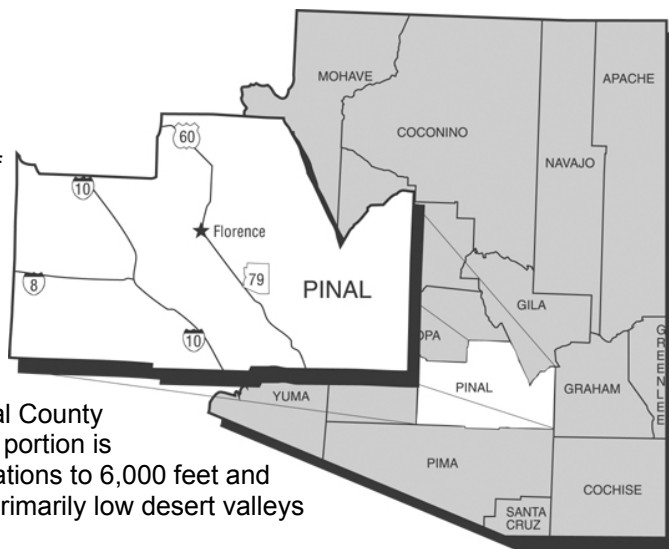


Profile:

Pinal County, Arizona

Pinal County was formed from portions of Maricopa and Pima counties on Feb. 1, 1875, in response to the petition of residents of the upper Gila River Valley, as "Act #1" of the Eighth Territorial Legislature. Florence, established in 1866, was designated and has remained the county seat.

The county encompasses 5,374 square miles, of which 4.5 are water. In both economy and geography, Pinal County has two distinct regions. The eastern portion is characterized by mountains with elevations to 6,000 feet and copper mining. The western area is primarily low desert valleys and irrigated agriculture.



The communities of Mammoth, Oracle, San Manuel, and Kearny have traditionally been active in copper mining, smelting, milling and refining. Arizona City, Eloy, Maricopa, Picacho, Red Rock and Stanfield have agriculture based-economies. Apache Junction, Arizona City, Coolidge, Eloy, and particularly Casa Grande have diversified their economic base to include manufacturing, trade and services. This expansion and diversification has been facilitated by their location in the major growth corridor between Phoenix and Tucson near the junction of I-10 and I-8, except for Apache Junction, which is to the east of burgeoning Mesa. Most of the southern $\frac{3}{4}$ of Pinal County and a small area in Apache Junction are designated as Enterprise Zones.

The county is home to many interesting attractions, including the Old West Highway 60, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, Picacho Peak State Park, Picacho Reservoir, Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum, Oracle State Park and Columbia University's Biosphere II, McFarland State Park, Lost Dutchman State Park, Skydive Arizona, the world's largest skydiving drop-zone, and the Florence Historical District, with 120 buildings on the National Register.

The state of Arizona is the county's largest landholder with 35 percent, followed by individuals and corporations, 22 percent; Indian reservations, 23 percent; the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, 14 percent, and the remaining 6 percent is other public land.



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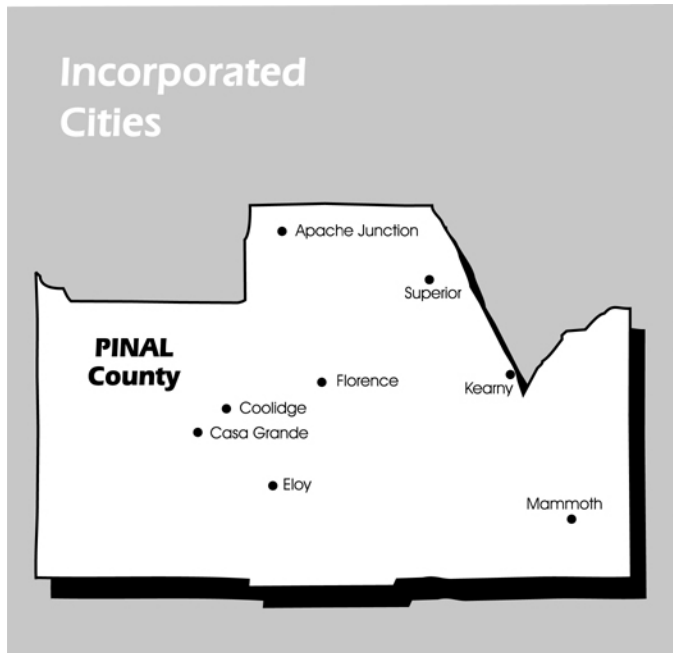
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Pinal County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Florence
2004 Population:	219,780
2004 Labor Force:	78,286
Unemployment Rate:	5.4%
Major Industries:	Services, Trade, Manufacturing & Agriculture

Sources: Population Estimates July 2004, Population Statistics Unit, Research Administration, Arizona Department of Economic Security; December 2004 Special Unemployment Report, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Research Administration.



