

# Black Canyon City

## Community Profile

### Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Black Canyon takes its name from the malpais (Spanish: "bad land," i.e. volcanic) formation of its walls which have a black appearance. The canyon was used by stage drivers and freighters, since the road along its bottom connected military forts in the early days. The Black Canyon highway follows the old road, but it cut through the high sides of the canyon. At points, one can look down to the canyon floor and see signs of the old trail. The first post office was established as Canon in 1894 and discontinued in 1906. The current post office was established in 1955 as Black Canyon. Black Canyon City is located on the Black Canyon Highway between Phoenix and Flagstaff.

### Basic Information

Founded: 1955  
Incorporated: No  
Elevation: 1,974  
Located in Yavapai County  
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-17

Distance to Major Cities:  
Phoenix: 43 miles  
Tucson: 159 miles

### Population

	1990	2000	2006
Black Canyon City	1,811	2,697	N/A
Yavapai County	107,714	167,517	213,285
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau  
N/A: Population estimates for this community are not available.

### Principal Economic Activities

Black Canyon City was formerly called Black Canyon and was a rural mining community. Today, most businesses are family owned. Other residents may work in the Prescott or Phoenix area.

### County Employment

	2006
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	12,300
Government	11,500
Mining and Construction	9,200
Educational and Health Services	8,900
Leisure and Hospitality	7,900
Professional and Business Services	5,200
Manufacturing	3,800
Financial Activities	2,400
Other Services	2,200
Information	600

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

### Major Private Employers

Blue Mountain Market  
Canyon Creek Ranch  
Rock Springs  
Ron's Market  
The Spot

### Major Public Employers

Canon School District  
Yavapai College, Black Canyon City Campus



### Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	592	1,318	1,656
Unemployed	31	52	61
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	3.9%	3.7%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

### Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
Net Assessed Value (\$)	0	10.2 million	18.4 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation  
Net Assessed Value data not available for 1990

### Scenic Attractions

Black Canyon City's location is situated in a valley in the Bradshaw Mountain foothills. The valley was carved out by two major rivers, the Agua Fria and Black Canyon. Jack Swillings built his home in 1871. At one time, it served as a stage coach station and is the oldest standing dwelling in the community. A metal sculpture, built by late resident Will Smith, is in front of the Black Canyon City Community Library. The sculpture is of a story teller telling of Indian lore. The 1910 stage coach station is still in operation selling antiques, hunting and fishing licenses. High Desert Park is a 75-acre park with hiking trails and picnic benches.

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### Community Facilities

Black Canyon City offers a range of community facilities including a library, civic center, community park with hall, and Canon School Gymnasium, for cultural or civic events.

#### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
Community College	Y	N

#### Financial

Number of banks: 1

#### Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office

#### Medical

Medical center staffed with medical professionals open eight hours a day, five days a week.

#### Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 12

Meeting Rooms: n/a

Capacity of Largest Facility: n/a

#### Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Black Canyon City Chamber of Commerce at (623) 374-9797 or visit their website at [www.blackcanyoncity.org](http://www.blackcanyoncity.org).

#### Utilities

Electricity	APS	602.371.7171
Natural Gas	Source gas services	1.800.563.0012
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	BCC Water Improvement District	623.374.9408
Water	Coldwater Canyon Water Co.	623.374.0241

Cable Providers: Y

Digital Switching Station: Y

Internet Service Provider: Y

Cable Internet Service Provider: N

Fiber Optics: N

### Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	0.00	7.03	4.57
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	3.00
Countywide	5.14	4.18	3.70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5.14</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>11.27</b>

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation

Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

#### Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.75%
State	5.60%

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

### Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
	55.9	83.6	15.3
January	40.3	66.0	1.6
February	42.9	68.8	1.9
March	45.9	72.9	1.9
April	51.2	80.7	0.6
May	59.1	89.8	0.2
June	68.1	99.5	0.2
July	75.2	102.8	1.3
August	73.8	100.6	2.3
September	68.7	95.6	1.3
October	58.3	86.1	1.1
November	47.2	74.0	1.3
December	40.7	66.1	1.7

Source: Western Regional Climate Center

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1959-2004.

Average Total Snowfall 0.1". Nearest data available from Castle Hot Springs, AZ.

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