Marana Community Profile

Developed by the CPPW Evaluation Team
University of Arizona
Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

for the
Communities Putting Prevention to Work Program
Pima County Health Department

Made possible by funding from the Pima County Health Department via the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
MARANA

Marana is a large area located northwest of metro Tucson. In this profile, Marana is considered to include the Town of Marana, as well as Avra Valley and Picture Rocks Census Designated Places (CDPs).

**Population:** 48,155

**Location:** Northwest of Tucson, alongside I-10 from the Tucson City line towards the Pinal County border

**Colonia:** Yes (Marana town and Avra Valley)

**Congressional District:** 7 & 8

**Board of Supervisors District:** 1 & 3

**Census Tracts:** Marana town, Avra Valley CDP, Picture Rocks CDP

**Census Tract Boundaries**

- North: Pima-Pinal County line
- South: Manville Rd. (Picture Rocks)
- West: Pump Station Rd. (Avra Valley)
- East: N. Thornydale Rd. (Marana)

**Data Sources:** This community profile contains information from multiple sources.

- The magnifying glass symbol indicates that the information came from public sources like the U.S. Census Bureau or agency websites.

- The clipboard symbol indicates the data originated from the community assessments administered to neighborhood residents by the CPPW neighborhood Connector.

**SOURCES:**

The population of Marana differs from the population of Pima County and the overall U.S. population (see table at right). Compared to these two groups, residents in Marana:

- **Have lower incomes** - Per capita income is less than that in the nation
- **Are more likely to be white** – 72% of those in Marana are non-Hispanic white, compared to 57% of those in Pima County and 66% of those in the U.S.
- **Are more Hispanic than the U.S.** - 22% of those in the Marana area and 33% of those in Pima County are Hispanic, compared to 15% in the U.S.
- **Are less likely to be foreign born** – About 8% of those in the Marana area are foreign born, compared to about 13% of those in Pima County and 12% of those in the U.S.
- **Are less likely to speak a language other than English at home** – 16% of those in Marana speak a language other than English at home, compared to 28% of those in Pima County and about 20% of those in the U.S.

### Employment by Industry

Of the Marana population age 16 years and over, 61% are in the labor force, compared to 65% of the U.S. population.

- **Educational, health and social services** are the top industry in both Marana and Pima County (24% of labor in each).
- **Manufacturing** for the third-highest proportion of labor in Marana (9%); the industry ranks sixth in Pima County (7%).

### Demographics (ACS 2005-2009)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Marana</th>
<th>Pima County</th>
<th>U.S.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Gender</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>49.7%</td>
<td>49.0%</td>
<td>49.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>50.3%</td>
<td>51.0%</td>
<td>50.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Age</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Median age</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>36.8 years</td>
<td>36.5 years</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Under 5 years</td>
<td>7.7%</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 years and over</td>
<td>73.5%</td>
<td>76.3%</td>
<td>75.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>65 years and over</td>
<td>12.3%</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
<td>12.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Households and Families</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average household size</td>
<td>2.86 people</td>
<td>2.62 people</td>
<td>2.60 people</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Average family size</td>
<td>3.24 people</td>
<td>3.30 people</td>
<td>3.19 people</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Median household income</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$45,885</td>
<td>$51,425</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Median family income</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$56,711</td>
<td>$62,363</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$25,556</td>
<td>$24,556</td>
<td>$27,041</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Race and Ethnicity</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not Hispanic or Latino:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>White alone</td>
<td>71.5%</td>
<td>57.2%</td>
<td>65.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black or African American alone</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
<td>12.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>American Indian and Alaska Native alone</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asian alone</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some other race alone</td>
<td>0.1%</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hispanic or Latino (of any race)</td>
<td>21.7%</td>
<td>32.8%</td>
<td>15.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Nativity / Language</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Foreign born</td>
<td>7.8%</td>
<td>13.2%</td>
<td>12.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
<td>28.0%</td>
<td>19.6%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau. 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Available at: [http://factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov)
HEALTH INDICATORS

Causes of death differed between Marana, Pima County, and the state of Arizona in 2009 (see chart below):

- Cardiovascular diseases were the leading cause of death in Marana, Pima County, and Arizona.
- The proportion of deaths from cardiovascular diseases in Marana was greater than for Pima County or Arizona.
- There were greater proportions of deaths from lung and breast cancer in Marana than in Pima County or Arizona.

