

Oro Valley

Community Profile

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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.

Basic Information

Founded: 1881	Distance to Major Cities:
Incorporated: 1974	Phoenix: 109 miles
Elevation: 2,600	Tucson: 6 miles
Located in Pima County	
Nearby Highways: HWYS SR 79	

Population

	1990	2000	2008
Oro Valley	6,670	29,700	43,223
Pima County	666,957	843,746	1,014,023
Arizona	3,665,228	5,130,632	6,629,455

Sources: Arizona Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau

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

	2008
Government	79,100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	62,400
Educational and Health Services	55,000
Professional and Business Services	50,900
Leisure and Hospitality	38,700
Manufacturing	26,800
Construction	23,100
Financial Activities	16,100
Other Services	14,600
Information	5,300
Other	2,000

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

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



Labor Force Data

	1990	2000	2008
Civilian Labor Force	3,201	13,741	16,011
Unemployed	102	353	569
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	2.6%	3.6%

Source: Arizona Department of Commerce

Growth Indicators

	1990	2000	2008
New Bldg. Permits	683	N/R	227
Taxable Sales (\$)	59.5 million	295.7 million	830.2 million
Net Assessed Value (\$)	57.4 million	220.7 million	686.7 million

Sources: Arizona State Univ., AZ Dept. of Revenue, AZ Tax Research Assoc.

1990 New building data incomplete data: One or more months not available; N/R: Not 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.

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Community Facilities

Oro Valley offers a broad range of community and cultural facilities including a park with an Olympic-sized swimming pool, racquetball courts and Little League fields. A new 30-acre community park was recently completed and offers a full range of athletic fields. Oro Valley has two county clubs, four 18-hole golf courses and one nine-hole course. Tennis and swimming as well as other recreation activities are available at the country clubs. A variety of sporting events and cultural attractions are available in the Tucson metropolitan area including professional baseball, tennis and golf events, and horse and greyhound racing. Main cultural attractions include the Tucson Community Center, the Sunday Evening Forum, the Tucson Opera Company and the University of Arizona Arts Center.

Educational Institutions	Public	Private
Elementary	Y	Y
High School	Y	Y

Financial

Number of banks: 3

Government

Fire Department: Golden Ranch Fire District & Rural/Metro
Law Enforcement: Town of Oro Valley

Airports

Nearby Tucson International Airport, 16 miles south and La Cholla Airpark, a private facility west of Oro Valley.

Medical

Urgent Care facility (51,000 sq. ft.) with numerous medical service providers.

Hotel & Lodging

Number of Rooms: 430
Meeting Rooms:
Capacity of Largest Facility: 1,200

Industrial Properties:

For more information contact the Town of Oro Valley.

Utilities

Electricity	Tucson Electric Power	520.623.7711
Natural Gas	Southwest Gas Corp. (statewide)	800.766.9722
Sewer	Pima County Wastewater Mgmt.	520.740.6609
Telephone	Qwest (statewide)	800.244.1111
Water	Oro Valley Water Utility	520.229.5000

Cable Providers: Y
Digital Switching Station: N
Internet Service Provider: Y
Cable Internet Service Provider: Y
Fiber Optics: Y

Taxes

Property Tax Rate	1990	2000	2008
Elementary/High Schools	6.88	6.88	4.91
City/Fire District	0.00	0.00	0.00
Countywide	7.06	7.76	5.90
Totals	13.94	14.64	10.81

Source: Arizona Tax Research Association
Note: Tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation

Sales Tax	2008
City/Town	2.00%
County	0.50%
State	5.60%

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

Weather

	Avg. Low (°F)	Avg. High (°F)	Precip. (in.)
January	51.5	85.7	0.9
February	34.2	67.0	0.7
March	36.6	71.0	0.8
April	41.0	76.0	0.8
May	47.1	84.7	0.4
June	54.5	93.6	0.1
July	65.8	102.4	0.3
August	73.1	102.7	2.3
September	70.8	100.3	2.1
October	64.9	98.1	1.1
November	53.0	88.4	0.9
December	41.9	76.0	0.7
December	35.3	68.0	1.1

Source: Western Regional Climate Center
Western Regional Climate Center, wrcc@dri.edu. Period of record 1948-1976.
Average Total Snowfall 0.4". Nearest data available from Cortaro, AZ.

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