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Pinal County, Arizona

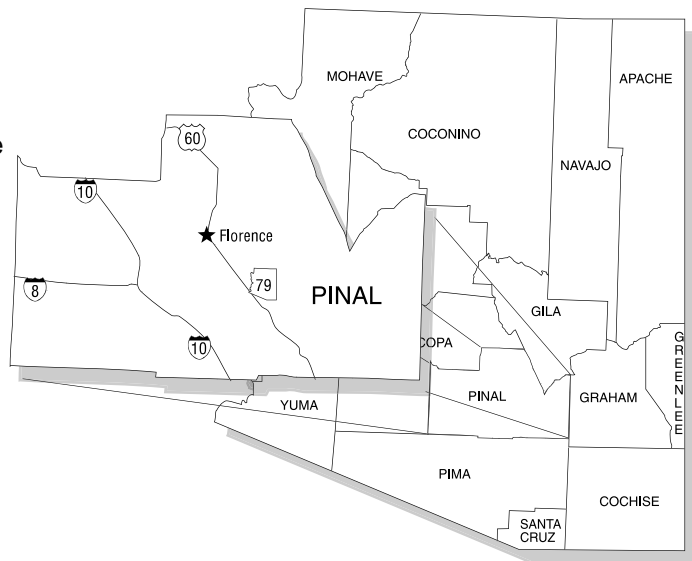
Pinal County was formed from portions of Maricopa and Pima counties on Feb. 1, 1875, in response to the petition of residents of the upper Gila River Valley, as "Act #1" of the Eighth Territorial Legislature. Florence, established in 1866, was designated and has remained the county seat.

The county encompasses 5,371 square miles, of which 30 are water. In both economy and geography, Pinal County has two distinct regions. The eastern portion is characterized by mountains with elevations to 6,000 feet and copper mining. The western area is primarily low desert valleys and irrigated agriculture.

The communities of Mammoth, Oracle, San Manuel, and Kearny have traditionally been active in copper mining, smelting, milling and refining. Arizona City, Eloy, Maricopa, Picacho, Red Rock and Stanfield have agriculture based-economies. Apache Junction, Arizona City, Coolidge, Eloy, and particularly Casa Grande have diversified their economic base to include manufacturing, trade and services. This expansion and diversification has been facilitated by their location in the major growth corridor between Phoenix and Tucson near the junction of I-10 and I-8, except for Apache Junction, which is to the east of burgeoning Mesa. All of Pinal County is an Enterprise Zone.

The county is home to many interesting attractions, including the Old West Highway 60, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, Picacho Peak State Park, Picacho Reservoir, Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum, Oracle State Park and Columbia University's Biosphere II, McFarland State Park, Lost Dutchman State Park, Skydive Arizona, the world's largest skydiving drop-zone, and the Florence Historical District, with 120 buildings on the National Register.

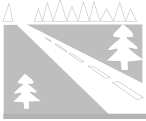
The state of Arizona is the county's largest landholder with 35.3 percent, followed by individuals and corporations, 25.7 percent; Indian reservations, 20.3 percent; the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, 17.5 percent, and the remaining 1.2 percent is other public land.



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Pinal County At-A-Glance

County Seat:	Florence
2002 Population	192,395
2002 Labor Force:	63,876
Unemployment Rate:	7.3%
Major Industries:	Services, Trade, Manufacturing & Agriculture

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security; Population Statistics Unit and 2002 Preliminary Special Unemployment Report.



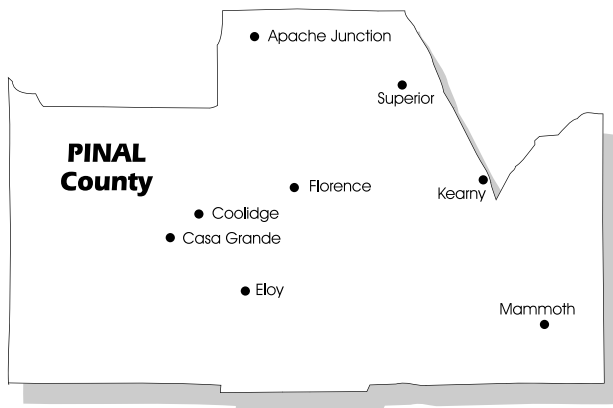
Population

	1990	2000	2002
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,472,750
Pinal County	116,379	179,727	192,395
<i>Major Cities/Communities</i>			
Ak-Chin Indian Community	446	669	716*
Apache Junction	18,100	31,814	33,570
Arizona City	1,940	4,385	4,694*
Casa Grande	19,082	25,224	27,830
Coolidge	6,927	7,786	8,160
Eloy	7,211	10,375	10,810
Florence	7,321	17,054	14,540
Gila River Indian Community	9,540	11,257	12,050*
Kearny	2,262	2,249	2,255
Mammoth	1,845	1,762	1,790
Oracle	3,043	3,563	3,814*
San Manuel	4,009	4,375	4,683*
Superior	3,468	3,254	3,280

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Arizona Department of Economic Security, Population Statistics Unit.

