

Tubac

Community Profile

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Tubac, in south central Arizona, is 23 miles north of the international border at Nogales & 50 miles south of Tucson. It lies in the Santa Cruz River Valley & is bordered by Santa Rita, Tumacacori & San Cayetano mountains. Tubac has been home to at least five distinct cultures: Hohokam (300-1400 AD); O'odham (Pima and Papago) in the 1500s; Spanish (1752-1821); Mexican (1821-1853); & American (1853-present). Tubac's fortunes rose & fell with the establishment & withdrawal of military forces from 1752 through the surrender of Geronimo in 1866. Today, it is a thriving artist center. It's motto, "Where Art & History Meet," can be found throughout the community.

Basic Information

Founded: 1752	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: No	Phoenix: 160 miles
Elevation: 3,200	Tucson: 50 miles
Located in Santa Cruz County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, I-19	
Enterprise Zone available	

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Tubac	N/A	949	N/A
Santa Cruz County	29,676	38,381	47,471
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau
N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.

Principal Economic Activities

Art, tourism & retirees are important to Tubac's economy. This internationally known artists colony & historic site hosts a variety of special events annually including: Festival of the Arts (Feb.); Art Walk (March); Anza Days (Oct.); Tubac-An Art Experience (Nov.); Las Fiesta de Tumacacori & Luminaria/Fiesta Navidad (Dec.). The Tubac Festival of the Arts is the oldest art fair in the state & hosts artists & craftspeople from all over the country during the 9-day event.

County Employment	2008
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,125
Government	3,700
Other Private Service-Providing	3,650
Goods Producing	950

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	0	326	399
Unemployed	0	11	17
Unemployment Rate	0.0%	3.4%	4.3%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce
1990 Labor Force data unavailable

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
Net Assessed Value (\$)	21.9 million	40.4 million	113.3 million

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

Scenic Attractions

Tubac, where Spanish & Native American families lived long before the American Revolution, is home of the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Arizona's first state park. Site of the first European settlement in Arizona, the Tubac Presidio was established in 1752 & features a museum & preserved structures tracing the history of Tubac from prehistoric times to the present. Los ubaquenos, the on-site living history group, can be seen every Sunday afternoon from Oct. to April. Contact (520)398-2252 for more info. Nearby are Tumacacori Natl. Historical Park, Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory & Smithsonian Institution at Amado, ruins of old Ft. Crittendon & mining camps such as Duquesne & Washington Camp-now ghost towns.

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Community Facilities

The community of Tubac offers a broad range of community facilities including two museums located at the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park & the Tumacacori Natl. Historic Park (3 miles south of Tubac), Tubac Golf Resort, Tubac Center of the Arts (with workshops and exhibits), Tubac Historical Society & Research Library, Santa Cruz County Public Library, the Tubac Community Center.

<u>Educational Institutions</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	N	Y

Financial

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Medical

Full facilities available in nearby towns.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 92
Meeting Rooms: 5
Capacity of Largest Facility: 75

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Tubac Chamber of Commerce.

Utilities

Electricity	Citizens Utilities (Tubac)	520.281.1212
Natural Gas	Citizens Utilities (Tubac)	520.281.1212
Sewer	Septic tanks	
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Citizens Utilities (Tubac)	520.281.1212

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

Taxes

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>
Elementary/High Schools	6.07	9.10	6.70
City/Fire District	1.37	2.61	2.64
Countywide	4.89	4.58	3.71
Totals	12.33	16.29	13.05

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

Sales Tax

	<u>2008</u>
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	<u>Avg. Low (°F)</u>	<u>Avg. High (°F)</u>	<u>Precip. (in.)</u>
January	46.3	81.9	1.3
February	32.0	65.8	1.1
March	33.3	68.7	0.9
April	37.0	73.0	0.8
May	41.6	80.7	0.3
June	48.1	89.0	0.2
July	57.7	98.2	0.4
August	65.8	96.8	3.9
September	64.1	93.9	3.7
October	58.6	92.4	1.5
November	47.7	84.3	1.1
December	37.3	73.4	0.7
December	32.4	66.4	1.3

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2004.
Average Total Snowfall .7". Nearest data available from Tumacacori Natl. Monument, AZ.

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