

BUCKEYE

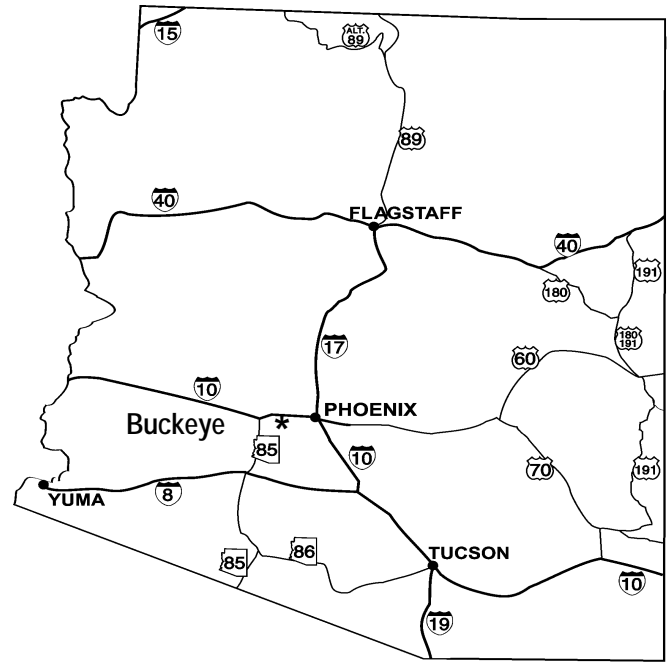
Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Buckeye is located at the confluence of the Gila and Hassayampa Rivers. The town prides itself on its quality lifestyle and family-oriented environment. In its three generations, Buckeye citizens have withstood floods and drought and managed to transform the desert land into a green and productive valley. The town is located in the Maricopa County Westside Enterprise Zone, which offers income tax credits and other incentives (up to \$5,000 per employee) for companies locating or expanding into the zone. Buckeye is an Arizona Main Street Community, providing business assistance in organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring for the central business district.

FOUNDED: 1888
 COUNTY: Maricopa County
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 30 miles
 HIGHWAYS: I-10, SR85
 ENTERPRISE ZONE AVAILABLE

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1929
 ELEVATION: 888 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 158 miles



POPULATION

	1990	2000	2003
Buckeye	4,436*	8,497**	13,030
Maricopa County	2,122,101	3,072,149	3,396,875
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: 5,038).
 ** Revised 2000 Census population figure (original: 6,537).

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Buckeye has a balanced economy and employment base. Agriculture is a predominant and valued employer. The Buckeye area is among the largest producers of Pima cotton. Gins process the cotton for shipment worldwide. Buckeye also contributes to Maricopa County in leading the nation in cotton production per acre. A renewable supply of water from the Roosevelt and Buckeye Irrigation Canals contributes to the continued prosperity of agriculture in the Buckeye area.

County Employment	2003
Construction	128,600
Educational & Health Svcs	159,300
Financial Activities	133,500
Government	200,800
Information	37,100
Leisure & Hospitality	152,800
Manufacturing	126,900
Professional & Business Svcs	255,100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	321,200

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

Major Private Employers

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 Wal-Mart Distributon Center

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Major Public Employers

Arizona Department of Corrections
 Buckeye Elementary School Dist.
 Town of Buckeye

Arizona Public Service
 Buckeye Union High School

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2003
Civilian Labor Force	3,434	3,047	3,438
Unemployed	100	194	388
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	6.4%	11.3%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators	1990	2000	2003
New Bldg. Permit	5*	N/R	570*
Taxable Sales (\$)	23,515,000	72,291,900	124,341,400
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	20,532,646	33,175,256	56,727,094

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

Several regional parks that surround Buckeye offer golfing, hiking, climbing and other recreation. Buckeye Hills Regional Park provides facilities for day visitors and a shooting range. Robins Butte Wildlife Sanctuary, along with other portions of the Gila River, have opportunities for bird and wildlife viewing. The Sun Valley Parkway takes visitors into vast areas of Sonoran Desert, with scenic vistas and views of surrounding mountains. The Parkway extends the length of the scenic White Tank Mountains and connects with Wickenburg Highway at Sun City West. The Hellzapoppin rodeo, street fair, car show and demolition derby are held in November. Other events include Pioneer Days and the Buckeye Bluegrass Festival in the spring, the senior pro rodeo in February, and a Halloween Carnival.

TAXES

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2003
Elem/High School	6.45	7.17	8.54
City/Fire District	2.77	1.56	1.55
Countywide	3.51	3.35	3.22
Total	\$12.73	\$12.08	\$13.31

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

NOTE: Buckeye Union High School participates in Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC). Buckeye Valley Fire District rate is 1.4156.

Sales Tax Rate

City	2.00%
County	0.70%
State	5.60%

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

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Town of Buckeye offers a broad range of community facilities including two libraries, one museum, an auditorium that seats 550, a community center, Helzapoppin' Rodeo Arena and several parks with baseball, basketball, soccer, handball, football fields and tennis courts. Buckeye Hills Regional Park is five miles to the west of Buckeye, while the White Tanks Regional Park is 15 miles northeast.

Educational Institutions

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

Financial

Number of Banks: 2

Governmental Agencies

Fire Department: Staffed City/Local Fire Department

Law Enforcement: City Police Department

Airports Buckeye Municipal Airport, adjacent to I-10, has several companies located at the airport with more growth expected.

Medical

Southwest Family Medicare, AZ Internal Medicine Clinic

Hotel and Lodging Facilities

Capacity of Largest Facility: 60

Industrial Properties

Reasonably priced land is available within easy access to the interstate. The town offers incentives to potential employers which add to the image of the Buckeye area. A listing is available from the Planning & Development Department, Town of Buckeye.

Utilities

Electricity	APS	602.371.7171
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corporation	602.861.1999
Telephone	U.S. West Communications (Phoenix)	602.490.1234

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

Weather

Month	Average Temperature (°F)		Average Total Precipitation (Inches)
	Daily Minimum	Daily Maximum	
January	43.3	65.7	1.06
February	46.2	71.2	1.15
March	50.1	78.6	1.00
April	56.3	87.9	0.18
May	65.2	97.6	0.09
June	73.0	107.7	0.01
July	79.2	111.9	0.31
August	79.3	110.0	0.74
September	71.7	103.3	0.38
October	59.5	90.6	0.35
November	49.3	75.0	0.43
December	42.3	65.5	0.52
Yearly Avg	59.6	88.7	6.23

Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1893-2003. Average Total Snowfall 0.0."

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