

Apache Junction is the eastern gateway into the Phoenix Metroplex with more than 15 Eastern Arizona towns making U.S. 60 their primary route into the Valley. Apache Junction also acts as the western gateway to the majority of Tonto National Forest's aquatic recreation venues. We have focused on preserving the heritage of our community while advancing into a 21st century city. Our local economy benefits from our large seasonal population that comes to enjoy the beautiful mountain views, mild winter weather, and hospitable neighbors. Apache Junction's cost of living is 13% below the national average. Median household income is about \$37,403 and the median home price is about \$170,000. We have tremendous growth potential with over 11,000 acres of developable land within the existing city limits, which is adjacent to a 275-square mile swath of land between the East Valley and Florence. The State Land Department is eager to get the land to auction and our municipality eager to find a quality development partner.

Principal Economic Activities

Apache Junction is ideal for advanced manufacturing, distribution, mining support (within 45 minutes of major mining operations in Miami/Globe, Kearny and Superior) and business service operations. Major area employers include Empire Southwest and Ikon Steel. We see our proximity to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (of which we are a member of the Airport Authority Board) as key. We can easily accommodate supply chain services and manufacturing at lower land acquisition and operating costs for those providers who don't require being at the airpark itself. The city offers several sites with a global reach made possible by its proximity to nearby airports and railroads: Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (30 miles), Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (11 miles) and Rail Access (15-30 miles). Employers in Apache Junction have access to four major universities (Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, and AT Still), and a local community college (Central Arizona College).

Scenic Attractions

Apache Junction also is known for its nearby recreational attractions. It is estimated that Apache Junction sees over 600,000 travelers annually. These include individuals from across the United States and the globe. Major recreational and scenic draws include the Lost Dutchman Marathon, the Arizona Renaissance Festival, the Superstition Mountains, Lost Dutchman State Park, and a chain of lakes extending up to Roosevelt Dam.

Community Facilities

Apache Junction offers a range of community facilities. There is a city library, senior center, community swimming pool and nine park sites with amenities such as playgrounds, picnic facilities, ball fields as well as basketball, racquetball and tennis courts. The city also operates a municipal rodeo arena and events center. A 1,600-acre multi-use municipal park stretches along the city's northern and eastern boundaries and provides opportunities for horseback riding, hiking and activities such as bird watching.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1950	Incorporated:	1978
Elevation:	1,715 ft.	Location:	Pinal County Maricopa County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	36 miles	San Diego:	378 miles
Tucson:	128 miles	Los Angeles:	408 miles
Las Vegas:	329 miles		

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2014 (est.)
Apache Junction	18,175	31,814	37,639
Pinal County	116,800	179,727	396,237
Maricopa County	2,130,400	3,072,149	4,008,651
State of Arizona	3,680,800	5,130,632	6,667,241

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PROPERTY TAX

	1990	2000	2014
Elementary / High School	6.81	7.98	6.64
City / Fire District	1.92	2.53	3.41
Pinal County	7.46	7.76	7.05
Maricopa County	3.51	3.35	3.88
Totals (Pinal County)	16.19	18.27	17.10
Totals (Maricopa County)	12.24	13.86	13.93

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Apache Junction	2.40%
Pinal County	1.10%
Maricopa County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	1990	2000	2014
Civilian Labor Force	7,381	14,058	13,327
Unemployed	353	452	1,193
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	3.2%	9.0%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	4,210	16.0%
High school or equivalent, no college	9,249	35.1%
Some college or Associate degree	9,875	37.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	3,054	11.6%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	2,029	17.6%
Retail trade	2,028	17.6%
Construction	1,231	10.7%
Manufacturing	1,182	10.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,130	9.8%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,037	9.0%
Public administration	710	6.2%
Finance, insurance & real estate	673	5.8%
Other services, except public administration	566	4.9%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	523	4.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	154	1.3%
Wholesale trade	136	1.2%
Information	114	1.0%

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