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Pima County, Arizona

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.

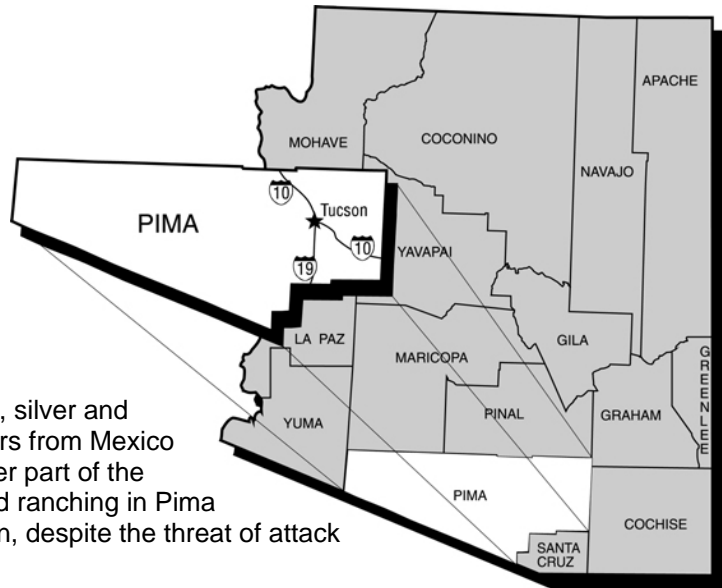
Settlement of the region goes back to the arrival in the 1690s of the Spanish who encountered Native Americans already living there.

About the middle of the 18th century, silver and gold were discovered 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 Agustín 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 offers many historical and cultural attractions.

Just south of Tucson is the Mission of San Xavier del Bac, founded in 1697 by Father Kino and still in use today. Within Pima County are two cactus forests – Saguaro National Park to the northeast and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in the southwestern 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 land located in Pima County. 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 an Enterprise Zone that includes all of South Tucson, central Tucson, portions of Marana, Sahuarita, parts of Pima County and parts of the Tohono O'odham and Pasqua Yaqui Indian Reservations.



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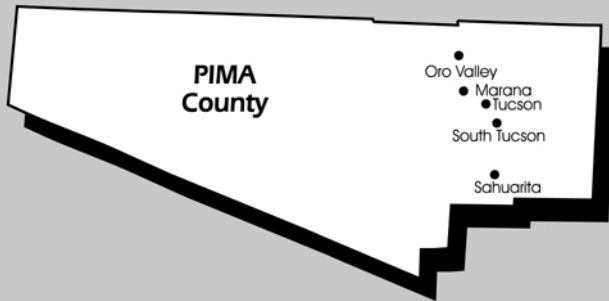
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Pima County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Tucson
2008 Population:	1,014,023
2008 Labor Force:	464,800
Unemployment Rate:	4.9%
Major Industries:*	Health Care & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Educational Services

Sources: Population Estimates July 2008, Strategic Investment and Research, Arizona Department of Commerce; 2008 Special Unemployment Report, OES Report, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Strategic Investment and Research.

Incorporated Cities



Population

	1990	2000	2008
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455
Pima County	666,880	843,746	1,014,023

Major Cities/Communities

Ajo	2,919	3,705	N/A
Catalina	4,864	7,025	N/A
Green Valley	20,644	17,283	N/A
Marana	2,187	13,556	33,744
Oro Valley	6,670	29,700	43,223
Pasqua Yaqui Reservation	2,412	3,315	N/A
Sahuarita	1,629	3,242	23,190
Sells/Tohono O'Odham Reservation	2,750	2,799	N/A
South Tucson	5,093	5,490	5,800
Tucson	405,390	486,699	543,959

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.. N/A - Not available

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	21.0%
15-24	12.9%
25-44	27.3%
45-64	22.7%
65+	16.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	75.1%
African American	3.0%
Native American	3.2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.1%
Other	16.5%
Totals	99.9%
Hispanic Heritage*	29.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census.

* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race



Labor Force

2008 Civilian Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	3,132,667	5.5%
Pima County	464,800	4.9%

Major Cities/Communities

Ajo	1,338	9.5%
Catalina	4,154	3.1%
Green Valley	3,104	3.7%
Marana	16,026	4.7%
Oro Valley	16,011	3.6%
Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation	1,320	17.6%
Sahuarita	1,868	4.8%
Sells	1,095	27.8%
South Tucson	2,430	14.6%
Tucson	278,852	5.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce, 2008 Special Unemployment Report.

