

Founded in 1888 as a 440-acre town, the city of Buckeye today is Arizona's largest city by land area. With more than 600 square miles in planning area, projections show that Buckeye has a population of 65,000. After 126 years of being known as the town of Buckeye, voters changed the name to the city of Buckeye in 2014, making it Arizona's newest city.

Buckeye is located on a robust transportation corridor with direct access to the Union Pacific Railroad, 16 miles of Interstate 10 frontage and 26 miles of State Route 85 frontage, with interconnections to Interstate 8 and other major highways. Buckeye is a major gateway between Arizona and the western United States. It provides a one-day turnaround to the Southern Californian ports and direct access to other major markets. Furthermore, Buckeye sits at the crossroads of international freight movement with Asia from the west and Mexico from the south through the Port of San Luis and the CANAMEX.

Principal Economic Activities

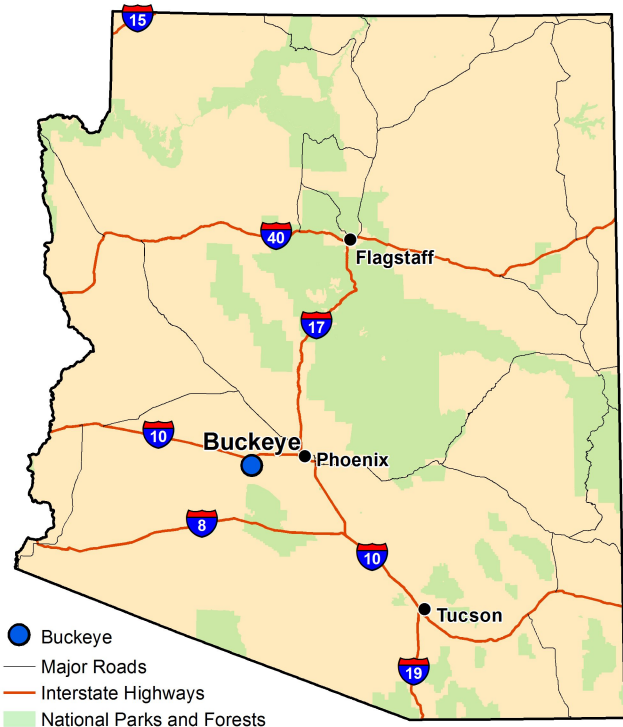
Buckeye has witnessed a significant diversification over the past 10 years in its economy and employment base. Buckeye was founded as an agricultural economy and is among the largest producers of Pima cotton in the state. Agricultural technology has helped diversify Buckeye's offerings which now include dairy farms, alfalfa, hay and other crops. The city is emerging as a center of innovation for numerous industries including renewable energy, health care, entrepreneurship, logistics, distribution and manufacturing. The elected officials are unanimously supportive of new business development in the community to help create high-quality jobs, services, amenities, capital investment and revenue within the city. Buckeye lies within Foreign Trade Zone 277 and can offer applicable businesses numerous operating and financial incentives. The immediate regional workforce is 225,000 and employees traveling to Buckeye will benefit from a reverse commute to work.

Scenic Attractions

Several regional parks surrounding Buckeye offer golfing, hiking, climbing and other recreational activities. Buckeye Hills Regional Park provides facilities for day visitors as well as a shooting range. Robins Butte Wildlife Sanctuary, along with other portions of the Gila River, has opportunities for bird and wildlife viewing. A plethora of community events are held throughout the year including the Hellzapoppin' Rodeo, a street fair, a car show, a demolition derby and business expos. Other events include Pioneer Days, the Buckeye Bluegrass Festival, the Senior Pro Rodeo, Fourth of July celebrations, movies in the park, the Glow on Monroe Holiday Parade and a Halloween carnival.

Community Facilities

The city of Buckeye offers a broad range of community facilities including two libraries, one museum, an auditorium that seats 550, a community center, a senior center, rodeo arenas, several parks with dog-friendly amenities, baseball fields, basketball courts, soccer fields, handball courts, football fields and tennis courts. Buckeye Hills Regional Park is five miles to the west of Buckeye and the White Tanks Regional Park is 15 miles northeast. Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park provides an additional 8,675 acres of hiking, picnic, camping and scenic trails. The city is home to six fire stations, two police stations, several wastewater treatment plants and a 700-acre municipal airport.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1888	Incorporated:	1929
Elevation:	888 ft.	Location:	Maricopa County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	30 miles	San Diego:	320 miles
Tucson:	158 miles	Los Angeles:	346 miles
Las Vegas:	289 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Buckeye	6,537	51,019	65,509
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,137,076
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.02	7.87	9.23
City / Fire District	1.56	1.19	1.80
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Maricopa County)	11.93	11.85	15.09

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Buckeye	3.00%
Maricopa County	6.30%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	4,141	20,658	25,026
Unemployed	174	2,016	1,370
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	9.8%	5.5%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	5,549	15.7%
High school or equivalent, no college	9,911	28.0%
Some college or Associate degree	14,220	40.2%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	5,720	16.2%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	4,387	21.0%
Retail trade	3,353	16.0%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	2,363	11.3%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	2,245	10.7%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,693	8.1%
Construction	1,658	7.9%
Public administration	1,471	7.0%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,081	5.2%
Manufacturing	908	4.3%
Other services, except public administration	681	3.3%
Wholesale trade	456	2.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	426	2.0%
Information	215	1.0%

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