

Oro Valley is in northeastern Pima County, three miles north of the Tucson city limits. Oro Valley is situated in the western foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains at the base of Pusch Ridge. The Tortolita Mountains are located north of the town and the vistas of the Tucson valley are to the south. The town sits at an elevation of 2,620 feet and covers 34.75 square miles.

### Principal Economic Activities

Oro Valley is home to a AAA Four Diamond resort hotel, the Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort. In addition to the El Conquistador, some of Oro Valley's larger employers include Ventana Medical Systems ( a member of the Roche Group), Oro Valley Hospital, Amphitheater School District, the Town of Oro Valley, Icagen, Honeywell and Securaplane. Entertainment and shopping are nearby at the Oro Valley Marketplace and Oracle Crossings shopping centers.

### Scenic Attractions

Oro Valley is the gateway to beautiful Catalina State Park, a 5,493-acre park on the western slopes of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The park includes campgrounds, miles of hiking trails and an equestrian center. The 9,000-foot Mount Lemmon, the southernmost ski area in the United States, is part of the range. The Biosphere 2 is located north of Catalina State Park. This one-of-a-kind facility sits on a ridge at a cool elevation of nearly 4,000 feet and is surrounded by a magnificent natural desert preserve. Just six miles south of Catalina State Park is one of the nation's greatest botanical gardens, Tohono Chul Park. This oasis in the desert offers a respite from the hectic pace of daily life, provides an informative look at the region's fascinating cultural traditions and it's even more interesting flora and fauna.

### Community Facilities

Oro Valley is home to more than 440 acres of parks, which include Canada del Oro Riverfront Park, James D. Krieger Park, Lambert Lane Park and Naranja Park. Amenities include a water slide, splash pad, two pools, an archery range, lighted ball fields and tennis courts and an accessible playground. The Oro Valley Aquatic Center is southern Arizona's premier, competition-level facility hosting local, state and national championship events such as swimming, diving and synchronized swimming. In addition to aquatic events, Oro Valley hosts triathlons, duathlons and marathons. Oro Valley has a Community and Recreation Center which includes a fitness center, restaurant, 31 tennis courts, 45 holes of golf and two swimming pools.



**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b>Founded:</b>	1881	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1974
<b>Elevation:</b>	2,620 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Pima County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	109 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	407 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	6 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	485 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	406 miles		

**POPULATION**

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Oro Valley	29,700	40,984	43,648
Pima County	843,746	981,168	1,013,103
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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**PROPERTY TAX**

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	6.88	5.10	5.54
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pima County	7.76	6.22	7.90
Totals (Pima County)	14.64	11.32	13.44

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Oro Valley	2.50%
Pima County	6.10%
State	5.60%

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**LABOR FORCE**

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	15,073	18,264	19,032
Unemployed	389	1,233	873
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	6.8%	4.6%

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

	Count	Share
Less than high school	809	2.6%
High school or equivalent, no college	4,682	14.9%
Some college or Associate degree	10,002	31.9%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	15,860	50.6%

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**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	4,445	25.9%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	2,074	12.1%
Retail trade	1,846	10.8%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,565	9.1%
Manufacturing	1,526	8.9%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,449	8.5%
Public administration	1,121	6.5%
Other services, except public administration	981	5.7%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	693	4.0%
Construction	647	3.8%
Information	386	2.3%
Wholesale trade	204	1.2%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	200	1.2%

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