![Proportion of Deaths From Selected Causes in Marana, Pima County, and Arizona, 2009](chart)

COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

Residential Areas

Housing characteristics:

- Marana has 18,535 housing units
- About 11% of housing units are vacant, compared to about 12% in Pima County
- There are more homeowners than renters: 82% of housing units in Marana are owner-occupied and 18% are renter-occupied.

Occupied Housing Units by Year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Householder Moved Into Unit</th>
<th>0%</th>
<th>10%</th>
<th>20%</th>
<th>30%</th>
<th>40%</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

- 0.2% of housing units lack complete plumbing facilities
- 0.0% lack complete kitchen facilities
- 4.5% have no telephone services

What did survey respondents like MOST about their community? (N = 260)

- Quiet/peaceful (31%)
- The people/neighbors (18%)
- Location/convenience (15%)
- Privacy (6%)
- Sense of community (6%)
- Beauty/nature (7%)
- Parks (7%)

*Other responses:* Community centers, schools, fire station, safety, everything.

Who answered the community survey?

- 260 members of the Marana and Picture Rocks communities.
- 100% were conducted in English.
- The survey was conducted between May and August, 2011 at various venues, including:
  - Desert Winds Elementary School
  - Marana Apartments
  - Marana Pool
  - Marana Unified School District
  - Picture Rocks Community Center
  - Picture Rocks Intermediate School
  - The Arizona Youth Partnership Summer Program at Marana Middle School

SOURCES:
COMMUNITY STRESS INDICATORS

Poverty

In Marana, proportions of individuals and families living below the poverty level are generally less than those for Pima County.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percent whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level</th>
<th>Marana</th>
<th>Pima County</th>
<th>U.S.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Individuals</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 years and over</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
<td>13.8%</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>65 years and over</td>
<td>5.4%</td>
<td>8.4%</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Families</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With related children under 18 years</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
<td>17.6%</td>
<td>15.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With related children under 5 years</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
<td>19.4%</td>
<td>16.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Families with female householder, no husband present</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With related children under 18 years</td>
<td>32.7%</td>
<td>35.5%</td>
<td>37.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With related children under 5 years</td>
<td>48.4%</td>
<td>45.1%</td>
<td>45.6%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Crime

Compared to Tucson, there was a greater proportion of larcenies, and less robberies, aggravated assaults, and motor vehicle thefts, in Marana in 2008 (see table at right).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Part I Offenses as % of Total, 2008</th>
<th>Marana</th>
<th>Tucson</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Offense</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homicide</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sexual Assault</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robbery</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aggravated Assault</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burglary</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Larceny</td>
<td>73%</td>
<td>56%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor Vehicle Theft</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>17%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arson</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>1%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What issues in the community are survey respondents most concerned about?
(N=260)

- 13% - Built environment (roads, lighting)
- 11% - Threatening situations (Drugs, crime, gang, violence)
- 6% - Limited access to food markets /businesses
- 6% - Lack of community/health services and resources (youth programs, hospitals)

What issues are of MOST concern to survey respondents when OUTSIDE in their community?
(N = 260)

- Stray dogs: 45%
- Lack of Sidewalks: 37%
- Traffic speed: 30%
- Ugly, unattractive/unimproved routes: 28%

SOURCES:
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Town of Marana – Major & Town Council
Marana was incorporated in 1977 to control its most valuable resource – water. The Marana Town Council is a seven-member governing body that makes policy for the Town and directs the allocation of resources through the fiscal budget. They are a non-partisan body elected by Town of Marana residents, including direct elections for the position of Mayor. Council members serve four-year terms. Council seats are paid, part-time positions, but many Council members hold other jobs or are retired.

