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Population Estimates

Pima County

Pima Association of Governments' July 2009 estimate for Pima County population is 1,018,012.

Only 5 counties larger in population grew more rapidly from 2000 to 2008. Of the 100 largest counties, Pima was 15th most rapidly growing from 2000 to 2008 at 19.3%. In 1990, Pima County had a population of 666,880 and based on Census 2000, the April 1, 2000, population was 843,746. Pima County was the nation's 68th largest county in 1990, 53rd largest in 2000, and 40th largest in 2008. From 1990 to 2000, Pima County ranked 27th greatest in absolute change.

Tucson Metropolitan Area

The Tucson Metropolitan Area (Pima County) was ranked 52nd largest in 2007 compared to 58th largest in 2000. The Phoenix Metropolitan Area was 12th largest and New York was 1st. Of the 51 metropolitan areas larger than Tucson, only 10 grew more rapidly, in percentages, between 2000 and 2007.

Tucson

The PAG estimated Tucson population for July 2009 is 543,566. Tucson, which currently covers 230,276 square miles, was the 45th largest U.S. city in 1980, 34th largest in 1990, and 32nd largest in 2008. Based on Census 2000, the April 1, 2000, population was 486,699 (see table below).

Tucson/Pima County Population/Estimates, 1970-2020:

YEAR	TUCSON	PIMA CO.
1970	262,933	351,666
1980	330,537	531,433
1985	376,195	611,471
1990	405,390	666,880
1995	442,910	758,585
2000	486,699	843,746
2005	529,770	957,345
2010*	546,569	1,025,000
2015*	589,656	1,132,440
2020*	640,092	1,258,529

*PAG unofficial projections

Tucson grew 20 percent in population and 24 percent in area from 1990 to 2000. Of the 273 U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, Tucson's growth was 71st greatest in percent change, and 23rd greatest in absolute change from 1990 to 2000. Only seven cities larger than Tucson grew at a more rapid rate from 2000 to 2008; five cities larger than Tucson lost population during the same time period.

The Tucson Metropolitan Area was 58th largest in 2000, and only 10 larger metro areas grew faster. Much of the growth over the next 20 years will be driven by working age people moving here for employment opportunities. In 2002, the Tucson urbanized area was 69th most dense of the 141 urban areas with populations over 250,000, in the United States and Canada.

The City of Tucson is nearly as large in population as the State of Wyoming and in area is more than three times the size of Washington, D.C. In 2000, Tucson was the nation's 30th largest city. By 2030, Tucson will be larger than three states and Washington, D.C.

Pima County is larger in population than seven states (WY, VT, SD, ND, DE, AK, and MT) and Washington, D.C. By 2030, Pima County will be larger than 10 states, plus the District of Columbia. Pima County is larger in area than Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, D.C. or Delaware. Pima County is approximately the area of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts or Hawaii. Pima County (Tucson Metropolitan Area) and reached 1,000,000 in population in November, 2006.

Comparison to Other States:

	2005	2009	2030
U.S.	295,753,151	307,006,550	363,584,435
Wyoming	506,243	544,270	522,979
Tucson	529,770	543,566	800,900
D.C.	582,049	599,657	433,414
Vermont	618,814	621,760	711,867
North Dakota	635,365	646,844	606,566
Alaska	669,488	698,473	867,674
South Dakota	780,084	812,383	800,462
Delaware	839,906	885,122	1,012,658

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- 2009 Metropolitan Population Ranking
- Official State Population Estimates - July 1, 2009 (18.6KB PDF)
- 2009 State Population Estimates (41.0KB XLS)
- 100 Largest Counties - 2009
- Cities over 100,000 population - 2008 (159.7KB PDF)
- Top 50 countries (37.7KB PDF)
- More population estimate information may be found at Arizona Department of Commerce
- Estimates and Projections

Montana	934,801	974,989	1,044,898
Maine	1,311,631	1,318,301	1,152,941
Rhode Island	1,064,989	1,053,209	1,411,097
Hawaii	1,266,117	1,295,178	1,466,046
Pima Co.	957,635	1,018,012	1,506,106

Population Milestones:

YEAR	PIMA CO.
	POPULATION (100 K increments)
1946	100,000
1955	200,000
1963	300,000
1972	400,000
1978	500,000
1985	600,000
1993	700,000
1998	800,000
2003	900,000
2006	1,000,000
2014	1,100,000
2018	1,200,000
2022	1,300,000
2026	1,400,000
2030	1,500,000

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Permits by Jurisdiction: 2005 - 2008

Jurisdiction	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008 % of Metro
Tucson Metro Area	12,465	8,518	5,589	3,331	
Unincorporated Pima Co	4,924	3,438	2,093	1,220	36.6%
Tucson	2,805	2,480	1,324	597	17.9%
Oro Valley	751	350	345	225	6.8%
Marana	1,776	799	577	259	7.8%
Sahuarita	1,639	1,240	767	744	22.3%
So. Tucson	8	8	12	6	0.2%
So. Pinal Co.	562	203	371	280	8.4%

Source: Pima County Real Estate Research Council
(not counting mobile home/manf.housing permits)