Summit View Community Profile

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SUMMIT VIEW

Population: 8,125
Location: Outside of metro Tucson, about 2 miles south of Tucson International Airport
Neighborhood Boundaries:
  North: E. Old Vail Connection Rd.
  South: E. Blackbrush Rd.
  West: S. Nogales Hwy
  East: S. Country Club Rd.
Land area: About 1.5 sq. miles (neighborhood)
Colonia: No
Congressional District: 7
Board of Supervisors District: 2
Census Tract: 41.06
Ward: 5

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 camera symbol indicates that the information originated from an observational assessment of the community conducted by evaluators from the University Of Arizona College Of Public Health.
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- The clipboard symbol indicates the data originated from the community assessments administered to neighborhood residents by the CPPW neighborhood Connector.

Sources:
**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

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

- **Are more likely to be male** – 66% of Summit View residents are male, a substantially greater proportion than the Pima County and the U.S.
- **Are slightly younger** – There are fewer adults over 65 in Summit View than Pima County and the U.S.
- **Live in larger household and have larger families** – Average household and family size are larger than the county and the nation.
- **Have lower incomes** – Per capita income is less than one-third those of Pima County and the nation.
- **Are more Hispanic** – More than 50% of the Summit View population identifies as Hispanic or Latino (of any race) compared to 33% of those in Pima County and 15% of the U.S. population.
- **Are more likely to be foreign born** – More than 25% of those in Summit View were born outside the U.S., about double the proportion for Pima County and the U.S.
- **Are more likely to speak a language other than English at home** – More than 50% of Summit View residents compared to less than 20% of those nationwide.

### Employment by Industry

Of the Summit View population age 16 years and over, about one-quarter (26%) is in the labor force, compared to 65% of the U.S. population.

- **Construction** is the top industry in Summit View, accounting for 24% of labor. This industry accounts for only 9% of labor countywide.
- The biggest source of employment in Pima County, **educational, health and social services** (24% of labor), accounts for 20% of labor in Summit View.

### Demographics (ACS 2005-2009)

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<td>4.39 people</td>
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NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS: HOMES VS. COMMERCIAL DESTINATIONS

Residential Areas

Housing characteristics:
- Summit View has 1,394 housing units
- 16% of housing units in Summit View are vacant, compared to about 12% in Pima County.
- There are more homeowners than renters: 74% of housing units in Summit View are owner-occupied and 26% are renter-occupied.

Occupied Housing Units by Year

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<th>Householder Moved Into Unit</th>
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0.0% of housing units lack complete plumbing facilities
0.0% lack complete kitchen facilities
0.6% have no telephone services

Commercial / Public Access Destinations

The Summit View neighborhood is vastly residential and includes only a few commercial destinations, one school, and one park.

- Two food stores and an ice cream truck were observed within the neighborhood boundaries.
- Several home-based businesses such as childcare, woodcutting, construction, and animals for sale were advertised on corners and along roads.

Neighborhood Assets

Top 3 things Summit View survey respondents like MOST about their neighborhood (N=65):

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<td>Calm and quiet</td>
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<td>Large lots</td>
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<td>The people</td>
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Who answered the survey?

- 65 members of the Summit View community
- 20% in English
- 80% in Spanish
- The surveys were conducted door to door, at Summit View Elementary School, and a community health fair in 2011

Some of them live in trailers and some are getting abused in terms of their housing rights. They have been kicked out and they have to keep moving and the kids miss school.

COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Two recreational facilities were identified in the Summit View neighborhood (see map at right). These include:

- Summit View Elementary School
  1900 E. Summit St.
- Dan Eckstrom Summit Park
  1800 E. Summit St.

