

TUCSON

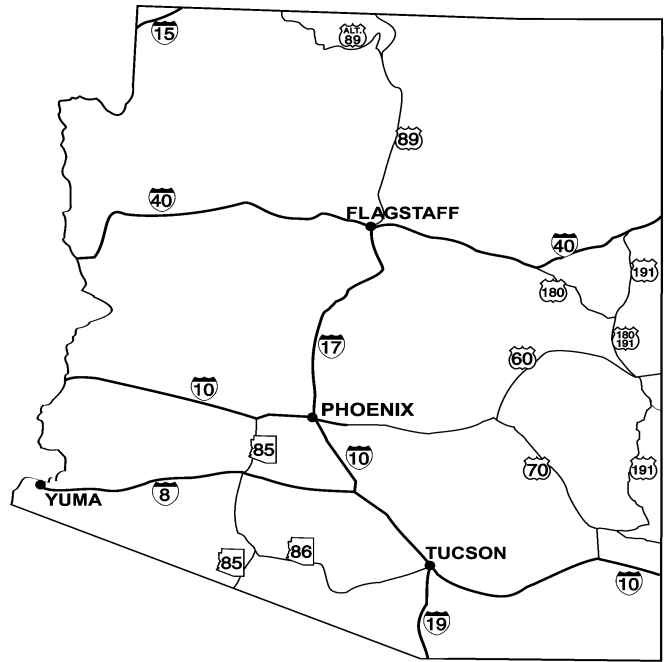
Community Profile

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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
 COUNTY: Pima County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 111 miles

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1877
 ELEVATION: 2,410 feet
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-19



POPULATION

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2001 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tucson | 405,390 | 486,699 | 498,305 |
| Pima County | 666,880 | 843,746 | 870,610 |
| Arizona | 3,665,228 | 5,130,632 | 5,319,895 |

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
 NOTE: 2002 City of Tucson population is estimated at 507,085

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 | 2001 |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Agriculture | | 3,658 |
| Construction | 14,500 | 22,000 |
| FIRE | 11,400 | 14,800 |
| Government | 55,900 | 77,400 |
| Manufacturing | 26,200 | 33,900 |
| Mining | 2,200 | 1,900 |
| Services | 73,100 | 116,500 |
| TCPU | 9,400 | 11,700 |
| Trade | 59,000 | 72,100 |

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 NOTE: 2001 Agriculture figure from 4th Qtr., AZ ES 202 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Major Private Employers

ASARCO
 Phelps Dodge Corp.
 TMC Healthcare

Carondelet Health Network
 Raytheon Missile Systems

Major Public Employers

City of Tucson
 Pima County
 University of Arizona

Davis-Monahan Air Force Base
 Tucson Unified School District

LABOR FORCE DATA

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2001 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 201,915 | 239,056 | 244,151 |
| Unemployed | 9,968 | 7,533 | 9,326 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9% | 3.2% | 3.8% |

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2001 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| New Bldg. Permit | 2,728 | 6,086 | 7,799 |
| Taxable Sales (\$) | 4,899,729,070 | 9,491,018,801 | 10,070,605,201 |
| Net Assessed Valuation (\$) | 1,555,216,471 | 2,048,620,866 | 2,138,461,318 |

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.

