

Community Profile for

Buckeye

 Arizona Commerce Authority Logo

 Map of Buckeye

Founded in 1888 as a 440-acre town, the city of Buckeye today is Arizona's largest city by land area. With more than 600 square miles in planning area, projections show that Buckeye has a population of more than 101,000. After 126 years of being known as the town of Buckeye, voters changed the name to the city of Buckeye in 2014, making it Arizona's newest city. Buckeye is located on a robust transportation corridor with direct access to the Union Pacific Railroad, 16 miles of Interstate 10 frontage and 26 miles of State Route 85 frontage, with interconnections to Interstate 8 and other major highways. Buckeye is a major gateway between Arizona and the western United States. It provides a one-day turnaround to the Southern Californian ports and direct access to other major markets. Furthermore, Buckeye sits at the crossroads of international freight movement with Asia from the west and Mexico from the south through the Port of San Luis and the CANAMEX.

Principal Economic Activities

Over time, Buckeye has witnessed a significant diversification of its economy and employment base. Buckeye was founded as an agricultural economy and is among the state's largest producers of Pima cotton. Agricultural technology has helped diversify Buckeye's offerings which now include dairy farms, alfalfa, hay and other crops. Since then, the city has emerged as a center of innovation for numerous industries, including renewable energy, manufacturing, logistics and distribution, health care and entrepreneurship. Today, Buckeye's top employers include KORE Power – the first U.S.-based battery cell manufacturer, Walmart distribution center, Ross Dress for Less distribution center, and many more! The elected officials unanimously support new business development in the community to help create high-quality jobs, services, amenities and help increase capital investment and revenue within the city. Buckeye lies within Foreign Trade Zone 277 and can offer applicable businesses numerous operating and financial incentives. Within a 45-minute commute, Buckeye's workforce is 1.45 million people and employees traveling to Buckeye will benefit from a reverse commute to work.

Scenic Attractions

Buckeye has several regional parks that offer a variety of recreational opportunities for visitors, including hiking, horseback riding, camping and wildlife viewing. The City of Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park in the southern half of the White Tank Mountains sits on 8,700 acres and offers 20+ miles of trails, picnic areas and designated camping sites. Maricopa County's Buckeye Hills Regional Park in the southern portion of Buckeye also provides facilities for day visitors and a shooting range. From the mountains to the Buckeye valley below, the Gila River and Robbins Butte, Powers Butte, and Arlington Wildlife Areas have ample opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hunting and wildlife viewing. Many community signature events are held throughout the year, including the Buckeye Air Fair, Buckeye's Race to the Runway Marathon and Buckeye Days. The Buckeye Air Fair draws an estimated 30,000 attendees and features an air show, vintage military vehicles and aircraft, and action-packed aviation demonstrations. Buckeye's Race to the Runway Marathon brings in runners from around the world and serves as a Boston/National qualifier. Buckeye Days celebrates Buckeye's history and includes a carnival, a Wild West Show and a cattle drive parade. Other events in the city include Fourth of July celebrations, a Halloween carnival, and the Glow on Monroe Holiday Parade.

Community Facilities

The city of Buckeye offers a broad range of community facilities, including two libraries, one museum, two recreation centers, a senior center, an aquatic center and several parks with various amenities. The city is home to six fire stations, two police stations, several wastewater treatment plants and a 700-acre municipal airport.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1888

Incorporated: 1929

Elevation: 888 ft.

Location: Maricopa

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 30 miles

Tucson: 158 miles

Las Vegas: 289 miles

San Diego: 320 miles

Los Angeles: 346 miles

POPULATION

2000 2010 2023 (est.)

Buckeye 6,537 51,019 101,987

Office of Economic Opportunity

SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Buckeye 3.00%

Maricopa 0.70%

State 5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

2000 2010 2022

Civilian Labor Force 4,141 20,658 34,970

Unemployed 174 2,016 2,076

Unemployment Rate 4.2% 9.8% 5.9%

WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

	Count Share	
Less than high school	5,898	12.6%
High school or equivalent, no college	12,627	26.9%
Some college or Associate degree	18,698	39.8%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	9,723	20.7%

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INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

	Count Share	
Education, health care & social assistance	5,781	20.0%
Retail trade	3,985	13.8%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	2,746	9.5%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	2,666	9.2%
Construction	2,651	9.2%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	2,495	8.6%
Public administration	1,893	6.6%
Manufacturing	1,829	6.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,755	6.1%
Other services, except public administration	1,252	4.3%
Wholesale trade	975	3.4%
Information	529	1.8%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	309	1.1%

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