

Tucson is the economic and dynamic cultural heart of a metro area that is home to more than one million people. It is Arizona's second largest city and one of the longest continuously inhabited cities in the United States. The city has a rich historical and archeological record that dates back more than 4,000 years. It offers more than 350 days of sunshine and an average temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Surrounded by majestic mountains, Tucson offers year-round hiking, biking, golf and other outdoor activities. It is known for its market concentration of aerospace and defense companies and transportation and logistics assets. Tucson is home to one of the nation's top research institutions, the University of Arizona.

### Principal Economic Activities

Tucson is recognized as a national leader in optics, astronomy, medical industries and aerospace and defense. Research, development and manufacturing in aerospace and defense are major components of Tucson's economy, and Tucson is consistently highly ranked in these areas. This sector of our economy includes space-related firms, industrial high-tech fields and assembly, distribution and warehousing as well as commercial aviation maintenance and rehabilitation.

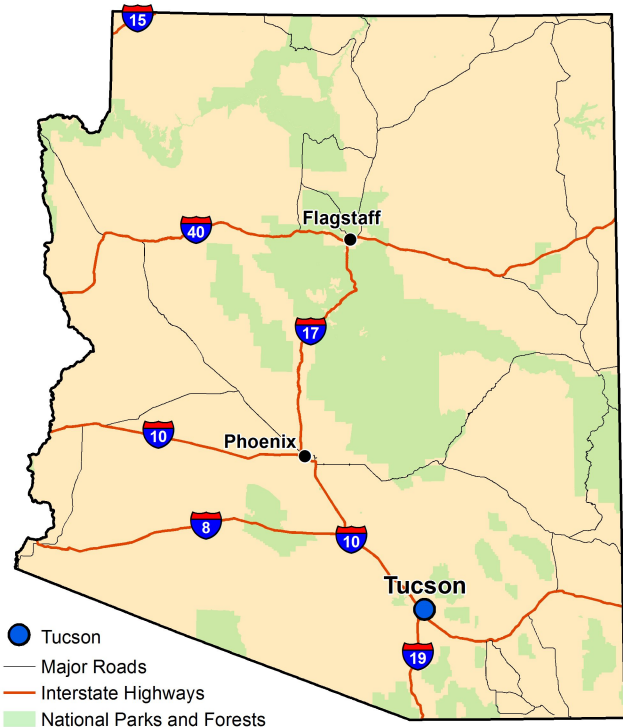
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base also is a significant part of the community and a driver of Tucson's growth since 1940. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base injects more than \$1.5 billion dollars into the economy annually. Raytheon Missile Systems is the largest private sector employer in Tucson, with more than 9,600 employees. Tucson has historically been the crossroads for trade in the southwest and is a major hub for transportation and logistics to this day. Tucson's proximity to Mexico, the Tucson International Airport and its location at the intersection of the Union Pacific Railroad Main Line, Interstate 10 and Interstate 19 provide ease and speed for distribution of goods. Several corporations, including Target and HomeGoods, have made the decision to locate distribution centers here.

### Scenic Attractions

Tucson and the Tucson region offer an amazing variety of events and attractions. Regional attractions include the Saguaro National Parks East and West, the world-renowned Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Sabino Canyon, Mt. Lemmon, Colossal Cave, the Mission San Xavier del Bac and the Pima Air and Space Museum Tucson. Local attractions include the Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson Children's Museum, the Tucson Botanical Gardens, the University of Arizona Center for Creative Photography and the Arizona Historical Society. The urban core of the city is thriving like never before thanks in large part to the SunLink modern streetcar. The streetcar, a public-sector investment of more than \$196 million dollars, has been the catalyst for more than \$900 million in public and private sector investment along the line. It runs along a 3.9-mile route connecting five major employment and entertainment districts that offer diverse opportunities for dining, entertainment, night life, shopping, employment, cultural experiences and lodging that are uniquely Tucson. Tucson hosts one of the world's largest gem and mineral shows in the country, attracting thousands of international exhibitors, vendors and buyers.

### Community Facilities

More than 620 miles of streets with bicycle lanes combine with the 55-mile dedicated Pima County Loop to form one of the most comprehensive networks for active cyclists in the nation. The Tucson region has more than 27,000 acres of park lands and more than 40 public and private golf courses.



**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b>Founded:</b>	1775	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1877
<b>Elevation:</b>	2,410 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Pima County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	111 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	410 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	488 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	409 miles		

**POPULATION**

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Tucson	486,699	520,795	529,989
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	9.05	6.35	7.18
City / Fire District	1.13	0.96	1.60
Pima County	7.76	6.22	7.90
Totals (Pima County)	17.94	13.52	16.67

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Tucson	2.50%
Pima County	6.10%
State	5.60%

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**LABOR FORCE**

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	237,859	262,913	254,270
Unemployed	9,832	27,627	12,999
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	10.5%	5.1%

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

	Count	Share
Less than high school	52,021	15.8%
High school or equivalent, no college	78,903	24.0%
Some college or Associate degree	114,642	34.9%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	82,947	25.2%

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**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	59,222	25.8%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	30,180	13.1%
Retail trade	27,967	12.2%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	27,441	11.9%
Construction	15,399	6.7%
Manufacturing	13,470	5.9%
Public administration	13,416	5.8%
Other services, except public administration	12,532	5.5%
Finance, insurance & real estate	12,095	5.3%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	8,338	3.6%
Wholesale trade	4,241	1.8%
Information	3,699	1.6%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	1,679	0.7%

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