Sahuarita Community Profile

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SAHUARITA

The Town of Sahuarita is an incorporated community located south of metropolitan Tucson.

Population: 19,809
Location: About 10 miles south of metro Tucson.
Colonia: Yes
Congressional District: 8
Board of Supervisors District: 2 & 3
Census Place: Sahuarita town
Approximate Census Boundaries:
North: Pima Mine Rd.
South: Duval Rd. (West boundary to East of I-19) and non-road southern boundary
West: S. La Canada Dr. (South of Corwin Rd. to El Toro Rd.) and non-road boundary (South of El Toro)
East: West of Nogales Hwy. / Old Nogales Hwy.

Sahuarita town
Other Census Designated Places

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.

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

- Are younger – There are more children under 5 years in Sahuarita than Pima County or the U.S.
- Are more Hispanic than the U.S. – More than one-quarter of Sahuarita residents and one-third of those in Pima County are Hispanic, compared to 15% of those in the U.S.
- Have higher incomes – Median income for households and families in Sahuarita were greater than those for Pima County and the U.S., and per capita income was comparable across the three geographies.
- Are less likely to be foreign born – 8% of those in Sahuarita were not born in the U.S., compared to 13% of those countywide and 12% of those nationwide.

### Employment by Industry

Of the Sahuarita population age 16 years and over, 64% is in the labor force, compared to 65% of the U.S. population.

- **Educational, health and social services** are the top industry in both Sahuarita (17% of labor) and Pima County (24%).
- **Public administration** (15%) accounts for a higher proportion of labor in Sahuarita than in Pima County, where it accounts for 6% of labor.
Causes of death differed between Sahuarita, Pima County, and the state of Arizona in 2009 (see chart below):

- Cardiovascular diseases were the leading cause of death in Sahuarita, Pima County, and Arizona.
- The proportion of deaths from cardiovascular diseases in Sahuarita was greater than for Pima County or Arizona.
- Proportions of drug-induced or alcohol-induced deaths were smaller in Sahuarita than for either the county or the state.
NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Residential Areas

Housing characteristics:
- Sahuarita has 7,382 housing units.
- About 12% of housing units in both Sahuarita town and Pima County are vacant.
- There are more homeowners than renters: 84% of housing units in Marana are owner-occupied and 16% are renter-occupied.

COMMUNITY STRESS INDICATORS

Poverty

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

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Part I Offenses as % of Total, 2008

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SOURCES:
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Town of Sahuarita – Town Council
(website down – 2/22)

Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce unites the area from Nogales to Sahuarita, providing services as a resource and reference center. This includes supplying demographic information to new and prospective businesses and residents and making information on local and state wide attractions and events available to visitors and local residents alike. Committees include an I-19 Corridor Tourism Council, a Government Relations committee, Economic Development committee and subcommittees, and a Water Conservation committee.

Faith-based Organizations

18 faith-based organizations near Sahuarita were identified:

- **Church – Jesus Christ - LDS**
  2727 E. Davis Rd.

- **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**
  17699 S. Camino De Las Quintas

- **Church of Jesus Christ of LDS**
  17094 S. La Canada Dr.

- **Christian Science Reading Room**
  550 S. La Canada Dr.

- **Good Shepherd United Church**
  17750 S. La Canada Dr.

- **Cornerstone Baptist Church**
  18280 S. La Canada Dr.

- **First Assembly of God**
  18180 S. La Canada Dr.

- **Gracepoint Lutheran Church**
  14863 S. Avenida Cucana

- **Green Valley Baptist Church**
  1111 N. La Canada Dr.

- **Green Valley Community Church**
  300 W. Esperanza Blvd.

- **Green Valley SDA Church**
  1475 Via De Chapala

- **Jehovah’s Witnesses Green Valley**
  18010 S. La Canada Dr.

- **Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church**
  17675 S. La Canada Dr.

- **Rock Church of Sahuarita**
  492 W. Vuelta Friso

- **Santa Cruz Valley Church**
  350 W. Sahuarita Rd.

- **Salvation Army**
  660 W. Camino Casa Verde

- **Grace Church of Sahuarita**
  2301 E. Sahuarita Rd.

- **Our Lady of the Valley Parish**
  505 N. La Canada Dr.
COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

10 recreational facilities were identified in the Sahuarita community. These include:

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SunTran (Tucson’s regional bus service)

Service
One Sun Shuttle route (see map at right) connect Sahuarita and Green Valley to the metro Tucson area.

Dial-a-Ride service is also available in the Sahuarita / Green Valley communities with 1-7 day advance reservation.

