

ELOY

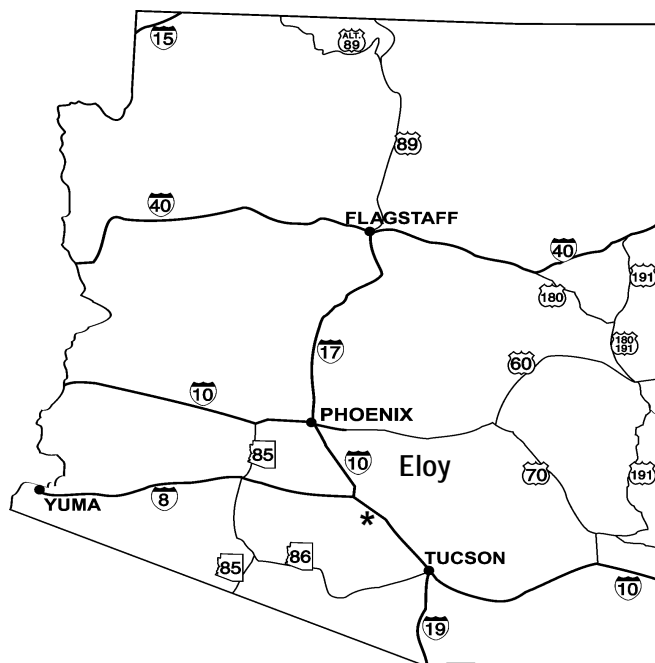
Community Profile

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Eloy is an agricultural/travel/commercial center located along the growth corridor between Phoenix and Tucson. In 1902, the Southern Pacific Railroad built a switch about six miles west of Picacho, which they named Eloy. In 1918, W.L. Bernard, J.E. Meyer and John Alsdorf purchased the east half of the Eloy section and drilled a well. They subdivided the land and called it Cotton City. They also bought land west of Eloy and divided it into tracts for raising cotton. In 1919 an application was made for a post office, but the name Cotton City was rejected in favor of Eloy.

FOUNDED: 1902
 COUNTY: Pinal County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 69 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-8
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1949
 ELEVATION: 1,565 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 52 miles



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Eloy	7,211	10,375	10,790
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

Eloy is in the Santa Cruz Basin, one of the state's most fertile agricultural areas with more than 100,000 irrigable acres. Cattle ranching is also important. Eloy, midway between Phoenix and Tucson, is a convenient stopping place for travelers. Its location on the Southern Pacific Railroad's main line and at the I-10/I-8 junction makes it convenient for industries where transportation is a key factor. Skydive Arizona, one of the nation's largest skydiving centers, is at Eloy Municipal Airport.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2003</u>
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

HASA of Arizona	Otto Plastics Arizona, LLC
Owens Corning	San Juan Pools
Strocal, Inc.	Townley Manufacturing

Major Public Employers

City of Eloy	Eloy Elementary School District
Pinal County	Santa Cruz Valley Union HS Dist

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	2,728	4,038	4,624
Unemployed	329	319	597
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	7.9%	12.9%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	240	74*	182*
Taxable Sales (\$)	33,214,957	84,680,700	86,262,700
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	20,115,664	25,202,208	32,092,485

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

* Incomplete data: One or more months not available

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Picacho Peak is the site of the only Civil War battle in Arizona. The battle is re-enacted each spring. Mt. Newman and the rest of the Picacho Mountains offer a beautiful panorama to the east of Eloy. The Sawtooth Mountains have a very distinctive profile to the south and west. There are abundant facilities at Picacho Peak State Park and the surrounding area. Another point of historic interest is the Casa Grande National Monument, 15 miles north. Picacho Reservoir offers fine fishing with abundant dove and quail hunting in season, as well as bird watching for many rare species. Water enthusiasts enjoy several man-made lakes to the northeast, where they can fish, swim and water ski nearly all year.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	6.73	10.89	9.94
City/Fire District	2.38	1.21	1.35
Countywide	7.46	7.63	7.59
Total	\$16.57	\$19.73	\$18.88

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	2.00%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of Eloy offers a range of community facilities, including a library, a recreation center, seven parks, two volleyball courts, an 18-hole Grande Valley Golf Club and a visitors' center. There is also a Little League field, high school football and track fields, three baseball and softball fields, nine outdoor basketball courts and an elementary gymnasium.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 1

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Eloy Municipal Airport with a lighted, paved 3,900-foot runway.

Medical

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center is 12 miles northeast of Eloy.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 391

Meeting Rooms: 5

Capacity of Largest Facility: 150

Industrial Properties

There are more than 257 acres available in industrial parks, with an additional 300 acres available for development. Most sites have full utilities and access to transportation facilities.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9407
	Electric District 4	520.466.7336
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Eloy)	520.466.9201

Cable Providers: Yes Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: Yes Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	36.2	67.7	0.89
February	39.8	71.6	0.87
March	44.2	76.9	0.99
April	50.4	85.5	0.27
May	58.5	94.4	0.17
June	67.2	103.3	0.12
July	74.3	105.0	1.07
August	73.3	102.5	1.65
September	67.2	99.2	0.79
October	55.3	89.5	0.86
November	43.0	76.5	0.75
December	36.4	67.8	1.10
Yearly Avg	53.8	86.7	9.53

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1951-2003. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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