

ORO VALLEY

Community Profile

Prepared by the ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Oro Valley is in Northwestern Pima County, six miles north of the Tucson city limits. The valley, formed by the Santa Cruz River joining Gold Creek in the Catalina Mountains, covers nearly 32 square miles.

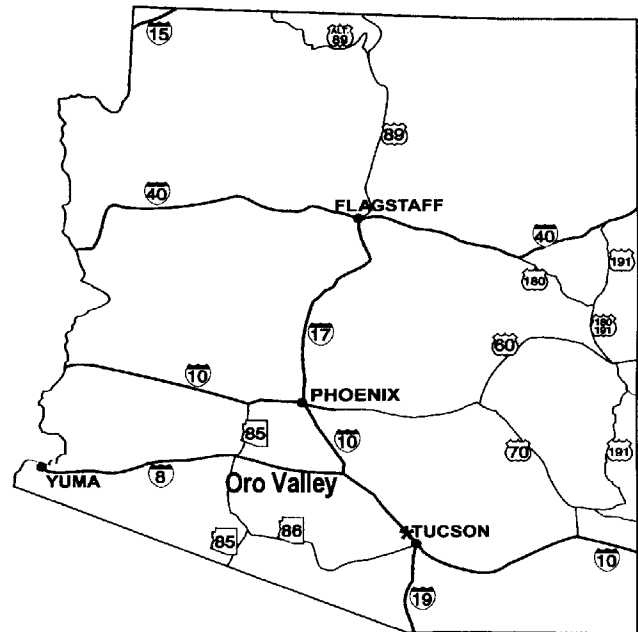
COUNTY: Pima County
 HIGHWAYS: SR 79
 DISTANCE TO PHOENIX: 109 miles

INCORPORATED: Yes - 1974
 ELEVATION: 2,600 feet
 DISTANCE TO TUCSON: 6 miles

POPULATION

	1990	2000	2001
Oro Valley	6,670	29,700	32,520
Pima County	666,880	843,746	870,610
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	5,319,895

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security and U.S. Census Bureau.
 NOTE: 2002 Town of Oro Valley population is estimated at 34,050



PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Oro Valley is home to a four-diamond resort hotel, the Sheraton El Conquistador. In addition to the El Conquistador, some of Oro Valley's larger employers include the El Conquistador Country Club, Oro Valley Country Club, Town of Oro Valley Government, Canyon Del Oro High School, Vanguard Automation, Selectide, Honeywell and Securaplane. Entertainment and shopping are available in town or in the Tucson metropolitan area.

County Employment	1990	2001
Agriculture		3,658
Construction	14,500	22,000
FIRE	11,400	14,800
Government	55,900	77,400
Manufacturing	26,200	33,900
Mining	2,200	1,900
Services	73,100	116,500
TCPU	9,400	11,700
Trade	59,000	72,100

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security
 NOTE: 2001 Agriculture figure from 4th Qtr., AZ ES 2002 Data, AZ Dept. of Econ. Sec. in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Major Private Employers

Fry's Food and Drug	Honeywell
Securaplane	Sheraton El Conquistador
Target	Ventana Medical Systems Inc.

Major Public Employers

Amphitheater School District	Canyon del Oro High School
Town of Oro Valley	

LABOR FORCE DATA

	1990	2000	2001
Civilian Labor Force	3,188	3,901	3,973
Unemployed	99	74	92
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	1.9%	2.3%

Sources: Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2001
New Bldg. Permit	683*	N/R	1,476
Taxable Sales (\$)	59,479,600	295,694,700	306,579,150
Net Assessed Valuation (\$)	57,361,643	220,687,234	257,234,738

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

Just east of Oro Valley is Catalina State Park. These pine-covered mountains were called La Iglesia, or the church, by the early Spaniards for their cathedral-like appearance. The 9,000-foot Mount Lemmon, which is the southernmost ski area in the United States, is part of the range. Within short drive from Oro Valley are: Picacho Peak State Park, the site of Arizona's only Civil War battle; the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; Old Tucson Studios; Saguaro National Monuments East and West; San Xavier Mission; and the world-famous Biosphere 2, a three-acre model of the earth's ecosystem. Kitt Peak National Observatory, home of the world's largest solar telescope, is also nearby.