

# ELOY

# Community Profile

## Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Eloy is an agricultural/travel/commercial center located along the growth corridor between Phoenix and Tucson. In 1902, the Southern Pacific Railroad built a switch about six miles west of Picacho, which they named Eloy. In 1918, W.L. Bernard, J.E. Meyer and John Alsdorf purchased the east half of the Eloy section and drilled a well. They subdivided the land and called it Cotton City. They also bought land west of Eloy and divided it into tracts for raising cotton. In 1919 an application was made for a post office, but the name Cotton City was rejected in favor of Eloy.

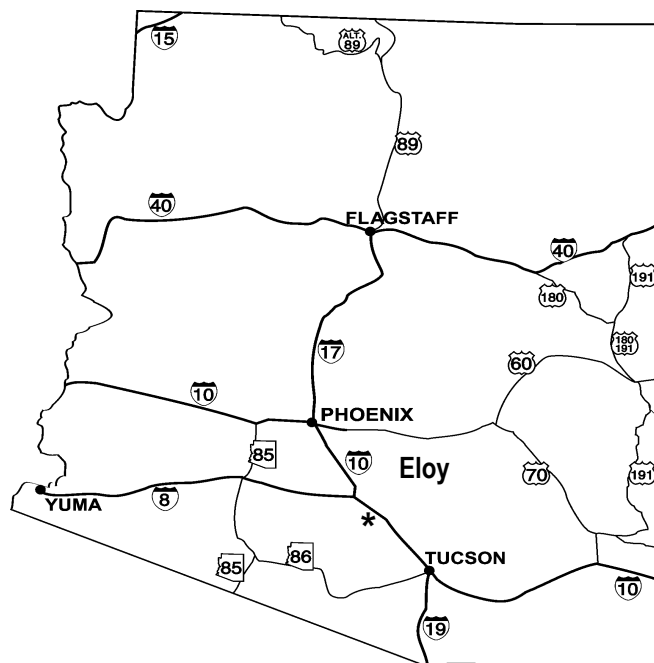
FOUNDED: 1902  
 COUNTY: Pinal County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 69 miles  
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, I-8  
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1949  
 ELEVATION: 1,565 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 52 miles

## POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Eloy	7,211	10,375	10,535
Pinal County	116,397	179,727	218,285
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.



## PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Eloy is in the Santa Cruz Basin, one of the state's most fertile agricultural areas with more than 100,000 irrigable acres. Cattle ranching is also important. Eloy, midway between Phoenix and Tucson, is a convenient stopping place for travelers. Its location on the Southern Pacific Railroad's main line and at the I-10/I-8 junction makes it convenient for industries where transportation is a key factor. Skydive Arizona, one of the nation's largest skydiving centers, is at Eloy Municipal Airport.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2004</u>
Educational & Health Svcs	4,000
Financial Activities	875
Government	16,250
Information	300
Leisure & Hospitality	3,350
Manufacturing	2,850
Mining & Construction	2,725
Professional & Business Svcs	2,950
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7,475

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Figures are organized under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS).

## Major Private Employers

HASA of Arizona	Otto Plastics Arizona, LLC
Owens Corning	San Juan Pools
Strocal, Inc.	Townley Manufacturing

## Major Public Employers

City of Eloy	Eloy Elementary School District
Pinal County	Santa Cruz Valley Union HS Dist

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	2,728	4,038	4,680
Unemployed	329	319	502
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	7.9%	10.7%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
New Bldg. Permit	240	74*	193
Taxable Sales (\$)	33,214,957	84,680,700	88,494,100
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	20,115,664	25,202,208	32,715,727

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation

\* Incomplete data: One or more months not available

## SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Picacho Peak is the site of the only Civil War battle in Arizona. The battle is re-enacted each spring. Mt. Newman and the rest of the Picacho Mountains offer a beautiful panorama to the east of Eloy. The Sawtooth Mountains have a very distinctive profile to the south and west. There are abundant facilities at Picacho Peak State Park and the surrounding area. Another point of historic interest is the Casa Grande National Monument, 15 miles north. Picacho Reservoir offers fine fishing with abundant dove and quail hunting in season, as well as bird watching for many rare species. Water enthusiasts enjoy several man-made lakes to the northeast, where they can fish, swim and water ski nearly all year.

## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	6.73	10.89	11.37
City/Fire District	2.38	1.21	1.35
Countywide	7.46	7.63	7.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16.57</b>	<b>\$19.73</b>	<b>\$20.28</b>

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

NOTE: School district participates in the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT).

## Sales Tax Rate

City	3.00%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The City of Eloy offers a range of community facilities, including a library, a recreation center, seven parks, two volleyball courts, an 18-hole Grande Valley Golf Club and a visitors' center. There is also a Little League field, high school football and track fields, three baseball and softball fields, nine outdoor basketball courts and an elementary gymnasium.

### Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

### Financial

Number of Banks: 1

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

### Airports

Eloy Municipal Airport with a lighted, paved 3,900-foot runway.

### Medical

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center is 12 miles northeast of Eloy.

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 391

Meeting Rooms: 5

Capacity of Largest Facility: 150

## Industrial Properties

There are more than 257 acres available in industrial parks, with an additional 300 acres available for development. Most sites have full utilities and access to transportation facilities.

## Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	Electric District 4	520.466.7336
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Municipal (Eloy)	520.466.9201

Cable Providers: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: Yes

Internet Service Provider: Yes

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	36.2	67.7	0.89
February	39.7	71.6	0.87
March	44.2	77.1	0.98
April	50.4	85.6	0.27
May	58.5	94.6	0.17
June	67.1	103.6	0.12
July	74.3	105.1	1.05
August	73.3	102.5	1.64
September	67.1	99.3	0.77
October	55.3	89.5	0.86
November	43.0	76.5	0.74
December	36.4	67.9	1.10
Yearly Avg	53.8	86.7	9.48

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1951-2004. Average Total Snowfall 0.0".

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