

Oro Valley is in northeastern Pima County, three miles north of the Tucson city limits. Oro Valley is situated in the western foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains at the base of Pusch Ridge. The Tortolita Mountains are located north of the town and the vistas of the Tucson valley are to the south. The town sits at an elevation of 2,620 feet and covers 34.75 square miles.

Principal Economic Activities

Oro Valley is home to a AAA Four Diamond resort hotel, the Hilton El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort. In addition to the El Conquistador, some of Oro Valley's larger employers include Ventana Medical Systems (a member of the Roche Group), Oro Valley Hospital, Amphitheater School District, the Town of Oro Valley, Icagen, Honeywell and Securaplane. Entertainment and shopping are nearby at the Oro Valley Marketplace and Oracle Crossings shopping centers.

Scenic Attractions

Oro Valley is the gateway to beautiful Catalina State Park, a 5,493-acre park on the western slopes of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The park includes campgrounds, miles of hiking trails and an equestrian center. The 9,000-foot Mount Lemmon, the southernmost ski area in the United States, is part of the range.

The Biosphere 2 is located north of Catalina State Park. This one-of-a-kind facility sits on a ridge at a cool elevation of nearly 4,000 feet and is surrounded by a magnificent natural desert preserve. Just six miles south of Catalina State Park is one of the nation's greatest botanical gardens, Tohono Chul Park. This oasis in the desert offers a respite from the hectic pace of daily life, provides an informative look at the region's fascinating cultural traditions and it's even more interesting flora and fauna.

Community Facilities

Oro Valley is home to more than 440 acres of parks, which include Canada del Oro Riverfront Park, James D. Kriegh Park, Lambert Lane Park and Naranja Park. Amenities include a water slide, splash pad, two pools, an archery range, lighted ball fields and tennis courts and an accessible playground. The Oro Valley Aquatic Center is southern Arizona's premier, competition-level facility hosting local, state and national championship events such as swimming, diving and synchronized swimming. In addition to aquatic events, Oro Valley hosts triathlons, duathlons and marathons. Oro Valley has a Community and Recreation Center which includes a fitness center, restaurant, 31 tennis courts, 45 holes of golf and two swimming pools.



Community Profile for Oro Valley, Arizona



BASIC INFORMATION

Founded:	1881
Incorporated:	1974
Elevation:	2,620 ft.
Location:	Pima

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix:	109 miles
Tucson:	6 miles
Las Vegas:	406 miles
San Diego:	407 miles
Los Angeles:	485 miles

POPULATION

	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Oro Valley	29,700	40,984	48,222

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Oro Valley	2.50%
Pima	0.50%
State	5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	15,073	18,264	19,616
Unemployed	389	1,233	762
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	6.8%	3.9%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	867	2.5%
High school or equivalent, no college	4,648	13.5%
Some college or Associate degree	9,802	28.5%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	19,061	55.4%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	4,476	26.0%
Manufacturing	2,246	13.0%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	2,182	12.7%
Retail trade	2,057	11.9%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,457	8.4%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,421	8.2%
Other services, except public administration	825	4.8%
Public administration	756	4.4%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	562	3.3%
Construction	401	2.3%
Wholesale trade	375	2.2%
Information	285	1.7%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	204	1.2%

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