

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.

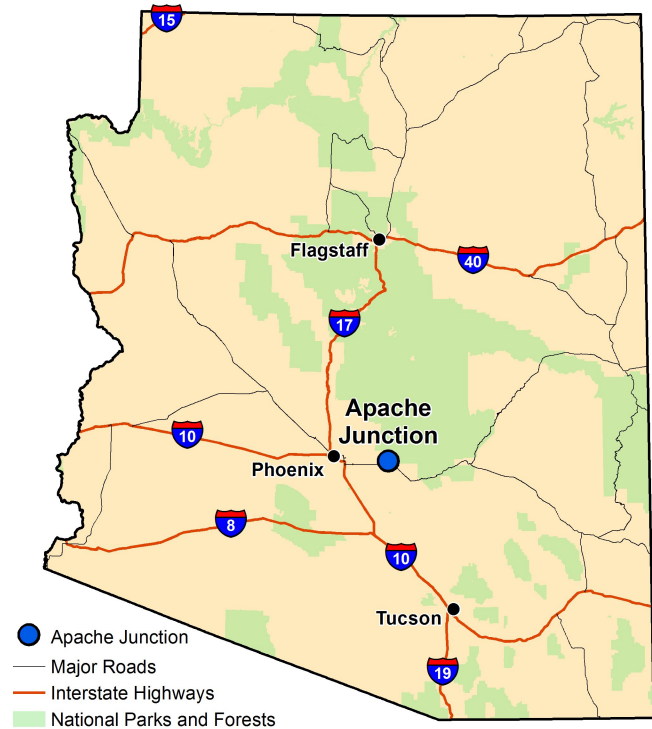
Apache Junction's proximity to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport contributes to economic development. The city can easily accommodate supply chain services and manufacturing at lower land acquisition and operating costs for those providers who don't require being at the airpark itself. The city offers 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.



**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b>Founded:</b>	1950	<b>Incorporated:</b>	1978
<b>Elevation:</b>	1,715 ft.	<b>Location:</b>	Pinal County Maricopa County
<b>Distance to major cities:</b>			
<b>Phoenix:</b>	36 miles	<b>San Diego:</b>	378 miles
<b>Tucson:</b>	128 miles	<b>Los Angeles:</b>	408 miles
<b>Las Vegas:</b>	329 miles		

**POPULATION**

	2000	2010	2016 (est.)
Apache Junction	31,814	35,828	39,118
Pinal County	179,727	376,369	413,312
Maricopa County	3,072,149	3,824,058	4,137,076
State of Arizona	5,130,632	6,401,569	6,835,518

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**PROPERTY TAX**

	2000	2010	2016
Elementary / High School	7.98	4.28	5.44
City / Fire District	2.53	2.35	3.47
Pinal County	7.63	6.36	7.47
Maricopa County	3.35	2.79	4.06
Totals (Pinal County)	18.14	12.99	16.38
Totals (Maricopa County)	13.86	9.42	12.96

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Apache Junction	2.40%
Pinal County	1.10%
Maricopa County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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**LABOR FORCE**

	2000	2010	2016
Civilian Labor Force	14,058	14,110	13,913
Unemployed	452	2,336	980
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	16.6%	7.0%

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

	Count	Share
Less than high school	4,009	14.5%
High school or equivalent, no college	9,514	34.5%
Some college or Associate degree	10,467	37.9%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	3,616	13.1%

*American Community Survey*

**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	2,400	21.7%
Retail trade	1,912	17.3%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,367	12.3%
Manufacturing	1,122	10.1%
Finance, insurance & real estate	858	7.7%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	844	7.6%
Construction	822	7.4%
Public administration	530	4.8%
Other services, except public administration	418	3.8%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	416	3.8%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	203	1.8%
Wholesale trade	99	0.9%
Information	83	0.7%

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