Marana Chamber of Commerce
The Marana Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business that works to build economic growth and quality of life in Marana. The group serves the business and professional community as the voice of commerce, and provides numerous programs and services to improve the economic environment for members and the community as a whole.

Community Food Bank
The Marana Heritage Farm, a collaboration between the Community Food Bank Food Resource Center, Town of Marana Parks and Recreation, and community members, is a 10-acre vegetable farm that serves as both a production and demonstration site (see Food Systems Resources section of this document). The Marana Food Bank, a branch bank of the Tucson Community Food Bank, serves the Marana, Rillito, Cortaro and Twin Peaks areas, providing food boxes to people in these communities who are hungry.

Faith-based Organizations
10 faith-based organizations in Marana were identified, all of which are churches:

- Avra Valley Community Church
  16400 W. Avra Valley Rd.
- Bread of Life Assembly of God
  9000 W. Avra Valley Rd.
- Christ Lutheran Church
  11279 W. Grier Rd.
- Church of Christ
  12311 W. Moore Rd.
- First Baptist Church
  13526 N. Sandario Rd.
- Marana Community Christian Church
  13610 N. Sandario Rd.
- Marana Spanish SDA Church
  13421 N. Lon Adams Rd.
- St. Christopher Catholic Church
  12101 W. Moore Rd.
- Sun & Shield Baptist Church
  8811 W. Avra Valley Rd.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:
  Tucson Arizona North
  13450 N. Lon Adams Rd.

SOURCES: Marana Chamber of Commerce. Available at: http://www.maranachamber.com/
### Community Recreational Facilities - Parks

**Town of Marana Parks**:  
- **Continental Ranch Community Park**: 8900 N. Coachline Blvd.  
- **Continental Reserve Neighborhood Park**: 8568 N. Continental Reserve Loop  
- **El Rio Neighborhood Park**: 10160 N. Blue Crossing Way  
- **Gladden Farms Community Park**: 12205 N. Tangerine Farms Rd.  
- **Ora Mae Harn District Park**: 13250 Lon Adams Rd.  
- **San Lucas Community Park**: 14040 N. Adonis Rd.  
- **Wade McLean Park**: 8000 N. Silverbell Rd.  
  (Behind Coyote Trail Elementary)  

*Park facilities are available on a first come, first serve basis, or can be reserved for a fee.*

### Neighborhood-Maintained Parks:  
- **Dove Mountain Neighborhood Park** (no info online)  
- **Rillito Vista Neighborhood Park**  
  8820 W. Robinson Rd.  
- **Saguaro Spring Community Park** (no info online)  
- **Windmill Park** (no info online)  

### County-maintained parks:  
- **Arthur Pack Regional Park**  
  9101 N. Thornydale Rd.  
- **Ted Walker Regional Park** (no info online)  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Park Facility</th>
<th>Open to the public?</th>
<th>Play equipment</th>
<th>Grass</th>
<th>Sports fields</th>
<th>Tennis courts</th>
<th>Benches</th>
<th>Picnic tables</th>
<th>Water fountains</th>
<th>Restrooms</th>
<th>Bike racks</th>
<th>Trash bins</th>
<th>Exercise stations</th>
<th>Walking trails</th>
<th>Lights</th>
<th>Pool</th>
<th>Vending machines</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>San Lucas Community Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ora Mae Harn District Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gladden Farms Community Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wade McLean Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Continental Ranch Community Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Continental Reserve Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>El Rio Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rillito Vista Neighborhood Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arthur Pack Regional Park</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Sources:**  
COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES - PARKS

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SunTran (Tucson’s regional bus service)

**Service**

At least one full-service route runs through the southeastern part of Marana (see map below). Additionally, five Express routes and four Sun Shuttle routes (Anway/Trico, Cortaro/Silverbell, Thornydale/River, and Marana/I-10) pass through the area.

