

Located in the Sun Corridor of southern Arizona—within the Greater Tucson region—Sahuarita has become a highly desirable place to live, work and play. Sahuarita offers numerous opportunities for economic growth and prosperity. The town population is 28,425.

Known as a family-oriented community, the town's population is youthful, with a median age of 35.1, and educated, with 34 percent possessing a college degree. The median annual household income is \$66,339. Along with easy access to an international airport and Interstates 19 and 10, Sahuarita offers a high quality of life to residents through affordable housing, scenic beauty, thriving businesses and a safe environment for raising children. Sahuarita's schools have been recognized consistently for outstanding achievement.

Principal Economic Activities

The economic activities and industries that bolster the town are diverse including information technology, communications, mining, retail, tourism, hospitality, aerospace, defense, entrepreneurship, international trade and Mexican tourism. Residents are employed by several of the 10 major regional employers including Raytheon, the University of Arizona and Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc. Sahuarita's Planning and Building and Public Works departments continue to streamline the development review process to offer a faster, more uniform and transparent experience. The BizHub, located in town hall, is a community workplace offering entrepreneurs and home-based businesses meeting rooms, resources, technology and small business assistance to aid local economic growth.

Scenic Attractions

Located in the beautiful Arizona Sonoran Desert, the areas surrounding Sahuarita provide a sublime outdoor environment for residents and visitors from around the world. Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Experimental Range and Wildlife Area and Coronado National Forest are respites from the heat of summer. Mt. Wrightson and Mt. Hopkins, the two most prominent peaks in the Santa Rita Mountain Range, have an extensive trail system for hiking and backpacking. The majestic Elephant Head formation and surrounding areas in the Santa Rita Mountains present many options for traditional rock climbing enthusiasts. Nearby attractions include Whipple Observatory, Gardner Canyon, Kitt Peak Observatory, the historic San Xavier del Bac Mission (built in 1797), Tumacácori National Historical Park, Titan II Missile Museum, Arivaca Lake and the Asarco Mineral Discovery Center. Sahuarita is also home to the Green Valley Pecan Company, one of the largest growers and processors of pecans.

Community Facilities

The town boasts 76 acres of public parks, as well as numerous private neighborhood parks. Sahuarita's six public parks bring residents out to enjoy playgrounds, trails, gazebos, picnic areas, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball, softball and soccer fields. The town also offers two dedicated off-leash dog parks, a skate area, an Urban Fishing Program at Sahuarita Lake and frequent special events at the Sahuarita Lake's amphitheater. An aquatic center at the Copperview Elementary School Campus includes a competition pool. Other amenities include the town library and town municipal center with its fountain and sundial.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1911	Incorporated:	1994
Elevation:	2,844 ft.	Location:	Pima County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	130 miles	San Diego:	427 miles
Tucson:	15 miles	Los Angeles:	505 miles
Las Vegas:	426 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Sahuarita	3,242	25,347	28,425
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	8.70	6.63	7.42
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	2.10
Pima County	7.76	6.22	7.90
Totals (Pima County)	16.46	12.85	17.42

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Sahuarita	2.00%
Pima County	6.10%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	1,597	10,743	11,778
Unemployed	55	414	525
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.9%	4.5%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	871	5.4%
High school or equivalent, no college	3,216	19.8%
Some college or Associate degree	6,569	40.5%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	5,573	34.3%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	2,484	24.7%
Public administration	1,401	13.9%
Retail trade	1,129	11.2%
Manufacturing	836	8.3%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	828	8.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	757	7.5%
Finance, insurance & real estate	557	5.5%
Other services, except public administration	499	5.0%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	494	4.9%
Construction	461	4.6%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	381	3.8%
Wholesale trade	166	1.6%
Information	83	0.8%

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