

# Pima County Arizona

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## PIMA COUNTY CHARACTERISTICS

Pima County, the second largest of the four original counties, was created in 1864 and included approximately all of southern Arizona acquired from Mexico by the Gadsden Purchase. Settlement of the region goes back to the 1690s and the arrival Spanish settlers who encountered Native Americans already living here.

About the middle of the 18th century, silver and gold were discovered in the region and prospectors from Mexico entered the area in droves. The latter part of the century saw expansion of mining and ranching in Pima County and an increase in population, despite the threat of attack from roaming bands of Apaches.

The Royal Presidio de San Augustin del Tucson was completed by 1781, and it remained the northernmost outpost of Mexico, until the arrival of American soldiers in 1856. From a population of 395 in 1820, Tucson has grown to be the second largest city in Arizona. It has always served as the Pima County seat and was the Arizona territorial capital from 1867 to 1877. Tucson is home to the University of Arizona and many historical and cultural attractions.

Just south of Tucson is the Mission of San Xavier del Bac, founded in 1697 by Father Kino. The mission is still in use today. Within Pima County are two cactus forests, Saguaro National Monument in the eastern portion and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in the western portion.

Although greatly reduced from its original size, Pima County still covers 9,184 square miles. It ranges in elevation from 1,200 feet to the 9,185 foot peak of Mount Lemmon. The San Xavier, Pascua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham reservations together account for ownership of 42.1 percent of County land. The state of Arizona owns 14.9 percent; the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, 12.1 percent; other public lands, 17.1 percent; and individual or corporate ownership, 13.8 percent. Pima County has two Enterprise Zones, one in South Tucson and portions of Tucson and the other in an unincorporated portion of the County just southwest of Tucson.

## CLIMATE CHARACTERISTICS

	<b>Month with Highest Average</b>	<b>Month with Lowest Average</b>	<b>Annual Average</b>
Daily Max Temperature	July (99.3°)	January (64.5°)	82.4°
Daily Min Temperature	July (73.0°)	January (36.8°)	53.0°
Average Precipitation	August (2.20")	May (0.21")	Total Rainfall 11.49"
Possible Sunshine	May/June (93%)	December (79%)	85%
Relative Humidity	January (41%)	June (16%)	30%
Average Wind Speed	April (8.9 mph)	December (7.8 mph)	8.3 mph

*Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1995.*

## **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

Access to Pima County is provided by interstate highways, state highways, airlines, and railroads. Intracounty transportation is provided by city and County maintained roadways and the bus system owned by the city of Tucson.

Interstate 10 passes through eastern Pima County, connecting Tucson and the surrounding area with Phoenix, to the northwest, and then to points farther west such as Los Angeles. Interstate 10 connects with Interstate 8 in central Pinal County, giving Pima County good road access to Yuma and San Diego. To the east, Interstate 10 connects the area with New Mexico and other points in the southern and southeastern parts of the United States. Interstate 19 comes from Nogales and the border with Mexico and ends where it connects with Interstate 10 in Tucson.

There are many state routes passing through the County. State Route 77 leads straight north from Tucson in eastern Pima County and connects this part of the County with Globe, Miami, and the White Mountains of east-central Arizona. State Route 86 connects the more populated eastern part of the County with Indian Nation lands in the center of the County and with Ajo on the western side of the County. Route 86 ends where it meets State Route 85 at a community called Why. State Route 85 goes south from this point to the Mexican border at Lukeville, Arizona. This route connects with the town of Rocky Point on the Gulf of California in Mexico. State Route 85 leads north from Why through Ajo on to Interstate 8 near the Maricopa County community of Gila Bend. There are other less significant state routes that lead to southern Pima County. City and County roads provide the remainder of the road network in the County. Pima County provides the road network for all of the unincorporated areas of the County, and the cities generally provide the road network within their boundaries.

Eastern Pima County is served by Amtrak for passenger service and the Union Pacific Railroad for freight service. The main line runs through Tucson. There is a spur line which connects the main line with Nogales and the Mexican border. The main line connects Tucson with the town of Maricopa near Phoenix and Los Angeles to the west and points east such as New Orleans.

Pima County has a number of small airports, an international airport and an Air Force base. The international airport is located on the southern edge of Tucson. It serves as the major air terminal for the whole of southeastern Arizona. There are twelve airlines using the facility, giving good flight service to other parts of the state, other parts of the United States, and Mexico. There are six smaller general aviation facilities, providing a variety of services, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

*Source: Pima County Budget Division.*

## **TAX CHARACTERISTICS**

### **CORPORATE INCOME TAX**

Corporate income tax in Arizona is 6.968 percent of taxable income. The minimum Arizona corporate income tax is \$50.