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

**Bikeability**

**Bike Routes**

Marana has several designated bike routes and a bikable “residential” street on each frontage road along I-10 (see map below).

68% of respondents indicate that they currently walk or bike in, or through their neighborhood. (N=260)

**SOURCES:**
City of Tucson. Tucson Metro Bike Map. Available at: [http://bikeped.pima.gov/Pubs/MetroBikeMap07-10PG2.pdf](http://bikeped.pima.gov/Pubs/MetroBikeMap07-10PG2.pdf).

FOOD ACCESSIBILITY

Grocery Stores
- Marana Grocery Store
  13865 N. Sandario Rd.
  Marana, AZ
- Safeway*
  9100 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ

Small Markets
- Catalina Mart
  13865 N. Sandario Rd.
  Marana, AZ
- Minit Market
  12505 N. Trico Rd.
  Marana, AZ
- Quik Mart*
  8685 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ
- Valley Mart
  16560 W. Avra Valley Rd.
  Marana, AZ

*Located adjacent to Marana

Restaurants
- Blimpie Sub Sandwiches*
  8685 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ
- Bubby’s Chicago Style*
  9190 N. Coachline Blvd.
  Tucson, AZ
- Cayton’s at The Ritz-Carlton
  Golf Club, Dove Mountain
  6501 W. Boulder Bridge Pass
  Marana, AZ
- Dove Mountain Grill
  12130 N. Dove Mountain Blvd.
  Marana, AZ
- Fortune Cookie Restaurant*
  9110 N Silverbell Rd # 140
  Tucson, AZ
- Hungry Howie’s Pizza*
  7575Twin Peaks Rd. Ste. 121
  Tucson, AZ
- Krispy Kreme Donuts*
  8260 N Cortaro Rd. #112
  Tucson, AZ
- La Olla Mexican Café*
  8553 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ
- Little Abner’s Steak House*
  8501 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ
- Monkey Business Eatertainment*
  8579 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ
- Nico’s Mexican Food
  11855 West Marana Road
  Marana, AZ
- Pizza Hut*
  8245 N. Silverbell Rd.
  Tucson, AZ
- R & R Pizza Express
  13905 N. Sandario Rd.
  Marana, AZ
- Rock n’ Java
  7555 W. Twin Peaks Rd.
  Marana, AZ
- Sky Rider Coffee Shop
  11700 W Avra Valley Rd # 84
  Marana, AZ
- Starbucks*
  12130 N. Dove Mountain Blvd.
  Tucson, AZ
  Tucson, AZ
- Subway*
  9110 N. Silverbell Rd. #150
  Tucson, AZ
- Texas Roadhouse*
  8450 N. Cracker Barrel Rd.

Most survey respondents usually buy groceries from (N=260):
- Fry's (55%)
- Wal-Mart (52%)
- Safeway (8%)

98% of survey respondents travel by car
Time of travel ranges from: 6 minutes to 120 minutes
HEALTH SERVICES

Closest hospital (located about 10 miles southeast of Marana):

Northwest Medical Center
6200 N. La Cholla Blvd.
Services: More than 30 different specialties including Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Cardiology, Oncology, Neurology, Orthopedics, among others

Health care providers in Marana:

Quick Care / Marana Health Center
Services: Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health, WIC, Outreach/Eligibility Assistance

Marana Senior Center

Marana Community Correctional Treatment Facility

National Multiple Sclerosis

FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES

Farmers’ Markets

Marana Farm Stand
12375 N. Heritage Park Drive – Marana Farm Ramada
Mondays
3pm - 6pm (Oct.-Apr.); 4pm – 7pm (May-Sept.)
Accepts WIC benefits and Food Stamps

