

ORO VALLEY

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Oro Valley is in Northwestern Pima County, six miles north of the Tucson city limits. The valley, formed by the Santa Cruz River joining Gold Creek in the Catalina Mountains, covers nearly 32 square miles.

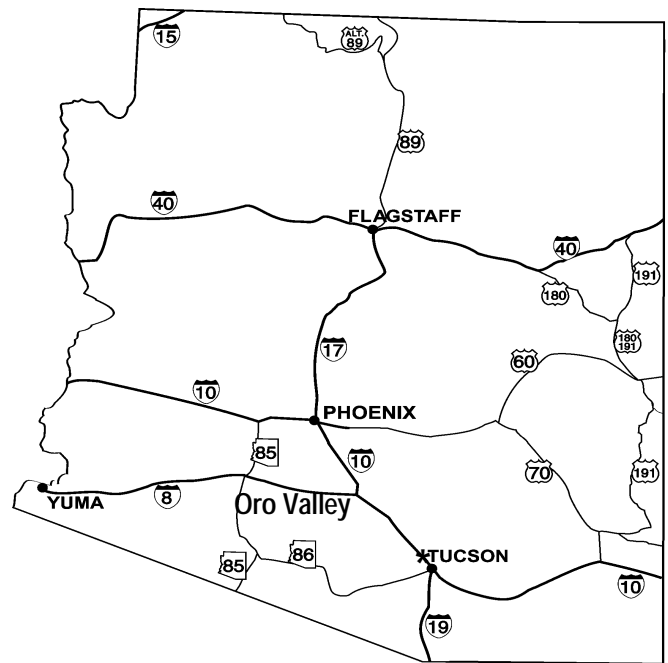
COUNTY: Pima County
 HIGHWAYS: SR 79
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 109 miles

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1974
 ELEVATION: 2,600 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 6 miles

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2001
Oro Valley	6,670	29,700	32,520
Pima County	666,880	843,746	870,610
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,319,895

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
 NOTE: 2002 Town of Oro Valley population is estimated at 34,050



PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Oro Valley is home to a four-diamond resort hotel, the Sheraton El Conquistador. In addition to the El Conquistador, some of Oro Valley's larger employers include the El Conquistador Country Club, Oro Valley Country Club, Town of Oro Valley Government, Canyon Del Oro High School, Vanguard Automation, Selectide, Honeywell and Securaplane. Entertainment and shopping are available in town or in the Tucson metropolitan area.

County Employment	1990	2001
Agriculture		3,658
Construction	14,500	22,000
FIRE	11,400	14,800
Government	55,900	77,400
Manufacturing	26,200	33,900
Mining	2,200	1,900
Services	73,100	116,500
TCPU	9,400	11,700
Trade	59,000	72,100

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 NOTE: 2001 Agriculture figure from 4th Qtr., AZ ES 202 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Major Private Employers

Fry's Food and Drug	Honeywell
Securaplane	Sheraton El Conquistador
Target	Ventana Medical Systems Inc.

Major Public Employers

Amphitheater School District	Canyon del Oro High School
Town of Oro Valley	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2001
Civilian Labor Force	3,188	3,901	3,973
Unemployed	99	74	92
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	1.9%	2.3%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2001
New Bldg. Permit	683*	N/R	1,476
Taxable Sales (\$)	59,479,600	295,694,700	306,579,150
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	57,361,643	220,687,234	257,234,738

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation
 * Incomplete data: One or more months not available; N/R: No Report

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Just east of Oro Valley is Catalina State Park. These pine-covered mountains were called La Iglesia, or the church, by the early Spaniards for their cathedral-like appearance. The 9,000-foot Mount Lemmon, which is the southernmost ski area in the United States, is part of the range. Within short drive from Oro Valley are: Picacho Peak State Park, the site of Arizona's only Civil War battle; the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; Old Tucson Studios; Saguaro National Monuments East and West; San Xavier Mission; and the world-famous Biosphere 2, a three-acre model of the earth's ecosystem. Kitt Peak National Observatory, home of the world's largest solar telescope, is also nearby.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2001
Elem/High School	6.88	6.88	7.44
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	7.06	7.76	7.76
Total	\$13.94	\$14.64	\$15.20

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.00%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Oro Valley offers a broad range of community and cultural facilities including a park with an Olympic-sized swimming pool, racquetball courts and Little League fields. A new 30-acre community park was recently completed and offers a full range of athletic fields. Oro Valley has two county clubs, four 18-hole golf courses and one nine-hole course. Tennis and swimming as well as other recreation activities are available at the country clubs. A variety of sporting events and cultural attractions are available in the Tucson metropolitan area including professional baseball, tennis and golf events, and horse and greyhound racing. Main cultural attractions include the Tucson Community Center, the Sunday Evening Forum, the Tucson Opera Company and the University of Arizona Arts Center.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y

Financial

Number of Banks: 3

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Golden Ranch Fire District & Rural/Metro

Law Enforcement: Town of Oro Valley

Airports Nearby Tucson International Airport and La Cholla Airpark, a private facility west of Oro Valley.

Medical

Urgent Care facility (51,000 sq. ft.) with numerous medical service providers.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 430

Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,200

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the Town of Oro Valley.

Utilities

Electricity	Tucson Electric Power	520.623.7711
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Wastewater Mgmt.	520.740.6609
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Oro Valley Water Utility	520.229.5000

Cable Providers: Yes Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes
 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	34.2	67.0	0.74
February	36.6	71.0	0.79
March	41.0	76.0	0.81
April	47.1	84.7	0.40
May	54.5	93.6	0.07
June	65.8	102.4	0.28
July	73.1	102.7	2.26
August	70.8	100.3	2.05
September	64.9	98.1	1.07
October	53.0	88.4	0.87
November	41.9	76.0	0.71
December	35.3	68.0	1.14
Yearly Avg	51.5	85.7	11.18

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1976. Nearest data available from Cortaro, AZ.

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