* Based on county growth rate

Incorporated Cities



Age Distribution

	% of total
0-14	21.0%
15-24	12.9%
25-44	27.3%
45-64	22.7%
65+	16.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

Population Composition

Race	% of total
White	70.4%
African American	2.8%
Native American	7.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%
Other	18.4%
Totals	100.0%
Hispanic Heritage*	29.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, April 1, 2000 Census

* Persons of Hispanic heritage may be of any race



Labor Force

	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Arizona	2,493,892	5.8%
Pinal County	63,876	7.3%

Major Cities/Communities

Ak-Chin Indian Community	227	8.4%
Apache Junction (Pinal)	10,150	5.3%
Arizona City	1,235	2.2%
Casa Grande	12,794	6.3%
Coolidge	3,692	7.4%
Eloy	3,896	14.3%
Florence	1,912	3.7%
Gila River Indian Community	3,839	25.2%
Kearny	1,295	3.7%
Mammoth	981	9.0%
Oracle	1,703	2.2%
San Manuel	2,370	5.3%
Superior	1,532	8.5%

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security, 2002 Special Unemployment Report.

Employment by Sector

Agriculture	2,382*
Manufacturing	3,025
Mining and Quarrying	1,275
Construction	1,700
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	650
Trade	8,050
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	875
Services and Miscellaneous	8,575
Government	15,875

Source: Arizona Dept. of Economic Security, 2002 Labor Force and Employment Report.

* Agricultural figure from 2001 - 4th Qtr., AZ ES 202 Data.

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, State of Arizona Economic Security Research Administration.

Total All Occupations

Employment	41,550
Hourly Compensation	
Median Wage	\$12.25
Average Wage	\$13.73
Entry Wage	\$ 6.39
Experienced	\$16.88

Employment by Occupation - Average Wages

	Employment	Avg. Wages
Office & Administrative	6,060	\$11.99
Education	4,670	\$13.02
Transportation & Materials Moving	3,930	\$10.00
Food Preparation & Serving-Related	3,550	\$ 7.85
Construction & Extraction	3,060	\$16.53
Sales & Related	2,300	\$10.97
Management	1,980	\$27.12

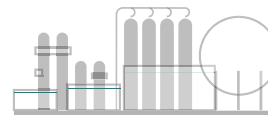
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Major Employers

Employer	Employment Type
Abbott Labs/Ross Prod. Div. (Casa Grande)	Nutritionals
Albertson's	Grocery Store
Apache Junction Health Center	Medical Clinic
Apache Junction Schools	Education
Arizona State Prison (Florence)	Detention Centers
Asarco (Hayden)	Copper Mining and Smelting
Bashas'	Grocery Store
Casa Grande Regional Medical Center	Medical Doctors Office
Casa Grande Elementary School Dist.	Education
Casa Grande Union H.S. Dist.	Education
Casa Grande Valley Newspapers	Newspapers/Printing
Central Arizona College (Coolidge)	Colleges and Universities
City of Apache Junction	Government
City of Casa Grande	Government
City of Eloy (Eloy)	Government
Coolidge Unified School District	Education
Corrections Corp. of America (Eloy, Florence)	Detention Center
Eloy Schools (Eloy)	Education
Evergreen Air Center (Marana)	Air Cargo
Flying J Truckstop	Fuel/Restaurant
Frito-Lay (Casa Grande)	Snack Foods
Fry's Food & Drug Store	Grocery Store
Gila River Indian Community Government Farms	Farming
Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino	Gaming
Hexcel Corp. (Casa Grande)	Aerospace Manufacturer
Holiday Inn (Casa Grande)	Full Service Hotel
Hunter Douglas Wood Products	Window Treatments
K-Mart	Discount Department Store
Mayville Metals (Casa Grande)	Metal Fabrication
Mulay Plastics of Casa Grande	Plastic Injection Molding
Pinal County	Government
Regional Care Services Corp.	Medical Facilities
Safeway Supermarkets (Coolidge)	Grocery Store
Skydive Arizona (Eloy)	Skydive
Tanger Outlet Center (Casa Grande)	Factory Outlets
Truckstop of America (Eloy)	Fuel/Restaurant
Wal-Mart	Discount Department Store
Westile Roofing Products(Casa Grande)	Mfg. Roof Tile

