

CATALINA

Community Profile

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Catalina, a residential community, lies in the foothills of the mile-high Catalina Mountains in the valley formed by the Cañada del Oro Wash. The wash, whose name roughly translates into "Canyon of Gold," is aptly named—early Jesuit missionaries mined gold along its banks; in the 1870s, Tucsonians who washed the sand looking for gold made \$12 to \$30 for their day's work. Two retirement communities, Sun City Tucson and SaddleBrooke, are within four miles. Its climate is five to 10 degrees cooler and rainfall 50 percent more plentiful than in nearby Tucson. Native trees, grasses and wildflowers are abundant. The clean air, clear skies and lack of city lights offer spectacular starlit nights.

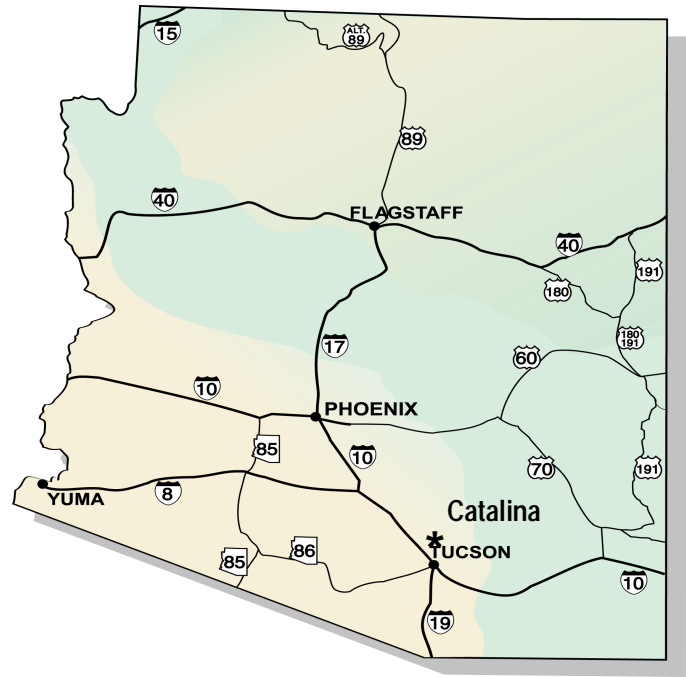
FOUNDED: 1950

COUNTY: Pima County

INCORPORATED: No

ELEVATION: 3,000 feet

DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 12 miles



POPULATION

	1990	1998	1999
Catalina	4,864	6,010	5,765
Pima County	666,880	823,900	845,775
Arizona	3,665,228	4,764,025	4,924,350

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

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

A variety of small retail businesses including a ranch supply store, car dealership, boat marina, golf cart outlet, hardware and flower stores, car wash, travel shop, restaurants, convenience stores and video rental shops, among others, are in Catalina. An insurance agency, interior decorator, barber and beauty shops, real estate offices, post office substation and bank are also available. Catalina residents travel daily to jobs in nearby Tucson and San Manuel.

County Employment

	1990	1999
Agricultural Services, Forestry & Fishing	2,089	
Construction	15,155	21,900
FIRE	11,519	13,500
Manufacturing	27,564	30,400
Mining	2,122	2,000
Services	78,654	111,000
TCPU	9,115	13,700
Trade	54,277	71,700
Wholesale Trade	9,150	

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

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	1998	1999
Civilian Labor Force	1,430	2,372	2,454
Unemployed	95	71	84
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	3.0%	3.4%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	1990	1998	1999
New Building Permits			
Taxable Sales (\$)			
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	4,956,502	74,252,340	82,504,670

Sources: Arizona State University; Arizona Department of Revenue.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Artifacts and petroglyphs of ancient Hohokam Indians are seen throughout the area. Hiking and riding trails in nearby Catalina State Park and Coronado National Forest are popular; ambitious athletes can traverse seven climate zones, ranging from the lower Sonoran desert to an alpine forest, in a day's time. Public lands around Catalina provide easy access to streams and springs that run year-round. Within a short drive are many scenic opportunities: Biosphere II; Picacho Peak State Park, the site of Arizona's only Civil War battle; Tohono Chul Park; Saguaro National Monument; Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; Old Tucson Studio, where many movies have been made; and Kitt Peak National Observatory. The San Xavier Mission, built in the early 1800s, offers a glimpse into the Southwest's heritage.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	1998	1999
Elem/High School	6.88	7.91	7.85
City/Fire District	2.35	1.89	0.00
County	7.06	7.11	7.60
Total	\$16.29	\$16.91	\$15.45

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Property tax in Arizona is based on assessed valuation which is 10 percent of market value for residential property. Average tax rate on homes in Arizona before exemptions and rebates is 1.3% of market value.

Sales Tax Rate

City	0.00%
County	0.00%
State	5.00%

Sources: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Catalina offers a library and a swimming pool. Its Pima County Recreation Center hosts senior and teen activities and serves as a meeting place for local club activities.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 1

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

Airports

No local airport, residents have access to airports in Tucson or Phoenix.

Medical

One county clinic, three dentists and one chiropractor are available.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

There are three large resort-type hotels within a 10-mile radius.

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Greater Catalina/Golder Ranch Village Council.

Utilities

Natural Gas	AmeriGas	520.887.7120
	Blue Flame	520.622.1491
	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Sewer Services	520.326.4333
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	City of Tucson Water Services	520.791.3242
	Lago del Oro Water Co.	520.825.3423
	Los Cerros Water Co.	520.795.5500

Cable Providers: No Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: No Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: No

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	34.3	57.7	1.60
February	36.0	60.4	1.55
March	38.3	64.0	1.85
April	45.0	73.1	0.81
May	53.1	82.5	0.23
June	61.4	91.6	0.34
July	67.3	93.2	2.89
August	65.0	89.7	3.16
September	61.0	87.6	1.84
October	51.5	78.6	1.18
November	40.7	66.2	1.23
December	35.7	58.9	2.23
Yearly Avg	49.1	75.3	18.91

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