Population

	1990	2000	2004
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685
Pinal County	116,379	179,727	219,780

Major Cities/Communities

Ak-Chin Indian Community	446	669	N/A
Apache Junction ¹	18,100	31,814	33,725
Arizona City	1,940	4,385	N/A
Casa Grande	19,082	25,224	31,315
Coolidge	6,927	7,786	8,025
Eloy	7,211	10,375	10,535
Florence	7,321	17,054	17,105
Gila River Indian Community	9,540	11,257	N/A
Kearny	2,262	2,249	2,195
Mammoth	1,845	1,762	1,750
Maricopa ²	N/A	1,482	4,855
Oracle	3,043	3,563	N/A
Queen Creek ³	2,667	4,316	11,360
San Manuel	4,009	4,375	N/A
Superior	3,468	3,254	3,195
Winkelman ⁴	676	443	450

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Population Statistics Unit.

N/A - Not available

1) Combined Maricopa and Pinal portions; 2) 1990 Census did not include Maricopa; 3) Combined Maricopa and Pinal portions; 4) Combined Gila and Pinal portions

Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	20.6%
15-24	14.9%
25-44	28.4%
45-64	21.9%
65+	14.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition*

Race	% of total
White	70.4%
African American	2.8%
Native American	7.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%
Other	18.4%
Totals	100.0%
Hispanic Heritage*	29.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census
Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race

2004 Civilian Labor Force

	<i>Labor Force</i>	<i>Unemployment Rate</i>
Arizona	2,762,612	4.8%
Pinal County	78,286	5.4%

Major Cities/Communities

Ak-Chin Indian Community	250	6.8%
Apache Junction (Pinal)	12,510	3.9%
Arizona City	1,537	1.6%
Casa Grande	15,727	4.6%
Coolidge	4,523	5.4%
Eloy	4,680	10.7%
Florence	2,368	2.7%
Gila River Indian Community	4,095	21.4%
Kearny	1,603	2.7%
Mammoth	1,196	6.6%
Maricopa	N/A	N/A
Oracle	2,117	1.6%
San Manuel	2,921	3.8%
Superior	1,872	6.3%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security, December 2004 Special Unemployment Report.

2004 Employment by Sector

Mining & Construction	2,725
Education & Health Services	4,000
Financial Activities	875
Government	16,250
Leisure & Hospitality	3,350
Manufacturing	2,850
Professional & Business Services	2,950
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,475
Information	300
Services and Miscellaneous	8,575

Source: Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, State of Arizona Economic Security Research Administration. Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

2004 Total All Occupations

<i>Employment</i>	37,310
<i>Hourly Compensation</i>	
Median Wage	\$12.36
Average Wage	\$14.37
Entry Wage	\$ 6.52
Experienced	\$17.44

Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Avg. Wages</i>
Education, Training & Library	2,710	\$18.67
Office & Administrative Support	5,150	\$12.95
Food Preparation & Serving-Related	4,080	\$ 7.78
Transportation & Material Moving	2,700	\$10.88
Sales & Related	2,670	\$12.05
Production	2,020	\$12.76
Construction & Extraction	1,920	\$32.30
Management	1,340	\$27.12
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,160	\$13.75
Health Practitioner & Technical	1,340	\$25.30

Source: Prepared by the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Research Administration in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2005

Major Employers

<i>Employer</i>	<i>Employment Type</i>
Abbott Labs/Ross Prod. Div. (Casa Grande)	Nutritionals
Albertson's	Grocery Store
Apache Junction Health Center	Medical Clinic
Apache Junction Schools	Education
Arizona State Prison (Florence)	Detention Centers
Asarco (Hayden)	Copper Mining and Smelting
Bashas'	Grocery Store
Casa Grande Regional Medical Center	Medical Doctors Office
Casa Grande Elementary School Dist.	Education
Casa Grande Union H.S. Dist.	Education
Casa Grande Valley Newspapers	Newspapers/Printing
Central Arizona College (Coolidge)	Colleges and Universities
City of Apache Junction	Government
City of Casa Grande	Government
City of Eloy (Eloy)	Government
Coolidge Unified School District	Education
Corrections Corp. of America (Eloy, Florence)	Detention Center
Eloy Schools (Eloy)	Education
Evergreen Air Center (Marana)	Air Cargo
Flying J Truckstop	Fuel/Restaurant
Frito-Lay (Casa Grande)	Snack Foods
Fry's Food & Drug Store	Grocery Store
Gila River Indian Community	
Government Farms	Farming
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino	Gaming
Hexcel Corp. (Casa Grande)	Aerospace Manufacturer
Holiday Inn (Casa Grande)	Full Service Hotel
Hunter Douglas Wood Products	Window Treatments
K-Mart	Discount Department Store
Mayville Metals (Casa Grande)	Metal Fabrication
Mulay Plastics of Casa Grande	Plastic Injection Molding
Pinal County	Government
Regional Care Service Corp.	Medical Facilities
Safeway Supermarkets (Coolidge)	Grocery Store
Tanger Outlet Center (Casa Grande)	Factory Outlets
Truckstop of America (Eloy)	Fuel/Restaurant
Wal-Mart	Discount Department Store
Westile Roofing Products (Casa Grande)	Mfg. Roof Tile

