

CASA GRANDE

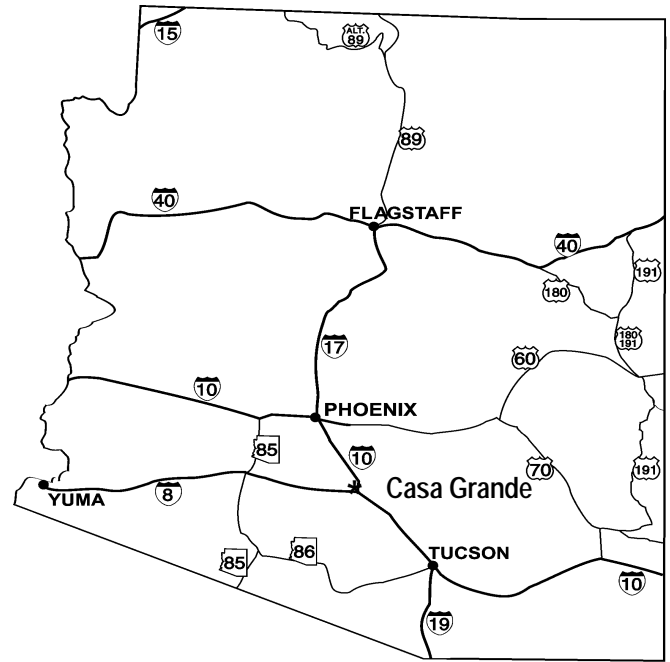
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Casa Grande is a dynamic, involved community, a modern city with rural heritage and old-fashioned values. Its economic base is a mix of retail trade, factory outlet shopping, manufacturing and agriculture. Founded in 1879, Casa Grande was named for the famous Hohokam Indian Ruins 20 miles to the northeast. Midway between Phoenix and Tucson, the city has grown to be the largest community in western Pinal County since its incorporation in 1915.

FOUNDED: 1879
 COUNTY: Pinal County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 45 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-8.
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1915
 ELEVATION: 1,398 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 70 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
Casa Grande	19,082	25,224	29,715
Pinal County	116,379	179,727	201,565
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Casa Grande is strategically located at the intersection of two interstate highways (I-8 and I-10) in an area known as Arizona's Golden Corridor. Once dependent on agriculture and mining, the community has evolved into a diversified full-service area with manufacturing, retail trade, government and tourist-related employment. Tanger Outlet Center, featuring many upscale fashion stores is located along I-10.

County Employment	2003
Construction	1,450
Educational & Health Svcs	3,700
Financial Activities	850
Government	16,125
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000
Manufacturing	2,575
Natural Resources & Mining	875
Professional & Business Svcs	2,975
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,925

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

Major Private Employers

Abbott Laboratories/Ross Products	Casa Grande Regional Medical Ctr
Frito-Lay, Inc.	Hexcel Corporation
Palm Harbor Homes	Wal-Mart Distributon Center
Westile, Inc.	

Major Public Employers

Casa Grande Elementary School Dist	Casa Grande High School District
City of Casa Grande	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2003
Civilian Labor Force	9,188	13,816	15,324
Unemployed	496	459	859
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	3.3%	5.6%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2003
New Bldg. Permit	448	1,564	2,128
Taxable Sales (\$)	226,703,683	519,978,889	623,521,056
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	99,869,689	105,713,610	173,136,653

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Casa Grande's location, mild climate & scenic attractions make it attractive to tourists & winter visitors. The Casa Grande Valley Historical Museum offers many historical displays & facts about the area. The historical railroad station & other historic buildings can be enjoyed on a walking tour. Named a Main Street city in 1992, Casa Grande is revitalizing the unique downtown area. The Casa Grande Art Museum hosts a number of shows each year featuring Arizona artists. The city is also the home of the Arizona State Open Chili Championship held in March. Heritage & Tourism Days are held in Jan. The annual O'Odham Tash Celebration, a gathering of tribes, traditionally held in over Presidents' Day weekend, features Native American arts & crafts, ceremonial dances, rodeos, powwows & parades.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	6.46	8.98	7.10
City/Fire District	0.97	1.00	1.00
Countywide	7.46	7.63	7.59
Total	\$14.89	\$17.61	\$15.69

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation
 Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation.

NOTE: School districts participate in the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

Sales Tax Rate

City	1.80%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

Sources: League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Arizona Dept. of Revenue

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Casa Grande offers a broad range of community facilities including one senior center, two museums, a library, a bowling center, a fitness and raquet club, one pool, one movie sixplex, four golf courses, an archery range, and rodeo facilities. There are more than 18 parks, many with ramadas, handball courts, tennis courts, softball diamonds, and playground equipment.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 9

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Casa Grande Municipal Airport with 5,200-foot paved runway.

Medical

Casa Grande Reg. Med. Ctr., JCAHO accredited/Medicare certified, is an acute care 116-bed hospital.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 688

Meeting Rooms: 20

Capacity of Largest Facility: 450

Industrial Properties

There are five fully improved parks, most with access to rail, all with excellent access to I-10 and I-8. Parcels, ranging from one to 200 acres, are available.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9407
	Electric District 2	520.723.7741
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Casa Grande Municipal	520.421.8600
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Arizona Water Company	520.836.8785

Cable Providers: Yes Cable Internet Service Provider: No
 Digital Switching Station: No Fiber Optics: Yes
 Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	35.3	66.8	0.73
February	38.9	71.3	0.81
March	43.4	77.4	0.75
April	49.4	86.3	0.29
May	57.3	95.2	0.12
June	66.3	104.5	0.16
July	75.6	106.5	1.01
August	74.2	104.0	1.50
September	67.2	100.0	0.79
October	53.7	89.3	0.52
November	41.7	76.2	0.71
December	35.7	67.4	0.96
Yearly Avg	53.2	87.1	8.37

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1898-2003. Avg. snowfall 0.1".

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