These recreational facilities were assessed for the presence/visibility and quality of features:

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<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>Exercise stations</th>
<th>Walking trails</th>
<th>Lights</th>
<th>Pool</th>
<th>Vending machines</th>
<th>Auditory annoyance</th>
<th>Liter / broken glass</th>
<th>Dog refuse</th>
<th>Evidence of alcohol / substance use</th>
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COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – PARKS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

DAN ECKSTROM SUMMIT PARK

Medium-size recreational area that is open to the public and includes the following features:
- Unshaded play equipment (see photo at bottom left)
- Sports fields and grassy areas (see photo at top right)
- Benches and unshaded picnic tables
- Restrooms (locked at time of observation)
- Water fountains
- Bike racks
- Trash bins
- Walking trails
- Lights

There was no evidence of alcohol or substance, or sex paraphernalia. Some litter was observed.

Twenty-three Summit View residents surveyed (35%) are aware of the neighborhood or local school recreational facilities; 46% are not aware; and 14% indicated they do not know what recreational resources are available (N = 65).
SUMMIT VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Medium-size joint-use recreational facility with gates unlocked, accessible until sunset (see photo at right). The area includes:

- Basketball courts
- Bike racks
- Lights
- Restrooms (in the school)
- Shaded and unshaded play equipment (see photo at bottom left)
- Shaded benches and picnic tables
- Soccer and baseball fields and grassy areas
- Trash bins
- Water fountains

The area is well maintained, with no graffiti and no evidence of alcohol or substance use or sex paraphernalia. Some litter and dog refuse were visible.

The parents tell me, “This area needs traffic lights and stop signs”. One parent was very upset that people were speeding and not giving people time to cross, so she organized a few people and started pushing for traffic signs and a few other things.
PUBLIC AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Bus Service

SunTran (Tucson’s regional bus service)

One Sun Shuttle route (Green Valley / Sahuarita connector) connects Summit View to metro Tucson. Dial-a-ride service is also available for this route.

Bikeability

Bike Routes:

There are no designated bike routes in Summit View.

Most common walk/bike destinations

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<td>Convenience Store</td>
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<td>School</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>Neighbor’s/Friend’s House</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>Just Go For A Walk</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>A Park</td>
<td>92%</td>
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Summit View lacks a transportation infrastructure, as many roads in the Summit View neighborhood are unpaved. During the observational assessment, pedestrians were observed walking to and from the park, small markets, and to neighbors’ homes.

40% (26) of surveyed Summit View residents say that they bike or walk in or through their neighborhood.

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

Food Vendors

Two food vendors were observed within the Summit View neighborhood boundaries. Both vendors are small markets that offered some variety of fruits, vegetables, and low fat products. At the time of the assessment, vegetables were more frequently available than fruits in both locations (see photo below). Few whole grains and low-sugar products were available.

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<th>Top 3 Places Respondents Go to Buy Groceries</th>
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<td>Food City        62%</td>
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<td>Wal-Mart         23%</td>
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<td>Fry’s            22%</td>
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Other responses: 5% of all respondents say that they shop anywhere that they can find sales and food specials.

Fifty-nine (91%) of respondents say they drive their car to the grocery store.

Thirty-eight respondents (58%) say that it takes them 30 minutes or more to get to their grocery stores of choice.

If you live in the city and go over there it is really nice because the nearest shopping center is Fry’s, at Irvington and 16th.

A variety of vegetables are available at Mercado y Carnicería Los Primos

Mercado y Carnicería Los Primos
9895 S. Old Nogales Hwy

La Cima
1644 E. Summit St.
**HEALTH SERVICES**

Closest hospital (located approximately 5 miles north of Summit View):

**University Physicians Hospital at Kino**
2800 E. Ajo Way

Services: Emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory, inpatient/ outpatient surgery, behavioral health, and more.

Health service providers in Summit View:

**El Rio Community Health Centers – Summit View School-Based Clinic***

Services: Family practice, pediatrics

*Serves Sunnyside Unified School District students

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**FOOD SYSTEMS RESOURCES**

**Farmers’ Markets**

NONE WITHIN TARGET AREA

Closest farmers’ market (about 6.5 miles from the Summit View neighborhood):

**El Pueblo Farmers’ Market**
SW corner of Irvington Rd. & 6th Ave.
Saturdays
9am - 1pm (year-round)
Accepts WIC benefits and Food Stamps

**Gardening**

![Percentage of respondents who would like to grow vegetables, fruit or eggs (N = 65)](chart)

### N = 65

- **35%** of Summit View residents surveyed have a garden where they can grow their own food or know a neighbor who does.
- **55%** of respondents said that it is possible for them to produce fruits, vegetables or eggs.
- **18%** of residents surveyed said that Home/ Community Gardens would help their families eat more fresh fruit and vegetables.