### **SALES TAX**

Arizona has a general sales tax of 5.6 percent. The city of South Tucson has a 2.5 percent city sales tax and Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, and Tucson have a 2 percent tax rate. Pima County does not have a sales tax.

**PAYROLL TAX**

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based upon federal filings by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 percent and 34.4 percent of federal withholding. Employers must also pay an unemployment insurance premium that ranges from .05 percent to 5.4 percent of the first \$7,000 of each employee’s salary. Employers may also be subject to a 0.10% job training tax.

**PROPERTY TAX**

For details regarding property taxes, please see the various tax schedules in the *Supplemental Information* section.

**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

Population increased 140 percent between 1970 and 2000. Shown below are historical and estimated population statistics for the County, unincorporated areas of the County, and the state of Arizona.

**POPULATION**

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Pima County	351,667	531,443	666,880	843,746
Unincorporated Pima County	82,514	191,189	245,219	305,059
Arizona	1,775,399	2,716,546	3,665,228	5,130,632

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Arizona Department of Economic Security. (Census on April 1 of each year)*

**POPULATION GROWTH RATES**

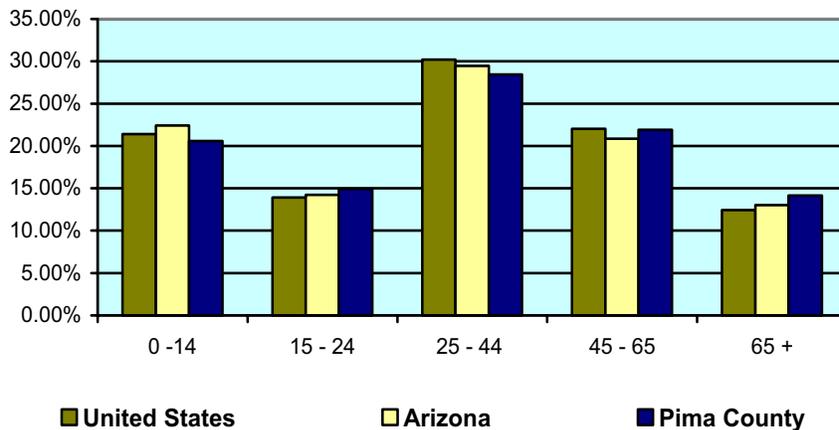
Average Annual Rate of Change

	<u>1970 - 1980</u>	<u>1980 - 1990</u>	<u>1990 - 2000</u>
Pima County	5.1%	2.5%	2.6%
Unincorporated Pima County	13.2%	2.8%	2.4%
Arizona	5.3%	3.5%	4.0%

*Source: Pima County Budget Division*

**AGE DISTRIBUTION**

2000 Census

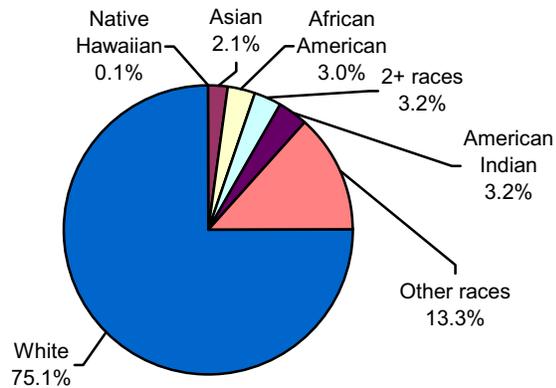


*Source: Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census*

## POPULATION DIVERSITY

### Racial Mix

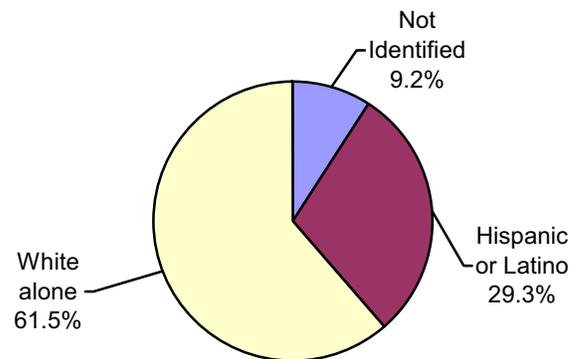
(PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION, 2000)



Source: Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census

### White & Hispanic/Latino

(PERCENT OF TOTAL WHITE POPULATION, 2000)



