

Casa Grande

Community Profile

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Casa Grande is a dynamic, involved community, a progressive city with rural heritage and hometown appeal. Its economic base is a mix of retail trade, shopping, manufacturing and agriculture. Founded in 1879, Casa Grande was named for the famous Hohokam Indian Ruins 20 miles to the northeast. Midway between Phoenix and Tucson, the city has grown to be the largest community in western Pinal County since its incorporation in 1915.

A Main Street and REDI accredited community

Basic Information

Founded: 1879
 Incorporated: 1915
 Elevation: 1,398
 Located in Pinal County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, I-8.
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 45 miles
 Tucson: 70 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Casa Grande	19,076	25,224	45,116
Pinal County	116,397	179,727	350,558
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 19,082).

Principal Economic Activities

Casa Grande is strategically located at the intersection of two interstate highways (I-8 and I-10) in an area known as Arizona's Golden Corridor. Once dependent on agriculture and mining, the community has evolved into a diversified full-service area with manufacturing, retail trade, government and tourist-related employment. Promenade at Casa Grand, featuring many upscale fashion stores, are both located along I-10 in Casa Grande.

County Employment

	2008
Government	19,225
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,150
Leisure and Hospitality	4,550
Educational and Health Services	4,275
Mining and Construction	3,925
Manufacturing	3,825
Professional and Business Services	3,450
Other Services	1,625
Financial Activities	1,500
Information	350

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

Private Employers

Abbott Nutrition Supply Chain
 Casa Grande Regional Medical Ctr
 Casa Grande Valley Newspapers
 Frito-Lay, Inc.
 Fry's Food and Drug
 Hexcel Corporation
 Holiday Inn
 National Vitamin Company
 Palm Harbor Homes
 Price Industries
 Wal-Mart Distributon Center
 Wal-Mart Supercenter
 Westile, Inc.

Public Employers

Casa Grande Elementary School
 Dist
 Casa Grande High School District
 City of Casa Grande



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	9,228	11,544	19,159
Unemployed	511	500	1,228
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.3%	6.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	448	1,564	470
Taxable Sales (\$)	226.7 million	520 million	1.6 billion
Net Assessed Value (\$)	99.9 million	105.7 million	439.1 million

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

Scenic Attractions

Casa Grande's location, mild climate eight months a year, friendly residents and numerous events and activities, make it attractive to tourists and winter visitors as well as to residents. Renowned events include the Arizona State Open Chili Championship held on the first Saturday in March; Fiddlers' Bluegrass Jamboree; Historic Downtown Street Fair and Car/Bike Show in January; Wuertz Farm Gourd Festival in February; O'odham Tash Celebration, a gathering of tribes, traditionally held over Presidents' Day weekend, features Native American arts and crafts, ceremonial dances, rodeo, parade and powwow; Cactus Antique Aircraft Fly-In in March and COPPERSTATE Regional EAA Fly-In in October, plus many more. Named a Main Street city in 1992, Casa Grande is revitalizing its unique downtown area.

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Community Facilities

Casa Grande offers a broad range of community facilities including one senior center, two museums, a library, fitness centers, one public pool, one movie 12-plex, and a number of golf courses. There are more than 18 parks, many with ramadas, handball courts, tennis courts, softball diamonds and playground equipment.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	N
High School	Y	Y
Community College	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 9

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Casa Grande Municipal Airport with 5,200-foot paved runway.

Medical

Casa Grande Reg. Med. Ctr., JCAHO accredited/Medicare certified, is an acute care 201-bed hospital.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 688
Meeting Rooms: 20
Capacity of Largest Facility: 450

Industrial Properties:

There are five fully improved parks, most with access to rail, all with excellent access to I-10 and I-8. Parcels, ranging from one to 200 acres, are available.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
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Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Casa Grande Municipal	520.421.8600
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Arizona Water Company	520.836.8785

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

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	6.46	8.98	5.75
City/Fire District	0.97	1.00	0.75
Countywide	7.46	7.63	5.36
Totals	14.89	17.61	11.86

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

	2008
City/Town	1.80%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	53.4	87.2	0.7
February	35.5	66.8	0.8
March	39.0	71.3	0.8
April	43.6	77.5	0.8
May	49.5	86.4	0.3
June	57.5	95.3	0.1
July	66.4	104.6	0.2
August	75.8	106.6	1.0
September	74.3	104.0	1.5
October	67.2	100.0	0.8
November	53.8	89.3	0.5
December	41.9	76.5	0.7
	35.8	67.4	1.0

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1898-2005. Average Total Snowfall 0.1".

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