*Obesity is high, people don’t think, the way they cook, they don’t know how or what to look for. They need so many things and one of them is good information about health and nutrition.*

*I think they were planning on starting a garden but didn’t have anyone to take care of it during the summer.*

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**SOURCES:**
SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

Schools

- **Summit View Elementary School**

Children and youth who reside in Summit View attend schools in Sunnyside Unified School District (SUSD). One SUSD public school (Summit View Elementary) is located within the target area boundaries. Enrollment at this school is 600 students, and **89%** of these students qualified for free or reduced lunch status in March 2010.

Child Care

- A Reliable Day Care
- Little Stars Day Care
- Los Potrillos
- Summit View Head Start
  10170 S. Epperson Lane

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Iglesia Pentecostes Nuevo Pacto (located across from Summit View Elementary School)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**There is a program that will start very soon with Summit View Elementary that I was notified about today by our PTA and they are going to start a program and they are bringing somebody from the Food Bank. I hear that there are things starting right now.**
COMMUNITY STRESS INDICATORS

Poverty
In Summit View, proportions of individuals and families living below the poverty level are greater than in Pima County.

Crime
No data is available for Summit View.

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<th>Percent whose income in the past 12 months is below poverty level</th>
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<td>25.8%</td>
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<td>Related children under 18 years</td>
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<td>Related children 5 to 17 years</td>
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<td>Families</td>
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<td>Families with female householder, no husband present</td>
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<td>With related children under 18 years</td>
<td>42.2%</td>
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COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Top 5 Concerns When Outside
N = 65

- Abandoned furniture on sidewalks: 45%
- Traffic speed: 44%
- Ugly, unimproved routes: 69%
- Stray dogs: 71%
- Garbage in streets/on sidewalks: 75%

It is very rural; it does not look like it is part of the U.S. It is calm and quiet, there are no traffic lights and it is very dark... Some of the students are comfortable where they are and the other half is not comfortable.

I remember hearing on the radio that they would arrest you if you were undocumented and students would come to school late and I would say, “What happened?” And they would say, “Oh, there are so many cops around I was afraid to go out.”

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

Top 5 Desired Neighborhood Improvements (N = 65)

- More Police: 37%
- Walking Paths/Sidewalks: 50%
- Cleaner Washes: 58%
- Better Flood Control: 66%
- Night Lighting: 77%

Other desired improvements of surveyed residents:
- Playgrounds (35%)
- More Speed Bumps (34%)
- Ball Fields (34%)
- Grocery Stores (32%)
- More trees (29%)
- Crosswalks (29%)
- Parks (18%)
- More Neighborhood Events (18%)
- Community Gardens (16%)

Additional survey responses for healthy activities:
- Provide education and information on urban farming and chickens so we can produce our own food (44%)
- Establish a community garden (43%)
- Provide recipes for quick meal preparation using seasonal vegetables (43%)
- Provide technical assistance for vegetable growing and water-harvesting (37%)
- Establish and enforce standards of cleanliness for the stores in our community (28%)

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

An after-school sports activity at Summit View Elementary School

Sustainability

- Maintaining the park
- Creating and maintaining a community garden and farmers’ market

Community Involvement

- We need to organize ourselves and clean the park.
- Other students want to make changes but they don’t know how or where to begin
- At the elementary school, they need a lot of things. They need a parking lot for the parents and they need more activities.

Tapping into Resources

- We should think about the things that we have and how we can use them. We have a park and we should use them. Education and information opens everyone’s eyes

Mailboxes in Summit View are often clustered into groups, such as this group outside of La Cima market. Because residents likely visit there daily, this could be a great opportunity for health promotion.