Source: Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation

Note: Companies listed more than 100 employees



Utilities

Electric Service

Major Suppliers:

Ak-Chin Electric Utility Authority	(520) 586-3693
APS	(800) 253-9407
Bureau of Indian Affairs (Coolidge)	(520) 723-5408
Bureau of Indian Affairs (Mammoth/Oracle)	(520) 896-9401
Electric District 2	(520) 723-7741
Salt River Project (Apache Junction)	(602) 236-9200
Salt River Project (Gila River Indian Community)	(602) 276-8888
San Carlos Irrigation Project	(520) 723-5408
Santa Cruz Water & Power	(520) 876-4982
Electrical District #4 (ED4) (Rural areas near Eloy)	(520) 466-7336

Natural Gas Service

Major Supplier:

El Paso Natural Gas (520) 663-4200
Southwest Gas Corporation (800) 766-9722

Water and Sewer

For information, see specific community profile or contact the local city government.

Telephone

Major Suppliers:

Bell Atlantic Mobile (520) 628-9541
Gila River Telecommunications (520) 796-3333
Qwest (800) 244-1111



Medical

Hospitals and Medical Centers:

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center (520) 426-6300
HoHoKam Memorial, Gila River Indian Community (520) 562-3321
Oracle Medical Clinic (520) 896-2429
San Manuel Health Care Center (520) 622-4481



Education

Central Arizona College, Apache Junction (520) 288-4000
Central Arizona College, Aravaipa (520) 357-7864
Central Arizona College, Coolidge (520) 426-4444
Central Arizona College, Florence (520) 868-1449



Transportation

Highways

Interstate 8, I-10, U.S. 60, state Highway 77, state Highway 79, state Highway 84, state Highway 87, state Highway 88, state Highway 177, state Highway 187, state Highway 237, state Highway 287, state Highway 347, state Highway 387, Indian Route 15

Bus Lines

Greyhound Bus Lines (800) 231-2222

Rail Service

Union Pacific Railroad (888) 870-8777
Copper Basin Railway (520) 363-7202

Trucking Service

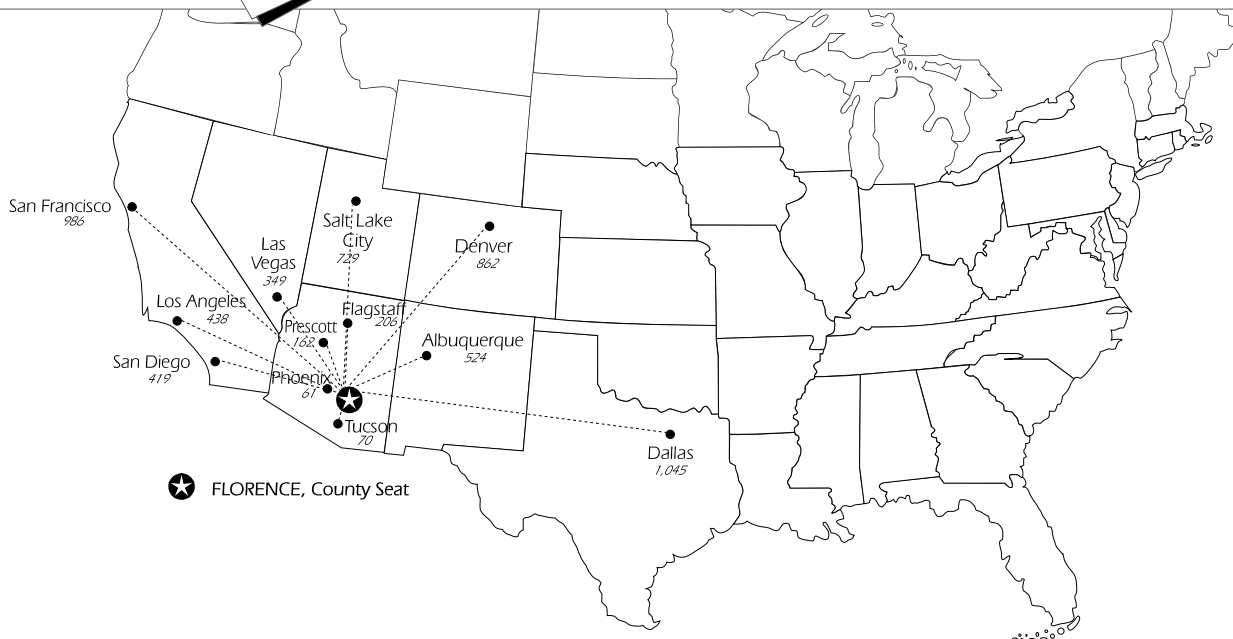
Arizona Messenger, Consolidated Freight Ways, Hurley Trucking Co., Swift Transportation, TNT Bestway Transportation

