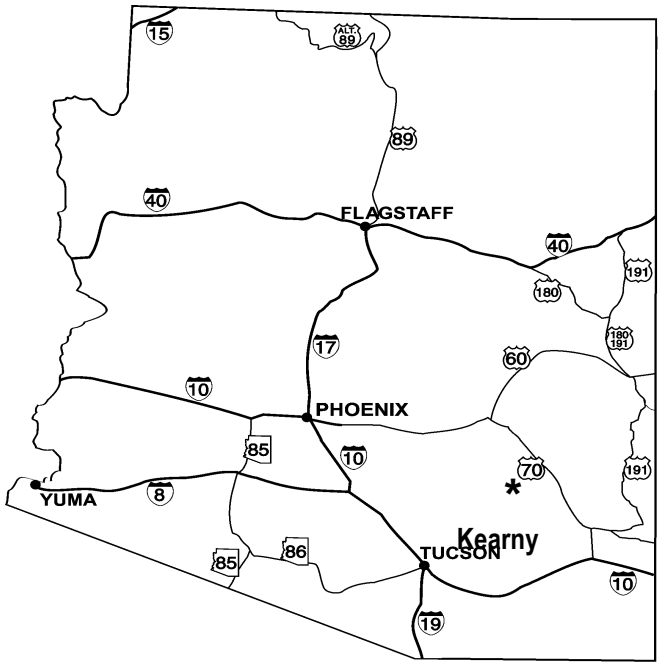
KEARNY

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Kearny is named for General Stephen W. Kearny, leader of the "Army of the West" which explored along the Gila River in 1849-1850. He set up base camp near a site that would later bear his name. Kearny was a planned community built in 1958 for workers at the Kennecott Copper Company open-pit mine and reduction plant. This Pinal County community, located along the Gila River, is almost equidistant from Phoenix and Tucson. From Phoenix, take Interstate 10 east to state Highway 60, continue east on 60 to U.S. 60, east to Superior, turn south on state Highway 177. From Tucson, take U.S. 89 to Oracle Junction, turn northeast on state Highway 77 to Winkelman, turn northwest on state Highway 177.

FOUNDED: 1849
INCORPORATED: Yes - 1959
COUNTY: Pinal County
ELEVATION: 2,020 feet
DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 78 miles
DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 80 miles
HIGHWAYS: US 60; SR 177
ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2004
Kearny	2,262	2,249	2,195
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

Today, American Smelting and Refining Company operates the large open-pit copper mine, reduction plant and smelter near Kearny. The mine, and the company's smelter in Hayden, provide much of the employment for residents in Kearny. Most other employment in Kearny is in the commercial and services sector.

County Employment	2004
Educational & Health Srvs	4,000
Financial Activities	875
Government	16,250
Information	300
Leisure & Hospitality	3,350
Manufacturing	2,850
Mining & Construction	2,725
Professional & Business Srvs	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

ASARCO
General Kearny Inn

Major Public Employers

Ray Unified School District
Town of Kearny

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2004
Civilian Labor Force	934	1,416	1,603
Unemployed	30	27	43
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	1.9%	2.7%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2004
New Bldg. Permit	15	1*	N/R
Taxable Sales ($)	9,485,800	17,622,350	17,791,950
Net Assessed Valuation ($)	3,998,022	4,690,872	5,158,547

Sources: Arizona State University; AZ Dept. of Revenue; AZ Tax Research Foundation
** Incomplete data: one or more months not available; N/R: No report*

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Kearny has Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)(ATV) campsites in the mountain foothills and an 11-acre fishing lake with hiking and campsites. Catfish, bass, bluegill, sunfish, and trout are stocked in the lake. Kearny is in the heart of OHV country. Ray Mines, one of Arizona's largest open-pit mining operations, is 11 miles north. Hills and desert vegetation of the area provide opportunities for the rockhound, photographer, historian, bird watcher, botanist and hunter. Fishing, camping, walking trails and picnicking are popular along portions of the Gila River, which flows through Kearny. Kearny has a 9-hole golf course. Area highways provide dramatic mountain and canyon scenery. A few miles west of nearby Superior is the Thompson Southwest Arboretum, famous for its variety of Southwestern flora.

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TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2004
Elem/High School	5.09	6.43	7.01
City/Fire District	2.41	2.03	2.50
Countywide	7.46	7.63	7.56
Total	$14.96	$16.09	$17.07

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

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

Industrial Properties

An industrial park adjacent to Kearny has sites up to 100 acres available. For additional information contact the Town of Kearny, P.O. Box 639, Kearny, AZ 85237, (520) 363-5547.

Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (Statewide)	800.766.9722
Sanitation	Town of Kearny	520.363.5547
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water & Sewer	Town of Kearny	520.363.5547

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Town of Kearny has a library, community center, three parks, one golf course, a lighted tennis court and many athletic facilities, such as Little League, football, softball, and baseball fields, volleyball and racquetball courts.

Educational Institutions

	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N

Financial

Number of Banks: 2

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports

Globe Airport (46 miles north): Lighted, 4,750-ft. runway & UNICOM radio.

Medical

Kearny has one family health center.

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Number of Rooms: 47

Meeting Rooms: 4

Capacity of Largest Facility: 250

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (ºF) Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
January	29.6	65.0	1.25
February	31.4	69.3	1.06
March	36.3	74.4	1.06
April	40.9	82.5	0.38
May	48.8	92.1	0.28
June	59.0	102.0	0.31
July	69.5	103.3	1.95
August	66.9	100.3	2.62
September	59.2	97.3	1.48
October	46.5	87.3	1.25
November	34.5	73.4	0.86
December	28.8	65.1	1.41
Yearly Avg	46.0	84.3	13.90

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1942-1980. Average Total Snowfall 0.0." Nearest weather data available from Winkelman, AZ.

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