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# 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

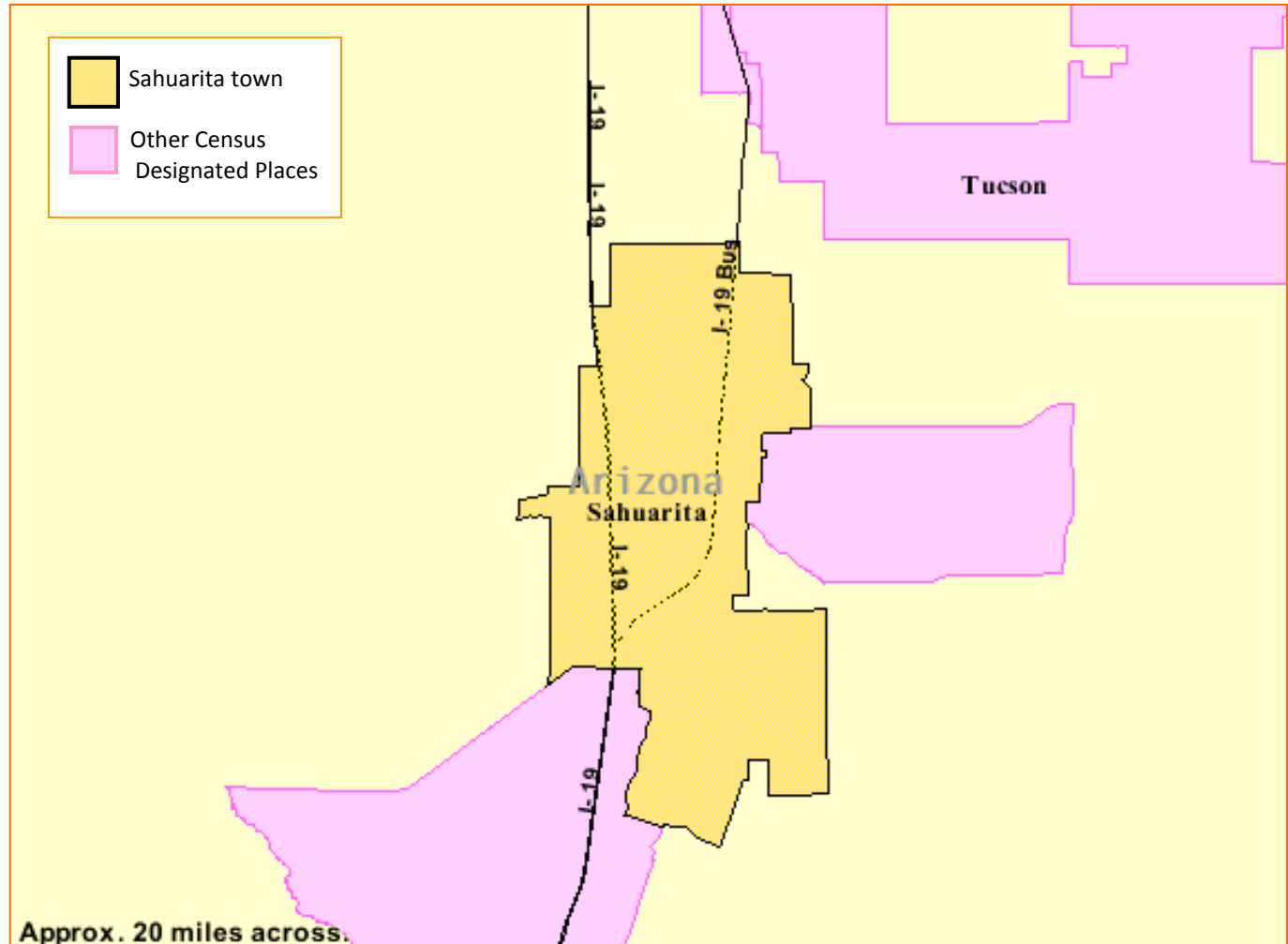
**Congressional District:** 8



**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:** Govtrack.us. Arizona's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District & Map. Available at: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/findyourreps.xpd?state=AZ&district=7>.  
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## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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.

