

Community Profile for

Kearny

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Map of Kearny

Kearny is named after General Stephen W. Kearny, leader of the Army of the West, who explored along the Gila River from 1849 to 1850. He set up base camp near a site that would later bear his name. Kearny was a planned community built in 1958 for workers at the Kennecott Copper Company open-pit mine and reduction plant. This Pinal County community, located along the Gila River, is almost equidistant from Phoenix and Tucson. From Phoenix, take Interstate 10 east to state Highway 60, continue east on Highway 60 to U.S. 60 east to Superior and then turn south on state Highway 177. The quickest path from Tucson is taking U.S. 89 to Oracle Junction, turning northeast on state Highway 77 to Winkelman and then turning northwest on state Highway 177.

Principal Economic Activities

Today, ASARCO (Grupo Mexico) operates the large open-pit copper mine, reduction plant and smelter near Kearny. The mine, and the company's smelter in Hayden, provide much of the employment for residents in Kearny. Most other employment in Kearny is in the commercial and services sectors.

Scenic Attractions

Kearny has off-highway vehicle (ATV) campsites in the mountain foothills and an 11-acre fishing lake with hiking and campsites. Kearny is in the heart of ATV country. Ray Mines, one of Arizona's largest open-pit mining operations, is 11 miles north. Hills and desert vegetation of the area provide opportunities for the rockhound, photographer, historian, bird watcher, botanist and hunter. Fishing, camping, walking and picnicking are popular along portions of the Gila River. Kearny has a nine-hole golf course. Area highways provide dramatic mountain and canyon scenery. A few miles west of nearby Superior is the Thompson Southwest Arboretum, famous for its variety of southwestern flora.

Community Facilities

The town of Kearny has a library, community center, three parks, one golf course and many athletic facilities including Little League, football, softball and baseball fields. Kearny's uptown includes the General Kearny Inn, bars, cafes, a large grocery store, a drugstore and several commercial establishments. Its wide boulevard is used for many community festivals. Kearny has a downtown commercial area which includes an airport, restaurant and livestock corrals. The Copper Basin Railroad runs through the lower portion of the town.

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BASIC INFORMATION

Founded: 1849
Incorporated: 1959
Elevation: 2,020 ft.
Location: Pinal

Distance to major cities:

Phoenix: 78 miles
Tucson: 80 miles
Las Vegas: 379 miles
San Diego: 428 miles
Los Angeles: 458 miles

POPULATION

2000 2010 2023 (est.)

Kearny 2,249 1,947 1,741

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SALES TAX / TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX

Kearny 3.00%
Pinal 1.10%
State 5.60%

Arizona Dept. of Revenue & Arizona Tax Research Foundation

LABOR FORCE

2000 2010 2022

Civilian Labor Force 948 958 1,157
Unemployed 27 40 50
Unemployment Rate 2.8% 4.2% 4.3%

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

Count Share

Less than high school	169	11.1%
High school or equivalent, no college	546	35.9%
Some college or Associate degree	623	41.0%
Bachelor's degree or advanced degree	182	12.0%

American Community Survey

INDUSTRY (RANKED BY EMPLOYMENT)

Count Share

Education, health care & social assistance	182	18.0%
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Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, & mining	164	16.2%
Public administration	163	16.1%
Manufacturing	124	12.3%
Arts, entertainment, food & recreation services	117	11.6%
Retail trade	83	8.2%
Professional, scientific, & administrative services	76	7.5%
Transportation, warehousing, & utilities	33	3.3%
Other services, except public administration	27	2.7%
Construction	25	2.5%
Finance, insurance & real estate	18	1.8%

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