(Source: Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation
Note: Companies listed more than 100 employees)



Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

Ak-Chin Electric Utility Authority	(520) 586-3693
APS	(800) 253-9407
Bureau of Indian Affairs (Coolidge)	(520) 723-5408
Bureau of Indian Affairs (Mammoth/Oracle)	(520) 896-9401
Electric Dist. 2	(520) 723-7741
Salt River Project (Apache Junction)	(602) 236-9200
Salt River Project (Gila River Indian Community)	(602) 276-8888
San Carlos Irrigation Project	(520) 723-5408
Santa Cruz Water & Power	(520) 876-4982
Electrical Dist. #4 (Rural areas near Eloy)	520) 466-7336

Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:

El Paso Natural Gas (520) 663-4200
Southwest Gas Corporation (800) 766-9722

Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local city government.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:

Bell Atlantic Mobile (520) 628-9541
Gila River Telecommunications (520) 796-3333
Qwest (800) 244-1111



Major Hospitals:

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center (520) 426-6300
HoHoKam Memorial,
Gila River Indian Community (520) 562-3321
Oracle Medical Clinic (520) 896-2429
San Manuel Health Care Center (520) 622-4481



Central Arizona College, Apache Junction (520) 288-4000
Central Arizona College, Aravaipa (520) 357-7864
Central Arizona College, Coolidge (520) 426-4444
Central Arizona College, Florence (520) 868-1449



Highways

Interstate 8, I-10, U.S. 60, state Highway 77, state Highway 79, state Highway 84, state Highway 87, state Highway 88, state Highway 177, state Highway 187, state Highway 237, state Highway 287, state Highway 347, state Highway 387, Indian Route 15

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines (800) 231-2222

Rail Service

Union Pacific Railroad (888) 870-8777
Copper Basin Railway (520) 363-7202

Trucking Service

Arizona Messenger, Consolidated Freight Ways, Hurley Trucking Co., Swift Transportation, TNT Bestway Transportation

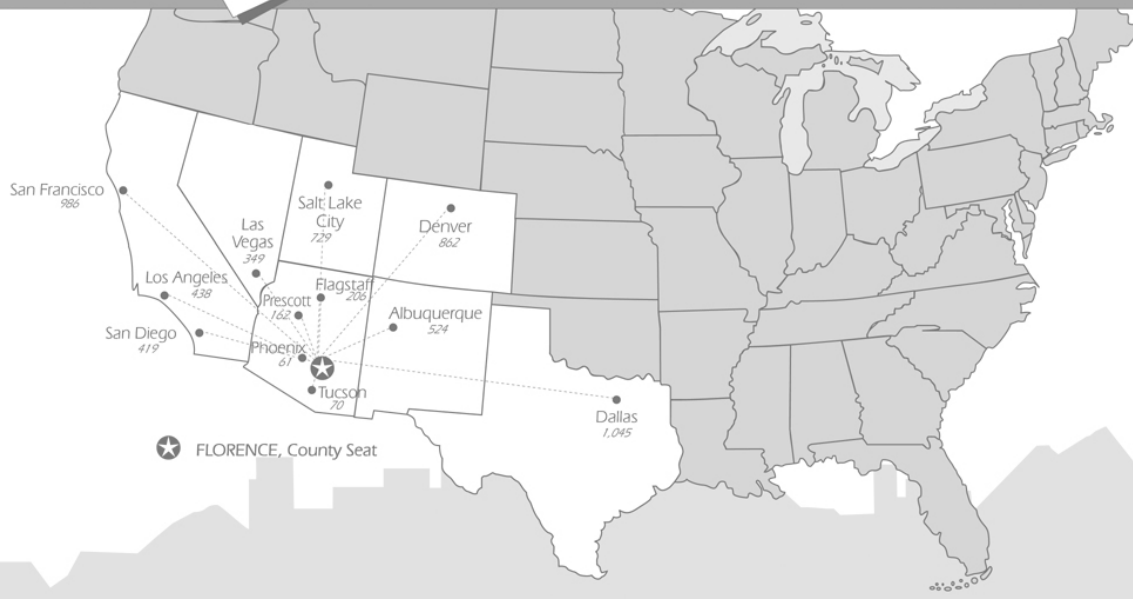
Air Service

Major Airports

Airport Name: Casa Grande Municipal (520) 836-8073
Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 1,462'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: ILS
Runway: 05/23 Length: 5,200' Width: 100'
Surface: Asphalt