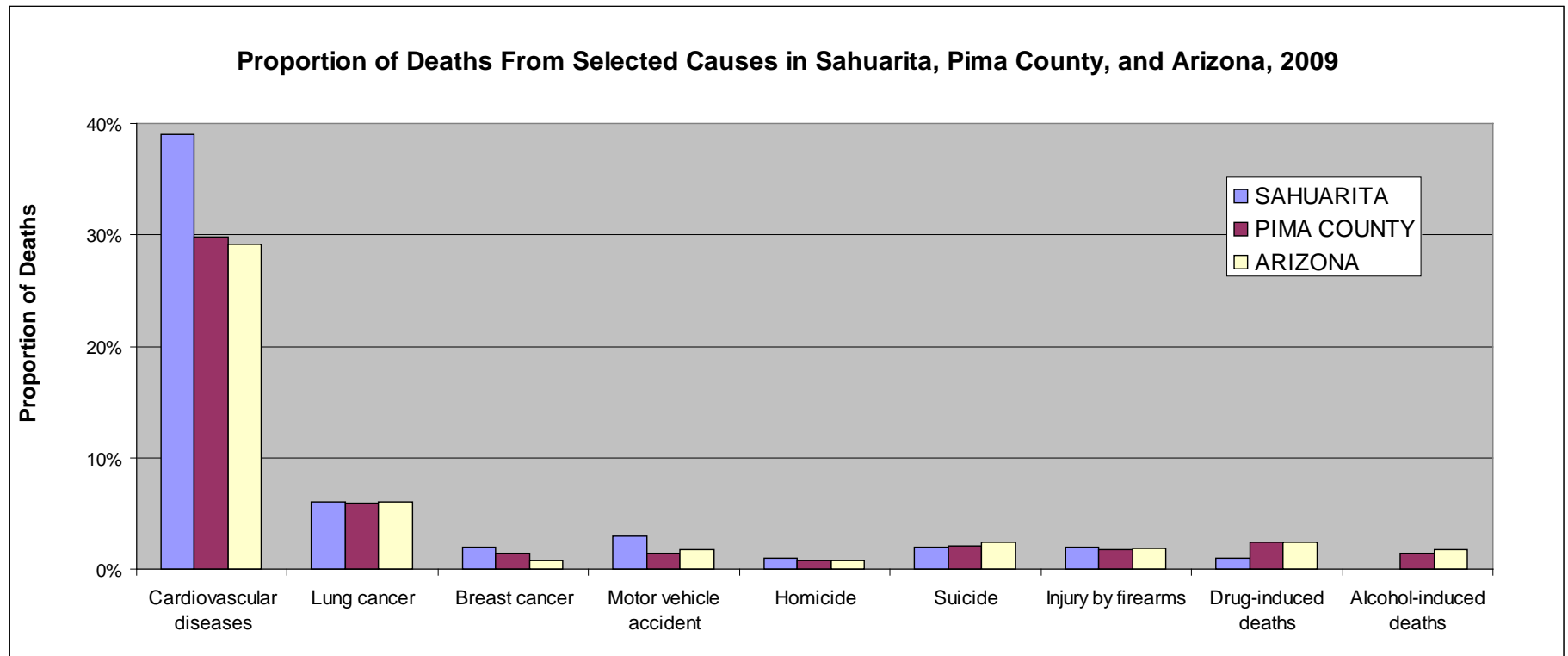
## Demographics (ACS 2005-2009)

	SAHUARITA	PIMA COUNTY	U.S.
<b>GENDER</b>			
Male	48.6%	49.0%	49.3%
Female	51.4%	51.0%	50.7%
<b>AGE</b>			
Median age	34.5 years	36.8 years	36.5 years
Under 5 years	10.2%	6.9%	6.9%
18 years and over	70.5%	76.3%	75.4%
65 years and over	13.6%	14.7%	12.6%
<b>HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES</b>			
Average household size	3.04 people	2.62 people	2.60 people
Average family size	3.33 people	3.30 people	3.19 people
Median household income	\$77,053	\$45,885	\$51,425
Median family income	\$80,642	\$56,711	\$62,363
Per capita income	\$27,647	\$24,556	\$27,041
<b>RACE AND ETHNICITY</b>			
Not Hispanic or Latino:			
White alone	63.1%	57.2%	65.8%
Black or African American alone	2.5%	3.1%	12.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.5%	2.5%	0.7%
Asian alone	1.1%	2.4%	4.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.6%	0.1%	0.1%
Some other race alone	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
Two or more races	3.9%	1.6%	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	28.4%	32.8%	15.1%
<b>NATIVITY / LANGUAGE</b>			
Foreign born	7.7%	13.2%	12.4%
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	20.2%	28.0%	19.6%

# HEALTH INDICATORS

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.



