

# 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 nearly all of the southern Arizona area acquired from Mexico by the Gadsden Purchase. Settlement of the region by Europeans goes back to the 1690s with the arrival of Spanish settlers who encountered Native Americans already living here.

During the first half of the 18th century, silver and gold were discovered and prospectors from Mexico swarmed into the region. The latter part of the 18th century saw expansion of mining and ranching in Pima County and an increase in population, despite ongoing threats from raiding Apaches.

The Royal Presidio of 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 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 Park 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 9,188.83 square miles. It ranges in elevation from 1,200 feet to the 9,185 foot peak of Mount Lemmon. Together, the San Xavier, Pascua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham reservations cover 42.1 percent of Pima County's 5.88 million acres. Lands held in trust for the state's schools comprise another 14.6 percent of the County's land ownership, and 27.9 percent is held by Federal agencies as wildlife refuges, national forests, national parks and mounuments. Military reserves and bases occupy 1.2 percent, and local government holdings, used for parks and recreation, account for 0.2 percent. Privately owned lands comprise 14.0 percent of the County's total acreage. Pima County has an Enterprise Zone, covering much of the Tucson metropolitan area and the unincorporated areas to the west and southwest of Tucson, and a foreign trade zone around the international airport. South Tucson and portions of the City of Tucson are located within an Empowerment Zone. Tax incentives are available for businesses locating within each of these zones.

### CLIMATE CHARACTERISTICS

	<b>Month with Highest Average</b>	<b>Month with Lowest Average</b>	<b>Annual Average</b>
Daily Max Temperature <sup>1</sup>	June (100.2°)	January (64.5°)	82.5°
Daily Min Temperature <sup>1</sup>	July (73.4°)	January (38.9°)	54.8°
Average Precipitation <sup>1</sup>	August (2.30")	May/June (0.24")	Total Rainfall 12.17"
Possible Sunshine <sup>2</sup>	June (93%)	July (78%)	85%
Relative Humidity <sup>2</sup>	December (48.5%)	June (23.0%)	39.0%
Average Wind Speed <sup>2</sup>	June (8.6 mph)	December (7.2 mph)	8.0 mph

<sup>1</sup> Source: National Climate Data Center 1971-2000 Monthly Normals.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Western Regional Climate Center.

## **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES**

Access to Pima County is provided by interstate and state highways, airlines, and railroads. City and County maintained roadways provide the intracounty transportation network for motor vehicles, along with bus services by the City of Tucson in the Tucson metropolitan area and by Pima County Rural Transit in many rural areas of the County.

Interstate 10 passes through eastern Pima County, connecting Tucson and the surrounding area with Phoenix and cities farther west such as Los Angeles. Interstate 10 connects with Interstate 8 in central Pinal County, providing Pima County with good highway 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 in eastern Pima County leads north from Tucson 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 Tohono O'odham Nation lands in the center of the County and with Ajo in the western portion of the County. State Route 86 ends in the community of Why, where it meets State Route 85. State Route 85 goes south from this point to the Mexican border at Lukeville and connects with Mexico Highway 8, leading to the town of Rocky Point on the Gulf of California. State Route 85 goes north from Why to Ajo and on to Interstate 8 near the Maricopa County community of Gila Bend. Less traveled state routes also lead to other towns in southern Pima County. City and County roadways 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 rail line runs through Tucson and connects the area with Los Angeles to the west and points to the east such as Houston and New Orleans. There also is a spur line which connects the main line with Nogales and the Mexican border to the south.

Pima County has several small airports, an international airport and an Air Force base. The international airport, located on the south side of Tucson, serves as the major air terminal for southeastern Arizona. Twelve airlines provide passenger and air cargo services to other parts of Arizona, to other states, and to Mexico. Six smaller facilities in the County provide a variety of general aviation services. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base accommodates military aircraft and is not open to public use without permission from the Department of Defense.

*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 rate of 5.6 percent. South Tucson has a general sales tax of 2.5 percent and Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, and Tucson have 2 percent tax rates. The Regional Transportation Authority has a 0.5 percent sales tax for transportation and mass transit improvements in the metropolitan area of eastern Pima County.

