

Community Profile for

Bisbee

Arizona Commerce Authority Logo

Map of Bisbee

Bisbee is more than just a geographical location—it's a state of mind. Nestled in Cochise County's Mule Mountains at an elevation of 5,350 ft., Bisbee is a free-thinking oasis that appreciates its past while constantly reinventing itself for the future. The preservation of its history has been an important aspect to Bisbee's citizens. "Historic Bisbee" is a registered National Historic District. In 2016, Bisbee was voted the "Best Historic Small Town in America" by *USA Today* readers and the "Best Small Town in the West" by *Sunset Magazine*. In Bisbee you can be a laid-back trendsetter as well as a community activist. You can follow your passions and ultimately have the freedom to be yourself. In a town that was the first to pass a Civil Union Ordinance in Arizona and where the community is heavily involved in local government, thinking outside the box is welcomed.

Principal Economic Activities

Bisbee was once a rich copper mining town that's mineral deposits played a tremendous role in the Arizona Territory attaining statehood, as well as future politics in the state. The great wealth that came from mining can be seen today in the incredible architecture that has been carefully preserved by forward-thinking community members. In the 1970s, bohemians seeking a refuge from the mundane found in Bisbee a unique environment that continues to inspire creativity and imagination, from the youth to the young-at-heart retiree.

Scenic Attractions

Bisbee's history and its art are intertwined as one strolls the narrow streets and alleys, as well as Bisbee's 350 historic staircases. Enter another time when you visit a museum housed in a 1890s building that was the first rural Smithsonian Affiliate, or experience what it was like to be a miner at the Queen Mine Tour. From Old Bisbee, take a short five-mile drive to the suburb of Warren, one of Arizona's first master-planned communities, which offers visitors a chance to experience baseball at one of the country's oldest ballparks. And located seven miles from the international border, discover for yourself how Bisbee is partnering with cities in Sonora, Mexico, to improve the quality of life for all in this new Arizona-Sonora region.

Community Facilities

Bisbee offers many amenities and activities for all its citizens, and it is the ideal place to raise a family, as well as a great place to spend your retirement. The City of Bisbee offers beautifully landscaped parks, a historical library, tennis and pickleball courts, as well as a swimming pool. Cultural activities include the Bisbee Farmers Market, infamous mining contests in Brewery Gulch, the Bisbee Blues Festival, the Historic Home Tour, the Bisbee Stair Climb, Bisbee Pride, the Mariachi Festival, the Annual Chocolate Tasting, the Altered Book Show, the Sidepony Music Festival, Alice in Bisbeeland and numerous other festivals throughout the year that offer fun and entertainment for all ages.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1880
Incorporated: 1902
Elevation: 5,350 ft.
Location: Cochise

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 205 miles
Tucson: 94 miles
Las Vegas: 500 miles
San Diego: 501 miles
Los Angeles: 579 miles

POPULATION

2000 2010 2023 (est.)

Bisbee 6,090 5,560 4,968

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Bisbee 3.50%
Cochise 0.50%
State 5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

2000 2010 2022

Civilian Labor Force 2,804 2,626 1,846
Unemployed 141 225 39
Unemployment Rate 5.0% 8.6% 2.1%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

Count Share

Less than high school	421	10.1%
High school or equivalent, no college	774	18.5%
Some college or Associate degree	1,669	40.0%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	1,309	31.4%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count	Share
Public administration	337	19.7%
Education, health care & social assistance	295	17.2%
Retail trade	208	12.1%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	207	12.1%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	200	11.7%
Construction	164	9.6%
Manufacturing	88	5.1%
Finance, insurance & real estate	76	4.4%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	60	3.5%
Wholesale trade	37	2.2%
Other services, except public administration	19	1.1%
Information	13	0.8%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	8	0.5%

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