SOURCES: Arizona Department of Health Services. Number of deaths from selected causes by selected community, Arizona, 2009. Available at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/report/ahs/ahs2009/pdf/9c.pdf>.

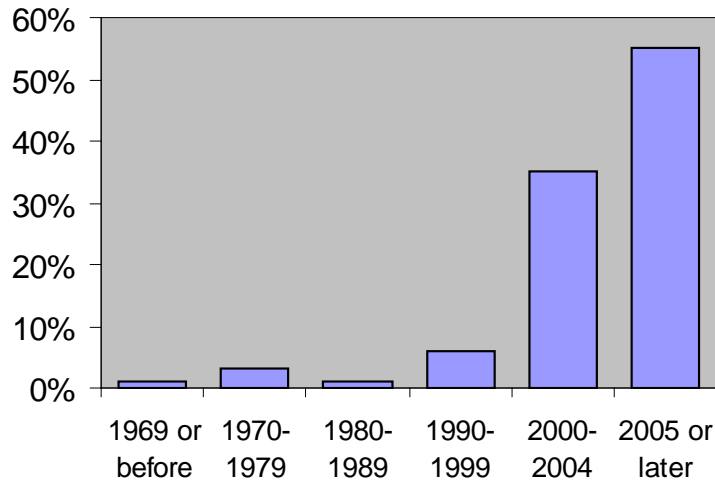
## NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

### 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.

**Occupied Housing Units by Year  
Householder Moved Into Unit**



0.6% of housing units lack complete plumbing facilities

0.1% lack complete kitchen facilities

2.0% have no telephone services

## 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.

Percent whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level			
	Sahuarita town	Pima County	U.S.
<b>Individuals</b>	5.5%	15.7%	13.5%
18 years and over	4.4%	13.8%	11.8%
65 years and over	1.1%	8.4%	9.8%
<b>Families</b>	5.4%	21.6%	18.2%
With related children under 18 years	8.2%	19.6%	16.9%
With related children under 5 years*	6.9%	10.7%	9.9%
<b>Families with female householder, no husband present*</b>	38.8%	17.6%	15.3%
With related children under 18 years	2.8%	19.4%	16.6%
With related children under 5 years	0.0%	27.5%	28.7%

### Crime

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

Part I Offenses as % of Total, 2008		
Offense	Sahuarita	Tucson
Homicide	0%	0%
Sexual Assault	1%	1%
Robbery	1%	4%
Aggravated Assault	3%	7%
Burglary	14%	15%
Larceny	76%	56%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4%	17%
Arson	1%	1%

SOURCES: Federal Bureau of Investigation. Offenses Known to Law Enforcement by State by City, 2008 - Arizona. Available at: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table\\_08\\_az.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/data/table_08_az.html). Tucson Police Department. Official Uniform Crime Statistics: Counts of Part I Crimes by Type and Year. Available at: [http://tpdinternet.tucsonaz.gov/Stats/PART1\\_CHART\\_2008.PDF](http://tpdinternet.tucsonaz.gov/Stats/PART1_CHART_2008.PDF). U.S. Census Bureau. 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Available at: <http://factfinder.census.gov>.