Air Service

Major Airports:

Airport Name: **Casa Grande Municipal** (520) 836-8073
Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 1,462'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: ILS
Runway: 05/23 Length: 5,200' Width: 100'
Surface: Asphalt

Distance to Major Cities



Airport Name: **Coolidge Municipal** (520) 723-5361
Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 1,587'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 05/23 Length: 5,550' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 17/35 Length: 3,740' Width: 75'

Airport Name: **Eloy Municipal** (520) 466-3753
Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 1,513'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 02/20 Length: 3,900' Width: 60'
Surface: Asphalt

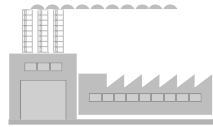
Airport Name: **Estrella Sailport** (520) 568-2318
Location: Maricopa
Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 1,273'
Ownership: Private
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 6R/24L Length: 2,520' Width: 30'
Surface: Asphalt
Runway: 6C/24C Length: 1,995' Width: 20'
Surface: Dirt
Runway: 6L/24R Length: 1,910' Width: 50'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Pinal Airpark** (No phone)
Location: Marana
Functional Class: Business Service
Elevation: 1,891'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public/Military
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 12/30 Length: 6,860' Width: 150'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **San Manuel Airport** (No phone)
Functional Class: B/II
Elevation: 3,275'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 11/29 Length: 4,215' Width: 55'
Surface: Asphalt

Airport Name: **Superior Municipal Airport** (No phone)
Functional Class: Basic Service
Elevation: 2,646'
Ownership: Public
Use: Public
Nav-Aids: None
Runway: 04/22 Length: 3,500' Width: 75'
Surface: Dirt

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation



Industrial Facilities

Ak-Chin

There is a 105-acre park in the northeastern section of east Ak-Chin. The park is separated from the reservation by the Casa Grande Highway and Union Pacific Railroad. For more information, contact the Ak-Chin Indian Community at (520) 568-2227.

Apache Junction

Two industrial parks totaling approximately 280 acres are under development. For further information, contact the City of Apache Junction, Department of Developmental Services at (480) 671-5083.

Arizona City

Arizona City has two industrial parks totalling 119 acres. For additional information, contact the Arizona City Chamber of Commerce, (520) 466-5141.

Casa Grande

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 360 acres are available. For more information, contact the Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation, (520) 836-6868.

Coolidge

There are several parcels with railroad access and a 40+-acre industrial park with all utilities and streets divided into two-and-a-half to five-acre parcels. Also, a 500-acre industrial park with all utilities is located just north of the city. For information, contact the City of Coolidge - Economic Development at (520) 723-5361 or the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce at (520) 723-3009.

Eloy

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. For more information, contact the City of Eloy at (520) 466-9201, the Eloy Chamber of Commerce at (520) 466-3411 or the Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation at (520) 836-6868.

Gila River Indian Community

A new 500-acre business park is located in the nearby Phoenix-Chandler area at I-10 and SR 347. More than 1,477 acres are available with space for light/heavy industry or agri-business. Current information is available from the Gila River Indian Community Economic Development Department at (520) 562-6120.

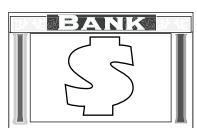
Kearny

An industrial park adjacent to Kearny has sites up to 100 acres available. For additional information, contact the Town of Kearny, P.O. Box 639, Kearny, AZ 85237, (520) 363-5547.

San Manuel

Contact the San Manuel Chamber of Commerce at (520) 385-4360 for local information.