**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 37 percent of federal withholding. Employers must also pay an unemployment insurance premium that ranges from .02 percent to 5.4 percent on the first \$7,000 of salary for each employee. 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 census 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 - Total	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**

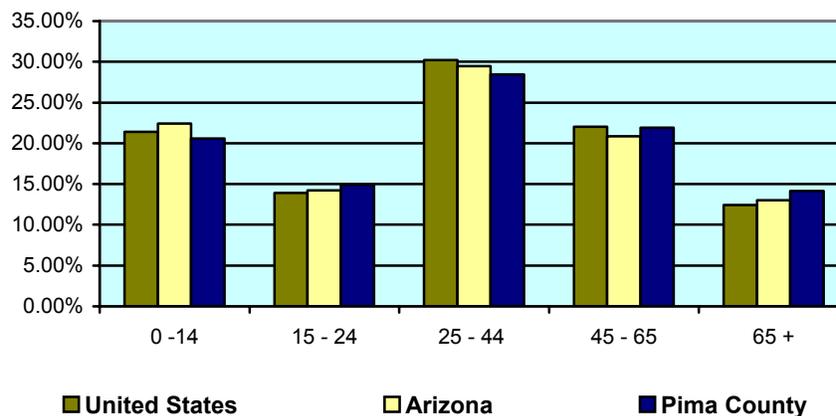
Average Annual Compounded Rate of Change

	<u>1970 - 1980</u>	<u>1980 - 1990</u>	<u>1990 - 2000</u>
Pima County - Total	4.2%	2.3%	2.4%
Unincorporated Pima County	8.8%	2.5%	2.2%
Arizona	4.3%	3.0%	3.4%

Source: Pima County Budget Division.

**AGE DISTRIBUTION**

2000 Census

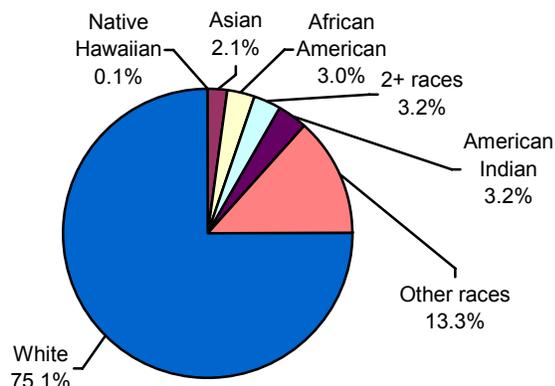


Source: Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census.

## POPULATION DIVERSITY

### Racial Mix

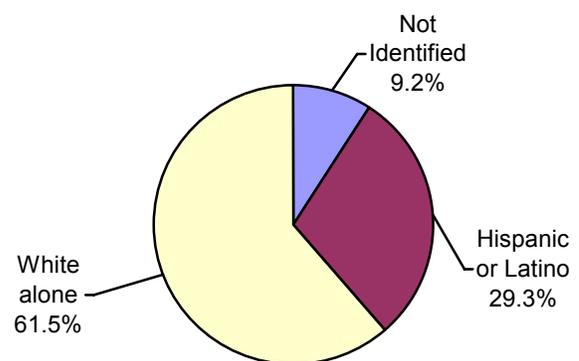
(PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION, 2000)



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

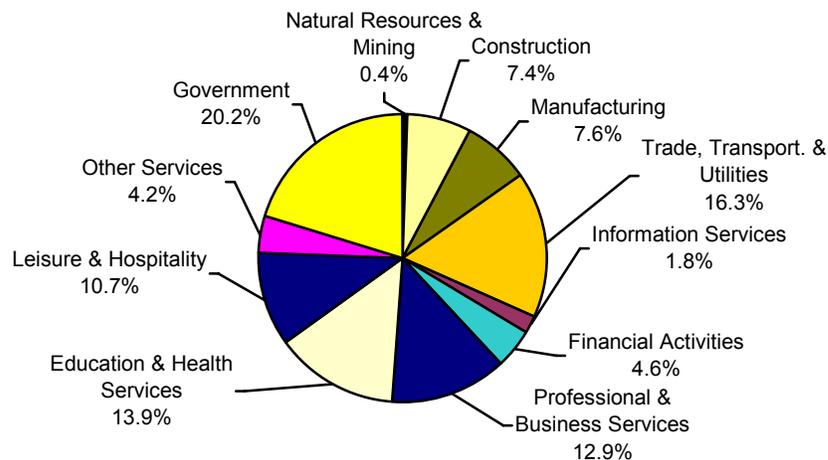
### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Pima County	4.3%	5.7%	5.3%	4.6%	4.4%	4.0%
Arizona	4.7%	6.0%	5.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%
United States	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%