## 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:

Parks:

**Anamax Park**  
17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas

**Parque Los Arroyos**  
18225 S. Avenida Arroyo Seco

**Sahuarita Lake Park**  
15466 S. Rancho Sahuarita Blvd.

Schools:

**Anza Trail School / Park**  
15490 S. Rancho Sahuarita

**Sahuarita District Park /  
Sahuarita Edge High School**  
15500 S. Sahuarita Park Rd.

**Sahuarita Primary/Intermediate/  
Middle/High School Complex**  
350 W. Sahuarita Rd.

**Early Childhood Center**  
52 W. Calle De Las Tiendas

**Great Expectations Academy**  
1466 W. Camino Antigua

**Sahuarita Christian Academy**  
2285 E. Sahuarita Rd.

Other private facilities:

**Club Rancho Sahuarita**  
15455 S. Camino Lago Azul

	Open to the public?	Play equipment	Grass	Sports fields	Tennis courts	Benches	Picnic tables	Water fountains	Restrooms	Bike racks	Trash bins	Exercise stations	Walking trails	Lights	Pool	Vending machines
Anamax Park																
Parque Los Arroyos																
Sahuarita Lake Park																
Club Rancho Sahuarita																
Anza Trail School / Park																
Sahuarita District Park / Sahuarita Edge High School																
Sahuarita Unified School District Early Childhood Center																
Sahuarita Primary/Intermediate/Middle/ High School Complex																
Great Expectations Academy																
Sahuarita Christian Academy																

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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.

Partial Map of Sun Shuttle Route Connecting Tucson and Sahuarita



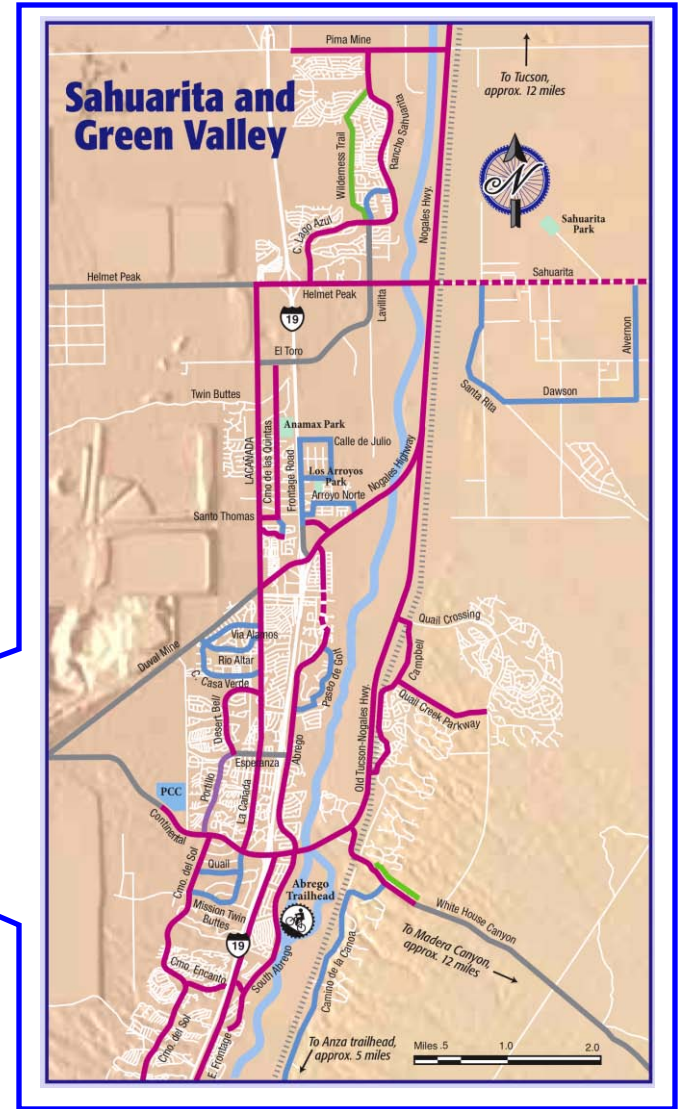
## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



Bikeability

### Bike Routes

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



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 SunTran. System-wide Map. Available at: <http://www.suntran.com/pdf/Current%20System%20Map%20AUG%202010.pdf>.



# 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

*Services located in Green Valley / Continental:*

### **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**

## FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES

### **Farmers' Markets**

### **Sahuarita Town Square Farmers' Market**

1 Sahuarita Town Square

Wednesdays

6pm – 8pm, May - September

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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