

Sahuarita

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Sahuarita (saw wah ree ta) was incorporated in September 1994. The town encompasses a 30-square-mile area. Sharing a southern border with the retirement community of Green Valley, the area offers direct access to Tucson and Mexico via Interstate 19. Surrounded by majestic mountain ranges, Sahuarita has a growing number of family residential areas in a semi-rural setting as well as three master-planned communities (Rancho Sahuarita, Quail Creek and Madera Highlands).

Basic Information

Founded: 1911
 Incorporated: 1994
 Elevation: 2,844
 Located in Pima County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-19 Tucson/Nogales Hwy.

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 130 miles
 Tucson: 15 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2007
Sahuarita	1,629	3,242	21,110
Pima County	666,957	843,746	1,003,235
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau
 The Town of Sahuarita estimates the 2008 population at 22,650 (based on number of single family dwelling unit building permits)

Principal Economic Activities

Sahuarita has experienced unprecedented growth since 2001 and is considered one of the fastest growing communities in Arizona. There are seven commercial/retail/mixed-use developments either in development, under construction or completed, with a full complement of new and existing businesses. Anchor tenants include Fry's Marketplace, Safeway and Wal-Mart. The majority of full-time employees travel to Tucson or are employed by one of the service facilities in nearby Green Valley.

County Employment

	2007
Government	77,900
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	63,900
Educational and Health Services	54,200
Professional and Business Services	52,300
Leisure and Hospitality	39,800
Manufacturing	27,500
Construction	26,400
Financial Activities	17,800
Other Services	15,500
Information	6,000
Other	1,800

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Private Employers

Bashas'
 FICO
 Freeport-McMoRan
 Fry's Marketplace
 Safeway
 Wal-Mart

Public Employers

Sahuarita School District
 Town of Sahuarita



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	0	1,597	1,786
Unemployed	0	55	61
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	3.4%	3.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
New Bldg. Permits	0	164	847
Taxable Sales (\$)	0	83.4 million	705.2 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	0	17.2 million	172.8 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.
 1990 Data unavailable.

Scenic Attractions

Sahuarita is located in the historic Santa Cruz Valley, surrounded by early Spanish missions, frontier outposts and old mines. Tubac, to the south, the oldest Spanish settlement in the southwest, is now an active artists' colony. The San Xavier del Bac Mission and the Tumacacori National Monument are Spanish missions built by the jesuits in the early 1700s. San Xavier del Bac Mission is located 14 miles north of Sahuarita. Recreational opportunities are plentiful: Pena Blanca Lake, Arivaca Lake, Madera Canyon, Kitt Peak Observatory, the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation, the Mexican border at Nogales, and Tucson are all within an hour's drive. Sahuarita is home to the Titan II Missile Museum, the only one of its kind in the world, with more than 50,000 visitors annually.

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Community Facilities

Sahuarita offers a range of community facilities, including baseball and soccer fields, a dog park, skate park, and playground facilities at Anamax Park, the town's first public park; and, a walking track around Sahuarita Lake Park. Four new public parks are in development or completed: Parque Los Arroyos, North Park, Quail Creek Park and Anza Park. A new town hall municipal campus is set to host future events in a beautiful courtyard plaza complete with sundial and fountain.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y

Financial

Number of banks: 3

Government

Fire Department: Rural Metro (private)/Green Valley Fire District
Law Enforcement: Town of Sahuarita Police Department

Airports

Tucson International Airport is 20 miles north of Sahuarita.

Medical

St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson is 20 miles north of Sahuarita.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 60
Meeting Rooms: 1
Capacity of Largest Facility: 40

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Town of Sahuarita, (520) 648-1972.

Utilities

Cable	Cox Communications	520.648.0005
Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
Electricity	Tucson Electric Power	520.623.7711
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Sanitation District	520.792.6500
Sewer	Town of Sahuarita	520.648.1972
Telephone	Cox Communications	520.648.0005
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Community Water of Green Valley	520.625.8409
Water	Farmers Water Co.	520.625.2345
Water	Las Quinitas Serenas Water Co.	520.625.8040
Water	Rancho Sahuarita Water Co.	520.399.1105

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: Y
Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2007
Elementary/High Schools	1.69	8.70	6.23
City/Fire District	1.71	0.00	0.00
Countywide	7.06	7.76	6.35
Totals	10.46	16.46	12.58

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

Sales Tax

	2007
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	31.0	67.0	0.5
February	35.4	70.8	0.5
March	37.9	75.2	0.5
April	43.3	84.0	0.2
May	50.7	93.0	0.1
June	60.9	101.0	0.3
July	68.4	101.3	2.6
August	66.9	98.2	2.1
September	60.2	96.1	1.4
October	47.4	88.2	0.7
November	40.7	74.5	0.6
December	34.0	67.1	1.2
Yearly Avg.	48.1	84.7	10.6

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1956-1972.
Average Total Snowfall 1.0".

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