

# 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 northern-most 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, air, and railroads. Intra-county 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 rail-passenger service and the Union Pacific Railroad for freight. 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 a flat rate of 8 percent. The minimum amount collected by Arizona for corporate income tax is \$50.

### **SALES TAX**

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

### **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 and 32 percent of federal withholding.

## PROPERTY TAX

For details regarding property taxes check with Pima County Assessor.

## 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.

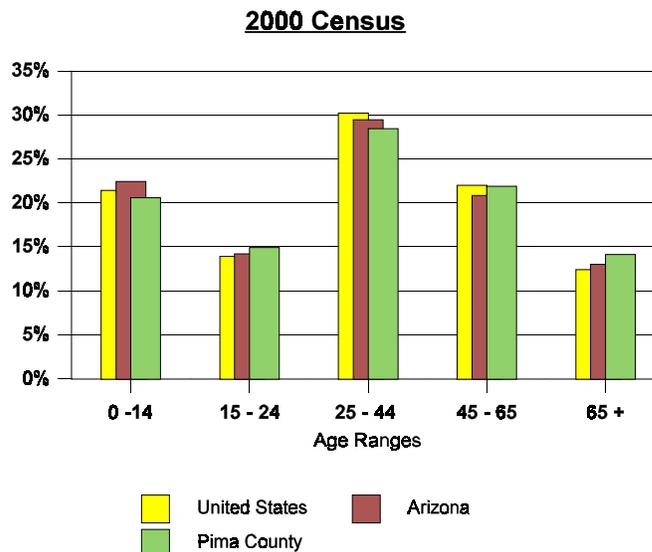
### POPULATION GROWTH RATES

Average Annual Rate of Change

	<u>1970 - 1980</u>	<u>1980 - 1990</u>	<u>1990 - 2000</u>
Pima County	5.11%	2.55%	2.65%
Unincorporated Pima County	13.17%	2.83%	2.44%
Arizona	5.30%	3.49%	4.00%

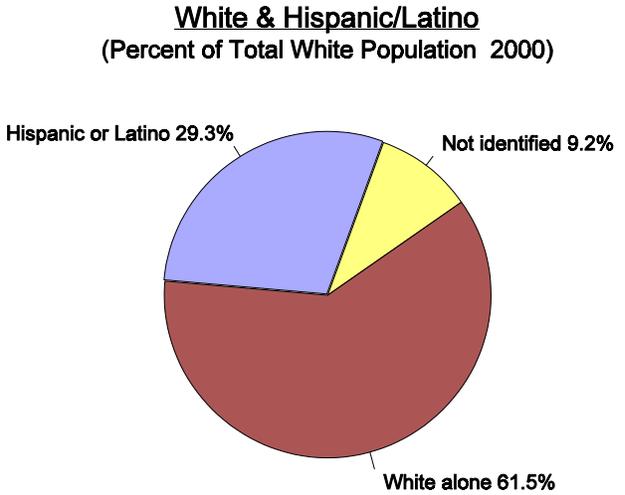
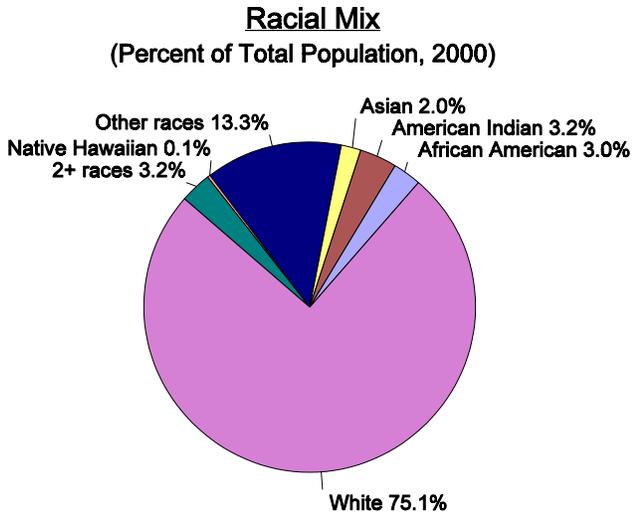
Source: Pima County Budget Division

### AGE DISTRIBUTION



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census.