Industrial Development Authorities



Financial Authorities

Industrial Development Authority of Casa Grande

Donovan Kramer Sr., President
P.O. Box 15002
Casa Grande, AZ 85222
(520) 886-0343

Industrial Development Authority of Eloy

Mr. Richard Horton, President
409 N. Santa Cruz
Eloy, Arizona 85231
(520) 466-3111/Fax: (520) 466-4320

Industrial Development Authority of Florence

150 Main Street
Florence, AZ 85232
(520) 868-5883

Industrial Development Authority of Pinal County

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Commercial Banks

Bank of America	National Bank of Arizona
Bank of Casa Grande Valley	Norwest Bank
Bank One	Wells Fargo
Community First Bank	

Corporate Income Tax

Effective January 1, 2002, the corporate income tax rate is 6.968 percent.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



Taxes

Property Tax

Community	School District	City/Fire	Total	Total Outside City
Apache Junction	7.6661*	2.5303 ¹	15.2973	15.2973
Arizona City	6.1782**	1.4451	15.2545	13.8094
Casa Grande	7.3111**	.9999	15.9422	14.9423
Coolidge	7.6259**	1.5158	16.7729	15.2571
Eloy	10.2171**	1.3551 ²	19.2034	17.8483
Florence	6.6247**	.7607	15.0166	14.2559
Kearny	4.5886	2.2266	14.7043	14.4464
Mammoth/San Manuel	10.0509	2.1070 ³	19.7891	17.6821
Oracle	4.1014	1.2302	12.9628	11.7326
Picacho/Red Rock	9.6780**	0.0000	17.3092	17.3092
Superior	10.2943***	4.5000	22.4255	17.9255

* Districts pay an additional secondary rate of .1117 in 2002 on value of \$238,047,507 for East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

** District pay an additional secondary rate of .0500 in 2002 on value of \$438,546,400 for Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

*** District pay an additional secondary rate of .0575 in 2002 on value of \$15,190,780 for Cobre Valley Institute of Technology (CVIT).

1) Apache Junction Fire District.

2) Eloy Fire District rate is 1.7690.

3) Mammoth Fire District rate is 1.7953.

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation, 2002 (Rate is per \$100 of assessed value).

Sales Tax

Effective May 2002, the state imposes a 5.6 percent transaction privilege (sales) tax on most business activities. Pinal County has a 1 cent general sales tax. Apache Junction has a 2.2 percent city sales tax. Casa Grande has a city sales tax of 1.8 percent. Coolidge, Florence, Kearny, Mammoth and Superior have 2 percent city sales taxes. Eloy has a city sales tax of 3 percent. In addition, effective April 2002, the following communities have an additional hotel/motel tax: Apache Junction, 2.2 percent; Casa Grande, 2 percent; Coolidge, 3 percent; Eloy and Florence, 2 percent; and Kearny, 3 percent.

Payroll Tax

Payroll taxes in Arizona are computed based on federal filing by employers and employees. Generally, withholding for state payroll taxes is between 10 and 32 percent of federal withholding based on employees' income.

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue



For Further Information

Ak-Chin Indian Community

42507 W. Peters & Nall Road
Maricopa, AZ 85239
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Apache Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

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Apache Junction, AZ
85217-1747
(480) 982-3141/Fax (480) 982-3234
Email: info@apachejunctioncoc.com
www.apachejunctioncoc.com

City of Apache Junction Economic Development Office

1001 N. Idaho Rd.
Apache Junction, AZ 85219-2899
(480) 671-5096/Fax (480) 671-5102
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Arizona City Chamber of Commerce

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City of Coolidge, Economic Development, Growth Management Department

141 N. Main Street
Coolidge, AZ 85228
(520)723-6075/Fax: (520) 723-6079

Coolidge Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 943
Coolidge, AZ 85228
(520) 723-3009/Fax (520) 723-9410
coolidgeaz@cybertrails.com

Copper Basin Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 206
Kearny, AZ 85237
(520) 363-7607/Fax (520) 363-9663
Email: copperbasin@theriver.com
www.copperbasinaz.com

Gila River Indian Community Economic Development Dept.

P.O. Box 97
Sacaton, AZ 85247
(520) 562-6120/Fax (520) 562-5625

Eloy Chamber of Commerce

305 N. Stuart Blvd.
Eloy, AZ 85231
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www.eloychamber.com

Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 929
Florence, AZ 85232-0929
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www.florenceaz.org

Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce

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Email: chamber@casagrande.com
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Pinal County Development Board & Visitors Bureau

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P.O. Box 1886
Oracle, AZ 85623
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San Manuel Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 155
San Manuel, AZ 85631
(520) 385-4360/Fax: (520) 385-3090

Superior Chamber of Commerce

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