

Wickenburg

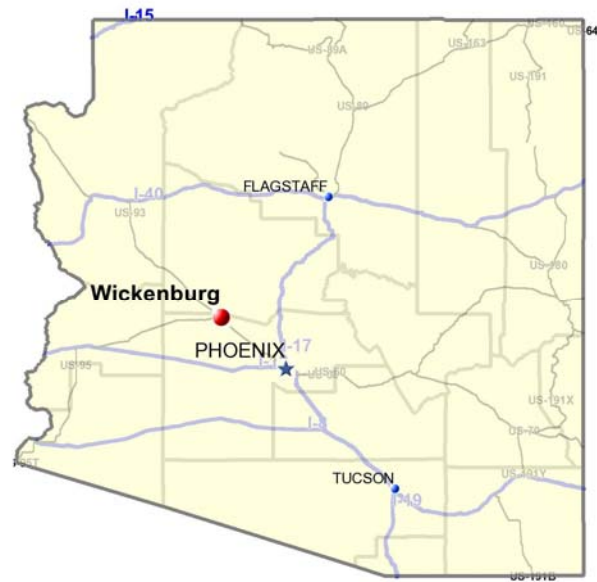
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Wickenburg lies in the foothills of the Bradshaw Mountains, along the banks of the Hassayampa River. The oldest town north of Tucson, it boasts a rich Western history which is still evident today. In 1863, Henry Wickenburg, for whom the town is named, discovered the Vulture Mine which in time became the richest gold-producing mine in Arizona's history. In the early 1900s, as the mine played out, ranching and tourism took over as economic mainstays in the area. Today, Wickenburg offers a relaxing Western life style with a full range of municipal and private sector services.

Founded: 1888
 Incorporated: 1909
 Elevation: 2,070
 County: Maricopa County
 Nearby Highways: US 60 and US 93

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 58 miles
 Tucson: 169 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2007
Wickenburg	4,515	5,082	6,380
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,907,492
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,500,194

Sources: AZ. Dept. of Commerce and U.S. Census Bureau

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Traditionally, tourism, cattle ranching and agriculture have been the main economic activities in Wickenburg. In 1964, Wickenburg began to diversify its economic base by developing an industrial airpark to attract manufacturing firms. Nine light industrial users occupy parts of the park. To encourage more diversification, the town has developed and sold Phase II (15 acres) of the industrial airpark with complete curb-high infrastructure and town services adjacent to established manufacturers.

County Employment

	2007
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	380,000
Professional and Business Services	320,700
Government	218,300
Education and Health Services	200,700
Leisure and Hospitality	181,700
Mining and Construction	167,700
Financial Activities	152,100
Manufacturing	133,300
Other Services	68,600
Information	31,000

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	1,985	2,158	2,668
Unemployment	101	32	38
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	1.5%	1.4%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2007
New Bldg. Permits	59	42	20
Taxable Sales	39.2 mil	89.7 mil	80 mil
Net Assessed Value (\$)	7.7 mil	11.8 mil	18.6 mil

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation.
 Note: 2000 and 2007 New building permit data incomplete: One or more months not available

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

The Wickenburg area features a wide range of attractions, including the Vulture Mine, which produced over \$30 million in gold. A hiking guide detailing Vulture Peak information is available from the Chamber of Commerce. Robson's Arizona Mining World and nearby jeep tours are also available. Information online at www.wickenburgchamber.com. The Desert Caballeros Western Museum showcases an acclaimed collection of Western art and artifacts and offers downtown visitors a landscaped park and rest area with statuary. A walking tour of historic buildings is also a highlight of the downtown area. The Hassayampa River Preserve provides a self-guided nature trail along Palm Lake and the banks of the Hassayampa River. The preserve is home to over 220 species of birds.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2007
Elementary/High School	\$ 5.57	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.40
City/Fire District	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.53
Countywide	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.47
Totals	\$10.31	\$10.06	\$ 9.40

Source: Arizona Tax Research Foundation.
Note: Tax rate per \$100.00 assessed valuation. School district participates in the Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC).

Sales Tax Rate

City/Town	1.70%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

Source: League of Arizona Cities and Towns

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Town of Wickenburg offers a wide range of community and cultural facilities. There is a community center, a 500-seat Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts, numerous art galleries specialty gift shops, the Desert Caballeros western museum, a library, a swimming pool, two golf courses, a nature preserve, several tennis courts, a rodeo arena and three parks.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

Financial

Number of banks: 5

Government

Fire Department: Volunteer
Law Enforcement: Town Police Department

Medical

Wickenburg Regional Health Center

Airport

Wickenburg Municipal Airport: paved/lighted 5,050-ft. runway, paved parking, hangars, fuel (regular/jet), repair services & UNICOM radio

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 450
Meeting Rooms: 12
Capacity of Largest Facility: 500

Industrial Properties

Phase II: developed acres of 160-acre total for light industry, air and highway access. Current information available from the Town of Wickenburg at 928.684.5451 or www.ci.wickenburg.az.us.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Electricity	Town of Wickenburg	928.684.5451
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Town of Wickenburg	928.684.5451

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

Cable Internet Service: Yes
Fiber Optics: No

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Prec (in.)
January	31.1	64.6	1.2
February	34.3	67.9	1.2
March	38.3	73.1	1.1
April	43.2	81.4	0.5
May	50.2	90.4	0.2
June	58.5	100.1	0.1
July	69.4	103.6	1.3
August	68.5	101.0	1.9
September	60.3	96.2	1.1
October	48.4	85.7	0.7
November	37.6	73.7	0.8
December	31.5	65.5	1.2
Yearly Avg.	47.6	83.6	11.2

Source: Western Regional Climate Center, www.wrcc.dri.edu.
Period of record 1948 – 2005. Average Snow Depth 1.0".

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