**POPULATION DIVERSITY**



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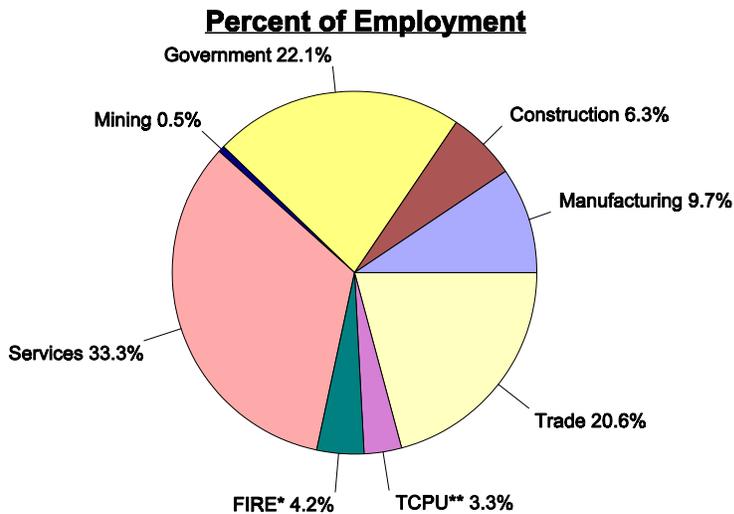
**EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Pima County	3.8%	3.3%	2.7%	3.1%	2.8%	3.5%
Arizona	5.5%	4.6%	4.1%	4.4%	3.9%	4.7%
United States	5.4%	5.0%	4.5%	4.1%	4.0%	4.8%

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

**EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**



Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

\*FIRE = Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

\*\*TCPU = Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities

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

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employment Sector</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
University of Arizona	Government (College Ed.)	11,032	11,606
Raytheon Missile Systems Co.	Manufacturing	10,149	10,400
State of Arizona	Government	9,978	9,932
Tucson Unified School District	Government (Ed. K-12)	9,102	8,278
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Government (Military)	8,796	9,200
Pima County	Government	7,886 <sup>1</sup>	8,186 <sup>1</sup>
City of Tucson	Government	6,058	5,933
Phelps Dodge	Mining	4,200	3,783
Carondelet Health Network	Services (Health)	3,329	3,328
University Medical Center	Services (Health)	2,540	2,415
Tohono O'odham Nation	Government	2,425	2,700
TMC Health Care	Services (Health)	2,361	2,395
Asarco, Inc.	Mining	2,336	2,146
Pima Community College	Government (College Ed.)	2,284	2,238
Amphitheater Public Schools	Government (Ed. K-12)	2,256	2,236
Wal-Mart Stores	Trade (Retail)	2,250	3,800
Bombardier Aerospace	Manufacturing	2,061	2,154

Source: *The Star 200 Directory*, published by *The Arizona Daily Star* (March 2002).

<sup>1</sup> Budgeted FTEs for Fiscal Year 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

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

<u>Company</u>	<u>Type Business</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Raytheon Systems Co.	Missile Manufacturing	10,149	10,400
Bombardier Aerospace	Aircraft Maintenance	2,061	2,154
IBM Storage System Division	Computer Systems	1,600	1,700
Texas Instruments Tucson	Operation Amplifiers	1,329	1,278
Honeywell	Aircraft Electronic Systems	978	860
Sunquest Info Systems	Computer Systems	621	672
Tucson Newspapers	Newspapers	597	521
Air System Components	Air Registers	430	415

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## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

<u>Industry</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Manufacturing	28,100	28,300	29,100	30,600	33,100	33,900
Construction	19,100	19,400	19,800	21,500	22,100	22,000
Transportation, Communications, & Public Utilities	13,500	13,600	13,700	11,900	12,000	11,700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	67,000	69,200	69,800	70,800	72,800	72,100
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	12,000	12,100	13,000	13,700	14,400	14,800
Services & Miscellaneous	95,700	99,300	105,800	112,900	117,400	116,500
Government	69,500	71,300	71,700	73,100	76,300	77,400
Mining & Quarrying	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>
Total <sup>1</sup>	307,200	315,400	325,100	336,400	350,000	350,300

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

## EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

<u>Occupations</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Office and Administrative Support	18.16%
Sales & Related Occupations	9.07%
Food Preparation & Food Serving-related	9.02%
Production Occupations	7.27%
Education, Training, & Library	6.68%
Construction & Extraction	6.57%
Management Occupations	5.68%
Transportation & Material Moving	5.10%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technicians	4.73%
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	4.35%
Building/Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	3.63%
Healthcare Support	3.17%
Business & Financial Operations	2.86%
Personal Care & Service	2.69%
Protective Services	2.48%
Architecture & Engineering	2.22%
Computer & Mathematics	1.92%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	1.64%
Community & Social Services	1.43%
Life, Physical & Social Science	0.63%
Legal	0.55%
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	0.13%

May not add to 100% due to rounding.

