

# Community Profile for

## Apache Junction

Arizona Commerce Authority Logo

Map of Apache Junction

Apache Junction is the eastern gateway into the Phoenix Metropolitan area. Highways US60 and recently extended SR24 are primary corridors providing easy access into the urban core. Apache Junction is also the western gateway into the Tonto National Forest, Superstition Mountain range, and desert vistas and lakes leading to Roosevelt Dam. Rural roots and natural outdoor recreation remain cherished community characteristics, while Apache Junction also advances into a 21st century city, with new quality growth, expansion of employment corridors and diversifying housing and quality of life options. New opportunities abound in Apache Junction, which annexed nearly 6,700 acres into the city in 2021, with nearly 2,800 of those acres beginning construction on a first-class master planned community.

### Principal Economic Activities

Apache Junction has identified four target sectors to grow the local economy. These sectors include 1) manufacturing with a focus on electronic equipment and components and electric and autonomous vehicles; 2) distribution/logistics; 3) retail; and 4) hospitality, entertainment and tourism. Major area employers include Banner Health, Western Industrial Resources, Fry's Food stores and several municipal government service providers. Apache Junction's proximity to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport combined with the extension of the SR24 will provide tremendous opportunity to grow key industries and bring quality living-wage jobs to the city. The city offers several sites with a global reach, close to regional airports and railroads, with quality community college and higher education opportunities within an easy commute for future workforce needs and continuing education.

### Scenic Attractions

Apache Junction is known for its many recreational attractions. More than 500,000 visitors from all over the country and world come to the area each year to experience outstanding hiking, camping and biking. Further, special events include the Arizona Renaissance Festival, the Lost Dutchman Marathon, Superstition Blues & Brews Festival, Lost Dutchman Days. Year-round special attractions include Lost Dutchman State Park, Superstition Mountain Museum, Barleens Arizona Opry, Goldfield Ghost Town and Dolly Steamboat on Canyon Lake.

### Community Facilities

Apache Junction offers a range of award-winning community facilities. The City has 10 developed parks with a variety of amenities including ballfields, picnic areas, multi-use trails, an aquatic center, skate park, rodeo grounds, and off-leash dog park spaces. There are also thousands of acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and State Land that have approved limited uses to expand facility offerings to residents and visitors of the area. The city is also proud to offer a library, senior center, community swimming pool and Paws & Claws pet adoption and services.

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## BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1950  
Incorporated: 1978  
Elevation: 1,715 ft.  
Location: Pinal

**Distance to major cities:**

Phoenix: 36 miles  
Tucson: 128 miles  
Las Vegas: 329 miles  
San Diego: 378 miles  
Los Angeles: 408 miles

## POPULATION

**2000 2010 2023 (est.)**

Apache Junction 31,814 35,828 39,009

*Office of Economic Opportunity*

## SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Apache Junction 2.40%  
Pinal 1.10%  
State 5.60%

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

## LABOR FORCE

**2000 2010 2022**

Civilian Labor Force 14,058 14,110 15,835  
Unemployed 452 2,336 884  
Unemployment Rate 3.2% 16.6% 5.6%

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## WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

**Count Share**

Less than high school	4,043	12.2%
High school or equivalent, no college	11,106	33.6%
Some college or Associate degree	12,211	36.9%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	5,731	17.3%

*American Community Survey*

## INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	<b>Count</b>	<b>Share</b>
Education, health care & social assistance	3,529	23.5%
Retail trade	2,733	18.2%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	1,431	9.5%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	1,292	8.6%
Construction	1,133	7.6%
Manufacturing	1,062	7.1%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,018	6.8%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	784	5.2%
Other services, except public administration	667	4.4%
Public administration	474	3.2%
Wholesale trade	364	2.4%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	268	1.8%
Information	238	1.6%

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