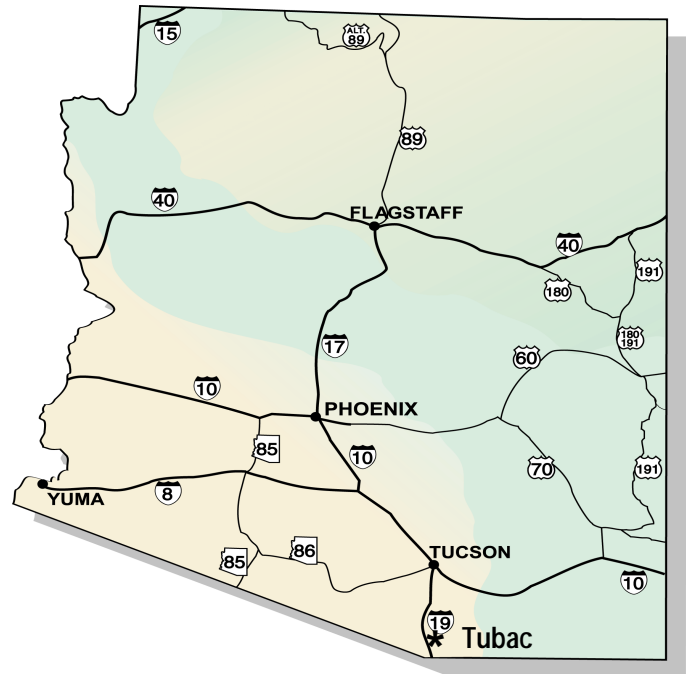
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Major Private Employers

1. Amando Territory Ranch
2. Rio Rico Resort
3. Tubac Golf Resort

Major Public Employers

1. Tumacacori State Park
2. Tubac Post Office
3. Tubac Public Library
4. Tubac School District 35



LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	10,857	11,463	11,539
Unemployed	1,609	1,787	1,809
Unemployment Rate	14.8%	15.6%	15.7%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	1990	1998	1999
New Building Permits			
Taxable Sales (\$)			
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	21,858,523	37,178,682	38,393,861

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Department of Revenue.

1998-1999 civilian labor force estimate based on county data for surrounding area.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Tubac, where Spanish & Native American families lived long before the American Revolution, is home of the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Arizona's first state park. Site of the first European settlement in Arizona, the Tubac Presidio was established in 1752 & features a museum & preserved structures tracing the history of Tubac from prehistoric times to the present. Los ubaquesos, the on-site living history group, can be seen every Sunday afternoon from Oct. to April. Contact (520)398-2252 for more info. Nearby are Tumacacori Natl. Historical Park, Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory & Smithsonian Institution at Amado, ruins of old Ft. Crittendon & mining camps such as Duquesne & Washington Camp-nov ghost towns.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	1998	1999
Elem/High School	6.07	9.28	9.28
City/Fire District	1.37	1.84	2.62
County	3.86	4.09	4.59
Total	\$11.30	\$15.21	\$16.49

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	0 %
County	0.50%
State	5.00%

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The community of Tubac offers a broad range of community facilities including two museums located at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park & the Tumacacori Natl. Historic Park (3 miles south of Tubac), Tubac Golf Resort, Tubac Center of the Arts (with workshops and exhibits), Tubac Historical Society & Research Library, Santa Cruz County Public Library, the Tubac Community Center.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	N	Y

Financial

Banking facilities are available in nearby Nogales and Green Valley

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Airports

Tucson International (40 miles away) or Nogales International (20 miles away)

Medical

Full facilities available in nearby Nogales or Green Valley

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 92

Meeting Rooms: 5

Capacity of Largest Facility: 75

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Tubac Chamber of Commerce, the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce or the Nogales/Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation.

Utilities

Electricity	Citizens Utilities (Tubac)	520.281.1212
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities (Tubac)	520.281.1212
Sewer	Septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Citizens Utilities (Tubac)	520.281.1212

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

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	31.2	65.9	0.84
February	32.4	68.8	0.59
March	35.5	72.7	0.65
April	41.0	81.4	0.23
May	47.4	89.6	0.12
June	57.2	98.2	0.41
July	65.5	97.1	3.96
August	63.4	94.1	3.61
September	58.2	93.8	1.34
October	46.8	86.2	0.71
November	37.2	74.6	0.58
December	32.5	67.4	1.18
Yearly Avg	45.7	82.5	14.22

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