

County Profile for

Pinal County


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 Map of Pinal County

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. The county is home to many 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 the University of Arizona'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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POPULATION

	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Pinal County	179,727	376,369	439,128

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Pinal County	1.10%
State	5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	69,618	153,707	192,406
Unemployed	3,168	16,465	9,072
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	10.7%	4.7%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count	Share
Less than high school	40,308	12.9%
High school or equivalent, no college	94,443	30.3%
Some college or Associate degree	111,589	35.8%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	65,075	20.9%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	36,349	21.7%
Retail trade	21,481	12.8%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	18,038	10.8%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	15,485	9.2%
Manufacturing	14,291	8.5%
Public administration	11,971	7.1%
Construction	11,288	6.7%
Finance, insurance & real estate	11,266	6.7%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	9,709	5.8%
Other services, except public administration	7,275	4.3%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	4,396	2.6%
Wholesale trade	3,281	2.0%
Information	2,839	1.7%

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