

Wellton is surrounded by picturesque mountains in the heart of the Wellton-Mohawk Valley. The town abuts Interstate 8 and runs 29 miles east of Yuma. The name Wellton (originally Well Town) came from the wells drilled to provide water to the Southern Pacific Railroad. As a diverse community, Wellton serves as a business, service and recreation center for more than 5,000 people in the Wellton-Mohawk Valley and surrounding area. Wellton's mild, clear winters allow for a year-round growing season and provide a major attraction for winter visitors and retirees.

Principal Economic Activities

Traditionally, agriculture and ranching have formed the area's economic basis. In addition, a large segment of the population is involved in agricultural support industries, trades and services. A rapidly growing winter and retirement population significantly impacts the economy. Wellton has a growing commercial services sector. The town continually seeks ways to enhance the local economy. Wellton has various incentives to attract new commercial and light industrial development.

Scenic Attractions

The community offers a variety of recreational activities and opportunities in the area including the Pioneer Museum, Tinas Altas, Desert Hot Springs, Baker's Tanks and El Camino Del Diablo. Wellton is 35 miles from Yuma Territorial Prison, Fort Yuma Indian Museum, Custom House, the Fine Art Center (Depot) and Century House Museum. The town is 55 miles from San Luis Rio Colorado and Sonora, Mexico, which offer curio shops, nightclubs and other attractions. South of San Luis is the small fishing village of El Golfo de Santa Clara, Mexico. El Golfo offers miles of sandy beaches for camping, swimming and clam digging.

Community Facilities

The town of Wellton offers a broad range of community facilities including a museum, a community center, a library, two golf courses, three parks and a swimming pool. A recreational complex offers lighted pickleball courts, basketball courts and other facilities for athletic and recreational activities.



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1904	Incorporated:	1970
Elevation:	256 ft.	Location:	Yuma County
Distance to major cities:			
Phoenix:	155 miles	San Diego:	201 miles
Tucson:	208 miles	Los Angeles:	301 miles
Las Vegas:	307 miles		

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2017 (est.)
Wellton	1,829	2,884	3,171
Yuma County	160,026	196,160	221,648
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,965,897

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PROPERTY TAX

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	6.72	4.96	5.12
City / Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yuma County	5.78	4.92	6.77
Totals (Yuma County)	12.50	9.88	11.89

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Wellton	2.50%
Yuma County	1.11%
State	5.60%

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LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2017
Civilian Labor Force	617	996	636
Unemployed	113	466	183
Unemployment Rate	18.3%	46.8%	28.8%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	588	23.2%
High school or equivalent, no college	882	34.8%
Some college or Associate degree	771	30.4%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	296	11.7%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	124	29.7%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	65	15.6%
Wholesale trade	55	13.2%
Retail trade	36	8.6%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	33	7.9%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	32	7.7%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	32	7.7%
Manufacturing	31	7.4%
Other services, except public administration	10	2.4%
Construction	0	0.0%
Finance, insurance & real estate	0	0.0%
Information	0	0.0%
Public administration	0	0.0%

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