

# 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.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1775  
 Incorporated: 1877  
 Elevation: 2,410  
 Located in Pima County  
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, I-19.  
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:  
 Phoenix: 111 miles

### Population

	1990	2000	2008
Tucson	405,371	486,699	543,959
Pima County	666,957	843,746	1,014,023
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US 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

	2008
Government	79,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	62,400
Educational and Health Services	55,000
Professional and Business Services	50,900
Leisure and Hospitality	38,700
Manufacturing	26,800
Construction	23,100
Financial Activities	16,100
Other Services	14,600
Information	5,300
Other	2,000

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

### Private Employers

ASARCO  
 Carondelet Health Network  
 Freeport-McMoRan C&G Inc.  
 Raytheon Missile Systems  
 TMC Healthcare

### Public Employers

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base  
 Pima Community College  
 Pima County  
 Pima County Government Center  
 Pima County Library  
 Pima Medical Institute  
 Pima Public Schools  
 Tucson Unified School District  
 University Medical CTR  
 University of Arizona



### Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	197,838	237,870	278,852
Unemployed	10,332	9,797	15,787
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.1%	5.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	2,728	6,086	795
Taxable Sales (\$)	3.8 billion	7.4 billion	10.8 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	1.6 billion	2 billion	3.9 billion

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

### 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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### 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.

<b>Educational Institutions</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Technical	N	Y
Vocational/Technical College	N	Y
Community College	Y	N

### Financial

Number of banks: 35

### Government

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 & Lodging

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.

### Utilities

Electricity	Trico Electric Cooperative	520.744.2944
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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: Y  
Digital Switching Station: Y  
Internet Service Provider: Y  
Cable Internet Service Provider: Y  
Fiber Optics: Y

### Taxes

<b>Property Tax Rate</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>
Elementary/High Schools	6.26	9.05	6.62
City/Fire District	1.04	1.13	0.96
Countywide	7.06	7.76	5.90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14.36</b>	<b>17.94</b>	<b>13.48</b>

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

### Sales Tax

	<b>2008</b>
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

### Weather

	<b>Avg. Low (°F)</b>	<b>Avg. High (°F)</b>	<b>Precip. (in.)</b>
January	54.7	82.7	1.0
February	41.1	68.3	0.8
March	44.8	73.3	0.7
April	50.8	81.6	0.3
May	58.6	90.4	0.2
June	68.0	99.7	0.3
July	73.8	99.3	2.4
August	72.4	97.0	2.3
September	67.8	94.2	1.3
October	56.8	84.8	0.8
November	45.4	73.2	0.7
December	39.0	65.2	1.0

Source: Western Regional Climate Center  
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2005.  
Average Total Snowfall 1.2". Data from Tucson WSO AP, AZ.

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