Distance to Major Cities



Airport Name: **Coolidge Municipal** (520) 723-5361

Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 1,587'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 05/23 Length: 5,550' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 17/35 Length: 3,740' Width: 75'

Airport Name: **Eloy Municipal** (520) 466-3753

Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 1,513'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 02/20 Length: 3,900' Width: 60'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Estrella Sailport** (520) 568-2318

Location: Maricopa
Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 1,273'
Ownership: Private
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 6R/24L Length: 2,520' Width: 30'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 6C/24C Length: 1,995' Width: 20'
Surface: Dirt
Runway: 6L/24R Length: 1,910' Width: 50'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Pinal Airpark** (No phone)

Location: Marana
Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 1,891'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Military
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 12/30 Length: 6,860' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **San Manuel Airport** (No phone)

Functional Class: B/II
Elevation: 3,275'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 11/29 Length: 4,215' Width: 55'
Surface: Asphalt Runway: 06/24 Length: 5,504'
Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 15/33 Length: 4,000' Width: 75'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Superior Municipal Airport** (No phone)

Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 2,646'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 04/22 Length: 3,500' Width: 75'
Surface: Dirt



Source: Arizona Department of Transportation

Ak-Chin

There is a 105-acre park in the northeastern section of east Ak-Chin. The park is separated from the reservation by the Casa Grande Highway and Union Pacific Railroad. For more information, contact the Ak-Chin Indian Community at (520) 568-2227.

Apache Junction

Two industrial parks totaling approximately 280 acres are under development. For further information, contact the City of Apache Junction, Department of Developmental Services at (480) 671-5083.

Arizona City

Arizona City has two industrial parks totalling 119 acres. For additional information, contact the Arizona City Chamber of Commerce, (520) 466-5141.

Casa Grande

There are five fully improved parks, most with access to rail, all with excellent access to I-10 and I-8. Parcels ranging from one to 360 acres are available. For more information, contact the Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation, (520) 836-6868.

Coolidge

There are several parcels with railroad access and a 40+-acre industrial park with all utilities and streets divided into two-and-a-half to five-acre parcels. Also, a 500-acre industrial park with all utilities is located just north of the city. For information, contact the City of Coolidge - Economic Development at (520) 723-5361 or the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce at (520) 723-3009.

Eloy

There are more than 257 acres available in industrial parks with an additional 300 acres available for development. Most sites have full utilities and access to transportation facilities. For more information, contact the City of Eloy at (520) 466-9201, the Eloy Chamber of Commerce at (520) 466-3411 or the Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation at (520) 836-6868.

Gila River Indian Community

A new 500-acre business park is located in the nearby Phoenix-Chandler area at I-10 and SR 347. More than 1,477 acres are available with space for light/heavy industry or agri-business. Current information is available from the Gila River Indian Community Economic Development Department at (520) 562-6120.

Kearny

An industrial park adjacent to Kearny has sites up to 100 acres available. For additional information, contact the Town of Kearny, P.O. Box 639, Kearny, AZ 85237, (520) 363-5547.

San Manuel

Contact the San Manuel Chamber of Commerce at (520) 385-4360 for local information.

Industrial Development Authorities

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Corporate Income Tax

Corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent effective for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2000.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Countywide	Total
Apache Junction	6.75*	0.00	7.56	14.31
Arizona City	5.28**	1.54	7.56	14.38
Casa Grande	6.97**	1.00	7.56	15.53
Coolidge	7.20**	1.52	7.56	16.28
Eloy	11.37**	1.35	7.56	20.28
Florence	5.03**	.99	7.56	13.58
Kearny	7.01	2.50	7.56	17.07
Mammoth	9.259	1.98	7.56	18.79
Oracle	3.49	1.70	7.56	12.75
Picacho/Red Rock	9.61**	0.00	7.56	17.17
Superior	7.01***	4.75	7.56	19.32

* Districts pay an additional secondary rate of .1117 in 2002 on value of \$238,047,507 for East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

** District pay an additional secondary rate of .0500 in 2002 on value of \$438,546,400 for Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

*** District pay an additional secondary rate of .0575 in 2002 on value of \$15,190,780 for Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT).

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2004 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value).

Sales Tax

The state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Pinal County has a 1 percent general sales tax. Additional sales tax rates by city are as follows: Apache Junction, 2.2%; Casa Grande, 1.8%; Florence, Kearney, Mammoth, Maricopa and Superior, 2%; Eloy and Coolidge, 3%. There are additional hotel/motel taxes in the following cities: Casa Grande, Florence and Maricopa, 2%; Apache Junction, 2.2%; Coolidge and Kearny, 3%; Eloy, 4%.

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



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