

# APACHE JUNCTION

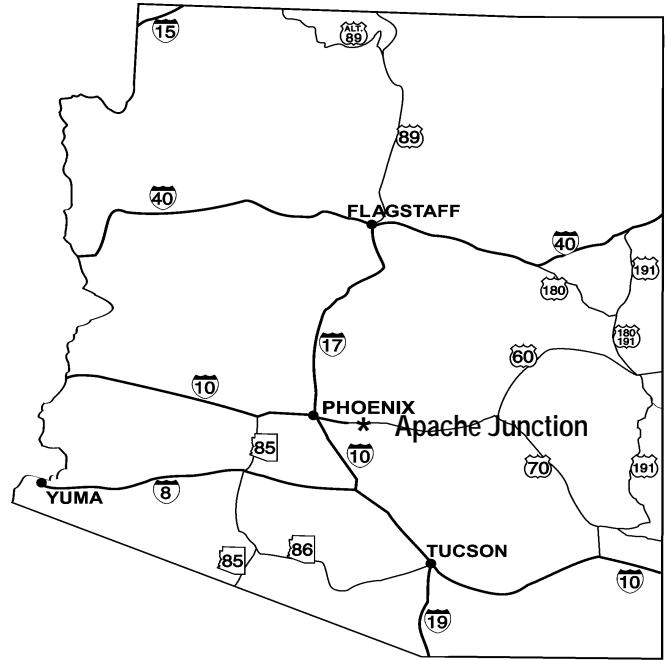
## Community Profile

### 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.

HIGHWAYS: I-10, US 60  
 COUNTY: Pinal County  
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 36 miles  
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE/MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1978  
 ELEVATION: 1,715 feet  
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 128 miles



### POPULATION

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Apache Junction	18,092*	31,814	34,400
Pinal County	116,397	179,727	201,565
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,629,870

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

<u>County Employment</u>	<u>2003</u>
Construction	1,450
Educational & Health Svcs	3,700
Financial Activities	850
Government	16,125
Leisure & Hospitality	3,000
Manufacturing	2,575
Natural Resources & Mining	875
Professional & Business Svcs	2,975
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	6,925

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

### LABOR FORCE DATA

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
Civilian Labor Force	7,350	11,012	12,250
Unemployed	342	308	594
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	2.8%	4.8%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

<u>Growth Indicators</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2003</u>
New Bldg. Permit	292	985	768
Taxable Sales (\$)	151,611,900	348,320,500	426,843,864
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	56,979,353	83,019,687	128,039,306

Sources: Arizona State University; 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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## TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	6.81	7.98	7.00
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	7.46	7.63	7.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.27</b>	<b>\$15.61</b>	<b>\$14.59</b>

Sources: 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 Rate

City	2.20%
County	1.00%
State	5.60%

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

## 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
Community College	Y	N
Elementary	Y	N
High School	Y	N
Middle School	Y	N
Technical	N	Y
University 4 year	Y	N

## Financial

Number of Banks: 2

## Governmental Agencies

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 and Lodging Facilities

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: Yes

Cable Internet Service Provider: No

Digital Switching Station: Yes

Fiber Optics: No

Internet Service Provider: No

## Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	34.7	66.0	0.83
February	37.0	70.3	0.66
March	40.0	75.0	0.88
April	44.9	82.8	0.38
May	51.8	91.7	0.11
June	60.1	100.5	0.12
July	71.1	102.8	0.98
August	70.0	101.0	1.05
September	62.6	97.3	0.60
October	51.9	87.1	0.79
November	41.4	75.0	0.63
December	35.7	66.9	1.06
Yearly Avg	50.1	84.7	8.08

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

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