

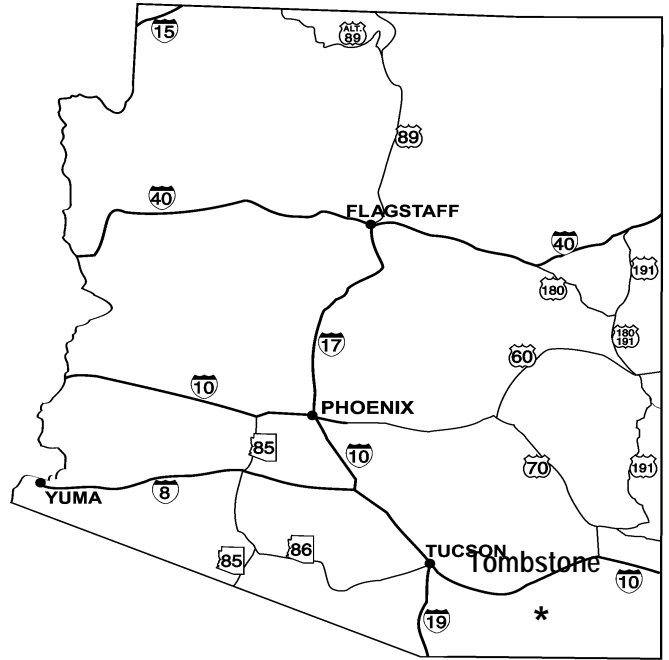
TOMBSTONE

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Tombstone is probably the most famous mining town in America. In the 1870s, prospector Ed Schieffelin left Ft. Huachuca in search of silver in an area heavily populated by Apaches. He was told all he would find would be his tombstone, meaning the Indians would surely get him. Thus, he named his first silver mine Tombstone, & became the town name. Notorious for saloons, gambling houses & the Earp-Clanton shoot-out at OK Corral, Tombstone grew quickly & was known as the most cultivated city in the West. This boomtown came to an end in 1911. Having survived the Great Depression & removal of the County Seat to Bisbee, Tombstone in the 1930s became known as the "Town Too Tough To Die."

COUNTY: Cochise County INCORPORATED: Yes - 1881
 HIGHWAYS: ST 80, I-10 ELEVATION: 4,540 feet
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 181 miles DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 70 miles
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE



POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Tombstone	1,220	1,504	1,520
Cochise County	97,624	117,755	121,435
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 Tombstone population is estimated at 1,535

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Tombstone's economy has changed drastically since its days as a mining town. Its colorful history is the key factor for steady growth. In 1962, the Department of the Interior designated Tombstone a Registered Historical Landmark. A restoration zone was established and a commission organized for the preservation of its landmarks. Tourism is a mainstay of the economy. The mild year-round climate and low humidity make Tombstone an attractive place for retirement.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2001</u>
Agriculture	59	1,234
Construction	900	2,175
FIRE	650	750
Manufacturing	1,450	975
Mining	100	*
Services	4,975	8,975
TCPU	1,550	1,275
Trade	5,575	7,900

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 NOTE: 2001 Agriculture figure from 4th Qtr., AZ ES 2002 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Data unavailable due to confidentiality issues or No data available.

Major Private Employers

Adobe Lodge	Best Western Hotel
Larian Motel	Old Tombstone Historical Tours
Silver Hills Trading Co.	Wm. Brown Holster Co.

Major Public Employers

City of Tombstone	Tombstone Public Library
Tombstone Unified High School Dist.	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Civilian Labor Force	482	512	535
Unemployed	27	20	21
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	3.9%	3.9%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
New Bldg. Permit	25	26	30
Taxable Sales (\$)	9,557,179	19,925,240*	20,668,280*
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	3,678,051	6,796,155	6,868,869

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation
 * Jurisdiction levied at more than one rate during the fiscal year. Rate shown is the rate charged on most transactions.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Cochise County, including Tombstone, is the site of a fascinating chapter in American history. It was home to the notorious Apache Indians, Cochise & Geronimo. Chiricahua Natl. Monument, the Cochise Stronghold, Ft. Huachuca & the 1877 Calvary Post Museum preserve Indian and pioneer heritage. Tombstone's historic buildings include the Courthouse, built in 1882 & now a state park; the Rose Tree Museum, three churches, Bird Cage Theater, Crystal Palace Saloon, & Big Nose Kate's Saloon. Tombstone offers daily historic stagecoach tours. Tombstone's early days are re-enacted in October during the Helldorado Celebration. Daily shows, shoot-outs depicts the town's western heritage at the OK Corral, Helldorado Amphitheater and Six Gun City.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2001
Elem/High School	4.88	7.40	5.61
City/Fire District	1.39	1.33	1.33
Countywide	6.26	5.70	5.69
Total	\$12.53	\$14.43	\$12.63

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.50%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Tombstone offers a wide range of community facilities including a library, four museums, three parks, two lighted tennis courts, a swimming pool, and a lighted baseball field.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 2

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Tombstone Municipal Airport

4,500-ft. hard surface runway/14 tie-down locations/UNICOM radio

Medical

Harold O. Love Tombstone Healthcare Ctr. is open Tue/Thurs by appt., telephone 1-877-586-9111.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 200

Industrial Properties

For more information contact the City of Tombstone or the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-5405
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Tombstone) water & sew	520.457.3562

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	34.6	60.0	0.88
February	36.9	63.6	0.76
March	40.4	68.9	0.64
April	46.3	77.1	0.26
May	53.7	85.3	0.21
June	62.2	94.3	0.51
July	65.6	92.9	3.43
August	64.3	90.1	3.36
September	60.5	87.8	1.52
October	51.4	79.5	0.83
November	41.5	68.5	0.64
December	35.4	60.2	0.94
Yearly Avg	49.4	77.3	13.98

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1893-2001. Average Total Snowfall 2.7".

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