Apache Junction is the eastern gateway into the Phoenix Metroplex making U.S. 60 the primary route into the valley. Apache Junction also acts as the western gateway to the majority of Tonto National Forest’s aquatic recreation venues. The city has focused on preserving the heritage of the community while advancing into a 21st century city. The local economy benefits from the large seasonal population that comes to enjoy the beautiful mountain views, mild winter weather and hospitable neighbors. Apache Junction holds tremendous growth potential, with over 11,000 acres of developable land within the existing city limits, which are adjacent to a 275-square-mile swath of land between the east valley and Florence. An abundant amount of rich and developable land is easily accessible in the city.

**Principal Economic Activities**
Apache Junction is ideal for advanced manufacturing, regional and corporate centers, medical institutions with associated satellite operations and mining support facilities. The city also is seeking resort and tourist-oriented development, expanded retail opportunities and high-density residential development. Major area employers include Empire Southwest and Ikon Steel. Apache Junction’s proximity to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport contributes to economic development. The city 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 University. The community college is Central Arizona College.

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

**Community Facilities**
Apache Junction offers a range of community facilities. In the city’s continued efforts to revitalize its downtown, Apache Junction recently invested over $900,000 to develop a 3.5-acre events park. Apache Junction also has a city library, senior center, community swimming pool and nine park sites with amenities such as playgrounds, picnic facilities, ball fields and 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 bird watching.
Community Profile for
Apache Junction, Arizona

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

**POPULATION**

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**PROPERTY TAX**

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

- Apache Junction: 2.40%
- Pinal County: 1.60%
- Maricopa County: 0.70%
- State: 5.60%

**LABOR FORCE**

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

- Less than high school: 14.8%
- High school or equivalent, no college: 33.9%
- Some college or Associate degree: 36.7%
- Bachelor’s degree or advanced degree: 14.6%

**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

- Education, health care & social assistance: 21.2%
- Retail trade: 16.3%
- Professional, scientific, & administrative services: 11.5%
- Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services: 8.7%
- Manufacturing: 8.6%
- Construction: 6.9%
- Finance, insurance & real estate: 6.6%
- Other services, except public administration: 6.3%
- Transportation, warehousing, & utilities: 5.1%
- Public administration: 4.6%
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining: 1.7%
- Wholesale trade: 1.3%
- Information: 1.1%

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