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

### EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

#### Percent of Non-Farm Employment, 2006



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>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Raytheon Missile Systems Co.	Manufacturing	10,756	11,184
University of Arizona	Government (College Ed.)	10,282	10,354
State of Arizona	Government	9,742	9,927
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Government (Military)	8,233	8,233
Pima County <sup>1</sup>	Government	7,540	8,131
Tucson Unified School District	Government (Ed. K-12)	7,623	7,419
City of Tucson <sup>1</sup>	Government	6,042	5,848
Wal-Mart Stores	Trade (Retail)	4,980	5,625
Phelps Dodge	Mining	4,123	4,900
Carondelet Health Network	Services (Health)	3,751	4,319
Tohono O'odham Nation	Government	3,665	3,825
TMC Health Care	Services (Health)	3,276	3,474
University Medical Center	Services (Health)	2,969	3,094
United States Border Patrol	Government	2,500	2,763
Sunnyside Unified School District	Government (Ed. K-12)	2,126	2,690
Pima Community College	Government (College Ed.)	2,248	2,211
Amphitheater Public Schools	Government (Ed. K-12)	2,174	2,187
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Government	2,184	2,184
CheckMate Professional Employer	Services (Business)	2,036	2,131
Citi	Services (Business)	1,200	2,000
Basha's	Trade (Grocery)	2,021	1,938
Fry's Food & Drug Stores	Trade (Grocery)	2,063	1,806

Source: *The Star 200 Directory*, published by *The Arizona Daily Star* (March 11, 2007)  
and *Pima County Budget Division*.

<sup>1</sup> Budgeted full-time equivalents reported for fiscal years 2005/06 and 2006/07.

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

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Raytheon Missile Systems Co.	Missile Manufacturing	10,756	11,184
IBM Storage System Division	Computer Systems	1,800	1,750
Honeywell Aerospace	Aircraft Electronic Systems	740	750
Texas Instruments, Tucson	Operation Amplifiers	650	625
Bombardier Aerospace	Aircraft Maintenance	600	614
Ventana Medical Systems	Medical Equipment	498	580

Source: *The Star 200 Directory*, published by *The Arizona Daily Star* (March 11, 2007).

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

<u>Industry</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	55,300	54,400	55,100	57,900	59,600	61,800
Educational & Health Services	41,800	43,600	45,600	47,800	50,500	52,800
Professional & Business Services	41,300	41,500	41,200	43,400	45,900	49,100
Leisure & Hospitality	38,200	37,300	37,100	39,100	39,800	40,700
Manufacturing	33,000	30,500	28,600	28,400	28,300	28,800
Construction	22,700	22,500	22,900	24,000	25,700	28,100
Financial Activities	14,500	14,400	15,500	15,900	16,500	17,300
Information Services	7,700	7,900	7,500	7,600	7,200	7,000
Natural Resources & Mining	1,800	1,500	1,100	1,300	1,400	1,600
Other Services	14,300	14,500	14,500	14,700	14,700	15,900
Government	<u>73,800</u>	<u>74,900</u>	<u>75,700</u>	<u>76,900</u>	<u>77,100</u>	<u>76,800</u>
Total Non-Farm Employment	344,500	342,900	345,200	357,100	366,700	379,700

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sum by industry may not add to total because industry employment is rounded to nearest 100 employees.

**EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION, 2006**

<u>Occupations</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	19.0%
Sales & Related Occupations	9.4%
Food Preparation & Serving-Related Occupations	8.7%
Construction & Extraction Occupations	6.7%
Education, Training, & Library Occupations	6.4%
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	5.1%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	5.0%
Management Occupations	5.0%
Production Occupations	4.1%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Occupations	4.1%
Business & Financial Operations Occupations	3.8%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance Occupations	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	3.3%
Healthcare Support Occupations	3.1%
Personal Care & Service Occupations	2.8%
Protective Service Occupations	2.8%
Computer & Mathematical Occupations	2.1%
Community & Social Services Occupations	1.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, & Media Occupations	1.2%
Life, Physical, & Social Science Occupations	0.7%
Legal Occupations	0.7%
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry Occupations	0.1%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

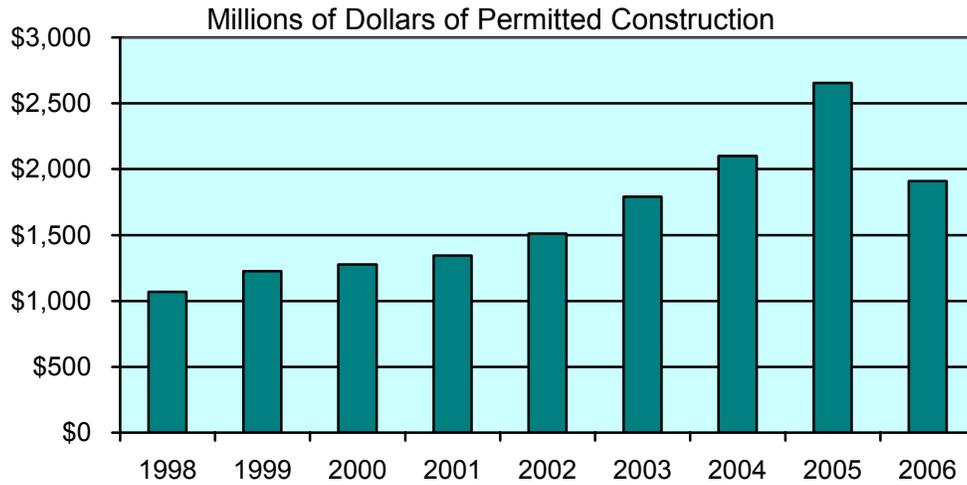
**NEW COMPANIES IN PIMA COUNTY** (New Companies announced between July 2005 and June 2007)

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Product or Service</u>	<u># of Jobs</u>
Pella Corporation	Window and door manufacturer	450
United Collection Bureau, Inc.	Collections & accounts receivable manager	450
Glass Fiber Inc.	Aerospace fiber glass insulation	190
Arizona Canning Company/La Costeña	Canned & preserved foods	175
Global Investment Recovery, Inc.	Telecom equipment & electronics recycling	85
Moll Industries	Plastic medical products	45
Macsteel Service Centers USA	Steel fabrication	25

Source: Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc.

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

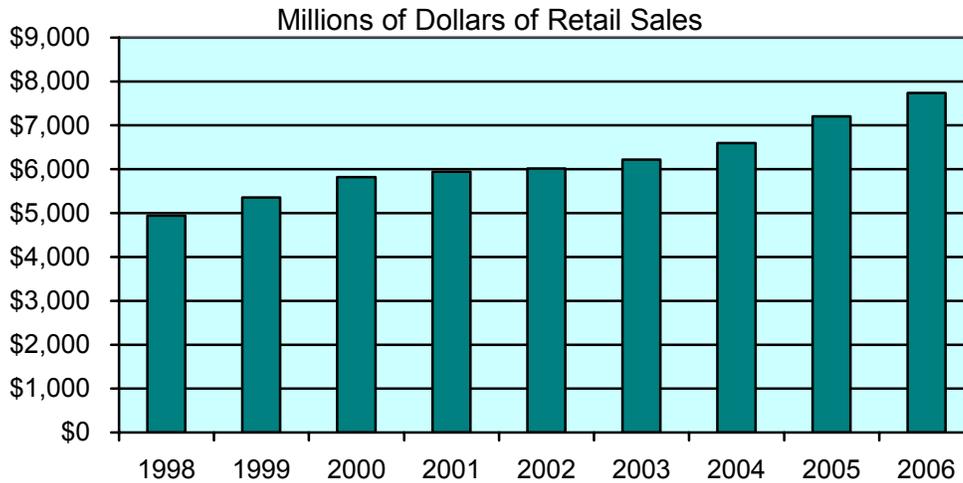
### PIMA COUNTY: VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS



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

## RETAIL SALES

### PIMA COUNTY RETAIL SALES (not including food sales)



Source: Arizona Department of Revenue & Pima County Budget Division.