

Wellton is surrounded by picturesque mountains in the heart of the Wellton-Mohawk Valley. The town abuts Interstate 8 and runs 29 miles east of Yuma. The name Wellton (originally Well Town) came from the wells drilled to provide water to the Southern Pacific Railroad. As a diverse community, Wellton serves as a business, service and recreation center for more than 5,000 people in the Wellton-Mohawk Valley and surrounding area. Wellton's mild, clear winters allow for a year-round growing season and provide a major attraction for winter visitors and retirees.

## Principal Economic Activities

Traditionally, agriculture and ranching have formed the area's economic basis. In addition, a large segment of the population is involved in agricultural support industries, trades and services. A rapidly growing winter and retirement population significantly impacts the economy. Wellton has a growing commercial services sector. The town continually seeks ways to enhance the local economy. Wellton has various incentives to attract new commercial and light industrial development.

## Scenic Attractions

The community offers a variety of recreational activities and opportunities in the area including the Pioneer Museum, Tinas Altas, Desert Hot Springs, Baker's Tanks and El Camino Del Diablo. Wellton is 35 miles from Yuma Territorial Prison, Fort Yuma Indian Museum, Custom House, the Fine Art Center (Depot) and Century House Museum. The town is 55 miles from San Luis Rio Colorado and Sonora, Mexico, which offer curio shops, nightclubs and other attractions. South of San Luis is the small fishing village of El Golfo de Santa Clara, Mexico. El Golfo offers miles of sandy beaches for camping, swimming and clam digging.

## Community Facilities

The town of Wellton offers a broad range of community facilities including a museum, a community center, a library, two golf courses, three parks and a swimming pool. A recreational complex offers lighted pickleball courts, basketball courts and other facilities for athletic and recreational activities.



**BASIC INFORMATION**

Founded:	1904
Incorporated:	1970
Elevation:	256 ft.
Location:	Yuma

**Distance to major cities:**

Phoenix:	155 miles
Tucson:	208 miles
Las Vegas:	307 miles
San Diego:	201 miles
Los Angeles:	301 miles

**POPULATION**

	2000	2010	2023 (est.)
Wellton	1,829	2,884	2,482

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**SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX**

Wellton	2.50%
Yuma	1.11%
State	5.60%

*Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation*

**LABOR FORCE**

	2000	2010	2022
Civilian Labor Force	617	996	752
Unemployed	113	466	2
Unemployment Rate	18.3%	46.8%	0.3%

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**WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT**

	Count	Share
Less than high school	738	31.6%
High school or equivalent, no college	561	24.0%
Some college or Associate degree	564	24.1%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	476	20.4%

*American Community Survey*

**INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)**

	Count	Share
Education, health care & social assistance	158	21.8%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	156	21.5%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	110	15.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	85	11.7%
Manufacturing	68	9.4%
Retail trade	34	4.7%
Wholesale trade	34	4.7%
Construction	32	4.4%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	30	4.1%
Public administration	17	2.3%

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