Source: Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census

## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

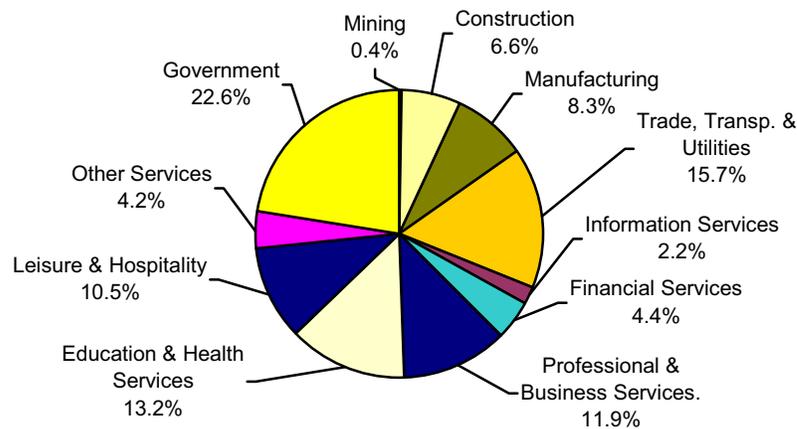
### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Pima County	2.7%	3.1%	2.9%	3.5%	4.9%	4.3%
Arizona	4.1%	4.4%	4.0%	4.7%	6.2%	5.6%
United States	4.5%	4.2%	4.0%	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

#### Percent of Employment



Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

**MAJOR EMPLOYERS** (Employers with 2,000 or more employees)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employment Sector</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Raytheon Missile Systems Co.	Manufacturing	10,100	10,171
University of Arizona	Government (College Ed.)	11,335	10,078
State of Arizona	Government	9,732	9,753
Pima County	Government	8,054 <sup>1</sup>	8,048 <sup>1</sup>
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Government (Military)	9,947	7,692
Tucson Unified School District	Government (Ed. K-12)	8,234	7,690
City of Tucson	Government	6,168	5,495
Wal-Mart Stores	Trade (Retail)	4,000	4,420
Tohono O'odham Nation	Government	3,375	3,515
Phelps Dodge	Mining	3,348	3,400
University Medical Center	Services (Health)	2,566	2,700
Carondelet Health Network	Services (Health)	2,905	2,689
TMC Health Care	Services (Health)	2,436	2,562
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Government	1,771	2,427
Amphitheater Public Schools	Government (Ed. K-12)	1,905	2,255
Pima Community College	Government (College Ed.)	2,274	2,204
United States Border Patrol	Government	1,808	2,189
Bashas	Trade (Grocery)	2,250	2,175
Sunnyside Unified School District	Government (Ed. K-12)	2,070	2,173
Safeway Stores	Trade (Grocery)	2,033	2,054

Source: *The Star 200 Directory*, published by *The Arizona Daily Star* (March 2004).

<sup>1</sup> Budgeted FTEs for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 and 2003/2004.

**MAJOR MANUFACTURERS** (Manufacturers with 400 or more employees)

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type Business</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Raytheon Systems Co.	Missile Manufacturing	10,100	10,171
Bombardier Aerospace	Aircraft Maintenance	1,470	1,350
IBM Storage System Division	Computer Systems	1,650	1,700
Texas Instruments Tucson	Operation Amplifiers	1,100	950
Honeywell	Aircraft Electronic Systems	850	815
Tucson Newspapers	Newspapers	532	512
Air System Components	Air Registers	480	450

Source: *The Star 200 Directory*, published by *the Arizona Daily Star* (March 2004).

<sup>1</sup> Formerly Sunquest Information Systems.

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY** by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Mining	2,100	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,200
Construction	20,600	22,100	22,900	22,700	22,500	22,900
Manufacturing	28,400	30,300	32,900	33,000	30,500	28,700
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	51,800	53,600	55,000	55,300	54,400	54,400
Information Services	7,600	7,800	7,900	7,700	7,900	7,600
Financial Services	13,300	14,000	14,800	14,400	14,400	15,100
Professional & Business Services	40,800	41,100	43,500	41,300	41,500	41,300
Educational & Health Services	40,400	41,700	42,000	41,800	43,600	45,600
Leisure & Hospitality	36,100	38,200	39,900	38,200	37,300	36,500
Other Services	11,400	12,700	13,000	14,300	14,500	14,500
Government	<u>71,700</u>	<u>73,100</u>	<u>76,300</u>	<u>76,800</u>	<u>77,900</u>	<u>78,200</u>
Total Nonfarm	324,200	336,500	350,000	347,300	346,000	346,000