SOURCEs: City of Tucson. Tucson Metro Bike Map. Available at: http://bikeped.pima.gov/Pubs/MetroBikeMap07-10PG2.pdf.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bikeability

Bike Routes
Sahuarita has at least 10 designated bike routes and a shared-use path (see map at right).

Partial Map of Sun Shuttle Route Connecting Tucson and Sahuarita
FOOD ACCESSIBILITY

Grocery Stores

- Fry’s Food and Drug
  15950 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.
  Sahuarita, AZ

- Safeway
  1301 W. Duval Mine Rd.
  Green Valley, AZ

- Walmart Supercenter
  18680 S. Nogales Hwy.
  Green Valley, AZ

Small Markets

- Green Valley Health Food Store
  125 W. Calle De Las Tiendas

- Walgreens
  18600 S. Nogales Hwy.

Restaurants

- Asian Sky Restaurant
  15980 S. Rancho Sahuarita

- Carl’s Jr.
  18700 S. Nogales Hwy.

- Denny’s
  18875 S. I-19 Frontage Rd.

- Desert Diamond Casino
  1100 W. Pima Mine Rd.

- Greg and Amy’s Twist and Shout 50’s Diner
  720 W. Calle Arroyo Sur #100

- Haven Golf Club Restaurant & Bar
  110 N. Abrego Dr.

- Jerry Bob’s Restaurant
  15990 S. Rancho Sahuarita #180

- Maria’s Family Restaurant
  17380 S. Camino Cartagena

- McDonald’s
  775 W. Sahuarita Rd.

- Pizza Hut
  18850 S. Nogales Hwy.

- Pollo Feliz
  18750 S. I-19 Frontage Rd.

- Rigoberto’s Mexican Food
  18690 S. Nogales Hwy.

- Saigon Flavor
  18745 S. I-19 Frontage Rd.

- Starbucks
  15950 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.

- Subway
  15980 S. Rancho Sahuarita #104
  18680 S. Nogales Hwy.
  18794 S. I-19 Frontage Rd.

HEALTH SERVICES

Closest hospital (located about 15 miles north of Sahuarita):

**University Physicians Hospital at Kino**
2800 E. Ajo Way
Services: Emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory, inpatient/ outpatient surgery, behavioral health, and more

Health and human service providers near Sahuarita:

**Carondelet Medical Group – Walk-in Clinic (Sahuarita)**
Services: Non-emergency injuries / illnesses

**Pima County Health Department – Green Valley Clinic**
Services: Public health nursing, immunizations

**United Community Health Center**
  - Community Health Center (Green Valley)
  - Family Medical Center / Pediatrics Clinic (Continental)

**Arizona Oncology Associate PC**
**Caremore Medical Enterprises**
**Creative Health Care Solution**
**Green Valley Imaging Center**
**Old Pueblo Urology**
**St. Andrews Children’s Clinic**

Pima County Health Department. Green Valley Clinic. Available at: [http://www.pimahealth.org/clinics_locations.asp](http://www.pimahealth.org/clinics_locations.asp).
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FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES

**Farmers’ Markets**

**Sahuarita Town Square Farmers’ Market**
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SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

Schools

*Sahuarita Unified School District*

Children and youth who reside in Sahuarita attend schools in Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD). There are seven SUSD schools, six of which are located in Sahuarita:

- Early Childhood Center
- Anza Trail (K-8)
- Sahuarita Primary (K-2)
- Sopori Elementary School (K-6)*
- Sahuarita Intermediate School (3-5)
- Sahuarita Middle School (6-8)
- Sahuarita High School (9-12)

* Located in Amado, AZ

37% of students in SUSD qualified for free or reduced lunch status in March 2010. This proportion ranged from 32% of students at Sahuarita High School to 82% of students at Sopori Elementary School.

Private / Charter Schools

Private / charter schools located in the Sahuarita area include:

- Great Expectations Academy (K-8 public charter)
- Sahuarita Christian Academy (K-3 private)
- Sahuarita Edge High School (9-12)

Child Care

- Building Blocks Academy
  14235 S. Via Horma
- Casa de Esperanza
  780 S. Park Centre Ave. (La Posada)
- Creative Learning Center Preschool
  723 W. Vuelta Buril
- Desert Blossoms Preschool
  262 W. Calle Patio Lindo
- KinderPrep Preschool of Rancho Sahuarita
  S. Via Gualda
- New Anamax Park Recreation Center
  17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas
- Precious Lambs Preschool
  17675 S. La Canada
- SUSD #30 – Anza Link Program
  15490 Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.
- Tricia’s Learning Center
  1520 W. Camino Antigua

Sahuarita Unified School District. Available at: http://www.susd30.us/.