2008 Employment by Sector

	<i>in thousands</i>
Construction	23.1
Manufacturing	26.8
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	62.4
Information	5.3
Financial Activities	16.1
Professional & Business Services	50.9
Educational & Health Services	55.0
Leisure & Hospitality	38.7
Government	79.1
Other Services	14.6
Nature Resources & Mining	2.0

Source: Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research.
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2008 Total All Occupations

<i>Employment</i>	377,630
<i>Hourly Compensation</i>	
Median Wage	\$14.82
Average Wage	\$19.06
Entry Wage *	\$8.99
Experienced **	\$24.10

2008 Employment by Occupation Average Wages

	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Avg. Wages</i>
Office & Administrative Support	68,320	\$14.41
Sales & Related	36,590	\$13.91
Food Preparation & Serving Related	33,300	\$9.56
Education, Training & Library	23,790	\$21.95
Construction & Extraction	21,450	\$17.26
Management	18,420	\$41.43
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	22,390	\$32.84
Production	16,370	\$15.37

Source: Prepared by the Arizona Department of Commerce, Strategic Investment and Research in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2009

* 10th percentile ** 75th percentile

Major Employers in Pima County and Southern Arizona

Employer	Employment Type
Amphitheater Unified School Dist.	Education and Health Services
Asarco LLC	Natural Resources & Mining
Bashas' Inc.	Trade, Transportation and Utilities
Canteen Correctional Services	Professional Services
Carondelet Health Network	Education and Health Services
City of Tucson	Public Administration
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	Public Administration
Employer Solutions Group (formerly CheckMate)	Professional Services
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.	Natural Resources & Mining
Fry's Food Stores	Trade, Transportation and Utilities
Northwest Health	Health Care
Pima Community College	Education
Pima County	Public Administration
Pinal County	Public Administration
Raytheon Missile Systems	Manufacturing
State of Arizona	Public Administration
Sunnyside Unified School District	Education
TMC HealthCare	Education and Health Services
Tohono O'odham Nation	Public Administration
Tucson Unified School District No. 1	Education
U.S. Army Intelligence Ctr. & Ft. Huachuca	Public Administration
U.S. Border Patrol	Public Administration
University Medical Center Corp.	Education and Health Services
University of Arizona	Education
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Trade, Transportation and Utilities

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Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

APS	(800) 253-9407
Tohono O'odham Tribal Utility Authority	(520) 889-7563
Trico Electric Cooperative	(520) 744-2944
Tucson Electric Power	(520) 623-7711

Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:

Southwest Gas Corporation	(800) 889-5600
Tohono O'odham Tribal Utility Authority	(520) 889-7563

Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local chamber of commerce directly.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:



Medical

Tohono O'odham Tribal Utility Authority	(520) 889-7563
Qwest	(800) 244-1111

Major Hospitals:

Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital,	(520) 296-3211
St. Mary's Hospital,	(520) 872-3000
Northwest Medical Center	(520) 742-9000
Davis Monthan Air Force Base Hospital	(520) 228-2816
El Dorado Hospital and Medical Center,	(520) 886-6361
Kino Community Hospital,	(520) 294-4471
Palo Verde Mental Health Services,	(520) 324-4340
Tucson Heart Hospital,	(520) 696-2328
Tucson Medical Center,	(520) 327-5461
University Medical Center,	(520) 694-0111
Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Healthcare System,	(520) 792-1450
Chapman University, (Davis Monthan AFB)	(520) 745-6324
ITT Technical Institute	(520) 408-7488
Northern Arizona University Park College,	(520) 879-7900



Education

(Davis Monthan AFB)	(520) 748-8266
Pima Community College	(520) 206-4500
Prescott College	(520) 319-9868
Tucson Open University	(520) 622-0170
University of Arizona	(520) 621-2211
University of Phoenix	(520) 881-6512



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 10, I-19, state Highway 79, state Highway 83, state Highway 85, state Highway 86, state Highway 286, state Highway 386, Indian Route 15, Indian Route 19, Indian Route 21, Indian Route 34

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines and Sun-Tran

Rail Service

Union Pacific Railroad Company (520) 629-2261
AMTRAK (520) 623-4442

Trucking Service

Arkansas Best Freight Systems (ABF) Freight System Inc., Arizona Express, CFI, Citizen Express Lines, Consolidated Freight Ways, Con-Way Western Express, Danny Herman Trucking, DATS Trucking Inc., Dependable Highway Express, GI Trucking Co., Hurley Trucking, Lynden Air Freight, Motor Cargo, NW Transport Service Inc., Overnite Transportation Co., Pro Aire Transport, Roadway Express, Tucson Transport Inc., United Freight Services Inc., Viking Freight Inc., Willard Trucking & Brokerage, Yellow Freight Systems Inc.

