

Bisbee is more than just a geographical location—it's a state of mind. Nestled in Cochise County's Mule Mountains at an elevation of 5,350 ft., Bisbee is a free-thinking oasis that appreciates its past while constantly reinventing itself for the future. The preservation of its history has been an important aspect to Bisbee's citizens. "Historic Bisbee" is a registered National Historic District. In 2016, Bisbee was voted the "Best Historic Small Town in America" by *USA Today* readers and the "Best Small Town in the West" by *Sunset Magazine*. In Bisbee you can be a laid-back trendsetter as well as a community activist. You can follow your passions and ultimately have the freedom to be yourself. In a town that was the first to pass a Civil Union Ordinance in Arizona and where the community is heavily involved in local government, thinking outside the box is welcomed.

### Principal Economic Activities

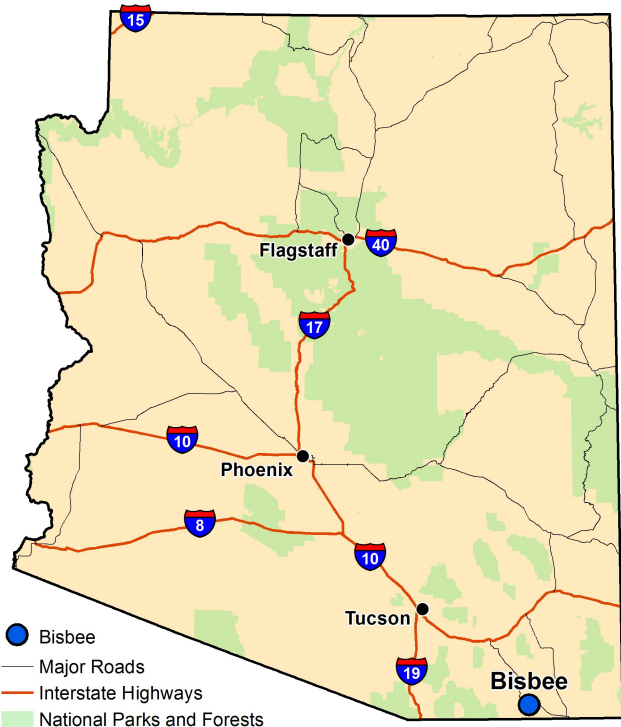
Bisbee was once a rich copper mining town that's mineral deposits played a tremendous role in the Arizona Territory attaining statehood, as well as future politics in the state. The great wealth that came from mining can be seen today in the incredible architecture that has been carefully preserved by forward-thinking community members. In the 1970s, bohemians seeking a refuge from the mundane found in Bisbee a unique environment that continues to inspire creativity and imagination, from the youth to the young-at-heart retiree.

### Scenic Attractions

Bisbee's history and its art are intertwined as one strolls the narrow streets and alleys, as well as Bisbee's 350 historic staircases. Enter another time when you visit a museum housed in a 1890s building that was the first rural Smithsonian Affiliate, or experience what it was like to be a miner at the Queen Mine Tour. From Old Bisbee, take a short five-mile drive to the suburb of Warren, one of Arizona's first master-planned communities, which offers visitors a chance to experience baseball at one of the country's oldest ballparks. And located seven miles from the international border, discover for yourself how Bisbee is partnering with cities in Sonora, Mexico, to improve the quality of life for all in this new Arizona-Sonora region.

### Community Facilities

Bisbee offers many amenities and activities for all its citizens, and it is the ideal place to raise a family, as well as a great place to spend your retirement. The City of Bisbee offers beautifully landscaped parks, a historical library, tennis and pickleball courts, as well as a swimming pool. Cultural activities include the Bisbee Farmers Market, infamous mining contests in Brewery Gulch, the Bisbee Blues Festival, the Historic Home Tour, the Bisbee Stair Climb, Bisbee Pride, the Mariachi Festival, the Annual Chocolate Tasting, the Altered Book Show, the Sidepony Music Festival, Alice in Bisbeeland and numerous other festivals throughout the year that offer fun and entertainment for all ages.



### BASIC INFORMATION

<b>Founded:</b>	1880	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1902
<b>Elevation:</b>	5,350 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Cochise County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	205 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	501 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	94 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	579 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	500 miles		

### POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Bisbee	6,090	5,560	5,312
Cochise County	117,755	131,436	128,343
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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### PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	6.97	4.73	4.54
City / Fire District	2.48	2.08	2.59
Cochise County	5.70	5.07	5.92
Totals (Cochise County)	15.15	11.88	13.05

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### SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Bisbee	3.50%
Cochise County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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### LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	2,804	2,626	2,274
Unemployed	141	225	96
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	8.6%	4.2%

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### WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	514	12.7%
High school or equivalent, no college	953	23.6%
Some college or Associate degree	1,390	34.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,185	29.3%

*American Community Survey*

### INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	548	27.1%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	310	15.3%
Retail trade	283	14.0%
Public administration	274	13.5%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	158	7.8%
Manufacturing	114	5.6%
Construction	104	5.1%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	82	4.1%
Other services, except public administration	53	2.6%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	39	1.9%
Finance, insurance & real estate	29	1.4%
Information	15	0.7%
Wholesale trade	14	0.7%

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