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

**NEW COMPANIES IN PIMA COUNTY** (New Companies to Pima County announced between July 2001 and June 2002).

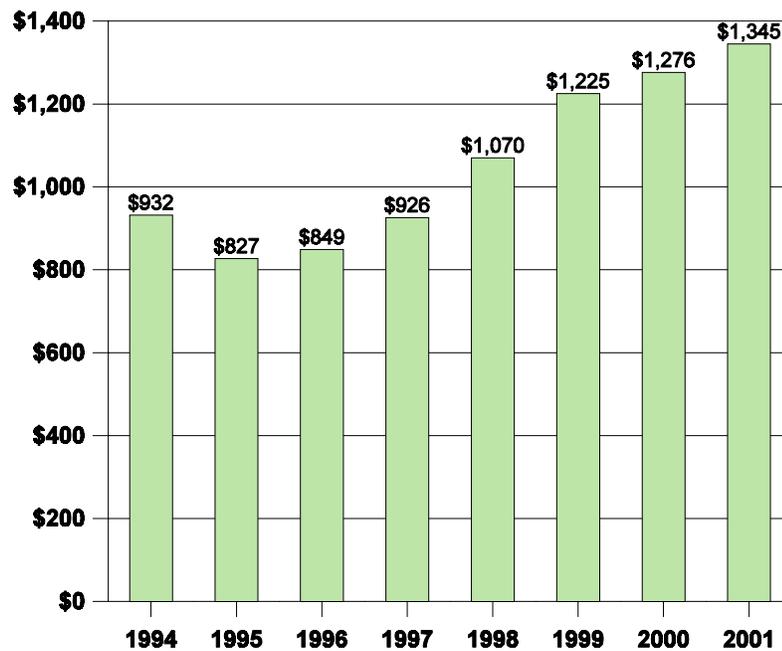
<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Product or Service</b>	<b># Jobs</b>
APAC Customer Services Inc.	Teleservices	800
AFCO Systems	Manufacturer (computer/telecommunications)	65
Desert Diamond Casino	Casino	700
Dun & Bradstreet Receivable Mgt.	Call Center	500
Krispy Kreme	Doughnut shops	200
Lowes Home Improvement	Retail (home improvement)	200
Marriott at Star Pass	Hotel Resort	700
NanoMuscle Inc.	Manufacturer (miniaturized motors)	25

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

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

**PIMA COUNTY: VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS**

Millions of Dollars of Permitted Construction

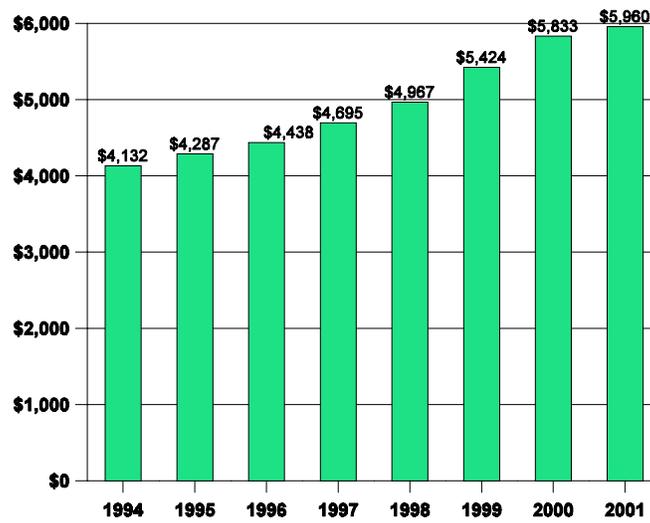


Source: Arizona State University, College of Business, Arizona Real Estate Center.

## RETAIL SALES

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

Millions of Dollars of Retail Sales



Source: *Economic & Business Research Program, Eller College of Business & Public Administration, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, May 2002*