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

**EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION**

<u>Occupations</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	16.6%
Sales & Related Occupations	9.7%
Food Preparation & Serving-Related Occupations	9.0%
Education, Training, & Library Occupations	7.2%
Construction & Extraction Occupations	6.9%
Management Occupations	5.5%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	5.4%
Production Occupations	4.8%
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	4.8%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	4.6%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	3.8%
Healthcare Support Occupations	3.3%
Business & Financial Operations Occupations	3.3%
Protective Service Occupations	3.0%
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	2.8%
Personal Care & Service Occupations	2.3%
Computer & Mathematical Occupations	2.2%
Community & Social Services Occupations	1.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media Occupations	1.4%
Legal Occupations	0.9%
Life, Physical, & Social Science Occupations	0.8%
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry Occupations	0.1%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

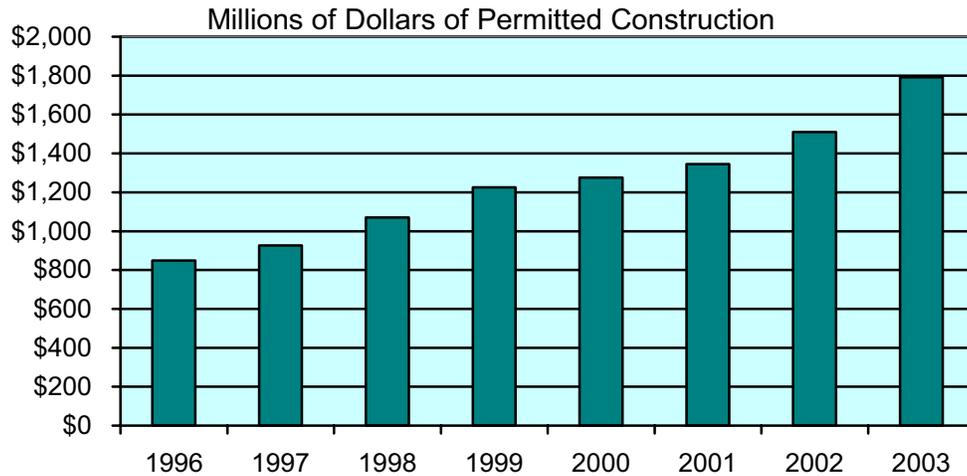
**NEW COMPANIES IN PIMA COUNTY** (New Companies announced between July 2003 and June 2004).

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Product or Service</u>	<u># Jobs</u>
Citigroup	Call center	1300
Kohl's	Retailer -- department store (2 stores)	300
Northwest Medical Center-Oro Valley	Hospital	300
Claim Jumper Restaurants	Restaurant	190
Schnipke Southwest	Manufacturer -- injection molded plastics	100
Catalina China	Manufacturer -- china	60
Peterson Enterprises	Manufacturing -- metal furniture/fixtures	60
Advanced Ceramics Manufacturing	Manufacturing -- ceramics	50
National Advanced Fire Resource Institute	Federal Government Training Facility	25
Rubycon Corp	Electronics	20
Adroit Automation	Manufacturer -- plating & anodizing machines	6
Acenta Discovery	Pharmaceutical Research Firm	4

Source: University of Arizona, Economic and Business Research Project.

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

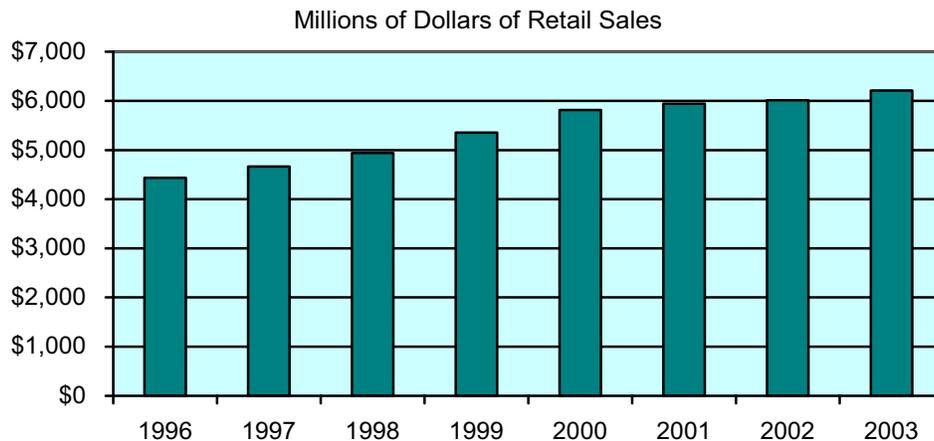
**PIMA COUNTY: VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS**



Source: Arizona Real Estate Center, W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University

**RETAIL SALES**

**PIMA COUNTY RETAIL SALES** (not including food)



Source: Arizona Department of Revenue & Pima County Budget Division