

Community Profile for

Wellton



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.

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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

Office of Economic Opportunity

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%

Office of Economic Opportunity

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%

American Community Survey

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