

# Picacho/Picacho Peak/Red Rock

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Picacho, Picacho Peak and Red Rock are in the lower Santa Cruz River Valley in south-central Arizona in Pinal County. Picacho, Spanish for peak or point, was important to early travelers because it had water and was halfway between Tucson and the Gila River. Picacho Pass was the scene of the only Civil War battle fought in Arizona. It took place in April 1862 when troops from the Union's California Volunteers encountered a detachment of soldiers on guard duty from the Confederacy's Texas Volunteers. Red Rock is a red butte near the Southern Pacific Railroad. At one time, a branch spur line to the Silver Bell Mine smelter had its junction with the Southern Pacific Railroad at Red Rock.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1881  
 Incorporated: No  
 Elevation: 3,382  
 Located in Pinal County  
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10  
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:  
 Phoenix: 61 miles  
 Tucson: 50 miles

### Population

	1990	2000	2007
Picacho/Picacho Peak/Red Rock	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pinal County	116,397	179,727	327,670
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau  
 Note: Local sources last estimated population at 1,785. U.S. Census Bureau and Dept. of Econ. Sec. do not report on population figures for this area.

### Principal Economic Activities

The Santa Cruz Valley economy is based on agriculture. The communities of Picacho and Red Rock were established as shipping points for area agricultural products such as livestock, cotton, citrus and pecans. The other major economic activities in the three-community area are wholesale/retail trade and services. These sectors include old and well-established businesses supplying agricultural products and farm implements, as well as many new firms located along Interstate 10 to serve travelers.

### County Employment

	2007
Government	18,875
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	8,900
Leisure and Hospitality	4,725
Educational and Health Services	4,175
Mining and Construction	4,125
Manufacturing	3,900
Financial Activities	3,550
Professional and Business Services	3,550
Other Services	1,625
Information	1,500

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce  
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



### Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	0	0	0
Unemployed	0	0	0
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce  
 Labor Force data unavailable for this area

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
Net Assessed Value (\$)	6.7 million	49.1 million	95.8 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

### Scenic Attractions

The Santa Cruz Valley, including Picacho, Picacho Peak and Red Rock, is rich in scenic and historic attractions offering a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Picacho Peak State Park, located at Picacho Pass along Interstate 10, provides hiking trails that lead to the summit of the majestic peak, as well as camping, picnicking, and other facilities. Rock hounds will enjoy the selection of distinctive agates, a type of quartz with bands of color, found at nearby Agate Fields. The 472-acre Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is north of the Valley. This facility displays a four-story structure of coarse caliche, built about 1350 A.D. by the Hohokam Indian farmers of the Gila Valley. Arizona's famed Superstition Mountains are 60 miles north near Apache Junction.

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## Community Profile

### Community Facilities

Community facilities include libraries in Eloy and Arizona City, and one state park.

#### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N

#### Financial

##### Government

Fire Department: Volunteer  
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

##### Medical

Medical care is available in Eloy (8 miles north); hospital in Casa Grande (21 miles north).

##### Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 75  
Meeting Rooms: 1  
Capacity of Largest Facility: 105

##### Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Eloy Chamber of Commerce or Pinal County Special Services.

##### Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Various Dealers	

Cable Providers: N	Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Digital Switching Station: N	Fiber Optics: N
Internet Service Provider: N	

### Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2007
Elementary/High Schools	6.68	10.23	10.52
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	3.17
Countywide	7.46	7.63	6.30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14.14</b>	<b>17.86</b>	<b>19.99</b>

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

NOTE: School district participates in the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

#### Sales Tax

	2007
City/Town	0.00%
County	1.10%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities & Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

### Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	34.6	63.8	0.7
February	39.6	72.8	0.7
March	42.0	75.6	0.8
April	46.5	84.4	0.3
May	53.5	90.7	0.1
June	63.5	101.9	0.3
July	76.4	103.6	1.5
August	74.6	100.8	1.8
September	69.4	97.6	1.1
October	54.3	88.7	0.6
November	42.6	76.5	0.9
December	36.9	65.4	1.1
Yearly Avg.	52.8	85.1	9.8

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1893-1973. Average Total Snowfall 0.1". Nearest data available from Red Rock, AZ.

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