

Apache Junction

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Apache Junction is located on the eastern rim of the Phoenix metropolitan area, near the foot of the scenic Superstition Mountains at the junction of U.S. Highways 60 and 89 and state Highway 88. The community is easily accessible by U.S. 60, the Superstition Freeway. Its climate and proximity to outstanding recreational and historical areas draws over 40,000 winter visitors and retirees annually. More than 800 retail and service businesses currently operate within the city. A variety of life styles are offered in Apache Junction, including western rural acreage, urban single-family residential neighborhoods, adult-only retirement clusters and mixed age-group living areas.

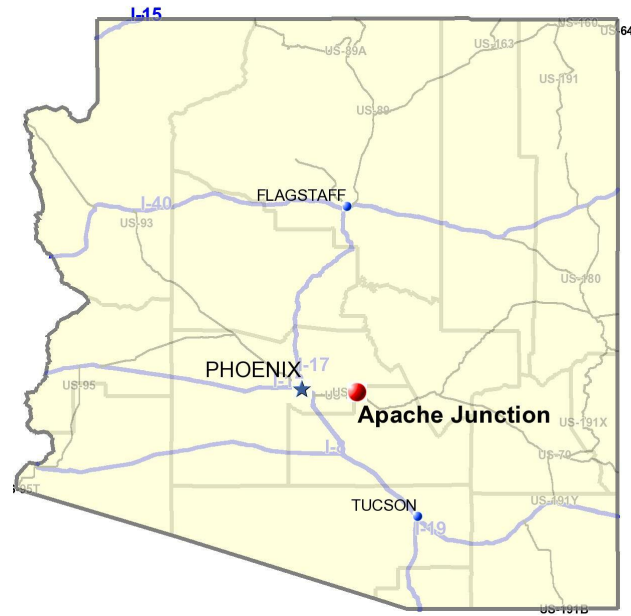
A Main Street community

11-27-06: The Apache Junction Fire District was issued a Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) bond of \$9.5 million.

Basic Information

Founded: 1950
 Incorporated: 1978
 Elevation: 1,715
 Located in Pinal County
 Nearby Highways: HWYS I-10, US 60
 Enterprise Zone available

Distance to Major Cities:
 Phoenix: 36 miles
 Tucson: 128 miles



Population

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2007 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Apache Junction | 18,092 | 31,814 | 37,529 |
| Pinal County | 116,397 | 179,727 | 327,670 |
| Arizona | 3,665,228 | 5,130,632 | 6,500,194 |

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and US Census Bureau
 Revised 1990 Census population figure (original: 18,100).

Principal Economic Activities

Employment figures for Apache Junction do not truly represent its economic activity; proximity to metropolitan Phoenix gives a far more realistic indication of the area's economic base. Apache Junction's economy is based almost exclusively on recreation and retirement. Most commercial services in the area cater to tourists and recreation seekers on their way to Arizona's central lakes and forests. Extensive developments and accommodations serve many retired persons and winter visitors.

County Employment

| | 2007 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Government | 18,875 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 8,900 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 4,725 |
| Educational and Health Services | 4,175 |
| Mining and Construction | 4,125 |
| Manufacturing | 3,900 |
| Financial Activities | 3,550 |
| Professional and Business Services | 3,550 |
| Other Services | 1,625 |
| Information | 1,500 |

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

Labor Force Data

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2007 |
|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 7,381 | 14,134 | 18,785 |
| Unemployed | 353 | 453 | 635 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.8% | 3.2% | 3.4% |

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Growth Indicators

| | 1990 | 2000 | 2007 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| New Bldg. Permits | 292 | 985 | 713 |
| Taxable Sales (\$) | 151.6 million | 348.3 million | 577.6 million |
| Net Assessed Value (\$) | 94 million | 169.8 million | 442.2 million |

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Foundation

Scenic Attractions

Apache Junction's main scenic attractions are the Superstition Mountains, which are reputed to be the site of the Lost Dutchman Mine. Many people are still challenged by the thought of discovering the Lost Mine and search the mountains for its location. The name of the mountains, of which Superstition Peak at 5,057 feet is the highest, can be attributed to the legends and stories of the nearby Pima Indians. The Apache Trail, which winds north from Apache Junction, is an exceptionally scenic mountain drive to recreation areas such as Canyon, Apache and Roosevelt lakes, all located in the Salt River Canyon. U.S. 60, to the east, leads to the active mining towns of Globe, Miami and Superior.

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Community Facilities

Apache Junction offers a range of community facilities. There is a city library, senior center, community swimming pool and nine park sites with amenities such as playgrounds, picnic facilities, ball fields as well as basketball, racketball and tennis courts. The city also operates a municipal rodeo arena and events center. A 1,600-acre multi-use municipal park stretches along the city's northern and eastern boundaries and provides opportunities for horseback riding, hiking and activities such as bird watching.

Educational Institutions

| | Public | Private |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Elementary | Y | N |
| Middle School | Y | N |
| High School | Y | N |
| Technical | N | Y |
| Community College | Y | N |
| University 4 year | Y | N |

Financial

Number of banks: 2

Government

Fire Department: Fire District
Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Falcon Field (15 miles west) and Williams Gateway - military reuse (6 miles southwest) both located in nearby Mesa.

Medical

Complete facilities in Mesa, 6 miles.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 260
Meeting Rooms: 4
Capacity of Largest Facility: 250

Industrial Properties:

Information available upon request. Contact the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce.

Utilities

| | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Electricity | Salt River Project | 602.236.8888 |
| Natural Gas | Southwest Gas Corporation | 602.861.1999 |
| Sewer | Superstition Mtns. Comm. Fac. Dist. | 480.983.2212 |
| Telephone | Qwest (statewide) | 800.244.1111 |
| Water | Arizona Water Co. | 602.240.6860 |

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

Taxes

| Property Tax Rate | 1990 | 2000 | 2007 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Elementary/High Schools | 6.81 | 7.98 | 5.90 |
| City/Fire District | 1.92 | 2.53 | 2.29 |
| Countywide | 7.46 | 7.63 | 6.30 |
| Totals | 16.19 | 18.14 | 14.49 |

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

NOTE: School district participates in the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT).

Sales Tax

| | 2007 |
|-----------|-------|
| City/Town | 2.20% |
| County | 1.10% |
| State | 5.60% |

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

Weather

| | Avg. Low (°F) | Avg. High (°F) | Precip. (in.) |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| January | 34.7 | 66.0 | 0.8 |
| February | 37.0 | 70.3 | 0.7 |
| March | 40.0 | 75.0 | 0.9 |
| April | 44.9 | 82.8 | 0.4 |
| May | 51.8 | 91.7 | 0.1 |
| June | 60.1 | 100.5 | 0.1 |
| July | 71.1 | 102.8 | 1.0 |
| August | 70.0 | 101.0 | 1.1 |
| September | 62.6 | 97.3 | 0.6 |
| October | 51.9 | 87.1 | 0.8 |
| November | 41.4 | 75.0 | 0.6 |
| December | 35.7 | 66.9 | 1.1 |
| Yearly Avg. | 50.1 | 84.7 | 8.1 |

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1976.
Nearest data available from Falcon Field, AZ.

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