

# 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: 1863

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1909

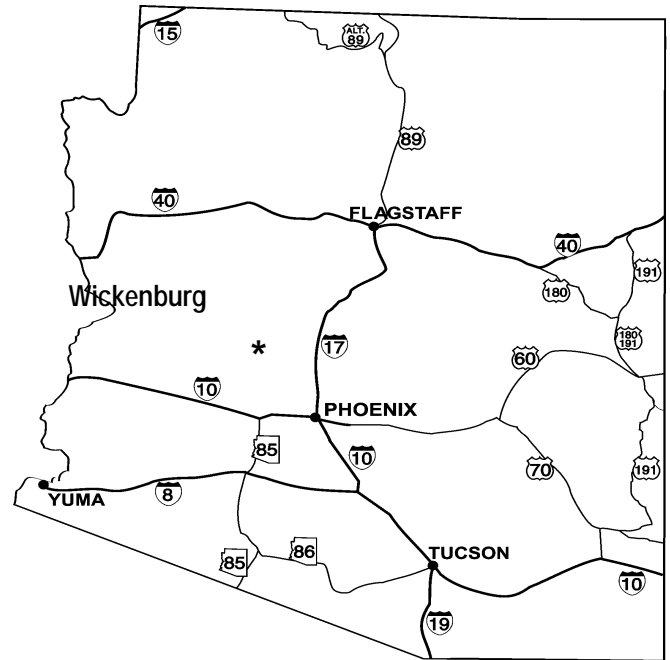
COUNTY: Maricopa County

ELEVATION: 2,070 feet

DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 58 miles

DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 169 miles

HIGHWAYS: US 60 & 93



## POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Wickenburg	4,515	5,082	5,970
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,524,175
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,833,685

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security 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.

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2004</u>
Educational & Health Svcs	168,600
Financial Activities	136,600
Government	204,700
Information	35,500
Leisure & Hospitality	157,200
Manufacturing	127,700
Mining & Construction	139,400
Other Services	6,300
Professional & Business Svcs	268,000
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	332,200

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security

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

## Major Private Employers

Rancho de los Caballeros	Remuda Ranch
Safeway	The Meadows
Wickenburg Regional Medical Center	

## Major Public Employers

Arizona Public Service	Southwest Gas
Town of Wickenburg	Wickenburg Unified School District

## LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Civilian Labor Force	1,976	2,774	3,126
Unemployed	104	91	151
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	3.3%	4.8%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
New Bldg. Permit	59	42*	62*
Taxable Sales (\$)	64,755,820	107,325,100	105,534,471
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	18,654,547	31,509,563	44,142,400

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

\*Incomplete Data: 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](http://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

<u>Property Tax Rate</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004</u>
Elem/High School	5.57	6.00	7.91
City/Fire District	1.23	0.71	0.61
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10.31</b>	<b>\$10.06</b>	<b>\$11.61</b>

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

## Sales Tax Rate

City	1.70%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

## 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

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N

### Financial

Number of Banks: 5

### Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Volunteer

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

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

### Medical

Wickenburg Regional Health Center

### Hotel and Lodging Facilities

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.

## Utilities

Electricity	APS (Statewide)	800.253-9405
	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

Cable Internet Service Provider: Yes

Digital Switching Station: No

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: Yes

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	Precipitation (Inches)
January	31.0	64.5	1.17
February	34.2	67.9	1.21
March	38.2	73.2	1.07
April	43.2	81.4	0.50
May	50.1	90.4	0.18
June	58.5	100.1	0.13
July	69.4	103.6	1.27
August	68.4	101.1	1.93
September	60.3	96.2	1.14
October	48.3	85.8	0.67
November	37.6	73.7	0.76
December	31.5	65.5	1.19
Yearly Avg	47.6	83.6	11.23

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1908-2004. Average Total Snowfall .2".

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