

Buckeye

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Buckeye is located at the confluence of the Gila and Hassayampa Rivers. The town prides itself on its quality lifestyle and family-oriented environment. In its three generations, Buckeye citizens have withstood floods and drought and managed to transform the desert land into a green and productive valley. The town is located in the Maricopa County Westside Enterprise Zone, which offers income tax credits and other incentives (up to \$5,000 per employee) for companies locating or expanding into the zone. Buckeye is an Arizona Main Street Community, providing business assistance in organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring for the central business district.

A Main Street community

Basic Information

Founded: 1888
Incorporated: 1929
Elevation: 888
Located in Maricopa County
Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, SR85
Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
Phoenix: 30 miles
Tucson: 158 miles

Population

	1990	2000	2006
Buckeye	4,436	8,497	31,745
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,792,675
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,305,210

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau
Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 5,038). Revised 2000 Census population figure (original: 6,537).

Principal Economic Activities

Buckeye has a balanced economy and employment base. Agriculture is a predominant and valued employer. The Buckeye area is among the largest producers of Pima cotton. Gins process the cotton for shipment worldwide. Buckeye also contributes to Maricopa County in leading the nation in cotton production per acre. A renewable supply of water from the Roosevelt and Buckeye Irrigation Canals contributes to the continued prosperity of agriculture in the Buckeye area.

County Employment

	2006
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	373,800
Professional and Business Services	321,200
Government	212,400
Educational and Health Services	187,000
Mining and Construction	184,600
Leisure and Hospitality	174,900
Financial Activities	151,100
Manufacturing	132,900
Other Services	68,500
Information	32,100

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

Major Private Employers

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Wal-Mart Distributon Center

Major Public Employers

Arizona Department of Corrections
Arizona Public Service
Buckeye Elementary School Dist.
Buckeye Union High School
Town of Buckeye



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2006
Civilian Labor Force	2,226	2,797	3,349
Unemployed	230	118	153
Unemployment Rate	10.3%	4.2%	4.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2006
New Bldg. Permits	5	0	2,772
Taxable Sales (\$)	23.5 million	72.3 million	823.7 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	20.5 million	33.2 million	193.6 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation
1990 and 2006 New building data incomplete: One or more months not available;
No report issued in 2000.

Scenic Attractions

Several regional parks that surround Buckeye offer golfing, hiking, climbing and other recreation. Buckeye Hills Regional Park provides facilities for day visitors and a shooting range. Robins Butte Wildlife Sanctuary, along with other portions of the Gila River, have opportunities for bird and wildlife viewing. The Sun Valley Parkway takes visitors into vast areas of Sonoran Desert, with scenic vistas and views of surrounding mountains. The Parkway extends the length of the scenic White Tank Mountains and connects with Wickenburg Highway at Sun City West. The Hellzapoppin rodeo, street fair, car show and demolition derby are held in November. Other events include Pioneer Days and the Buckeye Bluegrass Festival in the spring, the senior pro rodeo in February, and a Halloween Carnival.

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Community Facilities

The Town of Buckeye offers a broad range of community facilities including two libraries, one museum, an auditorium that seats 550, a community center, Helzapoppin' Rodeo Arena and several parks with baseball, basketball, soccer, handball, football fields and tennis courts. Buckeye Hills Regional Park is five miles to the west of Buckeye, while the White Tanks Regional Park is 15 miles northeast.

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

Financial

Number of banks: 2

Government

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Buckeye Municipal Airport, adjacent to I-10, has several companies located at the airport with more growth expected.

Medical

Southwest Family Medicare, AZ Internal Medicine Clinic

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms:
Meeting Rooms:
Capacity of Largest Facility: 60

Industrial Properties:

Reasonably priced land is available within easy access to the interstate. The town offers incentives to potential employers which add to the image of the Buckeye area. A listing is available from the Planning & Development Department, Town of Buckeye.

Utilities

Electricity	APS	602.371.7171
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	602.861.1999
Telephone	U.S. West Communications (Phoenix)	602.490.1234

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: N

Cable Internet Service Provider: N
Fiber Optics: N

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2006
Elementary/High Schools	6.45	7.17	10.92
City/Fire District	2.77	1.56	1.34
Countywide	3.51	3.35	2.74
Totals	12.73	12.08	15.00

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

NOTE: Buckeye Union High School participates in Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC).

Sales Tax

	2006
City/Town	0.00%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	43.3	65.7	1.1
February	46.2	71.2	1.2
March	50.1	78.6	1.0
April	56.3	87.9	0.2
May	65.2	97.6	0.1
June	73.0	107.7	0.0
July	79.2	111.9	0.3
August	79.3	110.0	0.7
September	71.7	103.3	0.4
October	59.5	90.6	0.4
November	49.3	75.0	0.4
December	42.3	65.5	0.5
Yearly Avg.	59.6	88.7	6.2

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1893-2003.
Average Total Snowfall 0.0."

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