

# SOUTH TUCSON

# Community Profile

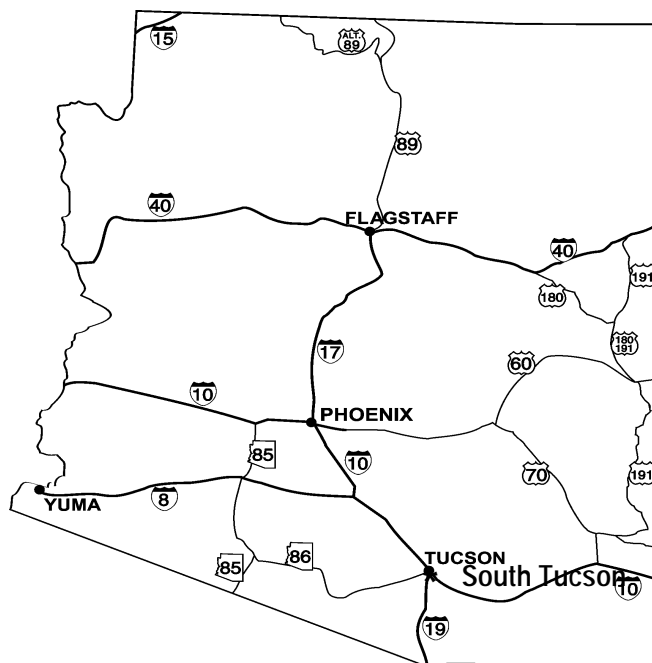
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South Tucson is a mile-square community just south of downtown Tucson, completely surrounded by the city of Tucson. Of the population of about 5,500, 83 percent are Mexican-American and 10 percent are Native American. South Tucson's ethnic character is evident in its widely known Mexican restaurants and its architectural styles, including colorful outdoor murals celebrating its ethnic heritage.

Located at the junction of Interstates 10 and 19 and on the Southern Pacific Railroad line from Tucson to Nogales, South Tucson is favorably situated for transport serving industry and commerce. I-19 is the main highway in the U.S. from Nogales.

COUNTY: Pima County  
 HIGHWAYS: I-10; I-19  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 117 miles  
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1940  
 ELEVATION: 2,389 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 1 mile



## POPULATION

	1990	2000	2001
South Tucson	5,093	5,490	5,490
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 City of South Tucson population is estimated at 5,520

## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

South Tucson is home to Tucson Greyhound Park and is known for some of the finest Mexican restaurants in Souther Arizona.

Additional commercial development is being attracted by infrastructure improvements, modern city services, and a central urban location with small town friendly service. More than 300 businesses call South Tucson home.

<u>County Employment</u>	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.

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2001
Civilian Labor Force	1,704	2,015	2,076
Unemployed	198	149	184
Unemployment Rate	11.6%	7.4%	8.9%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	1990	2000	2001
New Bldg. Permit	57	24	9
Taxable Sales (\$)	52,271,500	66,911,920	73,636,360
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	12,023,671	14,298,955	16,294,223

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

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

South Tucson is a vital, if small part of the thriving Tucson metropolitan area (33rd largest in the nation). The University of Arizona is a short distance away. Davis Monthan Air Force Base and Hughes Missile Company are also nearby. The internationally known Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, just west of town, is one of the top 10 zoos in the country. Tucson also boasts a symphony, an opera, a major theater and several thriving small theaters. The Milwaukee Brewers' top farm team is the AAA Tucson Toros.

South Tucson co-sponsors the annual Nortefio Music Festival and street fair which celebrates the music and culture of northern Mexico and United States border areas every Labor Day weekend.

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## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2001
Elem/High School	6.25	9.05	9.81
City/Fire District	0.14	0.29	0.28
Countywide	7.06	7.76	7.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13.45</b>	<b>\$17.10</b>	<b>\$17.85</b>

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

## Sales Tax Rate

City	2.50%
County	0.00%
State	5.60%

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

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of South Tucson has a library with the largest Spanish language collection in the Tucson library system, a soccer field, two neighborhood centers and a South Tucson Youth Center.

### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N

### Financial

Number of Banks: 2

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

### Airports

Tucson International Airport (15-min away)

### Medical

Pima County Neighborhood Service Center (Centro del Sur) includes a health clinic.

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 100

## Industrial Properties

For more information contact the City of South Tucson.

## 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	City of Tucson Water Services	520.791.3242

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

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	38.6	64.7	0.90
February	40.9	68.2	0.75
March	44.6	73.0	0.73
April	50.6	81.3	0.31
May	58.3	90.0	0.18
June	67.8	99.4	0.25
July	73.7	99.2	2.30
August	72.3	97.0	2.29
September	67.6	94.1	1.38
October	56.8	84.6	0.96
November	45.2	72.9	0.62
December	39.1	65.3	0.99
Yearly Avg	54.6	82.5	11.65

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-2001. Average Total Snowfall 1.3".

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