Air Service

Major Airports

Airport Name: **Ajo Municipal** (520) 740-6449
Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 1,458'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Military
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 12/30 Length: 3,784' Width: 60'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Marana NorthWest Regional Airport**
(formerly Avra Valley Airport) (520) 740-6449

Location: Marana
Functional Class: Corporate Reliever
Elevation: 2,025'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Commercial
Nav-Aids: NDB (245.0) / AWOS
Runway: 03/21 Length: 4,200' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 12/30 Length: 6,900' Width: 100'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Ryan Airfield** (520) 573-4820

Location: Tucson
Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 2,415'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Military
Nav-Aids: ILS/AWOS/VASI
Runway: 06/24 Length: 5,504' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 15/33 Length: 4,000' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Tucson International** (520) 573-8100

Functional Class: Commercial Service
Elevation: 2,641'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Commercial/Military
Nav-Aids: ILS/DME
Runway: 03/21 Length: 7,000' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 11L/29R
Length: 10,994' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 11R/29L
Length: 9,129' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Source: Department of Transportation, Arizona Airports Land Use Compatibility Study



Distance to Major Cities





Marana

The Continental Ranch Industrial park is fully developed on 275 acres. More than 2,000 acres near I-10, the railroad, and the Marana NW Regional Airport are zoned for industrial use. For more information, contact the Town of Marana at (520) 682-3401 or the Marana Chamber of Commerce at (520) 682-4314.

Oro Valley

There are 956 acres available for industrial development of light, clean businesses in a campus park setting. More sites have all utilities available at the lot line. For current property information, contact the Economic Development Administrator, (520) 297-2591.

Sells/Tohono O'odham Reservation

There is one industrial park with utilities located on the San Xavier Reservation, seven miles southwest of downtown Tucson along U.S. 89 and adjacent to I-10. Foreign Trade Zone opportunities are available. For further information, contact the San Xavier Development Authority or Northhill-Papago, Ltd., 7800 S. Nogales Hwy., Tucson, AZ 85706; (520) 746-3692.

South Tucson

Located in a State Enterprise Zone, South Tucson is able to fast track inspection and permitting. Additionally, incentives for industrial development are offered. For further information, contact the City of South Tucson, (520) 792-2424.

Tucson

Many industrial properties are available with space for light or heavy industry, office, warehouse, commercial and storage. Parcels vary in size and can be obtained by monthly or annual leases. Current information is available from Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO) Inc., (520) 243-1900.



Industrial Development Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Pima County

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Industrial Development Authority of South Tucson

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Tucson, AZ 85725
(520) 792-2424/Fax: (520) 628-9616

Industrial Authority of Tucson

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Commercial Banks

There are approximately 14 state, national and multi-national banks as well as 11 credit unions in the greater Tucson Metropolitan area. Most surrounding areas in Pima County have local branches.

Source: Arizona Department of Financial Institutions



Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

2008 Property Tax

Community	School Dist.	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Ajo	4.65	0.00	5.9	10.50
Catalina	6.16	0.00	5.9	12.06
Green Valley	1.73	1.90	5.9	9.53
Marana	5.53	0.00	5.9	11.43
Oro Valley	4.91	0.00	5.9	10.81
Sahuarita	5.97	0.00	5.9	11.87
South Tucson	6.62	0.21	5.9	12.73
Tucson	6.62	0.96	5.9	13.48

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2008 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value)

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. The cities of Oro Valley, Sahuarita, Marana and Tucson have a 2 percent city sales tax rate. The City of South Tucson has a 2.5 percent sales tax. The following communities have an additional hotel/motel tax: Sahuarita, 2 percent; Oro Valley and Marana, 3 percent; Tucson has a hotel/motel tax rate of 4 percent and a \$1 per room rented surcharge.

Source: League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



Ajo District Chamber of Commerce

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Arivaca Mercantile Company

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Green Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Green Valley, AZ 85622 FAX: (520) 648-6154
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Marana Chamber of Commerce

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Town of Oro Valley Economic Development

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Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona

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