Gardening

Marana Heritage Farm
12375 N. Heritage Park Drive
- 10 acre, no-spray vegetable farm
- Collaboration between the Community Food Bank Food Resource Center, Town of Marana Parks and Recreation, and community members
- Programming includes the Youth Farm Project, through which youth are hired as apprentices to work on the Farm and learn about food systems
- The Farm also accommodates school, youth and volunteer groups, and is a demonstration site for seasonal home gardening workshops
- Produce grown at the Farm is sold at the Marana Farm Stand and used by the Marana Food Bank

What would help your families eat more fresh vegetables and fruit? (N=260)

- 15% of respondents indicated affordability
- 12% of respondents indicated gardening

59% of survey respondents indicated they do not have a garden where they can grow their own food/know a neighbor who does; 34% do have a garden or know someone in the community who does.

63% of respondents said that it is possible for them to produce fruits, vegetables or eggs; 29% responded no.

SOURCES:
SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

Schools

Marana Unified School District

Children and youth who reside in Marana attend schools in Marana Unified School District (MUSD). MUSD consists of approximately 550 square miles, which includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas. One of the largest school districts in Arizona, MUSD had 12,917 students enrolled during the 2009-2010 school year. There are 16 MUSD schools (see map on next page):

- Butterfield Elementary
- Coyote Trail Elementary
- De Grazia Elementary
- Desert Winds Elementary
- Estes Elementary
- Ironwood Elementary
- Picture Rocks Intermediate
- Quail Run Elementary
- Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary
- Roadrunner Elementary
- Thornydale Elementary
- Twin Peaks Elementary
- Marana Middle School
- Tortolita Middle School
- Marana High School
- Mountain View High School

37% of MUSD students qualified for free or reduced lunch status in March of 2010. The proportion ranges from 21% of students at Mountain View High School to 75% of students at Roadrunner Elementary.

Private / Charter Schools

Private / charter schools located in the Marana area include:

- Another Chance at Education (ACE) High School
- Marana Career and Technical High School (MCAT)
- Mountain Rose Academy (Charter HS)
- PPEP TEC High School

Child Care

Bright Beginnings Preschool
4225 W. Ina Rd.

Childtime Learning Center
7090 N. Thornydale Rd.

Enrichment Academy LLC
7201 N. Ulene Pl.

Head Start Child-Parent Center
13660 N. McDuff Rd.

Kindercare Learning Centers
7277 N. Oldfather Rd.
7251 N. Meredith Blvd.

MUSD Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centers

ECE Centers are licensed early learning facilities available for four to five year olds. The centers are opened from 7:00am - 5:00pm, Monday-Friday with half day (am) and full day (am/pm) sessions available.

Located at Coyote Trail, Desert Winds, Estes, Twin Peaks, Roadrunner, Quail Run Elementary Schools

MUSD Learning, Enrichment and Play (L.E.A.P.) Programs

L.E.A.P programs are licensed facilities available year-round throughout the MUSD. The program is designed for students enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade, and is offered Monday-Friday, before and after school, from 6:00 am to the start of school day, then from school end until 6:00 pm, during the school year. Some sites may be closed during school breaks and/or summer.

Various locations

Map of Marana Unified School District Schools

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

Which improvements would survey respondents MOST like to see in their community? (N=260)

- Restaurants 37%
- Walking Paths / Sidewalks 37%
- Grocery Stores 33%
- Night Lighting 32%
- More Trees 28%

Other popular responses for improvements:
- Playgrounds – 23%
- Parks – 20%
- Drinking Fountains – 16%
- Workout Stations – 15%
- Community Gardens – 14%

Top five things survey respondents think would help people in their community to get the types of food they want and to eat healthily (N = 260):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Improvement</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bring stores closer to our homes</td>
<td>64%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start a farmers market in the community</td>
<td>63%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Establish a community garden.</td>
<td>37%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provide education and information on urban farming and chickens so we can produce our own food.</td>
<td>32%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Try to get the foods we want available in the stores in our community.</td>
<td>31%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>